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GRITS AND GLAMOUR

Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan discuss their empowerment ballads and the current state of country music as they get ready for a stop at the Wagner Noel as part of the Grits and Glamour Tour.

Weekender

Market Street concept coming to Midland-Odessa

■ Albertsons Marketplace on Midkiff to undergo conversion to United's Market Street

By Mella McEwen
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The United Family on Wednesday announced plans to convert to Market Street stores the Albertsons Marketplace stores at 4706 N. Midkiff Road and 4950 E. 42nd St. in Odessa.

Robert Taylor, president of Lubbock-based The United Family, said the company had been looking for some time for the right locations in Midland and Odessa.

He said converting the stores into Market Street will cost about $5 million for each location. Work will begin in Midland first, and halfway through the project will begin in Odessa in order to allow subcontractors to move between the two stores, Taylor said. The Midland project is expected to be completed by the spring and Odessa's by the fall.

When the Midland and Odessa stores are complete, there will be 15 Market Street locations throughout Texas. The others are in Abilene, Allen, Amarillo, Colleyville, Coppell, Flower Mound, Frisco, Lubbock (three locations) McKinney, Plano and Wichita Falls.

"This is not a remodel, this is a conversion," Taylor said.

Regular shoppers won't recognize the store when work is done, he said.

Market Street will include an expanded bakery with specialty pastries. The prepared food section will be expanded to include "grab-and-go" restaurant-quality dishes or whole meals. There also will be a 100-seat dining area that will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu, which Taylor said will change periodically, will include comfort food as well as healthy options. A coffee shop will serve specialty coffees, have Wi-Fi service and seating, though customers can choose to sit in the dining room.

In addition to the pharmacy, there will be a Living Well section, staffed by a specialist, that will offer natural and organic body-care products and supplements.

A gift area, known as The Dish, will offer gift items and dishware. Taylor said the inventory leans toward kitchen items "but we have other items as well."

Market Street will also contain the

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Working despite the cold

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Goldie Williams and Russell Bills, with Midland Water and Waste Water, work to repair a cracked water line Wednesday afternoon at the corner of Baird Street and Michigan Avenue as temperatures hover in the lowe 30s with a wind chill in the teens.

Cold weather by the numbers

The following are temperature recordings and wind speeds for Wednesday, as reported by the National Weather Service.

Time	wind/gusts	air temp	wind chill
5:53 p.m.	20/NA mph	27	13
4:53 p.m.	22/NA mph	28	14
3:53 p.m.	22/NA mph	27	13
2:53 p.m.	28/33 mph	27	11
1:53 p.m.	34/37 mph	30	15
12:53 p.m.	30/39 mph	34	20
11:53 a.m.	31/38 mph	35	19
10:53 a.m.	25/36 mph	24	21
9:53 a.m.	25/32 mph	25	23
8:53 a.m.	20/NA mph	32	24

Temperature for Jan. 7
Average high: 57 degrees
Average low: 30 degrees
Record low: 11 degrees in 1970

Record, average winds for January
Average for January 10.3 mph
Highest sustained winds: 46 mph (Jan. 12, 2005)
Peak wind speed: 59 mph (Jan. 17, 1996)

Today's forecast
High: 45 degrees
Low: 24 degrees
Winds: SW 5 to 15 mph

Source: National Weather Service

Read more about the local forecast for the Permain Basin and more inside on Page 7A.

Road funding from severance taxes likely to decrease

■ Midland-Odessa area to receive $70 million from Proposition 1

By Joseph Basco
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While Midland and Odessa may be raking in millions of dollars of road funding from the state, the amount of future funding is in doubt because of the drop in the price of oil.

At the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance annual meeting on Wednesday, MOTRAN President James Beauchamp said the area received about $69 million from excess vehicle registrations in 2014 and may receive $70 million from severance tax revenue because of the passage of Proposition 1. Texans voted on Nov. 4 to divert to the state highway fund revenue that would have been put into the state's rainy day fund.

"When you look at those two numbers, that's a significant influx of funding — the most significant influx in a long time," Beauchamp said.

That amount of money allows cities and transportation groups to start — for the first time in a long time — planning projects such as completing Loop 250 and Odessa's Loop 338 and highway interchanges, Beauchamp said. He said those projects may be far in the future.

But considering how the price of oil has dropped to about $50 per barrel, Beauchamp said it is likely the area will get less — though still a significant amount — of road funding from severance taxes the next time it is allocated.

"But, we've seen the severance tax go up and down through the years," Beauchamp said.

The guest speaker for the MOTRAN meeting, state Rep.-elect Brooks Landgraf, R-Odessa, affirmed the volatility of severance tax revenue.

"It's never been predictable," Landgraf said. "So we don't pretend that it will be. Obviously we're going to have to weather a little decrease in that tax revenue, but if you look at historical projections, it will grow. It just means we have to be responsible as a state and we'll have to tighten

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Weather
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$48.65 ▲	$0.72
WTI Posted	$45.00 ▲	$0.50
WTS Posted	$41.05 ▲	$0.50
Natural Gas	$2.871 ▼	$0.067
Gasoline	$2.140 ▼	$0.016

The big number
A Dallas suburb recorded
11 earthquakes
Tuesday and Wednesday. Learn more on 2A.

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Soccer season is gearing up in Midland. Page 1C

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Obituaries

Betty Jo Godfrey

Betty Jo Godfrey, 83, Midland, Texas passed away on January 4, 2015. Betty was born in Brownwood, Texas on October 30, 1931. She graduated from Kermit High School. Betty worked as a hotel manager for fifteen years. She enjoyed square dancing, reading, and embroidery. Betty was also actively involved in The Pink Ladies.

Betty is preceded in her death by her parents, Jim and Effie Jones; brothers, Jack Jones, and Mac Jones; sisters, Treleta Martin, and Shirley Mangum.

Betty is survived by her brother, Carter Jones; daughters, Judy Light, and Gail Jones and husband Joel: three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00p.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Meals on Wheels of Midland or your favorite charity.

Catherine O'Neal Russell

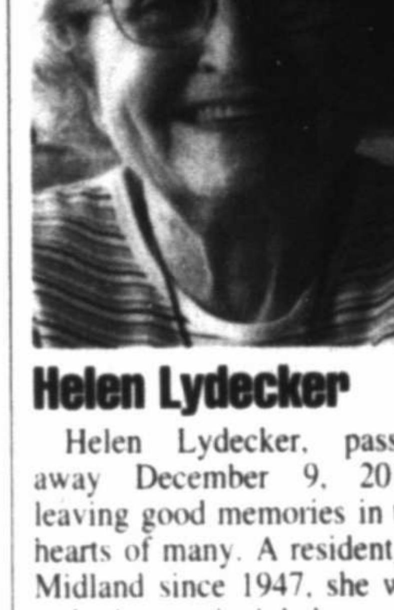
On January 1, 2015, as everyone was celebrating the New Year, Catherine O'Neal Russell joined the saintly celebration in Heaven. She was born October 8, 1930, in Olney, Texas, to Arch Bishop O'Neal and Jesse Jewell Terry O'Neal. Growing up during the depression, she experienced many of the same hardships that were common during those hard times. On September 27, 1949, she married Raymond R.L. (Bud) Russell in Muleshoe, Texas, and settled in Midland in 1955. Throughout their marriage, they shared the food on their table with anyone who crossed their threshold. Catherine lived life to the fullest, with grit and determination, and gave it all she had - right to the end. There was nothing she couldn't do, especially if someone told her she couldn't do it. She loved family, reading, winning at bingo, knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, making jewelry, crafts, and traveling. Her love of genealogy research resulted in the discovery of a precious sister, Estelle, and it was 'love at first sight' as they met for the first time when Catherine was 79, and Estelle was 81.

Catherine became a cosmetologist and beautician while raising her young family. She took in ironing, alterations, sewed for others, and started her own business as an upholsterer, which she continued until she was in her late 70's. Nothing was beyond her capabilities - not only did she help Bud build their own home, but she also fixed her own appliances, repaired her own cars, raised her own garden, tended her own livestock, made her own clothes, and was a charter member of the Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department and an EMT. She recognized when someone needed help and she provided assistance in any way she could. She was an inspiration to her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who recognized the value of her knowledge and wisdom. She had a vivid memory, and could remember names, places and dates with incredible accuracy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 47 years, and two sisters, Lula Mae Rutherford and Juanita Martin. She will be greatly missed by many, including her children, Raymond Russell (Marilyn), Karen Ann Hughes (Jimmy), Lisa Nelson, Sylvia Watts (Brad), and honorary son and daughter, Jerry Don and Sandi Cheshire; eleven grandchildren, Rhonda Russell Walker (David), Renee Russell, Darryl Russell, Heather Hughes Gurule, Jennifer Hughes, Michael Hughes (Stefanie), Jeremy Nelson, Shannon Nelson, Elizabeth Nelson, Valorie Nelson (James Shock), and Bradley Watts; and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Estelle O'Neal Harrison, three brothers, J.B. O'Neal, Pat O'Neal (Caroline), and Vernon O'Neal (Donna), an uncle, Hollis Terry, her Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club ladies, the beloved Horton girls and a large number of family and friends.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, 11 am, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with Rev. Jan Reed officiating, assisted by Rev. Jerry Don Cheshire. Visitation will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm at the funeral home on Friday, January 9, 2015. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your favorite charity.

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



Helen Lydecker

Helen Lydecker, passed away December 9, 2014, leaving good memories in the hearts of many. A resident of Midland since 1947, she was a loving, principled person with a million-dollar smile.

Ruth Helen Borgstrom was born in New Orleans on April 17, 1925. She grew up in Washington, D.C., where her lifelong appreciation of beautiful furniture and objects was sparked by her father, Parry, a collector as well as senior chemist at the Naval Research Laboratory. From her mother, Ruth, who drove Helen and older sister Marion cross country to Washington State to visit family every summer, Helen acquired a sense of adventure that led her to become an enthusiastic participant in activities, such as sleep-away camp and the White House Easter Egg Roll.

During World War II, Helen attended Stevens College, Columbia, Missouri, and the University of North Carolina, where she took a B.A. in sociology. Working in the Settlement School of her Pi Beta Phi sorority in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, she met a young geologist, John Lydecker, who loved rocks, fishing, railroads--and Helen. They were married in 1947 by legendary minister Peter Marshall in Washington's New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and immediately set out for Midland, Texas, where John had taken a job with an oil company.

Midland then had barely 20,000 residents, and the family grew with the community. Three sons arrived: Kent, Bob, and Bill. Helen organized fishing and railroading vacations in Colorado, participated in her sons' Boy Scout and school activities, and found time for personal interests such as sewing and needlework. She had a lifelong interest in bird-watching, gardening, nature, and natural history. An attentive listener, she had a knack for making friends of all ages.

In 1964, John (then working for Sinclair) died suddenly, leaving Helen with boys she raised alone and with intrepid determination. After her sons were away at college, she moved to Korea as a teacher in a Presbyterian medical mission. Upon her return to Midland, she taught third graders at Hillander School, worked briefly in the travel business and did a good deal of traveling on her own, volunteered at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum--where her puppetry skills for children were legendary--and was involved always in efforts to make peoples' lives better. A founding member of Midland's Westminster Presbyterian Church, later Trinity Church, she belonged to the First Presbyterian Church.

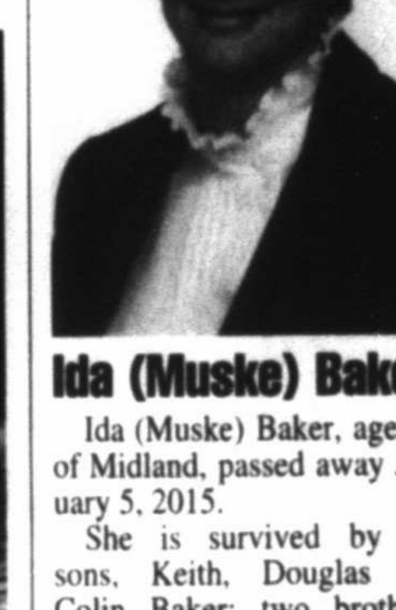
Helen is survived by her three son,Kent and his wife Toni of St. Petersburg, Florida, Bob of Dallas, and Bill and his wife Greta of Bakersfield, California. She had six much-loved grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Marion Reinig; daughter-in-law, Cynthia, Bob's wife; and by her friend, Lewis Burleson.

A memorial service will be held at The Parks Faudree Family Chapel at Manor Park on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

The family requests that in lieu of floral tributes, memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

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



Ida (Muske) Baker

Ida (Muske) Baker, age 73, of Midland, passed away January 5, 2015.

She is survived by her sons, Keith, Douglas and Colin Baker; two brothers, Adolf and Chuck Mulske; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Chapel. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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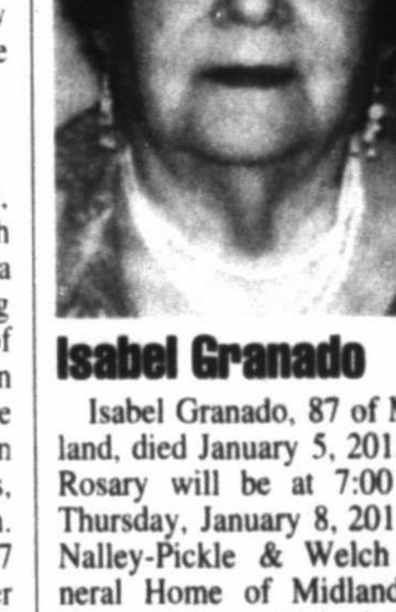

Isabel Granado

Isabel Granado, 87 of Midland, died January 5, 2015. A Rosary will be at 7:00 pm Thursday, January 8, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. A Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, January 9, 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Isabel was born on November 19, 1927 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Pedro and Carlota (Carrasco) Martinez. She married Cruz Granado February 2, 1947 in Presidio, Texas and they moved to Midland in 1954. She was active with Casa de Amigos, was very outgoing and loved driving and going to different places. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends most of all.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sons Nestor Granado and Joel Granado, and her brother Lewis Martinez.

She is survived by her husband, Cruz Granado, her daughter, Noemi and husband Pedro Lopez, and her son, Ramon and wife Mary Granado; her grandchildren, Michelle Quinonez, Steven Granado, Marisa Granado, Norma Granado, Hector Granado, J.J. Granado, Clarissa Lopez, and Pete Lopez, Jr.; brothers Rodolfo Martinez, Armando Martinez, Alfredo Martinez, and Silvino Martinez; and sisters, Gloria Granado, Leonor Gallegos, and Ninfa Garcia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Casa de Amigos, 1101 Garden Ln, Midland, Texas 79701.

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

Louise Blaylock

On a most beautiful and peaceful September 15, 1928, Thomas and Martha Stewart, along with the world, were blessed with an angel named Louise Blaylock. Louise married L.E. Anderson. She then later went on to marry Lovie Blaylock Jr.; both preceded her in death.

Louise loved the Lord and was committed to a lifetime of servitude. She would give you the shirt off her back and the shoes on her feet, so that you would not have to go without. Her heart was full of love and there is nothing she wouldn't do for her fellow man. Her life was truly a legacy; you can see a piece of it in her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even the great-great grandchildren. She may be gone, but she will never be forgotten.

On December 31, 2014, Louise transitioned from earth to glory, where she was greeted by her daughter Sherry Sims and two sons, Lovie Blaylock III and Carl Blaylock.

To carry on the torch of her love and service, she leaves: Eight daughters: Mary Anderson, Helen Livingston and Nettie Briscoe all of Denver, CO. Viola Blaylock, Lovie Mae Shelton, Lola Johnson, Barbara Hunter, all of Midland, TX and Brenda Joyce Blaylock of Dallas, TX. Three sons: Jackie, & Johnnie Anderson of Denver, CO & Melvin Blaylock of Midland, TX. She also leaves Two sisters: Frankie Lawson of Lubbock, TX and Eva Coleman of Dallas, TX and One brother: Arthur Stewart of Lubbock, TX. She had 25 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren & 21 great-great grandchildren.

A prayer service will be Friday, January 9th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 10:00 am at Goodwill Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at *lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*

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Martha Gutierrez

Our loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother was called to be with our Lord January 5, 2015 at the age of 84.

Martha was born in Beeville, Texas on March 15, 1930. In 1953, she moved to Stanton. She met and later married Antonio Gutierrez on November 15, 1953. They then moved to Tarzan, Texas for approximately 30 years, where they raised 11 children (seven boys and four girls). They moved to Midland in 1983.

Martha was a devoted wife and a devoted, loving mother to her children. Her joy and her profession was being a housewife always tending to her children and later in life to her grandchildren.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Francisco and Maria Puentes; her husband of 44 years, Antonio Gutierrez; and her brother, Fermin Puentes.

She is survived by her loving family; sons, Roger P. Gutierrez of Midland, Texas, Rudy P. Gutierrez of Rising Star, Texas, Roy Gutierrez of Big Spring, Texas, Ruben Gutierrez, Ricardo Gutierrez, and Rene Gutierrezn all of Midland, and Robert Gutierrez of Big Spring; daughters, Becky Wilcox of Balch Springs, Texas, Rachel Hinojosa of Stanton, Texas, Rosalinda Gutierrez of Odessa, Texas, and Ramona Worthington of Irving, Texas; and by 30 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brothers, Juan Puentes and Thomas Puentes, both of Beeville, Texas; her sisters, Lily Garcia, also of Beeville, and Rosa Borjas of Alvarado, Texas; and by numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Friday, January 9, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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405 N. Terrell Midland, TX - (432) 687-1927

Martiniano Ramos

Martiniano Ramos, 90, of Midland, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, January 5, 2015 at his residence. He was born on July 2, 1924 in Santa Elena, Coahuila Mexico to the late Locadio (Lucas) and Susna Ramos.

Martin met and later married Manuela Solis on September 27, 1947. The couple moved to Farris, Texas, Eagle Pass, Texas, and then settling in Midland, Texas, where they raised their family.

Martin enjoyed animals and livestock. He also worked for a National Forest Fire Fighting Team for many years. He was a very outgoing, friendly and active person who will be missed by all his family and friends. He was a member of San Juan and San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents, and three sons, Martin Ramos Jr., Prisiliano Ramos, and Jose Manuel Ramos.

He is survived by his wife, Manuela Ramos; three sons, Juan Ramos, Jesus Mario Ramos, and Israel Ramos, all of Midland; seven daughters, Concepcion Ramos of Austin, Texas, Santa Molina, Graciela Aguilar, and Susana Rodriguez, all of Midland, Maria Luisa Webber of Donna, Webster, Consuelo Ramos of Midland, and Maria Nives Espinoza of San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Tomacita Suarez of Palmira, Coahuila Mexico; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral mass will be held this morning at 10:00 a.m. at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church, with Father Bernardino Getigan officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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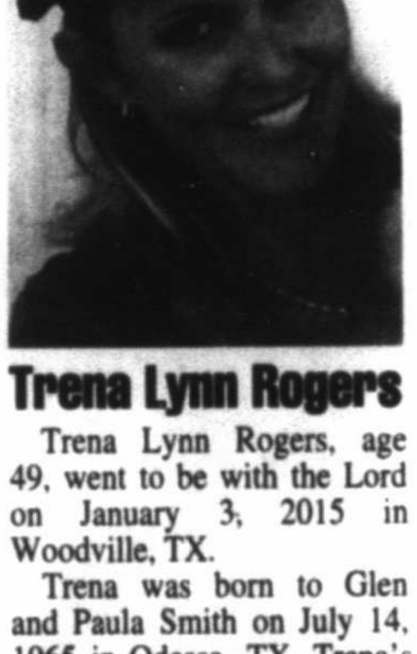

Trena Lynn Rogers

Trena Lynn Rogers, age 49, went to be with the Lord on January 3, 2015 in Woodville, TX.

Trena was born to Glen and Paula Smith on July 14, 1965 in Odessa, TX. Trena's younger years were spent in Odessa. She attended high school in Big Lake, TX.

Trena will be sadly missed and never forgotten by all that knew her. She had a smile that could light up a room and a laugh that could be heard a mile away. She was one of the most genuine souls anyone could meet. Always willing to give a helping hand along with her heart to follow. Rescuing any stray animal that would allow it and the smart ones could rest assured that they would have the most loving home. She thought her biggest accomplishment was becoming a Gammi to her two grandchildren, Landry and Jordan.

Trena, a Mother, Gammi, Sister, Daughter and Friend touched more lives than she will ever know. Trena's life motto was: "Don't try to understand me, just love me."

Trena is preceded in death by her sister, Tonya, Nenaw, Grandma and Grandpa Smith.

She is survived by her daughters, Kelly Magee and husband Monty, Kari McFall and her father, Kevin McFall; sisters, Tracie O'Steen and husband Terry, Teresa Anthony; brother, Bill Smith; parents, Glen and Paula Smith and her Pepaw Coleman.

Pallbearers will be Jim Coleman, Sam Coleman, Kenny O'Steen, Kasey O'Steen, Payne Anthony and Lane Anthony.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 8, 2015 from 6-8 pm at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be at 4:00 pm on Friday, January 9, 2015 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Johnny Grissom officiating.

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Obituaries

Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Walter Hoxie Smith

Hoxie Smith, beloved husband, father, and friend to all, passed away surrounded by loved ones, on January 6, 2015, after a valiant and courageous battle with cancer.

Hoxie was born in DuQuoin, Illinois on October 29, 1954 to Frank Hoxie Smith and Virginia Smith. His favorite memories growing up were his summers spent in Steamboat Springs, Colorado at Perry-Mansfield Boys Camp where he hiked and backpacked the Rocky Mountains. He developed a life-long love of the outdoors and the beauty of God's creation.

Hoxie graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. Degree in Geology (1982) and joined ARCO Exploration Company in Denver, Colorado, where he conducted exploration for hydrocarbons in the overthrust region of western Montana. He received his Master's Degree in Geology from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (1995) while working for Dawson Geophysical Company in Midland, Texas.

Starting in 1996, he served full-time as a Principal and Vice President of GeoSpectrum, Inc., a reservoir development company based in Midland. Hoxie has presented at numerous professional society meetings, including national conventions of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He has authored and co-authored over 25 publications in his field and was the Project Manager for the FutureGen Project of the U.S. Department of Energy. Hoxie served as the Director of Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center beginning in 2003, where he provided continuing education coursework and timely industry-oriented workshops for oil and gas professionals. Hoxie loved being involved in Kairos Prison Ministry and worked on teams to bring good news to prisoners in the Lynaugh Unit of the TDC in Fort Stockton. Hoxie loved the Lord and was active at Grace Presbyterian Church and enjoyed participating in Community Bible Study. He was involved in various church and community boards and committees and was a member of the Backsliders, a gospel bluegrass group. Hoxie was the Regional Director of the FutureGen Project and was a consultant for Summit Energy, working to bring a clean coal power plant to West Texas.

When his daughters, Alyssa and Lauren, were growing up, his greatest joy was spending time with them taking road trips for camping, skiing, hiking, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors in any and every way. They fondly remember him singing, playing the guitar, and playing John Denver CDs over and over. "And what's the key objective? FUN!!" Hoxie loved to travel with his wife Sally and they enjoyed many wonderful trips, despite grueling cancer treatments. He always had a positive attitude, even in the hardest of times. Hoxie had a genuine caring spirit and loved to help people. He was loved and respected by all. He had the selfless essence of a gentleman, a true gentle man.

Hoxie was preceded in death by his father, Frank Hoxie Smith.

He is survived by his mother, Virginia Smith of Mesa, Arizona; his beloved wife, Sally; his daughters, Alyssa of Key Largo, Florida, and Lauren of Fort Collins, Colorado; his brother, George (Susan Gray) of Boston, Massachusetts; his brother, Daniel (Cathy) of Mesa, Arizona; his sister, Suzanne Rawlings of Mesa, Arizona; and various cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas, under the direction of Reverend Cheryl Homsher of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Donations can be made in remembrance of Hoxie to Kairos Prison Ministry., P.O. Box 50002 Midland, TX 79710, Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield St, Midland, TX 79705, and to the W. Hoxie Smith Memorial Fund through Midland College.

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

Violet Vyan Macias

Violet Vyan Macias, infant daughter of George Macias and Sabrina Rodriguez, went to be a little Angel in Heaven beside our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, January 2, 2015. She was born on November 16, 2014 in Odessa, Texas.

Violet is survived by her parents; a brother, George Macias, Jr.; and by two sisters, Vivica Macias and Victoria Macias, all of Midland.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Friday, January 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Zackery James Blake

Zackery James Blake, 7, of Odessa, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2015, in Odessa.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2015 at Acres West Funeral Chapel, officiated by Brother Clydell Chapman. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences may be sent to the family online at *acreswestfuneral.com*.

Zack is survived by his father, James Blake; mother, Jennifer Blake; step-mother, Veronica Blake; brothers, Tyler James Blake, Nathan Robert Blake, and Victor Mata; and sisters, Reba Shae Blake, Brianna Skye Blake, and Isabella Mata.

Death Notices

Frank Burns Weber, Jr.

Frank Burns Weber, Jr., 87, of Midland, passed away on January 6, 2015. There are no services scheduled.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne Branch Weber of Midland; and two children, Frank Burns Weber, III and Christine Weber Dobbs.

Louise Ball

Louise Ball, 85, of Midland, passed away on January 6, 2015. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, January 17, 2015 at First United Methodist Church of Midland.

Survivors include husband, Roger Ball; and daughter, Elaine Howard.

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

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US Geological Survey records cluster of earthquakes in Texas

By Diana Heidgerd
Associated Press

DALLAS — A cluster of small earthquakes rattled a Dallas suburb for a second day Wednesday as experts turned to seismic data to help determine why.

The temblors in the Irving area included three quakes Wednesday morning, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

Irving police had no reports of injuries or major damage in the 11 earthquakes that hit the area since Tuesday, but asked the public to stop calling 911 to report the shaking unless someone was hurt or there was another emergency.

The magnitudes ranged from 1.6 to 3.6, according to the USGS. Earthquakes of magnitude 2.5 to 3.0 are generally the smallest felt by humans, experts say.

Small earthquakes have become more common in Texas and Oklahoma. In October, Texas officials amended rules for disposal well operators amid concerns that high-pressure injections related to hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, can trigger earthquakes.

Carrieann Bedwell, a geophysicist with the USGS in Golden, Colorado, said scientists would be investigating.

"They will be looking at the parameters, magnitude, depth, location of each of the events," Bedwell said Wednesday. "Right now we're calling it a swarm, because we've had multitude events happen."

Bedwell described a swarm as earthquakes approximately in the same location in a matter of a few days or so.

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Carrieann Bedwell, U.S. Geological Survey

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The Irving area, with a population topping 250,000, has had more than 25 minor earthquakes since early September, according to Brian Stump, a seismologist with Southern Methodist University.

"SMU's seismology team is committed to helping North Texans understand more about the increasing number of earthquakes felt in our region over the last few years, most recently near the city of Irving," Stump said in a statement Tuesday.

SMU researchers installed a seismometer in Irving on Monday. Other devices were set up earlier near Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and on the Dallas campus. In a statement, SMU said 15 more were deployed Wednesday in the Irving area, two more will be set up Thursday and five more on Friday.

Separately, the USGS reported a 3.5 magnitude earthquake Tuesday afternoon near Snyder, about 250 miles west of Irving.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SANGER

2 unhurt when plane with engine trouble hits power line

A student pilot and an instructor have escaped injury after their plane had engine trouble, clipped a power line then landed on a North Texas highway.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the emergency landing happened Wednesday morning on FM 455 just west of Sanger.

Sgt. Lonny Haschel said the single-engine Cessna 152 was damaged in the accident. Haschel says the plane was then pushed into a driveway to avoid traffic on the two-lane road near Sanger, just north of Denton.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the plane had some type of engine problem. Further details weren't immediately available.

DALLAS

Gunman blamed for Dallas insurance robberies gets 35 years

A gunman blamed for robbing some North Texas insurance businesses and their employees has been sentenced to 35 years in prison.

Michael Dewayne Cleveland was sentenced Wednesday in Dallas.

Cleveland last June pleaded guilty to two counts of interference with commerce by robbery and two counts of carrying or possessing a firearm during and in relation to a violent crime. His pleas involved two Dallas robberies in September 2013.

MOTRAN

From 1A

the belt where necessary."

The silver lining in the decrease of severance tax revenue, Landgraf said, is that it forces people to be better stewards of the money.

He said that as a state representative for the area, he will fight for a fair share of transportation funding.

One other prediction Beauchamp made regarding the drop in oil price is that traffic is not likely to ease up despite the downturn. While noting that the transient population is likely to decrease, he said there still will be oil activity, and thus people will still be driving.

"There's going to be some impacts, but it's going to be the level of activity, as opposed to whether there's going to be activity or not," Beauchamp said.

UNITED

From 1A

traditional departments — from floral to produce to bulk foods — that are found in Albertsons Marketplace.

A concierge will be on hand to help coordinate needs — for example, help a bride with the cake, flowers and catering without having to go to each department, Taylor said. Market Street's catering service will deliver and set up food, but will not provide servers, he said.

These expanded departments not only require a lot more equipment but more employees, he said. He estimated a Market Street will require about 400 employees, up from the 100 to 150 at an Albertsons Marketplace.

Current team members will be rotated through existing Market Street stores for specialty training, he said. "We hope to staff 100 percent from the existing market," he said.

Taylor said the goal of the Market Street concept is to serve both shoppers who want to stretch their shopping dollar and those who want specialty items or foods, or to be able to purchase a gourmet meal to serve their families or guests.

The concept was born out of a desire to be more than a traditional grocery store, he said.

The stores will remain open during construction.

Mexican-American author Michele Serros dies at age 48

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Michele Serros, a short story writer, essayist and poet whose wry and witty observations on growing up Mexican-American in Southern California became required reading in many ethnic studies courses, has died at age 48.

Serros died Sunday at her home in Berkeley, California, after a 20-month battle with a rare form of oral cancer, said her husband, Antonio Magana.

Serros was a community college student when she burst on the literary scene in 1994 with the publication of "Chicana Falsa and Other Stories of Death, Identity and Oxnard," a collection of stories and poems inspired by her family life and childhood in a majority Hispanic coastal community. A fourth-generation Californian who did not learn to speak Spanish well until she was an adult, she gave voice to the struggle for belonging girls like her faced while straddling cultures.

"A white person gets encouragement, praise, for weak attempts at a second language," Serros wrote in the poem "Mi Problema." "My earnest attempts make me look bad, dumb."

"Chicana Falsa" led Serros to be one of 12 poets who were invited to tour with the Lollapalooza music festival. The book was reissued in 1998 and with the publication two years later of another autobiographical collection of fiction, "How to Be a Chicana Role Model," Serros joined Gloria Anzaldúa, Sandra Cisneros and Ana Castillo in contributing to the growing canon of Chicana feminist literature.

"She opened the doors for many of us to look at what it means to be Chicana in a different way," said Jennie Luna, an assistant professor of Chicana and Chicano Studies at a California State University, Channel Islands, who knew Serros for 14 years. "She liked to do surfing, she liked to do skateboarding ... She didn't feel constrained to living life one way as a Chicano in the world. She was really boundless."

Serros spent a season as a staff writer for "The George Lopez Show" and wrote two young adult novels, "Honey Blonde Chica" and its sequel, "¡Scandalosa!" She also was a regular commentary contributor for National Public Radio.

A private memorial service is planned, but Serros' family is asking her admirers to organize local readings of her work, Luna said.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Local Wet Seal to remain open

FOOTHILL RANCH, Calif. — Wet Seal is closing 338 stores, about two-thirds of its locations, resulting in nearly 3,700 full and part-time workers losing their jobs. The store at Midland Park Mall is not among those to be closed, the local manager said Wednesday morning.

The retailer said that it decided to proceed with the store closings after looking at its overall financial condition and because it wasn't able to negotiate meaningful concessions from landlords.

Wet Seal anticipates operating about 173 stores and its online business following the store closin, which were effective Wednesday.

Source: Associated Press

Things to do

■ Family Science Night: "Dinosaurs," 6-8 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Improv at the Yucca at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ 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.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

Republican women's meeting

Midland County Republican Women will host a luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Midland Country Club. Speakers will be Mayor Jerry Morales and Brooke Rollins, president & CEO of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, who will speak on the principles of liberty and limited government.

Luncheon tickets are $20 with a reservation and $25 at the door. To RSVP call 520-3500 or email mcrwomen@aol.com. Go to www.mcrw.us for more information.

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Daily 4 evening: 5-8-3-9
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Sales tax revenues increase again

The city of Midland collected $3,703,779 in sales tax revenue this month from the State Comptroller's Office, a 15.88 percent (or $507,566) increase from January 2014.

Fiscal year-to-date sales tax revenue is $13,437,795 — an increase of 17.54 percent, or $2,356,615, from last year's totals at this time.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; January collection is based on November sales.

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Junell sentences defendants in mortgage fraud scheme

From staff reports

U.S. District Judge Robert Junell on Wednesday sentenced three former Permian Basin business owners and a title company executive for their roles in a mortgage fraud scheme that involved approximately 800 real estate properties and about $45 million in loans, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas.

■ Stephen Mark Hilliard, 59, owner of Comeback Properties, LLC, Hilliard Properties, LLC, SMH Properties, LTDand Katpast Enterprises, LP, was sentenced to three years in federal prison, followed by four years of supervised release.

Hilliard

He pleaded guilty Aug. 12 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Cowan

■ Michael Duraine Cowan II, 43, owner of TLC Properties, LLC, and MCBW Properties, LTD, was sentenced to three years in federal prison, followed by four years of supervised release

He pleaded guilty Aug. 5 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

McFaddin

■ Berta Laura McFaddin, 56, former division vice president of administration for Stewart Title Co. in Midland was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison, followed by four years of supervised release. Junell also ordered McFaddin to pay a $25,000 fine.

She pleaded guilty July 29 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

Hirsch

■ Cynthia Gayle Hirsch, 62, an Odessa real estate agent, was sentenced to five years probation, including one year of home confinement, and ordered to complete 300 hours of community service.

She pleaded guilty Aug. 12 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

As part of the plea agreements, Junell ordered Hilliard to pay a $1 million judgment, Cowan to pay a $1 million judgment and Hirsch to pay a $100,000 judgment. Also, Hilliard forfeited a 2009 Lincoln MKX, a 2003 Mercedes Benz SL500R, a 2004 GMC Yukon and two 2006 Yamaha Waverunners.

These monetary amounts and property represented the proceeds derived from their fraudulent scheme, according to the release.

According to court records, between March 2003 and August 2011, the defendants were involved in a fraudulent "same-day property flip" scheme in which Hilliard and Cowan purchased a property using one of their investment companies and re-sold the property on the same day at an "inflated" sales price to another one of their investment companies.

Hirsch created a "broker's price opinion" for each property in the amount directed by Hilliard or Cowan, and McFaddin helped complete HUD-1 forms on the properties, according to the release.

Hilliard and/or Cowan obtained mortgage loans by submitting fraudulent and misleading documentation created by the defendants and without disclosing to the bank the initial sale of the property, according to the release.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Driver arrested on DWI charge after allegedly hitting pickup

A Midland man was arrested Monday afternoon after fleeing a minor wreck and getting tasered while refusing to come out of his hiding place, according to court documents.

Welch

Michael Welch, 34, was charged with a third-degree felony of driving while intoxicated-third offense. He was being held on a $40,000 bond as of Wednesday, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a minor crash at the intersection of FM 1788 and West County Road 150 around 2 p.m. Monday. The driver of a Toyota pickup told the deputies that the driver of a Ford pickup had caused minor damage to his pickup and fled the scene. The driver followed the Ford to South County Road 1289 before returning to the scene of the wreck, according to the arrest affidavit.

The deputies used the license place number provided by the Toyota driver to locate the other pickup. When they arrived, they found the driver — later identified as Welch — hiding underneath a white van and holding a large plastic cup that smelled of alcohol, according to the affidavit.

When Welch refused to come out from under the vehicle, the trooper drew his taser and warned Welch that he would be tasered if he did not come out. Welch continued to refuse and the deputy tasered him, striking his elbow and stomach, according to the affidavit. At that point, Welch then came out from under the van.

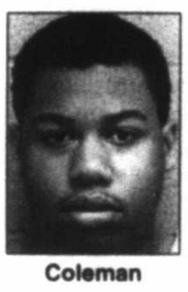
The deputies said Welch's eyes were red and bloodshot and that he smelled of alcohol, according to the affidavit. Welch allegedly admitted that he had been driving the Ford pickup and had been involved in the crash, and was arrested by the trooper on the driving while intoxicated charge, according to the affidavit.

The deputies searched Welch's truck and found two full bottles of wine, a half-empty bottle of rum, a half-empty bottle of soda, and a receipt for the rum dated 10:19 a.m. Jan. 5, according to the affidavit.

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

Two employees allegedly rob store

Two Midlanders were arrested Monday after allegedly taking more than $5,000 from the Dollar General store where they worked, according to court documents.


Coleman

Kalil Coleman, 18, and Khrystal Almager, 23, each was charged with a state jail felony charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000. Both were being held on $10,000 bonds as of Wednesday evening, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

The incident occurred on Dec. 13, and the investigation was completed by a Midland Police Department detective on Jan. 2, according to the arrest affidavit.

Almager

The detective interviewed Almager — who was store manager at the time — on Dec. 18 in relation to the robbery. Almager told the detective that she was bringing money from her office as she was closing the store at about 10:30 p.m. Dec. 13. She said she was confronted by a man wearing all black who instructed her to give him the money, according to the affidavit.

Almager said that she feared for her safety and that the man grabbed two bags of money and cash out of the register drawer she was holding. The amount was more than $5,000, according to the affidavit.

Almager said the man asked if there was anyone else in the store and she told him there was another employee at the front. She said she directed the man toward the emergency exit and when he left the store he tripped the alarm. Almager said she then told the other employee she had just been robbed and they called the police, according to the affidavit.

The detective interviewed the other employee on Dec. 23. She said she was restocking beer on Dec. 13 when Almager began yelling for her to call the police because she had been robbed. The employee said she didn't believe Almager until the alarm went off, according to the affidavit.

The detective reviewed the store's security footage on Dec. 30, and according to the affidavit, he saw:

■ at 9:46 p.m. a Hispanic or white male — later identified as Coleman — entered the back room of the store, where he walked toward the restrooms;

■ at 10:03 p.m. Almager was observed sitting in the manager's office;

■ at 10:14 p.m. the other employee entered Almager's office and remained there until 10:16 p.m.;

■ between 10:16 and 10:18 p.m. Almager used her cellphone and left the office at 10:22 p.m.;

■ at10:23 p.m. she was confronted by Coleman;

■ at 10:24 p.m. Coleman left through the back exit door and Almager walked to the main part of the store and made contact with the other employee. Both walked to the back exit door and then Almager made a call on her phone.

In interviews with Almager and Coleman on Dec. 30, the detective learned the theft was planned and that they were in communication the whole time, according to the affidavit. After the theft, they met at Almager's apartment with two other people and split the money, according to the affidavit.

The other two people were identified in the affidavit as Kayla Spain and Tajhae Ridge. They were arrested on Tuesday.

Almager, Coleman and Spain received $1,600 each, while Ridge was said to have received $800, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the state jail felony charges, Alamger and Coleman face up to two years in prison.

FBI releases photos in search for armed robbery suspect

From staff reports

Photos online

To view photos of robbery suspect, please go to mrt.com.

The FBI has released photos of a suspect wanted in Tuesday's armed robbery of Chase Bank in north Midland.

A Hispanic male in his early 20s allegedly entered the bank — located in the 3200 block of Courtyard Drive near Loop 250 and Midkiff Road — produced a handgun and demanded money, according to city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz.

The suspect, who stands between 5 foot 2 and 5 foot 8 and has a slim build, fled the scene on foot, Bustilloz said.

Police focused their search around the nearby Toys'R'Us, where a K-9 unit led them to the suspect's pink hoodie in a parking lot east of the bank, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The man also wore orange fabric over his face during the robbery, Bustilloz said.

The FBI and the Department of Public Safety are helping with the search and investigation.

Midlanders with information are asked to call the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Alyssa L. Byrne, 20, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram.

Craig S. Ellis, 53, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram.

Gianni P. Macias, 32, of Midland was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Marianna D. Madrid, 21, of Midland was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Sam N. Rogers, 59, of Midland was charged Tuesday with failure to register as a sex offender.

Brian J. Romero, 36, of Midland was charged Tuesday with being a fugitive from justice.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Couple sentenced to prison for prostitution ring

Federal officials say an El Paso couple has been sentenced to prison after being convicted of bringing women across the U.S.-Mexico border to work as prostitutes.

The El Paso Times reported 45-year-old Maria Blake was sentenced to 30 months in prison. Her 45-year-old husband, Ronald Blake, was sentenced to six months.

Officials with the U.S. Department of Justice said they each pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting coercion and enticement in October. The couple operated an escort service that brought several women from Cuidad Juarez, Mexico, to El Paso between 2011 and 2013.

DALLAS

Attorney pleads guilty in vodka investment fraud

A Dallas attorney faces up to 25 years in prison after pleading guilty in a nearly $1.6 million vodka investment scam.

Andrew Lee Siegel remained free on bond Wednesday pending sentencing later this year.

The 54-year-old Siegel on Tuesday pleaded guilty to mail fraud. Prosecutors in Dallas say Siegel in July pleaded guilty to a copyright infringement charge.

Investigators said Siegel in 2010 established companies to produce and bottle vodka and secured almost $1.6 million from more than 30 investors.

Authorities determined Siegel used some of the funds for his personal benefit.

Prosecutors said Siegel also sent bogus emails using copyrighted writings and logos of the Federal Reserve Bank Services and the Northern Trust Company to try to cover the financial wrongdoing.

AUSTIN

Official who helped lead Texas Ebola response steps down

The Texas health commissioner, who helped lead the state's response to the first U.S. case of Ebola, is leaving his post.

Department of State Health Services Commissioner David Lakey is joining the University of Texas System and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.

UT announced Wednesday that Lakey will be a senior vice president for population health at UT Health Northeast, and an associate vice chancellor for the system.

Lakey got his most visible test as DSHS head last year, when Liberian Thomas Duncan was confirmed to have Ebola and later died.

Lakey's departure comes amid questions about a no-bid contract scandal at Health and Human Services that has prompted the resignation of two officials. There was no apparent connection between Lakey's resignation and the ongoing investigation.

Texas laws on hair braiding ruled unconstitutional

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas laws that regulate businesses that teach African hair braiding are unconstitutional and do not advance public health and safety or any other legitimate government interest, a federal judge ruled.

Isis Brantley, a Dallas woman who runs a hair braiding business inside a Dallas community center, sued the state in 2013, saying laws related to her school were unreasonable and unconstitutional.

State rules required Brantley to convert her small business into a fully equipped barber college, including having at least 10 student workstations that include a chair that reclines and install a sink behind every two workstations.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks in Austin ruled Monday that the regulations excluded Brantley from the market "absent 'a rational connection with ... fitness or capacity to engage in' hair braiding instruction."

Sparks wrote that he found the various rules requiring hair braiding schools to become fully equipped barber colleges "irrational," citing as one example that licensed braiding salons don't need sinks because washing hair is not involved in the braiding process.

"I fought for my economic liberty because I believe there is a lot of hope for young people who seek to earn an honest living," Brantley said in a statement. "This decision means that I will now be able to teach the next generation of African hair braiders at my own school."

Susan Stanford, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, said in a statement that her agency, and Brantley had their day in court and her agency "respects Judge Sparks' decision."

FBI says shooter at Texas VA clinic was ex-employee

By Russell Contreras and Seth Robbins
Associated Press

EL PASO — An Army veteran who fatally shot a psychologist at a West Texas veterans' hospital before killing himself was a former clerk at the clinic and had threatened the doctor in 2013, the FBI said Wednesday.

The FBI identified the gunman in Tuesday's shooting as Jerry Serrato, a 48-year-old who was medically discharged from the Army in 2009 after serving in Iraq two years earlier. Douglas Lindquist, who heads the FBI's El Paso office, said Serrato used a .380-caliber handgun to shoot Dr. Timothy Fjordbak, 63, and himself at the El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care System at Fort Bliss.

Fjordbak was a psychologist who left private practice after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks because he wanted to work with military veterans, officials said. Serrato had served in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1985 to 1993, then enlisted in the Army in July 2006, military records show. He served in Iraq for five months in 2007.

Officials did not provide a motive for the shooting. However, Fjordbak had reported Serrato made an unspecified verbal threat against him at an El Paso supermarket in 2013. Serrato had some sort of perceived or real grievance against Fjordbak and had said something to the effect of, "I know what you did and I will take care of it," Lindquist said.

"It was something in public at a grocery store where Mr. Serrato approached Dr. Fjordbak, who did not recognize him, and he made a verbal threat, and that was the extent of the report. As far as we can tell, that was the only connection that they had," Lindquist said.

Both men worked at the VA at the same time in 2013, but authorities do not believe they had a working relationship, Lindquist said. There also was no immediate indication the gunman was a patient, the FBI said.

A security assessment is underway at the clinic in the wake of the shooting, said Peter Dancy, the VA hospital's acting director.

Hundreds of patients, staff and others were at the clinic when the shooting happened.

The shooting comes just four months after the Fort Bliss Commanding Officer Maj. Gen. Stephen Twitty announced new security measures after a military assessment found the base was not fully in compliance with Department of Defense directives. The measures included random vehicle checks and limiting access to Defense Department personnel at some gates. However, four gates still remained open to the public, according to a press release.

On Wednesday, civilians were still able to access the post with only a driver's license, passing through just a single checkpoint manned by several soldiers. Investigators talked outside the closed VA clinic, warning of broken glass, while soldiers entered the adjacent William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Sutton Smith, a worker at the VA clinic, said a "code white" was issued over the intercom system Tuesday indicating an active shooter and ordering people to seek shelter.

Wisconsin's Walker won't join Christie's Cowboys love

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker would be happy to see his potential 2016 presidential rival New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie at Lambeau Field on Sunday when the Green Bay Packers take on the Dallas Cowboys.

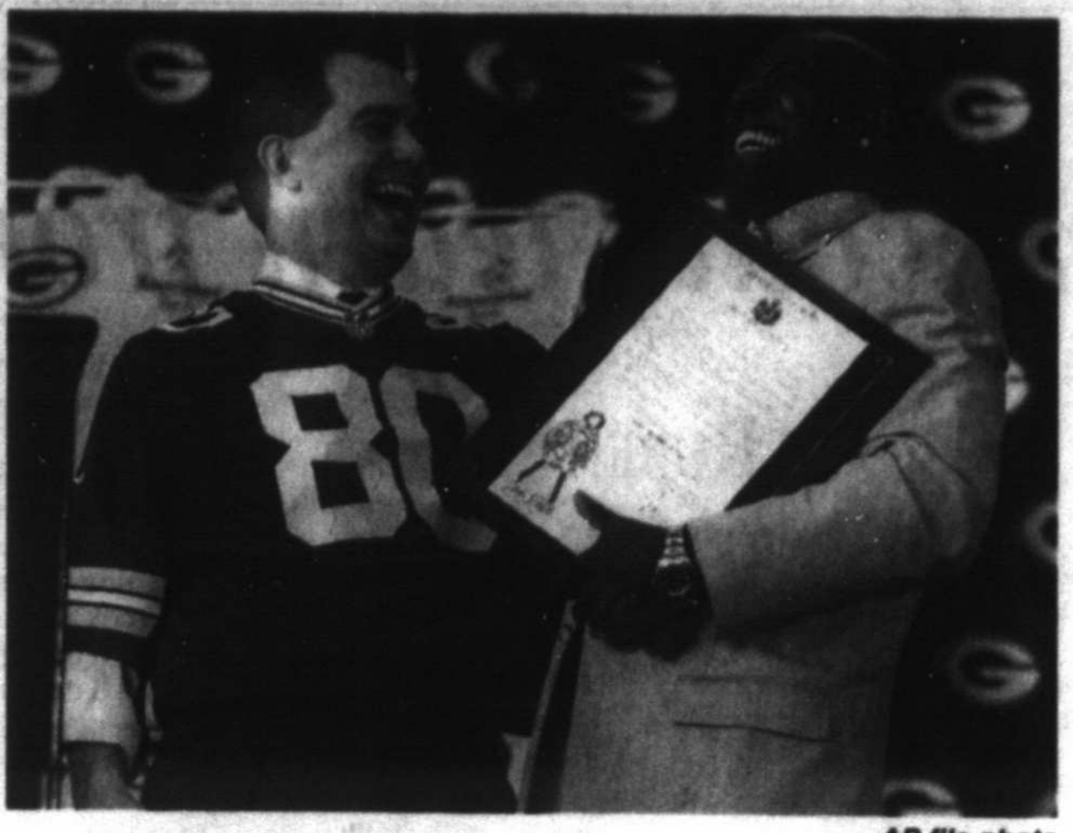
But don't look for Walker to join Christie in cheering for the Cowboys.

"Never. Never," Walker told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday when asked if he would ever root for a team other than his home-state Packers.

Christie has taken some heat for being an unabashed, gushing Cowboys fan, instead of backing teams closer to home, such as the New York Jets or Giants, or the Philadelphia Eagles. Walker, who admits he admired legendary Cowboys coach Tom Landry and quarterback Roger Staubach when he was growing up, bleeds green and gold for the Packers.

Both governors are outspoken in their fandom.

Christie wears an orange good-luck sweater and brags about how it's brought the Cowboys five victories. Walker sports a Green Bay jacket and wore it Monday while practicing his inaugural speech.



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Green Packers all time leading receiver, Donald Driver, right, shares a laugh with Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker during Drivers retirement ceremony at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. in Feb. 2013. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker would be happy to see his potential 2016 presidential rival New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie at Lambeau Field on Sunday when the Green Bay Packers take on the Dallas Cowboys. But don't look for Walker to join Christie in cheering for the Cowboys.

Christie's fanboy devotion to the Cowboys drew more scrutiny last week when he was captured on camera — bedecked in the lucky sweater — jumping up and down and hugging Cowboys owner Jerry Jones after Dallas defeated the Detroit Lions 24-20 in a wild-card game.

Walker and Christie, both avid users of Twitter, traded jabs on the social networking site on Wednesday.

Walker tweaked Christie by posting an image of a Packers fan wearing a cheesehead hat that says "Owner" on it. "This is the type of owner I'll be looking to hug after a (hash)Packers win on Sunday," Walker tweeted.

Christie shot back with a doctored image showing himself wearing his lucky orange sweater embracing Walker, who is shown hugging his son. Christie tweeted Walker, "don't worry. there are enough awkward hugs to go around."

By most accounts, Walker and Christie have a friendly relationship. They attended a Packers game together in 2013, when the team played the Giants in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

"Ironically, he was quietly cheering the Packers on at that game," Walker said.

But there's no doubt who Christie will be cheering for this weekend. Walker said he was going to text Christie to see if was coming to the game. Christie said on a radio show Monday that he hopes to make the trip and see Walker while he's there.

If Christie decides to show up, he may want to stick close to Jones and not join Walker and other Packers fans, the Wisconsin governor said.

Oil prices will recover but expect some chaos in the market

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

First things first. The price of crude oil is too low.

The price has dropped into the high $40s not because it's suddenly cheaper to pump oil out of the ground. The problem is we're pumping more than the 92 million barrels a day the world needs in 2015, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. When there is too much of any product on the market, and the demand is static, prices go down until the market absorbs the surplus and production slows.

In a balanced market, however, the oil industry simply cannot produce all of the oil the world needs for $50 a barrel or less.

That's the good news for Houston, but the bad news is that companies will be under intense pressure to produce oil as cheaply as possible because, since November's OPEC meeting, the world lacks a regulator, or swing producer, to stabilize the market. If left to its own devices, the invisible hand of the market will be stirring a pot of chaos in 2015.

In my columns, I tend to quote the price of oil based on the New York Mercantile Exchange price for West Texas Intermediate. That price ended at $47.93 in Tuesday trading, down $2.11. On Wednesday, it increased 72 cents to settle at $48.65.

Benchmarks are useful, but they don't reflect the cost to produce oil, which varies with each well. The price paid at the wellhead depends entirely on geology and geography. There are hundreds of prices paid for dozens of grades of oil every day.

Since oil companies spend most of their money before the first drop is sold, once the well is producing they tend to let it flow no matter the price because cash flow is better than holding on to inventory.

Saudi Arabia has the world's lowest cost of production at $10-$25 a barrel, according to a Scotiabank Equity Research and Scotiabank Economics report published in November. But Saudi Arabia only produces about 9 million barrels a day and at most can produce 12 million, making it the second-largest producer.

Other OPEC countries need more money to cover costs ranging from $15 to $30 a barrel, and that does not include the price needed for those nations to cover their governments' budgets. Nevertheless, the current OPEC production quota is only 30 million barrels a day, with only about 4 million barrels of excess capacity.

The largest producer is Russia, with 10.6 million barrels a day in October, according to government statistics, and oil there costs between $50 and $52 a barrel to pump. The United States is the third-largest producer, but federal law prohibits most crude exports. America will produce about 9.3 million barrels a day in 2015, according to the EIA, at costs ranging from $40 a barrel in the Eagle Ford Shale to $80 a barrel in North Dakota and $82 in the Permian Basin.

That leaves nearly half of world demand still not met, which leads to the North Sea, which averages $50, and Canada, where oil ranges from $46 to $90 a barrel. If the world's average cost of production cost is about $50 a barrel, minus upfront costs and profit, it's easy to see why $50 a barrel will not persuade private companies to produce 92 million barrels a day.

The biggest problem with the market, though, is the lag time between when an oil company signs a lease to drill and when that first barrel hits the market. Prices have been down six months and only now do we see the Baker Hughes rig count dropping and management teams slashing their capital expenditures.

In the early days of the oil industry, the market swung dramatically, and bankruptcies were common.

John D. Rockefeller solved this problem by making the Standard Oil Co. a monopoly capable of controlling production and sales. But Congress broke up Standard Oil in 1911, and the market again became volatile.

An oil glut in 1930 led the Texas Railroad Commission to begin setting production quotas in what was then the world's largest oil producer. Soon the commission was setting national oil policy. The commissioners made sure there was always just the right amount of oil on the market to make sure oil was both profitable for producers and affordable to consumers.

That lasted until the mid-1960s, when OPEC became the world's largest oil producer. After using oil as a diplomatic weapon in 1973 and triggering a decade of volatility, the 12-nation bloc committed itself to assigning quotas to maintain a stable market and global economy.

Saudi Arabia became the world's swing producer, responsible for adding or subtracting oil from the market. A precipitating factor in the recent drop in oil prices was Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi's declaration in October that his country would no longer play that role.

That leaves the invisible hand of the market to soak up the surplus oil and find a price that will encourage thousands of independent companies to produce the 92 million barrels a day the world needs.

Based on recent price forecasts by private companies and public think tanks, the price needed to make oil profitable is about $60 a barrel, a price many expect the market will average this year. But prices did fall below $36 a barrel as recently as 2008.

Throw in the rising value of the dollar, the possibility of higher U.S. interest rates, political uncertainty in Europe and a weaker Chinese economy, and the oil price picture is anything but clear. If this sounds like 2015 will bring even more chaos to oil markets, you'd be right. It will take at least six months for oil production to drop and then another six months for the market to stabilize.

We may just find ourselves pining for OPEC to reassert itself.

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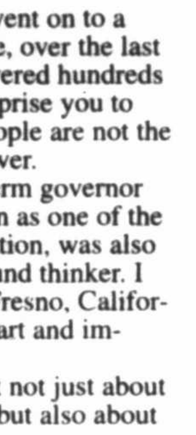
Politicians could learn from Mario Cuomo

■ When the former New York governor had something to say, he said something



RUBEN NAVARRETTE

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Have you heard the one about the conservative columnist who mourned the passing of a liberal icon?

At least, I'm often told that I'm "conservative" — usually by liberals upset at something I wrote.

There is truth in the adage: If you're young and not somewhat liberal, you don't have a heart. And, if you're older and not more conservative, you don't have a brain.

When I was younger, I was more liberal. It was as a young man, between my freshman and sophomore years in high school, that I first heard the finely tuned cadences of Mario Cuomo. Watching his powerful and poetic keynote address at the 1984 Democratic National Convention, I was mesmerized.

For the next few years, I read all I could find about Cuomo, and followed his speeches on C-SPAN.

One of my favorites is another address Cuomo gave in 1984. At the University of Notre Dame, he spoke about how elected officials might reconcile their personal faith with their public duties. He talked about being a Catholic, drawn to his church by love, but asked this, about calls to ban abortion: "Are we asking government to make criminal what we believe to be sinful because we ourselves can't stop committing the sin?"

Who talks that way? I went on to a career in journalism where, over the last 25 years, I've met and covered hundreds of politicians. It won't surprise you to hear that most of these people are not the sharpest knives in the drawer.

By contrast, the three-term governor of New York, while known as one of the great orators of his generation, was also a skilled writer and profound thinker. I heard him speak once in Fresno, California, and he was funny, smart and immensely likable.

He spoke from the heart not just about his passion — politics — but also about his father and his children.

And so when I learned recently that Cuomo had died, it was almost like hearing about the passing of an old family friend.

Just two months earlier, I had visited CNN headquarters in New York to appear on the morning show "New Day," hosted by Chris Cuomo, the governor's son. Off camera, I took a moment to show Chris something I'd brought from California — a framed letter, from 1985, that his father had sent me in response to one I'd sent him praising his speeches and his example, and mentioning where I planned to go to college.

The letter was supportive but certainly not lacking in Cuomo's trademark bluntness, closing with the line: "Good luck at Harvard. But why aren't you studying in New York??!!" Chris smiled, and thanked me for showing it to him.

"Hey, I'm a big fan of your dad," I said.

What I'm not a fan of are politicians who think we all have short memories. Former President Bill Clinton — in a joint statement with his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton — called Cuomo "the very embodiment of the American dream."

That's more flattering than what Clinton said about Cuomo in a taped phone conversation with alleged mistress Gennifer Flowers that took place before Cuomo announced that he would not run for the Democratic nomination in 1992. Clinton, who was then governor of Arkansas, was already in the race. He was concerned that Cuomo would soon enter it and cruise to the nomination.

At one point, Flowers said that she wouldn't be surprised if Cuomo "didn't have some Mafioso major connections."

Clinton responded: "Well, he acts like one."

Clinton later apologized, sort of. He said: "If the remarks on the tape left anyone with the impression that I was disrespectful to either Gov. Cuomo or Italian-Americans, then I deeply regret it."

Cuomo accepted Clinton's apology, but not before giving it a failing grade.

"What do you mean 'if'?" Cuomo said, referring to Clinton's statement, when questioned by reporters in Albany. "If you are not capable of understanding what was said, then don't try apologizing."

Then came the brutal honesty, delivered like a hammer.

"This is part of an ugly syndrome that strikes Italian-Americans, Jewish people, blacks, women, all the ethnic groups," Cuomo said.

Who talks that way? Not enough of our elected officials, that's for sure. Afraid to say anything controversial, most of them have become skilled at saying nothing worthwhile.

It's just one more reason to mourn.

GUEST VIEW

Border is secure; next step should be immigration reform

Houston Chronicle

With Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto visiting the White House, immigration will be a key topic of discussion. It also should be key at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, where a minority of House Republicans have stymied meaningful reform for more than a year.

Ask most Republicans, whether in Washington or Austin, where they stand on comprehensive immigration reform these days, and their answer almost surely will be some variation of "got to secure the border first." Now, after spending billions on equipment, fences and "boots on the ground," the border is about as secure as it's ever going to get, short of erecting a lethal southern-border version of the Berlin Wall.

In April 2012, the Washington-based Pew Research Center reported that net migration from Mexico to the United States had fallen to zero, maybe even less. According to the study, "the sharp downward trend in net migration from Mexico began about five years ago and has led to the first significant decrease in at least two decades in the unauthorized Mexican population."

That downward trend continues. A Pew report released this week found that for the first time ever, the Border Patrol apprehended more non-Mexicans than Mexicans at U.S. borders in 2014.

"This shift is another sign that unauthorized immigrants from Mexico are crossing the U.S.-Mexico border significantly less often than they did before the great recession," the report concluded.

The decrease, Pew reports, is the result of a number of factors, including "the weakened U.S. job market and housing construction markets, heightened border enforcement, a rise in deportations, the growing dangers associated with illegal border crossings, the long-term decline in Mexico's birth rates and broader economic conditions in Mexico."

The report also noted that the recent increase in non-Mexican apprehensions was due in part to a surge in unaccompanied Central American child migrants crossing the border without their parents. The surge has abated.

The Senate passed bipartisan immigration reform legislation in 2013, but it's been held up in the House by a relatively small group of Republicans adamantly opposed to any kind of pathway to citizenship, however onerous, for the 11 million undocumented people who already are living in this country. Border security has been a convenient excuse.

Obviously, we are never going to achieve total border security, but as the Pew report underscores, the naysayers' excuse has grown tattered. House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell need to call them on it.

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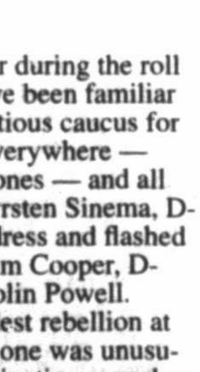
Pests swarm during vote for speaker

■ The conservative revolt was symbolic as John Boehner had little trouble holding his powerful position



DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

John Boehner won re-election as speaker of the House on Tuesday with the help of an unlikely ally: Mario Cuomo, the former Democratic governor of New York.

Astute readers may have noticed that Cuomo is deceased. He died on New Year's Day and was buried Tuesday — and thus, quite inadvertently, did he help to stack the deck for the Ohio Republican to keep the speaker's gavel in the 114th Congress.

Twenty-five conservatives — more than 10 percent of the Republican caucus — rebelled against their leader on the first day of the new Congress. It was the largest revolt against a House speaker in more than a century, and the rebels were within striking distance of the 29 votes they would have needed to deny Boehner the speakership — if all sitting members of the House voted.

But more than two dozen were missing when Congress convened at noon, a few because of snow-related travel delays but most of them Democratic members of the New York delegation who were attending Cuomo's funeral. Because the speaker is elected based on the majority of those voting, this reduced the number of votes Boehner needed from about 218 to 205, and the conservative rebellion fizzled before it ever had a chance.

It was conservatives' last, best chance to disrupt Boehner and his leadership team. Right-wing interest groups had pushed for the rebellion against the speaker Monday, claiming it was the most important issue to tea party activists since Obamacare. Conservatives saw it as a crucial time to make their stand because, now that Boehner has the gavel and the largest Republican majority in decades, he can afford to ignore the roughly two dozen die-hard conservatives in his caucus — if necessary, recruiting Democrats to offset the "no" votes on legislation.

The 25-man rebellion was a serious rebuke of Boehner, but it was ultimately meaningless and purely symbolic, as these things often are. Conservatives made a point but, given the absentees, Boehner was destined to win from the start, and the party establishment openly derided the rebels.

When firebrand Rep. Justin Amash, R-Mich., rose during the roll call to cast his vote for Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a fellow hard-liner, a wave of laughter washed across the Republican side.

There were more titters when Rep. David Brat, R-Va., the upstart who defeated Eric Cantor in last year's primary, cast his speaker vote for Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., a backbencher of little distinction. And guffaws could be heard in the gallery when Rep. Curt Clawson, R-Fla., cast his vote for Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky.

"Senator Rand Paul," the clerk repeated, as if disbelieving his ears.

Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon, a senior Republican, asked aloud on the House floor: "Why a senator?"

Kevin McCarthy, the majority leader, shrugged in reply. McCarthy laughed aloud when Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, called out a speaker vote for himself — one of three Gohmert received.

Not too long after that, the clerk called on Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., who had offered himself as a challenger to Boehner.

"Yoho?" called out the clerk.

"Yoho!" voted Yoho.

"Yoho," repeated the clerk.

It's off to work we go.

Boehner was out of the chamber during the roll call, but the free-for-all would have been familiar to him after trying to lead his fractious caucus for four years. There were children everywhere — crawling around, playing with phones — and all manner of strange antics. Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., did a twirl to show off her dress and flashed a thumbs up at the gallery. Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., cast his speaker vote for Colin Powell.

But while Boehner faced a modest rebellion at the start of the last Congress, this one was unusually vocal and included three nominating speeches for prospective Republican rivals. "This is not about Judge Gohmert," Rep. Jim Bridenstine, R-Okla., said in nominating Gohmert. Bridenstine then read a Mark Twain quote about how "the patriot is a scarce man." (A better Twain quote: "Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.")

Boehner got 11 votes more than he needed. In accepting the gavel, he made no mention of the rebellion, instead adopting an agricultural metaphor. "Every day you and I come out here, try to plant good seeds, cultivate the ground and take care of the pests," he said.

The pests swarmed on the first day of the 114th Congress. But their buzz was worse than their bite.

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Appeals court considers Texas abortion restrictions

By Kevin McGill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The constitutionality of a Texas law that could force some women to travel hundreds of miles or cross state lines to get a legal abortion were debated Wednesday before a federal appeals court that has already dealt with similar issues in Mississippi.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had knocked down the Mississippi law that would have shuttered the state's only abortion clinic, which is in Jackson.

Opponents of a Texas requirement that abortion clinics have the same facilities as surgical centers say it would result in a drop in legal abortion clinics from 17 to eight. None would be in the western half of the state. That includes El Paso, meaning women there would either have to make a 1,200-mile round trip to the nearest Texas clinic in San Antonio or drive into New Mexico, which doesn't have the same stringent clinic requirements.

The argument is similar to one used against the Mississippi law, which required abortion clinic doctors to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. But Judge Catharina Haynes, one of the three 5th Circuit judges who will decide the Texas case, made clear that the circumstances are not the same as she questioned lawyer Stephanie Toti, who represents clinics challenging the law.

Enforcement of the Texas provisions would still leave clinics open in Texas. And El Paso, she noted, is just across the line from New Mexico. "Jackson isn't right on the border," Haynes said.

Still, as she questioned attorney Jonathan Mitchell, who argued the case for the Texas law, Haynes also said that the law — which supporters say is aimed at protecting women's health — could push abortion-seeking Texas women into a state that doesn't have such high standards for clinics.

"It's always been legal to cross state lines to get an abortion and there's a constitutional right to travel," Mitchell said.

The requirement for ambulatory surgical care standards at abortion clinics, which abortion-rights activists say is an unnecessary and expensive burden, is part of a broader abortion law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013.

U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel in Austin ruled against the requirement in August. The 5th Circuit later ruled that Texas could fully implement the abortion law, but the Supreme Court later said the clinics should be allowed to operate, pending appeal.

Joe Pojman, executive director of Texas Alliance for Life, told reporters outside the federal courthouse that abortion will be legal, available and safer in Texas if the law is upheld. "The courts allow medical procedures to be regulated by the states and that's what this law is about," he said.

Abortion opponents gathered on the courthouse steps to make the case for the law, while about two dozen abortion-rights demonstrators carrying signs marched around a park across the street.

Haynes heard the case with judges Edward Prado and Jennifer Walker Elrod. All three are appointees of President George W. Bush. Haynes and Elrod questioned attorneys closely on the effects of the law and legal precedents that would guide their decision. There was no indication when they would rule.

Haynes at times seemed skeptical of the need for requirements that opponents of the law say would require small abortion clinics to perhaps double in physical size. However, she and Elrod also questioned whether Yeakel's August ruling was too broad, covering even seemingly innocuous requirements such as hand-sanitation stations.

"It seems to me, that when you're going to have a remedy of invalidating a law, statewide, on its face, you have to at least go through and say at least the soap dispensers are OK," Haynes said.

Associated Press

A man walks in front of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday, in New Orleans. The federal appeals court in New Orleans is considering whether a Texas law puts up an unconstitutional obstacle to women seeking abortions.

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WASHINGTON

Obama to release 2016 budget Feb. 2

The White House says President Barack Obama plans to release his budget for the 2016 fiscal year on Feb. 2.

Obama has often blown budget deadlines in the past, but the budget release scheduled for next month would be on time.

Much of Obama's budget — especially its annual call for tax increases — will be ignored by the GOP-controlled Congress. Its release will mark the beginning of a face-off with Republicans over taxes and spending.

ARKANSAS

Jim Bakker interviews Mike Huckabee on faith, politics

LITTLE ROCK — Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee says the biggest gap among Americans involves faith, not finances.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported Wednesday on an interview Huckabee had with televangelist Jim Bakker in Blue Eye, Missouri. Bakker intends to air two shows featuring Huckabee later this month.

Huckabee left his Fox News show last weekend while he considers another run for president. Huckabee told Bakker there would be only one place he'd consider living in Washington — The White House.

NEVADA

Democrats widen registration lead after midterms

CARSON CITY — Democrats have widened their registration lead slightly in Nevada after taking a beating in the November midterm elections.

The Secretary of State's office reported that the number of active, registered Democrats grew by about 5,800 since mid-October, which was the deadline to register to vote in the midterm.

Republicans added about 4,200 voters in that time period, and about 4,300 more people registered as non-partisan.

Democrats account for nearly 40 percent of Nevada's 1.2 million active registered voters, while Republicans account for 35 percent and nonpartisans comprise 19 percent.

Nebraska court could hold up Keystone XL pipeline

■ A court in Nebraska is deciding if the Nebraska Public Service Commission needs to review the Keystone XL pipeline before it crosses the state

By Margery A. Beck
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The Republican-led Congress appears ready to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline, but no matter what actions are taken in Washington, the entire 1,179-mile project could be delayed until Nebraska signs off on the route.

After several years of intense debate, the routing process is before the Nebraska Supreme Court, and depending on how the justices rule, months or years could pass before construction begins in that state.

Even if approval comes from Washington and the high court, opponents are looking for new ways to block the project, including filing a federal lawsuit on behalf of Native American tribes in Nebraska and South Dakota over the possible disruption of Indian artifacts.

The court is considering whether an obscure agency known as the Nebraska Public Service Commission must review the pipeline before it can cross the state, one of six on the pipeline's route. Gov. Dave Heineman gave the green light in 2013 without the involvement of the panel, which normally regulates telephones, taxis and grain bins.

The justices have given no indication when they will render a decision.

President Barack Obama has said he is waiting for the court's decision, and the White House on Tuesday threatened to veto the bill in what was expected to be the first of many confrontations with the new Congress over energy and environmental policy.

"There's no confusion from our perspective that the White House knows this route is still risky," said Jane Kleeb, executive director of Bold Nebraska, a leading opposition group.

The $8 billion pipeline would carry oil from Canada through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Six years ago, the project faced little opposition. TransCanada already had an oil pipeline in place to carry crude oil from Canada through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

But the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 followed by another spill in the Kalamazoo River in Michigan only months later rattled both Nebraska landowners and lawmakers, who worried about what a spill could do to the Ogallala aquifer, which supplies drinking water to about 2 million people in eight states and supports irrigation.

Supporters of the pipeline say those fears are exaggerated, and that the project would create jobs and ease American dependence on oil from the Middle East. A State Department report raised no major environmental objections, they note.

The original route "was the least disruptive in terms of the amount of land that we had to dig up, and that's generally the principle that you look at when you are designing these routes," TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard said Wednesday. "I think some of these opponents think that you can just draw a route on the back of a napkin and hand that in and say, 'Here's what we're considering.'"

Nonetheless, TransCanada bowed to pressure to redraw the route through Nebraska to avoid the most ecologically sensitive parts of the Sandhills region and the aquifer. In 2012, lawmakers approved a law that allowed the governor to give TransCanada Corp. the power to force eastern Nebraska landowners to sell their property for the project.

Several landowners sued, arguing that state law placed regulation of pipelines and other utilities with the public service commission. A lower court sided with landowners last year, and the state Supreme Court is now considering the state's appeal.

In recent years, pipeline opponents have sought to persuade Nebraska landowners not to accept TransCanada's money. In response, TransCanada has blitzed the state with newspaper, television and radio ads to try to sway public opinion and offered property owners as much as $250,000 for access to their land.

But no amount will shake the resolve of some opponents.

"They could offer $50 million. We don't care," said Jenni Harrington, part-owner of a family farm on the pipeline route near Benedict. "We're not going to sell out the next generation for any amount of money."

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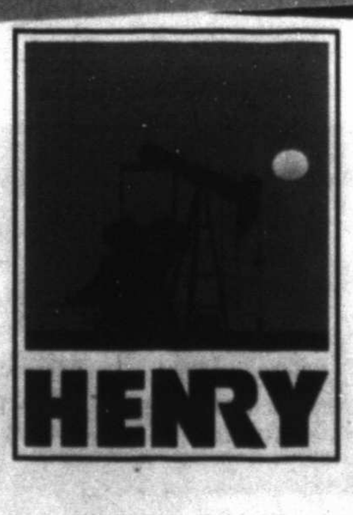

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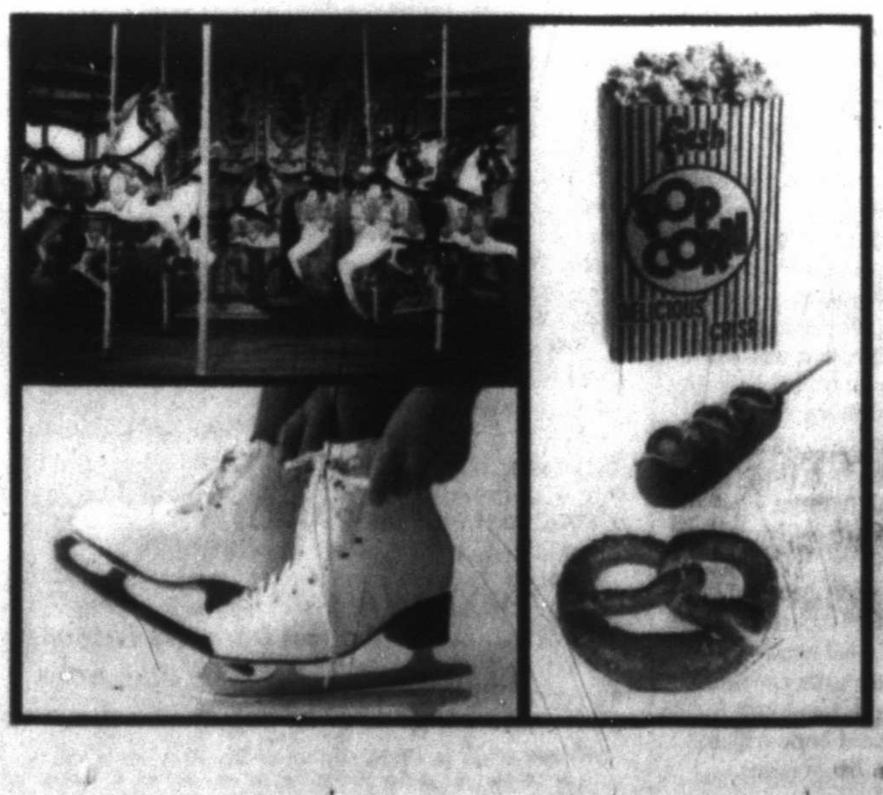


WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

FRIDAY

ROPES AND THE REINS SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo continues this weekend.

SATURDAY

BACK TO NATURE Kiddos can learn about hibernation at Sibley Nature Center's Nature Club.

SUNDAY

SOMETHING NEW The 2015 Basin Bridal and Event Expo will be at the CAF.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

INSIDE

RESTAURANT CLOSED Yana 615 in Odessa recently shut its doors. **Page 6.**

ONLINE

LOOKING BACK Check out entertainment writer Rich Lopez's picks for the best local shows, performances of 2014.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Selma," "Taken 3," "The Imitation Game"
Closing: "Penguins of Madagascar"

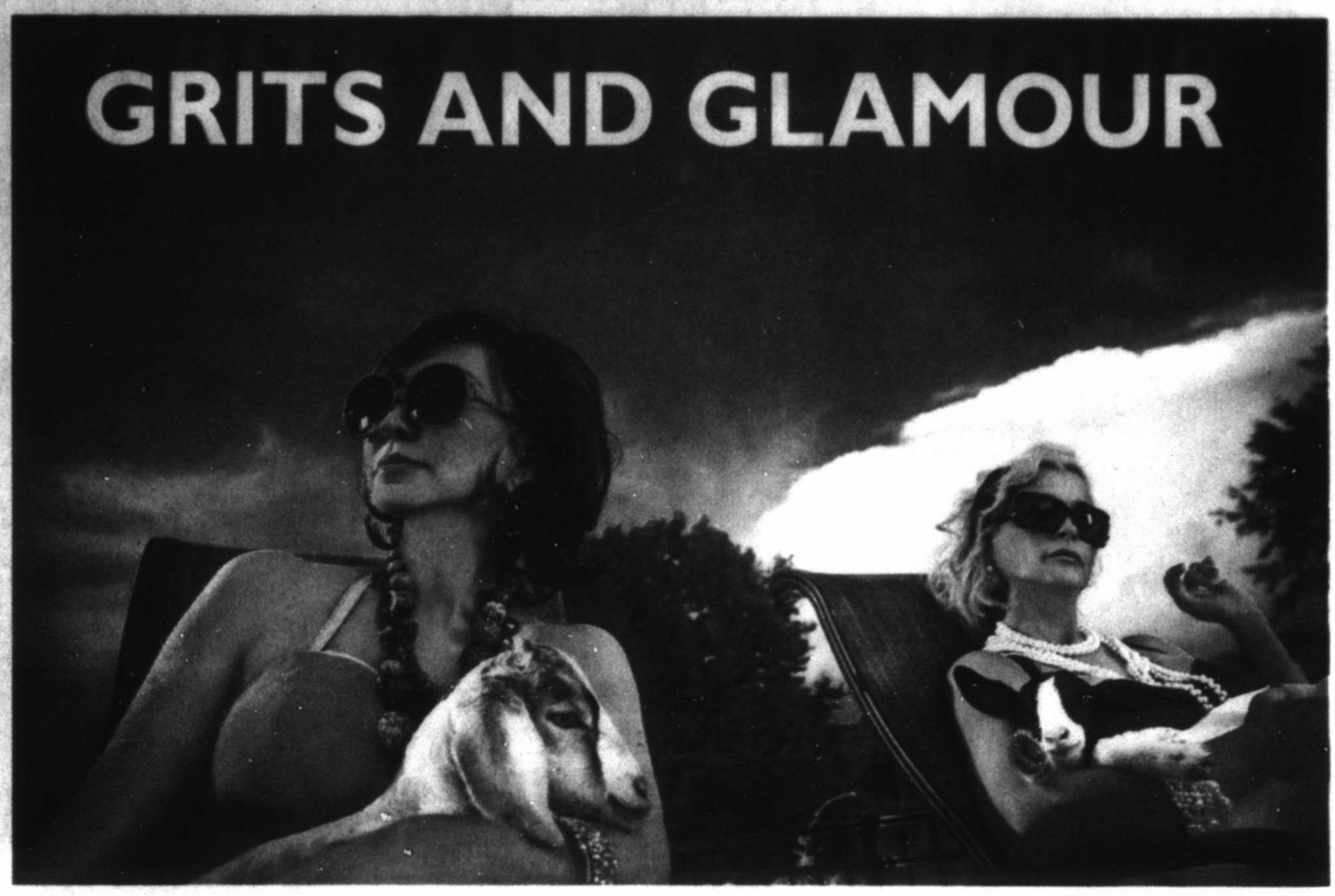
CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Taken 3"
Closing: "Penguins of Madagascar"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Taken 3"
Closing: "Horrible Bosses 2"

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

COMING SOON

BEST BREWS Sample more than 100 beers from craft breweries later this month at Midland on Tap.



Pam Tillis partners with Lorrie Morgan to give voice to women their age

By Rich Lopez
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In the single "I Am A Woman," singers Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan don't offer a simple portrayal of their gender.

"I am bold, I am shy
I am truth, I'm a little white lie"

The song is less anthemic than the title implies and far more human.

"It's all the things a woman might go through or facets of a personality," Tillis said. "Or basically we're saying is 'I'm complicated. Deal with it.'"

The song is from the 2013 album "Dos Divas," which teams Tillis and Morgan on songs that speak to women of a certain vintage — namely their own. Both are 50-somethings who are still making music, but on their terms.

And they've taken to the road again with the Grits and Glamour Tour stopping at the Wagner Noel on Saturday.

Tillis seems to have found her musical soulmate in Morgan. Before the album, the tour existed. Now they've recorded together, released singles and are performing again.

"We've got so much in common. We're both daughters of the (Grand Ole) Opry, we're second-generation country musicians and we grew up in this music," she said. "We are of a certain age, which makes us very aware of and connected to the music of the classic country artists like Dolly and Loretta and her father George Morgan and mine (Mel Tillis)."

The veteran artists also knew who they weren't.

"We either wrote or picked songs that are honest for us to sing," Tillis said. "We're not trying to be something we're not, and we aren't 20. We speak to those women who are grown and working and have the same perspective on love and life as we do. But we also have a modern sensibility to it, as well."

And sometimes it's a cheeky one, like in the song "Old Enough To Be Your Lover."

As it turns out, Tillis is somewhat of a cougar — a term she's perfectly OK with.

"I was one before there was even a term for it," she said, laughing. "My husband is 10 years younger, and we met when he was barely 30, so it raised some eyebrows at the time."

Just before this interview, the Dallas Observer posted a column titled "Country Music Will Rebound in 2015 as It Shakes off Its Bro-Country Shackles." Bringing it up with Tillis, she had her say on the current state of country music and what it means not for her, but for younger female artists.

"There has to be a backlash to this," she started. "I think all these guys are obviously appealing to a lot of people, and I like some more than others. The problem isn't with that music per se, but with the media."

Tillis is talking about the proclivities of radio and television to focus on a few artists rather than several.

"Because playlists are so small and probably most of those artists are male, that's not speaking to everyone. It's wild. When I was having my radio heyday, female artists were a big deal because we were speaking to women. I don't know how it got so turned upside down. There are fantastic women artists right now like Brandy Clark and Sarah Darling who have careers but are getting zero exposure in radio."

But it'll come back around, she said.

WANT TO GO?

The Grits and Glamour Tour with Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan at Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. $38-$58. Wagnernoel.com.

No resolutions, only looking forward for Trout Fishing in America

By Rich Lopez
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As a new year settles in, many folks are making their resolutions for a better life in some form or fashion. But Keith Grimwood isn't so much about that. He and his bandmate Ezra Idlet of Trout Fishing In America are instead preparing to look forward.

"The band doesn't make resolutions," Grimwood said from his current home in Arkansas. "We usually take the holidays to look back and see what we accomplished and then look forward to what's coming."

Also, he's been there, done that.

"I've done all the usual ones. I've had a lot of New Years, so I've done a lot of resoluting," Grimwood joked.

Instead, Trout Fishing in America, who will perform in Midland on Sunday, will focus on two things: a new release and their label Trout Records.

But not necessarily in that order.

Grimwood spoke excitedly about the progress their label has made. In summer 2014, Wheatfield released "Big Texas Sky" under the label. Trout also signed a new artist and released Handmade Moments' self-titled debut.

"These are younger, up-and-coming artists and I'm really enjoying working with them. And we're working with Ezra's daughter, Dana Louise, and recording a CD with her," Grimwood said. "They keep us focused and in touch with modern sounds, otherwise we'd drift off. We don't want to fade away."

Just shy of 40 years of playing together, the four-time Grammy nominated band is hardly showing signs of disappearing.

"Trout is still going strong as a duo but we're expanding in other directions, too. We're recording with Dana and we're looking to have a new CD out next year," he said.

But what kind of release is the question.

TFIA is as much a folk band as they are a kid-friendly band and many of their releases are geared toward the very young.

"We go back and forth, but we just let the writing dictate the course of the album. We feel the next album will be geared more toward our adult fans but we don't really know what will come out of it," Grimwood said.

As for their Midland show, the concert is for all ages.

The show benefits the Camp Fire West Texas Council, an organization Grimwood holds in high esteem.

"Those are some good people and I love going out there and playing for the crowds. They are all about the kids and such good advocates. We aim for them when we start playing and then we bring in our music for parents and everyone else to enjoy," he said.

WANT TO GO?

Trout Fishing in America Family Concert at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. 3:30 p.m. Sunday $5. Tickets on sale at N-Tune and the Camp Fire West Texas Council. Campfirewtx.org.

Heat Index: Top 5 things to do this weekend

By Rich Lopez
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With the holidays out of the way, now it's back to real life. But the good times haven't necessarily gone away. With all the crummy weather from last weekend, this one is shaping up far better.

Here are our five picks for your weekend to-do.

Today

Family Science Night is back
Spend family time with dinosaurs in the first Family Science Night of the year. Featuring hands on activities for all ages, people are invited to partake in science experiments and discover their inner paleontologist. Activities will include making pterodactyl gliders (what?), fossil molds and even excavating a dinosaur. On top of that, admission is free and refreshments are provided. That's a total win.

The Petroleum Museum, 1500 West Interstate 20. 6-8 p.m. petroleummuseum.org.

Improv at the Yucca
Comedy returns to the Yucca for two days in January — two days and two casts. Filled with able local performers, the show takes off-the-cuff situations and turns them into comedy gold. Nothing is off limits such as subject matter and language, so consider a babysitter for the younger ones.

Also, after the Improv shows and the Trout Fishing in America

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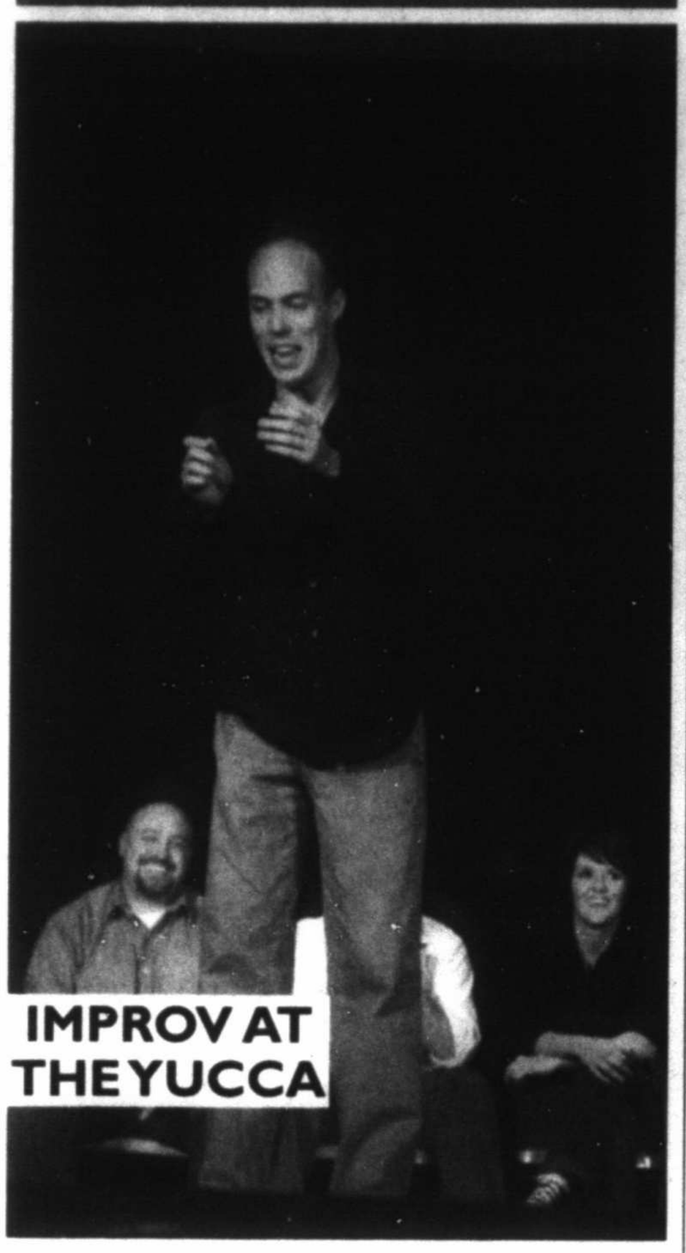
CALENDARS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



IMPROV AT THE YUCCA

MUSIC

Jake Hooker & The Outsiders at Sandhills Rodeo Dance, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ector County Coliseum. sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com.

Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan: The Grits and Glamour Tour, 8 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Trout Fishing in America, 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Yucca Theatre. Benefiting Camp Fire West Texas programs. campfirewtx.org.

ARTS & EXHIBITS

Kamiposi First Friday with art by David Rudd, Allan Pulido and Heather Jennings, 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Adventures in Art: Mixed Media, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. today and Friday at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

EVENTS

Sandhills Quarter Horse Show, Friday through Sunday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

2015 Basin Bridal and Event Expo, 1 p.m. Sunday at the CAF. basinbridal.org.

KID-FRIENDLY

Family Science Night: "Dinosaurs," 6-8 p.m. today at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Nature Club for kids in grades kindergarten through six, 10 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center. 684-6827.

Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

"Framed: Step Into Art" exhibit through Feb. 1 at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

WEEKEND

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concert on Sunday, the Yucca will be closed for repairs and reopen in April with the premier of Midland Community Theatre's production of "West Side Story."

Yucca Theater, 208 N. Colorado St. Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. $12-$15. Mctmidland.org.

FRIDAY

Kamiposi's special edition of First Fridays

Kamiposi isn't playing games with your head. Because of last week's freeze, the gallery moved its montly First Friday to this week. The free event will include refreshments, music and, of course, new art. This month's exhibit will feature works by David Rudd, Allan Pullido and Heather Jennings, but it all kicks off with this First Friday.

510 S. Big Spring St. 6 p.m. facebook.com/kamiposi

Jake Hooker headlines the SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo

This show and rodeo has been at it since Jan. 1 and starts wrapping it up this weekend. Kicking that off is Jake Hooker and the Outsiders headlining the rodeo dance. Watch him slap that upright bass and perform his brand of Texas country while two-stepping the night away.

Ector County Coliseum, 218 W. 46th St., Odessa in Building G. 9 p.m. $15. Sandhillsstockshow.com.

SUNDAY

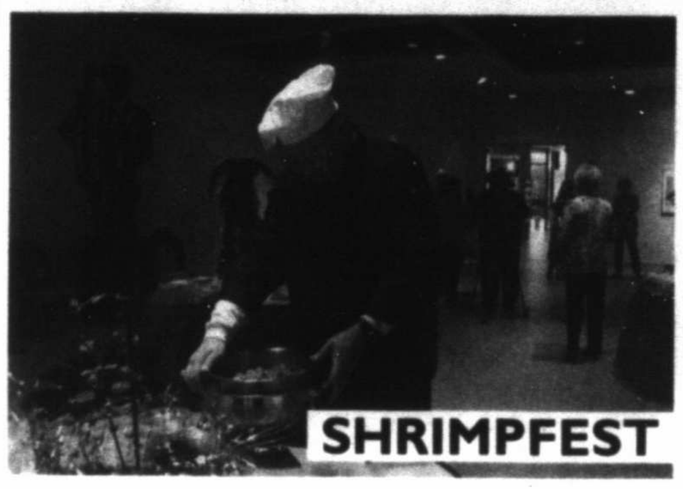
The Golden Globes air live on TV

Why, yes. A hot pick of ours actually requires you to be at home. The first big awards show of the season airs Sunday on NBC. With awards for both television and film, watch the awards given out by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and see if your favorites take home any.

Check your local NBC listings. nbc.com/the-golden-globe-awards

COMING SOON

DIANA ROSS



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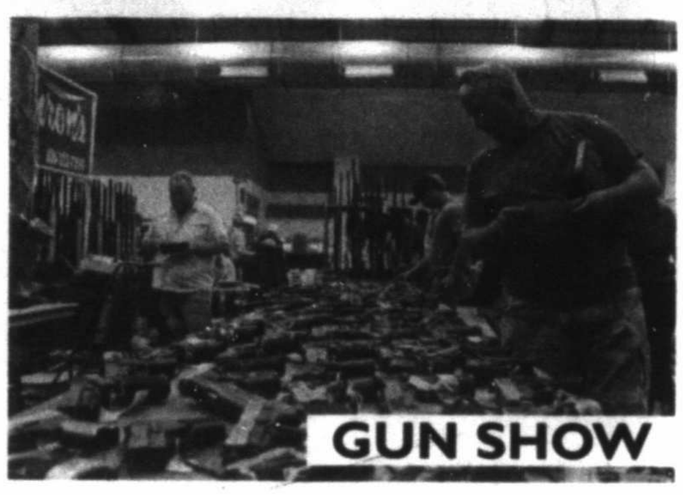


GUN SHOW

JANUARY

Asante Children's Choir from East Africa, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. holytrinity.org.

Midland County Livestock Association Livestock Show, Jan. 14-17 the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series with Jimmy Patterson on "History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Laura Bush Literacy Program free reading event, 4:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at George W. Bush Childhood Home. 685-1112.

Engelbert Humperdinck, 8 p.m. Jan. 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Random Acts of Art - Travel Journals, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 17 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Midland on Tap, 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Jan. 17 at CAF. americaontap.com/midland-on-tap.

"Girl Talk The Musical," 8 p.m. Jan. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Crashmaster Monster Truck Show, Jan. 23-25 the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

MOSC Masterworks 3 "There's a Good Chance You'll Love Strauss," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Rodney Carrington, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows Jan. 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

The Oak Ridge Boys, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Harlem Globetrotters "Washington Generals' Revenge" tour, 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at Chaparral Center. harlemglobetrotters.com.

"The Addams Family," Jan. 30-Feb. 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Silver Spur and Gun Show, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

FEBRUARY

Brian Roman, 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Jeff Foxworthy, Feb. 7 at Horseshoe Pavillion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

West Texas Winds "Symphony of Five," 3 p.m. Feb. 8 Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Guys and Dolls," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Chocolate Decadence benefiting Aphasia Center of West Texas, Feb. 12 at Horseshoe Pavillion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

HeART Affair, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 13 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Chubby Checker, 8 p.m. Feb. 13 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

MAP Monster Trucks, Feb. 13-14 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

West Texas Guitar Festival: Texas Guitar Quartet, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show, Feb. 18-22 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

West Texas Guitar Festival: Pepe Romero, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Guitar Festival: Andy McKee, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Continental Antique Shows, Feb. 20-22 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live!, Feb. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Permian Basin String Quartet "Cross-Cultural Inspirations," Feb. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Ellen Noel Art Museum's Shrimpfest, Feb. 23 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Loretta Lynn, 8 p.m. Feb. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Diana Ross, 8 p.m. Feb. 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Circus Gatti, Feb. 25-28 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

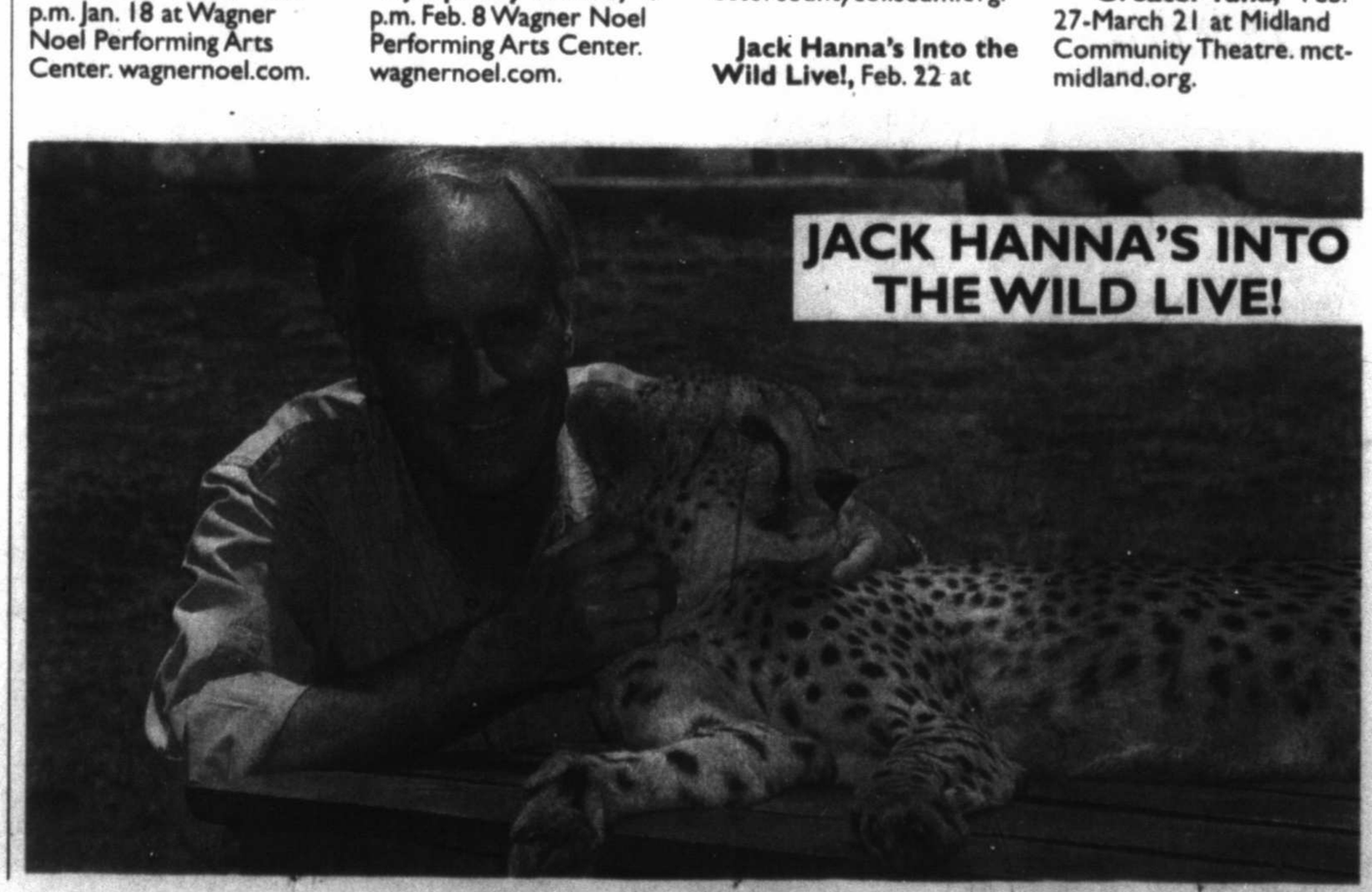
Vienna Boys Choir, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Permian Basin Home & Garden Show, Feb. 26-28 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Just Between Friends consignment sale, Feb. 26-28 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

2 Cellos, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Greater Tuna," Feb. 27-March 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.



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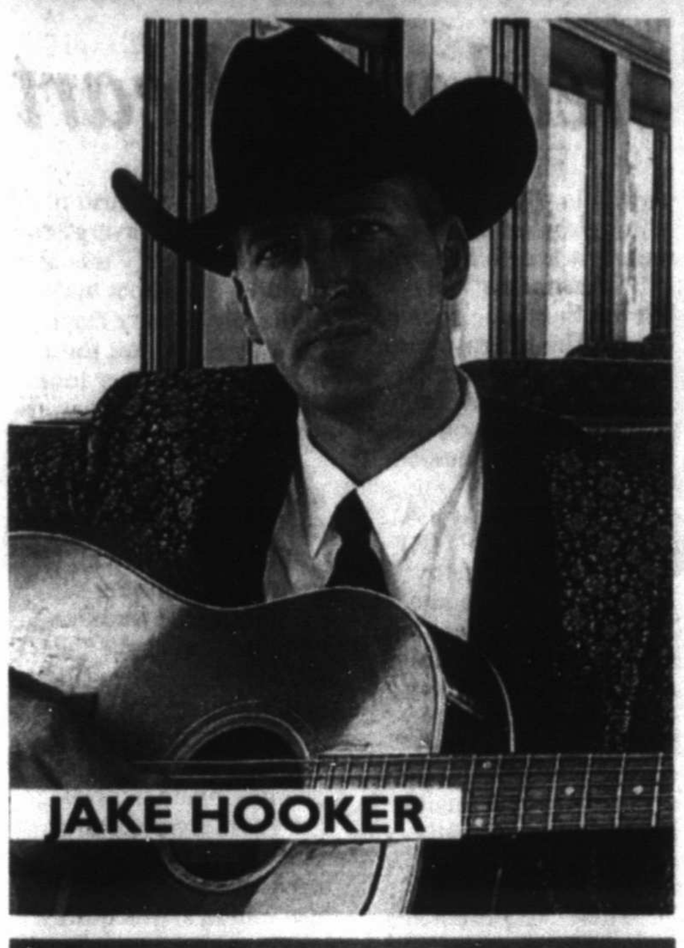


LIVE WIRE

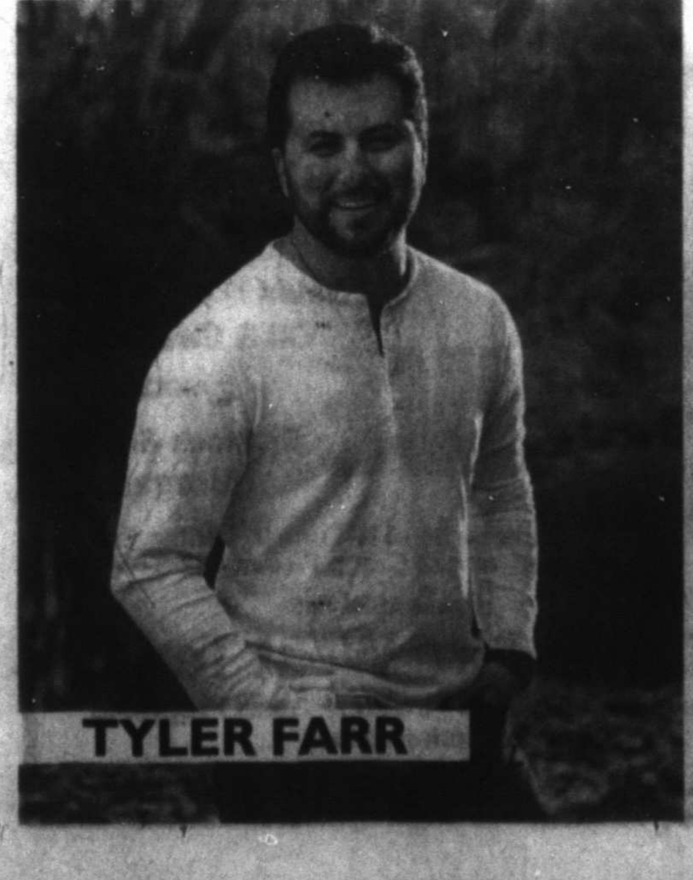
MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ ANDREWS

JANUARY

8 **Johnny and Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club
9 **Cody Johnson Band, Cory Michael** @ Graham Central Station
9 **No Dry County** @ The Detour
9 **Twisted Texas** @ Your Place
9 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
9-10 **3M Entertainment** @ The Lift on 7th
9-10 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
9-10 **Jake Hooker** @ Sandhills Rodeo
10 **Lorrie Morgan, Pam Tillis** @ Wagner Noel
11 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
11 **Crafting the Conspiracy** @ Club Patron
11 **Trout Fishing in America** @ Yucca Theater
11 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Rhemadeez
12 **Saving Abel, Kill Matilda, The Hive Mind** @ Blue Max
13 **Moot Davis** @ Your Place
13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
14 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
15 **Engelbert Humperdinck, Christine Nelson** @ Wagner Noel
15 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
15 **In the Whale, Minus the Richards** @ Blue Max
15 **Karma** @ Riley's
15 **Rosehill** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Twisted Texas** @ The Detour
16 **Leonhardt, Junkyard Amy, Kiel Grove** @ Blue Max
16-17 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
16-17 **Blackwater Draw** @ Your Place
16 **TJ Broscoff** @ Redneck's
17 **Noel Olivas** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Straight Line Stitch, Bellusira, Dead Horse Trauma** @ Blue Max
18 **"Seven Brides For Seven Brothers"** @ Wagner Noel
19 **Goodtimers** @ Andrews Senior Center
20 **Urban Pioneers, The Rock Bottom String Band, Armadillo Creek** @ Blue Max
20 **Johnny and Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
20 **Matthew Smith** @ Grace Covenant Church
22 **JB and the Moonshine Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
22 **Stevie Tombsrone** @ Blue Max
22 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
23 **Loco Motive** @ The Detour
23 **Mark McKinney** @ Lone Star Bar
23 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
23 **Gary Gorence** @ Polo Park Estates
23 **Meredith Andrews** @ Stonegate Fellowship
23-24 **Mister Happy** @ The Bar
23-24 **Santa Fe Band Featuring Welvis** @ Your Place
24 **MOSC Masterworks III: There's a Good Chance You'll Love Strauss** @ Wagner Noel
24 **Aaron Einhouse** @ Lone Star Bar
24 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Rhemadeez
24 **Hammer Down** @ Redneck's
24 **Roger Creager** @ Graham Central Station
25 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
26 **Oak Ridge Boys** @ Wagner Noel
27 **Another Lost Year, Brother Gray, Drugs Delaney** @ Blue Max
27 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
29 **Chance Anderson** @ Lone Star Bar
29 **Mobile Deathcamp, Final Drive, Adipocere** @ Blue Max
29 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
30 **Sunny Sweeney, Judson Cole Band** @ Graham Central Station
30 **Back Row Sinners** @ Your Place
30 **Forgotten Road** @ The Detour
30 **The Band McGraw** @ Redneck's
30-31 **Freeride** @ The Bar
31 **Tyler Farr** @ La Hacienda
31 **Jay Strahan, Midnight River Choir** @ Lone Star Bar
31 **Jay Nelson Band** @ Redneck's
31 **Justin Langston** @ Cigar Frog's

FEBRUARY

5 **Era 9, 7 Stone Riot** @ Blue Max
5 **Cory Morrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
6 **Stoney LaRue** @ Graham Central Station
6 **Forgotten Road** @ Redneck's
6 **Jamie Berryhill and the Hard Times** @ 10 Sports Bar
6-7 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
7 **Reverse Order** @ Pine Box
7 **Sansietch, Speed Limit** @ Cigar Frog's
7 **Hogg Maulies** @ Redneck's
7 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
7 **nathan kalish and the Lastcallers** @ Blue Max
7-8 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Rhemadeez
12 **Tracy Lawrence** @ Graham Central Station
13 **Chubby Checker & The Wildcats** @ Wagner Noel
13 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Rhemadeez
19 **William Clark Green** @ Rockin Rodeo
19 **Teach Me Equals** @ Kamipos
20 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Rhemadeez
24 **Loretta Lynn** @ Wagner Noel
26 **Vienna Boys Choir** @ Wagner Noël
27 **2Cellos** @ Wagner Noel
27 **Anvil, Lord Dying, Sunlord** @ Blue Max
28 **Callahan Divide** @ Lone Star Bar



'Portlandia' takes different path in season 5

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ask Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein to give up hints about the new season of "Portlandia," and a few words suffice to make any true admirer of the IFC satire giddy with anticipation.

"I would say raw milk plays heavily," offers Armisen. "I would say the world of modeling, which we never really got into. Health care, a whole episode on that. And Fourth of July — what is that like in Portlandia?"

That's medical care in general, not Obamacare in particular, Armisen explains, and the reference to a full episode is an important one for season five, which begins at 9 p.m. tonight.

After four years of knitting half-hours out of varied sketches with recurring characters, the IFC comedy is going deeper into the lives of those characters and their semi-mythical city. The majority of the 10 half-hour episodes will focus on a single story, Brownstein said.

"When I watched the cut of the premiere episode, it really felt like a different show," said the musician-writer-actress.

Former "Saturday Night Live" cast member and musician Armisen agrees, comparing the approach to creating "extended plays." A prototype episode, titled "Getting Away," aired last season.

The change makes sense given how many other impressive comedy sketch shows are on TV, said Brownstein, citing Comedy Central's "Key & Peele" among them.

"We're interested in changing the form. ... We see it possessing a lot of elasticity," she said. "We're using the same words, the same vernacular, but putting them into sentences instead of phrases."

Joining in are an impressively varied group of guests that includes Paul Simon, Steve Buscemi, Justin Long, Paul Reubens, Olivia Wilde and Oscar the Grouch. Street artist Shepard Fairey plays an art supply store worker, a "little joke for any art student out there," Armisen said.

Luring celebrities to drop in is generally easy, he said. And there's something in it for him and Brownstein.

"We make sure that when we have a role to offer somebody that it's going to be fun for them, or different for them. For us, there's people we want just because we got to meet them and do something together," Armisen said.

The show does that as well for Armisen and his longtime pal and Portland resident Brownstein, whose friendship has been enriched by their time spent working on "Portlandia."

Both have other career demands. Armisen leads the 8G Band on Seth Meyers' late-night NBC show in New York, and Brownstein and her Sleater-Kinney bandmates are back together after nearly a decade, with a new album out this month and a tour beginning in February.

As much as he and Brownstein enjoy hanging out, Armisen said, the goal always is to make the best show possible.

That means continuing to explore — comically, but non-judgmentally — the charms of their version of Portland, where residents enjoy the privilege of fretting over the method used to brew their coffee and not about how they'll feed their family.

"That's the Portlandia mindset," explains Brownstein, "high-minded and progressive and well-meaning but always with a nagging critique of, 'Huh, is this so precious we're ignoring the bigger struggles?'"

Or having the occasional contrarian reaction to, say, the expectation you'll diligently place each category of trash into its own recycling receptacle.

"I just end up throwing everything out. I get so flummoxed," Brownstein said. "I can't separate a straw."

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This photo provided by IFC shows, Fred Armisen, right, as Candace and Carrie Brownstein, as Toni, in a scene from season 5 of the television series, "Portlandia." The IFC show returns tonight for its fifth season, and features guest stars including Paul Simon and Steve Buscemi.

Gay advocates assail new TV show 'My Husband's Not Gay'

By Lindsay Whitehurst
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Preston "Pret" Dahlgren has led what might seem like a picture-perfect Mormon life: He met his high school sweetheart in Sunday school as a teenager, completed his mission and married her. He is active in the church and the proud father of two young daughters.

Dahlgren also is attracted to men.

His story is the subject of a new TV show called "My Husband's Not Gay," which gay-rights advocacy groups are calling irresponsible and dangerous. They want the TLC cable network to pull the plug on the program before it airs Sunday.

Dahlgren and another Mormon man from Utah featured in the show said they're happy in their marriages, and they hope the program gives stories like theirs a foothold in the conversation about sexuality.

Dahlgren said he's known he was attracted to men since he was about 12 years old, but he also always wanted the kind of family he grew up in: a father, mother and children.

"There are a lot of stories out there, and this just isn't one of them," Preston Dahlgren, 32, said in an interview with The Associated Press this week.

The gay rights group GLAAD, however, said the show sends the wrong message and is a sad reminder of so-called gay conversion therapy, often faith-based efforts designed to change sexual orientation that can be emotionally scarring. New Jersey and California in 2013 banned therapists from practicing gay conversion therapy on children and teenagers. The American Medical Association and the American Psychological Association do not support the therapy.

"No one can change who they love, and, more importantly, no one should have to," GLAAD president Sarah Kate Ellis said in a statement. "By investing in this dangerous programming, TLC is putting countless young LGBT people in harm's way."

The organization pointed to a change.org petition asking TLC to cancel the show that so far has gathered more than 80,000 signatures. Responding to GLAAD, the network said it will tell compelling stories about different ways of life, and the four men on the hourlong show speak only for themselves.

Jeff Bennion, 44, met his wife, Tanya, more than 13 years ago after he had dated men. He told her he was attracted to men after they'd been dating for about a year and a half.

"I was devastated because I didn't know what that meant for me," said Tanya Bennion, 42. She worried that he'd cheat on her with a friend but said the couple's strong connection helped her work through her questions.

Megan Dahlgren said her marriage remains strong, including the physical aspects of their relationship. "We do have a happy, healthy sex life," she said.

Dahlgren and Bennion both said their upbringing in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was a big part of why they wanted to remain in a husband-and-wife relationship.

"I would say it was part of my decision early on, especially, and a big influencer of that," Dahlgren said. "It certainly helped guide me toward where I'm at today, no doubt about it."

Church spokesman Eric Hawkins said in a statement Tuesday that marriage is deeply personal.

"While the church does not promote marriage as a treatment method for same-sex attraction, couples who are trying to be lovingly supportive of each other while being true to their religious convictions deserve our support and respect," Hawkins said.

Jeff Bennion said he would be horrified if a parent told a gay child that they should be more like one of the men on the show.

"That's not anything that I would support or agree with," he said.

But Bennion said that he's happy with his wife and their 6-year-old son. "I can't believe how lucky I am," he said.

"My Husband's Not Gay" is not the only show about people from Utah in unusual marriages. TLC also airs the shows "Sister Wives" and "My Five Wives" about polygamous unions.

MOVIES

Feisty British comedy 'Pride' will steal your heart

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Pride" (R) Fans of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's union-busting politics may bristle at the subject matter of this lofty fact-based comedy, but the rest will stand up and cheer. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Left Behind" (PG-13) If you listen closely, you will hear a faint giggle wafting about. It's the sound of Kirk Cameron laughing because his low-budget version of this film was not only more, um, faithful to the book series, it was a far better film. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Age of Ice" (not rated) Silly catastrophe fare may have climate change believers laughing at this preposterous story. **C-**

"Antidote" (not rated) Although it's a well made, interesting take on the zombie apocalypse, it's not distinctive enough to make much of an impact. **B-**

"Beyond the Edge" (not rated) Although the re-enactments are tasteful, the actual interviews and still photos of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's ascent of Mount Everest are far more compelling. **B**

"The Equalizer" (R) Denzel Washington makes a predictable story interesting. **B-**

"Field of Lost Shoes" (PG-13) Civil War melodrama is based on a true story, but falls prey to too many modern-day movie themes to be of any merit. **C**

"Gutshot Straight" (R) Although the misogyny in the first act was off-putting, karma kicks in and the result is an inventive action film. **B-**

"Kelly & Cal" (R) You can never go wrong with a movie that Juliette Lewis — one of the planet's most underrated punk rockers — contributed songs to the soundtrack. **B+**

"Mr. Pip" (PG-13) In the history of films made about the gift of learning some special teachers bestow upon their students, this film doesn't rank at the top, but it's not far from it. **B**

"Phobia" (not rated) Another sad case of a movie's terrific DVD cover hiding a stinker of a movie. **D**

"Reach Me" (PG-13) Eclectic cast reaches for greatness, but a mediocre Elmore Leonard wannabe script prevents it from even coming close. **C**

"Sanatorium" (R) Thriller straddles the line between effective creep show a la "The Blair Witch Project" and formulaic horror schlock. **B**

"7 Assassins" (R) "Seven Samarai," which begat "The Magnificent Seven," has apparently inspired this remarkably average film, which does not live up to its number. **C+**

"Stephen King's A Good Marriage" (R) Great performance by Anthony LaPaglia and Joan Allen — where has she been? — distinguish this otherwise low-key thriller. **B**

"The Trip to Italy" (not rated) Delightful sequel to the surprising hit comedy is actually better than the original. **B+**

"Tusk" (R) Elements from "The Human Centipede," "Boxing Helena" and the wacky world of Kevin Smith converge for this dark comedy that also features an almost unrecognizable Johnny Depp (as Guy Lapointe) for a film you will either love or hate. Hint: Chances are your opinion of Smith's repertoire and those other films will be a big factor in your decision. **B**

"Two-Bit Waltz" (R) Pretentious coming-of-age fare in the tradition of "Juno" lacks the flair of Diablo Cody's writing and the directorial skills of Jason Reitman but it does have an endearing quality nonetheless. **B-**

"Welcome to the Space Show" (not rated) A bit long at 136 minutes, this quirky anime runs a gamut from lovable to confounding. **B**

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This photo released by Paramount Pictures shows, from left, foreground: Colman Domingo as Ralph Abernathy, David Oyelowo as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., André Holland as Andrew Young, and Stephan James as John Lewis in a scene from the film, "Selma," from Paramount Pictures, Pathé and Harpo Films.

Actor recalls long wait to play MLK

By Steven Rea
Tribune Content Agency

Midway through Lee Daniels' "The Butler," 2013's true-story portrait of a black man who worked at the White House under eight presidents, the character played by David Oyelowo is in a room with an actor in the role of Martin Luther King Jr.

Oyelowo's Louis Gates, the radicalized son of the titular servant played by Forest Whitaker, is talking to the civil rights leader, a champion of nonviolent protest. It's a telling moment, with King addressing the "subversive role of the black domestic" in American life.

And it was a tough scene for Oyelowo to play — not so much because of the internal conflict his character faced, but because Oyelowo had long committed to star in a film in which he was going to play King.

"It was a bit weird," said the actor, who finally can be seen as King in Ava DuVernay's searing and powerful "Selma."

"To be in a scene with Dr. King in 'The Butler' was strange because at the time we had been struggling to get this film, 'Selma,' off the ground, and hadn't managed it. And then here I am playing opposite the very character I'm supposed to have played. To be perfectly honest, it felt like a bit of a mocking situation. 'Really? I'm not going to get to play him, but I get to act opposite him?'

"So yes, it's very nice to now be able to say I did that scene — and now I've done this film."

"Selma" finds King at a pivotal moment in his life, in his quest for equality: the 1965 campaign to secure voting rights for Southern blacks; leading to the historic march through Alabama from Selma to Montgomery — a march that came in the wake of bloody protests, pitting blacks against whites, police and Ku Klux Klan against civil rights leaders, the clergy, and activists from the north. News footage of protesters being beaten by police, of women and children corralled by police dogs, shocked a nation. And DuVernay's restaging of the historic events holds a chilling resonance in a year that has seen similarly explosive protests in Ferguson, Missouri, and across the land where racial tensions have flared.

"We made this film to entertain, to inform, to highlight this incredible time in America's history," said Oyelowo, on the phone from Toronto recently. "But we also did it to honor these incredible heroes."

MOVIE REVIEWS

Annie (PG) A hard-nosed tycoon running for mayor of New York City takes in a down-on-her-luck orphan in a bid to boost his popularity in this update of the Depression-set stage and screen musical. With Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhane Wallis and Rose Byrne. Written by Will Gluck and Aline Brosh McKenna. Directed by Gluck.

Big Eyes (PG-13) A biopic about the artist Margaret Keane, whose work became popular in the 1950s and '60s while her husband took the credit, revolutionizing the commercialization of popular art along the way. With Amy Adams, Christoph Waltz, Danny Huston and Krysten Ritter. Written by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski. Directed by Tim Burton.

Big Hero 6 (PG) In this animated film, a tech prodigy enlists an inflatable robot and his friends to help save the city of San Fransokyo from a supervillain. With the voices of Scott Adsit, Ryan Potter and Daniel Henney. Written by Robert L. Baird and Daniel Gerson. Directed by Don Hall and Chris Williams. In 3-D.

Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) The defiant leader Moses rises up against the Pharaoh Ramses and leads his people out of plague-stricken Egypt toward freedom. With Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton and John Turturro. Written by Adam Cooper, Bill Collage, Jeffrey Caine and Steven Zaillian. Directed by Ridley Scott.

The Gambler (R) An English professor who moonlights as a high-stakes gambler risks everything when he borrows from a gangster while offering his own life as collateral. With Mark Wahlberg, John Goodman and Jessica Lange. Written by William Monahan. Directed by Rupert Wyatt.

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) The hobbit Bilbo Baggins and his dwarf companions battle the dragon Smaug and the forces of the dark lord Sauron. With Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage and Evangeline Lilly. Written by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, Peter Jackson and Guillermo del Toro. Directed by Jackson. In 3-D, Imax and HFR.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1 (PG-13) The reluctant revolutionary Katniss Everdeen fights to save a dear friend and lead a nation against an authoritarian regime in the opening chapter of a two-part finale. With Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth and Woody Harrelson. Written by Danny Strong and Peter Craig. Directed by Francis Lawrence.

Interstellar (PG-13) As mankind's time on Earth comes to an end, a team of astronauts travel through a wormhole in search of a new home for humanity. With Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain and Michael Caine. Written by Jonathan Nolan and Christopher Nolan. Directed by Christopher Nolan. In Imax.

Into the Woods (PG) In this adaptation of the Tony-winning musical by Stephen Sondheim, a baker and his wife who have been cursed by a witch head into a dark forest to make their deepest wishes come true, crossing paths with Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and other classic fairy-tale characters. With Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt, James Corden and Anna Kendrick. Written by James Lapine. Directed by Rob Marshall.

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) A museum security guard travels the globe on a quest to save the magic of an ancient artifact that brings history to life. With Ben Stiller, Robin Williams and Owen Wilson. Written by David Guion and Michael Handelman. Directed by Shawn Levy.

Penguins of Madagascar (PG) — A quartet of penguins team with an undercover inter-species task force to stop a villainous cephalopod. With the voices of Tom McGrath, Chris Miller, Chris Knights and Benedict Cumberbatch. Written by Michael Colton, John Aboud and Brandon Sawyer. Directed by Simon Smith and Eric Darnell. In 3-D.

Top Five (R) A comic superstar trying to reinvent himself as a serious actor — while also preparing to marry his reality-star fiancee — reluctantly agrees to an interview that forces him to confront his career and past. With Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Kevin Hart and Tracy Morgan. Written and directed by Rock.

Selma (PG-13) The first Hollywood production to put Martin Luther King Jr. front and center is a necessary film, even an essential one, with more than its share of memorable performances, especially by star David Oyelowo, and vivid, compelling sequences. But it is also inconsistent and not always as strong as its strongest moments.

Unbroken (PG-13) A biopic about Louis Zamperini, the Olympic runner turned World War II bombardier who survived in a raft for 47 days after a near-fatal plane crash in the Pacific — only to be caught by the Japanese navy and sent to a POW camp. With Jack O'Connell, Domhnall Gleeson and Miyavi. Written by Joel Coen, Ethan Coen and Richard LaGravenese. Directed by Angelina Jolie.

The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death (PG-13) During the Blitz of World War II, London schoolchildren are sent to a house in the country-side for their safety, but a dark force awakens there. With Jeremy Irvine and Helen McCrory. Written by Jon Croker. Directed by Tom Harper.

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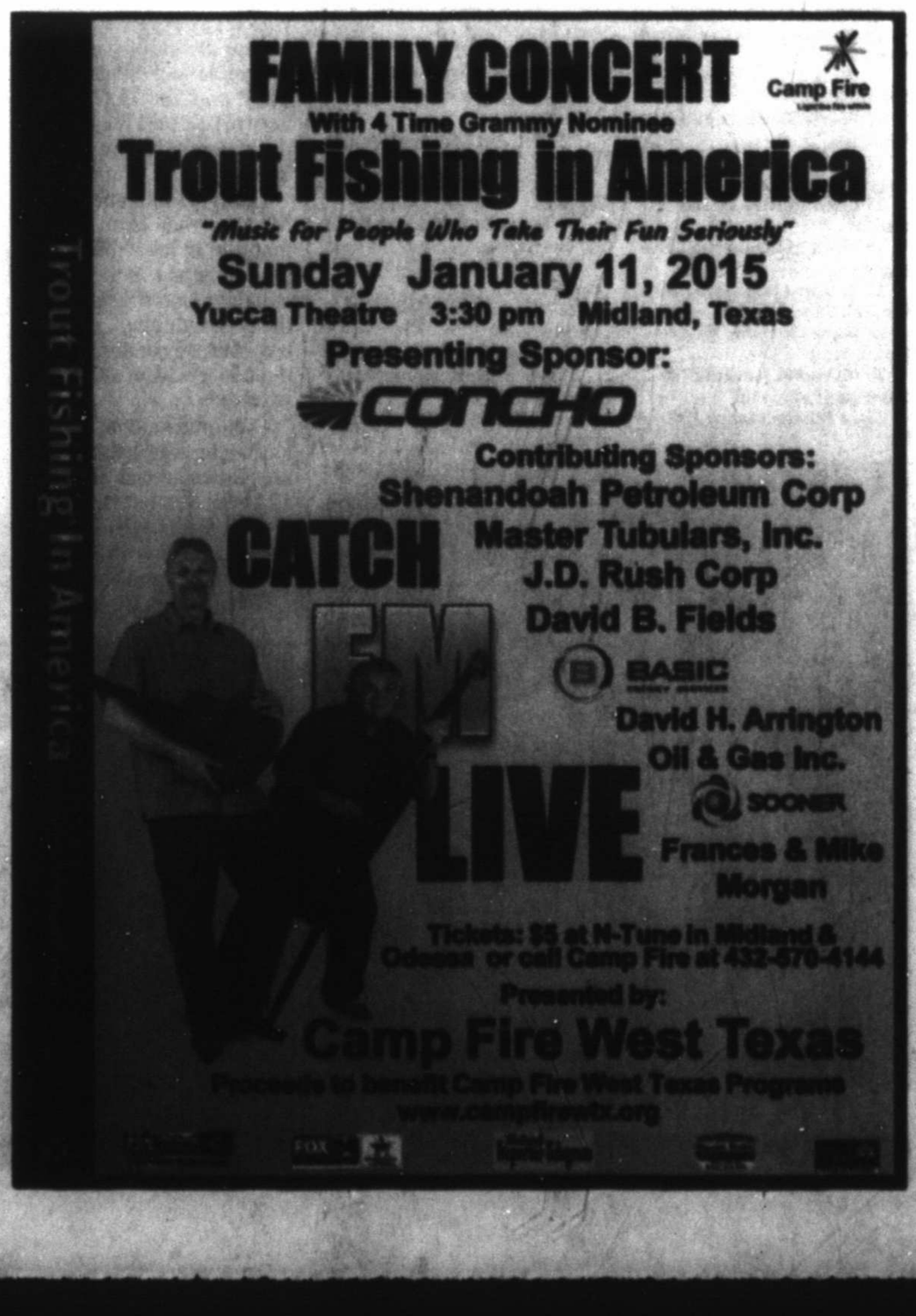

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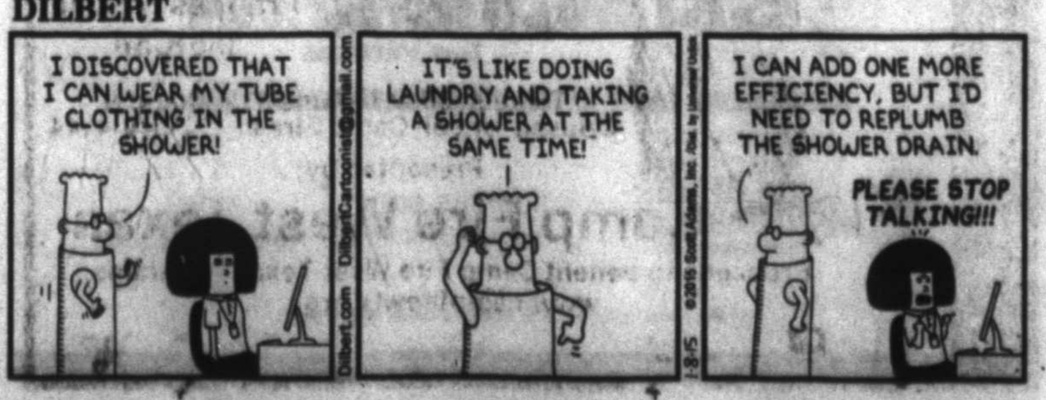

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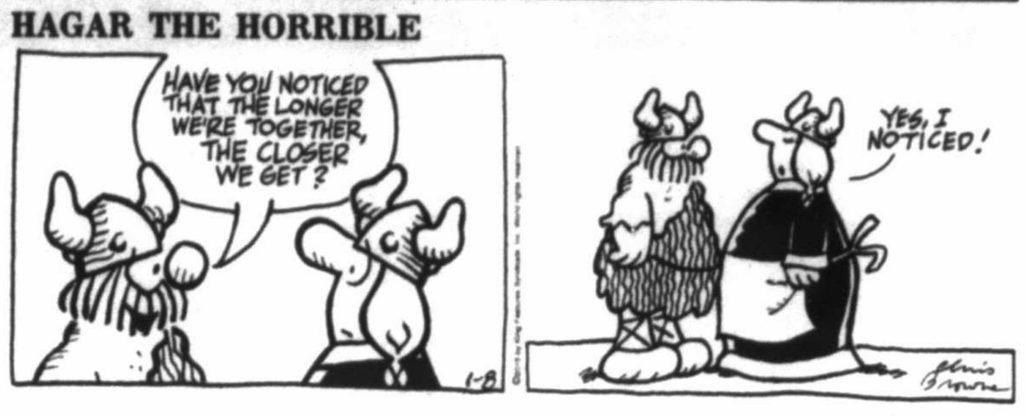

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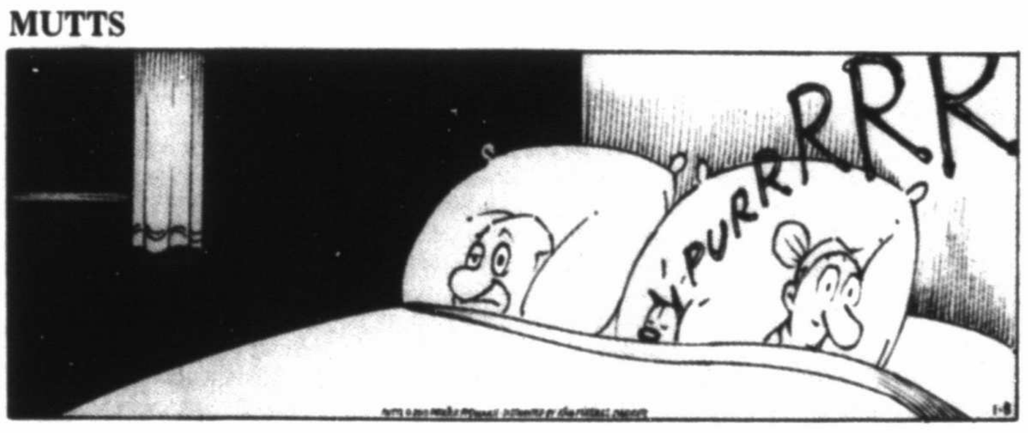

CLOSE TO HOME

Once a month, Barb sold off all the items that her kids' buddies left at her house.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'M GETTING MY OWN PHONE FOR MY BIRTHDAY."

"NOW ALL YOU NEED IS SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO TALK TO YOU."

LOCKHORNS

"LORETTA CAN'T DIVORCE ME... I HAVE TENURE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Call the tooth fairy, Mommy! I've got a job for her tonight!"

DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. 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.

ASAIN

BUSHIDO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE AND SUSHI BAR Watch chefs roll sushi and cook at teppanyaki grills or sit at the bar and watch the game. Extensive sushi menu. Grill combos with chicken, steak, seafood. More of a casual atmosphere than other teppanyaki restaurants. 4416 Briarwood Ave. 689-7900 | $$ | 4 spoons

CHINESE KITCHEN Eat-in or take-out Chinese food. Choose combination meals with one, two or three choices. 4200 W. Illinois Ave. 694-3922 | $ | 3 spoons

GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. For the not-so-confident, the restaurant offers recipe cards to guide your selections. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodge-podge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, Jello, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

HUNAN GARDEN CHINESE RESTAURANT Try the daily lunch buffet with about 10 options like sweet and sour chicken, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Building A., Space 1. 697-9818 | $ | 3 spoons

KING & I Authentic Thai food served in the heart of Midland. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. | $ | 4 spoons

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAK-HOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.myosaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons

SHOGUN RESTAURANT Japanese steakhouse that's been serving Midlanders for more than 20 years. Watch your food being cooked on the Teppan Yaki tables after you enjoy cucumber and shrimp salad and soup. Lunch prices are very reasonable, be prepared to splurge for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. 570-8888 | $$ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHINA SUPER BUFFET All-you-can-eat buffet or order from menu. Senior citizen discount and children 3 and younger eat free. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53. 684-5288 | $ | 2 spoons

ITALIAN & PIZZA

DINO'S PIZZA Hand-tossed pizza with all the toppings and other Italian favorites including calzones. 4322 Andrews Hwy, Ste B | 699-7175 | $$ | 4 spoons

LUCIANO'S Take a break from shopping for pizza, pasta, calzones or cheesecake. Luciano's serves Italian food in the Midland Park Mall food court. Try the calzone with pepperoni, ham, mozarella and ricotta cheeses or go for a piece of stuffed gourmet pizza. 4511 N. Midkiff Road | 689-2244 | $ | 4 spoons

LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT Eat by candlelight at tables covered in red and white checkered table clothes in the heart of downtown Midland. Go for the pizza snack and the antipasta salad. 111 N. Big Spring St. 683-6363 | $ | 5 spoons

MANNY'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Traditional Italian food — pasta, chicken, veal, seafood. Try the fettucini di flavia with shrimp, prosciutto, broccoli and artichokes in a creamy vodka sauce. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 684-6595 www.mannysitalianvillage.com| $$ | 5 spoons

MD PIZZA FACTORY Locally owned pizzeria with unique toppings and combinations like chicken teriyaki and Genoa pesto chicken. Lunch specials, senior and teacher discounts. 4706 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 13 682-4440 | $ | 3 spoons

MI PIACI ITALIAN Traditional Italian food restaurant in Odessa. The garlic bread and dipping sauces make it worth the drive from Midland. 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa 432-362-8060 | $$ | 4 spoons

PALIO'S Stop by during the lunch hour for a personal pizza, pasta or calzone plus a salad and drink for around $10. You'll have money left over for a cannoli or cheesecake. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. www.paliospizzacafe.com | $ | 4 spoons

PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA Order a pizza with whatever toppings you like. Papa Murphy's puts it together and you take it home and bake it. It's almost like home-cooking. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113 699-7272 www.papamurphys.com | $ | 4 spoons

PIZZERIA VENTI Small pizzeria also serves salads, soups, pasta and timpanini. Top a slice of pizza with sliced sausage and peppers or artichokes and tomatoes. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. No. 135 689-7220 www.pizzeriaventi.com | $ | 4 spoons

TORINO'S Comination pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons

VENEZIA RESTAURANT Fine dining in a beautiful atmosphere. Sit on the patio if there's room and enjoy a glass of wine, veal piccata and something from the impressive dessert table. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20 www.veneziarestaurant.info | $$$ | 4 spoons

ZUCCHI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Well-known Odessa restaurant with unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked harvarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. 1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa 550-7443 | $$ | 4 spoons

DELI

FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

HARVEST CAFFE Coffee shop atmosphere with a fireplace, couches and unique chandeliers makes you want to stay awhile. 2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite B 218-8331 www.harvestcaffe.com | $ | 4 spoons

JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

LIVING 360 ORGANICS All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Suite 21 | 262-3411 | living360organics.com | $ | 4 spoons

McALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 www.mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. 3322 North Loop 250 West 697-3354 www.smilingmoosedeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 www.swensons.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHICAGO Start with the Italian beef sandwich, add spicy or mild peppers, cheese or cheese sauce and decide if you want it dipped in au jus. You may be surprised that you can — and will — finish the whole thing. 1100 E. Illinois Ave. 682-3200 www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago | $ | 5 spoons

BURGERS & BARBECUE

BASIN BURGER HOUSE With buns made in-house and creative combinations this isn't your typical burger joint. Try the black & blue burger and follow it with the Nutella & banana milkshake.

Live music on the patio. 607 N. Colorado 687-5696 www.basinburgerhouse.com | $$ | 4 spoons

BOB'S BETTER BURGER Step back in time as you stand outside the screen window to order some of the best burgers, fries and onion rings in town. 3417 Thomason Drive 694-1561 | $ | 4 spoons

BROOKS BAR B-Q The barbecue is great but it's hard not to order the fat burger. Whatever you decide be sure to save room for pie. Order it first — the kitchen tends to run out during the lunch rush. 501 E. Texas Ave. 685-5079 | $ | 4 spoons

BURGERS FRIES AND CHERRY PIES More than 20 combinations of burgers and toppings from the standard bacon or chili to the unexpected — ever try pimento cheese on a burger? Fries get the gourmet treatment too. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 617-2327 | $ | 2 spoons

DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT Texas-based barbecue marketed as fast food. Try the pulled pork sandwich and the baked potato casserole. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 689-4500 www.dickeys.com | $ | 4 spoons

FUDDRUCKERS Choose your burger size and add whatever toppings you want. If you're feeling adventurous, try the ostrich or bison. Located inside the mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road 689-0448 |$ | 3 spoons

GRUB BURGER BAR The fast-casual College Station-based restaurant offers gourmet burger selections, milkshakes and a full bar. 4400 N. Midland Drive, Suite 500 789-1855 www.grubburgerbar.com | $ | 4 spoons

JOHNNY'S BAR B-Q & DINER Downtown barbecue joint. Try the chopped beef sandwich for lunch. Look for the pig on the roof. 316 N. Big Spring St. 683-4581 | $ | 3 spoons

HOG PIT PUB & GRUB This out-of-the-way bar and barbecue joint offers all the traditional favorites plus unexpected menu items like fried sausage. Go hungry and relish the oversized portions of Texas goodness. 7400 West County Road 116 | 561-9301 | 3 spoons

K-D'S BAR B-Q Pick your meat from the grill then add sides like potato salad, beans and peach cobbler. Try the sausage. Or the brisket. Or the chicken. It's all good. 3113 Garden City Highway 683-4013 | $ | 5 spoons

MICHAEL'S CHARCOAL GRILL Great barbecue and great burgers, including the King Kong burger. Michael's also has a great salad bar. Something for everyone. 723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030 | $ | 4 spoons

SAM'S BAR-B-QUE You can smell the smoke before you get into the parking lot at this longtime Midland establishment. Whether you go for ribs, brisket or sausage be sure to save room for the peach cobbler. 1113 E. Scharbauer Drive | 570-1082 | 3 spoons

SCOTTY'S SOUL FOOD Tucked in a hole-in-the-wall location on North Big Spring Street, Scotty's offers everything comfort food. Try the ribs or the chicken fried steak. Don't leave without a helping of cornbread. 2907 N. Big Spring St. | 695-6511 | $ | 4 spoons

TANK'S BAR-B-QUE AND CATERING Stop by Tank's for lunch and get a full plate of barbecue with all the sides to take back to the office or enjoy at a nearby picnic table. Don't skip the potato salad. 401 East Scharbauer Drive 684-0006 | $ | 4 spoons

TEXAS BURGER Fast-food burgers with more of a local — or regional feel — than the national chains. Try the jalapeno burger and spicy fries. Don't forget the ice cream. 3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177 and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838 | $ | 3 spoons

Odessa's Yana 615 closes

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

ODESSA — Yana 615, the downtown European restaurant, has closed after 21 years. Ana Sadeghzadeh decided to sell it.

Sadeghzadeh, 65, said she wants to retire and travel with her husband. She said there are some prospects who could buy the popular lunchtime restaurant, with fare that includes pork schnitzel, piroshky, crepes and fine desserts. But no deal is imminent.

"It's really bittersweet, because that's my baby," Sadeghzadeh said during a telephone call from her home in Dallas, where she would commute to oversee the restaurant.

Sadeghzadeh founded the restaurant in 1993 at 615 Sam Houston Ave. It was about 16 years after she moved to Odessa with her husband, who is now retired from Texas Instruments.

The native Croation cited her grandmother's cuisine as inspiration for Yana's, which served seasonal dishes and desserts and relied on local ingredients.

"My grandmother was a farmer — she only cooked what she had in her garden and farm, so that's how she taught me when I was young," Sadeghzadeh said, in an Odessa American profile of the business in 2013. "I grow as much as I can here and buy locally."

Sometimes customers would bring her produce, knowing she would use it.

The approach earned her longtime regular customers, like D'ann Clark, who told the OA she had been visiting for 10 years.

"I just love the food and atmosphere," Clark told the paper at the time. "It's always a nice atmosphere."

The restaurant had about 10 employees during the final day it was open, on Christmas Eve. Sadeghzadeh said business was strong during the oil boom but generally stayed that way even in slower economic times.

Some were long-tenured, like Simone See of Seminole, who told the newspaper in 2013 that she worked her way up from server to chef and then manager after seeing an ad in the newspaper and wanting a restaurant job outside of the more common chain restaurants in Odessa.

"The food is the No. 1 thing, though," See said. "Aside from a few tweaks here and there, nothing has changed and that's helped keep our regulars."

Sadeghzadeh was still fielding calls from customers Monday trying to make reservations, instead chatting with them and explaining the decision to close. The decision perplexed and saddened her employees too, she said, calling them a "wonderful group."

"I fell in love with the little house, the little dilapidated house on Sam Houston, and I thought I could do something with it," Sadeghzadeh said. "And basically it has been very good. The Permian Basin was very supportive."

Cowboys' Hitchens moving on from debated penalty

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Before he became the Dallas linebacker caught up in the critical pass interference penalty that wasn't in a wild-card win over Detroit, Anthony Hitchens was a steadily improving rookie playing a much bigger role than the Cowboys anticipated.

Nothing about that description has changed in his mind now that millions more people know who he is.

"I'm just a guy who is trying to do his job," Hitchens said. "I don't make calls. All I can do is get to the ball and do my job. That's all I can say."

Hitchens sprinted into the spotlight when he was trying to run down Brandon Pettigrew and made contact with the Lions tight end just before Matthew Stafford's pass hit Hitchens in the back and he eased up before rolling over Pettigrew as both players fell.

One official threw a flag, and referee Pete Morelli announced the penalty before another official overruled the call, saying there wasn't enough contact for interference. A day later, the NFL said there wasn't any interference, but that Hitchens should have been called for holding.

People are still talking about it, even with the Cowboys (13-4) well on their way to preparations for Sunday's division-round game at Green Bay (12-4).

"I think I did a pretty good job of closing the distance and at least trying to get my head turned around," Hitchens said. "You can always improve. Just focus on more of the negatives than the positives at that time."

The Cowboys were criticized for taking Hitchens in the fourth round out of Iowa when he projected as a later-round selection. They took him as insurance for oft-injured Sean Lee, who tore a knee ligament on the first day of offseason workouts less than a month later.

It's been a whirlwind since for Hitchens, who has started at all three linebacker spots and is third on the

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AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker Anthony Hitchens runs back an interception during a game against the Indianapolis Colts in Arlington on Dec. 21. Before he became the Dallas linebacker caught up in the critical pass interference penalty that was not in a wild-card win over Detroit, Hitchens was a steadily improving rookie playing a much bigger role than the Cowboys anticipated.

Back to the pitch

The Reporter-Telegram's 2015 High School Soccer Preview

With a smaller district, teams in the new District 3-6A will have a chance to play more non-district games to prepare for the league season.

By Len Hayward
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Alan Castillejos' first experience as a high school soccer coach came during the final season of the nine-team District 2-5A.

And it was certainly a different way to begin a career when less than two weeks into the regular season, Lee's new girls coach was having to coach in games that mattered.

Because of the size of the district and the University Interscholastic League's limits on games soccer teams can play, the non-district season was limited for soccer teams as some teams played as few as four games.

The season began on Jan. 21, which was less than two weeks from the first day the regular season could start.

As the 2015 soccer season begins today, teams in the realigned District 3-6A won't have to worry about the pressure of district games until Feb. 10. It's something that has certainly taken the load off of coaches and players this season.

The shorter district schedule, which is now 10 games instead of 16, will bring its own set of pressure and challenges. But the extra time to prepare for those games is something that coaches will gladly take.

More soccer

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"We tied four of the first six games, and there were games we should've won," said Castillejos, who will begin his second season with the Lady Rebels today at the Richland Tournament in the Metroplex. "(That extra time) makes a big difference because it allows the players to get to know each other on the field and allows the coaches to observe them."

UIL rules state soccer teams can play in two tournaments plus 15 additional games, but because District 2-5A had 16 games, teams were limited to one tournament.

Teams now have the chance to play in more tournaments, which allows them to play multiple games over a short time period, along with single non-district games.

It offers coaches one more chance to evaluate their players before the games that count begin.

"What we gain is more time to fix our wrongs," said first year Midland High girls coach Megan Lasley. "We are able to see what we need to fix. We are able to try out our new structure and foundation and program, and see some other competition."

Lee boys co-head coach Scott Hicks said the last two years they've been able to play at a tournament in Forney, which gave them at least four chances to play games before district started.

This season, the Rebels will be returning to Forney again but will also play in the President's Cup here in Midland and the Winter Cup in Wichita Falls.

"We now know we are getting 11-12 games before we start district, which is plenty for us," Hicks said. "It's thrown us into a tailspin the last few years, thinking, 'How many tournament games we have?' or 'How many scrimmages do we have?' We didn't have to worry about that this year."

Now what teams have to worry about is getting as prepared as they can for the most important games of district and the playoffs. And that's something that a young coach like Castillejos will certainly enjoy.

"When you haven't played a game together in nine months, it takes time to develop the on-field chemistry," Castillejos said. "Having that extra time on the field just helps the players gain confidence with each other."

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4 NFL hosts this weekend are combined 30-2 at home

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

DENVER — Along with great quarterbacks who all own Super Bowl rings, the four NFL teams hosting playoff games this weekend have a little something else on their side: an extraordinary home-field edge.

Seattle has the racket of Century Link. Green Bay the mystique of icy Lambeau. Denver's mile-high altitude and NASCAR offense benefit the Broncos. And the Patriots appreciate the biting winds and bitter cold of foreboding Foxborough, where that hoodie sure comes in handy.

The four host teams are a combined 30-2 at home this season; each is at least a touchdown favorite in the divisional round.

In the last decade, only two other seasons, 2005 and 2011, featured collective records that good among the four hosts who sat out wild-card weekend, according to STATS.

Interestingly, in neither of those postseasons did any of the four win it all. Sixth-seeded Pittsburgh won in '05 and the Giants won as a fourth seed to close out 2011.

This year's foursome includes the Broncos and Packers with perfect home records, but not the top seed, so the road to the Super Bowl might not even go through Denver or Green Bay.

Seattle's lone home loss was a 30-23 hiccup against Dallas during the champs' early-season stumble. The other defeat was a giveaway: New England's 19-7 loss to Buffalo in the season finale with the No. 1 seed already secured by the Patriots.

"Unnerving," is how Richard Sherman describes the sound in Seattle, which can get so loud that the Seahawks' defense has to find creative ways to make checks and calls.

Panthers tight end Greg Olsen played at Seattle with the Bears a few years ago and left with his ears ringing. He said he expects an even louder stadium Saturday night: "Playoff game, coming off a Super Bowl, I can only imagine."

Denver quit being such an intimidating place to play after John Elway retired with two rings. It's a big deal again since Manning's arrival in 2012.

"Our fans have been great ... I think they cause problems for other teams," Manning said, echoing sentiments in Massachusetts, Washington and Wisconsin. "Players just feed off that energy when you're playing at home. I think it makes a big difference."

Throw in the no-huddle and the lung-searing altitude and you can see why the Broncos are 24-3 at home with Manning, including 17-1 over the last two seasons.

"Playing up-tempo and then the altitude out here can really give a defense fits," said C.J. Anderson, who knows it's working when defensive linemen interlock their knuckles behind their head, heaving between snaps.

Indy defensive end Cory Redding argued the altitude effect is "all in your head," adding: "it's a bunch of uh, stuff." But Colts coach Chuck Pagano knows better. He grew up in Boulder, Colorado, and played at Wyoming, which is about 2,000 feet higher than Denver. So he knows how the thin air can affect teams. Still, he decided against flying into Colorado a day early.

"Yeah, we mulled it over, but we figured sticking with the routine and having a normal week was better," he said.

One of Denver's three home losses under Manning came in the playoffs two years ago when Joe Flacco heaved a tying 70-yard rainbow to Jacoby Jones in the final minute of regulation. Flacco's seven road playoff wins are the most in NFL history and includes two triumphs at Gillette Stadium, plus a 23-20 loss in which

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Florida State's Jameis Winston will enter NFL draft

By Kareem Copeland
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston announced that he is going to the NFL on the same day the woman who accused him of sexual assault filed a lawsuit against the school's board of trustees.

The 2013 Heisman Trophy winner announced his decision to forgo his final two years of eligibility and enter the 2015 draft in a statement released to ESPN by The Legacy Agency Wednesday.

Winston was the most successful quarterback in college football during the last two seasons, but also faced lengthy sexual assault investigations. He was not charged by police and was cleared by the university.

In a lawsuit filed against the school's board of trustees, the woman who accused him of sexual assault claimed the board had an unreasonable response to her accusations and created a hostile educational environment for her. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

A Florida State spokeswoman did not respond to a message left at her office. Representatives for the woman declined comment.

The Seminoles went 26-1 with Winston starting and won the 2014 national championship.

"I reached this very difficult decision after careful consideration and long thought, realizing how difficult it would be to say goodbye to my family at Florida State," Winston said. "I will always take pride in leading our team back to national prominence and am confident that my returning teammates will continue the success for many years to come."

Winston set the national freshman record with 40 touchdown passes while throwing for 4,057 yards and 10 interceptions en route to winning the title. His numbers dropped in 2013 after losing his top two running backs, two starting receivers and his starting center. Winston threw for 3,907 yards with 25 touchdowns and 18 interceptions in 2014.

Winston is expected to be one of the first quarterbacks selected, but faces questions about his off-field incidents.

NFL Media senior analyst Gil Brandt said NFL teams will find out everything they need to know about Winston's background from league security. Brandt helped build the Super Bowl-winning Dallas Cowboys as vice president of player personnel from 1960-89.

"Initially, he's going to get a

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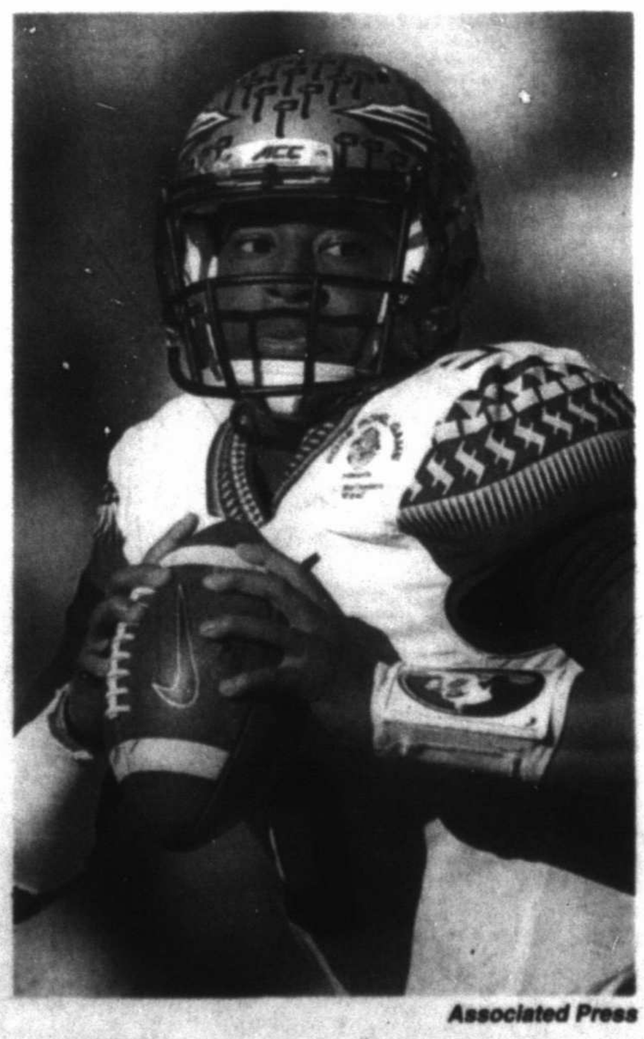

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Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston looks to throw during the first half of the Rose Bowl against Oregon on Jan. 1 in Pasadena, Calif.

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF

European PGA Tour, South African Open Championship, second round, 4:30 a.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan St. at Iowa, 6 p.m., ESPN

LSU at Missouri, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Radford at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m., ESPNU

George Mason at Richmond, 6 p.m., NBCSN

Stanford at UCLA, 8 p.m., ESPN

Memphis at SMU, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Rutgers at Nebraska, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Arizona St. at Oregon St., 8 p.m., FS1

Pepperdine at BYU, 10 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER

Copa del Rey: Sevilla at Granada, 12:55 p.m., beIN2

Copa del Rey:

Elche at Barcelona, 2:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2

NBA

Houston at New York, 7 p.m., TNT

Miami at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Dallas at Nashville, 7 p.m., FSSW

Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m., NHL

NY Rangers at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NHL

TENNIS

ATP: Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Quarterfinals, 6:30 a.m., beIN

WTA: Auckland & WTA/ATP: Brisbane, Semifinals, 7 p.m., TENNIS

WTA: Brisbane International, Semifinal 2, 4:30 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Purdue at Maryland, 5:30 p.m., BTN

Texas A&M at Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC

Mississippi at Florida, 6 p.m., FSSWP

Arizona State at Arizona, 7 p.m., P12

Nebraska at Michigan State, 7:30 p.m., BTN Vanderbilt at LSU, 8 p.m.,

SEC Arkansas at Mississippi State, 8 p.m., FSSWP

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men, UTPB at St. Edwards, 7:30 p.m.

Women, UTPB at St. Edward's, 5:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Lee at Forney Tournament

MHS at Keller Timber Creek Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

MHS at Frisco Tournament

Lee at Richland Tournament

RODEO

Sandhills Rodeo, at Ector County Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

first place votes in parentheses

Rank College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1 Vincennes University (11)	15-0	345	1
2 Northwest Florida St (4)	17-0	338	2
3 Coll. of South. Idaho (1)	18-0	325	2
4 Butler CC	15-0	307	5
5 **Hill College**	13-1	277	7
6 Hutchinson CC	13-1	260	8
6 Southwest Tennessee CC	11-1	260	9
8 Connors State	14-1	237	12
9 Eastern Florida State	17-1	231	15
10 Indian Hills CC	14-2	199	6
11 **Odessa College**	13-1	178	14
12 Mineral Area College	18-1	163	25
12 Southeastern CC	16-1	163	21
14 Cochise College	14-1	153	22
15 Salt Lake CC	15-3	139	4
16 Coffeyville CC	14-2	132	10
17 Harcum College	14-2	116	11
18 Gillette College	14-2	107	18
19 Pearl River CC	9-0	105	23
20 **Trinity Valley CC**	14-3	97	17
21 Jones County JC	8-0	84	24
22 **Lamar State College**	13-2	67	RV
23 Cloud County CC	13-2	65	13
24 South Georgia St	14-1	35	RV
25 Broward College	15-3	24	RV

NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

first place votes in parentheses

Rank College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1 Chipola College (8)	17-0	200	1
2 Hutchinson CC	14-0	192	2
3 **Trinity Valley CC**	12-1	184	3
4 Iowa Western CC	18-0	176	5
5 Northwest Florida St	15-1	168	4
6 **Odessa College**	16-2	160	8
7 Eastern Arizona	13-1	152	6
8 Seward County CC	12-1	144	7
9 **San Jacinto College**	12-2	136	12
10 **New Mexico JC**	14-1	128	13
11 Tallahassee CC	16-3	120	14
12 Snow College	15-1	112	16
13 Gulf Coast State	13-2	104	10
14 Walters State CC	14-2	96	18
15 Salt Lake CC	14-4	88	11
16 Florida St.-Jacksonville	14-4	80	15
17 Shelton State CC	17-1	72	21
18 State Fair CC	11-4	64	17
19 Northern Okla.-Enid	12-1	56	22
20 Darton State College	14-2	48	20
21 Wallace State-Hanceville	15-1	40	24
22 Western Nebraska CC	13-0	32	25
23 Mineral Area College	15-2	24	RV
24 Cowley County CC	14-1	16	RV
25 Coll. of Southern Idaho	11-7	8	19

LATE HS BBALL

Boys

SHERWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 72, ODESSA LATTER RAIN 36

Sherwood Christian — Zach Stewart 14, Jonathon Bailey 16, Taj Fleming 10, Peanut Gates 16, Jarrett Gray 12, Nate Stewart 4

Latter Rain — Luis Montana 6, Tony Clark 2, Ty Lewis 17, Tyrek Perkins 11

SCA	19	26	11	16—72
Latter Rain	10	8	12	6—36

Free throws — SCA 20-29, OLR 5-18. 3-point goals — SCA 3 (Bailey, Fleming 2). Total fouls — SCA 16, OLR 22. Fouled out — OLR, Montana, Clark, JD Halford. Technical fouls — SCA, Christian Greer, OLR, Montana, Lewis, Halford, bench

Next game: SCA at Stephenville Faith, Friday; Faith Triumphant at Latter Rain, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Designated C Dan Butler for assignment. Agreed to terms with LHP Craig Breslow on a one-year contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with INF Nick Punto on a minor league contract. Named Robby Hammock manager of Mobile (SL), J.R. House manager of Visalia (Cal), Mark Grudzielanek manager of Kane County (MWL), Shelley Duncan manager of Hillsboro (NWL), Joe Mather manager of Missoula (Pioneer) and Mike Benjamin manager of the AZL Diamondbacks.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Grilli on a two-year contract and LHP Josh Outman and C A.J. Pierzynski on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHP Bobby Parnell on a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Johnson on a one-year contract. Designated INF-OF Jake Goebbert for assignment.

American Association

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Released RHPs Tobin Mateychick and Hayden Shirley and INF Brian Myrow.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF Ben Bostick and LHP Kyle Anderson.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Acquired C Timofey Mozgov from Denver for two protected 2015 first-round draft picks.

MIAMI HEAT — Recalled G Shabazz Napier from Sioux Falls (NBADL).

NEW YORK KNICKS — Released Fs Lou Amundson and Lance Thomas and C Alex Kirk. Signed G Langston Galloway to a 10-day contract.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Waived G-F Glen Rice Jr.

CYCLING

USA CYCLING — Named Andy Sparks director of track programs, Mark Guthart technical director, Laura Ryan national events manager, Cynthia Weisinger race director certification manager, Steve Bitter digital and social media manager and Daniel Gillespie sponsorship and member benefits manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Announced assistant general manager Scott Pioli will take on pro and college scouting and will report to general manager Thomas Dimitroff.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed LB Austin Spitler to a future contract.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed TE Mike McNeill to a future contract.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed C Taylor Boggs to a future contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed C Braxston Cave to a future contract.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed DT Xavier Proctor, DE Roy Philon, DB Nate Hess, LB Jerrell Harris, TEs Jordan Thompson and Emil Igwenagu and WRs Andrew Peacock and Skye Dawson to future contracts.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DB DeMarcus Van Dyke to a future contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Fired defensive coordinator Perry Fewell and secondary/cornerbacks coach Peter Giunta.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed DE Kerry Hyder to a future contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed DEs Alejandro Villanueva and Joe Kruger and LB Howard Jones to future contracts.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed QB Brad Sorensen and DB Aaron Hester to future contracts.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed DT Jordan Hill on injured reserve. Signed S Steven Terrell from the practice squad and DT Jimmy Staten to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed NT Chigbo Anunoby to a future contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Florida F Vincent Trocheck and Detroit F Gustav Nyquist $2,000 for diving/embellishment.

CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned Fs Markus Granlund and D Corey Potter to Adirondack (AHL). Activated C Mikael Backlund and D Ladislav Šmid from injured reserve.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Named Peter Horachek interim coach.

American Hockey League

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Signed F Tyler Brown to a professional tryout agreement.

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Recalled F Patrick Cehlin from Cincinnati (ECHL).

PORTLAND PIRATES — Reassigned F Greg Carey to Gwinnett (ECHL).

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Josh McFadden from Cincinnati (ECHL).

OLYMPIC SPORTS

USA TABLE TENNIS — Named Richard Finn national media and marketing consultant.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY — Signed M Steven Gerrard, effective July.

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Fired coach Mike Petke. Named Jesse Marsch coach.

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Re-signed F Gaston Fernandez.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed F Jacob Peterson.

COLLEGE

DOANE — Named Amanda Mason women's soccer coach.

FLORIDA — Announced men's basketball F Schuyler Rimmer has transferred from Stanford. Suspended C Jon Horford and G Zach Hodskins for conduct detrimental to the basketball team.

FLORIDA STATE — Sophomore QB Jameis Winston announced he will enter the NFL draft.

GEORGIA — Named Brian Schottenheimer offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

KANSAS — Named Zach Yenser run game coordinator/offensive line coach.

NEBRASKA — Named Reggie Davis running backs coach, Hank Hughes defensive line coach, Danny Langsdorf offensive coordinator and Charlton Warren secondary coach.

SOUTHERN CAL — Announced women's freshman basketball G Sadie Edwards has transferred from Connecticut.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	42	28	12	4	56	138	110
Montreal	40	26	12	2	54	110	93
Detroit	40	21	10	9	51	113	101
Boston	41	20	15	6	46	107	110
Toronto	41	21	17	3	45	132	128
Florida	37	17	11	9	43	87	97
Ottawa	39	16	15	8	40	103	107
Buffalo	41	14	24	3	31	78	140

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	40	24	10	6	54	120	97
N.Y. Islanders	40	26	13	1	53	123	112
Washington	39	21	11	7	49	118	101
N.Y. Rangers	36	21	11	4	46	113	90
Columbus	38	18	17	3	39	100	121
Philadelphia	40	15	18	7	37	108	121
New Jersey	42	15	20	7	37	94	118
Carolina	40	12	24	4	28	79	105

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	39	26	9	4	56	119	90
Chicago	40	26	12	2	54	124	87
St. Louis	40	24	13	3	51	124	99
Winnipeg	40	20	13	7	47	103	96
Dallas	39	18	15	6	42	121	128
Minnesota	38	18	15	5	41	107	110
Colorado	40	16	16	8	40	103	117

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	41	26	9	6	58	115	110
Vancouver	38	23	12	3	49	112	100
San Jose	41	22	14	5	49	113	108
Los Angeles	40	19	12	9	47	112	103
Calgary	40	21	16	3	45	115	105
Arizona	39	15	20	4	34	92	130
Edmonton	41	9	23	9	27	90	139

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

Wednesday's Scores

Washington 6, Toronto 2
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Detroit at Calgary, late
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 6 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Florida at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

MCBASKETBALLCAPSULES

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WJCAC Women

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	2	0	16	2
Midland College	2	0	11	6
New Mexico JC	1	0	14	1
South Plains	1	0	4	9
Western Texas	0	1	8	6
Howard College	0	1	5	10
Frank Phillips	0	2	12	3
Clarendon College	0	2	9	6

Today's Games

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

WJCAC Men

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	2	0	14	1
South Plains	1	0	11	3
Howard College	1	0	10	4
Frank Phillips	1	1	12	4
Western Texas	1	1	10	4
Midland College	1	1	11	5
New Mexico Military	1	1	7	5
New Mexico JC	0	2	11	4
Clarendon College	0	2	3	12

Today's Games

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

Women

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Borger Community Activity Center, Borger

Records: Midland College 11-6, 2-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 12-3, 0-2

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 83, Clarendon College 58 (Dec. 6); Odessa College 79, Frank Phillips College 55 (Dec. 6)

Notes & quotes: Midland College returns to WJCAC play for the first time in over a month. ...The Lady Chaparrals are coming off a 1-1 Arizona road trip in which they lost to Mesa CC (61-51), the defending NJCAA Division II champion, and then defeated Scottsdale CC (82-50) behind Tajanay Veiga's double-double of 26 points and 12 rebounds. ...MC coach Ron Jones said with only WJCAC games and the postseason remaining on the schedule, it should be easier for the team to keep its focus. "I'm looking forward to seeing how much we can improve, so hopefully we can be a very consistent team by the end of the year," Jones said. ... Frank Phillips lost its first two conference games but Jones said the Lady Plainsmen have gotten deeper and more talented the last two seasons. Jones said the keys for his team will be the same as in any other road game, and that is to rebound, take care of the ball and have the opponent work on taking quality shots. ... Jones said freshman G and Midland Christian grad Morgan Ashton (calves, wrist) is expected to be out another 2-3 weeks but added that there were no other injury concerns for his team.

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Frank Phillips College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

Men

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Borger Community Activity Center, Borger

Records: Midland College 11-5, 1-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 12-4, 1-1

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 104, Clarendon 69 (Dec. 6); Odessa College 70, Frank Phillips College 68 (Dec. 6)

Notes & quotes: Midland College returns to WJCAC action tonight after more than a month. ...MC has been playing .500 ball since mid November, including a 2-2 road trip to Arizona recently. The Chaparrals went 1-2 at the Fiesta Bowl Shootout with losses to Central Arizona (85-77) and Williston State (106-92) and a win against No. 15 Salt Lake City CC (100-89). The Chaps ended the road trip with a 95-88 overtime win at Glendale CC.... MC coach Jordan Dreiling is excited to get back into conference play as his team is finally healthy. "We're going to try to extend the floor more, play a little faster, and hopefully defend better," Dreiling said. "Arizona was a great trip for us. The downside was that we had many games and not enough practices and we need those practices. There was a little confusion, as far as roles, but we've gotten that ironed out in the last three days. We just need to go to Borger and give it our best." ... Dreiling said the Plainsmen are a talented team with strong guard play. FPC defeated a strong New Mexico JC team in Borger and lost to nationally-ranked Odessa College on the road in the final seconds during early WJCAC play. "This is a game that people have us not winning, so we need go in as the underdogs and use that as motivation," Dreiling said. ...He said while certain players have stepped up at times, Dreiling added that it's going to be important for his team to show more consistency on both ends of the court.

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 4 p.m. (CST) Saturday; Frank Phillips at Howard College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

Selden sends No. 12 Kansas to win over No. 21 Baylor

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

No. 12 Kansas	**56**
No. 21 Baylor	55

WACO — Wayne Selden made three consecutive baskets when No. 12 Kansas needed them most, and the Jayhawks held on for a 56-55 victory over No. 21 Baylor on Wednesday night to win their 24th consecutive conference opener.

Selden was 1-for-6 shooting before scoring seven points in a row, including a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2:17 left that put the Jayhawks (12-2, 1-0 Big 12) ahead to stay.

A jumper by Selden with 2:59 left tied the game, and he added a layup with 1:19 to go.

Jamari Traylor had 13 points for Kansas before fouling out with more than five minutes left. Brannen Greene scored 12, including two free throws with 6.3 seconds remaining.

Kenny Chery led Baylor (11-3, 0-2) with 25 points.

Kansas hasn't lost a conference opener since January 1991, when the Jayhawks were still in the Big Eight.

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Women

NO. 16 OK STATE 66 TEXAS TECH 35

STILLWATER, Okla. — Brittney Martin scored 18 points with 11 rebounds and Roshunda Johnson added 14 points with four steals as No. 16 Oklahoma State lowered the boom on Texas Tech 66-35 in the Big 12 opener for both teams on Wednesday night.

The Cowgirls (11-2, 1-1) led 36-14 at halftime and outscored Texas Tech 14-2 in the paint, 8-0 on fast breaks, and scored 21 points off 18 Lady Raiders turnovers. Liz Donohoe added 10 points for the Cowgirls.

NO. 3 TEXAS 61 WEST VIRGINIA 55

AUSTIN — Nneka Enemkpali had 11 points and 12 rebounds, and No. 3 Texas stayed unbeaten with a tough 61-55 win over West Virginia on Wednesday night.

The Longhorns (13-0, 2-0 Big 12) are off to their best start since the 1985-86 team went undefeated and won the school's lone national championship.

Four other players scored at least eight points for the Longhorns, who had a 14-point lead cut to four and had to withstand a second-half burst from Bria Holmes, the preseason Big 12 player of the year.

Holmes scored 22 for West Virginia (10-4, 0-2), which won a share of the Big 12 title last season but is off to a rough start, with No. 5 Baylor up next.

Enemkpali had her seventh consecutive double-double, breaking her school record of six.

Texas extended its strong start as the Longhorns, one of the traditional powers in women's basketball, have re-emerged as a force this season after a decade of middle-of-the-pack finishes in the Big 12.

Texas began the season as the favorite to win the league title and hasn't disappointed behind the standout play of Enemkpali, the Big 12 rebounding leader. The Longhorns have won their first two Big 12 games for the first time since 2003-04, when they won their last Big 12 title.

Associated Press

Baylor guard Kenny Chery loses control of the dribble as Kansas's Frank Mason III, rear, and Perry Ellis defend in the first half of the game on Wednesday in Waco.

Men

KANSAS STATE 58 TCU 53

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Marcus Foster scored 23 points off the bench and Kansas State took advantage of some cold shooting by TCU for a 58-53 victory Wednesday night that snapped a three-game losing streak.

Kansas State led most of the way, but TCU was still within 48-44 with 1:14 left when Nino Williams was fouled near midcourt. The senior forward was hurt on the play, and Foster was picked to shoot the free throws, calmly draining both to extend the Wildcats' lead.

Kyan Anderson missed a jumper at the other end, and the ball wound up in the hands of Foster, who had been benched the past two games. He made two more foul shots to put the game away.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Oral Roberts 69, IUPUI 61, OT
Texas-Pan American 87, Our Lady of the Lake 78

SOUTH

Brevard 81, Tusculum 79
Bryan 85, Tenn. Wesleyan 74
Campbellsville 84, Asbury 60
Carver Bible 101, Selma 93
E. Illinois 64, Tennessee St. 57
Florida 72, South Carolina 68
Guilford 66, Roanoke 64
Hampden-Sydney 59, Randolph 57
Kentucky Wesleyan 97, Oakland City 61
Limestone 77, Belmont Abbey 67
Lincoln Memorial 73, Anderson (SC) 54
Mount Olive 82, Southern Wesleyan 68
Newberry 109, Catawba 98
Randolph-Macon 63, Bridgewater (Va.) 45
Syracuse 46, Georgia Tech 45
Temple 64, Tulane 56
Thomas More 73, Bethany (WV) 65
Union (Ky.) 63, Bluefield St. 57
VCU 71, Davidson 65
Virginia 61, NC State 51

Top 25 Fared
WEDNESDAY

1. Kentucky (14-0) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
2. Duke (14-0) beat Wake Forest 73-65. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.
3. Virginia (14-0) beat N.C. State 61-51. Next: at No. 13 Notre Dame, Saturday.
4. Wisconsin (15-1) beat Purdue 62-55. Next: at Rutgers, Sunday.
5. Louisville (14-1) beat Clemson 58-52. Next: at No. 18 North Carolina, Saturday.
6. Gonzaga (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
7. Arizona (13-1) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.
8. Villanova (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
9. Utah (13-2) beat Colorado 74-49. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday, Jan. 15.
10. Texas (12-3) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
11. Maryland (14-2) lost to Illinois 64-57. Next: at Purdue, Saturday.
12. Kansas (12-2) beat No. 21 Baylor 56-55. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
13. Notre Dame (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Virginia, Saturday.
14. West Virginia (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Iowa State, Saturday.
15. Wichita State (13-2) beat Bradley 63-43. Next: at Loyola of Chicago, Sunday.
16. Oklahoma (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
17. Iowa State (11-2) did not play. Next: at No. 14 West Virginia, Saturday.
18. North Carolina (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Louisville, Saturday.
19. Seton Hall (12-3) lost to Xavier 69-58. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
20. VCU (12-3) beat Davidson 71-65. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Saturday.
21. Baylor (11-3) lost to No. 12 Kansas 56-55. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
22. Ohio State (13-3) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
23. Arkansas (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
24. St. John's (11-4) did not play. Next: at Providence, Wednesday.
25. Old Dominion (12-1) did not play. Next: at Marshall, Thursday.

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Southern Miss. at UTSA, 7 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Texas-Arlington, 7:15 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Arkansas St., 7:30 p.m.
UALR at Texas St., 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at SMU, 8 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at UTEP, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

W. Carolina at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Mercer at ETSU, 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at Furman, 6 p.m.
Radford at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern at High Point, 6 p.m.
Northeastern at James Madison, 6 p.m.
Old Dominion at Marshall, 6 p.m.
George Mason at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Samford at The Citadel, 6 p.m.
Liberty at UNC Asheville, 6 p.m.
Delaware at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
VMI at Wofford, 6 p.m.
Longwood at Coastal Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Hofstra at Coll. of Charleston, 6:30 p.m.
Winthrop at Presbyterian, 6:30 p.m.
William & Mary at Elon, 7 p.m.
FIU at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
FAU at UAB, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at W. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Appalachian St. at South Alabama, 7:05 p.m.
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:15 p.m.
Murray St. at Tennessee Tech, 7:30 p.m.
E. Kentucky at UT-Martin, 7:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at Jacksonville St., 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

San Francisco at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.
Portland St. at N. Colorado, 8 p.m.
Arizona St. at Oregon St., 8 p.m.
Stanford at UCLA, 8 p.m.
Montana at Weber St., 8 p.m.
Montana St. at Idaho St., 8:05 p.m.
Santa Clara at Portland, 9 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.
Arizona at Oregon, 9:30 p.m.
Long Beach St. at UC Irvine, 9:30 p.m.
Pepperdine at BYU, 10 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at San Diego, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

Denver at IPFW, 6 p.m.
Michigan St. at Iowa, 6 p.m.
LSU at Missouri, 6 p.m.
Wright St. at Youngstown St., 6 p.m.
Oakland at Cleveland St., 6:30 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at Nebraska-Omaha, 7 p.m.
Sacramento St. at North Dakota, 7 p.m.
Ill.-Chicago at Valparaiso, 7:05 p.m.
Morehead St. at SE Missouri, 7:30 p.m.
Rutgers at Nebraska, 8 p.m.

EAST

St. Francis (Pa.) at Bryant, 6 p.m.
Howard at Cornell, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (NY) at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
Sacred Heart at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Canisius at Marist, 6 p.m.
CCSU at Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m.
Brown at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Niagara at Siena, 6 p.m.
Dayton at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
Drexel at Towson, 6 p.m.
Robert Morris at Wagner, 6 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Cincinnati 76, Houston 73, 2OT
Oklahoma St. 66, Texas Tech 35
TCU 86, Iowa St. 84
Tarleton St. 81, Angelo St. 71
Texas 61, West Virginia 55
Texas Woman's 57, Texas A&M-Kingsville 43

SOUTH

Anderson (SC) 82, Lincoln Memorial 78
Barton 84, North Greenville 69
Dayton 67, Davidson 51
E. Mennonite 55, Guilford 42
Furman 74, SC-Upstate 59
Limestone 68, Belmont Abbey 63
Loyola NO 68, Xavier (NO) 55
Memphis 70, UCF 66
Newberry 64, Catawba 60
North Georgia 63, GRU Augusta 60, OT
Northwestern St. 61, Abilene Christian 56
Pikeville 92, Milligan 70
Randoph 55, Shenandoah 52
Southern Wesleyan 65, Mount Olive 49
Tenn. Wesleyan 75, Bryan 58
Thomas More 94, Bethany (WV) 45
Transylvania 89, Hanover 81
Tulane 76, East Carolina 63
Tusculum 82, Brevard 72
Union (Ky.) 54, Bluefield St. 50
Washington (Md.) 65, Dickinson 47

Top 25 Fared
WEDNESDAY

1. South Carolina (14-0) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
2. UConn (13-1) beat Tulsa 98-60. Next: at SMU, Sunday.
3. Texas (12-0) vs. West Virginia. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
4. Notre Dame (14-1) did not play. Next: at Miami, Thursday.
5. Baylor (13-1) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
6. Louisville (14-1) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Sunday.
7. Tennessee (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Texas A&M, Thursday.
8. North Carolina (14-1) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
9. Texas A&M (14-2) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Tennessee, Thursday.
10. Kentucky (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
11. Oregon State (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Friday.
12. Maryland (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
13. Duke (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Syracuse, Thursday.
14. Mississippi State (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
15. Stanford (10-4) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
16. Oklahoma State (10-2) vs. Texas Tech. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
17. Iowa (11-2) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
18. Arizona State (13-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Thursday.
19. Nebraska (10-3) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday.
20. Georgia (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Thursday.
21. Syracuse (10-4) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Duke, Thursday.
22. Princeton (16-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pennsylvania, Saturday.
23. Minnesota (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Maryland, Sunday.
24. Rutgers (11-4) beat Michigan 81-68. Next: at Penn State, Saturday.
25. Western Kentucky (12-2) did not play. Next: at Charlotte, Thursday.

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Louisiana-Monroe at UT Arlington, 5 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Arkansas St., 5:05 p.m.
UALR at Texas St., 5:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Incarnate Word, 6 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
South Dakota at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.
Lamar at Texas A&M-CC, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Liberty at Coastal Carolina, 4 p.m.
Radford at Presbyterian, 4 p.m.
Middle Tennesse at FIU, 5 p.m.
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Appalachian St. at South Alabama, 5:05 p.m.
Syracuse at Duke, 5:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at Jacksonville St., 5:30 p.m.
Purdue at Maryland, 5:30 p.m.
Murray St. at Tennessee Tech, 5:30 p.m.
E. Kentucky at UT Martin, 5:30 p.m.
South Carolina at Alabama, 6 p.m.
High Point at Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.
W. Kentucky at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Florida St. at Clemson, 6 p.m.
Mississippi at Florida, 6 p.m.
UAB at FAU, 6 p.m.
Missouri at Georgia, 6 p.m.
Auburn at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Notre Dame at Miami, 6 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Nicholls St., 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at N.C. State, 6 p.m.
Marshall at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.
UTSA at Southern Miss., 6 p.m.
Texas A&M at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Wake Forest at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at VCU, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Winthrop, 6 p.m.
UTEP at Louisiana Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.
Vanderbilt at LSU, 8 p.m.
Arkansas at Mississippi St., 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Arizona St. at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Omaha at Denver, 8 p.m.
Weber St. at Montana, 8 p.m.
Idaho St. at Montana St., 8 p.m.
Hawaii at Cal Poly, 9 p.m.
UC Riverside at Cal St. Fullerton, 9 p.m.
UC Davis at CS Northridge, 9 p.m.
UC Irvine at Long Beach St., 9 p.m.
BYU at Loyola Marymount, 9 p.m.
San Diego at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
N. Colorado at Portland St., 9 p.m.
North Dakota at Sacramento St., 9 p.m.
Gonzaga at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Portland at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

Valparaiso at Cleveland St., 4 p.m.
Morehead St. at SE Missouri, 5 p.m.
Ohio St. at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Evansville, 7 p.m.
Iowa at Illinois, 7 p.m.
Youngstown St. at Ill.-Chicago, 7 p.m.
IUPUI at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Nebraska at Michigan St., 7:30 p.m.

EAST

UMBC at UMass-Lowell, 10 a.m.
Monmouth (N.J.) at Rider, 11 a.m.
Georgia Tech at Boston College, 6 p.m.
George Mason at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
Fordham at La Salle, 6 p.m.
North Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Augustin scores 26, leads Pistons past Mavericks

Associated Press

Pistons	108
Mavericks	95

DALLAS — D.J. Augustin scored 17 of his season-high 26 points in the fourth quarter and the Detroit Pistons won their seventh straight game, 108-95 over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

The Pistons have the NBA's longest current winning streak. They were 5-23 before starting the streak Dec. 26.

Dallas also had entered the game with a six-game winning streak.

The Mavericks, who did not lead in the game, pulled within 81-77 8:10 to play. Augustin then made two 3-point shots to increase the lead to 10 points. He did not start, and played only 22 minutes.

Greg Monroe led the Pistons with 27 points and had 18 rebounds. Brandon Jennings added 14 points, and Jodie Meeks had 11. Andre Drummond had a game-high 19 rebounds for Detroit, which outrebounded the Mavericks 60-43.

Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki scored 19 points, while Monta Ellis had 16, Chandler Parsons 15 and Devin Harris 14.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 105
CAVALIERS 93

CLEVELAND — James Harden scored 21 points, Dwight Howard had 17 points and 19 rebounds, and the Houston Rockets roared past Cleveland in the fourth quarter for a 105-93 win Wednesday night over the Cavaliers, who played their sixth straight game without LeBron James.

The Rockets broke away with a 15-5 run in the fourth and handed the Cavs their seventh loss in nine games. Corey Brewer made a pair of 3-pointers and scored eight consecutive points in Houston's spree.

Kyrie Irving scored a season-high 38 and Kevin Love added 17 points and 16 rebounds for the Cavs, who lost their fourth straight at home. J.R. Smith didn't score in 19 minutes in his Cleveland debut. The unpredictable guard was acquired earlier in the week from the Knicks along with guard Iman Shumpert.

Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks guard Devin Harris battles Detroit Pistons guards Brandon Jennings and Jodie Meeks, right, for space during the second half of the game on Wednesday in Dallas.

CELTICS 89
NETS 81

NEW YORK — Avery Bradley scored 21 points, and the Boston Celtics snapped a three-game losing streak with an 89-81 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Wednesday night.

Tyler Zeller added 18 points for the Celtics, who won for just the second time in nine games by outplaying the Nets over the final three quarters after a slow start. They trailed by 11 in the first half but gradually pulled away after halftime despite shooting under 40 percent for the game.

Joe Johnson scored 17 points for the Nets, who dropped their third in a row and fell to 16-19. Mason Plumlee had 16 points and 12 rebounds but shot just 6 for 11 at the free-throw line.

HORNETS 98
PELICANS 94

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 31 points, including a game-winning 11-foot jumper off the glass with 1.4 seconds left to lift the Charlotte Hornets to a 98-94 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Wednesday night.

With the game tied, Walker drove the right side of the lane and appeared to struggle getting the shot off after Jrue Holiday hit him on the arm, but he muscled the shot in. Walker added the free throw for the 3-point play.

The Pelicans had one last chance to tie, but Marvin Williams stole the inbounds pass at halfcourt and was fouled. He sank one of two shots to seal the victory.

The Hornets have counted on Walker with Al Jefferson and Lance Stephenson out with injuries, and he's stepped up to the challenge with three straight 30-point games.

Charlotte has won three straight without their star center.

Anthony Davis had 32 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks to lead the Pelicans, who fell below .500.

BUCKS 97
76ERS 77

PHILADELPHIA — Brandon Knight and Khris Middleton scored 18 points apiece, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat Philadelphia 76ers 97-77 on Wednesday night.

The Bucks (19-18) shot 53.9 percent from the field in their fifth consecutive road win. Zaza Pachulia had 11 points and 12 rebounds, and reserve O.J. Mayo added 15 points.

HAWKS 96
GRIZZLIES 86

ATLANTA — Jeff Teague scored 25 points and the Atlanta Hawks beat the Memphis Grizzlies 96-86 on Wednesday night to contique their strong play against Western Conference teams.

The Hawks, who have won six straight overall, have a nine-game winning streak against teams from the West. Atlanta has won 20 of 22 and has the best record in the Eastern Conference.

Teague helped the Hawks take control with a 10-0 run following an 84-all tie. Al Horford, who had 12 points, started the run with a jumper. Teague and Kyle Korver followed with 3-pointers and Teague added another basket for a 94-84 lead.

Mike Conley led Memphis with 17 points. Marc Gasol had 16.

Korver had 14 points and Pero Antic added 13 for Atlanta.

Each team began the night with its best start in franchise history. This is the latest in the season the Hawks (27-8) have led the Eastern Conference since the 1993-94 season.

BULLS 97
JAZZ 77

CHICAGO — Derrick Favors had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Utah Jazz used a strong defensive effort to beat the Chicago Bulls 97-77 on Wednesday night.

The Jazz held the Bulls to a season-low point total on just 28-of-84 (33.3 percent) shooting. The Bulls were averaging 103.1 points.

Gordon Hayward had 18 points for Utah (13-23), and Trey Burke scored 17. Seven of the Jazz's wins have come on the road.

WIZARDS 101
KNICKS 91

WASHINGTON — The New York Knicks' deconstruction project hit a new low Wednesday night with a 101-91 loss to the Washington Wizards, setting a record for longest in-season losing streak in the proud franchise's 69-year history.

The defeat was the Knicks' 13th in a row, surpassing the mark set at the end of the 1984-85 season, and their 23rd in 24 games.

NBA BOX SCORES AND STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	10	.706	—
Brooklyn	16	19	.457	8½
Boston	12	21	.364	11½
Philadelphia	5	29	.147	19
New York	5	33	.132	21

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	27	8	.771	—
Washington	24	11	.686	3
Miami	15	20	.429	12
Orlando	13	24	.351	15
Charlotte	13	24	.351	15

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	11	.694	—
Cleveland	19	17	.528	6
Milwaukee	19	18	.514	6½
Indiana	14	22	.389	11
Detroit	12	23	.343	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	25	10	.714	—
Dallas	26	11	.703	—
Houston	24	11	.686	1
San Antonio	21	15	.583	4½
New Orleans	17	18	.486	8

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	27	8	.771	—
Oklahoma City	17	18	.486	10
Denver	15	20	.429	12
Utah	13	23	.361	14½
Minnesota	5	28	.152	21

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	27	5	.844	—
L.A. Clippers	23	12	.657	5½
Phoenix	21	16	.568	8½
Sacramento	14	20	.412	14
L.A. Lakers	11	24	.314	17½

Wednesday's Scores

Milwaukee 97, Philadelphia 77
Washington 101, New York 91
Charlotte 98, New Orleans 94
Houston 105, Cleveland 93
Atlanta 96, Memphis 86
Boston 89, Brooklyn 81
Utah 97, Chicago 77
Detroit 108, Dallas 95
Orlando at Denver, late
Phoenix at Minnesota, late
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, late
Indiana at Golden State, late
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at New York, 7 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

PISTONS 108, MAVERICKS 95

DETROIT (108): Singler 2-8 0-0 4, Monroe 11-16 5-5 27, Drummond 3-11 0-0 6, Jennings 7-18 0-0 14, Caldwell-Pope 3-6 1-2 8, Butler 1-4 0-0 3, Jerebko 3-6 0-0 6, Meeks 3-11 2-2 11, Augustin 9-16 4-5 26, Tolliver 1-1 0-0 3, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-97 12-14 108.

DALLAS (95): Parsons 5-13 3-3 15, Nowitzki 8-19 3-4 19, Chandler 4-5 1-2 9, Rondo 3-7 0-0 6, Ellis 6-17 4-6 16, Harris 5-8 2-3 14, Villanueva 3-8 0-0 6, Smith 1-3 0-0 2, Jefferson 1-4 0-0 3, Barea 1-2 0-0 2, Aminu 1-1 0-0 3, Powell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-87 13-18 95.

Detroit	31	23	20	34	—	108
Dallas	26	23	19	27	—	95

3-Point Goals—Detroit 10-21 (Augustin 4-5, Meeks 3-5, Tolliver 1-1, Caldwell-Pope 1-2, Butler 1-3, Jennings 0-2, Singler 0-3), Dallas 6-22 (Harris 2-3, Parsons 2-5, Aminu 1-1, Jefferson 1-2, Nowitzki 0-3, Ellis 0-4, Villanueva 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 65 (Drummond 19), Dallas 45 (Chandler 15). Assists—Detroit 22 (Monroe, Jennings 6), Dallas 24 (Rondo 8). Total Fouls—Detroit 17, Dallas 15. Technicals—Augustin, Drummond, Parsons. A—20,279 (19,200).

ROCKETS 105, CAVALIERS 93

HOUSTON (105): Ariza 5-13 0-0 13, Motiejunas 5-10 0-0 10, Howard 6-13 5-11 17, Beverley 3-10 0-0 7, Harden 6-18 7-7 21, Jo.Smith 7-10 1-4 16, Brewer 4-8 2-2 12, Terry 2-3 0-0 6, Papanikolaou 1-1 0-0 3, Canaan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 15-24 105.

CLEVELAND (93): Miller 2-4 0-0 5, Love 7-19 3-6 17, Thompson 2-7 7-7 11, Irving 15-26 4-4 38, Dellavedova 3-8 1-2 9, Haywood 1-1 0-0 2, J. Smith 0-5 0-0 0, Marion 1-6 0-0 2, Harris 1-2 0-0 3, J.Jones 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 34-82 15-19 93.

Houston	26	23	24	32	—	105
Cleveland	23	25	26	15	—	93

3-Point Goals—Houston 12-34 (Ariza 3-10, Terry 2-3, Brewer 2-3, Harden 2-7, Papanikolaou 1-1, Jo.Smith 1-2, Beverley 1-7, Motiejunas 0-1), Cleveland 10-29 (Irving 4-8, J.Jones 2-4, Dellavedova 2-5, Miller 1-2, Harris 1-2, Marion 0-1, Love 0-3, J. Smith 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 61 (Howard 19), Cleveland 47 (Love 16). Assists—Houston 26 (Harden 9), Cleveland 16 (Dellavedova 5). Total Fouls—Houston 22, Cleveland 18. A—20,562 (20,562).

CELTICS 89, NETS 81

BOSTON (89): Green 4-11 0-0 8, Sullinger 1-7 0-0 2, Zeller 7-14 4-4 18, Turner 3-9 0-0 6, Bradley 7-12 4-4 21, Olynyk 3-6 0-0 6, Smart 3-5 0-0 8, Bass 3-8 3-6 9, Crowder 2-7 2-2 6, Thornton 2-7 1-1 5. Totals 35-88 14-17 89.

BROOKLYN (81): Johnson 7-16 2-2 17, Garnett 4-9 2-2 10, Plumlee 5-11 6-11 16, Jack 7-13 0-0 15, Karasev 1-4 3-4 5, Teletovic 2-4 1-2 6, Anderson 1-5 2-2 4, Lopez 2-7 2-3 6, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Bogdanovic 0-2 0-0 0, Morris 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 30-74 18-26 81.

Boston	19	21	29	20	—	89
Brooklyn	25	14	23	19	—	81

3-Point Goals—Boston 5-18 (Bradley 3-5, Smart 2-4, Thornton 0-1, Sullinger 0-1, Turner 0-2, Olynyk 0-2, Green 0-3), Brooklyn 3-14 (Teletovic 1-1, Jack 1-2, Johnson 1-7, Karasev 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Bogdanovic 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 47 (Turner 8), Brooklyn 61 (Plumlee 12). Assists—Boston 22 (Turner 7), Brooklyn 18 (Jack 4). Total Fouls—Boston 26, Brooklyn 18. A—16,005 (17,732).

HORNETS 98, PELICANS 94

NEW ORLEANS (94): Evans 4-11 2-4 10, Davis 15-24 2-2 32, Asik 1-3 4-6 6, Holiday 6-13 2-4 16, Gordon 5-13 1-2 14, Anderson 2-8 2-2 6, Cunningham 1-3 0-0 2, Fredette 1-4 2-2 5, Ajinca 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 36-80 16-24 94.

CHARLOTTE (98): Kidd-Gilchrist 4-10 5-5 13, Zeller 4-9 0-0 8, Biyombo 1-1 1-2 3, Walker 12-24 6-8 31, Henderson 7-17 2-2 16, Williams 1-5 1-2 3, Neal 2-8 0-0 5, Hairston 0-2 0-0 0, Maxiell 3-5 3-5 9, Roberts 3-5 2-2 10. Totals 37-86 20-26 98.

New Orleans	27	21	22	24	—	94
Charlotte	20	21	26	31	—	98

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 6-18 (Gordon 3-7, Holiday 2-4, Fredette 1-2, Anderson 0-2, Evans 0-3), Charlotte 4-14 (Roberts 2-3, Walker 1-3, Neal 1-4, Hairston 0-2, Williams 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 55 (Davis 12), Charlotte 52 (Kidd-Gilchrist 12). Assists—New Orleans 19 (Holiday 9), Charlotte 18 (Henderson 6). Total Fouls—New Orleans 20, Charlotte 18. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second. A—15,171 (19,077).

HAWKS 96, GRIZZLIES 86

MEMPHIS (86): Allen 4-8 0-0 8, Stokes 0-0 0-0 0, Gasol 6-12 4-4 16, Conley 7-15 1-1 17, Lee 3-9 2-2 9, Leuer 2-4 0-0 4, Prince 5-11 2-2 12, Carter 2-5 0-0 5, Koufos 2-3 0-0 4, Udrih 1-4 2-2 4, Pondexter 0-1 0-0 0, Calathes 3-7 0-0 7. Totals 35-79 11-11 86.

ATLANTA (96): Carroll 2-7 0-0 5, Millsap 2-9 7-8 11, Horford 5-15 2-2 12, Teague 9-14 4-4 25, Korver 5-10 0-0 14, Antic 4-5 2-2 13, Sefolosha 1-3 2-3 4, Schroder 1-4 2-4 4, Scott 3-5 0-0 8, Bazemore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-72 19-23 96.

Memphis	19	25	15	27	—	86
Atlanta	23	26	21	26	—	96

3-Point Goals—Memphis 5-17 (Conley 2-5, Lee 1-3, Calathes 1-4, Carter 1-4, Prince 0-1), Atlanta 13-25 (Korver 4-9, Teague 3-4, Antic 3-4, Scott 2-2, Carroll 1-4, Millsap 0-1, Schroder 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 46 (Conley 9), Atlanta 42 (Millsap 9). Assists—Memphis 20 (Conley 6), Atlanta 21 (Teague 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 21, Atlanta 15. Technicals—Carter. A—17,126 (18,729).

JAZZ 97, BULLS 77

UTAH (97): Hayward 6-14 6-7 18, Favors 8-15 4-4 20, Gobert 5-8 1-2 11, Burke 6-13 3-4 17, Ingles 3-8 0-0 7, Exum 1-3 0-0 2, Booker 5-10 4-5 15, Millsap 1-3 0-2 2, Clark 0-1 0-0 0, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 2-2 0-0 5, Novak 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-78 18-24 97.

CHICAGO (77): Butler 5-13 4-5 16, Gasol 5-13 2-2 13, Noah 0-3 1-2 1, Rose 3-15 1-2 7, Hinrich 0-5 0-0 0, Gibson 6-10 3-4 15, Brooks 3-11 4-4 12, Mirotic 1-7 0-0 2, Snell 2-3 0-0 5, Moore 1-2 0-0 2, Bairstow 1-1 0-0 2, Mohammed 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 28-84 15-20 77.

Utah	22	14	27	34	—	97
Chicago	16	16	19	26	—	77

3-Point Goals—Utah 5-16 (Burke 2-4, Booker 1-1, Williams 1-1, Ingles 1-3, Millsap 0-1, Exum 0-2, Hayward 0-4), Chicago 6-20 (Butler 2-4, Brooks 2-5, Gasol 1-1, Snell 1-1, Rose 0-1, Moore 0-1, Hinrich 0-3, Mirotic 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 55 (Gobert 14), Chicago 53 (Butler 11). Assists—Utah 21 (Hayward 5), Chicago 17 (Noah, Butler 3). Total Fouls—Utah 20, Chicago 20. A—21,379 (20,917).

WIZARDS 101, KNICKS 91

NEW YORK (91): Hardaway Jr. 3-10 1-1 7, Acy 2-6 0-0 4, Aldrich 5-11 1-2 11, Calderon 7-14 1-1 17, Prigioni 1-3 0-0 3, Smith 3-8 7-10 13, Larkin 4-8 0-0 10, Early 3-5 0-0 8, Galloway 2-8 2-2 7, Wear 4-7 0-0 11. Totals 34-82 12-16 91.

WASHINGTON (101): Porter 3-6 0-0 6, Nene 8-13 4-6 20, Gortat 5-9 2-4 12, Wall 5-9 7-9 18, Beal 4-10 0-0 12, Humphries 3-8 0-0 6, Butler 6-11 0-0 14, Seraphin 2-5 0-0 4, Webster 1-3 2-2 5, Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Blair 1-1 0-0 2, Temple 0-0 0-0 0, Gooden 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-76 15-21 101.

New York	21	20	26	24	—	91
Washington	30	23	24	24	—	101

3-Point Goals—New York 11-26 (Wear 3-5, Early 2-3, Larkin 2-4, Calderon 2-5, Galloway 1-2, Prigioni 1-2, Smith 0-1, Acy 0-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-3), Washington 8-16 (Beal 4-6, Butler 2-4, Wall 1-1, Webster 1-2, Nene 0-1, Porter 0-2). Fouled Out—Smith. Rebounds—New York 45 (Acy 8), Washington 50 (Gortat 11). Assists—New York 18 (Galloway, Prigioni, Hardaway Jr., Calderon 3), Washington 28 (Wall 8). Total Fouls—New York 22, Washington 13. Technicals—Nene. A—16,902 (20,308).

SOCCERCAPSULES

COMPILED BY LEN HAYWARD

Boys

LEE

Co-Coaches: Scott Hicks and Dusty Payne

2014 record: 15-6-3, 9-4-3 (30 points) tied for 3rd in District 2-5A

Playoffs in 2014: Lost to El Paso Eastwood, 3-0, in Class 5A bi-district

Key returners: Nate Ortiz, Jr. (2nd team all-district); Leo Barba, Jr. (honorable mention all-district); Tre Sanchez, Jr. (honorable mention all-district)

Hicks on the 2015 Rebels: "We do have experience and I expect these guys to play hard, and I expect them to be right in the middle of things, competing for a chance to play in the postseason. We lost valuable players last year, no doubt about it, but we've got some good experience coming back."

What to expect in 2015: The Rebels earned one of the four playoff spots in District 2-5A last year, and will return a number of key players from that team. The Rebels did lose returning starter Alan Avila to a knee injury the second day of practice this season, which will hurt the team early on. But players such as Ortiz and Barba are part of a solid nucleus that has experience winning games during the district season. Expect the Rebels to again rely on their athleticism this season, and in the smaller district could be back fighting for a district title. Hicks said that senior Micah Peterson, the son of Odessa Permian girls soccer coach Chad Peterson, will play in goal this season, which was a position that was somewhat in flux for the Rebels in 2014.

MIDLAND HIGH

Coach: Warren Cottle

2014 record: 12-5-3, 10-3-3 (33 points), 2nd in District 2-5A

Playoffs in 2014: Lost to El Paso El Dorado, 2-1, in shootout in Class 5A bi-district

Key returners: Allan Aguilar, Jr. (honorable mention all-district); Alex VonHolle, Jr. (2-5A Midfielder MVP); Homer Vasquez, Jr. (first team all-district)

Cottle on the 2015 Bulldogs: "They are a confident, good group of kids and there is a lot of good things happening with this bunch. We are an exciting, attacking team and should be fun to watch. The way they are playing and putting things together, it's a fun group to coach. They move the ball extremely well, are pretty quick and the speed of play is pretty decent."

What to expect in 2015: The Bulldogs have a roster that has plenty of experience returning, plus a number of newcomers that could help this team compete for a district title. Midland High was four points shy of winning the 2-5A title a year ago, and just missed getting over the El Paso playoff hump by losing in a shootout to El Paso El Dorado. Cottle, who is in his eighth year at Midland High, said the team has a confidence that give it an edge. VonHolle helped to anchor the middle for MHS, while Vasquez is an electric player that can make things happen. Aguilar is a steady player, while Quinten Dickson (second team all-district) returns to man the goal. The Bulldogs will be in the hunt for a district title, it's a just a matter of how consistent they can be this season.

Girls

LEE

Coach: Alan Castillejos

2014 record: 6-8-6, 4-7-5 (17 points), tied for 6th in District 2-5A

Playoffs in 2014: Did not qualify

Key returners: Shelby Corbitt, Jr. (first-team all-district); Chaselyn Richardson, Sr. (second-team all-district); Jessy Luna, So. (honorable mention all-district); Candace Stark, Sr.

Castillejos on the 2015 Lady Rebels: "After one year, I've definitely gained a lot of experience, both on and off the field. I know the team and that was one thing going into last year, and that was a lot more difficult as a first-year coach. This year you get to know the players."

What to expect in 2015: The first year in the Castillejos era certainly had some ups and downs for the Lady Rebels. But for much of the District 2-5A season, the Rebels were competitive. Among Lee's late season wins was a 1-0 victory against district champion Odessa Permian. Castillejos said it's a win that his team has used as motivation for this season. Corbitt returns this season and was the lone first team selection from the Lady Rebels on the 2-5A All-District squad, and will help anchor the back for Lee this season. Richardson won solid in the midfield both as a defender and a scorer, while Luna returns to also play in the midfield after a solid freshman campaign. The Lady Rebels have enough experience returning this season to compete for a playoff spot, but the key for the team will be how much confidence it has when taking on district leaders such as Midland High, Odessa High and Odessa Permian.

MIDLAND HIGH

Coach: Megan Lasley

2014 record: 12-6-4, 10-2-4 (34 points), 2nd in District 2-5A

Playoffs in 2014: Beat El Paso Coronado, 2-1, in Class 5A bi-district; lost to Keller Central, 4-3, in area round

Key returners: Hope Barnett, Sr. (2-5A Defensive MVP), Sara Krisa, Sr. (first-team all-district); Adrienne Almodova, Jr. (first-team all-district); Sara Torres, Sr. (first-team all-district); Sammi Garibay, Sr. (first-team all-district)

Lasley on the 2015 Lady Bulldogs: "We have a great group of girls and the transition was smooth as ever. The foundation of the program was there, all it was making sure was that I had the final say so. A lot has not changed, and them knowing me as a head coach that wasn't really a big change."

What to expect in 2015: Lasley steps into a job that has been in flux over the last five years, but she also doesn't take over a program with the cupboard bare. This year's Lady Bulldogs squad, which won its first playoff game since 2012 last spring, has nine players returning that earned some type of all-district honor from a year ago. It's a deep roster that should again contend for a district title in the new District 3-6A. Barnett helps to anchor a stout backline, while Krisa is good both as a defender and attacker in the midfield. Almodova is in her third year playing on the varsity, and has certainly made her presence felt in her first two seasons on the team. The Lady Bulldogs will also be helped by the return of senior Shelby Shelton. Shelton has not played a full season for Midland High since her freshman year in 2012, which was the same year she scored the game winner in a playoff win over Arlington Martin. Shelton's return helps to bolster a stout front line that also includes Torres. Other players such as Garibay, Lujan and Burdsal help to add to a deep team. Expect the Lady Bulldogs to be in the district title hunt.

Pre-season Nuggets

District may change, but it's still tough

The new District 3-6A may be smaller but the same teams that were successful in the old District 2-5A will likely be at the top of the district's boys and girls tables this season.

On the girls side, six of the top seven teams are in the new District 3-6A, including defending district champion Odessa Permian. Also, other playoff teams Midland High, Odessa High and San Angelo Central will be in the district.

"We still have the four best teams in the district, and that leaves us out and right now we know we are going to have to fight," Lee coach Alan Castillejos said.

On the boys side, Midland High and Lee were two of the four playoff teams, but Midland High boys coach Warren Cottle said the district will be competitive.

"The top teams are still the top teams," Cottle said. "(Amarillo) Tascosa was a darkhorse, but it will be the same powerhouses you've always had. There is a not weak sister in the group, and all the teams have an incredible amount of pedigree and history in their programs."

No spring break soccer

One of the things that soccer coaches have had to deal with through the years is spring break happening right in the middle of the district season.

This season, though, the District 2-5A schedule will take a hiatus during spring break.

Teams will play games on the Monday and Tuesday of spring break, but then will be off until March 21. It's a move that coaches have been wanting, even though it might hurt with a team's consistency.

Lee boys coach Scott Hicks said, though, the time off allows players to participate in things that they have had planned for months.

"Every coach in our district has had to battle spring break," Hicks said. "We were having to threaten to kick kids off teams, and parents and especially senior kids, had trips planned for a year. We've built in a nice period of time for our kids to get a break and go on those trips and do those things that parents and kids want to do, and the coaches want to do."

District points format

The district will return to a points system that was similar to the one used two years ago for district games, and will also include penalty kick shootouts if the game is tied at regulation.

There will be no overtime in between the end of regulation and the shootout, which is used during the playoffs, but the format is similar to what District 3-5A used during the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

A team will receive three points for a regulation victory, two points for a shootout victory and one point for a shootout loss.

SOCCER ROSTERS

2015 REBELS ROSTER

Name	Class
Carlos Aranda	Jr
Alan Avila	Sr
Leo Barba	Jr
Mac Barden	So
Nathan Bowden	So
Hayden Connor	Sr
Colten Cox	Sr
Ricky Dominguez	Sr
Sawyer Foulds	Sr
Alejandro Gil	Sr
Nick Gil	Sr
Fernando Lopez	Sr
Nate Ortiz	Jr
Micah Peterson	Sr
Sebastian Ramos	Jr
Jose Rojas	Jr
Tre Sanchez	Jr
Mark Serrano	Jr
Dedrick Strambler	Jr
Tristen Telescs	Sr
Donovan Valdez	Sr

2015 BULLDOGS ROSTER

No.	Player	Class
1	Pedro Cereceres	So
2	Brody Sherman	Sr
3	Martin Orpinel	Jr
4	Alexis Mendoza	Jr
5	Jamie Marquez	Jr
6	Gus Ramirez	Sr
7	Alex VonHolle	Jr
9	Nathan Beji	Jr
10	Francisco Rodriguez	Sr
11	Homero Vazquez	Jr
12	Isaac Venegas	Sr
13	Thomas Kendrick	So
14	Hugo Torres Lopez	Sr
15	Christopher Hagist	Sr
16	Ezuiqueil Franco	Jr
17	Gramm Garmon	Sr
18	Cristian Fuentes	Jr
19	Christopher Erwin	Sr
21	Allan Aguilar	Jr
22	Brooks Ferguson	So
28	Marco Salas	Sr
99	Quentin Dickson	Jr

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No.	Name	Class
0	Taylor Evans	Sr
00	Cheyenne Pearce	Jr
1	Hadley Connor	So
2	Amanda Maltos	Jr
3	Valerie Zubia	Jr
5	Marina Silva	Sr
6	Chaselyn Richardson	Sr
7	Jessy Zubia	Jr
8	Gabrielle Granado	Fr
9	Andrea Ganthner	Jr
10	Jessy Luna	So
11	Brianna Herrera	Jr
12	Andrea Olivas	So
14	Candace Stark	Sr
16	Shelby Corbitt	Sr
17	Rachel Pitchford	Jr
20	Abigail Baeza	So
23	Destany Rodriguez	So

2015 LADY BULLDOGS ROSTER

No	Name	Class
1	Caitlyn Terebessy	Sr
2	Sammy Garibay	Sr
3	Hope Barnett	Sr
4	Autumn Mast	Jr
5	Kylie VonHolle	Fr
6	Sarah Moody	So
8	Hayden Burdsal	Jr
9	Danessa Sanchez	Jr
10	Lyndsey Vargas	So
11	Sara Torres	Sr
12	Marli Martin	So
13	Kaitlyn Jonas	So
14	Sofia Torres	Fr
15	Jaime Lujan	Jr
16	Cally Farrington	Sr
17	Sarah Krisa	Sr
18	Shelby Shelton	Sr
19	Sami Barr	Sr
21	Ariel Ramirez	Jr
22	Claudia Fricker	So
23	Adrienne Almodova	Jr

SOCCER SCHEDULES

2015 REBELS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 8-10	Forney Tournament	
Jan. 15-17	President's Cup	
Jan. 22-24	Wichita Falls Winter Cup	
Feb. 10	at Odessa Permian*	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	at San Angelo Central*	2 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Odessa High*	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	Midland High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	Abilene High*	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	Odessa Permian*	2 p.m.
March 3	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
March 7	Odessa High*	2 p.m.
March 9	Midland High*	7:30 p.m.
March 21	Abilene High*	2 p.m.

All home games at Grande Communications Stadium

* Denotes District 3-6A game

2015 BULLDOGS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 8-10	Keller Timber Creek Tournament	
Jan. 13	at Wolfforth Frenship	5 p.m.
Jan. 15-17	President's Cup	
Jan. 22-24	Wichita Falls Winter Cup	
Feb. 3	Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Odessa Permian*	2 p.m.
Feb. 17	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Lee*	2 p.m.
Feb. 24	Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Abilene High*	2 p.m.
March 3	at Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
March 7	at San Angelo Central*	2 p.m.
March 9	Lee*	7:30 p.m.
March 21	at Odessa High*	2 p.m.

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2015 LADY REBELS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 8-10	Richland Tournament	
Jan. 22-24	Richardson Tournament	
Feb. 6	at San Angelo Lake View	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Odessa Permian*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at San Angelo Central*	Noon
Feb. 17	at Odessa High*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Midland High*	Noon
Feb. 24	at Abilene High*	5 p.m.
Feb. 28	Odessa Permian*	Noon
March 3	San Angelo Central*	5:30 p.m.
March 7	Odessa High*	Noon
March 10	Midland High*	5:30 p.m.
March 21	Abilene High*	Noon

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2015 LADY BULLDOGS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 8-10	Frisco Tournament	
Jan. 15-17	Forney Tournament	
Jan. 23	at Abilene Cooper	5 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Kennedale	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Lubbock High	5 p.m.
Jan. 31	Odessa High Tournament	
Feb. 10	Abilene High	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Odessa Permian	Noon
Feb. 17	San Angelo Central	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Lee	Noon
Feb. 24	Odessa High	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Abilene High	Noon
March 3	at Odessa Permian	5:30 p.m.
March 7	at San Angelo Central	Noon
March 10	Lee	5:30 p.m.
March 21	at Odessa High	Noon

All home games at Grande Communications Stadium

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Rodgers sits out Packers practice

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers didn't practice Wednesday because of a lingering left calf injury. The quarterback left no doubt about his plans for Sunday when the Green Bay Packers host the Dallas Cowboys.

"No, I'm going Sunday," Rodgers said. "Just a matter of how."

Missing practice was part of the plan for Rodgers, who has dealt with the injury for about three weeks. While the Packers practiced inside the frigid Hutson Center training facility, Rodgers stayed exclusively in the training room for treatment.

He hopes that occasional acupuncture will also help, along with the valuable rest that the Packers received for earning a bye for the opening round of the playoffs. It's possible Rodgers could also wear a wrap to further protect his lower left leg.

There is progress, though "it's never enough for Aaron," coach Mike McCarthy said. "But I think the training staff feels good about it and we feel confident in the direction we're going."

Rodgers at less than 100 percent health is still better than most other quarterbacks. Two weeks ago against Detroit, Rodgers had to be carted to the locker room after aggravating the calf injury.

He limped back on to the field in the middle of the third quarter, throwing for one score and tumbling in from 1 yard for another to help lead the Packers to victory and a fourth straight NFC North crown.

Rodgers is such a stickler for preparation that no one in the locker room doubts the team's leader can play well without practice.

"We would definitely love to be able to have that preparation, but health is the most important thing for him at this time. You've got to trust the system," receiver Randall Cobb said.

The injury, though, has limited Rodgers' mobility the last two weeks, which in turn has affected his trademark ability to extend plays. That mobility has bailed out the Packers in potentially troublesome situations time and again in Rodgers' seven years as starter.

The rest of the Packers have promised they will help pick up any slack.

In the passing game, that means an offensive line that has been playing well might need to hold blocks longer to protect Rodgers in what would have otherwise been a scrambling situation.

Receivers who must be prepared in order to earn Rodgers' trust and targets must be even sharper on the field.

"Just making sure you're creating more separation and just doing everything you can to make sure you're running your route as well as possible, make it less (stressful for) him," rookie wideout Davante Adams said.

Rodgers didn't roll out much the last two games after getting hurt. The Packers lined him up in shotgun formations much of the time, even on running plays. Rodgers still displayed his typically accurate arm in making quick-strike tosses on slants and other short routes.

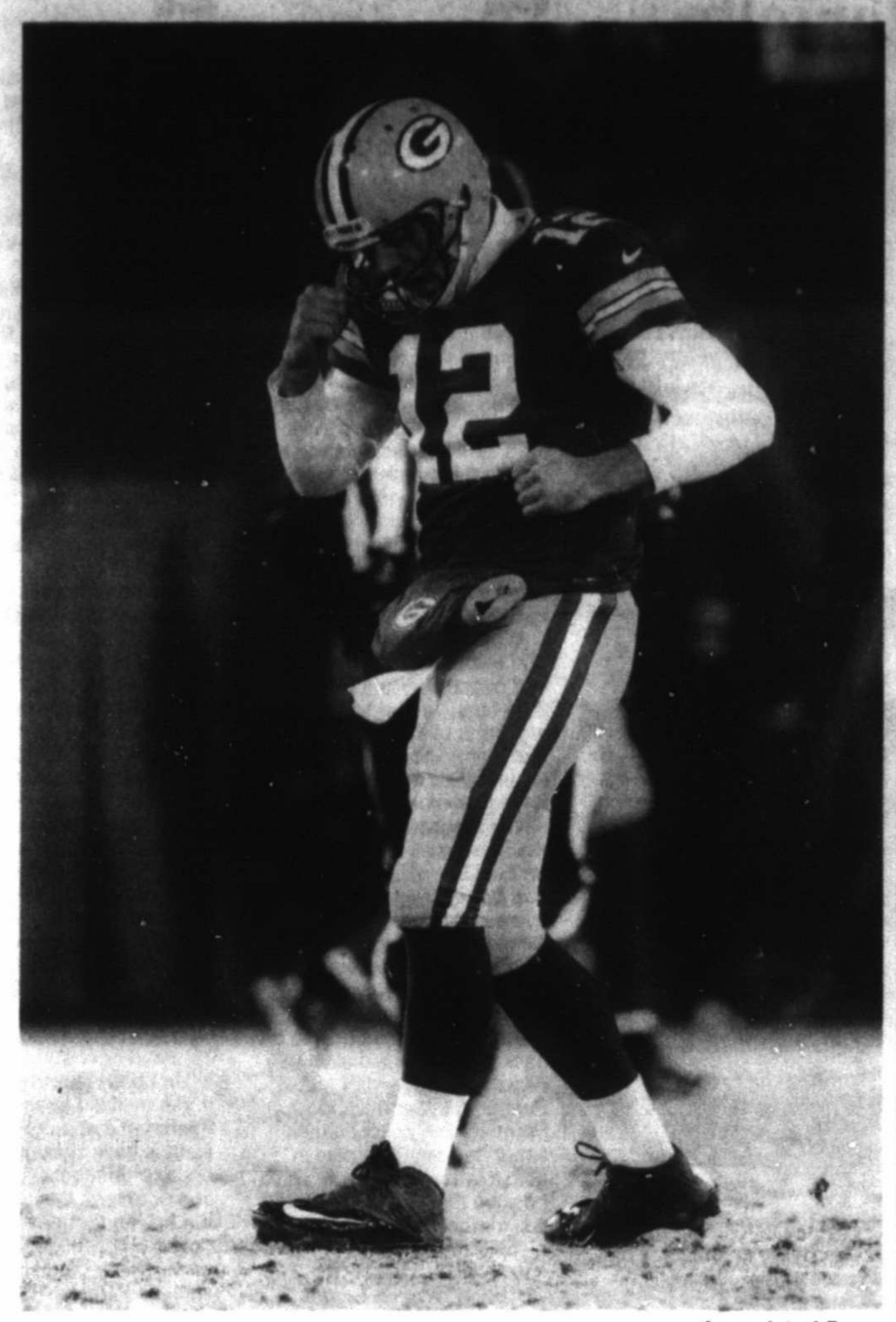
In the win against Tampa Bay, Rodgers used "no-look" passes to try to take advantage when the defense was in zone coverage.

"Look at the No. 3 receiver and throw it to No. 2. Did that a few times against Tampa, and the reaction from the defender is always fun," Rodgers said. "It's just a matter of manipulating defenders with your eye control."

And even with the sore calf, don't forget that Rodgers still called for a quarterback sneak against Detroit that led to a 1-yard score.

"Well you never know when he's going to extend. He may be limited with mobility right now, but you look at last week, or the week before in Detroit, he still moved around," Cobb said. "We stress week in and week out, regardless what's going on back at quarterback (to be able) to create separation at the line of scrimmage and get open on your routes."

NOTES: DT Josh Boyd (knee) and TE Brandon Bostick (illness) also missed practice. CB Davon House (shoulder) was limited, along with OL Josh Sitton for a lingering toe injury. ... McCarthy kept the doors open at the indoor practice field to let in the arctic air. "You didn't like it?" he joked to a reporter. "It was 22 degrees inside, so that's about what we're looking for at game time."



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The Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers celebrates a touchdown pass to Randall Cobb during the second half of the game against the Detroit Lions on Dec. 28 in Green Bay, Wis.

Unsung Cowboys defensive standout Jethro Pugh dead

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Jethro Pugh played alongside Hall of Famers Bob Lilly and Randy White in a long career as a defensive tackle for the Dallas Cowboys, which may explain why he was among the most unsung Super Bowl winners in the franchise's storied history.

Pugh, who played in the first four Super Bowls for Dallas and was part of a "Doomsday Defense" that won two of them, died Wednesday. He was 70.

The team said Pugh died of natural causes four days before the Cowboys were to play their first postseason game in Green Bay since the famous Ice Bowl in 1967. Pugh and Lilly were side-by-side in sub-zero temperatures in a 21-17 Dallas loss that sent the Packers to a second straight title at the start of the Super Bowl era with a victory over Oakland.

"He was a terribly unsung person among that bunch of great players he had," said Gil Brandt, who was the personnel director when the Cowboys drafted Pugh in the 11th round in 1965.

Pugh was the first Dallas player to lead the team in sacks five straight seasons (1968-72). DeMarcus Ware, the franchise sacks leader, was the only other to do it. Pugh is fifth on the team's career list with 99 1/2 sacks.

Brandt said Pugh was a 20-year-old graduate of Elizabeth City State in North Carolina when Dallas drafted him. He became a starter the year of the Ice Bowl and started his five-year streak of leading the team in sacks a year later.

Pugh played on Dallas teams that beat Miami and Denver in the Super Bowl after the 1971 and 1977 seasons. He was on teams that lost to Baltimore and Pittsburgh.

The final season for Pugh was 1978, when he played in 13 regular-season games but missed the playoffs, including a loss to Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl.

"He would have been a top 10-type player in the draft today," Brandt said. "He was big, long arms, very athletic, very fast. Just a great competitor. Smart. He was well beyond his years."

Pugh never made the Pro Bowl in 14 seasons, while teammates Lilly, White, Mel Renfro, Cliff Harris and Chuck Howley combined for 42 all-star appearances. Pugh was second-team All-Pro in 1968.

After football, Pugh had a successful career as a businessman through a company that runs airport concessions.

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Billy Cundiff missed a short field goal at the end.

Flacco doesn't get all the fuss over the home field.

"It's tough to tell people why you're not intimidated," Flacco said. "I think it's kind of funny that people would be intimidated at any point in any game against anybody. It's just not in our nature. We've played in a lot of big football games and this is no (different)."

So the Ravens will, as usual, swagger into their opponent's stadium Saturday.

"I look around all the time at the crowd when you first come out of the tunnel," Ravens receiver Torrey Smith said. "I like the boos. I like to see all of what's going on, see what kind of tradition they have. ... You would love to be home. But playing away, just the challenge of trying to quiet down the crowd is something that you love as a competitor."

The Cowboys take an 8-0 road record into Lambeau Field in their first playoff game at Green Bay since losing the Ice Bowl in 1967. Never has an 8-0 road team played an 8-0 host in the postseason.

"I would say it's like a frozen mystique, if you could say that, just because it's hard to play in the cold," Packers DB Jarrett Bush said. "It's a different discomfort out there on the field, rather than being in Miami or Tampa, somewhere it's really hot. The cold is totally different. Totally different ballgame."

Of more concern for the Cowboys than the cold is Aaron Rodgers, who has thrown 418 times and 36 consecutive TD passes at home without an interception, both NFL records. He hasn't been picked off at Lambeau Field since Dec. 2, 2012.

But the Cowboys might be better off away from AT&T Stadium, anyway. They were 4-4 there and needed a frenetic fourth-quarter rally to beat Detroit last week.

On the road, they look like an entirely different team.

"If we can take that same mentality to Green Bay," safety Barry Church said, "despite all the cold, despite all that, if we can just take that mentality, us against the world, then I feel like we'll have a good chance."

It'll be Manning vs. Luck III when Colts visit Broncos

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Manning vs. Luck III.

Peyton Manning gets to face his former team and his successor after Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts beat Cincinnati in the wild-card round Sunday.

They met last year in Indianapolis when Manning's emotions and the Colts both got the best of him in his homecoming.

Manning won't get caught up in the hype of the marquee matchup this time, suggested Broncos wide receiver Demaryius Thomas. He pointed to his quarterback's coolness in this season opener when Denver beat Indy 31-24.

"We had them the first game of the season and he was fine," Thomas said. "It's a playoff game so it's a little bit different because if you lose, you're done and if you win, you keep going. I can't really talk for Peyton, but I think he's fine."

DeMarcus Ware said he was especially appreciative for the Broncos' bye, which they earned as the AFC's No. 2 seed, when he saw it was Luck whom he'll be facing next weekend.

Luck has an uncanny knack for comebacks even when things look bleak such as in last year's playoffs when he guided the Colts back from a 28-point deficit to Kansas City.

The Broncos jumped out to a 24-0 lead on the Colts in this season's opener. But Luck led a frenetic rally that came up short when rookie Bradley Roby broke up a fourth-and-6 pass to Reggie Wayne in the final minute to secure Denver's 31-24 win.

"He's one of those guys that you have to play a 60-minute game against," Ware said. "He has really good pocket awareness. He's always one of those guys, just like Peyton, where he hits the open guy the majority of the time. He plays a fundamentally sound game.

"He's one of those quarterbacks you don't want to go against, but the thing is you've got to make sure you get pressure on him and make them one-dimensional."

Four months have passed since the Colts (12-5) and Broncos (12-4) saw each other, but Ware stressed "it's still the same quarterback," so "I think you've got to go back and see what you did well. You've also got to see how and where you didn't play well and make sure those things are corrected."

Thomas figures to cringe when he watches the film.

With Wes Welker serving a two-game suspension, Thomas played the slot and caught four passes for 48 yards with a couple of huge drops that night.

Once Welker returned, Thomas went back outside and had another stellar season that included a franchise-best 1,619 yards and 11 touchdowns.

"It's great" having Welker back, Thomas said. "I tried to play the slot and it wasn't for me that early in the season. Having him back is good because he is one of the best that does it and having him, you never know what defense they will play because they will have to watch everybody.

"Hopefully we will have Julius (Thomas) there healthy. It's good to have Wes back and I can be back outside and try to do my best to play my best for the team and have a big impact on the game."

Julius Thomas got off to a sizzling start with three TDs against Indy in the opener and a dozen by Week 10. But he hasn't reached the end zone since spraining his left ankle Nov. 16.

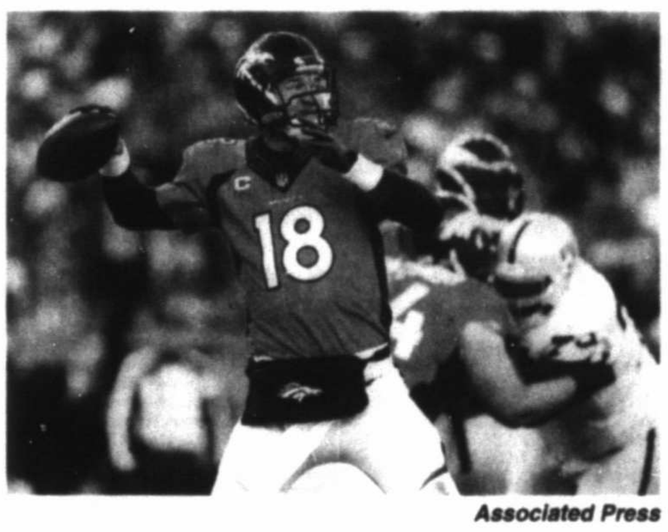
After one score, microphones caught him screaming, "It's so easy!"

A healthy Julius Thomas could be a tremendous help for the Broncos in the playoffs — that's one reason the bye week was such a big deal to them.

"It was big to get this week out of the way with some rest and now get back to business," Demaryius Thomas said. "Some guys are feeling better. That is the benefit of having a bye week off. It was real big."

The bye also gave Pro Bowl safety T.J. Ward (neck) and top tackler Brandon Marshall (foot) more time to get healthy.

That's "something that we need," Ware said. "Especially just from a leadership standpoint but also having guys come back that are big playmakers for us."



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Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning throws against the Oakland Raiders during the first half of the game on Dec. 28 in Denver.

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team in tackles with 100. The leader is safety Barry Church, ahead of linebacker Rolando McClain, who was acquired in a trade just before training camp with the Cowboys hoping he could take Lee's starting spot.

McClain has had trouble staying healthy, and Justin Durant was lost to a torn arm muscle halfway through the season. Hitchens made it through all 16 games, then played through a sprained ankle against the Lions after missing practice all week. He was out again Wednesday.

"We planned to have him in a role where he wasn't going to have to play that much," coach Jason Garrett said of the wild-card game. "Before you know it, Rolando can't play and now he's out there probably playing double the snaps we had planned to have him play."

It's been that way since Lee's knee gave out in a noncontract drill, and the significance of the injury wasn't lost on Hitchens.

"That I needed to grow up fast, like right then and there," Hitchens said of what he was thinking at the time. "I didn't know if I was going to be in there right then or some other time down the road. I just knew I had to speed up my learning process real soon."

Bruce Carter, who missed three games with a thigh injury and had to be replaced by Hitchens, said the rookie succeeded.

"Normally rookies come in, and they have the rookie wall, and the season's gone on," Carter said. "I don't see him as a rookie, to be quite honest. He's one of us."

The Cowboys liked Hitchens during the draft because of his versatility, but even they didn't think they would be moving him around as much as they have. And they didn't think he would be making the calls on defense, which he has occasionally.

"I do think he has grown up quickly," Garrett said. "Sometimes that happens. When there is an opportunity that is there and there are a lot of people who are trying to fill a void, typically the progression and development happens more quickly and they get thrust into it."

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Carolina 27, Arizona 16
Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17
Sunday, Jan. 4
Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10
Dallas 24, Detroit 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday
Baltimore at New England, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Carolina at Seattle, 7:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday
Dallas at Green Bay, 12:05 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Denver, 3:40 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 18
NFC, 2:05 p.m. (FOX)
AFC, 5:40 p.m. (CBS)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At Glendale, Ariz.
Team Irvin vs. Team Carter, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

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BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "Latin" The competitors create Latin inspired dishes. (N)				Away With Murder "He Deserved to Die"		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Mom (N)	Two and Half (N)	McCar-thys (N)	Elementary "The Eternity Injection" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Show (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Cheers	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Counterfeit Crank"		McCloud
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Auditions #2" The judges continue to search for the next superstar. (N)				Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/M-anuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Biggest Loser "Makeover Week" (N)		Bad Judge (N)	A to Z (N)	Parenthood "How Did We Get Here?" (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytri-pper	Sq. Mile "El Paso"	Ultimate Restorations		Jewel in Crown "Crossing the River" A man is arrested when a woman from England arrives.				Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Gata		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		La Malquerida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La Que No Podia Amar	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	The Mentalist		Mentalist "Red Bulls"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Mad Hot Ba...		★★ Three Men and a Baby			(:45) ★★★ Gross Anatomy				(:35) Twice Upon a Yesterday		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(4:45) Walk the Line		Tapia		★★★ The Grand Budapest Hotel				Atlantic City Hooker		(:05) ★★ The Heat	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey				42 ('13, Bio) Chadwick Boseman.				(:10) ★★ Gothika Halle Berry.			Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:50) ★★★ Fallen Denzel Washington.				Baggage Claim Paula Patton.			Making	Veronica Mars Kristen Bell.			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:40) Enough Said		(:15) ★★ 28 Days Sandra Bullock.				★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Christian Bale.					Guide
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★★ The Purge Ethan Hawke.			★★★ Red 2 ('13, Act) Bruce Willis.				Emmanuelle Through Time...			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:20) Robin of Lo...		Zathura: A Space Adventure			(:45) ★★ Steep ('07, Doc)			(:20) He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) Alex Cross		Finding Vivian Maier			★★ Failure to Launch			(:15) ★★★ Jarhead Jake Gyllenhaal.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) The Perks o...		(:15) ★★ Step Up Revolution				Lucky Them Toni Collette.			(:40) A Night at the Roxbury		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Safe House"		The First 48 "Murder Rap"		The First 48 "Ringside Seat" (N)		The First 48 "Bound and Burned"		(:05) The First 48		The First 48 "Murder Rap"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) Lake Placid		Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer				★★★ Insidious ('10, Hor) Rose Byrne, Patrick Wilson.					Movie
BET	58	26		40		Movie	Husbands	★★ Soul Men ('08, Com) Samuel L. Jackson.					Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Millionaire		Millionaire		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Watch (N)	Millionaire		VanderR
CNBC	46	45		39	72	American Greed		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony "Tangier"		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Anthony "Tangier"	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Dog Blog	16 Wishes Kendall Cross.			(:40) Austin	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	A.N.T.	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				Basketb.	NFL Live		30 for 30
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ Dark Shadows Johnny Depp.				★★ ParaNorman Anna Kendrick.				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped "Hoofin' It!"		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Diners...	Diners...	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Nashville Predators Site: Bridgestone Arena -- Nashville, Tenn. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Spotlight	Lombardi Award	Cowboys Insider	SportsD-ay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) Wanted		★★ Taken 2 ('12, Act) Liam Neeson.				Archer (N)	Cartoon	Archer	Cartoon	Archer	Cartoon
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab (N)	Rehab	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Pawnog.	Pawnog.	(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway: All Stars "Luck Be a Lady"		Project Runway "Mix and Match.com"		Project Runway "Making a Splash" (N)		Little Women: LA "Baby on Board"		Little Women: LA "Mama Drama"		Project Runway "Mix and Match.com"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Basketball G.W./Rich. (L)				NFL Turning Point		Mecum Auctions "Kissimmee"				Mecum "Monterey"	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	WitchWay	Max	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Loves Ray	(:35) Ray
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) I Am Legend		★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.						Framework		★★★ Shooter	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Finder's Keepers (2014)				★★ Shutter ('08, Hor) Joshua Jackson.				Ghost Storm ('12, Sci-Fi) Crystal Allen.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Cougar Town	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Elvis: That's...		★★ Too Late Blues Bobby Darin.				★★★ Rhapsody in Blue ('45, Bio) Al Jolson.					Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	48 Hours: Evidence "Murder in the OC"		48 Hours: Hard "The Preacher's Passion"		48 Hours.. "Power and Passion" (N)		48 Hours "Highway of Tears"		48 Hours: Evidence "Power and Passion"		48 Hours "Highway of Tears"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Under the Influence"		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at New York Knicks Site: Madison Square Garden -- New York City, N.Y. (L)					NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)				
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Walker, Texas Ranger		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rhodium Nights"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Lost Reputation"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Above Suspicion"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Twenty-Five Acts"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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Cut by coral, golfer Geoff Ogilvy returns to Kapalua, Hawaii

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The opening tee shot for the first PGA Tour event of the year provides a splendid reminder of the perks for winning.

Few players can appreciate it like Geoff Ogilvy.

He was the two-time defending champion at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions in 2011 and quickly was becoming a regular as he piled up seven wins over a six-year period, including a U.S. Open and a pair of World Golf Championships. But coming out of the water on a quiet beach below Kapalua, Ogilvy sliced open the side of his right index finger on a sharp piece of coral and had to withdraw.

Four years later, he finally made it back.

"It didn't cause the stress, but it was the beginning of it," Ogilvy said of a drought that dramatically changed his status.

He had spent nearly five years in the top 50 in the world, reaching a career-best No. 3, and plunged to as low as No. 216 last year until his fortunes changed.

"I was still playing well, but it was the start of a downward spiral a little bit," he said.

All it took was one week in August and 27 holes in September for him to realize what he had been missing.

Ogilvy won the Reno-Tahoe Open. Then, his run in the FedEx Cup playoffs appeared to be over until he started making every putt he looked at over the final 27 holes at the TPC Boston. A 65-65 finish put him in a tie for second, and it was barely enough for the 34-year-old Australian to get to the Tour Championship.

He figured he would start 2015 with a "normal card" that would keep him out of the big events. Just like that, he was back in Hawaii to start his season with the other PGA Tour winners, and he could count on playing the four majors for the first time since 2012.

"Atlanta is the best reward for a good year — Augusta and the majors," he said. "But this is a very close second. This is a better tournament to play in than Atlanta from an enjoyment factor of the tournament. It doesn't come with all the sidekicks that top 30 (in the FedEx Cup) does. But it's more enjoyable to play in because of where you are."

The 34-man field doesn't include all the winners, and while the absence of four players is glaring, it is a sign of the global times in golf.

Rory McIlroy and Martin Kaymer, who combined to win three majors last year, are not playing. Both played deep into last season on the European Tour and start up their 2015 campaign halfway around the world in Abu Dhabi. Adam Scott isn't playing anywhere for a few months as his wife is expecting their first child. Justin Rose also is taking the week off. That's only four absentees, though they happen to occupy the top 12 in the world ranking.

That leaves the Tournament of Champions with only two players from the top 10 — Masters champion Bubba Watson and Jason Day.

Missing marquee players is nothing new. Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson stopped coming to Hawaii years ago, and this time they didn't have that option because neither of golf's two biggest names won a tournament.

That leads to the annual question of what the PGA Tour can do to boost its season opener of the toughest qualifying event on the PGA Tour. There has been rumbling of giving a two-year exemption to Kapalua or inviting all past champions.

Ogilvy, thrilled to be back, sees nothing worth fixing.

"There is nothing broken about this tournament," he said. "If you're going to play in January, you're not going to get Kaymer, you're not getting McIlroy because they're going to Abu Dhabi and the Middle East. You could put it at Shinnecock Hills and they're not going to go.

"I think it's a great tournament. You'd have to ask Hyundai whether they think they're getting their money's worth, but anyone here loves it, don't they?"

And this year was another example of why it remains elite — maybe not in the world rankings, but in what it takes to get here.

Among those who didn't qualify were Rickie Fowler, who had top-five finishes in all the majors; Jordan Spieth, who overwhelmed fields in the Australian Open and the Hero World Challenge, neither of which were part of the PGA Tour; and Jim Furyk, the first player to accumulate $6 million in worldwide earnings without winning.

Golf has never been stronger or deeper, and Ogilvy contends the best measure is at the bottom.

"Ben Hogan would have been pretty hard to beat. He'd have been just as hard to beat as Rory," Ogilvy said. "But the 125th guy in Hogan's era probably wasn't breaking 80. The 125th guy now is ... harder to beat. The top comes and goes — the legends — but bottom is getting closer to the top, and the gap gets narrower from best to worst. So that must make it harder to win, I guess."

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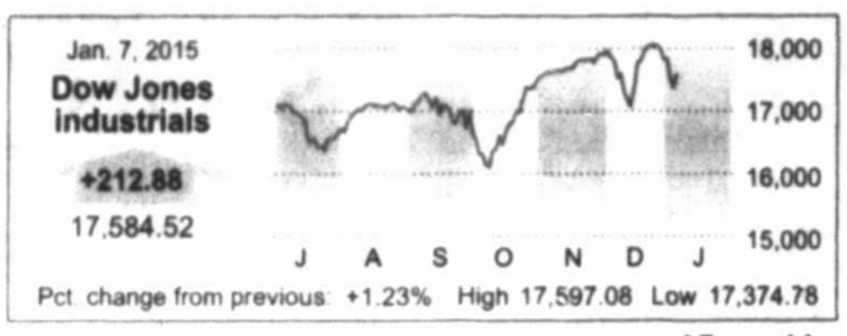

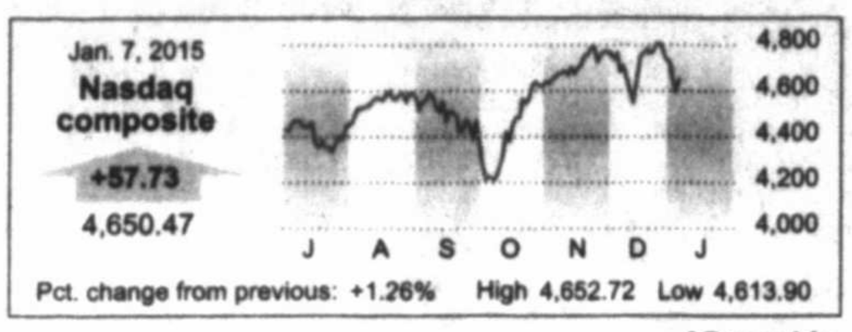

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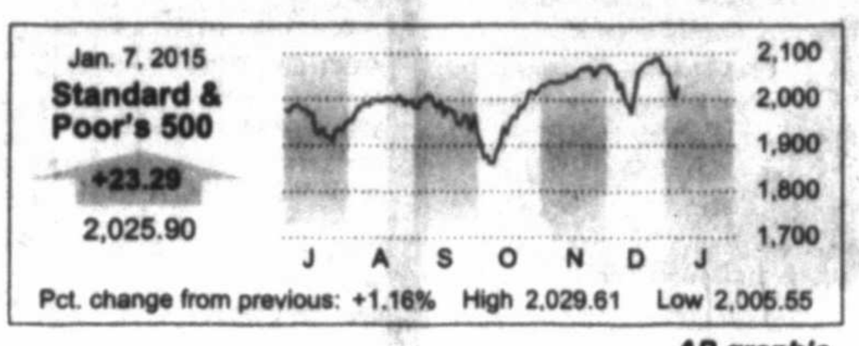

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FUTURES
Wednesday: $48.65
Previous: $47.93

POSTED
Wednesday: $45.00
Previous: $44.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Wednesday: $41.05
Previous: $40.55

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday: $2.871
Previous: $2.938

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1113242	202.31	+2.49
BkofAm	1007899	16.94	+.08
iShEMkts	571318	38.74	+.82
Penney	551999	7.89	+1.33
B iPVixST	520323	32.88	-1.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cyan	3.26	+.71	+27.8
Penney	7.89	+1.33	+20.3
MSJCP97	17.36	+1.91	+12.4
DicksSptg	55.01	+5.77	+11.7
CortsJCP	17.31	+1.73	+11.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrxRsaBear	27.09	-3.92	-12.6
GoodrPet	3.28	-.42	-11.4
EclipseR n	5.39	-.69	-11.3
iPBetaEgy	23.31	-2.81	-10.7
SwftEng	2.90	-.33	-10.2

DIARY

Advanced	2,406
Declined	747
Unchanged	81
Total issues	3,234
New Highs	216
New Lows	76
Volume	3,702,420,071

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	43994	4.81	-.17
BarcGSOil	40114	11.19	+.21
ChenereEn	37596	66.61	-.71
B2gold g	37015	1.96	
NovaGld g	32297	3.59	-.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TrioTch	3.33	+.69	+26.1
Medgenics	5.95	+.59	+11.0
IssuerDir	9.44	+.90	+10.5
ChiRivet	30.76	+2.46	+8.7
CVSL n	9.40	+.74	+8.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CT Ptrs	12.75	-1.84	-12.6
ComndSec	2.60	-.22	-7.8
GoldResrc	3.44	-.28	-7.5
Contango	25.59	-1.47	-5.4
SandstG g	3.80	-.21	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	248
Declined	160
Unchanged	24
Total issues	432
New Highs	17
New Lows	16
Volume	93,600,390

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ArenaPhm	1073350	5.85	+2.53
SiriusXM	933137	3.41	+.06
Apple Inc s	389568	107.75	+1.49
MicronT	355202	32.10	-.77
PwShs QQQ	340140	101.36	+1.29

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ArenaPhm	5.85	+2.53	+76.2
Cosi Inc h	2.16	+.47	+27.8
OneHorizn	2.57	+.51	+24.8
Halozyme	12.52	+2.46	+24.5
GalectinTh	4.00	+.77	+23.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PostRck rs	2.38	-.66	-21.7
MeruNetw	2.92	-.78	-21.1
CarverBcp	5.40	-.85	-13.6
MinervaN n	5.69	-.80	-12.3
Enphase	11.40	-1.54	-11.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,853
Declined	869
Unchanged	135
Total issues	2,857
New Highs	57
New Lows	66
Volume	1,890,441,974

House rejects bid to ease bank regulations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Tuesday rejected legislation altering a key provision of the 2010 Dodd-Frank overhaul of financial services regulations that would give U.S. banks another two years — to 2019 — to ensure that their holdings of certain complex and risky securities don't put them afoul of a new banking regulation.

The measure won a 276-146 majority but failed under fast-track House rules that required a two-thirds vote. It's likely to pass soon under rules that require a simple majority.

At issue is the so-called Volcker rule, part of the financial overhaul law, which would limit banks' riskiest trading bets that could implode at taxpayers' expense. That kind of risk-taking on Wall Street helped trigger the 2008 financial crisis.

The Obama administration on Wednesday threatened to veto the bill if it reached President Barack Obama's desk. The White House said Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew called House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi early Wednesday afternoon before the vote to express opposition to the legislation and to notify her of the veto threat.

"We are opposed to this legislation and pleased that it did not pass," White House spokeswoman Jennifer Friedman said. "Had the bill been presented to the president for his signature, he would have vetoed it. The president has been clear about his opposition to legislation that would weaken key consumer protections and provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act."

The Federal Reserve in April gave banks until July 2017 to sell off their holdings of so-called collateralized loan obligations, which are mainly backed by commercial loans to higher-risk companies.

The rule is named for Paul Volcker, a former Fed chairman who was an adviser to President Barack Obama during the financial crisis. Volcker urged a ban on high-risk trading by big banks to diminish the likelihood that taxpayers might have to rescue them, as they did after the crisis, with hundreds of billions of dollars in government aid.

US stocks rise

Encouraging economic news and a rare rise in oil prices helped give the stock market its first gain in the new year Wednesday.

Major indexes started climbing from the opening bell, following a report from ADP, the payroll processor, which showed that businesses hired more workers last month. Companies added 241,000 workers in December, an increase from the previous month.

The increase offered more evidence that the U.S. economy is on steady ground and gave investors another reason to jump back into the market after five straight days of losses, said Jeff Kravetz, regional investment director at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

All three major U.S. indexes climbed more than 1 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 23.29 points to close at 2,025.90.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 212.88 points to 17,584.52, and the Nasdaq composite gained 57.73 points to 4,650.47.

Before Wednesday, falling oil prices and concerns about the global economy had knocked the S&P 500 down 2.7 percent, its worst start to a year since 2008.

The recent turbulence is likely just a pause in the stock market's steady run, said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors.

"It's perfectly normal market activity," Arone said. "Things tend not to go up or down in a straight line."

FAA to require airlines use data to prevent accidents

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New federal rules announced Wednesday will require airlines to collect and analyze safety data in an effort to spot troubling trends and help prevent accidents.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the causes of 123 accidents between 2001 and 2010 could have been identified beforehand if airlines had safety management systems in place.

Passenger and cargo airlines must have such systems by 2018. The rules detail the kind of data to be collected and analyzed but give airlines flexibility about gathering the information.

The systems are also designed to imbue a safety consciousness throughout airline companies and establish formal methods for not only identifying hazards, but also controlling and continually assessing risks. Most U.S. airlines already safety systems, or elements of them.

"Aviation is incredibly safe, but continued growth means that we must be proactive and smart about how we use safety data to detect and mitigate risk," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said.

Following the 2009 crash of a regional airliner near Buffalo, New York, Congress passed an aviation safety law that included a deadline of July 2012 for the FAA to issue rules requiring airlines to have safety management systems. The National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates air crashes, has also urged the FAA to require such systems.

Susan Bourque, who lost her sister Beverly Eckert, a noted 9/11 widow and activist, in the 2009 crash, praised the FAA for including regional air carriers in the rule.

"It is so important that every passenger flying on a regional airline ... receives the benefit of a commitment to and investment in best-practice, data-driven safety programs that is commensurate with that of the major carriers like Southwest and Delta — a commitment and investment that my sister Beverly and everyone else lost on Flight 3407 sadly and tragically did not receive," Bourque said in a statement.

Continental Connection Flight 3407 was operated for Continental Airlines by now-defunct regional carrier Colgan Air. All 49 people aboard the plane and a man on the ground were killed when the pilots allowed the plane to slow to a dangerously low speed, and the captain responded incorrectly to a safety warning, sending the airliner into an aerodynamic stall.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $55.44 Down 0.83

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $91.99 Down 2.19

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $12.21 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $58.25 Up 0.88

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $10.87 Down 0.53

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.71 Down 0.21

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.07 Down 0.10

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $21.88 Down 0.38

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.20 Down 0.46

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.57 Down 0.71

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88f	10	33.17	+.04	-1.3
Abraxas	...	9	2.74	+.01	-6.8
ActivsBliz	.20f	22	19.06	-.43	-5.4
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	13.47	+.12	-1.5
Alcoa	.12	25	15.46	+.39	-2.1
AlonUSA	.40a	48	11.63	-.34	-8.2
Ambev	.27e	...	6.16	+.10	-.2
Amgen	3.16f	25	158.24	+5.34	-.7
Anadarko	1.08	...	76.44	+1.20	-7.3
Apache	1.00	...	58.60	-.66	-6.5
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	107.75	+1.49	-2.4
ApldMatl	.40	26	23.47	+.22	-5.8
ArenaPhm			5.85	+2.53	+68.6
ATMOS	1.56f	18	55.33	+.78	-.7
AutoData	1.96f	27	83.26	+.73	-.1
Avon	.24		8.52	-.09	-9.3
BP PLC	2.40f	6	35.92	+.09	-5.8
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.98	+.27	+.6
BakrHu	.68	17	56.47	+1.48	+.7
BkofAm	.20	16	16.94	+.08	-5.3
B iPVixST		...	32.88	-1.07	+4.3
BarrickG	.20	27	11.12	-.15	+3.4
BasicEnSv	...	82	5.71	-.13	-18.5
BerkHa A	...	18	223480.00	+3030.00	-1.1
BlkHillsCp	1.56	20	51.32	+.26	-3.2
BostonSci	...	67	14.03	+.33	+5.9
BrMySq	1.48f	36	59.24	+.76	+.4
BrownFA	1.26f	29	89.00	+2.00	+1.4
BrownFB	1.26f	29	88.78	+1.49	+1.1
CVS Health	1.40f	25	95.93	+1.70	-.4
Cameron	...	13	47.34	+.34	-5.2
Caterpillar	2.80	14	87.81	+1.34	-4.1
Celestic g	...	14	11.51	+.08	-2.0
Cemex	.52t	...	10.03	+.31	-1.6
CntryLink	2.16	27	38.47	+.20	-2.8
ChesEng	.35	19	17.93	-.06	-8.4
Chevron	4.28	10	107.94	-.09	-3.8
Chicos	.30	26	16.65	+.67	+2.7
Cimarex	.64	16	98.08	-.84	-7.5
Cisco	.76	19	27.30	+.25	-1.2
Citigroup	.04	12	51.17	+.47	-5.4
ClayEng	...	12	55.44	-.83	-13.1
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.99	+.53	+1.8
ColgPalm	1.44	30	68.35	+.54	-1.2
ConAgra	1.00	...	35.91	+.83	-1.0
ConchoRes	...	20	91.99	-2.19	-7.8
ConocoPhil	2.92	10	63.35	+.42	-8.3
CrackerB	4.00	24	136.60	+2.61	-3.0
CSVLgNGs	...	...	3.76	-.26	-5.5
CSVelIVST	...	...	29.74	+.97	-4.5
CSVixSht	...	...	2.99	-.22	+8.3
CrosTim	2.68e	6	17.65	-.02	+1.9
DCP Mid	3.08f	36	45.71	+1.19	+.6
DTE	2.76	20	87.05	+1.02	+.8
Dataram	...	...	1.68	-.07	-1.2
Dawson	.32	...	12.21	+.01	-.2
DevonE	.96	11	57.77	+.27	-5.6
DxGldBull	...	...	14.36	-.79	+28.7
DrxSCBear	...	...	12.87	-.47	+7.3
Disney	1.15f	22	92.83	+.94	-1.4
DowChm	1.68f	14	43.40	-.07	-4.8
EOG Res s	.67	15	83.68	-.53	-9.1
EmpDist	1.04f	18	30.00	+.52	+.9
EnCana g	.28	8	12.91	+.01	-6.9
Energen	.08m	23	59.05	-.07	-7.4
EngyTsfr	3.90f	...	63.85	+.97	-1.8
EnPro	...	51	59.51	-.37	-5.2
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	23	34.02	+.43	-5.8
Ericsson	.46e	...	11.84	-.03	-2.2
ExterranH	.60	21	30.98	-.03	-4.9
ExxonMbl	2.76	11	90.72	+.91	-1.9
Facebook	...	73	76.15	...	-2.4
FifthThird	.52	11	19.02	+.21	-6.7
FordM	.50	10	15.04	+.42	-3.0
GATX	1.32	12	53.98	-.51	-6.2
GabMultT	1.05e	...	9.71	-.06	-3.0
GAInv	3.50e	...	33.59	+.17	-4.0
GenElec	.92f	17	24.08	+.01	-4.7
GenMotors	1.20	23	35.84	+.99	+2.7
GileadSci	...	18	99.48	+1.83	+5.5
GtPlainEn	.98f	18	28.67	+.20	+.9
Groupon	...	...	7.95	+.04	-3.8
HalconRes	...	...	1.54	-.03	-13.5
Hallibrtn	.72f	10	39.36	+1.03	+.1
HuntBncsh	.24f	14	10.05	+.13	-4.5
IAMGld g	...	...	3.13	-.12	+15.9
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	35.70	+.94	-2.4
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.11	+.16	-1.2
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	42.10	+1.08	+1.2
iShEMkts	.88e	...	38.74	+.82	-1.4
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	59.13	+.65	-2.8
iShR2K	1.51e	...	116.73	+1.42	-2.4
IntegrysE	2.72	20	78.33	+.99	+.6
Intel	.96f	17	36.02	+.74	-.7
InterDig	.80	...	51.47	+.60	-2.7
JPMorgCh	1.60	11	59.07	+.09	-5.0
JohnJn	2.80	17	105.56	+2.28	+.9
KimbClk	3.36	20	114.57	+.79	-.8
Kinross g	...	...	3.24	-.09	+14.9
LegacyRes	2.44	...	10.87	-.53	-4.9
Lubys	...	...	4.48	+.05	-1.5
MGIC Inv	...	20	8.72	-.25	-6.4
MVJrGold	...	...	26.91	-.82	+12.5
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.09	-.38	+9.3
MktVRus	.64e	...	14.76	+.60	+.9
McDnlds	3.40f	18	94.01	+1.61	+.3
Merck	1.80f	34	61.61	+1.29	+8.5
MeritMed	...	34	16.63	+.36	-4.0
MexcoEn	...	52	4.71	-.21	-13.3
MicronT	...	10	32.10	-.77	-8.3
Microsoft	1.24	18	46.23	+.58	-.5
Nabors	.24	9	11.25	-.41	-13.3
NatGrid	3.48e	...	69.95	+1.94	-1.0
NOilVarco	1.84	10	61.79	+.06	-5.7
NvMAd	.80a	...	13.89	+.10	+1.7
NvPMI	.86a	...	14.22	+.09	+1.8
NuvPI	.82a	...	14.10	+.07	+1.7
NSTFI3	.61a	...	14.40	+.01	+1.1
NTXQI	.65a	...	14.66	-.01	+1.4
OcciPet	2.88	11	77.01	+.01	-4.5
Oracle	.48	18	43.15	+.01	-4.0
ParTech	...	...	5.93	+.09	-3.6
ParkDrl	...	8	2.84	-.10	-7.5
PattUTI	.40	18	14.71	-.54	-11.3
Penney	...	...	7.89	+1.33	+21.8
PennaRE	.80	...	24.83	+1.04	+6.8
Prmian	1.03e	9	9.42	+.15	-1.4
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	6.30	+.16	-16.9
Petrobras	.46e	...	6.20	+.18	-15.1
Pfizer	1.12f	16	31.65	+.43	+2.2
PioNtrl	.08	...	137.93	-1.53	-7.3
PlainsAAP	2.64f	20	49.59	-.14	-3.4
PwShs QQQ	1.34e	...	101.36	+1.29	-1.8
Praxair	2.60	21	126.30	+1.40	-2.5
PrmEgy	...	12	71.29	+.09	-2.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	27.23	-1.84	+8.3
ProctGam	2.57	25	90.07	+.47	-1.1
RadianGrp	.01	7	15.85	-.68	-5.2
RangeRs	.16	22	49.12	-1.47	-8.1
RegionsFn	.20	12	9.87	+.06	-6.5
RiteAid	...	24	7.76	+.05	+3.2
Rowan	.40	14	23.88	+.18	+2.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	13	63.75	+.73	-4.8
SpdrDJIA	3.60e	...	175.59	+2.20	-1.3
S&P500ETF	3.83e	...	202.31	+2.49	-1.6
SabnR	4.01e	9	35.64	-.53	-.4
SanderFm	.88f	8	81.66	+.62	-2.8
SandRdge	...	...	1.35	-.06	-25.8
Sapient	...	39	24.88	+.11	...
Schlmbrg	1.60	16	81.71	-.01	-4.3
SigmaAld	.92	33	137.37	+.27	+.1
SiriusXM	...	49	3.41	+.06	-2.6
Smucker	2.56	18	100.24	+2.19	-.7
SP HlthC	.90e	...	69.65	+1.60	+1.9
SP Engy	1.85e	...	75.28	+.16	-4.9
SPDR Fncl	.40e	...	24.09	+.25	-2.6
SP Util	1.50e	...	47.35	+.46	+.3
SunocoL s	1.53f	24	39.85	-.97	-4.6
TalismE g	.27	21	7.60	-.11	-2.9
TelefEsp	.97e	...	13.49	+.04	-6.1
Tesoro	1.20	13	70.61	-1.20	-5.0
3M Co	4.10f	22	159.80	+1.15	-2.8
Torchmrk s	.51	13	52.53	+.06	-3.0
TriContl	.75e	...	20.93	+.10	-2.2
21stCFoxA	.25	20	35.32	-1.31	-8.0
Twitter	...	...	37.28	-1.48	+3.9
TylerTech	...	69	106.03	+1.12	-3.1
UBWV	1.28	19	35.52	+.61	-5.2
US NGas	...	...	14.58	-.35	-1.3
US OilFd	...	...	18.37	+.32	-9.8
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WalgBoots	1.35	36	76.60	+1.91	+.5
WellsFargo	1.40	13	52.40	+.31	-4.4
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,103.45	15,340.69	Dow Jones Industrials	17,584.52	+212.88	+1.23	-1.34	+6.81
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11,334.65	9,732.47	NYSE Composite	10,627.13	+112.26	+1.07	-1.96	+2.97
4,814.95	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,650.47	+57.73	+1.26	-1.81	+11.64
2,093.55	1,737.92	S&P 500	2,025.90	+23.29	+1.16	-1.60	+10.25
1,478.22	1,264.57	S&P Midcap	1,430.65	+17.58	+1.24	-1.50	+6.88
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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 43 Low: 25

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 32 Low: 24

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 54 Low: 35

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 54 Low: 35

MONDAY: Partly sunny High: 52 Low: 35

TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 45 Low: 33

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 43 and southwest winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of freezing rain and mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 25 and southwest winds between 5 and 15 mph.

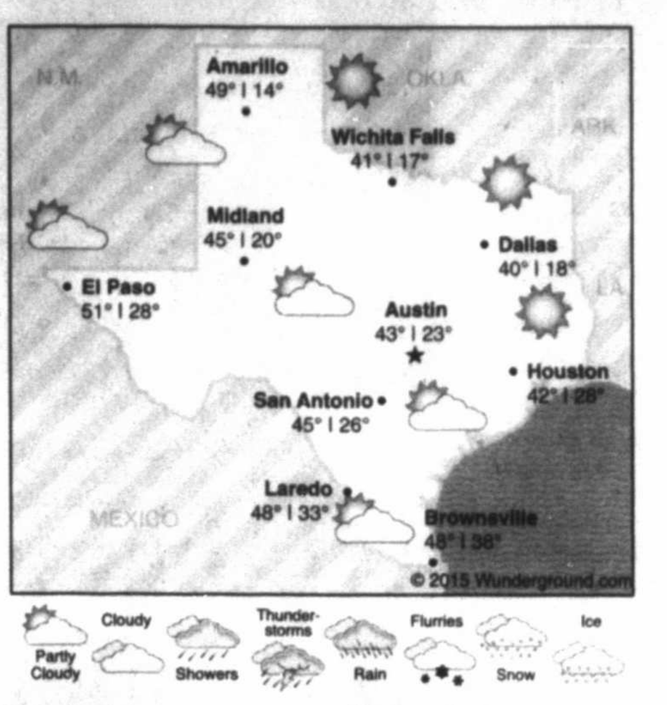
Friday, look for a 20 percent chance of freezing rain and sleet with mostly cloudy skies with a high around 32 and northeast winds around 10 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 24 and east winds around 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 38 and a low around 30.

The high on Wednesday reached 36, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Jan. 7 is 77 set in 2006. The record low is 11 set in 1970.

National forecast

For many areas of the Northeast and the interior South, today will be the coldest day of the winter so far. Arctic air will extend from the northern Plains to the Midwest, New England, the Mid-Atlantic and the Southern states.



Precipitation

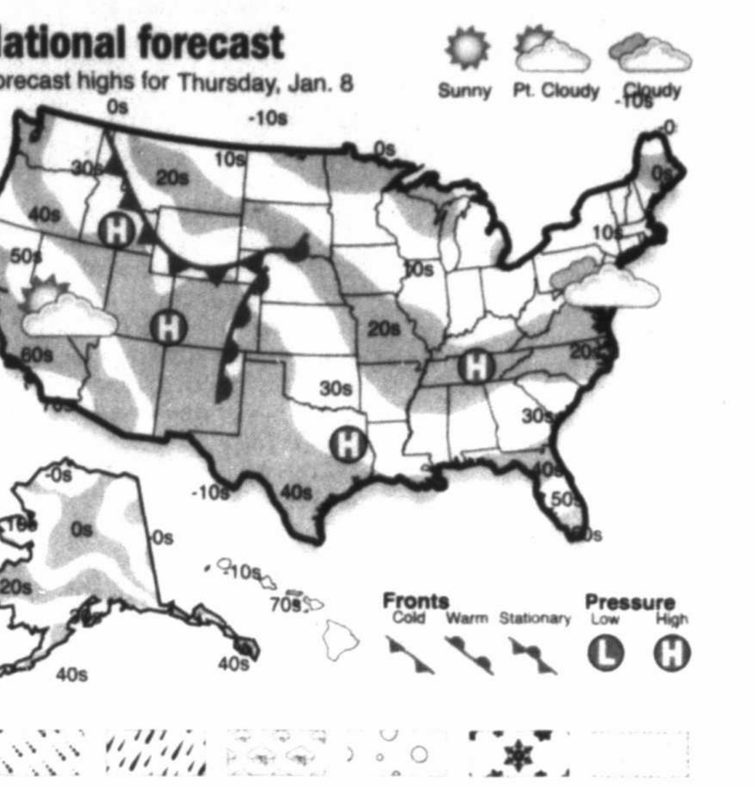
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.47 in.
Year total	1.47 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.10 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	36
Low	27
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:01 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 8



Online search yields shocking evidence about live-in boyfriend

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: Recently, a member of the family suggested that my mother Google the name of my sister's new live-in boyfriend. (Another family member said he had done it months ago.) When Mom did, she saw that he is a convicted sex offender. We were all shocked as he has been very good to my sister and other members of the family.

So far, we haven't said anything to my sister or her boyfriend, and I am unsure what to do. I have a small child and it makes me nervous. I don't know if my sister knows, and I don't know how to bring it up.

I am upset with my family member because he didn't say anything immediately after finding this information. I'm upset at my sister if she knows and hasn't been honest with us, and I am upset with this man. What should I do? — UPSET IN VIRGINIA

DEAR UPSET: First let me tell you what NOT to do. Do not remain silent and stew. Tell your sister everything you have written to me and ask if she's aware that her live-in boyfriend is on a sex offender website. If his offense concerned a minor child, it is possible that he is not supposed to be around children — and if he has been that the authorities would like to know. But first, discuss this with your sister who may — or may not — be able to put your fears to rest.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a widower for a year. While he was eager to jump into the dating pool, he still has a mini shrine of his late wife's ashes and belongings in their house. I can't bring myself to have dinner or sleep over there with that overt presence.

He recently told me he's saving her remains to be intermingled with his when he dies. It was among a long list of her afterlife instructions he described. He's in good health. I figure he has 25 years — or more — life expectancy before the big event.

Realistically, shouldn't I expect more than second best in his world? Is there a time limit for grieving, or does the deceased get to control her hubby from the other side? — WAITING AND WONDERING

DEAR WAITING AND WONDERING: Realistically, this has less to do with what you should "expect" than conclusions the widower must arrive at on his own. Ask him in a nonconfrontational way how he FEELS about carrying out all of his deceased wife's wishes — and whether he thinks it is fair to himself or you. Be prepared to discuss it without becoming emotional. His answers will tell you everything you need to know about a future with him.

P.S. If your relationship with him is good, why not focus on the present and not worry about what happens to his body when he's gone? However, if this is a deal breaker, then don't invest any more time.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Walking the dog

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A 7 4 2
♥ A K 9 7
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ J

WEST
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 9 7
♣ A K 8 4

EAST
♠ K Q
♥ 6
♦ Q 4
♣ Q 10 9 7 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 5 3
♥ J 8 5 4 3
♦ K J 10 6 2
♣ Void

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3	4♣	4
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dbl
Pass	5	All pass	

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

West's tactics in the auction — appearing to be pushed higher and higher, unwillingly, in an attempt to buy the contract — is known as "walking the dog." In a duplicate game, five clubs doubled would be a good sacrifice against four hearts. It almost worked.

South won the opening spade lead in dummy, noting the fall of East's queen. The ace and king of trumps revealed the bad news there. East had shown up with one singleton and declarer decided not to play him for another. The jack of clubs was ruffed, followed by the ace of diamonds and a diamond to the king, picking up the queen and establishing the suit.

South now exited with a low spade. East won with his king, but was forced to lead a club, yielding a ruff-sluff. Declarer discarded a spade from hand while ruffing in dummy. West still had a trump trick but the contract was safe.

The spade exit by declarer was an excellent play. This contract could have been defeated had East discarded his king of spades on the second high trump. At the key point, South might have exited with a low trump, perhaps leading to the same end-play, but this would have given East another chance to jettison his king of spades.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015:

This year you will experience many changes in your daily life. You have the spirit to not let this situation bother you, and you have what it takes to cruise right by it. You will have a tendency to swallow your feelings and withdraw. Make it OK to express your less-pleasant feelings, and you will feel better. If you are single, you could meet someone very special from August on. If you are attached, the two of you seem to have a psychic connection. Plan a special time away where you can enjoy the intensity that exists between you. VIRGO is much fussier than you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Someone close to you will push hard to achieve what he or she wants. Others will react, and what started out as a peaceful, normal request could explode into quite a fight. Try to prevent this from happening. Moodiness seems to be everywhere. Tonight: A chat is inevitable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination seems to be going haywire. A brainstorming session could help take you in a new direction. Don't allow someone to push you away because of a seemingly unresolvable problem. Tonight: Let loved ones know how much you care.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Make calls in the morning, when others appear to be more responsive. Someone's temper might encourage you to retreat later in the day. Words spoken cannot be taken back. The less upset you create, the less you'll have to resolve. Tonight: Remain secure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You'll want to focus on completing an important project. You could decide to deal with someone's anger, or you might opt to walk away from the volatile situation. Timing will be everything. Tonight: Invite a loved one to join you for dinner at a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be taken aback by everything that is going on. How you handle a volatile friend will define how you feel for the remainder of the day. Investigate options more openly with an eye to positive change. Someone might be a little too serious for your taste. Tonight: Buy a gift.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might feel off in the morning, but later in the day — when the Moon enters your sign — you'll feel like the lead player. Investigate opportunities that appeal to you. If a family member appears to be closed-off, give him or her some space. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Pressure builds, and some of you could be easily antagonized by a child or loved one. You might need to take a walk and commit to saying nothing for now. Focus on the big picture and on the bonds that tie you together. Tonight: Let off some steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Defer to others, rather than find yourself in the midst of a public squabble. If you can keep your eye on the big picture, you will land perfectly. Remain centered. You could feel uptight about a key issue that seems to be undermining your dealings. Tonight: Where the fun is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care about but might be irritated with. Understand what is happening; you might want to pull back rather than trigger a reaction. Emotions could run high, though you aren't likely to show them. Tonight: Make it an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal with someone directly, and know that this person will be quite touched by your time and attention. Make a point of connecting with a friend at a distance who cares a lot about you. If you feel depressed or unhappy, share your feelings. Tonight: Get ready for some TV binging.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others will demonstrate their caring, but not in the way you might expect. In fact, you could be too irritated to be gracious. Try your best to be appreciative, because you will not be able to mend a broken bridge quickly. Zero in on what you want. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You'll be more on edge than you realize. Part of the problem could be that you seem to be holding on to your uglier feelings more than you have in the past. As a result, you'll be more prone to getting the flu and other such ailments. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter David Bowie (1947), singer Elvis Presley (1935), physicist Stephen Hawking (1942)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Plenty
6 Cologne scent
10 "Now it makes sense!"
14 2011 Cricket World Cup winner
15 Actress Gray of "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century"
16 Stores in rows
17 Film with the song "Maniac"
19 Formally proper
20 Philippine tongue
21 Gillette Mach3 predecessor
23 Uintah and Ouray Reservation residents
24 Film in which Garbo said, "I want to be alone"
29 Annoyances
31 Spanish demonstrative
32 __ Coast
33 Golfer nicknamed "The Big Easy"
35 Winter coat
37 Buck Rogers portrayer __ Gerard
38 Private club ritual, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
43 Lines of praise
44 One on a penny
45 Scarfed down
46 Like a new candle
48 Showed the way
50 Treats, as an icy road
54 "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
57 Real card
58 Desert formation
59 Like monastic life
61 Non-PC purchase
63 "That's news to me!"
66 Actress Tushingham
67 Slimming option, for short
68 __ position
69 Biz bigwig
70 Twirled
71 Easy paces

DOWN

1 Elate
2 Airing in the wee hours
3 Words of wisdom
4 Earthquake perhaps
5 Satirist Mort
6 Thin, on the Thames
7 Coffee holder
8 [that's what it said]
9 Massage
10 "Whose Line is It Anyway" technique
11 1777 battle site
12 Yalie
13 Street of nightmares
18 Husky, for one
22 Yearns
25 Embarrassed
26 It may follow eleven
27 Actor Estrada
28 Lovett of country
30 Spade and Hammer
34 Subway map dot Abbr
36 Cavity filler's org
38 Fermented, as milk
39 Novelist Ferber
40 Pen pal?
41 Island dance
42 More nourishing
47 Medicinal syrup
49 Precise
51 Didn't come clean with
52 Clawed
53 Advances a base, in a way
55 Gets precisely
56 Appear in print
60 Piano on a piano?
61 Sore feeling
62 Socialize
64 With it
65 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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WINSTON

From 1C

grade and it's going to be very good because he is a good player," Brandt said. "They'll look at the Notre Dame game and see all the unusual blitzes that they brought against him and what he did. They'll look at the Louisville game where he threw three interceptions and knocks the ball loose from the interceptor and throws a touchdown pass the next play.

"The way he's played this year is unbelievable with all of the problems that he's faced and all the adjustments he's had to make to practice times and to do all the things that he has to do to defend himself, give depositions, appear in court before the student body, all of those things."

A state attorney declined to press sexual assault charges against Winston in December 2013. The university cleared him in December 2014.

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Winston was suspended for three baseball games for the theft of crab legs from a grocery store in Tallahassee, Florida, during the spring of 2014.Coach Jimbo Fisher supported Winston throughout.

"It was a blessing to be able to coach him," Fisher said Wednesday in a statement. "He's one of the unique players that I've ever had the privilege to coach. He embodies what you as a coach want as a person, a student and a player."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BOWLS
Saturday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.
Virginia Tech 33, Cincinnati 17
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Arizona State 36, Duke 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
South Carolina 24, Miami 21
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.
Penn State 31, Boston College 30, OT
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Southern Cal 45, Nebraska 42
Monday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Texas A&M 45, West Virginia 37
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson 40, Oklahoma 6
Texas Bowl
At Houston
Arkansas 31, Texas 7
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Notre Dame 31, LSU 28
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Georgia 37, Louisville 14
Fosters Farm Bowl
At Santa Clara, Calif.
Stanford 45, Maryland 21
Wednesday, Dec. 31
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
TCU 42, Mississippi 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Boise State 38, Arizona 30
Orange Bowl
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Georgia Tech 49, Mississippi State 34
Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin 34, Auburn 31, OT
Cotton Bowl Classic
At Arlington
Michigan State 42, Baylor 41
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Missouri 33, Minnesota 17
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Playoff semifinal: Oregon 59, Florida State 20
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Playoff semifinal: Ohio State 42, Alabama 35
Friday, Jan. 2
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas
Houston 35, Pittsburgh 34
TaxSlayer Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Tennessee 45, Iowa 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
UCLA 40, Kansas State 35
Cactus Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma State 30, Washington 22
Saturday, Jan. 3
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Florida 28, East Carolina 20
Sunday
GoDaddy Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Toledo 63, Arkansas State 44
Saturday
Medal of Honor Bowl
At Charleston, S.C.
American vs. National, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 12
College Football Championship
At Arlington
Ohio State (13-1) vs. Oregon (13-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 17
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (NFLN)
NFLPA
Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American, 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Saturday, Jan. 24
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

FCS PLAYOFF GLANCE
Championship
Saturday
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco
North Dakota State (14-1) vs. Illinois State (13-1), Noon

Ducks and Buckeyes settle into prep week

By Annie M. Peterson
Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon is treating this week like any other this season. And while that's more comfortable in a way, it also feels a little odd.

After all, the Ducks are preparing to face Ohio State in the national championship game Monday night at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The two teams are the first to experience a season stretched out for one more game by college football's new playoff system.

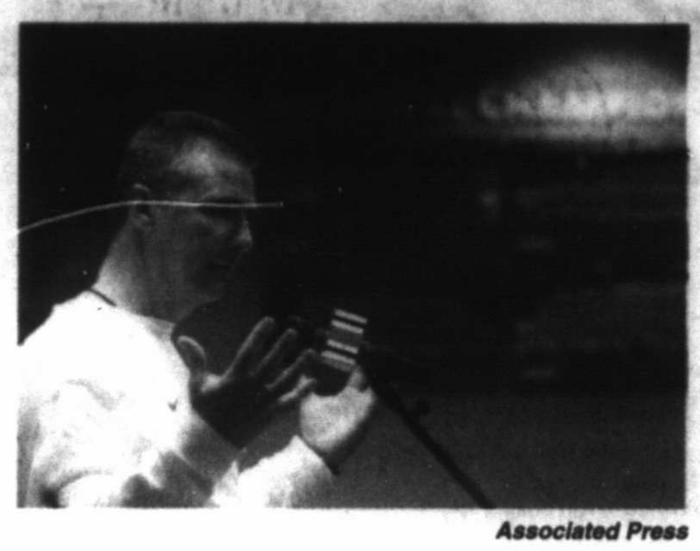
Both teams have already had their bowl games and all the hoopla that goes with that, so this is more of a business trip, said Oregon senior safety Erick Dargan. A really important business trip.

"It's just like a regular week. I think that actually plays more to our advantage than having a lot of time," Dargan said. "We're back in our groove."

The Ducks (13-1) routed Florida State 59-20 in the Rose Bowl, while the Buckeyes (13-1) beat Alabama 42-35 in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day, paving the way for the championship 11 days later.

Upon arrival for the game in Pasadena, second-seeded Oregon was involved in all the customary Rose Bowl activities, including the obligatory visit to Disneyland for the photo op with Mickey Mouse.

They had essentially already done their work: There had been 26 days between the team's regular-season finale and the Granddaddy of Them All.



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TOP: Ohio State coach Urban Meyer speaks during a news conference on Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State faces Oregon in the national championship college football game on Jan. 12.

BOTTOM: Oregon coach Mark Helfrich takes questions from reporters on Monday in Eugene, Ore., after the team's first practice since the Rose Bowl.

That gave the Ducks plenty of time to scheme for the Seminoles and quarterback Jameis Winston.

The fourth-seeded Buckeyes were similarly prepared upon arrival in New Orleans, giving them time for events like a dinner that featured entertainment from a couple of alligators and a python.

Adding the national championship as a 15th game presents some unique challenges for coaches and their players — like guarding against fatigue or injury.

"I was talking to someone earlier and they said it's been like 25 weeks. I guess it is just part of the grind. Part of our job is taking care of your body and making sure you're ready to go when you're number is called," said Ohio State senior receiver Evan Spencer.

Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer led a former team, Florida, to national championships in 2006 and 2008. There wasn't a lot of comparison he could offer.

"Practices are a little different. Those ones, we had 37 days to prepare. I remember in '06 it was 37 or 47, some ridiculous number; '06 was the first one removed from the traditional bowl date," he said.

This one, Meyer said, "is a one game shot that really, you have four practices in shoulder pads."

Oregon was keeping everything the same as during the regular season. Same practice times, same meeting schedule. The Ducks, like the Buckeyes, leave Friday for the Dallas area.

"We understand what we're playing for. But the nice thing is that guys who haven't been in a game like this — not many of us have — it makes it easier to treat it like a regular game," Oregon center Hroniss Grasu said.

Coach Mark Helfrich was one of those who called it all odd. But in a good way.

"It's weird in some sense: It's obviously not just another game, but it's sort of just another week of fall. We're in school, they're not, so that's a little bit of nuance to it. But we've had a plan for this and built a plan for this last summer and our guys have done a phenomenal job of executing our long-term plan," he said.

"Logistically, the time of day and how we're practicing, all that stuff is the same. But obviously what we're doing during that time is different from when you are in Week 1 or Week 26, or whatever it is now."

Babies of 2014

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will publish a special baby section dedicated to all the special people born in 2014. Our "Cover Baby" will be chosen at random. All babies appearing in the Babies of 2014 section will be eligible to be our "Cover baby".

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- Twins require double spot
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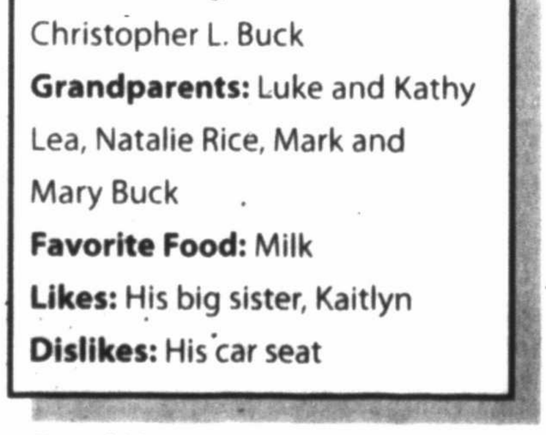

Christopher Zay Buck

Birthdate: August 22
Parents: Megan Lea Buck and Christopher L. Buck
Grandparents: Luke and Kathy Lea, Natalie Rice, Mark and Mary Buck
Favorite Food: Milk
Likes: His big sister, Kaitlyn
Dislikes: His car seat

Actual Size

Babies of 2014

Baby's Information

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Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself – consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

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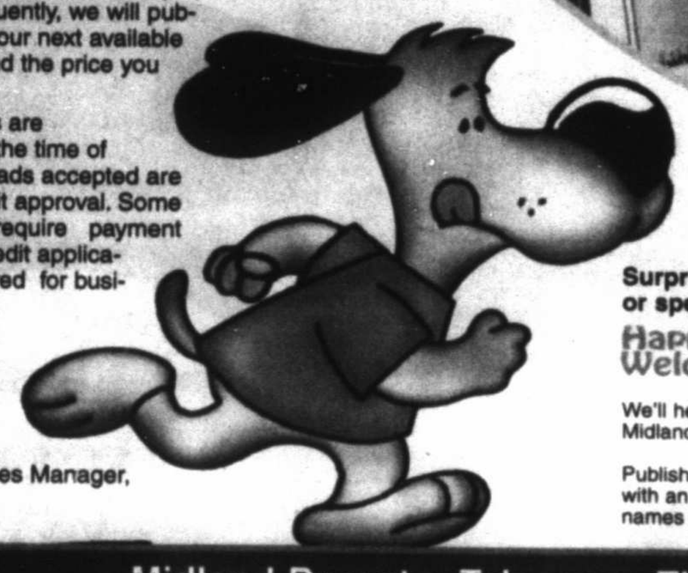

HAPPY ADS

Surprise your child, parent, or special friend with a Happy Ad!
Happy Birthday! Congratulations! Welcome Home! Graduation Day!

We'll help you design something unique and publish it in the Midland Reporter-Telegram Classifieds...whatever the occasion!

Publish a special memorial to mark the passing of a loved one with an "In Memory Of" ad. Include a poem, prayer, and/or the names of all who care. Also, express your appreciation to everyone who brought food, sent flowers, or was there for you when you needed them most with a "Card of Thanks." We'll help you design a respectful, thoughtful ad.

Ads containing art or photos need to be in our office 2 working days before the ad is to be published and we ask that you pay in advance.

DEADLINES:

WORD ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	5p.m. Prior Day
Saturday	12p.m. Friday
Sunday	5p.m. Friday
Monday	5p.m. Friday

DISPLAY ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Wednesday	3p.m. Monday
Thursday	3p.m. Tuesday
Friday, Saturday	3p.m. Wednesday
Sunday, Monday	3p.m. Thursday
Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 1:30 PM CST, January 30, 2015, in the Purchasing Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 8945-15: Request for Proposals for Health Benefit Consultant.

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 01/30/15 at 1:30 PM CST to the Purchasing Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE OF SALE

Alamo South Mini-Storage wishes to avail themselves of the Texas provision of Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. This sale is being held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following units' contents.

The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale.

DAVID NEWTON
BILLIE BROWN
PAUL RODRIGUEZ
DWILENE HALL
ANA RODRIGUEZ
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GILBERT MARTINEZ & GUADALUPE RIOS
ROMIE CARRASCO
CLAUDIA SANCHEZ
SANTA VILLARREAL
ANA MONGE
ADAN RANGEL

Location:
Alamo Mini-Storage South
1301 South Connell
Midland, TX
Sale: January 22, 2015 @ 11:00 am

HERMINDA HILLE
CLINT MCCOY
SAMANTHA HOLLUMS
SHAUNTOYA BROOKS
ROBERT THOMAS
SHARON THOMPSON
DAVID GALINDO
MARYSOL LOSOLLA
JEFF SMITH
CAROLYN MITCHELL
SECUNDINO LARA
JOSE CHAVEZ

Location:
Alamo Mini-Storage
908 N. Fairgrounds Road
Midland, TX
Sale: January 22, 2015 @ 10:00 am

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Cigna Health & Life Insurance Company, and Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, which provide medical care benefit services, will accept applications for participation in their networks of physicians, pharmacies, and other providers from December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Applicants must meet all credentialing and other participatory criteria. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information, please write:
Cigna Companies
Attn: Provider Relations
1640 Dallas Parkway
Plano, TX 75093

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Aetna Life Insurance Co., and Aetna Dental Inc. and their affiliates will accept written applications for participation in their PPO, POS and DMO networks during the period of December 1, 2015 through December 21, 2015. Physicians and providers including advanced practice nurses and physician assistants, who wish to contract with us, must apply during this period and applications must be received no later than December 21, 2015. Medical network inquiries should be sent to: Aetna Life Insurance Co., 2777 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 1450, Dallas, Texas 75207, Attention: 2015 Provider Enrollment. Send Dental network inquiries to: Aetna Dental Management, Three Sugar Creek Center Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77478, Attention: 2015 Provider Enrollment.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **Naomi J. Moore**, deceased: **Gary Daryl Johnson**, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of **Naomi J. Moore**, deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. P18093 on December 4, 2014, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

Gary Daryl Johnson
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Naomi J. Moore, deceased
c/o Mary Lou Cassidy
550 W. Texas, Suite 800
Midland, Texas 79701

General Announcements

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Lost & Found

FOUND PITBULL area of Florida Street. Call to identify. 432-559-8001

FOUND SIAMESE cat light & dark brown by the college. 432-684-0064

REWARD LOST Toy Apricot Poodle, no collar, in vicinity of Bowling Alley on Holiday Hill Road. Please call Caroline at 432-638-3695

CERTIFIED ACTIVITY Director specializing in people living with Alzheimers disease. I will sit with your family member as needed. No personal care. Excellent references. Call Kari 432-230-6166

Let Classifieds Work For You! Call 432-682-6222

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2012 FORD Mustang Boss 302. 14K miles $36,000. 432-335-3026

WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4078

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 2009 Silverado 2500 Extended Cab, Long Bed, 4WD, White, 193k miles, new transmission. Asking $11,500. 432-770-4870

DODGE 2003 Ram 4x4, Graphite gray with Bushwacker pocket style fender flares, Flowmaster dual exhaust, Nitto mud grappler tires, and custom wheels. $7,500 or OBO. 432-312-1643

DODGE 2014 3500 RAM, 6.7 Cummings, 32k miles, 100k warranty. Asking $39,000 without the machine. The machine is a Miller PipePro 304 with 3800 Hours, for $7,000. Call 870-500-9065

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Pickup Trucks

FORD 1993 Ranger SuperCab with camper shell. V6 standard shift, power steering, brakes and cold air conditioner. 2 WD. Good tires. Runs great. 432-230-9093 7am-7pm. Cash only. $3,500. OBO. 432-230-9093

FORD 2011 F250, 4x4, diesel, 6.7 liter, 75,300 miles, $35,000. 432-235-9796 or 432-853-2753.

GMC 1976 Sprint. Limited production Cadillac of pickups. Vinyl Strato upholstery with swivel seats. New factory V8 engine, professionally installed. New HD 6-ply tires. Excellent condition, always garaged, no rust. Ready for years of dependable service. A beauty to admire. Gentleman owner downsizing. $15,000. Call 432-695-4467 Midland

GMC 2007 Sierra Z71 4WD Nagivation loaded, always garaged one owner, 87K miles. Bed cover. $20,000 OBO. Call 432-413-6167

TOYOTA 2006 Tundra 4 Dr Access Cab 6-1/2 Bed. Excellent Condition. Runs Great. 111k miles. Asking $11.5k OBO. Will Sell Quick!

Vans & Minivans

PLYMOUTH 1988 Voyager 4cyl, new paint, new tires, new interior, only 50k original miles. $2800. Call 432-770-7982

4WD & SUV

CHEVY 2004 Tahoe, 141,500 miles. One-owner. Dependable, everything works. $6,500 or best offer. 432-559-3664

Passenger Cars

2011 MERCEDES Benz GL550
4Matic - Loaded, $45,500
Diamond White, 40K miles, just had it's yearly service. We'd keep it but we just have one too many. Call Gary at 432-260-0645

Legal & Public Notices

Notice to Physicians and Providers: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation (HMO Blue Texas and Blue Advantage HMO) administers gatekeeper model individual practice association health maintenance organizations that arrange for the provision of both basic and supplemental health services to their members. Any physician or provider can make application to participate in the HMO Blue Texas and/or Blue Advantage HMO networks, at 3300 N. A Street, Bldg. 8, Ste. #120, Midland, TX 79705 or fax 432-620-1428 from January 10, 2015, until January 29, 2015.

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE by Joseph and Team
1801 "D" St. (Midland)
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
This is a wonderful home full of quality items including...Antique coins & paper notes, American Fostoria, Franciscan Desert Rose/Apple, Hummel's, black memorabilia, paperweights, depression glass, Fenton cranberry, Belleek, Lennox, tea cup collection, Dept. 56 Snow Village, Fiesta, Coca Cola trays, china, kitchen items, kitchen table /chairs, dining table/6 chairs, sofa, vintage side chairs, lamp tables, full bed/chest of drawers/dresser & mirror, 4 poster bed/student desk/dresser & mirror, Thomasville dresser/mirror, King bed, cast iron wash pot, washer/dryer, fridge, and the usual household misc.
For picture go to...
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/TX/Midland/79705/782348

4WD & SUV

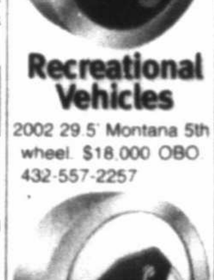
FORD 2009 Expedition Eddie Bauer edition. 4wd, leather, running boards, 3rd row seating, clean, 77,000 miles. $17,500. Call 432-631-5451 leave message

LINCOLN 2009 Black Navigator. 4X4. All power including running boards, third row seats, sunroof, liftgate, Sirius and Bluetooth connectivity. 54K miles. New Michelin tires. Extended warranty. Excellent condition. $21,700. 684-4407 or 260-0010

Motorcycles

HARLEY 2013 Dyna 9000 miles $9000 Call 432-352-7470

HARLEY-DAVIDSON Road King Classic 2011 model. 103 cid. 6 speed transmission. 6 gallon fuel tank. Dark Candy Rootbeer. Light Candy Rootbeer metallic. 8,506 mi. 10k service done in October. $14,500. 432-250-0262



Recreational Vehicles

2002 29.5 Montana 5th wheel. $18,000 OBO. 432-557-2257

Garage -Estate & Yard Sales

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE
Saturday January 10th
CASH SALES ONLY
8:00am to 4:00 pm
Antiques, collectables furniture & appliances
Too much to list
Priced to sell
5311 E. Interstate 20
Midland, Tx 79706

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

USED BOOK SALE at Casa De Amigos on Lameea Road just south of Cuthbert Ave. Saturday 8am-noon. Huge selection 50 cents each.

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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Marty's Marketplace

Merchandise

Appliances

AAA Appliance 15 minute pickup. 432-556-0104 / 432-528-3046

MAYTAG WASHER and dryer. 1 year old. Excellent condition. $400. Call Ed at 432-894-6112

Furniture

PAULA DEEN Daybed/Dresser w/mirror (offwhite) with Vera Bradley Bedding. Purchased from Carter's asking $2,300. In perfect condition. Rustic Bedroom Furniture, King Size Bed, night stand, trunk and dresser with mirror. $3,000. Please call 432-664-1957

Miscellaneous for Sale

MEADE 10" telescope and mount, never assembled, $3000 OBO. Call 432-638-3819.

Miscellaneous for Sale

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432-697-6447 • kensrvs.com
LARGEST SELECTION OF USED TRAILERS IN THE BASIN
TRY US ONCE YOU'LL BE BACK
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Hours: 8:30-5:30 Mon.-Fri. • 9-3 Sat.
FINANCING AVAILABLE UP TO 120 MONTHS 10% DOWN W.A.C.

Free Stuff

FREE WOODEN PALLETS!
Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

Miscellaneous for Sale

LOUIS VUITTON ITEMS. 2 bicycles, almost new. 2 sets of Landrover rubber floor mats. Rustic copper faucet. NIB Call 432-689-9111

SEA CONTAINER solid metal. 40' long, 8' tall, 8' wide. great for portable building / office and more. $2,500 Call 432-599-3473

WHIRLPOOL FRONT load washer & dryer, works great $300 set. 9' solid wood entertainment center. tons of storage. can text a picture. $1,000 OBO 432-664-6627

OAK, PECAN, mesquite, pinon, 432-209-0416, 325-762-4262

Animals & Pets

Pets

AKITA'S PUPPIES need good home. $400. If interested please call 432-699-5149.

FREE FEMALE Blue Heeler & Australian Shepherd mix, 3 years old. Well behaved, housebroke. 432-352-1957

LAB PUPPIES AKC & started dogs. Hips/eyes guaranteed. Training available. Pooles Labs. www.pooleslabs.com. Call (806) 633-4364.

AKC WEST Highland, white terrier One Male left. 5 months. Toilet trained, all shots, champion pedigree. $500 Call 432-694-0258

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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM apartment $1,100 per month. Please call 432-684-6444 leave message.

Townhouse/ Condo for Rent Unfurnished

2 BED 1 bathroom, $1,150 mo. $500 deposit. No smoking, no pets. 3112 A W. Kansas. Call 432-522-2659.

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

NICE 1 bedroom, 1 bath back house. Dryer & washer hookups. $900 month includes utilities. $400 deposit. 605 N. "K" Street. 432-634-4550.

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

1407 W. Golf Course Road, 3BD/2BA Townhome with pool, complete remodel, move-in ready, $375,000 no realtors. 432-687-5952

2603 WARD. 3/2/2. Large garage/shop. Water feature. Great Location. $220,000. See MLS# R102270A for pics.512-983-8722

2818 METZ, beautifully remodeled, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home, $249,900. OPEN HOUSE every Saturday & Sunday 2pm-4pm. Call 432-683-2243. **Realtors welcome.**

4816 SHADYLANE 4/2 remodeled $139,500 *803 Cuthbert $165,000. *4902 FM 1213 home on 1.25 acres $159,500 former studio. Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

4BD, 3BA, 2 dining, 3 car garage. built in 2005, large walk in closet in master, jacuzzi tub, granite in kitchen, home security, r/o system, 2421 sqft., 6002 Yorkshire Dr. Please call for additional information 325-374-3685

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Homes for Sale

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Commercial

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- **Kent County** *11,155 ac., ft. of Snyder, 4 houses, pens/roping arena, 800 ft. mtn. creek. lakes, Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail $795/ac
- *4,212 ac, Maverick Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $825/ac
- *1,771 ac, windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850/ac
- **Nolan County** *646 ac, over 1 mile SOLD d creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oaks, ... $3,550/ac
- *565 ac, Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres planted for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $3,550/ac
- **Howard County** *642 ac, canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oilfield traffic $750/ac
- *150 ac, big canyon SOLD anks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, elev $850/ac
- **Martin County** *135 ac, Sulphur Springs SOLD deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal store $1,150/ac

(432) 664-7764 or (432) 934-7777
No Realtors - Buy Direct!!!
Deal with Landowners that know the Country!!!
Owner Financing Available

Lots & Land

Acreage

6.02 ACRES for sale in Midland County by owner. $155,000. Close to town, no restrictions. 2 water wells, septic, electric, cable, phone, barn, fenced. Home or business ready. Corner property, paved on two sides. 432-425-5979 or 432-557-9328.

LAND FOR Sale North of Cristoval. 20, 40, 80 and 150 acre tracks. One 300 acre track. Only 21 tracks available. Private, gated entrance, beautiful scenic home sites. 12 minutes from San Angelo. 20ac track - $170K, 40ac track - $260K. 325-650-9960

MOBILE HOME LOT. 1217 W. Montgomery, $16,000. 407 E. Montgomery-1 acre, $28,000. 810 S. Madison $10,000. Call 432-683-2243.

Ranches

RANCH FOR SALE
4,212 Acres
near Snyder, Tx.
Water, 3 houses, great hunting.
Owner Financing
$795/ Acre
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Commercial

Commercial Building For Lease
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Fenced/Paved Yard
Midland, Texas
$14,750/month
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COMMERCIAL YARD FOR LEASE
5 ACRES, FENCED
2 AC CALICHED
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East of Midland.
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Commercial

"MAN CAVE"
New storage on 1788. 1500-4500 square ft starting at $650 RV's/cars/industrial ask for Don 352-2067.

NOW LEASING
Office/Warehouses
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Various locations.
Call 432-661-4057.

OFFICE BUILDING For Lease...Approximately 2,976 sq. ft. with 4 offices, 2 bathrooms, reception area and large file/conference room. Conveniently located just west of downtown Midland at 1304 W. Texas. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll at Real Estate One... 682-1111

NEW CONSTRUCTION
5/10/20/50 acres +/- yard with 5,000 or 10,000 sq. ft. building with Bridge Cranes/ wash bays. Ask for Don. 563-1610 or 352-2067.

Modular & Mobile Homes

Mobile Homes for Rent

2 RV spaces for rent, adults only, all bills paid, no pets. Call 432-695-4734

32' RV for rent $400 per week. Call 432-257-7666

FLEETWOOD '06 32ft., 2mi. from town, 1slide, qn bed, no smoking or pets. All bills paid $800mo $200dep. Call 806-518-4615 or 806-388-7221

SEVERAL RVs and RV Spaces for rent. Cable, Wi-Fi and utility included. Sleeps 2. Call 432-770-7054 or 432-634-0978.

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Mobile Homes for Sale

2014 SINGLE Wide Clayton Mobile Home, 1216 Sq/ft, 3-Bedroom/2-bath. Includes Skirting, Axels, Tires & Wheels. $46,000. Call Richard 631-1011

FOR SALE: 2008 Fleetwood mobile home; 4br / 2bath / 2LR, 2300sf, Excellent condition. 2 large decks included. Must be moved. $90k Call: 432.238.7895

Mobile Homes for Sale

MANUFACTURED HOME 3 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled, new carpet, repainted, releveled, central heat, new skirting, new water well, septic tank on corner 1 acre, 6 foot chain link fence, large Pecan trees and several Pine trees. Located at 3404 S. CR. 1206, Midland, TX. $135,000. Call Roger at 432-352-2933

Lots & Land

Acreage

15 - 20 AC. EDWARDS, MENARD OR CONCHO COUNTIES. LIVE OAK, MESQUITE, CEDAR COVER, ABUNDANT NATIVE & EXOTIC GAME. STARTING AT $2,695 DOWN, $491/MO. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

45 AC. VAL VERDE COUNTY N. OF COMSTOCK. GOOD BRUSH COVER. DEER, TURKEY, HOGS, JAVELINA, QUAIL. NEAR LAKE AMISTAD. $2,239 DOWN, $408/MO. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

The Bottom Line

As household income, education levels and job responsibility increases, so does readership.

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Anniversaries

Babies of 2014

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will publish a special baby section dedicated to all the special people born in 2014. Our "Cover Baby" will be chosen at random. All babies appearing in the Babies of 2014 section will be eligible to be our "Cover baby".

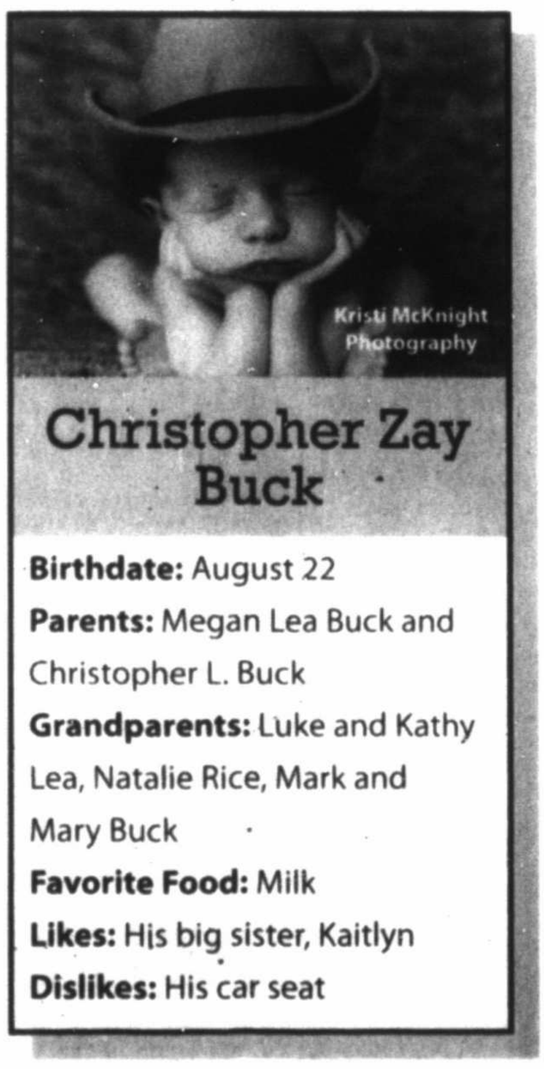
Now is your chance to show everyone how cute your baby is! If a baby was born in your family in 2014, complete this form and return it with a photo and payment to our office by Sunday, January 11, 2015 to get your baby published in a 2.46 " x 5" profile in our Babies of 2014 special section! *Please note that this special section will be printed in black & white with the exception of the cover and back page.

Printed Photo Requirements
- Color print*
- Minimum size: 2"x3"
- Vertical pose preferred
- One baby per photo
- Twins require double spot
- Include baby's name on back of photo

Please complete this form and return with photo and a $25.00 payment by Friday, January 9, 2015.
Pictures will not be returned.

Digital Photo Requirements
- Color Image*
- Minimum 3.5"x5" @ 200 dots per inch resolution
- .jpg format preferred

Please send your digital photo and the submission form to rellis@mrt.com.
You will be contacted for credit card payment.



Christopher Zay Buck

Birthdate: August 22
Parents: Megan Lea Buck and Christopher L. Buck
Grandparents: Luke and Kathy Lea, Natalie Rice, Mark and Mary Buck
Favorite Food: Milk
Likes: His big sister, Kaitlyn
Dislikes: His car seat

Actual Size

Babies of 2014

Baby's Information

Name _____
Birthdate _____ ,2014
Parents _____
Grandparents _____
Favorite Food _____
Likes _____
Dislikes _____

Your Information

Parent's Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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To Submit Your Form Online Go To: mrt.com/babies2014
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201 E. Illinois • Midland, Tx 79701
Attn: Advertising, Babies of 2014, Rachel Ellis

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AUTOMOTIVE

HELP WANTED
Diesel Tech

$50.00 Per Flat Rate Hr. D.O.E + Training
Plus Health, Life, Dental & Vision Insurance, Paid Uniforms, Paid Vacations.
5 Stalls w/3 Lifts, Awesome tool room,
Very clean well lit shop in a modern Facility with state of the art equipment.
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Please ask for Bob Smith

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EOE

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

RECEPTIONIST
Now hiring Receptionist. Competitive pay, excellent benefits. Customer service experience preferred. Send resume: **texascountryseycare@gmail.com** or **2200 W Wadley Ave #22 Midland, TX 79705.**

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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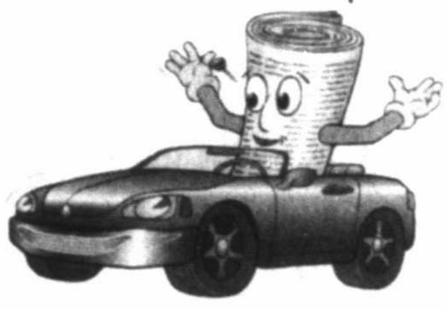

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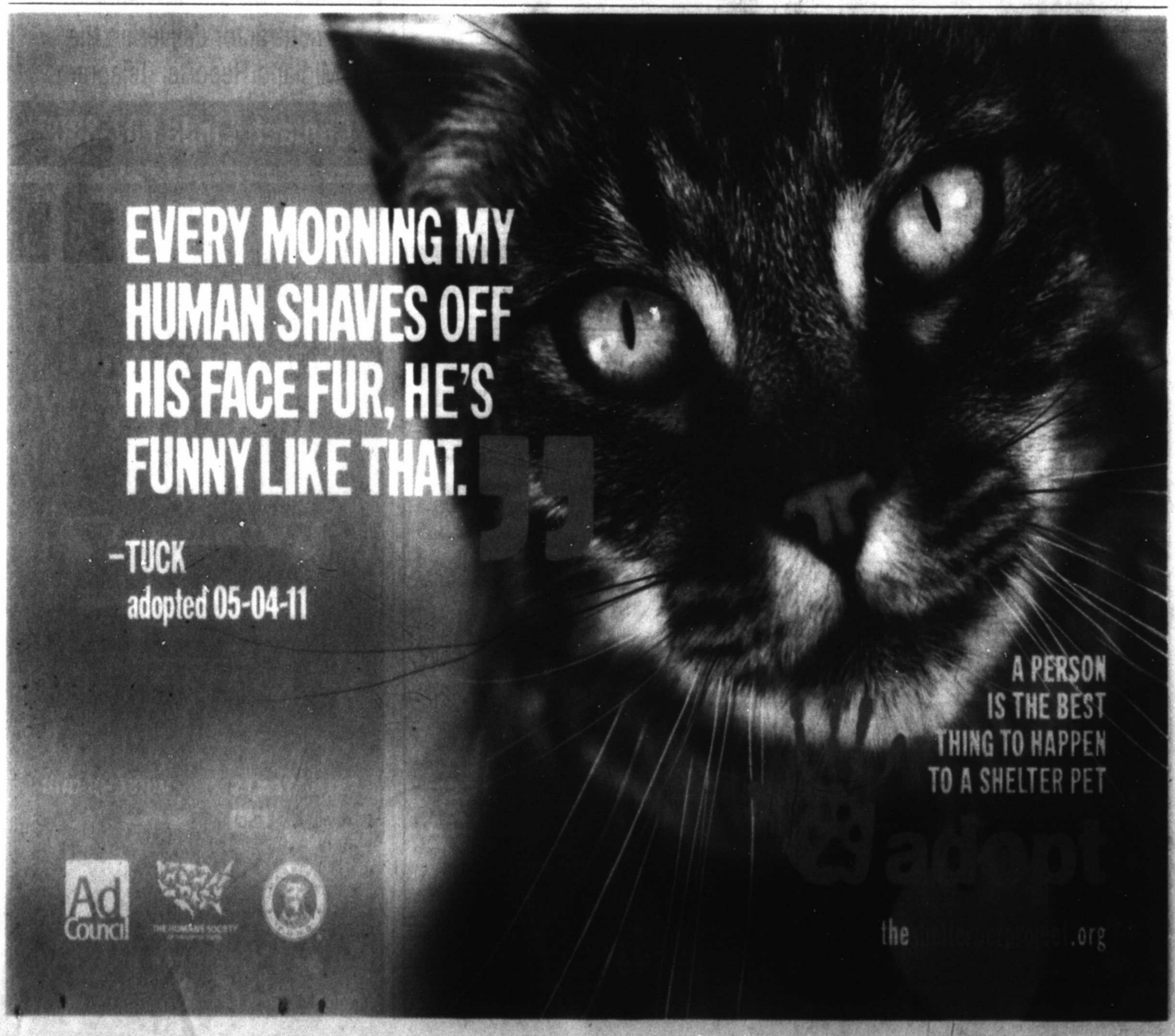

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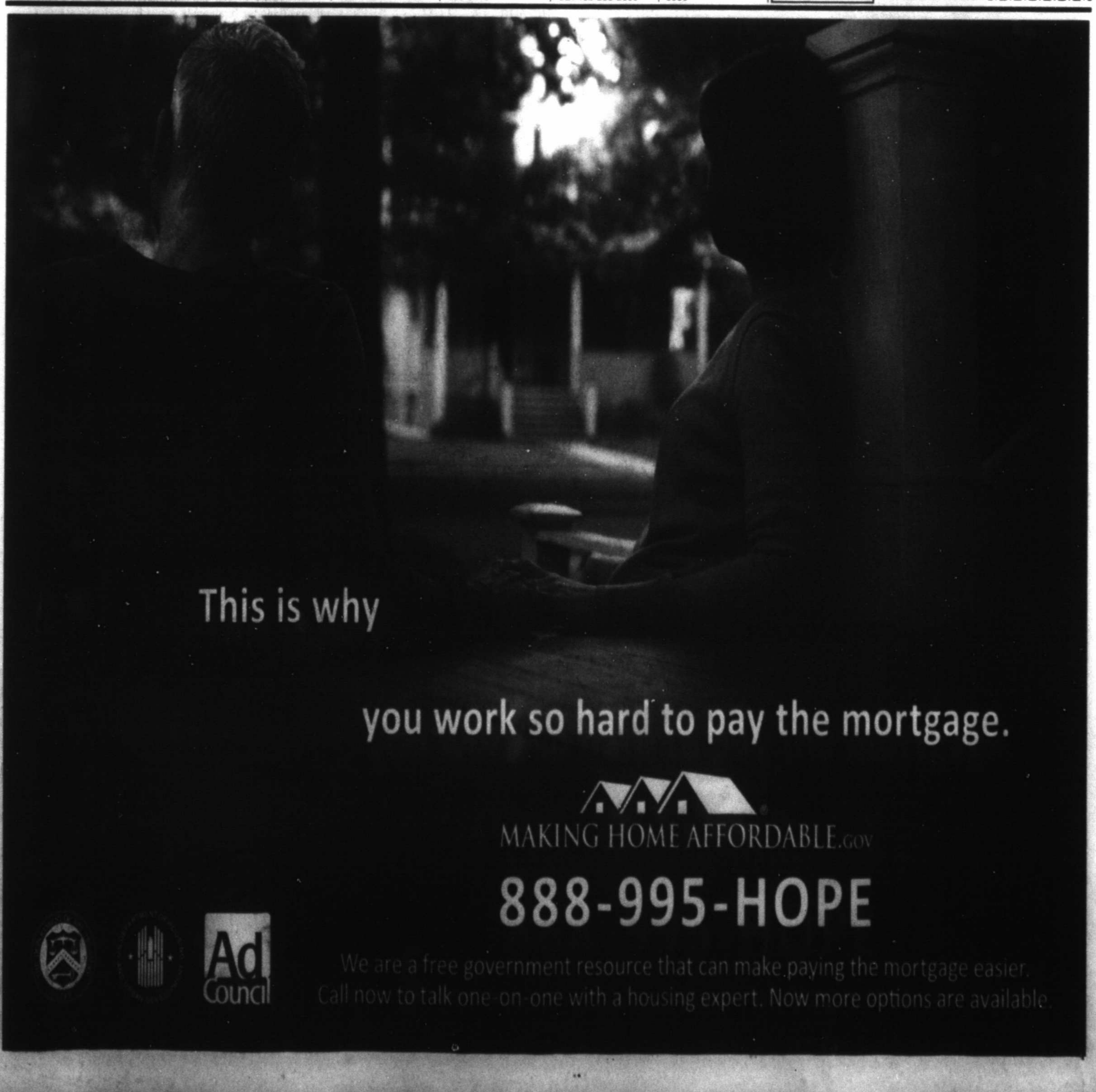

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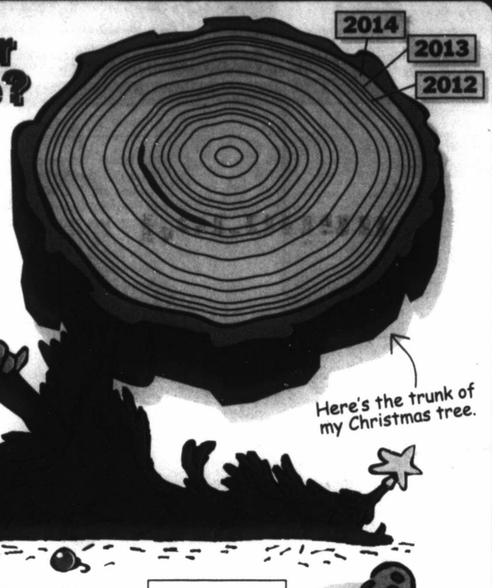
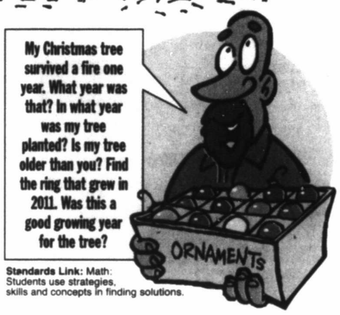
How Old Is Your Christmas Tree?

Each year, a tree grows a new layer of wood under its bark. By counting these layers, called rings, you can discover the age of a tree.

This year, after you take the decorations off your Christmas tree, count its rings! One ring equals one year. (The bark is not a ring.) Can you find out the age of your tree?



The rings of a tree can also show what the climate of the forest was during different years. Look at the tree trunk pictured above. Some of the rings are wide and some of them are thin. A wide ring tells us that this was a good year for growing. There was the right amount of water and sunlight. Drought causes slower growth and narrow rings. Dark spots tell us that the tree survived a fire that year.



Reading Rings Tells Past

By reading the rings of trees, dendrochronologists can read the story of our planet, stories that reside in living trees and in logs used to build ancient buildings. Tree rings have told of weather patterns that lead to severe fires. They have revealed century-long droughts, insect plagues and times of volcanic eruptions.

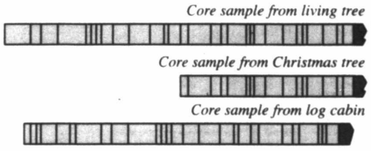
Standards Link: Life Science. When the environment changes, plant growth and survival are affected.

Standards Link: Math: Students use strategies, skills and concepts in finding solutions.

Read the Rings

I don't have to cut down trees to read their rings. Using a special tool called an *increment borer*, I can take a core sample from a living tree. A core sample is about the size of a soda straw, and the rings look like lines.

I found an old log cabin while hiking last week. I took a core sample from the logs to find the age of the cabin.



Compare the core samples to see where the patterns of the rings match. The last ring of the living tree grew in the year 2014. Count backwards from the bark to find out the age of each tree. Cutting out the strips makes comparing easier.

Use the core samples to complete the chart below.

	Age of the tree	Year tree was cut down	Year tree was planted
LIVING TREE			
DR. SAPLING'S CHRISTMAS TREE			
LOG FROM CABIN			

Standards Link: Math: Use a table to sort information and compute results.

Extra! Extra!

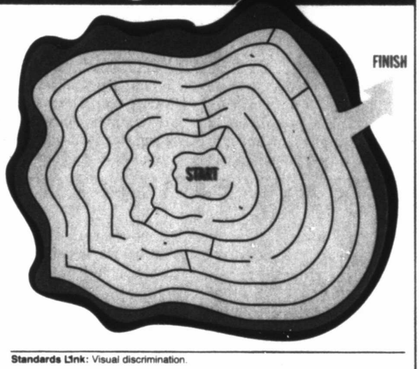
Look Inside

Make a list of 18 words from the newspaper that have double vowels. Circle the vowels. Underline the vowel whose sound you hear when you say the word.

HEAT
BOAT
EIGHT

Standards Link: Decoding: Recognize vowel digraphs.

Tree Ring Maze



Standards Link: Visual discrimination.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

GROWING
TREES
RINGS
WOOD
BARK
COUNTING
TRUNK
FIRE
CORE
CABIN
AGE
SAMPLES
PREDICT
WEATHER

D	R	E	H	T	A	E	W	N	P
E	N	D	R	E	R	O	C	I	R
O	S	G	T	G	C	H	O	B	E
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R	S	D	E	A	E	D	G	G	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

The Life of a Tree

What would a tree tell you about its life if it could talk?

I imagine if I talked to a tree that has lived for many, many years, I would ask it how many droughts it has been through.

Charlie
5th grade

I would ask: How many apples grew on you? How many people have kicked you? I would also ask how many birds have made nests on your limbs? I am sure the tree needs some one to talk to just like I do! We could entertain each other for hours!

Frenanda,
3rd grade

The tree would tell me all the droughts it lived through and that for so many years, only three people watered all of the trees in the park. Those people used to talk to the trees and share how they were feeling and ask how the tree was doing!

Yuliana,
5th grade

If I could talk to a tree, I would ask about its life. It would tell me about enjoying watching children laugh and play. It would also tell me about how it would tickle when kids climbed on it. But it would get sad when the children grew up and didn't come around anymore. Thankfully, new children would come and everything would start over and everything would be OK. I truly wish I could talk to trees! There is so much I could learn from trees!

Yanell,
5th grade

I met a tree. She said, "I have been here since the Native Americans arrived. In fact, the chief planted me. He is buried under my roots. I also saw World War 11. It was very sad." Then the tree started to cry. She slumped over and told me to go. That is the life of a cherry tree.

Josephine,
4th grade

I started talking to a very old tree. I named it "Old Lady Tree." So I'd say, "Well, hello Old Lady Tree." The tree would say "How do you know my name?" I don't know but it was nice meeting you Old Lady Tree!

Gretchen,
1st grade

"Well, I traveled from India to the United States," the tree said. "Some people hugged me. But ... let me explain myself to you. I am broad, wide, tall and very old as you can tell. I have a special name: The Loving Tree. So I am very lovable!" Once our conversation was over I started to walk away but the tree yelled back at me. "Happy New Years!" Then I said, "You must be a very lovable tree!"

Victory,
1st grade

"What have you seen here in Rome Mr. Tree?"
"I have seen Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony, Cleopatra and Ptolemy," he replied. We had a lovely talk and lost track of time. I will never forget talking to that tree from Rome.

Hannah,
3rd grade,

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2. Divide the strip into enough equal segments to show the number of weeks left in the school year.
3. Find a newspaper article that interests you. Write the headline, lead sentence and date of the article in the first segment.
4. Follow the newspaper for more stories about this news item and add each story or commentary to the timeline.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

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