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Accidents increase 13.5 percent in 2012

Most accidents in Midland take place at Loop 250 and Andrews Highway

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The total number of accidents in the city of Midland increased 13.5 percent last year, according to the 2012 Traffic Accident Report.

By comparison, the number of accidents increased 10.67 in 2011 year, according to Gary Saunders, city transportation manager.

Saunders said the influx of traffic, which has grown consistently in the past three years, contributed to the increase in accidents.

"The lane capacity during peak hours make it hard to handle all the increased traffic," Saunders said.

In the report, the intersection of the Loop 250 west service road and Andrews Highway had the highest number of accidents at 26. Of those, 20 were rear-end type accidents.

Although this intersection had the highest number of accidents, the intersection of Loop 250 and "A" Street has the highest "crashes per million entering vehicles" rate, or MEV, with 3.7040.

Saunders said that was the lone intersection with an MEV above 2.0. The MEV for the Loop 250 service road and Andrews Highway intersection was 1.9229.

Saunders added that the Loop 250/"A" Street MEV does not mean it is dangerous, but the transportation department will look at making some changes.

One change already in place at that intersection is a Texas Department of Transportation sign that says "cross traffic does not stop," Saunders said.

The city's Traffic Division will present its annual report at today's City Council meeting. The findings are compiled annually by the division through

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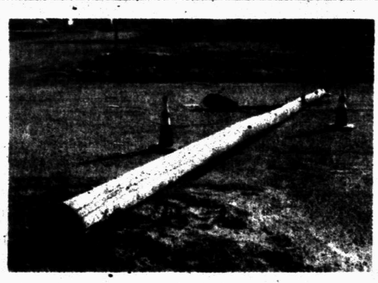
WINDY WEST TEXAS

ABOVE: High winds brought down multiple power lines, light poles and trees Monday.

FAR RIGHT: Missouri Avenue was closed between Terrell and Dallas streets after a telephone pole fell down.

RIGHT: Texas Avenue east of Big Spring Street was closed after debris from an abandoned building was blown into the street and damaged cars.



High winds knock out power, close roads

From staff reports

Strong gusts that reached 60 mph across Midland created havoc Monday with road closures, power outages and downed trees and power lines.

The National Weather Service reported peak winds reaching 60 mph at both Midland International Airport and Midland Airpark, and those winds left more than 1,000 Oncor customers without power during different parts of the day. The high winds also impacted Greenwood ISD, which reported multiple power outages.

Monday will go down as a day when sustained winds were 37 mph greater than a typical February day (11 mph), according to the NWS. Peak winds, while slower than the record for February (67 mph in 1960), made Midlanders happy to be indoors. Wind chills remained in the 20s during the morning hours, and the NWS reported gusts in excess of 50 mph took place every hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The winds left more than 1,000 Oncor customers in Midland County without power as of 4:45 p.m. Monday, with numbers continually fluctuating between ranges of 1,100 and 1,300, said Sue Mercer, Oncor Electric delivery area manager.

Mercer said workers were assessing damage and repairing two poles in Midland County that were broken because of weather conditions. High winds have sent trees and foreign objects into power lines and wires, causing outages all

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Weather

Manic Monday

Highest sustained wind: 40 mph

Highest peak wind: 60 mph

Record wind speed during the month of February: 67 mph (Feb. 9, 1960)

Average wind speed for February: 10 mph

Wind forecast for today: 5-10 mph today, 10-15 mph tonight

Top peak wind speeds

Midland International	60
Midland Airpark	60
Guadalupe Mountains National Park	68
Seminole	53
Lubbock	53
Big Spring	53
Fort Stockton	53
Odessa Schlemeyer	52
Hobbs, N.M.	51
Pecos	47

Note: According to hourly reports on NWS sites

Hour-by-Hour winds

Report	Sustained	Peak
5:53 a.m.	7	-
6:53 a.m.	24	29
7:53 a.m.	22	33
8:53 a.m.	24	35
9:53 a.m.	45	59
10:53 a.m.	35	55
11:53 a.m.	37	58
12:53 p.m.	37	58
1:53 p.m.	43	54
2:53 p.m.	38	53
3:53 p.m.	28	40
4:53 p.m.	29	38
5:55 p.m.	21	29
6:55 p.m.	12	18
7:55 p.m.	8	-
8:55 p.m.	calm	-
4:53 p.m.	29	38
5:35 p.m.	25	33
6:36 p.m.	20	28

From staff reports

UP: NTSB put hold on wreck videos

By Joseph Basco
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One of the attorneys representing victims of the Nov. 15 train-parade float crash in requesting video and other materials from Union Pacific Railroad Co. discovered those materials are in possession of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Attorney Kevin Gasheen requested materials, including the dash-cam video from a Midland County Sheriff's deputy vehicle.

Raquel Espinoza, spokesperson for Union Pacific, said NTSB has the materials and is putting a hold on the videos.

UP is still investigating the accident while cooperating with other parties, she said.

"We've provided information we have to the NTSB and are cooperating with the plaintiffs' lawyers," Espinoza said. "The NTSB asked us not to release videos to any other parties."

Espinoza said the videos are from the lead locomotive; dash-cam video from a Midland County Sheriff's deputy vehicle and video from a third party.

The NTSB was unable to answer questions pertaining to the videos at press time.

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Greenwood calls $51.5M bond election

By Meredith Moriak
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The future of Greenwood ISD — either a four-campus district with two new buildings or a "portable city" created outside existing buildings — will be decided May 11 when residents vote on a $51.5 million bond.

During Tuesday's special meeting, trustees unanimously called a $51.5 million bond election in order to build new intermediate and middle schools, complete construction projects at all campuses and upgrade district technology.

The bond package calls for everything included in the Citizen's Bond Committee's $51.32 million

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The big number
Midland ISD offers salary of
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for new professional development executive director. More on 1B

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meeting today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine

Community calendar

■ The 2013 Midland Prayer Breakfast — "Let us Pray Together" — is planned for 7 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Center. Rosemary Trible, founder of Fear2Freedom, a global nonprofit dedicated to restoring lives wounded by sexual assault and domestic violence, will be the featured speaker.

Scam taking place in Midland

High Sky Children's Ranch is alerting the public of a phone solicitation scam in which the callers are asking for donations for tickets to send the children of High Sky Children's Ranch to the Shriners Circus.

They are requesting credit card information from the individuals. High Sky Children's Ranch has not requested any outside solicitations for any such donations, and High Sky officials do not solicit money by going door to door or by phone solicitation.

For more information, call JaLynn Hogan, executive director of High Sky Children's Ranch, at 694-7728.

Source: High Sky Children's Ranch

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

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

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

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

Water tracker

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

Friday's total: 14,111,000 gallons (CRMWD 10,728,000, Paul Davis field 3,383,000)

Saturday's total: 12,375,000 gallons (CRMWD 9,293,000, Paul Davis field 3,082,000)

Sunday's total: 12,699,000 gallons (CRMWD 9,651,000, Paul Davis field 3,048,000)

Feb. 15 total: 12,904,000 gallons
Feb. 16 total: 12,218,000 gallons
Feb. 17 total: 13,845,000 gallons

When it's open

City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Customer Service line: 685-7320

Midland County Public Library
301 W. Missouri Ave.
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9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Return bins available 24 hours a day
688-4320

Centennial Branch Library
3211 West Wadley Avenue
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9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Return bins available 24 hours a day
699-0629

Law Library
500 N. Loraine St., first floor
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
688-4351

Correction

Reginald Snowy Baker, a prominent Australian polo player and former captain of the Australian Men's Polo Team, was manager of the Riviera Country Club's horsemanship program in Los Angeles in the mid-1940s. The Midland 101 in Monday's edition had the wrong name. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 4-0-9
Pick 3 night: 3-0-5
Daily 4 day: 7-2-1-7
Daily 4 night: 4-5-5-6
Cash Five: 4-6-20-28-30
Texas Two Step: 9-25-30-32 BB: 27
All or Nothing (morning): 1-3-5-11-12-15-16-17-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing (day): 2-7-8-12-15-17-18-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-5-7-8-9-12-14-17-18-20-21
All or Nothing (night): 6-8-10-11-12-13-15-16-19-21-23-24

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2013. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Feb. 26, 1993, a truck bomb built by terrorists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

On this date:

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

George P. Bush speaks at county GOP dinner

By Joseph Basco
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It was a packed audience Monday night at the Commemorative Air Force hangar for the Ector and Midland counties' Bush Day Dinner, featuring keynote speaker George P. Bush.

The nephew of former President George W. Bush, son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and grandson of former President George H.W. Bush spoke about "the way forward" for the Republican Party, but he started off his speech about reaching out to voters who resemble himself: young and Hispanic.

"What President Obama did that we didn't do this time around was attracting voters that haven't voted," Bush said.

When he asked the audience how many of them have a Twitter account, a few people raised their hands. He told audience members they should reach out and engage — get on social media and tell people about conservative ideology.

"This (social media) is where the future is in terms of reaching newer voters," Bush said.

Rhonda Lacy, president of the Midland County Republican Women, said before the speech that Bush is young, but experienced, and has the business sense to appeal to young people. She said Bush speaks Spanish, which he briefly did during his speech to the sound of applause.

Former Mayor Mike Canon said Bush has a perspective derived from his Hispanic heritage that other people, such as himself, may have trouble relating to and that will give him an advantage in the political marketplace.

"He has a lot of common sense, Canon said. "He has good conservative values and comes from a good parentage."

At the end of his speech, Bush referred to something his uncle said about leadership.

"Leadership to me is duty, honor and country," Bush said. "It means character and it means listening from time to time. It means bringing people together."

Bush is rumored to be running for Texas land commissioner in 2014. Canon said he hopes that plan is real and that Bush will be committed to the position because Texas has a lot of land and minerals.

"He's qualified to do a lot of things," Canon said.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

George P. Bush spoke on Monday evening at a Bush Day Dinner with the Midland and Ector counties' Republican parties.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested on drug possession charge

A Comanche man was arrested Friday on a drug possession charge after a Midland police officer allegedly found more than 30 grams of drugs in his car, according to his arrest affidavit.

Randall Edward Martin Jr., 33, is being held on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

The officer found the drugs during a traffic stop early Friday morning in the 100 block of Rochester Street. The driver, identified as Martin, said his license was suspended because of a DWI charge, according to the arrest report.

In searching the vehicle, the officer found a plastic bag containing about 5.3 grams of cocaine, aluminum foil containing about 28 grams of meth and two small bags containing hydroponic marijuana, according to the report.

During booking, jail staff found in his boot a small bag with a dollar-sign stamp and in his wallet a type of credit card that the officer said commonly is used to transfer money between buyers and sellers of narcotics, according to the report. If convicted, Martin could face up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Man arrested on assault charge

A Midland man was in custody over the weekend after being arrested Friday for allegedly choking a family member during an argument, according to his arrest affidavit.

Marc Reyes, 28, was being held on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault against a family or household member. He was released Saturday.

A woman told police officers on Feb. 18 that Reyes allegedly pushed her against a window and grabbed her by the throat in the 600 block of North Terrell Street. She had bruises on her neck and back, according to the arrest report. If convicted, Reyes could face up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: 2nd man arrested in kidnapping case

Midland police arrested a second man on Friday believed to be involved in an alleged kidnapping and assault that occurred Feb. 19 at a local motel, according to his arrest affidavit.

Mark Anthony Garza, 31, of Midland, is being held on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated kidnapping with the intent to commit assault.

Police arrested Enrique Subia, 33, on Feb. 19 on the same charge.

Officers resonded to an assault at about 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Metro Inn Motel in the 3700 block of West Wall Street.

The alleged victim, who had multiple injuries, including a swollen right eye, bloody nose and bruises on his head, neck chest and arms, said Subia and Garza had allegedly assaulted him when he returned to his motel room, according to the arrest report.

The alleged victim said they allegedly grabbed him while he was on the phone with his daughter. Subia allegedly pulled the man's sweater over his head and dragged him to the ground.

Subia then allegedly grabbed his feet while Garza put the alleged victim in a chokehold and dragged him into Subia's room. Subia and Garza then allegedly threw the man over a table in a corner of the room. Subia and Garza continuously punched him in the face and body for 10 to 20 minutes, according to the report.

The alleged victim escaped the room and fell down the second-story flight of stairs.

A third man initially was believed to be involved in the kidnapping, but he went into the bathroom to hide because he did not want to be involved in the assault, according to the report.

Garza contacted MPD for an interview and said he had been arguing with the alleged victim about their former gang affiliations.

He also told police that the alleged victim was drinking alcohol with them before the assault and were engaging in a boxing match in Garza's room.

But a next-door tenant refuted Garza's statement, according to the report.

If convicted, Garza could face five to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Dad arrested for DWI with child

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for allegedly driving while intoxicated with a child in the vehicle, according to his arrest affidavit.

Ming Hlun, 30, is being held on a $25,000 bond for a state felony charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 present.

A police officer initially responded to an assault involving Hlun at 1:51 p.m. Saturday in the 4300 block of Neely Avenue. The officer located Hlun's vehicle and followed him to his apartment complex, according to the arrest report.

At the complex, the officer saw Hlun and his wife get out of the vehicle and retrieve a child — who the officer later discovered is 5 months old — from the back seat. When the officer smelled alcohol on Hlun's breath, he conduoted a field sobriety test and said Hlun failed it, according to the report.

The officer contacted Hlun's mother-in-law, who said he had been drinking beer all day. If convicted, Hlun could face up to two years in prison.

MFD: Fire destroys vehicle, damages garage

Two people are staying with family members after their home's garage and a vehicle were damaged Monday morning in a fire.

Midland Fire Department responded to the fire at about 3:15 a.m. in the 3300 block of Amelia Drive.

The fire started in the garage of the single-story home and destroyed a vehicle and heavily damaged the garage, said James Howard, MFD arson investigator. There was smoke damage throughout the home, which currently is inhabitable but likely not a total loss, he said. There weren't any injuries reported. The fire's cause has not yet been determined.

MFD: Fire caused by methane gas buildup

A Midland golf club flash fire that injured one woman Sunday afternoon was caused by methane gas igniting, according to James Howard, arson investigator for the Midland Fire Department.

Firefighters responded to the fire at 4 p.m. at the Ranchland Hills Golf Club on East Wadley Avenue. The fire occurred near the building's kitchen and was caused by a buildup of methane gas from an exterior drain and the gas briefly ignited, Howard said.

A woman was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital for second-degree burns to her arms and face. The Reporter-Telegram was unable to check on her condition.

ACCIDENTS

From 1A

traffic flow analyzers and police reports.

Other trends include:

■ The total number of accidents in the city increased from 3,279 in 2011 to 3,723 in 2012.

■ Seven or more accidents happened in 29 intersections in 2012, up from 25 in 2011.

■ While the number of fatalities increased from six in 2011 to 16 in 2012 on city roads, the number of injuries decreased from 1,160 in 2011 to 1,100 in 2012.

■ The number of alcohol and/or drug related accidents decreased from 292 in 2011 to 188 in 2012.

■ Traffic volume counts taken in 2012 indicate a 10.07 percent average increase in traffic volume throughout the city of Midland compared to the 2011 counts, which the report states can be a contributing factor to the overall increased number of annual accidents.

Source: City of Midland

GREENWOOD

From 1A

recommendation, which was delivered Feb. 11. Trustees added an additional $176,000 in contingency funding to make the bond price tag an even $51.5 million.

The most notable line item included in the bond is $37.4 million for the construction of new intermediate and middle schools at the southeast corner of Farm-to-Market Road 1379 and FM 307. Trustees purchased the land in December for $1.4 million and would like to build a 1,200-student complex that would serve grades three through eight.

The schools would share a kitchen and library media center but have separate entrances, classroom wings, cafeterias, administration offices, parent drop-off locations, bus lanes and gymnasiums.

A $2.79 million districtwide upgrade of data, technology, fire alarm and communications system also is included in the plan. The bond package also includes new office suite and secure vestibule at the high school for $669,000 and $3.1 million in contingency funds.

The need for a bond election comes as Greenwood experiences unprecedented growth, Superintendent Doug Young said. All buildings are at or beyond capacity, and if a building project doesn't occur, trustee Justin Brooks fears the district will turn into "portable city."

Trustees also approved calling a Chapter 41 election for May 11. Considered a "property wealthy" school district by the state, GISD must return funds to the state each year. A Chapter 41 election will allow taxpayers to decide how they will be giving back their money to the state, either by paying money directly to the state and allowing them to disperse it to the poor school districts, or paying the money directly to a poor school district.

For the election, Chapter 41 will be listed as Proposition 1 and the $51.5 million bond election as Proposition 2.

The board also approved an election services agreement with Midland County for May 11, though a total amount is yet to be decided. Currently, GISD is the only entity that has called for a May election but there is a possibility another entity could declare an election and the school district could share the costs.

There are 4,117 individuals eligible to vote on a GISD bond election, said Ruth Sloan, Midland County elections administrator.

What's included in the bond

■ 40-acre land acquisition: $1.6 million
■ Construct new 1,200 student campus complex for grades 3-8: $37.4 million
■ Construct bus drop and service drive south of elementary: $460,000
■ Construct new high school office suite and secure vestibule: $669,000
■ Renovate former high school office to life skills: $300,000
■ Replace high school carpet: $500,000
■ Vocational building/shop: $750,000
■ New bus canopy and wash station: $100,000
■ Turf football field: $800,000
■ Rework track: $500,000
■ Two tennis courts: $140,000
■ Paving at tennis courts: $165,000
■ Renovate elementary wall paneling and carpet: $900,000
■ Replace carpet and paint at Brooks: $250,000
■ Upgrade data, fire alarm and VoIP communications districtwide: $2.79 million
■ Construct concession stand and restrooms at stadium: $700,000
■ Install new lights at football field: $400,000
■ Contingency: $3.1 million

TOTAL PROJECT COST: $51.5 million

Associated Press

VIDEOS

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Meanwhile, both the city's public information officer and the county attorney declined to comment on their respective entity's designation as a "responsible third party" after Union Pacific filed a motion for leave on Feb. 15.

PIO Sara Higgins said the city does not comment on civil litigation as a matter of policy. Russell Malm, county attorney, also said it is a policy not to comment on any pending litigation.

Both entities and Show of Support were designated as responsible third parties by Union Pacific, which claimed the three entities allegedly failed to exercise ordinary care in their duties relevant to the Nov. 15 Hunt for Heroes parade.

Espinoza confirmed the company has filed the motion for leave. She said the three parties were responsible for carrying out the parade and UP wants to allow a jury to assess a percentage of responsibility on each of them. This does not mean UP is seeking to recover money, she said.

"We do not plan to file a lawsuit at this time," Espinoza said.

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Texas faces $334M in cuts because of budget battle

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas state budget will lose $334 million because of the budget battle in Washington, mostly in cuts to public education programs, according to an analysis presented to lawmakers Monday.

The Texas budget receives $34 billion from Washington every year, but a law instituting automatic budget cuts is expected to take effect Friday unless Democratic President Barack Obama and Republicans in Congress can reach a deal.

The Texas Education Agency will lose $167.7 million and the four agencies under the Health and Human Services Commission will lose another $104.9 million, said Maria Hernandez, an expert on federal funds at the Legislative Budget Board. The Texas Workforce Commission will lose $33.7 million and six other state agencies will lose the remainder.

More than $67 million given to at least 285 schools under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act will be cut, affecting more than 172,000 students and 1,300 staff, said Cory Green, the chief grants administrator for the Texas Education Agency. The Department of Education cuts will not take effect until July 1, so schools will not feel the impact until then, Green said.

In addition to the funding for regular classes, the automatic budget cuts would reduce spending on special education by $50 million, affecting 20,000 students and up to 900 staff members. Programs for English language learners also would be reduced by $5.2 million, and technical education courses will lose $4.5 million.

Nutrition programs, early child intervention for disabilities and family protective services also will see reductions in funding, said David Kinsey, an official with the Health and Human Services Commission. In particular, 82,500 people enrolled in the Nutrition for Women, Infants and Children program will lose services under a $31.8 million cut to that program.

Republican lawmakers pressed agency officials on whether the cuts would result in real reductions in the number of people served, or if the figures presented were intended to frighten lawmakers. Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, said he would be watching closely to make sure administrative costs are cut as much as services.

He said the federal government needs to reduce its spending and the cuts are not that significant.

"Out of $32 billion in federal funds, we're only talking about $334 million, so let's keep a frame of mind and a reference of what we're really talking about here," he said.

Hernandez added that while the impact of automatic budget cuts was limited on the state's budget, numerous other programs that fund Texas programs also will see cuts. Those include cuts to higher education grants from the National Institute of Health and the National Science Foundation, as well as cuts to locally administered programs such as Head Start, Community Development Block Grants and the Public Housing Capital Fund.

House proposes reversing budget 2011 gimmicks

AUSTIN — The Legislature's top budget writer sought Monday to reverse two accounting gimmicks used to balance the budget in 2011, a move that would add $2.6 billion to the current budget but leave more money to spend in the future.

Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts asked a House subcommittee to reverse a delay in payments to schools and stop a speed-up in collecting business taxes. The House already has plugged a $4 billion hole in the budget created when lawmakers failed to adequately fund Medicaid, the health program for the poor and disabled.

Pitts said that reversing the two accounting tricks this year will have a secondary impact of increasing the amount lawmakers can spend in the 2014-15 budget cycle.

Texas lawmakers in 2011 faced a $27 billion shortfall to pay for existing government services and had to cut spending by $15 billion from the previous budget. In order to balance the 2012-13 budget, they delayed a monthly payment to public schools by two weeks, pushing a $1.75 billion check originally due in August into September, the next fiscal year.

Republican lawmakers also convinced some businesses to pay $864 million early to help make ends meet, but those businesses have not yet paid the extra amount.

The Legislature is feeling flush with cash after the Texas comptroller announced in January that the state will collect more taxes than forecast in 2011. Now Pitts wants to use that extra revenue to reverse the accounting tricks. The Texas Constitution also has a limit on how much the Legislature can increase spending from one two-year budget to the next. Even if both of these measures is passed, the Republican-controlled Legislature will still be $500 million under the spending cap for this budget, said Ursula Parks, the executive director of the Legislature Budget Board.

Associated Press

Parks sit for years without funding

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Four Texas park areas that cover nearly 48,000 acres of forests, canyons and beaches remain closed because park officials don't have the money to open them.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department hasn't gotten money from the Legislature to develop new parks for a decade, the Houston Chronicle reported on Monday. That frustrates parks advocates, who point to tracts of land that the state owns but hasn't developed for visitors.

Those tracts include Davis Hill State Park, a 1,700-acre plot east of downtown Houston that includes a 261-foot hill, centuries-old trees and a beach along the Trinity River. State officials envision walking trails, camp facilities and possibly an observation tower from the hill.

But a master plan and development for the park could cost more than $12 million.

Retired Liberty County Judge Don Taylor said he worked with former Texas Gov. Price Daniel to line up donations and purchases for the park.

"Gov. Daniel wanted the land set aside for the people, because of the uniqueness of the property," Taylor said. "But today it's almost hidden from view. People who live in its shadow don't even know it exists."

Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

Andrew Sipocz crosses a stream while hiking at Davis Hill Natural Area on Wednesday near Tarkington.

Officials say they also need more money for the Kronkosky State Natural Area northwest of San Antonio, Palo Pinto Mountains State Park outside Fort Worth, and the Chinati Mountain State Natural Area in West Texas.

"We have limited resources that are devoted to projects with the highest priority and eventually we run out and projects continue to sit there," state parks director Brent Leisure said.

State Rep. Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, has offered one solution — a bill that could boost parks department funding by prohibiting lawmakers from using sporting goods sales tax revenue for any other purpose. The tax generated $248 million in 2012-13. Less than one-fourth of that amount went to parks.

"It feels remiss for us to be letting potential parkland sit dormant because there's no funding," Larson said. "But park administrators have been beaten back from the trough for so long that this year they didn't even ask."

Lawmakers already are grappling with a multibillion-dollar obligation for more Medicaid funding and demands for new investment in water resources and roads. Preliminary budget proposals could force the closure of as many as nine existing parks.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Senate may reject Texas insurance commissioner

Texas Insurance Commissioner Eleanor Kitzman could have trouble winning Senate confirmation to keep her job, as Democrats with enough votes to defeat her nomination question her credentials.

Kitzman was appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry in 2011 between legislative sessions. She faces a formal confirmation process starting with the Senate's Nominations Committee next month, before a vote of the full Senate in which she will need two-thirds support.

Several Democrats have questioned her leadership and her past ties to the insurance industry, the Austin American-Statesman reported. At least one Republican, Sen. Bob Deuell, of Greenville, suggested that Kitzman "has ignored a lot of rules."

Kitzman told the newspaper she wanted to talk to each senator and correct any misconceptions, though she didn't specify what those were.

FORT WORTH

Representative targets confidential public settlements

A Fort Worth state representative wants to ban confidentiality agreements in legal settlements involving a public official or taxpayer money.

State Rep. Lon Burnam's proposal comes weeks after a former prosecutor's sexual harassment allegations against Tarrant County District Attorney Joe Shannon came to light. The county settled with the prosecutor for $375,000. It didn't release details until Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office ordered it to do so.

Burnam's bill would instruct officials not to require confidentiality on settlement amounts or allegations against a state or local official. He told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he wants "to correct a wrong that has been going on for a long time."

Shannon's spokeswoman says he hasn't read the bill but supports its concept.

AUSTIN

CPRIT board OKs contract talks on frozen grants

Texas' troubled $3 billion cancer-fighting agency on Monday approved resuming contract talks with grant winners despite being shackled by an ongoing moratorium — and the risk of ruffling lawmakers who still want assurances that all is back on the right path.

The move by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas still prohibits actually doling out nearly $183 million in awards frozen since December. That's when criminal prosecutors began investigating the reeling agency, known as CPRIT, prompting Gov. Rick Perry and other state leaders to demand a moratorium on spending. In a unanimous vote, members of CPRIT's governing board approved letting the agency all but finalize lingering deals while conceding the action might invite criticism for an appearance of presumption.

Lawmakers spent nearly eight hours in public hearings this month grilling CPRIT leaders about numerous missteps and failures,— and have not indicated when, or if, they'll approve an end to the moratorium.

"I am certain we are going to offend somebody," board member Barbara Canales said. "That said, I think it's time for some courage."

The meeting began with CPRIT disclosing that an internal review turned up another problematic award, albeit one not giving agency leaders immediate cause for concern. The roughly $1 million research proposal was highly scored by independent peer reviewers but deviated from the required approval process, said Billy Hamilton, the agency's senior adviser.

AUSTIN

Democrats offer support for Voting Rights Act

Lawmakers representing Hispanics and African Americans called Texas a textbook example of why the U.S. Supreme Court should uphold the Voting Rights Act.

Representatives Sylvester Turner and Trey Martinez Fisher said the Mexican American and Black Legislative Caucuses had filed a brief with the court. They said recent voting laws passed in Texas demonstrate why federal authorities need to pre-clear any changes to the Texas election code before they take effect.

In 2011, the Republican-controlled Legislature created new political districts and passed a law requiring a state-issued photo ID to vote. Federal courts found that both measures intentionally discriminated against minorities.

Republican leaders insist the laws are common sense. They've appealed the decisions. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on a case involving the Voting Rights Act.

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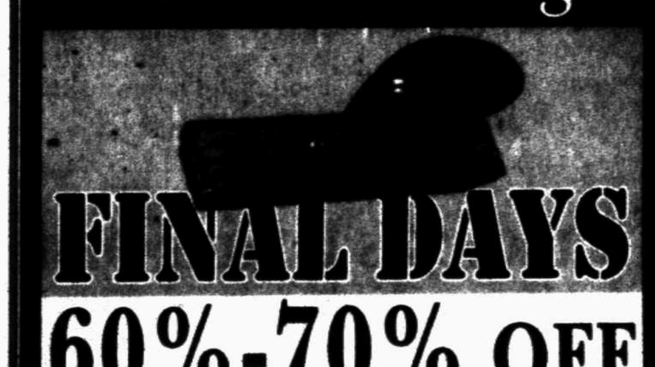

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Annual fundraiser serves up shrimp

Volunteers Bobby Avary, left, and Greg Wood prepare shrimp fritters for the Shrimpfest fundraiser to benefit the Ellen Noël Art Museum on Monday afternoon at the Ector County Coliseum. More than 1,700 pounds of shrimp were prepared for this year's event.

Franks to return for April library grand opening

■ Exhibit will chronicle retired general's life, accomplishments.

By Joseph Basco
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Retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks will return to his hometown for the grand opening of Midland County Public Library's Centennial Branch, planned for 10 a.m. April 13.

John Trischitti, library director, announced Franks' visit — as well as an exhibit about his life — Monday during the Commissioners' Court meeting.

He said the exhibit will be composed of three interactive modules that shows Franks' life in Midland, his time of duty in Vietnam and Korea and his tenure as commander of U.S. Central Command during the Iraq war.

Items that will be displayed include a Lee High School yearbook with photos of Franks and Laura Bush, one of his Purple Hearts, an original ballot from the first democratic election in Iraq, a collection of Franks' Vietnam War medals and a full uniform with medals attached.

There will be interactive kiosks that display videos from 9/11 and former President George W. Bush declaring the Iraq war, according to Warring Martin, executive director of the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum in Hobart, Okla.

The partnership between the county and the museum began because the museum wanted to broaden its footprint, Martin told the Reporter-Telegram.

Another reason was because of Franks himself.

"He wanted to do something in Midland for his hometown," Trischitti said.

Martin said the exhibit will be a semi-permanent loan, which means it can be placed in other county venues besides the new Centennial Library.

After Franks' appearance at the library, Trischitti said he will speak at a luncheon.

Also on Monday, commissioners approved a moving company to transfer books from the old branch to the new one beginning March 11.

Library staff will be planning the grand opening celebration at the main branch on March 13. On that day, the facility will open at 10:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m., Trischitti said.

The downtown library will be closed mid-April to mid-May so work can be done on the space that formerly housed the genealogy department, which is being transferred to the new branch.

In other business, commissioners acknowledged Dale Little, Midland County's emergency coordinator, who has been named emergency coordinator of the year for the state of texas.

Little received the award at the Emergency Management Association of Texas' 2013 annual award program Feb. 19 in San Marcos.

"I couldn't do this job without a team," Little said during the commissioners' meeting.

Patrick Repman, Midland Fire Department district chief, who nominated Little, said it is a big accomplishment for someone from this area of the state to win the award.

"He's a person who has made his career out of assisting the county and the other counties in the area," Repman said. "He's one of those people who goes beyond his required duties."

Little has been with the emergency management team for 21 years and the coordinator for about 16 years.

Craddick's texting ban gets committee hearing

From staff reports

The House Committee on Transportation will hold a hearing today on a bill relating to a statewide ban on texting while driving, state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, said Monday.

Craddick and the bill's joint authors, Rep. Patricia Harless, Rep. Eddie Lucio, Rep. Jose Menendez and Rep. Byron Cook, will address the committee on the importance of this legislation.

Other supporters of House Bill 63 and family members of individuals who lost their lives to texting while driving crashes are scheduled to testify at the hearing.

Jennifer Zamora Jamison is among those who is to testify. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Javier Zamora, an Army helicopter door gunner, survived service in Iraq only to be killed by a distracted driver. Since her husband's death, Jamison formed Decide2Drive, an organization to educate the public about the dangers of distracted driving.

Craddick's bill — which, if passed, will become known as the Alex Brown Memorial Act — proposes a ban on reading, writing or sending text-based communication from a wireless device while in control of a vehicle, unless the vehicle is stopped.

This is Craddick's second major attempt to secure a statewide ban on texting while driving. Craddick's previous bill was passed by the state House and Senate in 2011 but it was vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry, who previously said a full ban would be an "overreach" of government.

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There are lots of ways you could outgrow your home—more children, the addition of an elderly parent and so on. So does that mean you have to go through the hassle of packing up and moving to a larger home—or could you just add on or reconfigure where you are now?

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Permian Abstract: Property owners- Beware of deed scam

By Joy Chatham

Joy Chatham

Recently, a company has been sending property owners a letter with the volume and page number under which the deed to their property is recorded at the courthouse. This letter tells property owners that it is important to have a certified copy of the deed in their possession.

The letter goes on to say that if you send this company $69.50 they will obtain a certified copy of your deed and forward it to you. There is a place on the form for you to put your credit card information in order to pay for this service, or you can pay by check. The letter states that, "Many government records are available free or at a nominal cost from government agencies."

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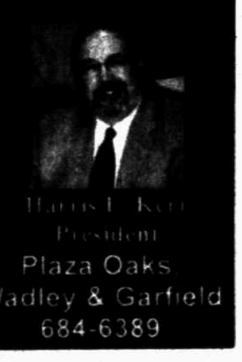
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OPINION

Dysfuction leads to maximum political disgust

■ Sequestration sets up politicians to do their dance while the country prepares for the pain.

DAVID BROOKS
New York Times News Service

On July 26, 2011, Jack Lew, then the White House budget director, went to Harry Reid's office for a budget strategy session. According to Bob Woodward's book, "The Price of Politics," Lew told the Senate majority leader that they had come up with a trigger idea to force a budget deal.

"What's the idea?" Reid asked.

"Sequestration," Lew responded.

Reid folded himself over with his head between his knees, as if he were going to throw up. Then he came upright and gaped at the ceiling.

"A couple of weeks ago," he exclaimed, "my staff said to me there is one more possible" enforcement method: sequestration.

Reid said he had told his staff at the time, "Get the hell out of here. That's insane. The White House surely will come up with a plan that will save the day. And you come to me with sequestration?"

Sequestration may have seemed insane back then. But politicians in both parties secretly are discovering that they love sequestration now. It allows them to do the dance moves they enjoy the most.

Democrats get to do the P.C. Shimmy. Traditional presidents go through a normal set of motions: They identify a problem. They come up with a proposal to address the problem. They try to convince the country that their proposal is the best approach.

Under the Permanent Campaign Shimmy, the president identifies a problem. Then he declines to come up with a proposal to address the problem. Then he comes up with a vague-but-politically-convenient concept that doesn't address the problem (let's raise taxes on the rich). Then he goes around the country blasting the opposition for not having as politically popular a concept. Then he returns to Washington and congratulates himself for being the only serious and substantive person in town.

Sequestration allows the White House to do this all over again. The president hasn't actually come up with a proposal to avert sequestration, let alone one that is politically plausible.

He does have a vague and politically convenient concept. (Tax increases on the rich!) He does have a chance to lead the country into a budget showdown with furloughed workers and general mayhem, for which people primarily will blame Republicans. And he does have the chance to achieve the same things he has achieved so frequently over the past two years: political success and legislative mediocrity.

Republicans also secretly love the sequester. It allows them to do their favorite dance move, the Suicide Stage Dive. It was pioneered by Newt Gingrich in 1995 and has been repeated constantly since.

In this dance, the Republicans mount the stage and roar that they are about to courageously cut spending. In this anthem they carefully emphasize cuts to programs the country sympathizes with, such as special education, while sparing programs that actually created the debt problem, like Medicare.

Then, when they have worked themselves up into a frenzy of self-admiration, they sprint across the stage and leap into what they imagine is the loving arms of their adoring fans. When they are 4 feet off the ground, they realize the voters have left the building in disgust and they land with a thud on the floor.

Sequestration allows the Republicans to do the Suicide Stage Dive to perfection. Voters disdain the GOP because they think Republicans are mindless anti-government fanatics who can't distinguish good government programs from bad ones. Sequestration is a fanatically mindless piece of legislation that can't distinguish good government programs from bad ones. Sequestration carefully spares programs like Medicare and Social Security that actually contribute to the debt problem. Sequestration will cause maximum political disgust for a trivial amount of budget savings.

So, of course, the conservative press is filling up with essays with titles like "Learning to Love Sequestration." Of course, Republican legislators are screwing up their courage to embrace it. Of course, after the cuts hit and the furor rises, they are going to come crawling back with concessions as they do after every Suicide Stage Dive.

These two dance moves, the P.C. Shimmy and the Suicide Stage Dive, when combined, are beautifully guaranteed to cause maximum damage to the country. What's America's biggest problem right now? It is that business people think that government is so dysfunctional that they are afraid to invest and spur growth. So what are the parties going to do? They are going to prove that government is so dysfunctional that you'd be crazy to invest and spur growth.

In a normal country, the politicians would try some new moves. For example, if they agreed to further means test Medicare they could save a lot of money. Democrats would be hitting the rich. Republicans would be reforming entitlements.

But no. Both parties love their current moves. It's enough to make Harry Reid put his head between his legs and throw up.

GUEST VIEW

Tuition revenue bonds are necessary

San Antonio Express-News

Texas should stop sending mixed messages about higher education. In 2000, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted an ambitious plan to close the higher education inequities in the state and increase student enrollment and completion rates by 2015.

Texas' strategies have been paying off; the numbers on college campuses across the state are up. Since 2000, enrollment in Texas higher education institutions has increased 53 percent. Today, 1.56 million students are attending college in Texas, an increase of more than 540,000 students.

While the numbers are not as high as some people would like, there is optimism the state will reach its goal of 1.65 million students enrolled in higher education by 2015.

At a time when the state is trying to increase college attendance and the number of college graduates in the workforce, it makes sense to provide higher education institutions with the resources necessary to accomplish their job.

Instead, since 2006 lawmakers have been reluctant to authorize tuition revenue bonds to fund campus capital improvement projects. And lawmakers decreased funding for colleges and universities by about $1 billion in the last biennium alone.

This session Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, filed a bill to allow state colleges and universities to issue tuition revenue bonds to meet the growing needs on public campuses. Thus far, 50 state school and institutions are requesting tuition bonds.

It is unreasonable to challenge colleges and universities to increase attendance and then ignore the serious academic space needs.

The need for tuition revenue bonds is not new. A request last session did not get far.

It's time to address the issue; the needs are not getting any smaller.

Editor's Note: A $60 million engineering building on UTPB's Midland campus was among 16 building project recommendations approved by UT System Regents that might be considered by the Texas Legislature for tuition revenue bond funding.

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Is Patrick's voucher idea fizzling?

■ There doesn't appear to be support for a solution in this session.

PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio Express-News

It may not have been exactly the reception that Senate Education Committee Chairman Dan Patrick was looking for when he spoke to a Texas PTA rally at the state Capitol.

"No vouchers!" came shouts from the crowd. Patrick came right back with arguments for giving families more school choice.

"We have school choice today — let me finish," he said, as shouts continued. "If you are rich enough, you can send your child to a private school. And if you are mobile enough, you can move to the suburbs to a great school district."

Those options don't exist if "you're poor, and you're a hard-working single mom in an inner city," said Patrick, R-Houston. He said he wants to change that, while contending his plan wouldn't take public money away from public education.

Texas PTA President Karen Slay (not among the shouters) said that giving tax credits to businesses that donate money for private-school scholarships, as proposed by Patrick, "is public money."

"If there's something wrong with the public schools, let's fix them," rather than resorting to such tactics, she said. The PTA crowd, in fact, became enthusiastic when Patrick touted more money for public education. He also promoted more public school choices.

The Legislature doesn't seem to have a much warmer welcome than the PTA crowd for Patrick's tax-credit proposal, which he trumpeted before Christmas with Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Two months later, its details have yet to be fleshed out.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, doesn't think the Senate has a taste for vouchers. Noting that a two-thirds vote of the 31-member chamber is needed to bring up a bill for discussion, she said, "I believe there are 11 votes to block."

In the House Public Education Committee, Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, said he and Patrick have discussed the issue. "I think it would be very difficult to find the votes in committee or on the (full House) floor for any significant voucher program," Aycock said. "I don't know that I'd say its dead. I'd say it's in a difficult situation."

Besides objecting to diverting state support to private schools, some critics suggest it could be problematic to give franchise tax credits for one type of donation and not others. Some raise concerns about how scholarship recipients would be chosen.

Tax expert Billy Hamilton, a consultant whose clients include Raise Your Hand Texas, an education advocacy group that opposes vouchers and is fueled by top business leaders, said the proposal isn't good tax policy.

"It's just another thing that says you can get a special tax break if you do this. If you don't feel like doing this, you can't get a tax break, and ultimately your taxes will be higher because other businesses do it," Hamilton said.

Backers of the idea, including Bill Hammond, president and CEO of the Texas Association of Business, say the scholarships would improve education by spurring competition and give opportunities to those in "failed" public schools.

"Obviously it has a difficult path," Hammond said. "Any kind of dramatic change like this is going to be hard. It might be a two-session deal."

Patrick said the tax-credit proposal is just one among numerous ideas aimed at "transforming education." He said his bills to change graduation requirements and to expand the number of charter schools "will impact every student in public schools."

"The business tax credit is designed for a handful of students and parents who feel they have no other options to find the school that best suits them," Patrick said after last week's rally. "At the end of the day, if you had a program that gave an opportunity to five (thousand), six (thousand), seven thousand students in the business tax credit program, out of 5.7 million — I just don't know what all the fuss is about."

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Cities could feel budget pain first

■ The Pentagon will feel the brunt of half the cuts.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Who'll be the first to feel the sting?

Jobless Americans who have been out of work for a long time and local governments that are paying off loans to fix roads and schools are in tough spots when it comes to the automatic federal budget cuts that are scheduled to kick in Friday.

About 2 million long-term unemployed people could see checks now averaging $300 a week reduced by about $30. There could also be reductions in federal payments that subsidize clean energy, school construction and state and local public works projects. Low-income Americans seeking heating assistance or housing or other aid might encounter longer waits.

Government employees could get furlough notices as early as next week, though cuts in their work hours won't occur until April.

The timing of the "sequester" spending cuts has real consequences for Americans, but it also has political ramifications. How quickly and fiercely the public feels the cuts could determine whether President Barack Obama and lawmakers seek to replace them with a different deficit reduction plan.

Eager to put pressure on Republican lawmakers to accept his blend of targeted cuts and tax increases Obama has been highlighting the impact of the automatic cuts in grim terms. He did it again on Monday, declaring the threat of the cuts is already harming the national economy.

Republicans say he is exaggerating and point to rates of spending, even after the cuts, that would be higher than in 2008 when adjusted for inflation. All Obama has to do to avoid the damage, House Speaker John Boehner said at the Capitol, is agree to the GOP's recommended spending cuts — with no tax increases.

By all accounts, most of the pain of the $85 billion in spending reductions to this year's federal budget would be slow in coming. The dire consequences that Obama officials say Americans will encounter — from airport delays and weakened borders to reduced parks programs and shuttered meatpacking plants — would unfold over time as furloughs kick in and agencies begin to adjust to their spending reductions.

"These impacts will not all be felt on day one," Obama acknowledged in a meeting with governors at the White House on Monday. "But rest assured the uncertainty is already having an effect."

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano warned that the federal government would be unable to "maintain the same level of security at all places around the country" once the automatic cuts began to take effect.

The public will feel the results "in the next few weeks," she said, and "it will keep growing." The majority of the federal budget is in fact walled off from the cuts. Social Security and veterans' programs are exempt, and cuts to Medicare are generally limited to a 2 percent, $10 billion reduction in payments to hospitals and doctors. Most programs that help the poor, like Medicaid, food stamps, subsidized school lunches, Pell Grants and supplemental security income payments are also exempt.

Still, the Pentagon will feel the brunt of half the cuts. Pay for active military is off-limits for cuts, so the rest of the defense budget must absorb the hit. The Obama administration says defense contractors have already ramped down work, contributing to a dip in economic activity in the fourth quarter of last year. The Navy has decided not to deploy an aircraft carrier as planned to the Persian Gulf.

Elsewhere, the White House's budget office says long-term unemployed Americans would lose an average of more than $400 in benefits over the year. The cuts do not affect state unemployment benefits, which jobless workers typically get soon after their loss of work. The federal reductions could begin immediately, though some analysts say the government could delay them for a short period to avoid a harmful hit on the economy.

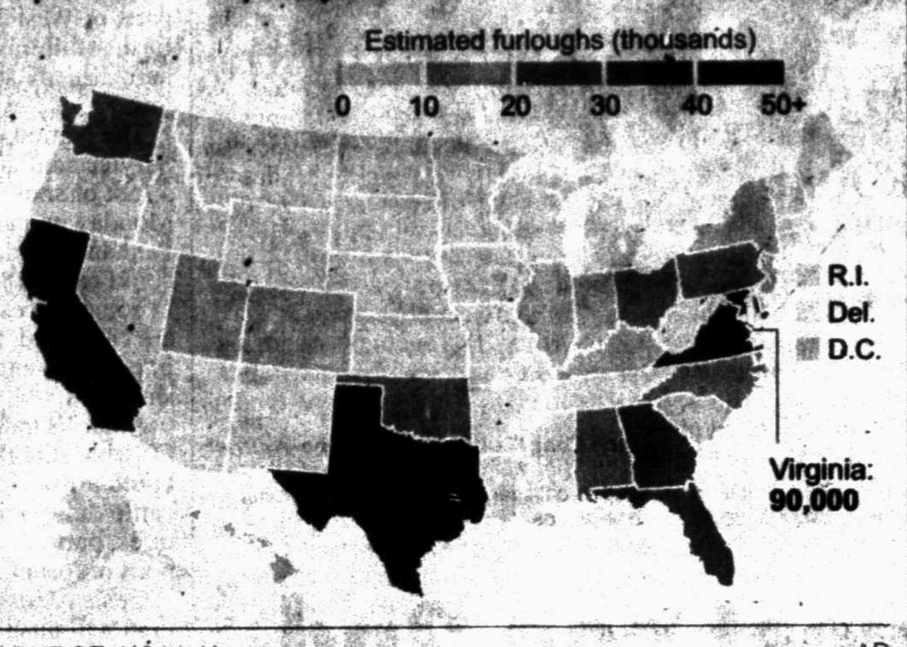
Bill Hoagland, a former top Republican Senate budget aide and now senior vice president at the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington think tank, said the administration must be "betwixt and between" when it comes to addressing reductions in programs like jobless aid.

"They want to make sure the American public knows this sequester is a bad thing, but they also don't want to disrupt the economy too much," he said. "It's not that the reductions won't take place. But they could delay the impact of that until later in the year."

Administration officials also say the Treasury Department is prepared to begin reducing subsidies that cover interest payments by state and local governments on public works, school and renewable energy projects. That means those governments will have to find money in their budgets to make up the difference in bond interest payments, and while that might not affect projects already under way, it could delay new construction efforts.

Defense worker furloughs

The White House warns that if automatic budget cuts take place March 1, thousands of civilian defense workers could be placed on temporary leave.



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Senate panel to write gun bills next week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee seems all but certain to start voting on an assault weapons ban and other gun curbs next week, Congress' first roll calls in response to the Newtown, Conn., slayings of 26 students and staff at an elementary school in December.

The Democratic-written bills largely follow President Barack Obama's proposals for limiting gun violence, which have been opposed by the National Rifle Association and generated little support from congressional Republicans.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the committee chairman, said Monday that the panel would consider:

■ A bill by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., banning assault weapons and ammunition magazines holding more than 10 rounds;

■ A Leahy measure toughening federal penalties for illegal trafficking of guns, including up to 30-year sentences for people buying firearms they know will be used in crimes;

■ A measure by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., increasing federal grants for school safety measures such as installing surveillance equipment.

Leahy said the panel would also consider still evolving legislation expanding the requirement for federal background checks for gun purchases, which are now required only for transactions by federally licensed gun dealers. Requiring those checks for nearly all gun sales is a top Obama goal, and one that has received the broadest support by the public and in Congress.

The details of the bill are not yet complete as liberal Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, the No. 3 Senate Democratic leader, continues trying to reach a compromise with conservative Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

Leahy announced plans for the panel to start voting on the measures this Thursday.

But committee rules let senators postpone announced legislative work for a week, a practice that is followed routinely. The panel's top Republican, Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, said he would request that delay.

"It's just a process of making sure we have plenty of time to study" legislation, Grassley said in a brief interview.

Feinstein is chairing a Judiciary Committee hearing on Wednesday on her effort to ban assault weapons, a proposal that is given low odds of enactment because of opposition by many Republicans and resistance by some moderate Democrats.

Witnesses are to include Neil Heslin of Newtown, whose 6-year-old son, Jesse, was killed at the school and Dr. William Begg, an emergency room physician in Newtown who helped treat victims that day.

Feinstein has said the public needs to know how gruesome assault weapons wounds can be.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Net providers begin warning of illegal downloads

Internet users who illegally share music, movies or television shows online could soon receive warning notices from the nation's five major Internet service providers.

The Copyright Alert System, organized by the recording and film industry, is being activated this week to target consumers using peer-to-peer software.

Under the new system, complaints will prompt an Internet service provider — such as Verizon or AT&T — to notify a customer whose Internet address has been detected sharing files illegally. A person will be given up to six opportunities to stop before the Internet provider will take more drastic steps, such as temporarily slowing their connection, or redirecting Internet traffic until they acknowledge they received a notice or review educational materials about copyright law.

Consumers who maintain they have been wrongly accused would be forced to pay $35 to appeal the decision. The fee would be reimbursed if they prevail.

Proponents said the focus is on deterring the average consumer rather than chronic violators. The director of the organization behind the system, Jill Lesser of the Center for Copyright Infringement, said in a blog post Monday that the program is "meant to educate rather than punish, and direct (users) to legal alternatives."

Each Internet provider is expected to implement their own system. The program gives each customer five or six "strikes" after a music or film company has detected illegal file-sharing and lodged a complaint. The first alerts are expected to be educational, while the third and fourth would require the customer to acknowledge they have received the warnings and that their behavior is illegal.

WASHINGTON

Panel questions value of calcium, vitamin D pills

Popping calcium and vitamin D pills in hopes of strong bones? Healthy older women shouldn't bother with relatively low-dose dietary supplements, said new recommendations from a government advisory group.

Both nutrients are crucial for healthy bones and specialists advise getting as much as possible from a good diet. The body also makes vitamin D from sunshine. If an older person has a vitamin deficiency or bone-thinning osteoporosis, doctors often prescribe higher-than-normal doses.

But for otherwise healthy postmenopausal women, adding modest supplements to their diet — about 400 international units of D and 1,000 milligrams of calcium — don't prevent broken bones but can increase the risk of kidney stones, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force said Monday.

It isn't clear if those doses offer bone protection if taken before menopause, or if they help men's bones, the guidelines said. What about higher-dose supplements that have become more common recently? There's not enough evidence to tell if they would prevent fractures, either, in an otherwise healthy person, the panel concluded.

FLORIDA

Capt. Kirk's Vulcan entry wins Pluto moons contest

CAPE CANAVERAL — "Star Trek" fans, rejoice.

An online vote to name Pluto's two newest, itty-bitty moons is over. And No. 1 is Vulcan, a name suggested by actor William Shatner, who played Capt. Kirk in the original "Star Trek" TV series.

Vulcan snared nearly 200,000 votes among the more than 450,000 cast during the two-week contest, which ended Monday. In second place with nearly 100,000 votes was Cerberus, the three-headed dog that guarded the gates of the underworld. Vulcan was the Roman god of lava and smoke, and the nephew of Pluto. Vulcan was also the home planet of the pointy-eared humanoids in the "Star Trek" shows. Think Mr. Spock.

"174,062 votes and Vulcan came out on top of the voting for the naming of Pluto's moons. Thank you to all who voted!" Shatner said in a tweet.

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Cattle stand in blizzard conditions in Lubbock on Monday. State troopers were unable to respond to calls for assistance and National Guard units mobilized as a winter storm blanketed the central Plains with a foot of snow in some places.

Plains, Midwest see 2nd round of heavy snow, wind

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The nation's midsection again dealt with blizzard conditions Monday, closing highways, knocking out power to thousands in Texas and Oklahoma and even bringing hurricane-force winds to the Texas Panhandle. Two people have died.

Already under a deep snowpack from last week's storm, Kansas was preparing for another round of heavy snow Monday evening and overnight, prompting some to wonder what it could do for the drought.

"Is it a drought-buster? Absolutely not," National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said. "Will it bring short-term improvement? Yes."

The storm is being blamed for two deaths on Monday. In northwest Kansas, a 21-year-old man's SUV hit an icy patch on Interstate 70 and overturned. And in the northwest town of Woodward, Okla., heavy snow caused a roof to collapse, killing one inside the home.

Earlier on Monday, blizzard warnings extended from the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles into south-central Kansas. The blizzard warnings were dropped Monday evening for the far western portion of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

Meanwhile to the east, lines of thunderstorms crossed Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida, bringing heavy rain and an occasional tornado warning. As many as 10,000 people lost power in Oklahoma, as did thousands more in Texas.

"I have a gas cooking stove and got the oven going," said Ann Smith, owner of the Standifer House Bed and Breakfast in Elk City, Okla., late Monday afternoon. Her daughter and grandchildren had come over because they lost power.

"If it gets cold tonight, I guess we'll have to put pallets in the kitchen," Smith said with a laugh.

Colorado and New Mexico were the first to see the system Sunday night, with up to 2 feet falling in the foothills west of Denver.

As it moved into the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles Monday, the storm ground travel to a halt, closing miles of interstates and state highways.

Extremely strong winds whipped around at least a foot or more of snow in the Texas Panhandle, and a hurricane-force gust of 75 mph was recorded at the Amarillo airport. Amarillo recorded the biggest snowfall total in Texas — 19 inches, just short of the record of 19.3 — while Fritch was second with 16.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol closed all highways in the Panhandle and much of the state's northwest because of blizzard conditions. Trooper Betsy Randolph said several dozen motorists have reported being stranded or have abandoned their vehicles.

Chris McBee, a storm chaser, got stuck outside Woodward in northwest Oklahoma in the mid-afternoon. By then, the city was leading Oklahoma's snow totals with 15 inches of snow.

"We were planning to go back to Oklahoma City tonight, but the road was just impassable," McBee told The Associated Press. "You couldn't see 50 feet in front of you." A man with a bulldozer dug out McBee's vehicle.

"He's just helping people," McBee said, adding he assumed the man was still out there. "We tried to pay him and he refused."

While the wintry precipitation is "a shot in the arm," National Drought Mitigation Center climatologist Mark Svoboda said, the drought in the Plains and Midwest is far from over. Svoboda, speaking from Lincoln, Neb., said 12 inches of snow is equivalent to about 1 inch of rain.

"We would need 2-4 feet of snow to just erase the October to present deficits," in Kansas, he said.

Jim Shroyer, a wheat specialist with Kansas State University Extension, said snow is more efficient than summer rain in replenishing soil moistures because rain tends to run off or evaporate during the summer months.

But it can take months or years for pastures and rangeland to recover to the point where there is good forage for livestock.

"There is a lag coming out of drought where some of these impacts will linger on long after 'climatological drought' is gone," Svoboda said. "And there is always a sense of false security there."

Texas rancher Jay O'Brien warned the storm could be deadly for grazing cattle, with the wind pushing animals into a fenced corner where they could suffocate from the drifts.

"This type of snow is a cattle-killer," he said.

Parts of Kansas are bracing for anywhere from 8 to 24 inches of snow as the system moves through the state overnight. Wichita figures to take another hit after last week's storm that dumped about a foot and a half of snow.

More than a foot of snow falls across the Plains

NORMAN, Okla. — A blizzard across the Southern Plains brought more than a foot of snow to the region.
Associated Press

Texas

Amarillo	19 inches
Fritch	16 inches
Pampa	15 inches
Booker	14 inches
Wheeler	14 inches
Briscoe	12 inches
Canyon	11 inches
Hereford	11 inches

Oklahoma

Woodward	15 inches
Shattuck	11 inches
Alva	9 inches
Arnett	8 inches
Watonga	6 inches
Turpin	6 inches
Guymon	4.5 inches

Kansas

Kingman	5.5 inches
Meade	5.5 inches
Trousdale	5 inches
Greensburg	4.5 inches
Coldwater	4 inches

WEATHERBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMARILLO

Storm could prove harmful to dwindling cattle herd

The blizzard walloping parts of West Texas could further diminish a cattle herd already at a 60-year low.

The National Weather Service said more than a foot of snow will fall Monday on parts of the Panhandle. Snowfall totals could reach 18 inches in some places. Flights are cancelled, roads are impassable and schools shuttered.

Amarillo rancher Jay O'Brien said the blizzard could prove deadly for cattle out grazing in pastures, particularly calves born in recent days.

Gusts of more than 50 mph will push animals into a fenced corner where they could suffocate in snow drifts. He said cattle in feedlots can lose up to 40 pounds in a storm like this. The nation's cattle herd is already at its lowest number since 1952.

AMARILLO

Dozens helped with stalled vehicles in blizzard

Gusty winds and heavy snow combined to stall dozens of vehicles in the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas.

The National Weather Service said as many as 100 motorists on Interstate 27 between Amarillo and Lubbock found themselves stalled in whiteout conditions in the worst of the storm Monday.

The American Red Cross set up two emergency shelters for stranded motorists in the region. Red Cross spokeswoman Martha Riddlesburger said about 50 stranded Interstate 27 motorists sought shelter at its shelter in Tulia, about 50 miles south of Amarillo.

Meanwhile, Red Cross spokeswoman Cindy Nickell said a shelter was set up in Groom, about 45 miles east of Amarillo.

WINDY

From 1A

across Midland County, she said.

Weather was the determining factor for when the power would be restored, Mercer said.

Midland police responded to at least seven calls that resulted in road closures across the city.

Midland police dispatch received calls of sheds, power lines, roofs and trampolines being blown away Monday by the 60-mph gusts that blew through the Tall City, according to the city public information officer.

Frances Thetford, 87, said power went out about 11:30 a.m. Monday at her home on the 3300 block of Mariana Avenue. Thetford said she's seen Oncor representatives working on the power lines but she didn't have power as of 7:30 p.m.

"I don't know what the holdup is," she said. "I don't need to be staying cold this long."

Thetford said she's worried that the food in her refrigerator will spoil and she can't cook anything without electricity.

There weren't any reports of delays at Midland International Airport because of the high winds.

Sara Higgins, the city's PIO, said police closed off Big Spring Street near the intersection of Front Street because of a damaged billboard.

Damaged poles and power lines caused traffic hang-ups on Front and Terrell streets.

Other closures affected traffic on Morgan Way, Fairgate Drive, Atlanta Street and East Golf Course Road, she said.

The winds finally slowed down during the evening hours. Winds will be much calmer today, topping out around 10 mph during the day and 15 mph tonight.

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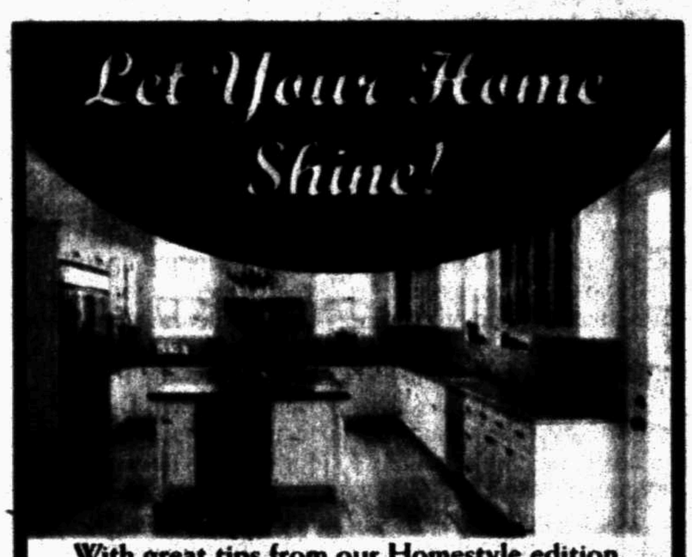
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MISD creates new administrative job

Executive director of professional development will coordinate teacher training

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To fill a need considered vital for the success of Midland ISD and give attention to an area that officials said has been neglected for years, the district is looking to fill the newly created position of executive director of professional development.

"(Professional development) is the No. 1 missing component right now that I have not done a great job on," Superintendent Ryder Warren said. "We've been asking our principals and different directors and curriculum leaders to do it, but it hasn't worked by any stretch of the imagination."

Warren said MISD needs one person whose sole job is to explore and coordinate professional development opportunities.

"From teachers down to welders and electricians, we need one set of eyes who is just in charge of making sure we are being trained appropriately," Warren said.

The position, which carries an annual salary of $93,786.40, was posted Feb. 18 on the MISD website.

"The essential function of the position within the organization is to identify effective professional development and to support the system's efforts to develop professional programs that will be of value to faculty and staff. Professional development includes meetings, workshops, coaching support and online coursework," according to the job description.

In addition to three years classroom teaching experience, applicants must have a master's degree, mid-management administration certification and Texas teaching certification. Applicants are asked to carry at least three years of successful administrative experience or professional development experience in the private sector. Campus administration experience is preferred.

At the Feb. 12 board meeting, Warren told trustees "teachers are getting into our classrooms not knowing what to do," to be teachers, and MISD needs to do a better job fostering their growth.

Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones began creation of a districtwide professional development plan, and Warren is working with a group of 70 master teachers to create a model of the perfect Midland teacher, complete with creating and teaching lesson plans, assessing the lesson and student assessment.

However, Warren said the district would be better-served having one person handle this department. The executive director of professional development will report directly of the CAO, according to the job description.

CON LOS HARLEM SHAKERS

ABOVE: Midland College students participate in a filming of the "Harlem Shake" on Friday in the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College. "The Harlem Shake" is an Internet video sensation that went viral in February. One person — often helmeted or masked — dances to an excerpt from the song "Harlem Shake" alone for 15 seconds, surrounded by other people unaware of the dancing individual. When the bass drops, the video cuts to the entire crowd — usually wearing a variety of costumes — doing a crazy convulsive dance for the next 15 seconds. **RIGHT:** Miranda Levrie, 3, gets into character before the start of the dance. **See more photos on 3B and visit www.mywesttexas.com to see video from the event.**

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MC participates in creation of developmental math classes

By Meredith Moriak
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Midland College is one of nine community colleges working with UT's Dana Center to develop new curriculum for students enrolled in developmental math courses.

The New Mathways Project is an initiative that focuses on developing gateway courses vital to student completion in college algebra and statistics.

Math curriculum has historically focused on preparing students to take calculus, a course that isn't necessary for many degree fields, said Margaret Wade, MC dean of math and natural science.

The Mathways Project focuses on developing curriculum and courses that prepare students for multiple math classes relevant to multiple fields, Wade said.

Each year, high failure rates in mathematics developmental education courses prevent thousands of students from progressing in their academic programs. By developing new courses that decrease the amount of remedial coursework needed, the Dana Center believes it can transform college level math.

"Midland College is excited to be chosen as a co-development partner," said President Steve Thomas. "This project will allow our incredible faculty an opportunity to be fully engaged in designing courses that will make learning math successful experiences."

The project is a statewide approach to reforming mathematics developmental education in order to help students more quickly learn and earn college-level credits in rigorous mathematics, according to the Dana Center's website.

Once course development is complete, Wade said the MC staff members involved directly with the development will teach the pilot courses. Eventually, the curriculum will be tweaked based on feedback received from the nine pilot schools before it is implemented at all of Texas' 50 independent community colleges.

"The whole focus of this program is to try to move students through the developmental math process and into a college level math class in a timely manner," Wade said, noting these pathways will enable students to succeed in the math needed for their majors and future careers.

The other co-development sites are Northwest Vista College in San Antonio, Austin Community College, Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, El Paso Community College, Kilgore College, Kingwood College, South Texas College in McAllen and Temple College.

Statewide coalition promotes excellence in higher ed

By Meredith Moriak
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Midlanders Glenn and Louan Rogers are among more than 480 Texans who believe in promoting excellence, accountability and progress of the state's institutions of higher learning and are members of the Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education.

Formed following the 82nd legislative session in June 2011 when "a group of Longhorns and Aggies were concerned reforms were damaging to Tier One universities," the coalition promotes quality education, said spokeswoman Jenifer Sarver.

Coalition members don't meet or have formal events, but act as advocates for maintaining standards of education within their own communities, Sarver said.

She said the group does not lobby but often releases statements regarding viewpoints and positions on decisions made by the Legislature.

"The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education was necessitated by the strong belief that there is a right way to improve higher education and that there is a wrong way that could

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Problems in public education include lack of substitutes, funds for supplies

STACEY CALLAWAY
Scharbauer Elementary

Every time I turn on the news, I hear people talking about the problems in education. You hear politicians and "experts" giving their opinions and fixes. What I haven't heard are teachers weighing in on real issues and real solutions. I am a career educator in the middle of my 15th year of teaching. I'm married to a teacher, am the daughter of two teachers and the product of public schools. I am in a classroom every day, and I love what I do. However, area teachers face many challenges on a daily basis.

Testing, of course, has completely taken over many decisions being made at every level of education. Right or wrong, the pressure is felt by all. Many productive teaching days are lost to testing; there's pretesting, benchmarking and retesting every year. Just give back those days, and you've already taken a major step forward.

On a local level, the lack of substitutes is a huge problem. Many years ago, they would pull a special areas teacher or learning coach to cover classrooms. Those positions largely are gone now, so there's really nobody available to fill in. So what happens? The students from uncovered classrooms are absorbed into other classrooms for the day. Your class of 25 suddenly swells to 32. Not the ideal environment for learning. As teachers, we adapt and carry on as usual. The students do their best, as well. Unfortunately, it's a situation that's become all too familiar in recent days. Substitute teaching is a difficult job. We need to increase our pool of substitutes by increasing the daily rate of pay. Retired teachers should be given incentives to return to classrooms to help out. (Retirees also would make excellent paid tutors.)

Another issue that's often overlooked is the lack of supplies available to teachers and students. In my classroom, I have pencils, notebook paper, scissors, glue, markers and colored pencils available to borrow. I have had many students who have to exclusively take advantage of what I offer because they can't afford their own. Usually, teachers get a small amount of money to spend at the end of one year for the next year. If you change schools or are a new teacher, you may not get to order. The money doesn't go very far, so most teachers end up supplementing with their own money. If you need construction paper, you go buy some. Anything extra usually is purchased by teachers. On one reality show, they have a wall of accessories sponsored by a business. What about having the same thing in schools? A fully stocked supply closet for every school sponsored by a local business would give teachers more money to spend on things that are not consumable, such as books or other resources.

Technology in schools also is behind almost every other place in our country. Our students can go the mall and get wifi, but not in their classrooms. Computers are often years old, and computer labs have outdated and broken equipment from being used by too many

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Obituaries

Carl Douglas Washington

Carl Douglas Washington, age 65, of Odessa, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2013 in Odessa.

Carl was the youngest son of C.D. and Willie B. Washington. He was born June 23, 1947 in Anson, Texas. He attended and graduated from Carver High School of Midland, Texas. Carl married Novetta Johnson on December 19, 1968 in Marlin, Texas. He graduated from Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas in 1969 with a degree in math and biology. He earned his Masters Degree in math from Texas Tech University. Carl worked as a math teacher in Beaumont, Houston, and Odessa, Texas for a total of thirty-six years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the United States Army.

Carl's parents preceded him in death.

Carl is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Novetta Washington of Odessa; his daughter, Mishun Washington Tulloch of Moreno Valley, California; brother, Earnest Washington (Joan) of Dallas. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great-nephews, great-nieces and other relatives and friends.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8 PM Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Carl Harvey of Turning Point Bible Fellowship, Austin, Texas officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be John Kendrick, Edward Mackey, Roman Harper, Jimmy Miller, Ray Huggins, David Jackson, Nathan Williams. Earnest (Trey) Washington and William M. Merritt, III. Honorary pallbearers will be Members of the West Texas Amateur Golf Association, Ja'Quaylon Merritt, Willie O. Nweke, Arthur Nweke, Sr., Arthur Nweke, Jr., Shawn Nweke and Louis Bowman.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Clyde Lyndell Jones

Clyde Lyndell Jones, a longtime resident of Midland passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Clyde was born July 13, 1946 in Sanger, Texas to Homer and Urena Smith Jones. Clyde grew up in Midland and graduated from Midland High School. He was employed with Century Graphics and Sign, Inc.

Clyde was an avid sports fan and followed all sports with a passion. In his younger days Clyde was an exceptional basketball player and was a standout at Midland High. Clyde was the type of man who never met a stranger. Although, Clyde could be stubborn, he had a heart of gold and was a man of his word. If you met Clyde you could not help but like him. Known for his charm and humor Clyde loved life. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and was loved dearly by all his co-workers. His presence will be missed and there will never be another one like him.

Survivors include his companion Sandy Trammel Lundberg, a daughter Sabrina Zunker, Sisters: Joanne Gentry, Fleta Lopshire, and Shirley Fox. One granddaughter, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, brother Billy Dean Jones and sister Helen Jones Churchwell.

A memorial service will be Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Gifts Of Hope P.O. Box 1323 Midland, TX 79702.

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2300 N. Big Spring • Midland, TX • (432) 682-3961

James Milton Parker

James Milton Parker died unexpectedly at his home on Lake LBJ Saturday, February 23, 2013. He was born July 20, 1935, in Midland, Texas to Ray Lindley and Imogene Cox Parker and attended Odessa public schools, graduating from Odessa High School in 1953 and Baylor University in 1957. Jamie returned to Odessa and worked with his father in the road construction business until 1964, when he moved his family to Sonora, Texas. He ranched in Sutton and Andrews counties until his retirement to Lake LBJ in 2000. Jamie served as a founding director of Sutton County National Bank, now The Bank and Trust, established in 1983 and continued to serve on its board of directors as well as that of West Texas BanCorp until his death.

Jamie was a Christian gentleman who loved God, his church, his family and friends, Paisano, and Baylor University. He served all of these with his whole heart. His word was his bond in all things and his loyalty to his beliefs unquestionable.

Mr. Parker is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by the love of his life, wife of 49 years, Carol Ann Bright Parker, of Marble Falls; his brother, Philip Parker, Sr., and wife Susan, of Odessa; sons: Mark Parker and wife Helene; Craig Parker; Gregg Parker and wife Debbie; daughter, Kathryn Parker Howie and husband Ed; as well as 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 2 nieces and a nephew.

The family requests that memorials be made to Baylor University President's Scholarship Imitative Fund, Paisano Baptist Encampment, or the Church at Horseshoe Bay, Marble Falls, Texas.

A visitation will be held 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tuesday February 26, 2013 at Putnam Funeral Home in Kingsland. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday February 27, 2013 at the Church at Horseshoe Bay. Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday February 27, 2013 at Whitehall Cemetery in Waco, Texas.

Arrangements by Putnam Funeral Home & Crematory 145 Texas Avenue Kingsland, Texas 78639 (325) 388-0008.

Maxine Holt

Maxine Holt, age 89 of Snyder, TX, died Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Hospice House Facility in Odessa, Texas after a lengthy illness. Services for Maxine Holt, will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 2 PM at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Dr. Tommy Cullwell officiating. Interment will follow at Sardis Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Scale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Holt was born on May 22, 1923 in Longsworth, TX to Jeff and Leona (Badgett) Scott. She married Dan Westfall in 1940 in Fisher Co Tx. He died in 1970. She married Wayland Holt in 1972, in Snyder, Tx. He died in 1987.

She is survived by three Daughters: Dana Huckle and husband Wil, Cross Plains, TX, June Williamson and husband Terry, Midland, TX Lesa Stephens and husband Mark, Midland, TX. Two Step Daughters Margurette Shamburger and husband Wally, Hendersonville, NC and Anita March and husband Ben, Waco, TX. Eleven Grandchildren, Sixteen Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and four brothers.

Visitation will be from 6 PM to 7PM at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertscale.com

Death Notices

Barry Welton

Barry Sinclair Welton, 79, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, February 24, 2013.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 2:00p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Welton; one son; two daughters; ten grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Della Terry Lujan

Della Terry Lujan, 61 of Odessa Texas, passed away on February 24, 2013.

Visitation and Rosary will be at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 28, 2013 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Della Terry Lujan is survived by Husband, Rogelio Lujan; Daughter, Andrea Flores; Sons, Miguel Lujan, Rogelio Lujan, Jr., and Rafael Lujan; Brothers, Bobby Diaz, Jessie Diaz, Manuel Diaz, and Joey Diaz; Sisters, Irene Alvarez and Mary Soriano; ten Grandchildren; and one Great-Grandchildren.

Jerry Rigdon

Jerry Rigdon, 54, of Midland, died Saturday, February 23, 2013.

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

Survivors include common law wife, Rebecca Sollars-Rigdon; son, Jimmy Lee Rigdon; and daughter, Jonetta Lynn Rigdon.

Marsha Mann

Marsha Mann, 68, of Big Spring, died Friday, February 22, 2013, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at the Colorado City Cemetery, Colorado City, Texas. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Mann and wife, Katie; two daughters, Jan Sanders and husband, Jim and Terri Pearson and husband, Bobby; one sister, Mary Beth Love; and one brother, Bobby Compton and wife, Carol; fifteen grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren.

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

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have long-term damaging effects on our institutions of higher learning, our state's economy and on our future," according to the organization's website. "Current recommendations being floated — from dramatically expanding enrollment while slashing tuition to separating research and teaching budgets, and seceding from a recognized and respected accreditation organization — are decidedly the wrong way."

"The coalition is to ensure that we foster an appreciation for education in the Legislature and general public, raising awareness about the value of education and Tier One schools and across the state," said Glenn Rogers, a UT alum who serves as advisory council chair for the College of Natural Sciences at UT Austin, and is on the dean's task force for strategic planning.

Recent discussions about the idea that less research could occur at Tier One research universities, as well as the notion that professors' salaries could be determined by student evaluations, rather than merit, are of concern, Rogers said.

"It did create a concern about where the future of higher education is going," Rogers said.

Sarver said the coalition prides itself on being transparent, listing all members on its website, and also asks for regular, open and transparent evaluations of Texas universities.

The coalition represents Texans from all political viewpoints who have affiliations and ties to numerous state institutions, Sarver said. All coalition members believe "the diversity of the state of Texas requires a wide range of diverse higher educational options, from low-cost, broad access institutions to more competitive Tier One research universities with the very highest standards of quality and excellence," according to the coalition's website.

Ensuring research continues at universities and students are able to participate during their undergraduate careers is very important, Rogers said.

"Often people think research is just reading and writing a paper, but it is actually about teaching students a process," he said.

The research he completed while studying to become an orthodontist has not changed society, but did teach him to use the scientific process and creative thinking whenever solving problems during his career, Rogers said.

"Research brings great advanced in technology to society and it is much needed," he said.

Online:
Want to learn more about the coalition? Visit its website at http://texaseducationexcellence.org.

ABOVE: Midland Chamber of Commerce sponsors present Vidal Torres Jr. with a check for winning the 2013 Excellence in Teaching (Elementary) Award during an awards banquet Thursday at the Midland Center. **LEFT:** Sponsors present Mary Castaneda, of Jones Elementary, with a check for winning the 2013 Unsung Hero Award during the banquet

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Past winners of the Chamber's Excellence in Teaching Awards

1996
Jill Williams
Jana Boyd
Eric Setzler
Patricia Johnson

1997
W. W. "Bear" Mills
Rebecca Watson
Rebecca Miller
Robin Bartel

1998
Eric Setzler
Mark Palmer
Pamela Howell
Alison Montgomery

1999
Karen Young
Regina Wilson
Lorrie Orozco
Lois McCarty

2000
Jeannie Lane Hurst
Dwight Phillip Edwards
Cyndi Simpson
Julie Newton

2001
Deborah Gonzalez
Patricia Coody
Shelley Reep
John Hart

2002
Wanda Moore
Kathy Favor
Tery Little
Lisa Ethridge

2003
Theresa Sheldon
Rico Enriquez
Kirk Allison
Jenny Pasqua

2004
Connie Howell
Terrell Burkhart
April Parks
Kathy Robbins

2005
Sherry Mallow
Beverly Crosson
Shelly Harley
Karen Walker McAfee
Janet Wallace

Richard Noel

2006
Janice Bullock
Mark LaCrobi
Jan Murdock
Barbara Terrazas
Chelye Tarbang
Pamela Fuchs

2007
Natalie Eustace
Mary Helen Livingston
Linda Gilmore
Cassandra Lyons
Darrell Benton
Janet Wicher

2008
Bonnie Payne
Robyn Cobb
Amy Hall
Cherilyn Ambum
Dale Myers
Garfield Hart
Barbara Dunton

2009
Laurie Sherrod (Elementary)
Monica Tucker
Kathryn Dowell
Tina Briley (Secondary)
Pamela Stoltz
Bob Townsend (Unsung Hero)
Kim Fiske

2010
Elaina Lawrence (Elementary)
Karen Denise Galindo
Cynthia L. Schreiner
Gordon William Avery (Secondary)
Michelle Navarrete
Nicole D. McPherson (Unsung)
Gloria Almanza

2011
Axel Adolfo Chavez (Unsung)
Christine Morgan (Elementary)
Cindy Weisbugh (Secondary)

2012
Sandra Salazar (Unsung)
Sara Burleson (Elementary)
Megan Wade-Chapman (Secondary)

2013
Mary Castaneda (Unsung)
Vidal Torres, Jr. (Elementary)
Justin Walker (Secondary)

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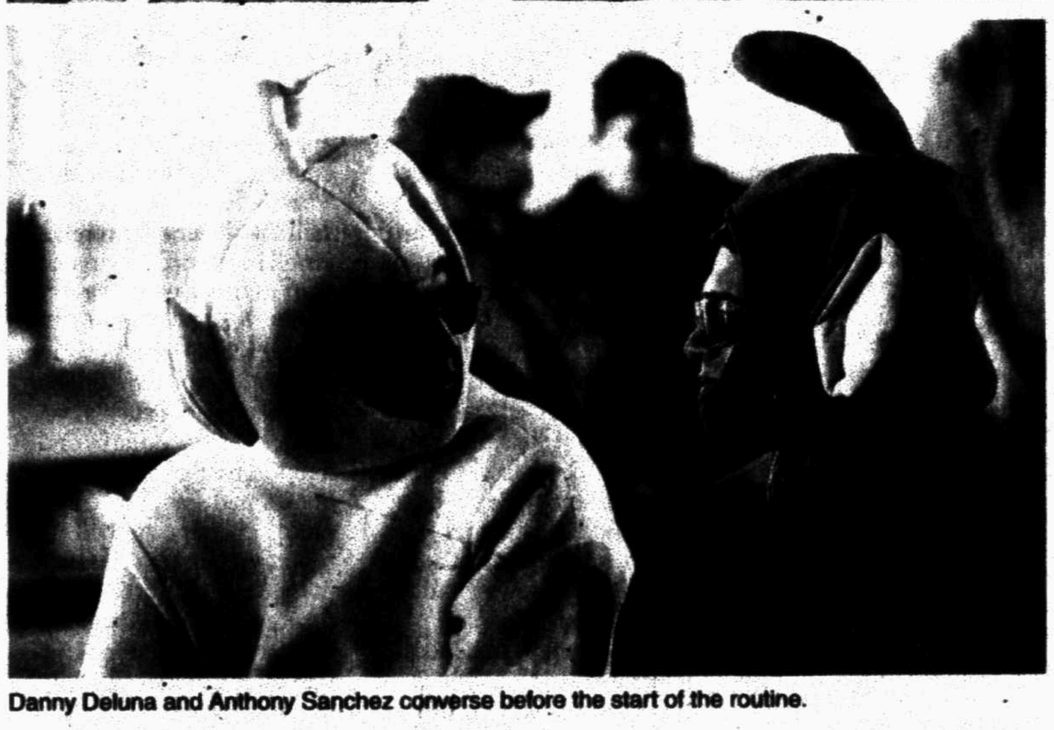
students..Classrooms usually have one computer for teacher use. Every student needs access to technology on a daily basis. Or better yet, let them use their own technology that they use everywhere else. The recent bond has proposals to update technology across the district. A few minor improvements in the meantime would tide us over until then. This would open up tweeting, skyping, webcasts, podcasts and a bunch of brand new avenues of learning.

Most of my friends are teachers. We became teachers because we love kids and wanted to make a difference. I've never heard anyone say they became a teacher to help kids pass tests. Teachers do best when we get to teach and use our time and resources in planning effective lessons and spend time doing what we love.

WHOLELOTTASHAKIN'GOIN'ON

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Midland College cheerleader Heidi Taylor is held up by Anthony Sanchez, left, and Brian Garcia, right, during a filming of the "Harlem Shake" on Friday in the Scharbauer Sudent Center at Midland College. "The Harlem Shake" is an Internet video sensation that went viral in February. One person — often helmeted or masked — dances to an excerpt from the song "Harlem Shake" alone for 15 seconds, surrounded by other people unaware of the dancing individual. When the bass drops, the video cuts to the entire crowd —usually wearing a variety of costumes — doing a crazy convulsive dance for the next 15 seconds. BELOW: Pepe, the Midland College Chaparral mascot, dances during the opening sequence.



Danny Deluna and Anthony Sanchez converse before the start of the routine.

Deluna, Sanchez and Sergio Alvarez watch television while in costume before the start of the event.

Senators show support for UT's president during extraordinary day

■ Governing body unites behind Bill Powers, sending a sign to many and hope for "overhaul of university governance."

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

To recognize extraordinary in the Texas Senate, you have to recognize ordinary. Ordinary, to the extent possible, keeps friction behind closed doors. Extraordinary happened Monday when senators very publicly circled the bipartisan wagons around embattled University of Texas President Bill Powers.

Extraordinary was the well-choreographed, 40-minute performance that can be read as a bank-shot rebuke of Gov. Rick Perry through his appointees on the UT System Board of Regents, which is all of them. Extraordinary is the fact that Perry and most of the senators are Republicans.

Speaking as one through 12 members — six Dems, six Repubs — the Senate sided firmly and unequivocally with Powers, who is under pressure from some of Perry's UT regents. Stoic and silent, Powers stood at the front of the chamber as senator after senator sang his praises and signed on to a resolution sponsored by Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, and UT class of '81, honoring the Longhorn-in-chief.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, told Powers it was appropriate to "recognize the great value you bring to our wonderful state." Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, wished Powers "continued success." So flowery were the comments that Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, assured Powers, "This is not a eulogy.

"You've been such a great president we want you to keep being the president of the University of Texas," Ellis told him.

"He overreacts to nothing," Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, said of Powers. "Think about this: Take a city of 50-some-odd thousand people, with a lot of academics and a lot of teenagers and a lot of highly motivated athletes. There's about a crisis a day, and things still go smoothly and the mission is met."

Finally, and not necessarily inevitably, GOP Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst weighed in. "We are lucky to have you," he told Powers, launching into what I erroneously anticipated would be perfunctory me-too comments.

"That's why I'm particularly troubled when I see UT regents going around this man and this administration. I see them going to deans, and I see them trying to micromanage the system. And I see cases, allegedly I've been told, of character assassination, which is unacceptable to the members of this body.

"There's one thing I think all of us in politics appreciate. And that is you can come up any time, any place, anywhere, and say whatever you want to about me as long as it is true. Because if it is not true, or you dare to mention my wife and my daughter, you will hear from me," Dewhurst said, choking up when he said "daughter."

"This man deserves better treatment," he said, again choking up. "I am really upset about this.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Dewhurst concluded, "this issue is bigger than just UT-Austin and President Powers. ... This is about the reputation of this university, this fine man and this great state."

Afterward, Dewhurst told reporters there's been a "tsunami of people complaining" about the UT regents.

"I've heard complaints (about) anonymous letters that perhaps aren't anonymous letters that were going back 30 years in time period, and you don't get involved talking about families," he said, an apparent reference to Powers' marriage of nearly 30 years to one of his former students.

I asked Dewhurst what Perry's responsibility is in all this.

"I don't know what the governor's responsibility is," he replied diplomatically.

I reminded him that Perry appointed all the regents.

"That is true," Dewhurst acknowledged.

"I'm not going to characterize this as a message to anyone other than it looks like the Senate of the state of Texas is united in wanting to support the continuing good job that Bill Powers is doing," he said.

Next on tap will be Senate hearings in which UT regents might be questioned and statutory or constitutional changes limiting regents' powers could be considered.

Ordinary would be hearings that don't lead to much. Extraordinary would be an overhaul of university governance.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISD Head Start plans community meeting

The Midland ISD Head Start Program will host a Community Partnership Network Meeting from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 6 at West Elementary School, 2101 West Missouri Ave. More than 80 social service and community agency representatives have been invited to the meeting and dessert social. Brochures and materials from the entities will be available.

Emma Galindo, MISD Head Start Family and Community coordinator, said organizations work together to serve the needs of students and families.

Bush students to help fund wig for classmate

Bush Elementary School second-graders participated in a recycling project in which they collected more than 75,000 plastic caps during the past six weeks and turned them into works of art.

These art pieces will be available for public auction. Proceeds will go toward funding a wig for classmate Yadhira Granillo, who has alopecia. The remaining funds will go toward assisting other students at the school who have medical conditions.

Art items will be available during the "Work of Art Silent Auction" in the Bush Elementary School Library, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily through Friday and during parent night from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today at the school, 5001 Preston Drive.

"The little girl has always wanted a wig. The class was talking about acts of service and decided to do this," said Principal Bonnie Smith.

Teacher participates in fundraising tradition

As has become his annual tradition, Tim Cates, Lee Freshman High School teacher and Student Council sponsor, is proving that he has skin in the game when it comes to giving to a good cause.

The school is one of several MISD campuses that participated in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Lee Freshman raised more than $3,200 through classroom collections and a jeans day.

Because the school met and surpassed its goal, Cates had his head shaved Thursday at the school.

LHS debate students qualify for nationals

Four Lee High School students have qualified for the Speech and Debate National Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., this summer. The team of Karishma Thakor and Anissa Patel qualified in Public Forum Debate.

Palvasha Deme won in Original Oratory for her speech. Pooja Patel won in both Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Domestic Extemporaneous. Additionally, Daniel Cooley and Raj Patel qualified to be the first alternate team in Public Forum Debate. This year, debate team has been awarded the sweepstakes award for Debate and for Congress.

SMU, TCU to offer early decision option

Beginning fall of 2013, SMU and TCU will offer an early decision option in their application processes.

Early decision identifies students who consider the university as their first choice. Prime candidates for early decision include applicants who are prepared to make a contractual commitment to attend should the respective university offer them admission. Students may apply to only one school through an early decision plan, according to a press release from the universities.

Early decision will be available beginning with the Class of 2014. Deadline to apply for early deision is Nov. 1.

For more information contact the schools:

■ SMU Office of Admission, 214-768-2058 or visit www.smu.edu/admission.

■ TCU Office of Admission at 817-257-7490 or visit www.admissions.tcu.edu.

Ga. governor ousts 6 members of school board

N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Gov. Nathan Deal removed six members of the DeKalb County School Board on Monday, trying to save the state's third-largest school system by exercising a relatively new power in Georgia that allows him to supersede the choice of voters.

"I feel it's my responsibility to act," he said at a news conference announcing his decision. "This is a matter of urgency."

But whether his decision will stand rests on legal challenges to his move. Judge Richard W. Story of U.S. District Court on Friday is expected to review the governor's action, and a constitutional challenge is being mounted this week in a state court.

There is little question that the 138-school district, which sprawls largely east of Atlanta and was once considered a model suburban school system, needs help.

A 20-page report from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December described a board engaged in open warfare with itself, questionable staff hiring practices and fiscal irresponsibility that led to what is likely to be $16 million in debt once audits are completed.

Although district lawyers have disputed it, the report said the board approved borrowing $12 million for new textbooks, "yet numerous interviews revealed that no one could identify any school that had received new textbooks and it was reported that nearly all schools were struggling with ways to repair old textbooks with no resources."

The school system, with nearly 100,000 students, was put on probation through the end of 2013 and risks losing accreditation.

"This is a district that has money but has just flat out mismanaged things," Mark A. Elgart, president and chief executive of AdvancED, the parent organization for accreditation groups that evaluate school systems across the country, said in an interview after Deal said he was pulling the board members and appointing a nominating committee to replace them.

"It's been part of their operating environment for over 10 years," Elgart said. "You have basically a tenured system in stagnation."

The governor acted after a 14-hour hearing Thursday in which the Georgia Board of Education recommended suspending six of the nine DeKalb board members. Under a 2011 law, the governor may step in and replace board members in failing school districts.

At the hearing, district lawyers argued that the report was full of innuendo and misinformation.

The board replaced Superintendent Cheryl L.H. Atkinson this month in what for a decade has been a revolving door of superintendents.

Pay-to-play fees a concern at Albuquerque schools

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Albuquerque school district members are expressing unease with costly fees that students and their parents face for participation in activities such as sports, show choir and band.

One high school's fees for choir total $2,200, students at another high school must commit to raise $1,000 to participate in band, and football players at a third must come up with $300, the Albuquerque Journal reported Monday.

Board member Martin Esquivel said students from low-income families might be intimidated and decide not to participate in activities with large fees even if there's help with fundraising.

"I don't know where you draw the line as to what's appropriate and not appropriate, but I do think a requirement for a student to participate in choir to come up with $2,250 is unconscionable and not right," Esquivel said. "And I think if that issue ever got before a state or federal court, we'd be in a lot of trouble."

Superintendent Winston Brooks said there's no easy answer.

In November, the district's board approved a policy requiring booster groups to flow their money through their school's activities office.

Boosters objected that the policy would hamper their fundraising and flexibility, so the board then adopted a new policy that merely requires the groups to report all their financial information to the district.

Brooks said the district is gathering information on booster groups' finances because expectations vary widely among schools and activities.

ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

College isn't the place for forced diversity

■ Ultimately high school has to prepare students for college. That is more of a possibility when students earn admission on their own merits.

Back when I was oblivious about what went on in underperforming public schools, I had fanciful notions that the key to encouraging social mobility was college access.

And not the kind of access that would diversify the ranks of college graduates by race, mind you, but access based on the only relatively colorblind assessment: family income.

Now that it's becoming a popular idea — a recent editorial in The Economist declared that "affirmative-action programmes should give way to schemes to help students based on the poverty of the applicant rather than the colour of his skin" — I find that it's a flawed, imaginary silver bullet.

I'm not the only one who's turned on the heir to raced-based affirmative action.

In a recent Huffington Post column, "If Not Race, Then Wealth: Why Universities Should Avoid Income as Proxy for Race-Based Admissions Policy," Alan A. Aja, along with William A. Darity Jr. and Darrick Hamilton, wrote: "If class is to replace race in selective college admissions, then at the very least, wealth should serve as the indicator of class status rather than income. ... [It] is a far superior measure of socioeconomic position and provides a far better class measure as proxy for race or ethnicity than income."

Aja, a professor in the Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies at Brooklyn College, contends that income — and therefore the amount a family is expected to kick in for tuition as calculated for a student seeking a federal or school-based financial aid package — can be precarious and fleeting.

"'Expected family contribution' is one of those questions that assumes a number of variables also exist at the same time: good economy, employment, a non-discriminatory labor market, etc., all of which are conditions that are more likely to favor whites," Aja told me. "If a member of a typical white family loses their income for myriad reasons, such families are more likely to have 'wealth,' i.e. assets of value that could be used for rainy-day necessities such as tuition support, books, etc., for a student family member, giving that student an advantage over the typical black or Latino student who has less wealth. By using wealth, you assess the actual need in more effective ways as opposed to income."

Agreed. As we crawl our way out of the lingering after-effects of the recession, no one could argue that whites aren't doing better on most financial measures compared to Hispanics and blacks.

Still, even Aja has concerns about the repercussions of using either wealth or income in determining preferred admission into universities.

"We're trying to use a financial measure as an imperfect proxy for class, which really can't be adequately measured," Aja said. "Yet, it still doesn't address the issue that is fundamental to both the attainment and the intergenerational transfer of wealth, which is race.

"In fact, in a scenario where income or wealth is taken into account in admissions, we could see even fewer black and Latino students on campuses because there are simply more white people in the United States than everyone else — which is why I believe we still need race-based affirmative action."

And that's where Aja and I part ways.

Sure, we both agree that income-based affirmative action could have a negative effect on the number of minority students entering into college. But he goes on to lament that such a situation would present "a fundamental question: Do we, as a nation, want our kids to be in highly segregated institutions?"

Neither of us wants that. Yet the reality for too many families, mine included, is that we already live in that nation. Millions of poor students in America attend underperforming neighborhood schools where they are relegated to interact only with members of their own race and a slight minority of equally under-resourced white students.

After seeing the heart-wrenching struggles and failures of countless first-generation college-students who had a leg up in getting into a college or university because of their race or income, I've come to believe that simply expecting universities to provide access on such measures is a false promise.

Relying on universities to diversify their populations this way lets them appear to be progressive, despite poor graduation rates for these students. Unfortunately that lulls the rest of society into the fantasy that it's all right to allow our K-12 educational system to keep graduating countless high school students who aren't prepared to gain admission into — much less succeed in — college on their own merits.

Numbers taking and passing AP exams move up again

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

As Advanced Placement exams have expanded to a more diverse group of high school students, more failures and lower average results seemed almost inevitable. But recent high school graduates seem to be bucking the trend: For the first time on record, average scores, the percentage passing and top scores are all increasing.

In its annual report last week on the AP Program, the College Board said nearly one-third of 2012 public high school graduates took AP tests, and nearly one in five received a passing score of 3 or higher on the five-point-scale exams offered in 34 subjects from calculus to history to studio art. Both figures are up substantially from a decade ago, when 18 percent of graduates took an exam and fewer than 12 percent earned a score of 3 or higher.

But more notably, the College Board said that for the first time since it began collecting data by class year in 2001, the mean exam score increased from the previous year, from 2.80 to 2.83. The percentage of all exams that earned at least a 3 also rose for the first time, and the 14.2 percent earning a top score of 5 was also the highest ever.

That's significant because it could boost the College Board's argument that there remain students out there who could succeed on AP exams if given the opportunity. And as the federal government, states and school districts aggressively push AP, the results could blunt criticism that AP expansion has become an obsession among educators, diverting resources from remedial work that low-performing students really need and setting them up to fail.

"What we see here through AP is some evidence you can both increase the number of students engaged in rigorous coursework, you can increase the diversity of students who take it and you can keep those high standards and performance," said College Board vice president of communications Peter Kauffmann.

Trevor Packer, the College Board's senior vice president for the AP program, said "one year does not a trend make." But nor do the results look like a blip. After regular annual declines, scores stabilized last year, and early results from members of the class of 2013 who have already taken AP exams suggest the upward trend will continue next year.

Packer said it wasn't clear why results were improving, but said possible factors include colleges and universities taking AP scores and coursework more seriously (though Dartmouth College recently announced it would no longer accept AP credit). Course redesigns may also have helped, particularly in reducing the number of students getting the lowest score of 1.

Another factor could be the rising cost of college, with students taking more seriously the opportunity to get college credit and reduce the time it takes to earn degrees.

More than 954,000 of last year's graduates, or 32.4 percent, took an AP exam, compared to 471,000 a decade before. But the College Board contends despite the growth, wide gaps in access remain, particularly for low-income and minority students. It estimates more than 300,000 students nationwide with "AP potential" — defined as a 60-percent predicted likelihood of passing an AP exam based on PSAT performance — did not take an AP exam.

Disparities by race remain substantial, even among students who appear to have a good chance at a passing score. Six in 10 Asian students with "AP potential" took math and science AP exams, compared to four in 10 white students, and three in 10 black and Hispanic ones.

Still, 26.6 percent of AP test-takers in last year's class were low-income, compared to just 11.5 percent for the class of 2003. That translates to more than 250,000 low-income students taking an AP exam, quadruple the figure from a decade ago.

The College Board, a not-for-profit membership organization that also operates the SAT exam, also said many states have made progress in narrowing AP access gaps for low-income and minority students.

It singled out Florida as the only state with a large Hispanic population to eliminate the "equity gap" in both AP participation and success with respect to Hispanic students. Hispanics account for 24.8 percent of Florida's graduating high school class, but a higher percentage of its AP test-takers and those passing the exam there.

For black students, however, there is not a single state with a substantial black population where black students have eliminated their AP "equity gap." Nationally, blacks accounted for 14.5 percent of high school graduates, but just 9.2 percent of those taking AP exams and 4.4 percent of those scoring 3 or higher.

Among other findings in the report:

■ There remain large state-by-state disparities in participation and performance. Maryland had the highest percentage of graduates earning at least one score of 3 or higher (29.6 percent) and Mississippi the lowest (4.6 percent).

■ The three most popular exams are English language and composition, U.S. history, and English literature and composition, each taken by more than 300,000 students last year. The rarest are Japanese and Italian language and culture, taken by fewer than 2,000.

■ The annual report doesn't include results from private schools or overseas students. But among overseas AP test-takers, China for the first time surpassed Canada as the top country of origin.

States struggle to keep online schools accountable

By Ben Wieder
Stateline.org (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Online classes have exploded in popularity, with more than six times as many students enrolled in electronic K-12 courses now compared with a decade ago, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Advocates say online classes offer a more flexible and personalized form of education, allowing students to progress at their own pace and on their own time. Supporters also tout online education as a way to dramatically expand course offerings, particularly at rural schools.

But the rapid growth of online education is raising concerns — especially as more for-profit companies launch online programs. While unscrupulous or incompetent online educators may be rare, there are enough of them that many states are considering ratcheting up their oversight.

"The long and short of it is trying to make sure that as we grow this kind of education in the future, there is accountability for them like any other school," said Kelli Gauthier, a spokeswoman for Tennessee's education department.

States ran the earliest online programs, which began in the late 1990s. But individual districts and online charter schools are a growing percentage of the total. Many of the new programs are operated by for-profit companies, such as K12 Inc. and Connections Education. These companies supply everything from the curriculum to the technology to the teachers on the other end of students' computers.

Florida has nearly 150,000 online K-12 students — more than any other state — and the Florida Virtual School was the first state-run online school in the country. Florida is one of only four states requiring students to take an online course in order to graduate, and it allows students to go beyond their local areas and pick online courses from other districts across the state. But Florida doesn't have much staff charged with overseeing online education.

"Up until a couple of months ago, I was the virtual education office in the state," says Sally Roberts, who now has the assistance of another full-time worker. Others in Florida's education department do help Roberts vet potential course providers for a state-approved list of districts and charter schools.

Even with a robust staff, though, it can be hard for states to keep pace with rapid changes in the field, says John Watson, founder of the Evergreen Education Group, which puts out the annual "Keeping Pace with K-12 Online and Blended Learning" report. Watson says the challenge for states is striking a balance between encouraging innovation and holding online educators accountable.

"It's very difficult from a policy standpoint to catch that bad apple, while not impeding all the good actors," he says.

"There are enough bad apples that some states feel a growing sense of urgency when it comes to determining the appropriate levels of accountability and oversight needed.

Currently, Tennessee doesn't have anyone assigned to oversee online schools. But state lawmakers there are considering legislation, pushed by Republican Gov. Bill Haslam, that would cap enrollment at the state's first statewide online school, Tennessee Virtual Academy. The school, which is run by K12 Inc., performed poorly on state tests in its first year.

In Pennsylvania, meanwhile, Education Secretary Ron Tomalis rejected the applications of eight online charter schools last month. The education department said the rejections weren't emblematic of any larger shift in online education policy, but they came after a school year in which none of the existing online schools met the state's academic benchmarks and a report by the state auditor questioned spending by online charters. A 2011 report on charter schools in the state by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found that students in online charter schools had smaller gains in reading and math than their peers in traditional charter schools and public schools.

Nevada lawmakers debate full-day kindergarten

Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Kindergarten is no longer about milk, cookies and nap time, but enabling youngsters to master critical thinking at an early age to succeed later in life, supporters told Nevada lawmakers Monday during a hearing on mandating full-day kindergarten statewide.

Supporters of SB182 said under new common core state standards, kindergartners at the end of the year are expected to be able to write opinion essays and comprehend math.

"These are high standards," said Pat Skorkowsky, deputy superintendent of the Clark County School District.

Sen. Debbie Smith, D-Sparks, said full-day kindergarten has been in Nevada law since 2005, but the Legislature has never fully funded it and cuts were made during the economic downturn. While some schools offer it, others do not or offer it to parents who can afford tuition.

Smith said the bill is about closing achievement gaps.

The measure would also lower to 5 from 7 the age children are required to attend school. Some lawmakers questioned whether parents who feel their children aren't ready to attend school all day at 5 years old would have other options.

"Home schooling is always an option ... if parents feel their child is not ready for that full-day educational program," Skorkowsky said.

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TODAY: Sunny
High: 65
Low: 33

WEDNESDAY: Sunny
High: 63
Low: 28

THURSDAY: Partly cloudy
High: 65
Low: 29

Local forecast

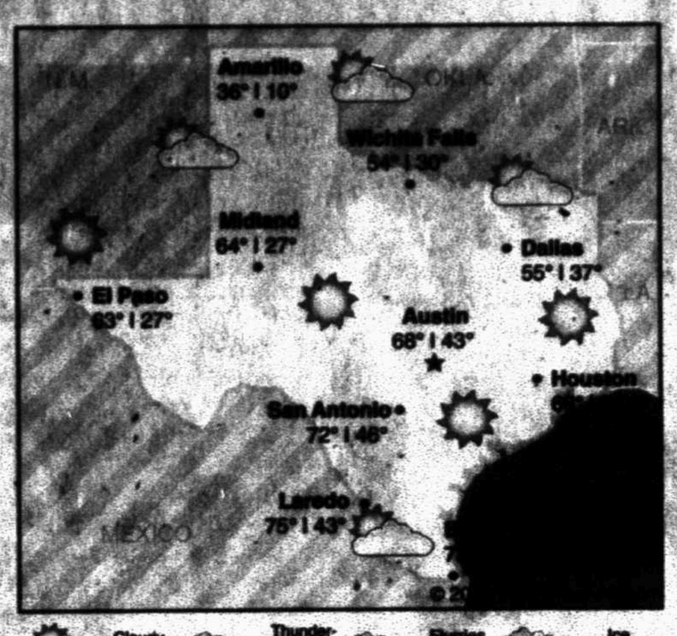
Expect sunny skies today with a high around 65 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for a low around 33. On Wednesday and Thursday expect highs in the 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

The high on Monday reached 48, while the low dropped to 32. The record high for Feb. 25 is 86 set in 2009. The record low is 11 set in 1960.

Weather ways

Q: What is an anemometer?

A: An anemometer is a meteorological instrument used for measuring wind speed, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Although many different kinds of anemometers exist, the most traditional one used is known as a cup anemometer," he said. "Cup anemometers have three or four hemispherical cups attached to arms that meet at a center point on a swivel. The cups are spaced apart equally in distance and rotate at a speed proportional to the speed at which the wind is blowing. These cup anemometers, however, can only tell the speed of the wind but not its direction. By combining a propeller with a weathervane, windmill anemometers show the direction of the wind, as well at its speed.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunderstorms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation		Monday's temperatures	
Sunday	0.00 in.	High	48
Monday	trace	Low	32
Month total	0.08 in.	Normal high	65
Year total	1.53 in.	Normal low	37
Normal total (year to date)	1.19 in.	Sunrise	7:19 a.m.
		Sunset	6:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 26

Sunny · Pt. Cloudy · Cloudy

Fronts: Cold · Warm · Stationary
Pressure: Low · High

Showers · Rain · T-storms · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Husband's micromanagement wears thin on wife

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: "Harold" and I have been married for more than 20 years and have three children ranging in age from teen to toddler. We are both college graduates and held middle-management jobs until recently.

Two years ago, Harold was offered a temporary job in an exotic location in another country. We jumped at the chance. I can't work because of the regulations here, but the money is good.

Now that I'm not working, Harold suddenly believes he has the right to tell me what to do, how to manage daily activities, how to care for the children, etc. When we explore our host country, he loses his temper if I take a photo of something he has already photographed.

At Halloween, we invited some local friends over to share the American tradition of pumpkin carving. He literally took the knife out of my hand and shouldered me out of the way so he could do it. In previous years, he had no interest in this activity — the children and I carved the pumpkins.

These are just two examples, but the scrutiny is daily and relentless. I am instructed how to do the laundry, wash dishes, clean the stove, on and on.

How do I deal with this new controlling behavior? If I address it when it happens, he becomes nasty. I have tried discussing his overall change in attitude, but he says I am "imagining" it. If I ignore his "suggestions," it results in angry outbursts.

I don't know how to get through to him that I'm the same competent individual I was before we made this change and that I do not need micromanaging. Any advice is welcome. — JUST ABOUT HAD IT

DEAR JUST ABOUT HAD IT: Your husband may be stressed in his new job and no longer feels in control, which is why he is attempting to control you. Or, because he is now the sole wage earner, he may feel "entitled" to dictate your every move. If you are now living in a male-dominated culture where women have no rights, his thinking may be influenced by the men around him.

If marriage counseling is available, I urge you to get some. If that's not possible, perhaps a long vacation for you and the children with your family would defuse the tension.

DEAR ABBY: My son recently committed suicide. He was only 24. Two weeks before his death, he confided to a family member that he had been molested by his uncle when he was between the ages of 4 and 7.

I want this uncle to be exposed, but the family wants to keep it "quiet and in the family." I am very much of the opinion that this molestation could be behind my son's suicide. The uncle is now in his 30s and would have been in his teens when this happened. Please tell me what I should do. — SUFFERING IN OHIO

DEAR SUFFERING: Because you are suffering, it is important that you talk with a therapist if you haven't already. While early trauma may have played a part in your son's death, suicide is a complex act that is not completely understood.

What IS clear is that what this uncle did while in his teens was predatory. Others in the family — and the community — should be made aware so their children can be protected, because they may be at risk. The therapist can help you decide how to deal with this, so please don't wait.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Through a glass, darkly

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 7 4 2
♡ 10 7 4 3 2
◇ Q 6
♣ A Q

WEST
♠ Q 10 5
♡ Void
◇ A K J 8 5 2
♣ 10 9 5 4

EAST
♠ 9 8 6
♡ J 8 6 5
◇ 10 4
♣ 8 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 3
♡ A K Q 9
◇ 9 7 3
♣ K J 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	2◇	3◇	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ◇

Especially when playing for coin of the realm, pessimism pays. Consider this deal.

North's three-diamond cue-bid was Stayman, asking partner to bid a four-card major if he had one. South obliged and North raised to game in the major.

West led the king and ace of diamonds, everyone following as East echoed by first following with the 10. West continued with the jack. Both the bidding and play marked West with an original holding of six diamonds. Nevertheless South, an eternal optimist, elected to ruff on the table with the 10 since, if East overruffed, a successful finesse for the queen of spades would still land the contract. That was not to be, but a more cautious approach would have made the game.

On the third diamond declarer should discard a spade from dummy. Best is for West to shift to a club. Declarer rises with the ace and leads a trump to the queen. When West shows out on this trick, declarer returns to the table with the queen of clubs and takes a finesse for the knave of hearts. After drawing two more rounds of trumps, declarer cashes the king of clubs for another spade discard, and the last three tricks are taken by the king and ace of spades and the table's long heart.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013:

This year you often find yourself caught in the middle of arguments. You can see the pros and cons of each side, but you might not feel confident enough to offer your opinion. A relationship needs tending if you want it to work. A dear friend or partner plays a significant role. If you are single, you might be challenged to meet the right person. You are likely to meet this person sometime after spring, and he or she could become a part of your life history. Incorporate a stressbuster into your daily life. VIRGO understands much more than he or she lets on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Express your thoughts clearly; otherwise, you could come off as being too sarcastic. Be careful. You can be sure that others have many different thoughts, and they might feel frustrated enough to wage war. Avoid that type of mess at all costs. Tonight: Take a brisk walk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your creativity emerges, which makes nearly anything possible. Your friends and/or associates could be defiant, as confusion marks a situation. You also might feel hurt that someone has turned down an invitation. Tonight: Do what feels right to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You could head in a certain direction if you so choose, despite what is happening around you. Certain circumstances could trigger you, but you don't need to take action. It would be wiser to do nothing and come from a focused point of view. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might try to clear up a situation, only to find that it has more complications than you originally thought. Unless you have strong conversational skills, the problem could worsen. You aren't going to convince anyone of the rightness of your ways. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Recognize what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. Your fiery personality could factor into your decision-making. How would you like to change the course that you're presently on? Weigh the pros and cons first, then decide. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You feel more in tune with others than you have in a while. Try not to get upset by the inevitable disagreements that could pop up from out of nowhere. You know that sometimes, the less said, the better. Open up to conversations. Tonight: Whatever feels like the right thing to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take your time when making a decision. Someone's comments might surprise you. Whether you take what this person says personally is your call. Avoid sarcastic and angry people, if possible. Opportunities come once you detach. Tonight: You need a time-out from certain people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You know what you want, and you know what feels right. After engaging in a conversation in which you had thought everyone was on the same page, you might find out otherwise. The discussion might have caused some controversy. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You will assume a greater role in a project, and you'll have your share of obstacles to jump. Don't get too tied up in a situation involving property or a domestic matter, as you could feel torn between two possibilities. Be aware of your limitations. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Excitement surrounds an idea, but you might not know how to proceed. Just when you think you've reached a mutual understanding, you could discover otherwise. Avoid becoming a part of the problem. Tonight: Hop on the computer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Someone might make an extra effort to get to know you. Don't assume that this person's assertiveness will last forever. You could discover that his or her decision is changing quickly. Decide how you'd like to proceed. Tonight: Share today with a dear friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Allow others to do their thing. You might want to try a different attitude or approach. Now is not the time to sit back and say little. A volatile tone could exist within your interactions, so don't be surprised if someone loses his or her cool. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

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BORN TODAY

U.S. Army scout William F. Cody aka Buffalo Bill (1846), comedian Jackie Gleason (1916), singer Johnny Cash (1932)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Leftover bit
6 Kitchen meas.
10 Highland tongue
14 Thrill to pieces
15 Commuter's option
16 Cuts short
17 "Understood!"
18 Egg on
19 Debt-heavy corp. takeovers
20 Pittsburgh fan base, collectively
23 A pop
24 Confirmation or bar mitzvah
25 Tons of, casually
27 Philatelist's pride
31 Pet welfare org.
32 Tie up loose ends?
33 Shed a few tears
34 "Bus Stop" playwright
37 Radar's favorite drink
40 Butter on the farm?
43 Windy City trains
45 Solemn promises
49 Annual political speech
54 Appeared on TV
55 Penlight batteries
56 AFL affiliate
57 Commercial interruptions literally found in this puzzle's three other longest answers
61 Just as you see it
62 City near Sacramento
63 Young neigh sayers
65 Adjust, as strings
66 Close
67 Slippery as __
68 Israel's only female prime minister
69 Nile threats
70 Toy bear named for a president

DOWN

1 Line piece: Abbr.
2 Places to hide skeletons?
3 Dilapidated dwelling
4 End in __: come out even
5 He refused to grow up
6 Faithfully following
7 Oil units
8 Talk with one's hands
9 Earnest request
10 Nixon attorney general Richardson
11 Like some of Michael Jackson's moves
12 Advertiser
13 Twisty curve
21 DMV certificate
22 Dr. Mom's specialty
23 "This is your brain on drugs," e.g.
26 Unspecified quantity
28 12th century opener
29 Deighton who wrote the "Hook, Line and Sinker" trilogy
30 40-Across mate
35 Prefix with thermal
36 Santa's helper
38 Pet on your lap, maybe
39 Author Fleming
40 Cape Town's country: Abbr.
41 Being debated
42 Bond's is shaken, not stirred
44 Comedy genre
46 Got a giggle out of
47 Raised, as a flag
48 Nestlé's __-Caps
50 Movie trailer, e.g.
51 Boston summer hrs.
52 Nuns' clothing
53 Kernel holder
58 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
59 Fireworks responses
60 Top-shelf
61 Way to check your balance, briefly
64 Sneaky

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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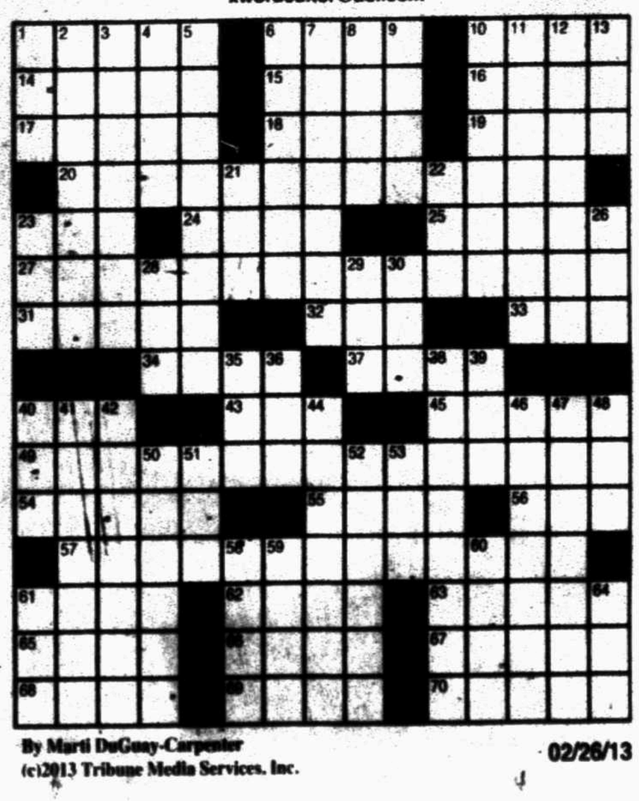

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EXTRA CREDIT

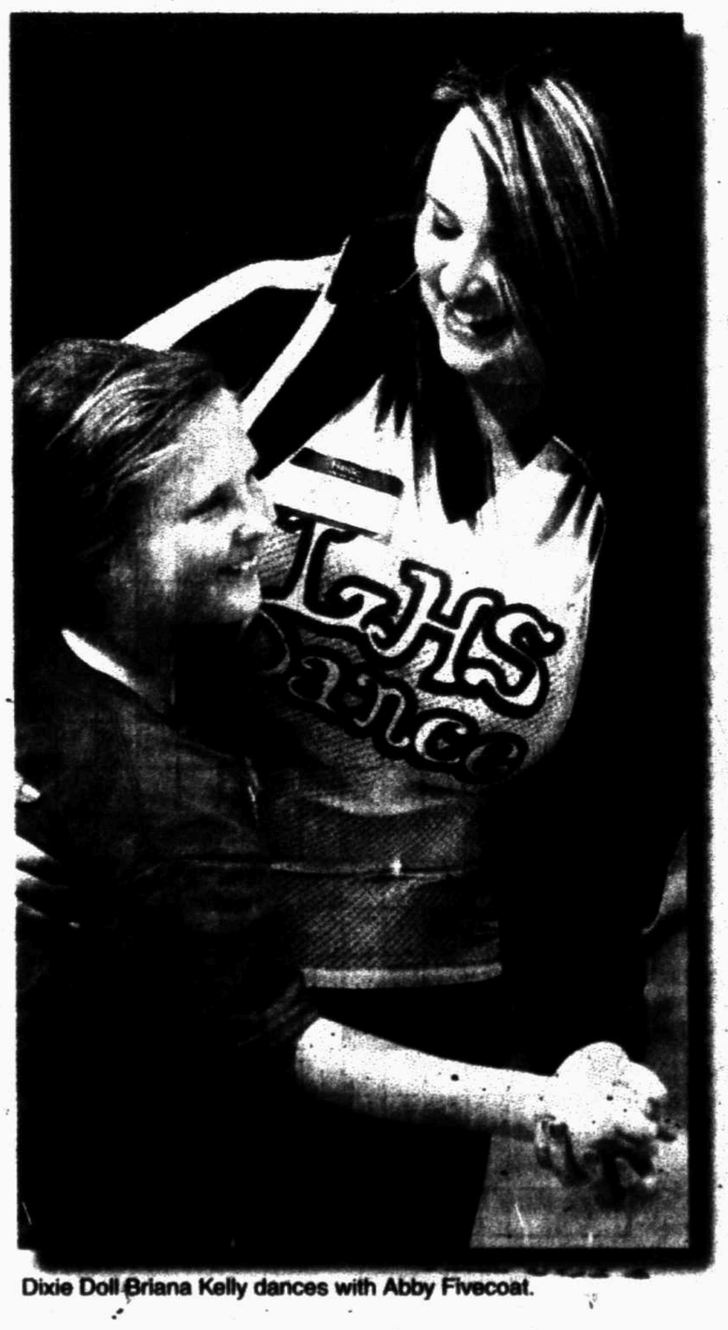
Participants in the Junior Dolls Dance Clinic pose for a picture Feb. 16 at Abell Junior High.

Dixie Doll Crystal Galindo sits with 4-year-old Madison Bryant.

Youngsters watch as the Dixie Dolls perform.

Participants play games.

Dixie Doll McKenzie Dean hugs Savannah Cox.



Dixie Doll Briana Kelly dances with Abby Fivecoat.

Dixie Doll Chelsie Wood sits with Kori Moore, left, Halie Dease, center, and Ariana Vaquera.

Dean gives directions to participants.

Galindo, center, leads a performance.

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Lee volleyball coach Sandoval retires

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Sandoval

Diane Sandoval's coaching career didn't take her across the state and to multiple stops during her 30-year career.

Sandoval stayed at home to pursue her career, and after 30 years of teaching and coaching in the Midland Independent School District and the Ector County Independent School District, Sandoval announced on Monday she is retiring from education.

Sandoval has spent the last nine years in Midland ISD as the head volleyball coach at Lee, and said it was the right time for her to retire after a successful stint not only at Lee but at her alma mater, Odessa High, in the 1990s.

And she said, the hardest thing was telling her players on Monday that she wouldn't return next year.

Sandoval's retirement is effective at the end of the school year.

"It's the relationships you build with these kids ... we are family," Sandoval said on Monday. "That was the hardest part, and I dreaded going to my seventh period (Monday) because it's going to blind side them. They still saw me everyday, and I don't think saw it coming."

Sandoval's nine seasons at Lee, included four trips to the playoffs, eight 20-plus win seasons and a 227-131 overall record leading the Lady Rebels program. The Lady Rebels finished 23-16 this season and finished in fifth place in District 2-5A, missing out on the postseason for the first time in three seasons.

Sandoval said she had thought about retiring after the 2011 season, but

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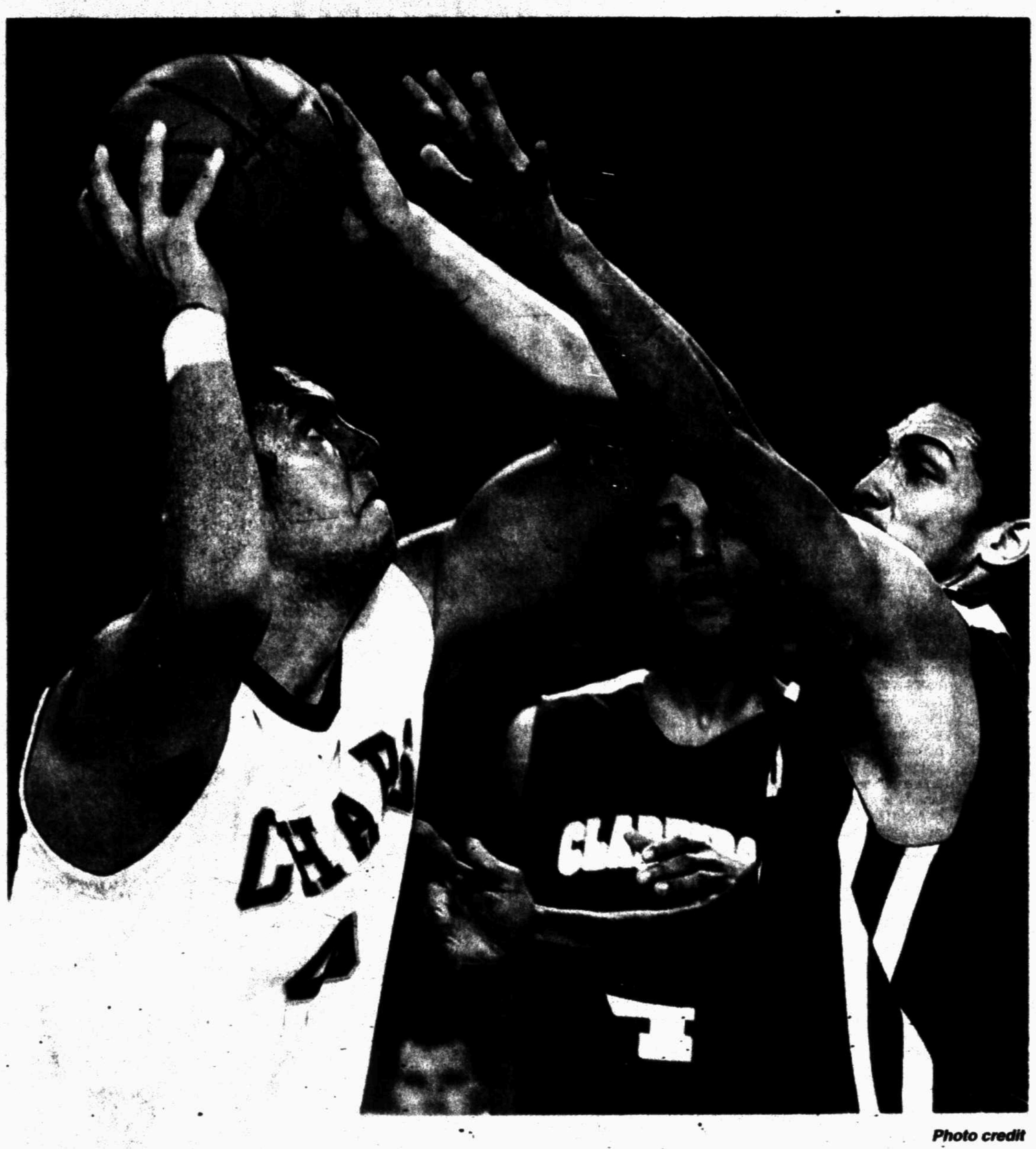
MC clobbers Clarendon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Midland College's Aly Ahmed puts a shot up as Clarendon's Alex Harrison defends Monday night at the Chaparral Center. Midland College beat the Bulldogs, 95-69.

Chaps remain in thick of Region V race

By Oscar LeRoy
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Chaparrals	95
Bulldogs	69

Despite everything it has been through this season, the Midland College men's basketball team has put itself in a position to make the Region V Tournament.

The Chaparrals took one step closer on Monday night to achieving that as they used a strong first half performance to roll past Clarendon College, 95-69, at Chaparral Center.

Midland College (19-7 overall) is now a ? game ahead of South Plains, which had its game at Frank Phillips College postponed because of weather, for fourth place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 10-5 mark.

With New Mexico Junior College losing at Odessa College, 61-50, on Monday it sets up a big game Thursday night in Hobbs, N.M., against the Thunderbirds (11-4 in WJCAC). MC will need to win at NMJC to have a shot at the postseason.

MC, which has been in playoff mode for the last two weeks, raced out to a 62-25 halftime advantage thanks in part to shooting 58 percent from the floor, while holding an up-tempo Clarendon team to 22 percent shooting.

"We made shots in the first half," MC coach Chris Craig said. "We played defense well in spurts and we were lackadaisical with the ball at times. We also hit our free throws in the first half. It was a great win and obviously it sets up for a big one on Thursday."

Considering that Clarendon was coming off hard-fought 86-80 loss to NMJC, sophomore forward Justin Coleman said the team wanted to come out focused and be ready for a battle.

"Coming in, we knew it was a scrappy team and we knew it was going to be a tough game," said Coleman, who finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds. "They're capable of beating anybody on a given night because of the style of play. We also knew it was going to be tough for us holding onto the ball, but I guess we just got it done."

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Midland College's Tia Dixon shoots over a Clarendon defender Monday at Chaparral Center. Dixon led the Lady Chaps to a 110-54 victory.
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Dixon leads Lady Chaps in rout of Lady Bulldogs

By Oscar LeRoy
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Lady Chaparrals	110
Lady Bulldogs	54

The Midland College women's basketball team doesn't mind playing an up-tempo style of game, and that's especially true for freshman guard Tia Dixon.

So while Clarendon College was chunking up 3-pointers on a frequent basis, Dixon hit a few 3s of her own to lead the Lady Chaparrals to a decisive 110-54 victory over the Lady Bulldogs in the last home game of the season at Chaparral Center on Monday night.

"I was just open," Dixon said. "My teammates were just hitting me, I was spotting up and I was actually ready to get the ball and just shoot. I had to keep moving, because once the defender turned her head I was already gone. I had a good shoot-around before the game, so I knew that my teammates would come to me for the three, and I just had to finish it."

Dixon hit six treys as part of her game-high 24-point performance for Midland College (23-6, 11-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference), which clinched at least a share of the league title.

That sets up Thursday's game

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Greenwood reserves making impact

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Josh Tuala pauses as he tries to come up with an accurate estimate of the amount of time he has to affect a game on a regular basis.

"I play probably four or five minutes a game," Tuala finally says.

Fellow juniors Brandon Elliott and Ruben Rocha agree that they have even less time.

"I'd say two or three minutes for me," Elliot concludes.

Yet the trio of junior reserves has found a way to impact games for Greenwood this postseason as the Rangers head into a regional quarterfinal matchup with Fabens at 7:30 p.m. today at Fort Stockton High School.

Tuala

To call the junior trio the second unit is a bit misleading — rarely are they ever on the floor at the same time.

Yet whenever one of the Rangers' top producers — be it Kam Williams or Jody Lively down low or guards Taylor Hollingsworth and Grant Franklin — needs a blow or finds himself in foul trouble, one of the reserves may find himself in a game for the first time with a unit he has hardly played with.

But they make it work.

"It's fun," Tuala and Elliott said nearly in unison.

"As long as you have fun with it, it's fine," Rocha said.

The juniors do that by keeping the mood light on the bench to start with.

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The Games

CLASS 3A REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
GREENWOOD VS. FABENS

When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Fort Stockton High School

2-5A play starts today, ready or not

By Jordan Mason
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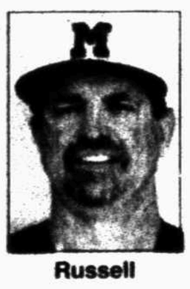
Monday morning, as violent winds whipped a mix of dust and snow across the city, the surrealness of district play beginning the next day hit home for Midland High coach Barry Russell as he wondered aloud whether or not his JV team would play later in the day.

"(When you) factor in the weather," Russell said. "It's crazy."


Russell

Perhaps no sport has been as drastically affected by the newly-formed District 2-5A as baseball, with Lee and Midland High kicking off league play today at the earliest date in recent memory.

Roper

And while the simple explanation is that adding two new teams to the seven-team district from last year requires an earlier start, a look at the 2009-2010 schedules, when Lee and Midland High competed in a 10-team district and still began league play in March, shows that is not necessarily the case.

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Russell said with STAAR testing eliminating games between Monday and Thursday later in the season, coaches were faced with a choice of starting early with six three-game weeks or starting later with eight three-game weeks.

The former won out on a vote, and the result is February 2-5A baseball with Midland High (6-1) hosting

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Watson ready for challenge against FW Christian

By Jonathan Hull
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Tori Watson knows what Midland Christian must do if it wants to advance another round into the TAPPS 4A girls basketball postseason. And Watson — a 6-foot-1 senior post for MCS — also understands much of the responsibility on the Lady Mustangs executing their game plan falls directly on her.

Watson

The Lady Mustangs take on TAPPS 1-4A rival Fort Worth Christian in the regional round of the postseason at 7 p.m. today in Eastland, marking the third occasion the two have met this season. MCS (21-14) and the No. 14 Cardinals (22-14) split the regular season meetings, but the performance of FWC post Kim Young was a major factor in both outcomes.

Young is considered one of the best players in the state at the TAPPS 4A level, and has been a challenge for anyone in the district to contain. However, one team did manage to thwart Young.

On Jan. 19, Young, who averaged around 15 points a game this season, was held to two points in a 30-27 loss to Midland Christian. It was the banner victory for the Lady Mustangs this season, and one that delivered them a considerable amount of confidence for the remainder of the year.

"Holding Kim Young to two points was the difference," MCS coach Chris Ryburn said. "I think we match up well against Fort Worth Christian because we have the size inside with Tori. They really rely on what they can do inside and holding her to what we did was the difference."

It appeared the Lady Mustangs were on the verge of duplicating that effort on Feb. 8 as Young was held for five points in the first half, and Midland Christian carried a slim lead into the fourth period. However, Young had a huge second half, and finished with 17 points in a 58-48 victory.

"She has a really high vertical, and she's really strong," Watson said. "Once she gets the ball in her hands, she's very tough to stop. I do feel a little bit of pressure just knowing I did so good against her the first game and knowing I can do it again. There is a bit of pressure."

But Watson also notes that keeping Young from having a considerable impact on the game takes a team effort.

"I know I'm the one who has to guard her, but I wouldn't be able to do what I do without my team," Watson said. "It's a total team effort against (Young). We have to deny her the ball and not let her get it in her hands in the first place.

"Our guards do a good job of flashing in there when they try to get the ball to her and scare their guards from passing it to her. That's what we have to do against her."

The Lady Mustangs repeating the Jan. 19 performance instead of the Feb. 8 showing against Young tonight is likely the difference between continuing to play this season or seeing it come to an end.

But handing district champion FWC its only loss in TAPPS 1-4A play this season has the Lady Mustangs confident heading into tonight's matchup.

"I think we have a lot of confidence, knowing we can beat them," Ryburn said. "I know our girls believe they can win. It's now a matter of who executes and performs better."

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The Games

TAPPS 4A REGIONALS
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN VS. FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Eastland High School gym
Eastland High School gymnasium
Records: MCS 21-14; FWC 22-14
Last game: MCS 39, Dallas Christian 36; FWC 52, Waco Reicher 42
Last meeting: FWC 58, MCS 48 on Feb. 8
Notes: Midland Christian's win against Fort Worth Christian on Jan. 19 marked the first time in 12 years the Lady Mustangs had beaten the Cardinals. ... Junior guard Morgan Ashton had impressive performances in both meetings with FWC, scoring a game-high 13 points in the win on Jan. 19. She was even better in the loss, scoring a game-high 26 points. ... Fort Worth Christian lost only one district game, which was against Midland Christian. The Cardinals defeated No. 9 Lubbock Trinity twice, but still remain ranked lower than the Lady Lions.
Next: Winner plays the winner between Lubbock Trinity-Tyler TK Gorman in the TAPPS 4A state semifinals.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN VS. NO. 14 FW CHRISTIAN
When/where: 7 p.m. today,

GREENWOOD

From 1C

They also help their teammates whenever they can.

"When we're on the bench, it's not like we're not doing anything.," Tuala said. "We're talking, getting them pumped up."

But the juniors have also had an impact when they're on the floor, giving Greenwood good minutes while the starters are out of the game this postseason.

"Ruben definitely bothers people with his defensive pressure," Boxell said of the 5-foot-8 Rocha, who normally replaces Hollingsworth or Franklin. "Brandon's done good as far as affecting people when they get by a guy. He's down there affecting people's shots down there and then getting rebounds."

While the 6-foot-6 Elliott normally replaces the Rangers' next tallest player, Lively, in the lineup, Tuala, a 6-foot-2 post with nice shooting range, often replaces Williams, a forward who also has guard skills.

And Boxell expects Tuala to do a bit of a Williams impression on the offensive end, even encouraging him to take a 3-pointer in the Rangers' last win against Perryton, which Tuala knocked down for his only points of the game.

"I was kind of expecting it," Tuala said of seeing the shot go down.

"He was surprised," Rocha chimes in, drawing laughter from Elliott.

But all of the players have had their moments this season, as Rocha spelled Hollingsworth well against Perryton, with Hollingsworth eventually fouling out, and Elliott playing most of the third when Greenwood nearly toppled No. 5 Abilene Wylie earlier this season.

And for the players, that's the payoff, knowing that they helped ignite a run or that the Rangers established a rhythm with them in the game, even if it's just four or five minutes a night.

"That's the most fun," Elliot said.

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GREENWOOD VS. FABENS
When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Fort Stockton HS
Records: Greenwood 19-14; Fabens 22-10
Last game: Greenwood 45, No. 18 Perryton 42; Fabens 69, Lubbock Estacado 66
Notes: Greenwood is in the regional quarterfinals for the first time since 2008. That year was the second of back-to-back years that the Rangers reached the regional quarterfinals only to be eliminated by none other than Fabens. The last time Greenwood advanced past the regional quarterfinals was in 2004 when the Rangers reached the Class 3A state final before losing to Kountze. ... The Rangers defeated Fabens' district-mate Clint in the opening round of the playoffs, and coach Zach Boxell said the Wildcats riot only bear resemblance to Clint but also to Greenwood's area-round opponent, Perryton. "Perryton, they don't do the same offense, but they try to do the same thing," Boxell said. "So, coming off Perryton was a great game to get us ready for Fabens." ... Like Clint and Perryton, Boxell said Fabens will be undersized, which will mean mismatches for big men Kam Williams and Jody Lively on offense, but it will also mean the Rangers have to play good defense on the perimeter. "We'll have our work cut out for us as far as we'll have to do our best job we can to keep them out the lane," Boxell said. ... Boxell said senior guard Kyle Hansard, who broke his wrist late in district play, has been cleared to shoot and practice and may be cleared to play by tonight. Cade Jones, who started in the win against Perryton, is still expected to start in Hansard's place tonight. Senior Timmey Murphy has also helped replace some of Hansard's minutes since the injury.
Next: Winner will play winner of Stephenville-Wichita Falls Hirschi in Class 3A Region I semifinals, 8:30 p.m. Friday, United Spirit Arena, Lubbock

HSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

BY JORDAN MASON

Girls

Class 5A
Region I
Region I-5A Tournament
at Wilkerson-Grines Activity Center, Fort Worth
Semifinals
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 37-1) 64, Fossil Ridge Burros 57
Duncanville (W7, 39-0) 61, Arlington Bowie 40
Final
Duncanville (W7, 40-0) 64, Lubbock Coronado 45

Class 4A
Region I-4A Tournament
at The Coliseum, Snyder
Semifinals
El Paso Hanks (W2, 26-8) 60, Fort Worth Dunbar 46
Aledo (W7, 29-6) 54, Canyon 31
Final
Aledo (W7, 30-6) 50, El Paso Hanks 48

Class 3A
Region I
Region I-3A Tournament
at United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Semifinals
Kennedale (W6, 27-7) 66, Lubbock Cooper 50
Stephenville (W7, 27-8) 58, Perryton 44
Final
Kennedale (W6, 28-7) 48, Stephenville 45

Class 2A
Region I
Region I-2A Tournament
at Gheppard Center
Semifinals
Wall (W6, 27-7) 38, Childress 30
Merkel (W7, 36-1) 37, Idalou 34
Final
Merkel (W7, 37-1) 48, Wall 30

Class A, Division I
Region I
Region I-A, Division I Tournament
at South Plains College's Texan Dome, Levelland
Semifinals
Plains (W6, 32-4) 57, Clarendon 53
Smyer (W3, 26-5) 52, Wellington 22
Final
Smyer (W3, 27-5) 45, Plains 42

Class A, Division II
Region I
Region I-A Division II Tournament
at South Plains College's Texan Dome, Levelland
Semifinals
Whitharral (W4, 34-3) 69, Grady 28
Hartley (W3) 61, O'Donnell 42
Final
Whitharral (W4, 35-3) 53, Hartley 50

Region II
Region II-A Division II Tournament
at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum
Semifinals
Garden City (W14, 30-4) 48, Clyde Elsa 9
Roscoe Highland (W13) 55, Baird 37
Final
Roscoe Highland (W13) 47, Garden City 28

TAPPS 1-4A
Area
Midland Christian (T1, 21-13) 39, Dallas Christian 36

Regional
Midland Christian (22-13) vs. Fort Worth Christian, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Eastland HS

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
El Paso Bel Air (R1, 27-4) vs. Arlington Martin (R3, 27-7), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Andrews HS
Killeen Ellisons (W8, 29-8) vs. South Grand Prairie (R7, 34-3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Corsicana HS
North Crowley (W3, 28-7) vs. Arlington Bowie (T3, 25-10), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth
DeSoto (W7, 31-2) vs. Lewisville Hebron (W5, 34-2), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth

Class 4A
Regional Quarterfinals
Wolfforth Frenship (W4, 26-9) vs. Canyon (R3, 21-8), TBA
Trophy Club Nelson (R5, 28-5) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (W6, 22-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Thomas Coliseum, Haskell City
Amarillo High (W3, 20-11) vs. El Paso Burges (W1, 20-12), TBA
Fort Worth Arlington Heights (T7, 20-11) vs. Fort Worth Trimble Tech (W7, 25-7), TBA

Class 3A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Abilene Wylie (W4, 30-4) vs. Kennedale (W6, 29-7), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring
Burkburnett (R5, 24-6) vs. Kennedale (W6, 22-9), TBA
Fabens (W3, 21-18) vs. Grapevine (R4, 19-14), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS
Stephenville (W7, 24-7) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 20-8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jackson HS

Class 2A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Bushland (R1, 19-8) vs. Childress (R3, 6-30 p.m. Tuesday, Pip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Holliday (W6, 20-3) vs. Wall (W6, 17-3), TBA
Idalou (W3, 30-3) vs. Canadian (W1), TBA
Lorenzo Jim Ned (R4, 22-6) vs. Iraan (W3, 27-6), 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Class A
Division I
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Vega (T2, 18-9) vs. Wellington (R3), TBA
Morton (R3) vs. Seymour (W6), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Pip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Clarendon (R2, 19-7) vs. Stratford (W1, 9-4), TBA
El Paso Hanaway (W7, 24-3) vs. Follett (W3), TBA

Class A
Division II
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Whitharral (W4, 19-4) vs. Nazareth (R5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hale Center HS
Rapoto (R3, 19-8) vs. Grady (W6), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Bandonia HS
Textine (W3, 24-6) vs. Happy (T3), 7 p.m. Wednesday, West Texas A&M, Canyon
Sands (R6) vs. Petersburg (W5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Slaton HS

Class A
Division II
Region II
Regional Quarterfinals
Clyde Elsa (W12) vs. Crowell (W10), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Stanford HS
Zephyr (W16) vs. Water Valley (W14, 29-2), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Winters HS
Throckmorton (W11) vs. Aggemann (W9, 24-3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Anson HS
Garden City (R14, 23-7) vs. Ira (W13), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lamesa MS

HSBASKETBALLTODAY

BY JORDAN MASON

Class A
Division II
Regional quarterfinal
Region I
NO. 8 GRADY VS. ROPES
When/where: 7 p.m. today, Seminole HS
Records: Grady 25-6; Ropes 18-8
Last game: Grady 93, Balmorhea 60; Ropes 54,
Notes: Grady got off to a impressive start in the area round, matching its season high in points in a blowout of Balmorhea. It was the third time the Wildcats have topped 90 points this season and equalled their point total from a 65-point victory against Dawson on Feb. 5. ... Ropes topped District 8-A, Division II champion Rankin in its area round matchup, pulling out a 4-point win. ... Grady is playing for its second consecutive regional tournament berth after reaching the state tournament last year. ... The Wildcats are the highest-ranked team left in Region I, according to the final Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll. But district rival Sands, who split the district crown with Grady in the regular season, is still alive at the bottom of the bracket.
Next: Winner will play Whitharral-Nazareth winner in Class A, Division II Region I semifinal, 1 p.m. Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

Region II
NO. 19 GARDEN CITY VS. NO. 23 IRA
When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Lamesa HS
Records: Garden City 23-8; Ira 25-3.
Last game: Garden City 62, May 49; Ira 48, Cross Plains 40
Notes: After a 34-point victory to open the playoffs, Garden City continued its strong play with a 13-point win against May. The Bearkats now face No. 23 Ira, who they eliminated from the playoffs last season. ... Garden City, the District 14-A, Division II runner-up, is the only non-district champion still playing in Region II. The Bearkats are trying to reach the regional semifinal for the second straight year after their season ended there last year.
Next: Winner will play Throckmorton-Aspermont winner in Class A, Division II Region II semifinal, 7 p.m. Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

Lady Dawgs look to improve as District 2-5A play starts

By Jonathan Hull
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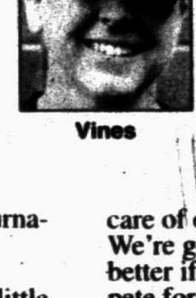
The Midland High softball team hasn't even played in its last tournament yet, but it's already time to start thinking about district play.

The Lady Bulldogs (9-3) begin District 2-5A play at 6:30 p.m. today with a visit to Odessa High. And after their district opener, the Lady Dawgs go right back to tournament play as they head to the Dallas-Fort Worth area to play in the McKinney Tournament.


Vines

"I think everybody would like to have a little more time," Lady Dawgs coach Shawnda Vines said. "We're not used to having a district game before our last tournament. I think the girls will handle it fine, but we would like some more time."

The Lady Dawgs just went 5-1 in the West Texas Classic this past weekend with the lone loss coming to 2-5A rival Abilene High. But even with the loss, Vines is happy with the way her young team is playing.

"I think our kids are playing well together," Vines said. "We have a lot of things we want to be able to take care of or get better at still. We're going to have to get better if we want to compete for another district title."

One area the Lady Bulldogs are thriving in is hitting. Midland High scored 84 runs in six games this weekend, led by senior first baseman Lexi Lopez who has already hit 10 home runs this season.

"They hit the ball well this weekend," Vines said. "We're hoping we can build on that in (today's) game against OHS."

As for winning a third straight district title, Vines has seen nothing yet to make her think it's impossible for the Lady Dawgs to achieve that feat quite yet.

"I think it's wide open," Vines said. "I think the district is always wide open. Any team in our district can beat any other team at any time."

Lee (11-1) receives the benefit of starting the District 2-5A season with a bye, giving the Lady Rebels another week to prepare for its opener against Odessa High on March 5.

Lee has opened this season impressively and won the Maroon Pool of the West Texas Classic, going 6-0 with four shutouts in that span. The Lady Rebels also head to the Dallas-Fort Worth area this coming weekend, playing in the Burleson Tournament.

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2-5A Softball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lee	0	0	11	1
Lubbock Coronado	0	0	11	0
Midland High	0	0	9	3
Abilene High	0	0	10	1
Odessa Permian	0	0	10	2
Abilene Cooper	0	0	7	5
Odessa High	0	0	5	6
San Angelo Central	0	0	1	6
Amarillo Tascosa	not reported			

Today's Games
Midland High at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 4 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.; Lubbock Coronado at Amarillo Tascosa, postponed; Lee is idle.

HS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TODAY

Baseball

ODESSA PERMIAN AT MIDLAND HIGH
When/where: 4 p.m. today, Zachery Field
Records: Permian 3-3, 0-0 in District 2-5A; MHS 6-1, 0-0
Last game: El Paso El Dorado 6, Permian 4; Corpus Christi Carroll 12, MHS 1
Next: Odessa Permian vs. Andrews, 10 a.m. Thursday, Citibank Ballpark, Tournament of Champions; Midland High vs. Lubbock High, 4 p.m. Thursday, Zachary Field, Tournament of Champions

LEE AT ODESSA HIGH
When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Freesly Field
Records: Lee 2-2-1, 0-0 in District 2-5A; OHS 1-4-1, 0-0
Last game: Lewisville 8, Lee 1; OHS 6, Arlington Bowie 6
Next: Lee vs. Lubbock Estacado, 1 p.m. Thursday, Ernie Johnson Field, Tournament of Champions; Odessa High vs. Plainview, 10 a.m., Christensen Stadium, Tournament of Champions

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT ABILENE COOPER
When/where: 4 p.m. today, Cooper Field
Records: Central 2-2, 0-0 in District 2-5A; Cooper 3-3, 0-0
Last game: Dallas Jesuit 4, Central 3; Cooper 4, Burleson 3
Next: San Angelo Central at Round Rock Tanglewilde Invitational, Thursday, TBA; Cooper at Eagle Mountain Tournament, Boswell, Thursday, TBA

Softball

MIDLAND HIGH AT ODESSA HIGH
When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex
Records: Midland High 9-3; Odessa High 5-6
Last game: Midland High 12, Big Spring 1; Odessa High 23, Coahoma 3
Next: Midland High at McKinney Tournament; Odessa High at Austin Tournament

ABILENE HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL
When/where: 4 p.m. today, San Angelo
Records: Abilene High 10-1; Central 1-6-1
Next: Abilene High at Burleson Tournament; San Angelo Central at Big Spring Tournament

ODESSA PERMIAN AT ABILENE COOPER
When/where: 4 p.m. today, Abilene
Records: Permian 10-2; Cooper 7-5
Next: Odessa Permian at Austin Tournament; Abilene Cooper at Granbury Tournament

Compiled by Jonathan Hull and Jordan Mason

PLAY

From 1C

Odessa Permian at 4 p.m. today and Lee (2-2) visiting Odessa High at 4:30 p.m.

And Russell and Lee coach Brian Roper can already see the effects, both good and bad.

"That's a double-edged sword," Roper said of the early start. "You're certainly going to get better with as many games as you play but at the same time your pitching staff gets really, really thin for what was already a thin staff."

An even bigger effect has been seen in the Bulldogs' and Rebels' scouting — or lack thereof.

"We haven't even scouted Permian," Russell said. "We're going off of last year's scouting reports."

Roper, set to begin his first district season at Lee, wasn't any farther along.

"I don't even know where (Odessa High) is. I've got to Google Map that," Roper said with a laugh. "With this point where we're at in our program, scouting the program is way down on the list."

And while both teams find themselves having to gear up for district play earlier than expected, neither was making excuses Monday.

Because even after six games in a 72-hour span this past weekend, both expect their teams to be rested and prepared for the task at hand even if it is coming in late February rather than mid-March.

"We'll just roll with it," Roper said.

Follow Jordan on Twitter: @JordanMasonMRT

2-5A NOTES: Senior lefty Jackson Lancaster is expected to get the start on the mound for Midland High against Odessa Permian today. "He's been the best, and he deserves it," MHS coach Barry Russell said. Lancaster pitched six perfect innings on his way to a no-hitter in the Bulldogs' season-opening win against Lubbock Cooper and had two saves in the Round Rock Hardball Classic the past weekend. ... Lee is expected to hand the ball to one of two freshmen today against Odessa High, either Blake Blassie or Evan Mills. "It was those two guys who threw against Wichita Falls Rider, and both of them competed well," Rebel coach Brian Roper said of his team's game this past weekend. Lee defeated Rider 1-0 in the Lake City Classic in Lewisville.

2-5A baseball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	0	0	6	1
Lubbock Coronado	0	0	4	3
Abilene Cooper	0	0	3	3
Odessa Permian	0	0	3	3
Lee	0	0	2	2
San Angelo Central	0	0	2	2
Abilene High	0	0	1	4
Odessa High	0	0	1	4

Today's Games
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4 p.m.; Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.; Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, ppd.
END OF REGULAR SEASON

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	3	0	1.000
Chicago	3	0	1.000
Cleveland	3	0	1.000
Kansas City	3	0	1.000
Seattle	3	0	1.000
Tampa Bay	3	0	1.000
Detroit	2	1	.667
Boston	2	1	.667
Houston	1	1	.500
Toronto	2	2	.500
Minnesota	1	1	.500
New York	1	1	.500
Texas	1	1	.500
Oakland	1	1	.500
Los Angeles	1	1	.500
Tampa Bay	1	1	.500
Texas	0	3	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Chicago	2	1	.667
Colorado	2	1	.667
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667
Los Angeles	2	1	.667
Miami	1	1	.500
New York	1	1	.500
San Diego	1	1	.500
Cincinnati	1	1	.500
Washington	1	1	.500
Arizona	1	1	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Atlanta	1	3	.250
Cincinnati	1	3	.250
Milwaukee	1	3	.250
Philadelphia	0	2	.000

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

Monday's Scores

Atlanta 7, Miami 5
Tampa Bay 6, Boston (ss) 3
Boston (ss) 4, Toronto 2
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 10, Houston 2
Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Detroit 10, Philadelphia 1
Kansas City 16, Arizona 4
L.A. Dodgers 7, Chicago Cubs 6
San Diego 7, Milwaukee (ss) 1
Cincinnati 15, Milwaukee (ss) 2
Cleveland 14, Oakland 10
Seattle 9, L.A. Angels 8
San Francisco 8, Chicago White Sox 9, tie
Colorado 9, Texas 1
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 4

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees, Pettitte vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego (ss) vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Boston vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS LINESCORES

CARDINALS 16, ASTROS 2

Houston	000 000 110	— 2 8 1
St. Louis	015 300 10x	— 16 15 1

Harrison (0-1), Fife (1-0), Sipp (1-0), Lyon (1-0), Fe. Rodriguez (1-0) and Quintero; Lohse, Rosenthal (1-0), Lopez (5), Corpas (6), Maroth (7), W.Harris (8), Schmidt (9) and Tomsula. G.Molina, McBride, W.Rosa, Bourn. L—Grimm. HRs—Colorado, Culberson (1), Arenado (1).

Coll. Baseball

Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through Feb. 24 and ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

Team	Record	Pts
1. North Carolina	5-0	1
2. Vanderbilt	7-1	2
3. Arkansas	7-1	3
4. Louisville	6-1	4
5. Mississippi State	5-0	5
6. Oregon State	8-0	6
7. South Carolina	5-1	7
8. Mississippi	7-0	8
9. LSU	6-1	9
10. N.C. State	5-1	10
11. Kentucky	5-1	11
12. UCLA	4-2	12
13. Illinois	5-2	13
14. Oregon	6-1	14
15. Stanford	5-2	15
16. Georgia Tech	6-1	16
17. Cal State Fullerton	9-0	20
18. Oklahoma	9-0	18
19. Florida State	7-0	19
20. Arizona	7-1	23
21. UC Irvine	6-1	25
22. Notre Dame	5-1	—
23. Florida Gulf Coast	5-1	—
24. Southern Miss.	5-2	21
25. Virginia Tech	6-1	24

Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through Feb. 24, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Carolina	5-0	496	1
2. Arkansas	7-1	494	2
3. Vanderbilt	7-1	493	3
4. LSU	6-1	489	4
5. Oregon State	8-0	486	9
6. Oregon	6-1	485	5
7. South Carolina	5-1	483	7
8. Kentucky	5-1	478	9
9. Mississippi State	5-0	475	12
10. Oklahoma	9-0	471	14
11. N.C. State	5-1	469	13
12. UCLA	4-2	468	16
13. Illinois	5-2	464	18
14. Stanford	5-2	464	11
15. Arizona	7-1	461	23
16. Mississippi	7-0	461	16
17. Cal State Fullerton	9-0	459	19
18. Florida State	7-0	457	18
19. Georgia Tech	6-1	456	17
20. Miami	7-0	453	20
21. UC Irvine	6-1	448	25
22. Texas	5-1	443	21
23. Louisville	6-1	447	28
24. Virginia	7-0	442	—
25. Florida Gulf Coast	5-1	442	—
26. Arizona State	4-2	438	26
27. Cal Poly	7-0	435	—
28. Clemson	5-1	435	29
29. Pepperdine	6-2	428	—
30. South Alabama	7-0	425	—

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTH

Charleston (SC) Invitational
Duke 5, Buffalo 3
Georgetown (DC) Invitational
Georgetown 12, Iona (NY) 10-6, Doubleday (Tenn.) 5-3, 1st game 5 innings
Georgetown 7, Doubleday (Tenn.) 0, 2nd game 7 innings
Lincoln (Mo.) 3, Eastern Illinois 1-0
Macalester 6-0, St. Scholastica 1-1
Maryville (Tenn.) 12, Hiram 3
Virginia Tech 5, Delaware 3

Fight Schedule

Saturday, March 2
At Turning Stone Resort Casino, Verona, N.Y.
Carlos Ramos vs. Vladimir Shishkin, lightweights, 10
Rayven Rockwood vs. Jesus Ortiz, 10

Saturday, March 9
At MGM Grand at Foxwoods Resort, Mashantucket, Conn.
Raymond Serrano vs. Jesus Rojas, 10
Gabriel Bracero vs. Ed Paris, 10
Saul Corral vs. Ricardo Ramos, 10
Jesus Vega vs. Victor Vazquez, 10
Yoshihiro Kamegai vs. Manuel Medina, 10
Junior Wartman vs. TBA, 10

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	30	20	.625	—
Brooklyn	33	24	.579	2
Boston	33	27	.550	3
Philadelphia	22	32	.407	11 1/2
Toronto	23	34	.404	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	40	14	.741	—
Atlanta	34	23	.596	8 1/2
Washington	16	37	.327	22 1/2
Orlando	15	41	.268	26
Charlotte	14	43	.252	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	35	21	.625	—
Chicago	32	24	.571	3
Milwaukee	26	28	.481	9
Detroit	22	37	.373	14 1/2
Cleveland	18	38	.321	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	13	.776	—
Memphis	37	19	.573	6 1/2
Houston	31	27	.535	14
Dallas	25	30	.455	18 1/2
New Orleans	20	37	.351	24 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	41	15	.732	—
Denver	36	22	.621	6
Utah	31	28	.544	10 1/2
Portland	26	30	.464	15
Minnesota	20	38	.377	19 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	40	18	.690	—
Golden State	33	23	.589	6
L.A. Lakers	28	30	.483	12
Sacramento	19	36	.333	20 1/2
Phoenix	18	39	.316	21 1/2

Monday's Scores

Washington 90, Toronto 84
Atlanta 114, Detroit 103
Denver 118, L.A. Lakers 108
Boston 110, Utah 107, OT

Today's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES

HORNETS 114, PISTONS 109

ATLANTA (114): Korver 5-11 0-0 15, Smith 9-17 4-6 23, Hurford 10-13 2-3 22, Teague 6-13 4-6 20, Stephenson 2-4 2-2 7, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Jeffries 1-4 0-0 2, Harris 3-6 2-11; Teilhan 2-5 0-0 5, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Pachulia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-79 14-34 114.

DETROIT (109): Singler 5-11 2-2 13, Maxiell 3-7 1-2 7, Monroe 5-9 5-8 15, Caldwell-Pope 3-11 0-0 7, Stuckey 10-17 2-2 22, Jerebko 9-12 2-2 21, Middleton 2-6 0-4 4, English 2-5 0-6 16, Kowalczyk 1-2 0-0 2, Wallace 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 41-80 16-26 109.

Atlanta 27 34 27 26 — 114
Detroit 30 27 19 33 — 109

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 14-33 (Korver 5-7, Harris 3-5, Teague 3-4, Hurford 1-1, Stephenson 1-3, Teilhan 1-3, Smith 1-4, Jones 0-2, Jenkins 0-4), Detroit 8-14 (Singler 1-3, Jerebko 1-3, Caldwell 1-5, Middleton 1-5, Wallace 1-5, English 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 43 (Hurford 22), Detroit 47 (Monroe 8). Assists—Atlanta 31 (Teague 12), Detroit 25 (Caldwell 9). Total Fouls—Atlanta 16, Detroit 18. Technicals—Jerebko. A—12,417 (22,076).

WIZARDS 90, RAPTORS 84

WASHINGTON (90): Webster 4-8 2-2 12, Nene 4-10 3-3 11, Chalmers 4-14 0-0 8, Wall 3-11 4-4 10, Beal 9-13 2-2 20, Booker 3-9 2-2 9, Price 5-7 0-0 12, Ariza 3-9 1-2 8, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0, Temple 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 34-81 15-17 90.

TORONTO (84): Gay 1-11 5-6 7, Johnson 2-8 2-2 6, Valanciunas 2-4 0-0 4, Lowry 6-17 3-6 18, DeRozan 9-17 7-9 25, Bargnani 4-11 0-0 8, Lucas 4-5 0-0 9, Anderson 0-4 4-4 4, Fields 0-0 0-0 0, Ross 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 29-79 21-27 84.

Washington 17 23 23 27 — 90
Toronto 16 22 22 24 — 84

3-Point Goals—Washington 7-12 (Price 2-2, Webster 2-3, Beal 2-3, Ariza 1-3, Booker 0-1), Toronto 8-19 (Lowry 3-9, Ross 1-1, Lucas 1-2, DeRozan 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Gay 0-2, Bargnani 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 56 (Okafor 13), Toronto 49 (Johnson 13). Assists—Washington 17 (Wall 7), Toronto 19 (Lowry 8). Total Fouls—Washington 23, Toronto 18. A—16,705 (19,800).

NUGGETS 119, LAKERS 109

L.A. LAKERS (109): Pierce 10-20 3-4 26, Howard 4-9 0-2 8, Hayward 8-8 3-3 19, Nash 6-8 4-6 16, Bryant 12-23 5-6 29, Jamison 5-12 1-2 14, Meeks 3-5 0-0 8, Blake 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 49-98 16-31 109.

DENVER (119): Chandler 10-18 0-0 23, Koufos 8-10 0-0 16, Koufos 3-4 2-4 8, Lawson 5-15 5-7 22, Iguodala 6-9 2-5 14, Brewer 6-15 3-5 16, McGee 1-2 7, Allen 3-4 3-4 9, Randolph 3-3 0-0 6, Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0, Mozgov 1-1 0-2 2. Totals 49-88 16-27 119.

L.A. Lakers 29 28 26 26 — 109
Denver 32 31 29 27 — 119

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 8-19 (Jamison 3-4, Meeks 2-4, Nash 1-2, Blake 1-2, Bryant 1-3, Bryant 0-1, Clark 0-2), Denver 5-18 (Chandler 2-4, Brewer 1-3, Lawson 1-6, Allen 1-3, Iguodala 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 49 (Howard 14), Denver 53 (Faried 19). Assists—L.A. Lakers 21 (Bryant 9), Denver 30 (Iguodala 12). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 17, Denver 25. Technicals—Bryant, World Peace, L.A. Lakers defensive three second, Denver Coach Karl, Denver defensive three second 2. A—19,155 (19,155).

CELTICS 110, JAZZ 107, OT

BOSTON (110): Pierce 10-20 3-4 26, Bass 4-10 7-7 15, Garnett 5-9 3-3 13, Bradley 6-12 0-0 13, Lee 4-8 5-6 14, Wilcox 1-2 0-0 2, Terry 5-13 0-0 14, Green 3-10 0-0 6, Crawford 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 41-86 18-20 110.

UTAH (107): Marvin Williams 5-10 3-4 15, Millsap 7-12 2-2 16, Jefferson 6-11 3-4 15, Watson 1-3 0-2 2, Foye 2-8 0-0 6, Hayward 7-16 6-9 25, Favors 2-4 3-3 7, Burks 4-10 0-0 8, Carroll 3-7 2-2 8, Kanter 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 39-88 21-24 107.

Boston 26 29 22 17 13 — 110
Utah 28 27 19 25 10 — 107

3-Point Goals—Boston 10-27 (Terry 4-9, Pierce 3-10, Bradley 2-3, Lee 1-2, Green 0-3), Utah 8-17 (Hayward 4-7, Ma Williams 2-2, Foye 2-6, Burks 0-1, Carroll 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 46 (Garnett 10), Utah 53 (Jefferson 11). Assists—Boston 19 (Pierce 8), Utah 23 (Millsap 5). Total Fouls—Boston 24, Utah 19. Technicals—Boston defensive three second, Utah defensive three second. A—19,911 (19,911).

Ski Report

ROCKIES

New Mexico

Angel Fire — More 6-20 cm 6 new packed powder machine groomed 34-34 base 70 of 78 trails 90% open, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-6p; Sat: 9a-6p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Mon Reopen 31 packed powder machine groomed 37-37 base 31 of 44 trails 4 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p, Open Fri-Sun.

Red River — Mon 7-26 am 4 new powder machine groomed 40-45 base 57 of 57 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Closed for Snow Sports

Sipapu — Mon 6-10 am 1 new powder machine groomed 37-44 base 41 of 41 trails 100% open, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Fri 12:53 pm powder machine groomed 26-26 base 30 of 55 trails 55% open, 7 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Mon 10:50 am 6 new powder machine groomed 49-52 base 73 of 77 trails, 95% open, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Mon 5:45 am 4 new powder machine groomed 67-74 base 91 of 113 trails 81% open, 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Enchanted Forest XC — Mon 7:50 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 24-40 base 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Mon 5:46 am powder machine groomed 38-38 base 75 of 109 trails 70% open, 6 lifts, acres 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Sat 5:31 am packed powder 36-48 base 118 of 124 trails 96% open, 10 lifts, acres 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Sun 7:35 am powder 37-46 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 673 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Mon 7:14 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 50-50 base 149 of 149 trails, 100% 5.29 am packed powder, 25 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Mon 7:27 am 3 new powder machine groomed 55-55 base 155 of 155 trails, 100% open, 2359 acres, 29 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Sat 5:29 am packed powder 34-36 base 43 of 44 trails 98% open, 470 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Mon 5:20 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 46-46 base 135 of 140 trails, 95% open, 1897 acres, 21 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Mon 5:40 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 40-40 base 89 of 121 trails, 74% open, 949 acres, 14 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Eldora — Mon 7:32 am 10 new packed powder machine groomed 36-36 base 42 of 53 trails 80% open, 5 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Irwin — Sun 11:23 am powder machine groomed 68-68 base 100 of 100 trails 100% open Mon-Fri: 9a-5p; Sat/Sun: 9a-5p;

Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details

Keystone — Mon 7:28 am 2 new powder machine groomed 34-34 base 120 of 135 trails 89% open, 2963 acres. 19 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Loveland — Mon 5:27 am 1 new powder 44-44 base 80 of 93 trails 87% open, 1292 acres, 9 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Monarch — Mon 8:03 am 3 new powder machine groomed 63-63 base 62 of 62 trails 100% open, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Powderhorn — Mon 6:27 am 4 new powder machine groomed 68-68 base 44 of 44 trails 100% open Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Purgatory at Durango — Mon 5:25 am packed powder machine groomed 55-59 base 88 of 88 trails, 100% open, 1360 acres. 8 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Silverton Mountain — Mon 7:30 am powder 50-110 base 90 of 90 trails, 100% open Thu/Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p; Open Thu-Sun;

Ski Cooper — Mon 5:20 am 2 new powder machine groomed 32-36 base 26 of 26 trails 100% open, 400 acres. 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri 8a-4p; Sat/Sun 8a-4p;

Ski Granby Ranch — Mon 4:23 am 1 new powder machine groomed 30-30 base 38 of 81 trails, 50% open, 2 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Hesperus — Operating, no details

Snowmass — Sun 7:36 am powder machine groomed 46-57 base 84 of 94 trails 100% open, 3382 acres, 18 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Steamboat — Mon 4:58 am 2 new packed powder 60-67 base 165 of 165 trails 100% open, 2965 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Sunlight — Mon 5:34 am packed powder, machine groomed 43-49 base 67 of67 trails 100% open. 470 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Telluride — Mon 5:29 am packed powder machine groomed 59-59 base 92 of 93 trails 99% open, 18 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Vail — Mon 7:13 am 1 new powder machine groomed 46-46 base 190 of 193 trails 99% open, 5163 acres, 31 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Winter Park — Mon 5:39 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 55-59 base 130 of 143 trails, 91% open, 2683 acres, 24 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Wolf Creek — Mon 6:08 am 1 new powder machine groomed 84-91 base 77 of 77 trails 100% open, 1600 acres. 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Auto Racing

NASCAR

Sprint Cup Leaders

Through Feb. 24

1. Jimmie Johnson, 47	2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 42
3. Mark Martin, 41	4. Brad Keselowski, 41
5. Ryan Newman, 38	6. Greg Biffle, 38
7. Kevin Harvick, 38	8. Clint Bowyer, 37
9. Jeff Gordon, 35	10. Matt Kenseth, 34
11. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 32	12. Aric Almirola, 31
13. Danny Hamlin, 31	14. Bobby Labonte, 29
15. David Ragan, 29	16. David Reutimann, 28
17. Clint Bowyer, 27	18. Marcos Ambrose, 26
19. Joey Logano, 26	20. Jeff Gordon, 25
21. Paul Menard, 24	

Money

1. Jimmie Johnson, $1,585,300 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., $1,151,330 3. Mark Martin, $851,538 4. Brad Keselowski, $707,855 5. Matt Kenseth, $585,606 6. Ryan Newman, $572,771 7. Greg Biffle, $562,606 8. Kevin Harvick, $551,463 9. Kyle Busch, $416,635 10. Regan Smith, $411,420

11. Aric Almirola, $406,349 12. Joey Logano, $400,422 13. Jeff Gordon, $397,324 14. Martin Truex Jr., $384,639 15. Kasey Kahne, $382,845 16. Marcos Ambrose, $382,577 17. Kurt Busch, $377,758 18. Carl Edwards, $376,189 19. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $373,399 20. Tony Stewart, $373,229

IRHA Leaders

Through Feb. 24

TOP FUEL: 1. Tony Schumacher, 228 2. Shawn Langdon, 149 3. Antron Brown, 148 4. Khalid alBalooshi, 131 5. Morgan Lucas, 124 6. David Grubnic, 112 7. Doug Kalitta, 103 8. Spencer Massey, 100 9. Brandon Bernstein, 93 10. Larry Dixon, 86

FUNNY CAR: 1. Ron Capps, 210 2. Courtney Force, 165 3. Matt Hagan, 151 4. Bob Tasca III, 124 5. Johnny Gray, 122 6. Cruz Pedregon, 117 7. Blake Alexander, 106 8. Jim Ferrier, 106 9. Todd Lesenko, 102 10. Robert Hight, 83.

PRO STOCK: 1. Vincent Nobile, 171 2. Erica Enders-Stevens, 155 3. Mike Edwards, 153 4. Jeg Coughlin, 148 5. V.V Gaines, 142 6. Jason Line, 119 7. (tie) Greg Anderson and Allen Johnson, 109 9. Greg Stanfield, 104 10 (tie), Shane Gray and Chris McGuha, 83.

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ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana at Minnesota, 6 p.m., ESPN

Memphis at Xavier, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Florida at Tennessee, 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

Dallas at Columbus, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Class 3A, Greenwood vs. Fabens, Fort Stockton

Class A, Grady vs. Ropes, 6:30 p.m. Seminole

Class A, Garden City vs. Ira, 7 p.m. Lamesa

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

TAPPS 4A, MCS vs. Fort Worth Christian, 7 p.m., Eastland

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Midland High at Abilene High, 7 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Midland High at Abilene High, 5 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Lee Boys Classic, Green Tree Country Club

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.

Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4 p.m., Zachery Field

Lamesa at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

Midland Christian JV at Midland Classical, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Midland High at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.

Midland Christian at Seminole, 5:30 p.m.

Alpine at Greenwood, 5 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Announced the retirements of umpires Ed Hirpauno, Tim Tschida and Darryl Cousins. Promoted umpires Jim Joyce, Ted Barrett and Fieldin Culbreth to crew chiefs. Named Vic Carapazza, Mario Gonzalez and Alan Porter full-time umpires.

American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed 1B Lars Anderson off waivers from the Chicago White Sox.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Signed 1B/OF Joe Welk and LHP Kurt Elliott.

EL PASO DIABLOS — Signed INF Michael Chacon.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Released INF Bryan Fichter, OF Jonny Kaplan and LHP Ronnie Mirabella.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed OF Brandon Tripp.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed RHP Jeff Arnold. Released 2B Pierre LePage.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Placed SS Brad Netzel on the retired list.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed 2B Jordan Martin.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed RHP Blake Nation.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Sold the contract of C J. Gillman to the Colorado Rockies.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Signed G Derek Fisher

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CONNECTICUT SUN — Signed G Jonnihanah Leadman

NEW YORK LIBERTY — Signed F Kalle Smith. Re-signed G-F Essence Carson

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CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned F Sean Collins to Springfield (AHL). Recalled C Cody Goloubef from Springfield.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-signed D Brian Lashoff to a three-year contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reassigned G Jacob Markstrom to San Antonio (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Reassigned LW Jean-Sebastien Berube from Trenton (ECHL) to Albany (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned G Scott Stajner from Connecticut (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL). Assigned F Christian Thomas to Connecticut.

PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed D David Schlemko to a two-year contract.

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BY LEN HAYWARD

Boys

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Midland High 8-4-3, 5-3-1 (16 points) in District 2-5A; Abilene-High 6-7-5, 3-4-2 (11 points)

Last game: Odessa Permian 2, Midland High 0; Abilene High 1, Odessa High 0

Last meeting: Midland High 5, Abilene High 1 on Jan. 22

Notes: The Bulldogs head to Abilene for the second time this season looking to rebound after a frustrating loss to league-leading Odessa Permian on Saturday. Midland High gave up a pair of first half goals to Esai Cortez, and it couldn't find the back of the net the rest of the game. The Bulldogs are tied for third in the District 2-5A standings with San Angelo Central as each has 16 points. ... Midland High coach Warren Cottle said he was surprised with how sluggish his team played early in Saturday's game against the Panthers. "I was unbelievably surprised, and that was not something I expected," Cottle said. "But it shows up in training and it shows up here. We will fix the training, fix it here and we will be OK." ... The Bulldogs scored five unanswered goals in their first meeting with Abilene High in late January as senior Nico Francino recorded the second hat trick of his high school career. ... Abilene High has moved back into the playoff race with three wins in its last four games. The Eagles are sixth with 11 points, one point behind Abilene Cooper and five behind Midland High and Central.

Next: Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday

ODESSA HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 7 p.m. today, San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo

Records: Odessa high 8-6-2, 3-5-1 (10 points) in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 9-4-2, 5-3-1 (16 points)

Last game: Abilene High 1, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central 3, Amarillo Tascosa 2

Last meeting: San Angelo Central 2, Odessa High 0 on Jan. 22

Next: Lee at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Saturday

ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Abilene Cooper 5-6-2, 4-4-0 (12 points) in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 9-4-3, 7-0-2 (23 points)

Last game: Odessa Permian 2, Midland High 0; Midland High 2, Abilene Cooper 0

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 2, Abilene Cooper 0 on Jan. 22

Next: Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT LUBBOCK CORONADO

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Mc-Cool Field, Lubbock

Records: Amarillo Tascosa 5-10-2, 0-7-2 (2 points) in District 2-5A; Lubbock Coronado 4-13-1, 1-7-1 (4 points)

Last game: San Angelo Central 3, Amarillo Tascosa 2; Lee 1, Lubbock Coronado 1

Last meeting: Lubbock Coronado 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 2 p.m.

Saturday

Girls

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Midland High 6-6-4, 6-2-1 (19 points) in District 2-5A; Abilene High 9-8-1, 3-6-0 9 points

Last game: Odessa Permian 1, Midland High 0; Odessa High 2, Abilene High 0

Last meeting: Midland High 6, Abilene High 0 on Jan. 22

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs' shot at repeating as district champions took a hit on Saturday with the one-goal loss to rival Odessa Permian. The Bulldogs are now tied for third with Permian, each with 19 points, but have a significant lead on the two squads tied for fifth place. MHS and the Panthers are 10 points ahead of fifth place Lee and Lubbock Coronado. ... Midland High is 1-2-1 against Central, Odessa High and Permian this season. ... Saturday's loss broke a three-game winning streak for the Lady Bulldogs. ... Freshman Adrienne Almodova and Madison Scribner scored a pair of goals, and Vanessa Salazar and Haydeh Burdsal each added goals in the 6-0 victory on Jan. 22. ... The Lady Bulldogs were without senior defender Megan Martin in Saturday's game as she is still coming back from a concussion.

Next: Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, noon Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, noon Saturday

ODESSA HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 5 p.m. today, San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo

Records: Odessa High 10-2-3, 6-1-2 (20 points) in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 13-5-0, 9-0-0 (27 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Abilene High 0; San Angelo Central 5, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Last meeting: San Angelo Central 2, Odessa High 0 on Jan. 22

Next: Lee at Odessa High, noon Saturday; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, noon Saturday

ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Abilene Cooper 6-6-2, 1-6-1 (4 points) in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 12-4-1, 6-2-1 (19 points)

Last game: Odessa Permian 1, Midland High 0; Midland High 2, Abilene Cooper 0 on Feb. 19

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 4, Abilene Cooper 1 on Jan. 22

Next: Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, noon Saturday; Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 5

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT LUBBOCK CORONADO

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Mc-Cool Field, Lubbock

Records: Amarillo Tascosa 2-12-2, 0-7-2 (2 points) in District 2-5A; Lubbock Coronado 4-11-1, 2-6-1 (7 points)

Last game: San Angelo Central 5, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Lubbock Coronado 1, Lee 0

Last meeting: Amarillo Tascosa 3, Lubbock Coronado 3 on Jan. 22

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, noon Saturday; Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, noon Saturday

Girls District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
San Angelo Central	6	0	0	27	13	5	0
Odessa High	6	1	2	20	10	2	3
Odessa Permian	6	2	1	19	12	4	1
Midland High	6	2	1	19	9	6	4
Abilene High	3	5	0	9	9	9	1
Lee	3	6	0	9	4	11	0
Lubbock Coronado	2	6	1	7	4	11	1
Abilene Cooper	1	6	1	4	6	6	2
Amarillo Tascosa	0	7	1	1	2	12	2

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Odessa Permian 1, Midland High 0; Lubbock Coronado 1, Lee 0; San Angelo Central 5, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Odessa High 2, Abilene High 0. Abilene Cooper was idle.

Today's Games

Midland High at Abilene High; Odessa High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado. Lee is idle. All games at 5 p.m.

Boys District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	
Odessa Permian	7	0	2	23	9	4	3	
Lee	5	0	4	19	8	3	6	
San Angelo Central	5	3	1	16	9	4	2	
Midland High	4	3	1	13	8	4	3	
Abilene Cooper	4	4	0	12	5	6	2	
Abilene High	3	4	2	11	8	7	5	
Odessa High	3	5	1	10	5	6	2	
Lubbock Coronado	1	7	1	4	4	13	1	
Amarillo Tascosa	0	7	2	2	5	10	2	

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Odessa Permian 2, Midland High 0; Lee 1, Lubbock Coronado 1; San Angelo Central 3, Amarillo Tascosa 2; Abilene High 1, Odessa High 0. Abilene Cooper was idle.

Today's Games

Midland High at Abilene High; Odessa High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado. Lee is idle. All games at 7 p.m.

SANDOVAL

From 1C

decided to stay for one more season.

"I've always said that when I do leave I wanted to have the energy to do things for myself, and I still felt positive about what I was doing," Sandoval said. "When you look back at my record after 20 years, I don't the district championships or the playoff wins that the McCollochs, the Parchmans and the Coffmans did, but what I was able to contribute to the kids things just as important as character development, and just toughness."

Former longtime Midland High coach Terri McColloch was a little surprised by Sandoval's announcement on Monday, adding she knew that Sandoval had contemplated it last year.

McColloch said Sandoval was one of her closest coaching friends, and remembers that playing matches against her teams were always tough. Sandoval also spent eight seasons at Odessa High.

"I knew their teams would be prepared, and she's just a fierce competitor, and I always knew it was going to be a close game," McColloch said. "We would play racquet ball in the offseason after school, and I considered her one of my very good coaching friends off the court. But on the court, I never thought she was going to be a friend to me because I knew she was going to do everything she could to win that ballgame."

Sandoval said she plans to play a lot of golf when she retires, and said that she will still be involved with the program while they search for a head coach.

Midland ISD Executive Director of Athletics Todd Howey said he expects to have the job posted next week, and said it could be tough filling the position considering the lack of housing in the area. Howey added that he was always impressed with how Sandoval ran the program at Lee.

"About three years ago when I became the (athletic director), I was with a guy on the radio station and he asked me about what kind of programs I was hoping to have, and I used Diane Sandoval as an example," Howey said. "She does the little things right, and she was kind of the standard-bearer for the kinds of programs we wanted to have at Lee and Midland High."

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LADY CHAPS

From 1C

at New Mexico Junior College, which defeated Odessa College 61-50 to give the Lady Thunderbirds a shot at grabbing a share of the league title with MC with a win over the Lady Chaps.

"I'm proud of them for that," said MC coach Ron Jones, whose team won its 10th WJCAC crown in 19 years of existence. "This was really a close year as there's not much difference in five of the teams. We already know that New Mexico won at Odessa tonight, so that's a championship game on Thursday."

In addition to Dixon's output, four other Lady Chaps scored in double figures and two of them had double-doubles. Meghan Braeuer had 17 points, Catherine Kruschke had 14 points and 15 rebounds, Achiri Ade had her 18th double-double of the season with 13 points and 12 boards, and Diamalieses Rivera added 10 points. Darnetta Jackson added 11 rebounds to go with her eight points.

To make up for their lack of overall size, the Lady Bulldogs (12-17, 2-11) not only will push the ball up the court in a hurry but launch a bunch of 3-pointers, sometimes from almost another zip code, which explains why Clarendon was just 9 for 44 from beyond the arc.

But MC did a pretty good job of running the floor as well and was pretty solid from 3-point range as the Lady Chaps hit 13 of 30 long-range shots.

"I know the score doesn't reflect it but it's still a hard way to play a game," said Jones of the up-tempo style. "I think we kept our energy up pretty well, and we feel comfortable running too."

About hitting 43 percent from three, Jones said, "I like the fact that we made some extra passes. Because of their style of defense, they're going to leave you open shots and they want you to shoot a quick three, and I thought we did a good job of making those extra passes and getting them to shooters, who didn't have anybody on them."

The Lady Chaps, who took a commanding 64-28 halftime lead, finished with 24 assists, led by Kruschke's five.

MC also dominated on the boards against the smaller Lady Bulldogs with an 80-39 advantage.

Jae Carrasco had 14 points and Alex Stice added 11 for Clarendon.

The Lady Chaps now turn their attention to Thursday's game and Dixon said the goal it to win the outright title.

"We still have a big game on Thursday and that's the one we have to put away," Dixon said. "We don't like to share anything, so we're definitely going to come out focused."

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Women's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
xy-Midland College	11	2	23	6
x-New Mexico JC	10	3	21	5
x-Odessa College	10	4	20	7
x-South Plains	9	3	22	5
Howard College	6	7	18	11
Clarendon	2	11	12	17
Frank Phillips	2	9	9	18
Western Texas	2	12	9	21

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth
y-clinched share of WJCAC title

Monday's Scores

Midland College 110, Clarendon 54; South Plains at Frank Phillips, ppd.; New Mexico JC 61 Odessa College 50; Howard College and Western Texas College are open

Thursday's Games

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

MIDLAND COLLEGE 110, CLARENDON COLLEGE 54

Clarendon College (12-17, 2-11) - Vanessa Mata 0-4 2-2 2, Alex Stice 5-14 2-4 11, Jessica Williams 2-4 0-0 6, Jae Carrasco 6-16 0-0 14, Brandi Leal 1-9 0-0 2, Lauren Brightwell 0-2 0-0 0, TKenyah Hall 1-4 0-0 2, Cory Minjarez 3-10 1-1 9, Ashley McQueen 0-1 0-0 0, Clarissa Elizondo 0-1 0-0 0, Anissa Reyna 4-9 0-0 8, Bailey Gardner 0-5 0-0 0, Elizabet Angong 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 20-81 5-7 54

Midland College (23-6, 11-2) - Gabriela Martins 1-6 0-0 3, Meghan Braeuer 5-6 17, Darnetta Jackson 3-10 2-2 8, Dameschka Canales 3-10 0-0 6, Chanelle DiCrocE 2-8 2-2 7, Tia Dixon 9-14 0-0 24, Catherine Kruschke 6-13 2-3, Sabrina Ochoa 3-5 0-0 6, Achiri Ade 5-16 3-5 13, Diamalieses Rivera 5-8 0-1 10. Totals 43-87 10-16 110

Halftime - MC 63, CC 28. 3-point goals - CC 9-44 (Stice 3-11, Williams 2-4, Carrasco 2-7, Minjarez 2-6, Mata 0-1, Leal 0-6, Brightwell 0-3, Reyna 0-1, Gardner 0-2, Angong 0-1). MC 14-31 (Dixon 6-10, Braeuer 4-4, Martins 1-4, Ochoa 2-4, DiCrocE 1-2, Jackson 0-3, Canales 0-3). Total fouls - CC 14, MC 12. Fouled out — None. Rebounds - CC 39 (Stice 4), MC 80 (Kruschke 15, Ade 12, Jackson 11). Assists - CC 2 (two with 1), MC 24 (Kruschke 5). Turnovers - CC 22, MC 19.

Next: Midland College at New Mexico JC, 6:45 (CST) Thursday

CHAPS

From 1C

The Bulldogs (15-14, 4-11) shot the ball better in the second half and actually outscored MC 44-33 in that period. But Craig also took advantage of the large lead and rested his starters for extensive minutes.

"I thought (Clarendon) played hard, they just missed shots in the first half," Craig said. "They got open shots against us, they just didn't connect. I think we had a little bit to do with that. They're a little bit better shooters, but they just didn't have a good first half."

All 10 available Chaps scored. In addition to Coleman, three other MC players were in double figures, as Ede Egharevba had 15 points, Aly Ahmed added 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Brandon Lucas chipped in with 11.

Hershell Grant had a game-high 20 points, Jerard Graham added 14 and Alex Harrison had 13 for Clarendon.

The Chaps got another win they needed. Now they need at least one more to keep their postseason hopes alive.

"Our season stays alive for one more day but we know we've got to stay focused, keep getting better as team and hopefully we're playing longer than two more days," Coleman said.

Men's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Howard College	12	3	25	4
x-Odessa College	12	4	22	7
New Mexico JC	11	4	23	6
Midland College	10	5	19	7
South Plains	9	5	20	7
Frank Phillips	4	10	14	14
Clarendon	4	11	15	14
Western Texas	3	12	13	16
New Mexico Military	2	13	6	22

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 95, Clarendon 69; Howard College 87, NMMI 69; South Plains at Frank Phillips, ppd.; Odessa College 61, New Mexico JC 39; Western Texas is open

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End of regular season

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 95, CLARENDON COLLEGE 69

Clarendon College (15-14, 4-11) - Jerard Graham 4-7 4-7 14, Mario Garcia 1-6 0-1 2, Alex Harrison 5-12 2-4 13, Darius Singleton 0-1 0-0 0, Keon Littlejohn 2-5 3-6 7, Hershell Grant 7-17 5-6 20, Aditia Peter-McLedy 3-11 1-2 8, Julius Foster 0-1 3-4 3, Russell Bateman 0-1 2-2 2, Tyler Lusanby 0-0 0-0 0, D'Ykrone Lutes 0-2 0-0 0, Mawan Maywin 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 22-65 20-32 69

Midland College (19-7, 10-5) — Colen Wessby 2-4 0-0 6, Gary Albizar 2-3 4-9 8, Willie Nicholson 1-4 5-6 8, Corey Hilliard 3-6 2-2 9, Shawon Thompson 2-2 0-0 4, Justin Coleman 6-11 4-5 19, Ede Egharevba 6-13 0-0 15, Brandon Lucas 4-9 0-0 11, DJ Billingsley 1-1 0-0 2, Aly Ahmed 6-11 1-1 13. Totals 33-64 16-23 95

Halftime - MC 62, CC 25. 3-point goals - CC 5-28 (Graham 2-4, Grant 1-4, Peter-McLedy 1-7, Harrison 1-5, Garcia 0-4, Littleton 0-2, Lutes 0-2), MC 13-27 (Coleman 3-4, Egharevba 3-9, Lucas 3-5, Wessby 2-4, Nicholson 1-2, Hilliard 1-3). Total fouls - CC 19, MC 25. Fouled out — Nicholson. Technical fouls - CC bench. Rebounds - CC 30 (Grant 6), MC 54 (Ahmed 13, Coleman 11). Assists - CC 2 (Two with 1), MC 13 (Nicholson 7). Turnovers - CC 10, MC 17.

Next: Midland College at New Mexico JC, 8:45 (CST) Thursday

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Midland College's Ede Egharevba passes the ball inside around Clarendon's Alex Harrison and Keon Littleton on Monday night at Chaparral Center.

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LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DRILLERS BEAT TEXAS SKYFORCE

ODESSA — The West Texas Drillers erased a 10-point second quarter deficit to beat the Texas Skyforce 17-10 on Saturday night at Ratliff Stadium.

Odessa's Kenneth Duby caught a 24-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Ware for the game-winning score.

Chad Thompson also scored for the Drillers as Ware also added a 2-point conversion run. The Drillers other two points came on a safety.

The Drillers will take on the Austin Tigers at 7 p.m, Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NUGGETS 119 LAKERS 108

DENVER — Wilson Chandler scored 23 points in place of an injured Danilo Gallinari, and Ty Lawson added 22 in the Denver Nuggets' 119-108 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday night.

Gallinari, the Nuggets' leading scorer, sat out with a bruised left thigh. He wasn't needed as the Nuggets won their ninth straight game at home, snapped the Lakers' four-game winning streak and took the season series from their long-time nemesis 3-1.

The Lakers, who were shut out on the offensive glass in the first half, wanted to slow down the Nuggets but Denver outscored Los Angeles 33-3 in fast-break points.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 29 points, and Dwight Howard added 15 points and 14 boards but missed 11 of his last 12 free throws.

CELTICS 110 JAZZ 107, OT

SALT LAKE CITY — Paul Pierce scored 26 points, including seven straight in overtime, and Boston beat Utah to close out a five-game road trip.

Pierce had a chance to win it in regulation, but his 19-footer at the buzzer rimmed out.

HAWKS 114 PISTONS 103

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Al Horford had 23 points and 22 rebounds, and Atlanta beat Detroit for its fifth win in six games.

Josh Smith added 23 points for the Hawks, who were ahead 61-51 at halftime and led by as many as 26 in the third quarter.

WIZARDS 90 RAPTORS 84

TORONTO — Bradley Beal scored 20 points, Nene had 11 points and nine rebounds, and Washington beat Toronto for its third straight victory.

A.J. Price and Martell Webster each added 12 points for the Wizards, who won for just the fifth time in 27 road games this season. Washington's road record is the worst in the NBA.

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Griner, No. 1 Baylor women rout OU

By Jeff Lazke
Associated Press

Lady Bears 89
Sooners 64

NORMAN, Okla. — After picking up two fouls that she considered silly, Brittney Griner waited for her chance to make an impact again. Once she was back in the game, the reigning national player of the year made her presence felt all over the floor.

Immediately after returning, Griner blocked a shot. Then she got a pair of rebounds, hit two jumpers, made the pass to set up teammate Kimetria Hayden's 3-pointer and suddenly top-ranked Baylor was right back in control and on its way to an 86-64 win at Oklahoma on Monday night.

"I sat out most of the first half, so I knew I had to come in in the second half and start off strong and attacking and just doing something to give my team a spark," Griner said.

Griner ended up with 15 points, tied her season-high with 15 rebounds, blocked seven shots and distributed five assists despite sitting out the last 11 1/2 minutes of the first half with two fouls.

She returned and hit the first two baskets in a 10-0 run that pushed the Lady Bears' lead out to 47-30, and Baylor (27-1, 16-0 Big 12) led by at least 12 the rest of the way. Oklahoma (19-9, 9-7) cut a 16-point deficit down to four while Griner was out.

"We didn't panic," coach Kim Mulkey said. "We shouldn't panic. We have too much experience on that floor, and we're just trying to finish this thing off the right way."

Griner moved past Connecticut's Maya Moore into fourth in career scoring in women's basketball. Only Jackie Stiles of Missouri State, Patricia Hoskins of Mississippi Valley State and Lorri Bauman of Drake have more than Griner's 3,045 points.

Aaryn Ellenberg had 19 points to lead Oklahoma. Morgan Hook had 15 points and nine turnovers. The Sooners' two post players, Nicole Griffin and Joanna McFarland, combined to go 4 for 23 from the field.

Campbell had a pair of baskets during a string of eight straight Oklahoma points that got the deficit down to 57-45 midway through the second half, but Griner stopped the surge with a turnaround jumper in the lane. She also had a layup to start an 8-0 response by the Bears that restored the lead to 69-48.

The Sooners shot just 33 percent, and 32 percent from 3-point range, while getting outscored 54-16 in the paint. It was Oklahoma's fourth loss in the past five games.

"You've got to be able to make a few more shots than that against a team like Baylor, where you can't get to the rim. You've got to make some 3s," coach Sherri Coale said. "We had some good looks that we missed. We missed some layups that were pretty good looks, too.

"But that's what all that speed and athleticism can do to you."

Oklahoma has lost all 16 games it has played against teams ranked No. 1.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Inspirado!	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Wife Swap (N)	The Taste "Nose to Tail" (N)		Body of Proof "Abducted" 2/2 (N)		KMID News	(:35) Kimmel (N)	Terence Howard, Morrissey	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Detour" (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Lohkay" (N)		Golden Boy "Pilot" (P) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman (N)	Joan Rivers, Kendrick Lamar	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seln. "The Boyfriend"	Rules of Engage.	Hart of Dixie "Where I Lead Me" (N)	Cult "In the Blood" (N)		Cops "In Arizona"	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Raising Hope (N)	Raising Hope (N)	New Girl (N)	Mindy Project (N)	The Simpsons	Mat Your Mother	Mat Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent
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KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Go On (N)	New-Norm (N)	Smash "The Song" (N)	News West 9	(:35) Jay Leno	Colin Farrell, Boz Scaggs	(:35) LateNight
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Makers: Women Who Make America (N)		Steep tells the story of women's advancement in America over the past 50 years.			Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	65			165	(5:30) ★★ Mafia!				(:00) ★★ Bye Bye You				(:15) ★★ Jude (N)		(:45) Lucky Feminine
HBO		300	68	14	14		★★ New Year's Eve Sarah Jessica Parker,				Parade's End 1/4 (N)		(:45) Parade's End (N)		(:45) Girls	(:15) ★★ Horrible Bosses	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:45) ★ Rise of the Planet of th...		★ A Very Harold & Kumar C...				Bill Maher		Enlight	Girls	★★★ The Debt
HBOS		304	70	16	102		(5:25) ★ Dream House		The Sopranos		★★★ The Lucky One			Acting.	★ The Sitter Jonah Hill.		Movie
MAX		300	71	17	120	24	(5:45) ★ Harry Potter...		★★★ The Bone Collector				★ Anchorman: The Legend o...		(:45) In Bed	(:15) Banshee	
MAX2		302	72	18	122		(5:15) ★★ American	Wedding Jason Biggs.			★★ Collateral ('04, Thril) Tom Cruise.				Lingerie "Let Threesome Ring"		Movie
PLEX				96			(5:30) ★★ Casper ('95, Comd) Christina Ricci.				★★★ Ghostbusters			(:30)	★★★ Flash Gordon Sam J. Jones.		Movie
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ I Will Follow		★★★★ Red ('10, Act) Bruce Willis.			Lies	Califor.	Shameless		Comedy	M. Epps
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:45) ★ Knucklehead		★★ Valkyrie ('08, War) Tom Cruise.				★★★ The Help ('11, Dra) Viola Davis, Emma Stone.				Movie
AAE		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(6:00) ★★★ Signs		★★ The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen					★★ Constantine ('05, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.			
BET		58	26		40		★★ Love and Basketball ('00, Rom) Sanaa Lathan.				Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Wayans	Husbands	Wayans	Wendy Williams
BRAVO		65	63		41		Vanderlt "Last Call"	Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Millionaire (N)			Watch (N)	Millionaire	Atlanta
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Supermarkets Inc	60 Minutes		American Greed		Mad Money		60 Minutes	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360	Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Jessie	Dog Blog	Austin	Shake Up	Gravity	Austin	GoodLuck	Jessie	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Indiana vs. Minnesota (L)				NCAA Basketball Florida vs. Tennessee (L)				SportsCenter		
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Memphis vs. Xavier				NBA Coast to Coast (L)				NFL Live (N)		Basketb.	NBA
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Liar "Hot Water"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		The Lying Game (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
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HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	House#	Property	Property	Income Property		House#	House	Income Property		Income Property	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear		Ultimate Soldier		Top Gear		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Rotten to the Core"		Dance Moms "You've Been Unfriended"		Dance Moms "Bye Bye Baby" (N)		Double Divas (N)	Double Divas	Double Divas	Double Divas	Dance Moms "You've Been Unfriended"
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		36	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	Boston Bruins vs. New York Islanders (L)				NHL Live!	Crossover	FB Talk	Overtime	Poker After Dark
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Drake	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	The Joe Schmo Show		Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Robot Combat (N)		Face Off		Robot Combat
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Susie"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Cougar Town	The Office
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Topper Not...		★★★★ Dodsworth Walter Huston.				★★★★ The Best Years of Our Lives ('46, Dra) Myrna Loy.				
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TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Half-Ton Mom		600 Pound Mom		600 Pound Mom: Race Against Time		Half-Ton Killer?		600 Pound Mom		600 Pound Mom: Race Against Time
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Little Girl Lost"		Castle "Hedge Fund Homeboys"		Castle "Hell Hath No Fury"		Castle "A Chill Goes Through Her Veins"		Southland "Heat"		CSI: NY "The Past, Present and Murder"
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fight"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Unorthodox"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Authority"		White Collar "The Original" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Tortured"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Desperate"
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Mat Your Mother	Mat Your Mother	Mother "Tailgate"	Mat Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules "Jeff Day"	Rules "Zygote"

No. 13 Kansas State beats Texas Tech

Associated Press

Wildcats 75
Red Raiders 55

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Thomas Gipson scored 20 points, Angel Rodriguez added 16 and No. 13 Kansas State beat Texas Tech 75-55 on Monday night giving the Wildcats 12 conference wins for the first time in 40 years.

The 12 league wins are the most ever for a first-year coach at Kansas State (23-5, 12-3 Big 12) and more importantly for Bruce Weber and his team is that win keeps the Wildcats tied with No. 6 Kansas for first place in the Big 12.

Dusty Hannahs scored 14 points for the Red Raiders (9-17, 2-13) and Jaye Crockett added 13.

The Wildcats did not take control until the second half, when reserve Nino Williams jump-started the Kansas State offense with 11 straight points.

With Texas Tech leading trailing 44-42, Williams got the lead with a three-point play. He scored again after the Wildcats forced a shot-clock violation. He cashed in under the basket after a turnover. The Red Raiders tried to cool off Williams by using a 30-second timeout, but he promptly drained a jumper, giving Kansas State a 51-44 lead — the Wildcats' largest of the half to that point — with 11:50 to play.

Moments later, he snagged an offensive rebound, scored again, and then grabbed a defensive rebound.

Williams' scoring burst started the rest of his team, which continued the one-sidedness with a scalding 24-6 run. Kansas State led 66-50 with less than 4 minutes to play.

Kansas State opened the game with a 12-4 run that was capped by consecutive dunks by Rodney McGruder.

After that solid start, the Wildcats got sloppy, and the Red Raiders took advantage.

The Red Raiders climbed within 15-12 as four Kansas State players committed a turnover each in a 4-minute spurt.

A 3-pointer by Ty Nurse gave the Red Raiders their first lead of the game with 1:53 to play in the half but a buzzer-beater from the baseline by McGruder gave the Wildcats a 31-30 lead.

Kansas State forward Jordan Henriquez, usually a starter, did not attend the game because he was traveling to New York for his grandmother's funeral. Gipson started in his place.

Former A&M running back reshaping image

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

INDIANAPOLIS — It's image makeover time for Christine Michael.

The Texas A&M running back left College Station regarded as a malcontent after butting heads with coach Kevin Sumlin in 2012. But with his draft stock rising after impressive showings at an all-star game and the NFL Scouting Combine, Michael is attempting to shake the baggage he accumulated from his frustrating senior season by recasting himself as a youngster who has matured and learned from his mistakes.

"That's the thing – you live and you learn," he said.

On Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium, the 5-foot-10, 222-pound Beaumont native recorded a vertical jump of 43 inches, a combine record for running backs. The effort came one day after he vowed to the media he would "shock the world" at the combine.

One person Michael didn't shock was former A&M teammate Jonathan Stewart. The linebacker predicted Saturday that Michael would shine at the combine and star in the NFL.

"Just look at him," Stewart said. "He's what you would imagine an NFL running back to look like — big, strong, fast, very explosive, willing to take the blow, wants to dish out the blow. I'd be very surprised if he isn't a success in the NFL."

A five-star recruit out of Beaumont West Brook, Christian was the Big 12's offensive freshman of the year in 2009. But things went downhill from there, starting with season-ending injuries as a sophomore (broken leg) and junior (torn ACL).

Then came 2012. Clashing with Sumlin over his perceived bad attitude, Michael saw a dramatic reduction in playing time during a drama-filled campaign that included an early season suspension for violating team rules.

To top it all off, he didn't play a down in the Cotton Bowl victory over Oklahoma.

"I wanted to go out with a bang," said Michael, who finished his career with 2,791 yards and 35 touchdowns. "I was going full speed every practice. I had no clue I wasn't going to play. It was shocking to me and it still shocks me to this day."

Josi scores 2nd in OT as Predators beat Stars

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

Predators 5
Stars ..... 4 (OT)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Roman Josi scored his second goal 28 seconds into overtime, and the Nashville Predators edged the Dallas Stars 5-4 Monday night in a wild game featuring several fights, six goals and a bloodied face — all in the second period.

Josi's slap shot helped Nashville end a two-game skid, and the defenseman also had two assists as the Predators played their 10th overtime game this season.

Mike Fisher, Craig Smith and Patric Hornqvist each scored goals for Nashville. The last two losses had been shutouts, and the Predators ended a scoring drought at 133:43 after threatening the franchise-worst drought that reached 176:18 on Feb. 13 in an overtime win over San Jose.

Nashville captain Shea Weber also had two assists, including one on the winner, in his 500th career game with the Predators.

Rookie Matt Fraser and Reilly Smith scored 25 seconds apart within the first 2 minutes of the second, and Vern Fiddler and Eriksson each added a power-play goal as the Stars matched their season high within the first 9:21 of the period. Michael Ryder had three assists.

Nashville had lost four of its past five and needed a win before hitting the road for a three-game swing on the West Coast.

Fisher tied it at 8:22 of the third when he got the puck as he skated into the Nashville zone, split a pair of Stars and beat Cristopher Nilstorp with a backhander. Nashville wound up outshooting the Stars 31-24, including 11-4 in the third.

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Men

PRAIRIE VIEW 61, ALABAMA A&M 57, OT
HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Jourdan DeMuyck scored 27 points and grabbed 11 boards to help Prairie View A&M turn an 11-point halftime deficit into a 61-57 overtime win against Alabama A&M Monday night.

Carl Blair scored 11 and Jules Montgomery added eight for Prairie View (13-16, 8-8 Southwestern Athletic Conference). The pair each grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Panthers to a 46-45 edge on the boards.

TEXAS SOUTHERN 70 ALABAMA STATE 60
MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Fred Sturdivant scored 22 points with 13 rebounds and Texas Southern won its 10th straight game 70-60 over Alabama State Monday night in Southwestern Athletic Conference action.

The double-double was Sturdivant's 11th and his third in his past four games. The senior went 11-of-15 shooting and blocked six shots. He was joined in double figures by Aaron Clayborn (12 points), Lawrence Johnson-Danner (12) and Ray Penn (10) for the Tigers (15-14, 14-2).

HOUSTON BAPTIST 65 NEW ORLEANS 52
HOUSTON — Dauson Womack had 15 points and 12 rebounds Monday night and Houston Baptist defeated New Orleans 65-52 Monday night for its eighth consecutive win.

Art Bernardi scored 14 points, all in the second half, for the Huskies (12-14) in the nonconference game. Rob Lewis added 12 points.

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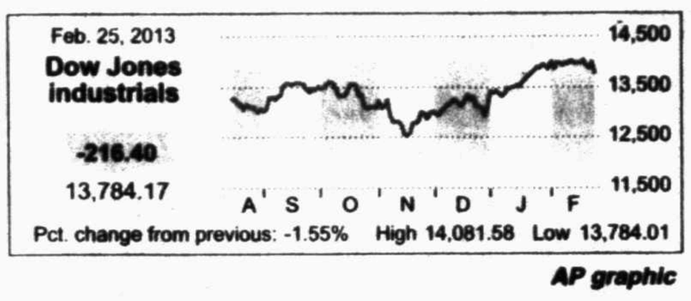

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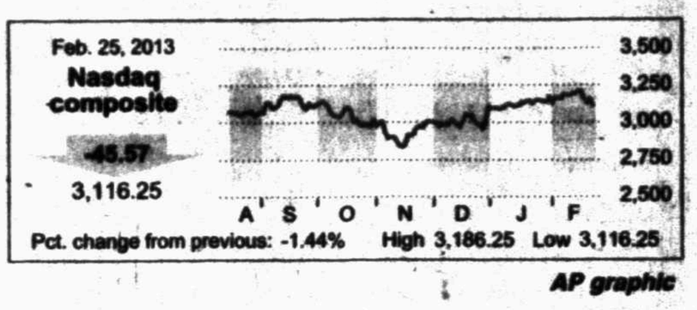

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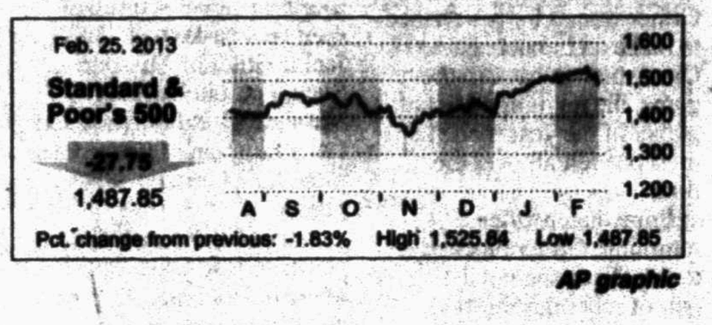

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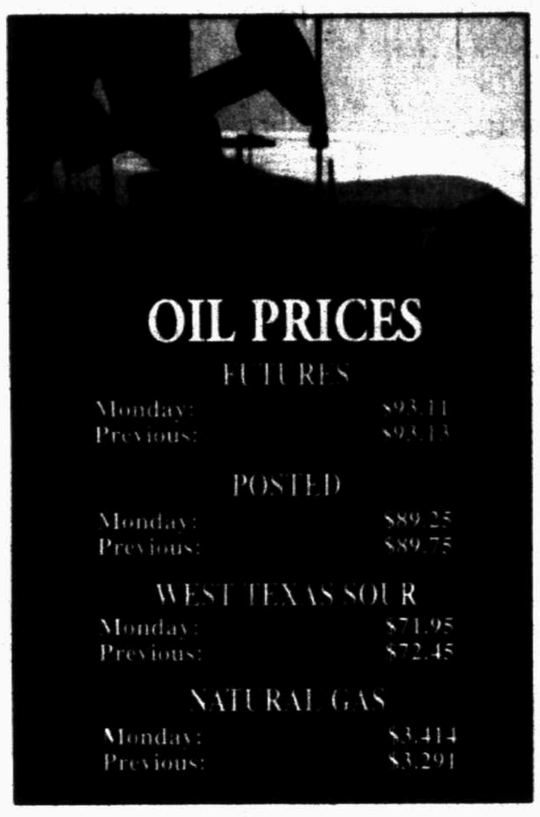

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BariPVix rs	943975	25.56	+3.08
iShEMkts	745934	42.70	-.58
SPDR Fncl	699870	17.26	-.48

Gainers ($2 or more)

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Vipshop n	28.45	+4.03	+16.5
CSVSVxST	13.83	+1.69	+13.9
ProVixSTF	13.73	+1.66	+13.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlbGeophy	2.88	-1.47	-33.8
Frontline	2.05	-.46	-18.3
ITT Ed	15.53	-3.10	-16.6
PSMVxST s	75.34	-12.24	-14.0
CSVelVSt	19.18	-3.12	-14.0

Diary

Advanced	677
Declined	2,414
Unchanged	79
Total issues	3,170
New Highs	157
New Lows	26
Volume	3,886,724,950

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	49380	20.44	-.55
Rentech	37677	2.47	-.09
NwGold g	29874	9.10	+.20
VantageDri	27236	1.58	-.03
NA Pall g	26490	1.40	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Rubicon g	2.37	+.28	+13.4
TanzRy g	3.68	+.36	+10.8
Timmins g	2.43	+.20	+9.0
GoldenMin	3.10	+.20	+6.9
SwGA Fn	10.42	+.52	+5.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrionEngy	2.64	-.26	-9.0
Contango	38.30	-3.40	-8.2
GoldRsv g	2.52	-.22	-8.0
IncOpR	3.36	-.28	-7.7
OrientPap	2.12	-.17	-7.4

Diary

Advanced	136
Declined	311
Unchanged	24
Total issues	471
New Highs	4
New Lows	8
Volume	71,417,411

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Zynga	983730	3.43	+.24
SiriusXM	577498	3.03	-.02
Microsoft	472677	27.37	-.39
Intel	399381	20.23	-.19
Cisco	364235	20.66	-.24

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OceanBio	2.88	+.59	+25.8
EntreMed	3.47	+.70	+25.3
NetElem n	2.45	+.45	+22.5
EDAP TMS	4.09	+.67	+19.6
ChiMobG n	5.80	+.68	+13.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Affymax	2.42	-14.10	-85.4
Dynavax	2.01	-.96	-32.3
Ebiltng	2.36	-.80	-25.3
Trovagne s	5.63	-.88	-13.5
Trovag un	13.94	-2.06	-12.9

Diary

Advanced	462
Declined	2,037
Unchanged	97
Total issues	2,596
New Highs	120
New Lows	36
Volume	1,843,765,265

West Texas Intermediate wanes as oil benchmark

By Emily Pickrell
Houston Chronicle

A lingering gap between the prices of West Texas Intermediate crude and oil produced elsewhere is complicating the reliability of the longtime benchmark as the standard for pricing a barrel of black gold.

In a key signal, the U.S. Energy Information Administration announced last year that it would begin using international benchmark Brent crude instead of West Texas Intermediate as the reference price for light, sweet crude in its 2013 Energy Outlook.

The agency said it made the change mostly because retail gasoline prices, based largely on the price of crude, more closely track market fluctuations for Brent than West Texas Intermediate.

More broadly, however, anomalies in the U.S. market have made domestic oil less significant than Brent in reflecting how the market defines the always volatile "price of oil," leading investment dollars toward Brent and away from West Texas Intermediate.

"For years, when someone said 'what is the price of oil,' the price quoted was WTI," said David Knapp, an economist for the Energy Intelligence Group, a research company. "It was the definitive world price for crude. Now Brent is sharing the spotlight and is winning."

Beyond the motorist at the pump, the price of crude is central to the profits and planning of oil companies, refiners, manufacturers and financial interests around the world.

Brent, a blend of crude produced in the North Sea, is traded on the London-based ICE Futures Europe Exchange. West Texas Intermediate, produced in Texas and Oklahoma, is priced according to futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

A futures contract is an agreement between a seller and buyer for delivery of crude at a specified price, date and place.

Both light and sweet

Brent and West Texas Intermediate both are graded as light, sweet crude, meaning they have lower density and sulfur content than some other types of oil. But West Texas Intermediate is of higher quality and historically traded at slightly higher prices than Brent.

But since late in the last decade, Brent has sometimes traded more than $25 a barrel higher. In January, Brent averaged $112.35 per barrel and West Texas Intermediate averaged $94.83, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The price difference stems at least partly from increased U.S. shale oil production combined with pipeline limitations and tight storage capacity at Cushing, Okla. A pipeline hub there is the physical delivery point for West Texas Intermediate specified in one-month futures contracts that set the U.S. benchmark.

The backup caused by transportation and storage constraints creates a glut that depresses West Texas Intermediate's price — in some cases below that of similar oil delivered elsewhere in the U.S.

But other variables also figure in the equation and stand to maintain West Texas Intermediate's price volatility even as the nation adds oil transportation capacity.

"Oil prices are reflective of many different things: the quality of oil compared to other oil, the value that refineries see when they refine that oil, as well as differences in transportation," said Amy Myers Jaffe, executive director for Energy and Sustainability at University of California, Davis.

Besides the domestic boom, another factor in West Texas Intermediate's discount to Brent is a long-standing U.S. government ban on exportation of domestic crude. While domestic production of sweet crude oil has increased, U.S. refineries are set up to process lower grade imported crude, and are still doing so, while stores of domestic crude rise.

The export ban effectively eliminates refineries in other markets as customers for America's light, sweet oil, and that will keep it at a lower price than Brent, said James Sullivan, an energy analyst with Alembic Global Advisors.

Refineries can retrofit their systems to take better advantage of domestic oil, but it's a costly investment that takes time, leading to predictions that the spread between U.S. and international prices could last years.

Inexact and volatile

The oil market itself is inexact and volatile — which is why thousands of futures contracts are executed daily, as traders make different bets on where the price will go and by how much.

Goldman Sachs, for example, forecast earlier this month that the price gap will narrow to $5 within six months. Other major players say it will be as high as $12 throughout the year.

These differences of opinion can influence price movements beyond market fundamentals of supply and demand.

"People have imperfect information, and so they can't be rational," Jaffe said.

Knapp, of the Energy Intelligence Group, said international investors who include crude futures contracts in their portfolios have been moving from West Texas Intermediate to Brent, further pushing up Brent prices.

But some energy economists argue that disparities between U.S. and international crude prices only reflect transportation costs.

"The commodity itself is fungible, and apart from differences in grades, the difference is just in the cost of transportation," said Ed Hirs, an energy economics professor at the University of Houston.

Pump prices level off

Pump prices leveled off over the weekend, breaking a monthlong string of daily increases that boosted the cost of driving.

On Monday the national average for gas stood at $3.777 a gallon, down a fraction from $3.781 on Friday, according to AAA, the Oil Price Information Service, and Wright Express. The price is still up about 44 cents from a month ago.

Meanwhile oil finished little changed in New York, after being up more than $1 earlier in the day. Benchmark crude fell 2 cents to $93.11 a barrel.

Traders are keeping an eye on a new round of talks beginning today in Kazakhstan between Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program.

Iran, nominally one of the world's top oil producers, has had to make substantial output cuts because U.S.-led sanctions are greatly limiting its crude exports.

In London, Brent crude was up 34 cents to end at $114.44 on the ICE futures exchange in London.

Euro falls against dollar

The euro fell against the dollar Monday as investors await the outcome of the Italian general election.

Early results show that the race is very close, raising the possibility of new elections. That could derail efforts to resolve Italy's fiscal problems.

The dollar rose to 0.9305 Swiss franc from 0.9303 Swiss franc and to 1.0262 Canadian dollar from 1.0231 Canadian dollar.

On Monday, gold for April delivery rose to 13.60 to $1,586.60 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $39.31 Up 0.11

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $90.21 Down 4.54

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.52 Down 0.62

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $19.74 Down 1.24

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.92 Down 0.26

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.60 Down 0.33

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.27 Down 0.80

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.90 Up 0.10

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	28	35.19	-.49	+4.4
Abraxas	...	...	2.06	-.06	-5.9
AdamsExr	.67e	...	11.14	-.18	+5.2
AMD	...	...	2.53	-.08	+5.4
Affymax	...	...	2.42	-14.10	-87.3
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.36	-.05	-2.2
Alcoa	.12	47	8.42	-.22	-3.0
AlonUSA	.16	32	19.02	-.91	+5.1
AmIntlGrp	...	25	37.06	-1.39	+5.0
Amgen	1.88f	16	89.55	+2.73	+3.9
Apaderko	.36	17	78.57	-3.18	+5.7
Apache	.90f	15	73.25	-2.15	-6.7
ApldMatl	.36	...	13.23	-.34	+15.6
ATMOS	1.40	15	37.73	-.25	+7.4
AutoData	1.74	21	60.77	-.24	+6.7
BP PLC	2.16f	6	40.40	-1.43	-3.0
BabcCCInv	1.20a	...	16.29	+.17	+6.6
BakrHu	.60	15	44.25	-1.55	+8.3
BcoSantSA	1.03e	...	7.32	-.45	-10.4
BkofAm	.04	42	11.03	-.41	-5.0
BariPVix rs	...	...	25.56	+3.08	-19.6
BasicEnSv	...	19	13.75	-.96	+20.5
BerkHa A	...	19149	000.00	-2100.00	+11.8
BerryPet	.32	...	46.19	-1.76	+34.7
BillMitleCp	1.52f	16	40.68	-.88	+11.8
BrkfdSrg	1.40f	31	36.34	-.56	+12.7
BrownFA s	1.02a	26	67.36	-.97	+9.5
BrownFB s	1.02a	25	65.80	-1.07	+4.0
CVS Care	.90f	17	50.53	-.82	+4.5
Cameron	...	21	61.98	-1.97	+9.8
Caterpillar	2.08	11	89.16	-2.38	-.5
Celestic g	...	15	8.26	+.02	+1.6
CntryLink	2.16m	27	34.09	-.55	-12.9
ChesEng	.35	...	19.11	-1.39	+15.0
Chevron	3.60	9	113.54	-2.42	+5.0
Chicos	.71	16	16.17	-.58	-12.4
Cimarex	.48	16	66.53	-2.31	+15.2
Cisco	.56	12	20.66	-.24	+5.1
Citigroup	.04	13	41.15	-1.64	+4.0
ClayEng	...	27	39.31	+.11	-1.7
CocaCola s	1.12f	19	37.72	-.80	+4.1
ColgPal	2.48	22	114.01	+.04	+8.1
Comcast	.76f	17	39.41	-.50	+5.5
ConAgra	1.00	21	33.62	-.40	+13.5
ConchoRes	...	22	90.21	-4.54	+12.0
ConocPhil	s2.64	10	56.80	-1.31	-1.9
CrackerB	2.00	15	66.95	-.39	+4.2
CSVelVSt	...	...	19.18	-3.12	+15.6
CSVSzVx rs	...	...	...	5.65	+1.13
-39.5					
CrosTim	2.21e	11	28.29	+.41	+5.1
DCP Mid	2.76f	...	43.23	-1.17	+3.5
DTE	2.48	18	65.34	-.28	+8.8
Dataram h	...	...	.35	-.02	+6.1
Dawson	...	23	30.52	-.62	+18.7
Dell Inc	.32	10	13.85	-.07	+36.6
DeltaAir	...	12	14.02	+.27	+18.1
DevonE	.80	...	54.00	-.98	+3.8
DirSCBear	...	...	11.20	+.69	-17.0
Disney	.75f	17	53.59	-.86	+7.6
DowChem	1.20	43	30.64	-.74	-5.2
Dynavax	...	...	2.01	-.96	-29.5
EMC Cp	...	19	22.83	-.61	-9.8
EOG Res	.75f	58	121.77	-3.57	+.8
Elan	...	14	11.14	+.54	+9.1
EmpDist	1.00	16	21.42	-.39	+6.1
Energen	.56f	15	45.93	-1.86	+1.9
EngyTsfr	3.56	11	46.60	-.30	+9.2
EnPro	...	20	45.32	-.71	+10.8
EntPrPt	2.64f	21	55.50	-.35	+10.8
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.09	-.22	+19.7
ExternalH	...	...	23.01	-.74	+5.0
ExxonMbl	2.28	11	87.70	-1.50	+1.3
Facebook n	...	...	27.27	+.14	+2.4
FordM	.40f	9	12.13	-.35	-6.3
ForestOil	...	15	6.05	-.29	-9.6
FMCG	1.25	10	31.51	-.94	-7.9
FreeprMd h	...	...	1.85	...	+74.2
GATX	1.24f	20	49.05	-1.10	+13.3
GabelMrT	.80	...	8.03	-.16	+6.0
Gdyear	2.00e	...	29.91	-.35	+7.1
GenElec	.76	18	22.91	-.58	+8.7
GlPlainEn	.87	17	21.56	-.37	+6.1
HaleonRes	...	...	7.07	-.38	+2.2
Hallibrtn	.50f	14	39.85	-1.26	+14.9
Heinz	2.06	24	72.28	-.38	+25.3
Hertz	...	18	19.04	+.31	+17.0
HewlettP	.53	...	19.07	-.19	+33.8
iShBraz	1.57e	...	54.20	-.62	-3.1
iShJapn	.19e	...	9.99	-.14	+2.5
iShChina25	.94e	...	38.04	-.50	-6.0
iShEMkts	.74e	...	42.70	-.58	-3.7
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	57.09	-1.40	+.4
iShR2K	1.69e	...	89.02	-2.01	+5.6
IntegrysE	2.72	18	55.91	-.73	+7.1
Intel	.90	9	20.23	-.19	-1.9
InterDig	.40a	7	43.96	-.48	+7.0
IlluUnibH	.37e	...	17.58	-.19	+6.9
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	47.70	-1.21	+9.2
JohnJn	2.44	20	75.57	-.88	+7.8
Keycorp	.20	11	9.24	-.27	+9.7
KimbClk	3.24f	21	94.24	-.26	+11.6
KindME	5.16f	...	85.87	-.68	+7.6
KindMM	5.16f	...	81.30	-.54	+7.7
LegacyRes	2.28f	...	25.92	-.26	+8.9
Lowes	.64	21	35.86	-1.81	+1.0
Lubys	...	30	7.70	-.30	+16.1
MdtvGold	.46e	...	38.57	+.64	-16.9
McDnlds	3.08	18	98.14	+.89	+9.0
Merck	1.72f	20	42.52	-.45	+3.9
MerMfad	...	26	11.99	+.26	-13.7
MescoEn	...	...	5.60	-.33	-13.0
MicronT	...	...	7.93	-.09	+25.1
Microsoft	.92	15	27.37	-.39	+2.5
Mondelez	.52	16	26.49	-.28	+4.1
MorgStan	.20	...	22.03	-1.55	+15.2
Nabors	...	...	15.57	-.77	+7.8
NatGrid	3.17e	...	54.19	-.39	-5.7
NOVerco	.52	11	66.26	-1.84	-3.1
NewsCpA	.17	17	28.00	-.57	+9.8
NoMinCp	...	...	3.63	-.15	-8.1
NvMkt	.88e	...	16.11	-.08	-.7
NvPBI	.88	...	14.95	-.15	-.1
NuvPI	.88	...	14.69	-.16	-.5
NSTPB	.88e	...	15.25	-.02	+4.3
NTXQI	.73	...	16.00	-.05	+1.0
NvMd	.30	14	12.30	-.22	+.3
OcciPet	2.60f	12	82.13	-1.49	+7.2
OfficeDpt	...	...	3.05	-.28	+19.6
Oracle	.24	16	34.29	-.47	+2.9
PerBeh	...	15	4.57	+.02	-6.7
PetroDl	...	16	4.85	-.02	+6.1
PetroBr	.26	12	22.48	-.84	+26.6
PennaRE	.72f	...	18.08	-.85	+2.5
Pmrian	.91e	11	13.69	...	+11.7
Petrobras	.46e	...	14.91	-.35	-23.4
Pfizer	.96f	14	26.84	-.54	+7.0
PioNtrl	.06	81	121.09	-5.91	+13.6
PlainsAA s	2.29f	22	53.65	-.44	+18.4
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	66.31	-.83	+1.8
Prawir	2.40f	29	109.54	-1.83	+.1
PrmEgy	...	9	26.33	-.11	+14.5
PrUVxST rs	...	...	12.65	+2.74	-39.5
ProctGam	2.25	19	76.62	-1.07	+11.8
PrUSh5P rs	...	...	49.12	+1.72	-9.2
RangeRs	.16	...	70.47	-1.24	+12.2
RegionsFn	.04	10	7.48	-.29	+4.9
RschMotn	...	26	13.25	+.07	+11.6
Rowan	...	25	33.58	-1.59	+7.4
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	64.53	-1.47	-6.4
SpdrDJIA	3.37e	...	137.66	-2.15	+5.4
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	149.00	-2.89	+4.6
SabrR	3.62e	13	46.44	-.16	+16.7
SandstonPm	.80	21	59.64	-1.37	+6.3
SandRidge	...	...	5.57	-.39	-12.3
Sapient	...	34	11.33	-.09	+6.3
Schlmbrg	1.25f	18	75.63	-1.98	+9.4
SigmaAld	.88f	20	75.18	-1.16	+8.2
SiriusXM	.05e	6	3.03	-.02	+4.6
Smucker	2.08	19	91.51	-1.48	+6.1
SprintNex	...	...	5.73	-.09	+1.1
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	17.26	-.48	+5.3
Staples	.44	...	13.54	+.27	+16.8
SuncorLog	2.16f	14	60.25	-1.29	+21.2
TalismEnp	...	...	12.49	-.39	-7.5
Tesoro	.80f	10	52.81	-1.79	+19.9
3M Co	2.54f	16	101.75	-1.79	+8.6
Texoilmark	.80	11	59.09	-1.13	+6.8
TitCoalE	.61e	...	16.84	-.31	+4.9
TylerTech	...	66	85.68	-.64	+14.0
UBWV	1.24	18	35.61	-.66	+5.2
Vale SA	1.15e	...	18.01	-.08	-14.1
ValeroE	.80f	12	44.25	-1.82	+29.7
VangEmg	.99e	...	43.04	-.65	-3.3
VerizonCm	2.06	...	45.72	+.32	+5.7
Vodafone	1.53e	...	24.60	-.41	-2.3
Vulcanm	.64	...	46.46	-2.40	-4.9
Walgrn	1.10	18	49.64	-1.17	+8.6
WellsFargo	1.00f	10	34.79	-1.03	+1.8
WstnRefin	.40f	23	33.76	-1.31	+19.8
WhitingPet	...	12	48.08	-1.54	+10.9
WmsCos	1.36f	24	33.57	-.87	+2.5
XcelEngy	1.06	16	28.64	+.19	+5.0
Xerox	.23f	9	7.89	-.33	+15.7
Zynga	...	...	3.43	+.24	+45.3

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14,058.40	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,784.17	-216.40	-1.55	+5.19	+8.18
6,020.67	4,755.29	Dow Jones Transportation	5,815.57	-128.32	-2.16	+8.55	+12.48
469.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	472.24	-5.57	-1.17	+4.25	+4.32
9,094.41	7,222.89	NYSE Composite	8,719.40	-175.23	-1.97	+3.27	+7.07
2,509.57	2,104.87	Amex Index	2,540.58	-44.73	-1.87	-.29	+4.66
3,213.60	2,728.69	Nasdaq Composite	3,116.25	-45.57	-1.44	+3.29	+6.00
1,539.94	1,289.74	S&P 500	1,487.85	-27.79	-1.83	+4.32	+6.79
16,192.55	13,248.82	Wilshire 5000	15,766.72	-287.61	-1.80	+4.77	+8.21
932.00	729.75	Russell 2000	895.84	-20.32	-2.22	+5.47	+8.37

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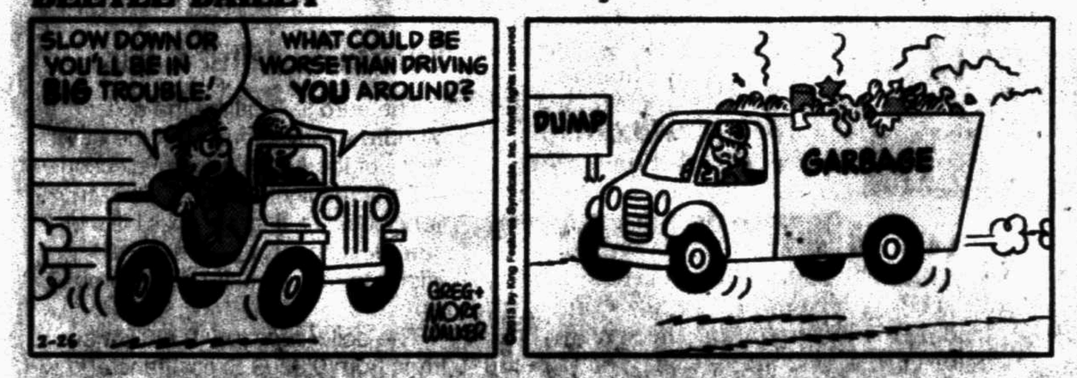

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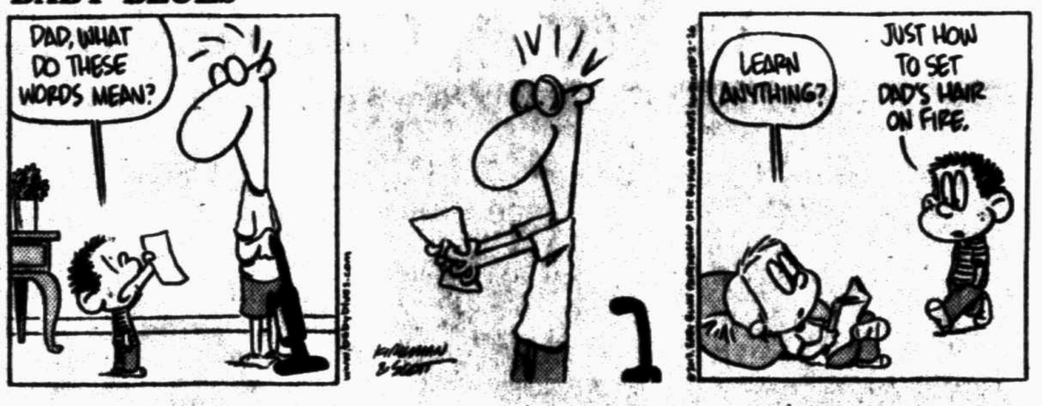

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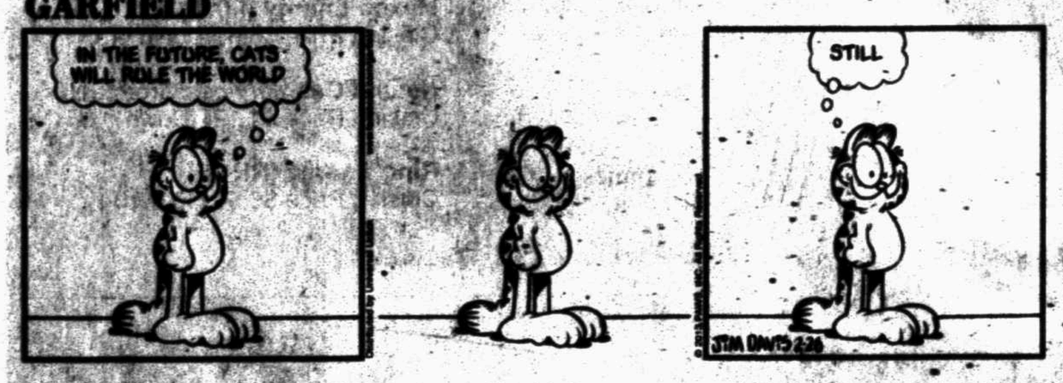

CLOSE TO HOME

"Hon, a 3-year-old just has more time to practice, so it's not that surprising that he would win 17 games in a row."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I DON'T LIKE BLUE CHEESE. DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER COLOR? LIKE YELLOW?"

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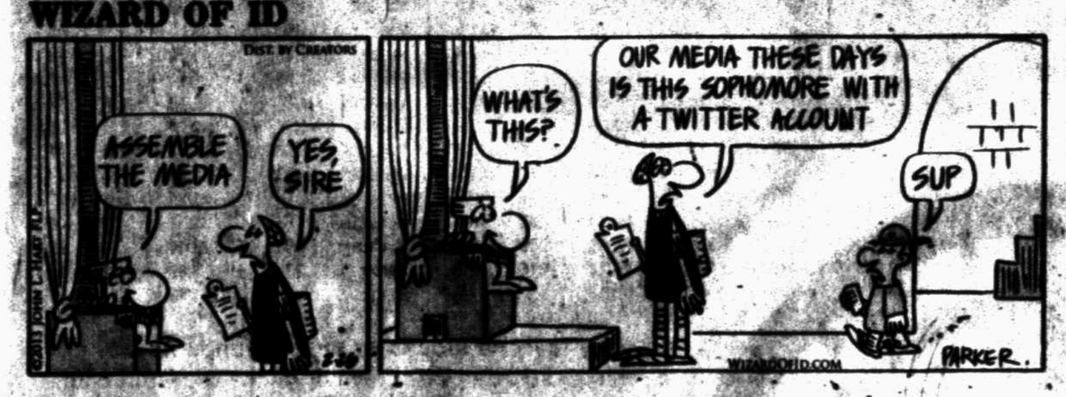

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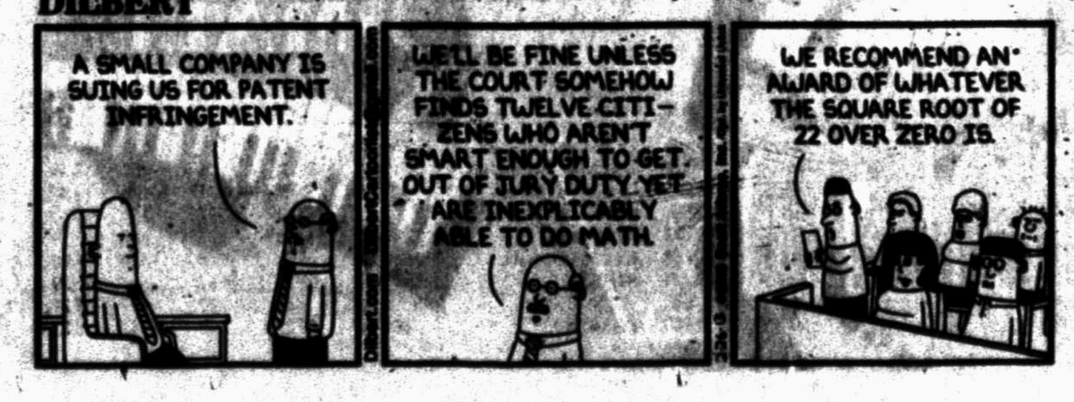

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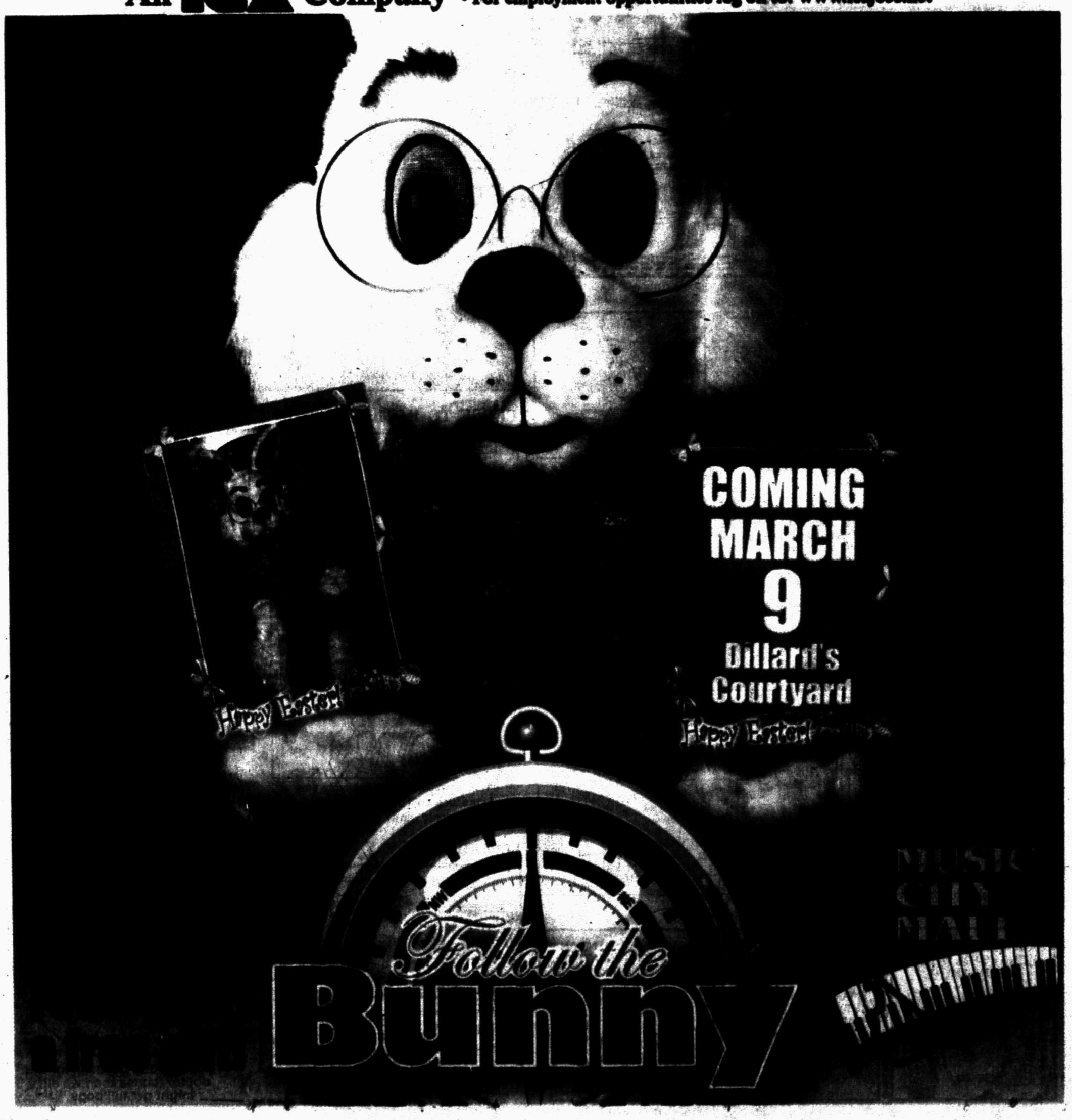

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GENERAL INFO

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Surprise your child, parent, or special friend with a Happy Ad!

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Lost & Found

FOUND BLUE Heeler mix NW of Midland on Gardner Hwy. Call 432-559-2399.

FOUND DOG 2/22 on Lavaco Ave. Blonde Chihuahua female. 432-813-8299.

FOUND MALE black Lab near Scharbrough Elementary. Call to identify 432-269-0120.

FOUND NEUTERED black Lab. Call to identify 432-689-0702.

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If you are trying to return an item to its rightful owner, let us help you. Call 432-682-6222 For Your Complimentary Ad!

Found

FOUND SILVER wedding ring in front of Progressive Insurance and Swenson @ Loop 250. Call to identify. 432-682-1661.

FOUND SMALL broken dog with Valentine bandana. Call 432-222-8040 to identify.

FOUND WHITE Maltipoo on Loop 250 and Ward. Call to identify. 432-978-5453

FOUND YELLOW and white male lab on Bates and Andrews highway area. 432-559-4453.

ROCKY WAS lost on Greenwood on Saturday the 16th of February. He is a male Irish and white Springer Spaniel. Please call Allen 806-292-1850 if you spot him.

Lodges

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Communications 1600 W. Wall 432-853-1273 Stated Meetings Acacia Lodge #1414 1st & 3rd Tues. @ 7:30pm, Midland Lodge #623 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30pm Centennial Lodge #1446 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30am

Did you know Theodore Roosevelt was a Master Mason?

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HOME BASED Learning Center, children of all ages. Affordable Rates. 432-218-9623.

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CHILD CARE center in Midland County with a capacity of 180 + children, includes business & real estate. Great operation & location. Centrally located between Fort Worth & El Paso. Growth potential & attractive acquisition. Price $1,085,000. 972-858-6395.

Autos For Sale or Lease

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BMW 2001 X5, 140K miles, heated seats, leather, moon roof, etc. $6,750 call 432-288-2188 for more info.

BMW 2004 530, garaged, 110k miles, leather, good condition, $14,000. Call 432-684-6406.

CADILLAC 2008 CTS V6 DI Performance Sedan, Luxury Package, new tires, navigation, leather, sun-roof, all extras. Excellent condition. Premium crystal red with cashmere interior. 51K miles. Below Blue Book @ $25,000. Call 432-553-9688.

CHEVROLET 2001 Cavalier standard transmission grandpa's baby. $3,000. 432-631-3596

CHEVROLET 2009 HHR 72,000 miles asking $11,000 OBO BMW 1100 Motorcycle $3800. 432-661-4951

CHRYSLER - 2007 300C, 5.7 Hemi, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

FORD 2003 Thunderbird 007, Limited edition #69 out of #700, power soft top & hard top, leather, 53k miles, $25,000 OBO. Call 432-978-7946

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FORD 2005 Mustang yellow w/black stripe. 88,900 miles, well maintained, engine, good tires and brakes. Auto Transmission electric windows, CD player, am/fm. $7,500. Serious inquiries call 889-6249.

FORD 2006 Mustang GT V8 auto. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

LINCOLN 2000 Towncar, Signature, one owner, black on black, in excellent condition, 51K miles, new tires, beautiful car, must see to appreciate. $6,499. 432-699-0638 or 432-553-0313.

LINCOLN 2011 MKS Power sun-roof, Navigation system, THX stereo system, transferable Certified Pre-Owned warranty. In excellent condition with 29K miles. $25,700. 432-684-4407 or 432-260-0010

MERCEDES 1996 C-Class, 4 door, 4 cyl, cold air, good tires, gold with tan. Runs great. $4,900 cash OBO. 405-823-2624 and/or 432-699-0604 day.

MERCEDES BENZ 2008 C350. Black. Saks 5th Ave Edition, 52k mi. Very clean. 1 owner. $22,000 obo. 432-254-8747.

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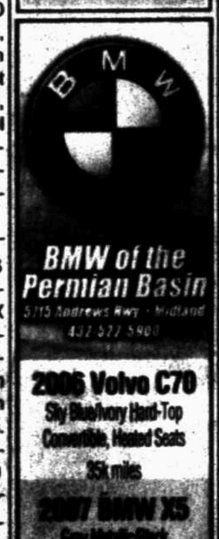
MERCURY 2001 Grand Marquis LS, V8, 4 door Sedan, in excellent condition. Leather interior, lots of new upgrades plus HITCH & all new A.C. Well maintained with all maintenance records. Must see, $6,200. O.B.O. Call 432-563-0675.

MITSUBISHI 2007 Eclipse, 52k miles, auto. We finance. B&B Auto 432-683-6222

NISSAN 2004 Altima 3.5L V6 SE. Good Condition. Well Maintained by One Owner (service records available). 124,000 miles. $6,900.00. Phone 432-638-0890



2006 Volvo C70 Sky Blue/Ivory Hard-Top Convertible, Heated Seats 35k miles

2007 BMW X5 Sway Transmission, AWD, Premium, Bluetooth, SAT, 3rd Row, Power Hatch 70k miles

2008 BMW 750LI Black/Saddle Warranty, Luxury, DVD, NAV, SAT, 69k miles

2009 BMW 528i Sway Bar, Premium Pkg, Bluetooth, Premium Pkg, Bluetooth 40k miles

2009 Lexus ES350 Gray/Tan, Pebble Beach Ed, SAT, Camera, NAV, Roof, AC/Htd Seats 38k miles

2010 BMW 7SERIES Premium Pkg, Bluetooth, Premium Pkg, Bluetooth 40k miles

2010 BMW 3 3.0 Black/Black, Certified, Cold Weather Pkg, Panoroof, Premium Pkg 29k miles

2010 Ford F-150 Lariat, Sunroof, Nav, Heated Seats, Rear Camera, Rear Sliding Window 39k miles

2011 Mercedes SL550 White/Dark Brown, 4 Motion, AMG Pkg, V8, Sunroof, Nav, Htd Seats 58k miles

2012 BMW X3 2.8 Alpine White, Premium Pkg, Bluetooth, Premium Pkg, Bluetooth 20k miles

2012 Volvo XC70 White/Ivory, V6, Roof, Htd Seats, SAT, Leather, Brand New 4000 miles

NISSAN 2005 Sentra, Red, 4dr, automatic, am/fm cd, power windows, 95k mi, $5,250. 432-557-8204

OLDS 1995 88. Blue, 4 dr. only 126K. $2,000. 218-9941

PONTIAC 1999 Firebird, V6, auto, 76k miles, B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

PONTIAC 2000 Bonnevile SLE 3.8L V6 135k. Good condition and runs great, clean title and no major issues. $2800 OBO 432-413-7479

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TOYOTA 2002 Avalon 126,000 miles. V-6 auto, runs great, great gas mileage, leather seats, sunroof, all power, good solid car. Asking $5500.00 432-631-9182

TOYOTA 2006 Camry XLE. White, V6, leather, moon roof, 57k miles. Excellent condition. Asking $16,900 obo. Call 432-559-4039 or 432-559-1436.

VOLKSWAGEN 2010 Jetta Wagon, TDI Turbo Diesel, 1 Owner, 54,000 mi, (40+ hwy mpg). Radio(Sat-AM/FM-XM-iPod) Bluetooth, New Tires, Cruise, Cont., more... Auto Trans, $18,500. Call 432-528-7266.

WANTED!

Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4078

Antique & Vintage

MERCEDES 1984 380SL Convertible 128k/miles super clean asking $7500 or best offer might trade. 432-553-1343.

Pickup Trucks

2001 DODGE Cummins, 1 ton, stick shift, 139K, tool box, nice truck. $14,500. Dave 432-296-1173

CHEVROLET 2008 Silverado, Diesel 2500, extended cab, 5th wheel hitch, tow package, beige exterior, under 16,000 miles, very clean, $32,500. 432-553-9136

NEW TODAY!

CHEVY 2004 - 4 x 4 heavy duty 2500 extended cab long bed brand new tires 150,000 miles $7500 OBO 6 tires 17" asking $250 for all. 432-210-8866

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Pickup Trucks

DODGE RAM 2003 1500 series. 89,590 miles new motor, new brakes new battery and new radiator, $6,800 OBO. 432-254-5136 or 432-254-0371

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DODGE 2004 Ram SLT/Hemi, black with gray, automatic, 4X4, 74k miles, 24" wheels lifted. Single mom must sell, $13,500 OBO, 405-823-2624, 432-699-0604 day.

NEW TODAY!

FORD 2005 F-150 FX4 Off Road Super Crew, 5.4 Triton, gray, BF Goodrich All-Terrain tires, excellent condition, $13,000, 432-684-1162.

FORD 2006 F-150 XLT 4.6 L, V8, 4 speed auto, 4 X 4, white, bed liner, 160k miles, super clean, runs perfect, $10,450 OBO. Priced below Kelley retail, 432-262-2033, 303-888-5943.

Vans & Minivans

FORD 2001 Windstar, fully loaded, white with tan leather, dual air/VCR, 28-MPG, 1 owner, $7,500 cash OBO, 405-823-2624 432-699-0604 day.

4WD & SUV

2010 FORD Escape 60k miles. $19,500. No owner finance. Serious inquires only. 432-288-4992.

BMW 2007 X3, Leather. We Finance. Call B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

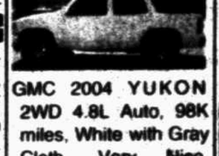
CHEVEROLET 1999 Suburban. 107k mi, $5000. Excellent Condition. Lots of extras. 432-661-3060 or 432-425-8687.

4WD & SUV

CHEVROLET 2003 Tahoe, V8, 3rd row, excellent condition, 1 owner, 135k miles, $7000, 689-6478.

CHEVY 2005 Trailblazer LT. Black, good condition. $7000. Serious inquiries only. 432-238-2588

FORD 2006 Expedition Limited, fully loaded, excellent condition, 81k miles, $11,500 with owner guarantees. 432-638-9559.



GMC 2004 YUKON 2WD 4.8L Auto, 98K miles, White with Gray Cloth, Very Nice, $13,500. Midland. Call or Text (432) 557-0255

GMC 2005 Yukon, 86k miles, 3rd seat. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

LINCOLN 2006 Navigator. 83 k miles, well maintained, green with tan interior. $14,500 cash , obo. 432-559-9500.

NISSAN 2007 Pathfinder V6, auto, 72k mi., $14,999. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222

PONTIAC 2007 Torrent, all wheel drive, clean, non-smoker, 80k miles, $11,000, 889-6478.

TOYOTA 2012 4Runner 4 X 4, black, beige leather interior, sunroof, $32,000. 432-528-9452.

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HARLEY DAVIDSON 2012 DYNA 600 miles, D & D performance exhaust, K & N air breather-not yet installed. HD detachable sissy bar. $14,800. **432-689-9111 432-813-4590**

KAWASKI 2008 Vulcan 900, 2,300 miles, $6500. 432-556-9499

RVs

1996 30FT Georgie Boy Pursuit, new ac, new batteries, tires only have 15K miles was $10,900, asking $9,500. Call 325-728-9109 or 325-518-8656 in Colorado City.

1998 CARDINAL 5th wheel, 31', excellent condition. All weather unit, many improvements. $8,250. 972-838-0971.

19FT 2008 Coachmen Toy Box 2 full beds bathroom kitchen heat/ac please call. 432-661-3999

2005 29FT travel trailer. Nice kitchen with large slide. Rear living area, seperate bedroom and bath. Like new. $9200. 940-322-2049.

2005 FLEETWOOD Discovery, 4 slides, 330 Cat, Allison trans., 27,000 miles, excellent condition, full cover, front screens come with unit. Covered 80% of life. Road ready and unbelievable! Located in Ruidoso, NM. $135,000 firm. Call 575-257-0599.

2012 ROAD King 5th wheel, fiberglass, 45ft w/ end caps, self-contained, 4 electric slideouts, 2bdrm, 1.5ba, 2 a/c's w/ heat, washer/dryer, 4 seasons pkg, lots of living/storage space, will deliver $39,500 OBO. Call 505-307-1954

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Midland, TX 79701.
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Internal Auditor
Lea County State Bank — FT

Independent Community Bank in Hobbs, NM is seeking an experienced INTERNAL AUDITOR. The qualified individual will be responsible for the performance of internal audits and examinations of all the various functional areas and departments of the bank and its affiliates. Six to seven years previous bank auditing or CPA firm auditing preferred. CIA, CBA, CISA, OR CPA license is desired. A thorough knowledge of accounting & auditing standards and internal control concepts along with extensive knowledge of bank laws and regulations is preferable. Send resume in confidence to Lea County State Bank, Attn. Human Resources, 1001 N Turner Hobbs, NM 88240 or fax to 575-397-6693.

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Administrative Assistant
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Midland, TX 79706

Seeking Administrative Asst. Experience Preferred. Must be Familiar with Word, Excel for Windows. Email resume to qp24@quinnpumps.com OR come In to apply at: 3611 East Hwy 158, Midland, TX. 79706

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Send resume to:
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MIDLAND, TX 79706
FAX: 409-699-5110

Call Center Reps
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Call center reps needed. 3pm-11pm, weekends and Holidays required. Call 432-563-6826 to schedule interview.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Superintendent
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Responsibilities include daily jobsite activity and reports for the project and subcontractor coordination. Ensures all jobsite communications are relayed to the project manager to ensure client expectations are met. They will be on site daily to facilitate the on time, within budget completion of the project. Contact is shartman@wdgcg.com.

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Office Assistant needed must have general computer skills. Monday-Friday 9am-6pm with valid Driver License, please apply at WTAB 3239 Franklin Ave, Midland, TX 79701. No Phone Calls Please!!!

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Multiple Positions

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All interested candidates, please send your resume to the Human Resources Department at HR@breitburn.com or jst 515 S. Flower Street, Suite 4800, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

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INTERNET

WANTED VB.NET/ASP.NET PROGRAMMER

Required skills and experience: 1+ years experience in developing, testing, deploying and documenting windows database applications with VB.NET or ASP.NET. Please send resume to hiretime@sitedrill.com or contact Kristie at (432)561-8495.

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Natural Gas Services Group — FT

NGSG has an immediate opening for an Asset Manager. This position requires a minimum of 3 years managing experience with Sales Schedules, Logistics, Fleet Vehicle Management, and monthly equipment inventories. Excellent Salary and Benefit Package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsg.com or call (432)682-2700.

OPPORTUNITIES

NOW HIRING

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Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.

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Dismas Charities — FT

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Multiple Positions

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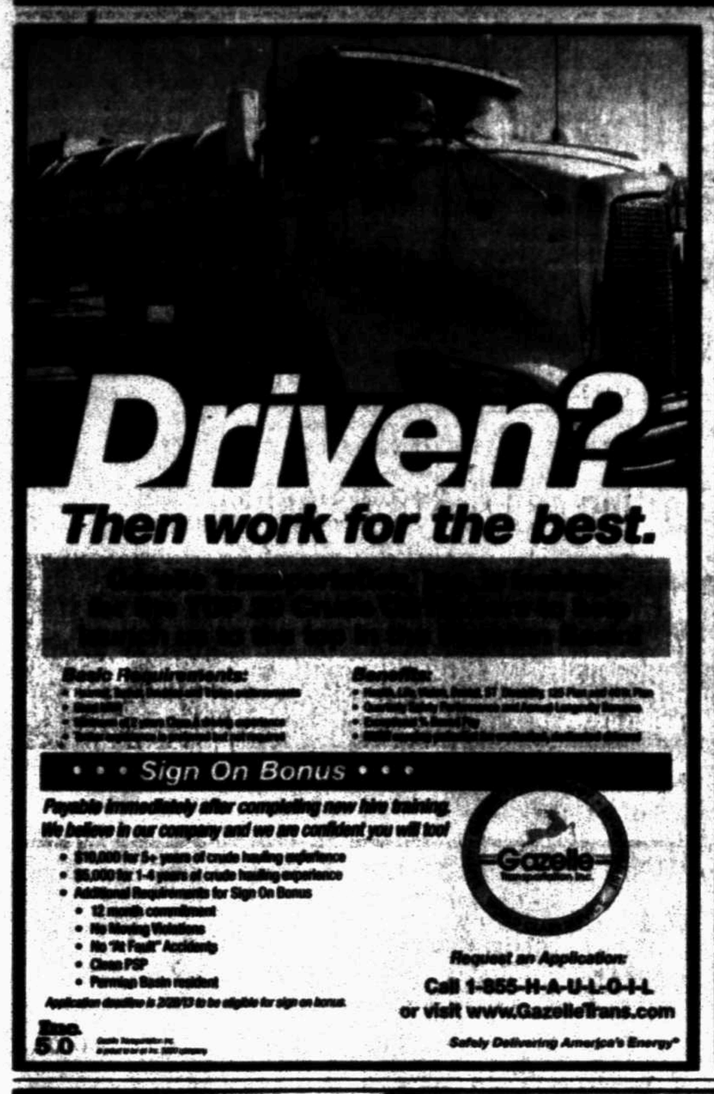

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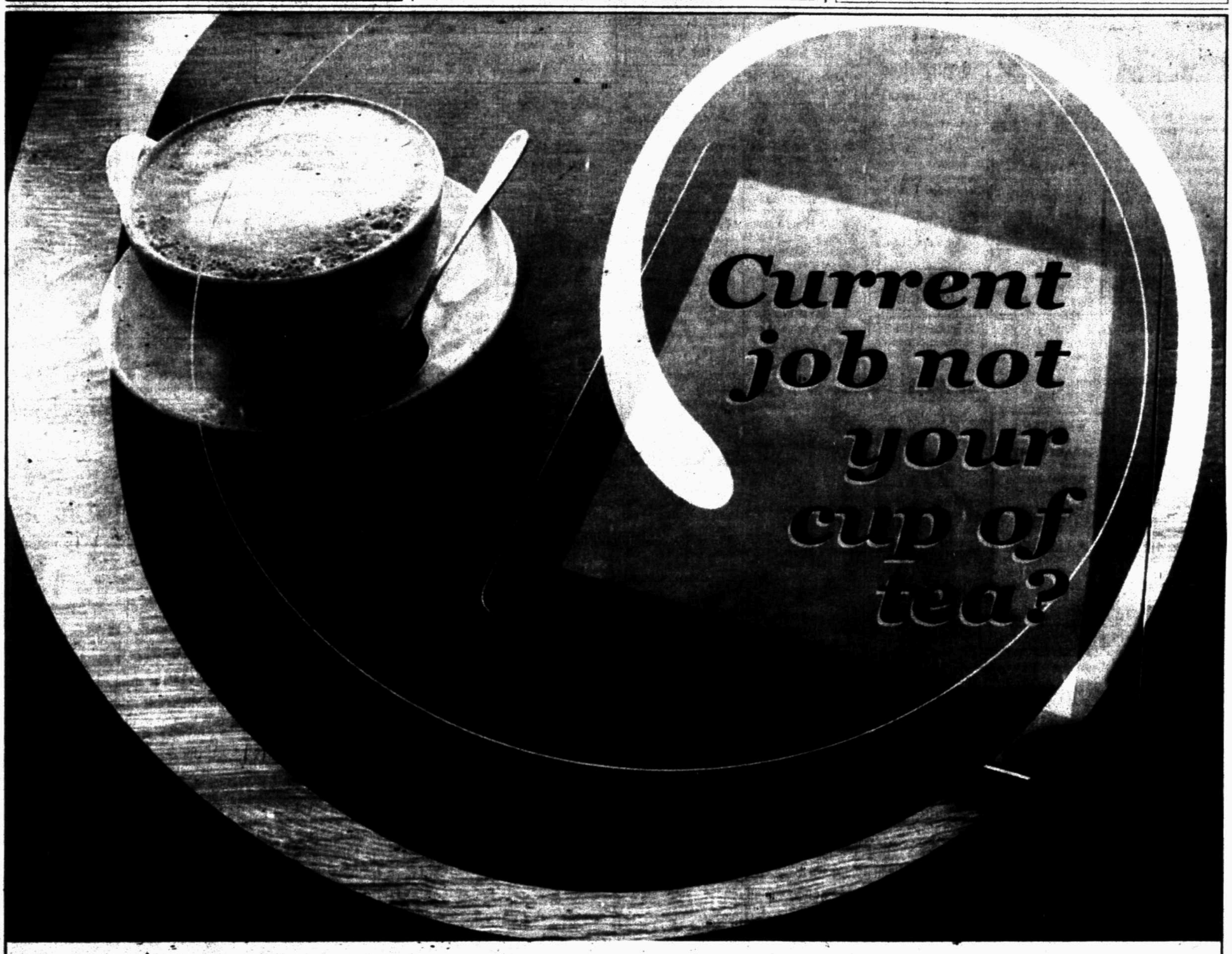

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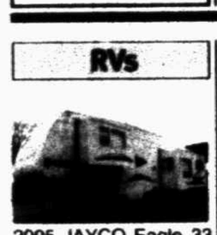

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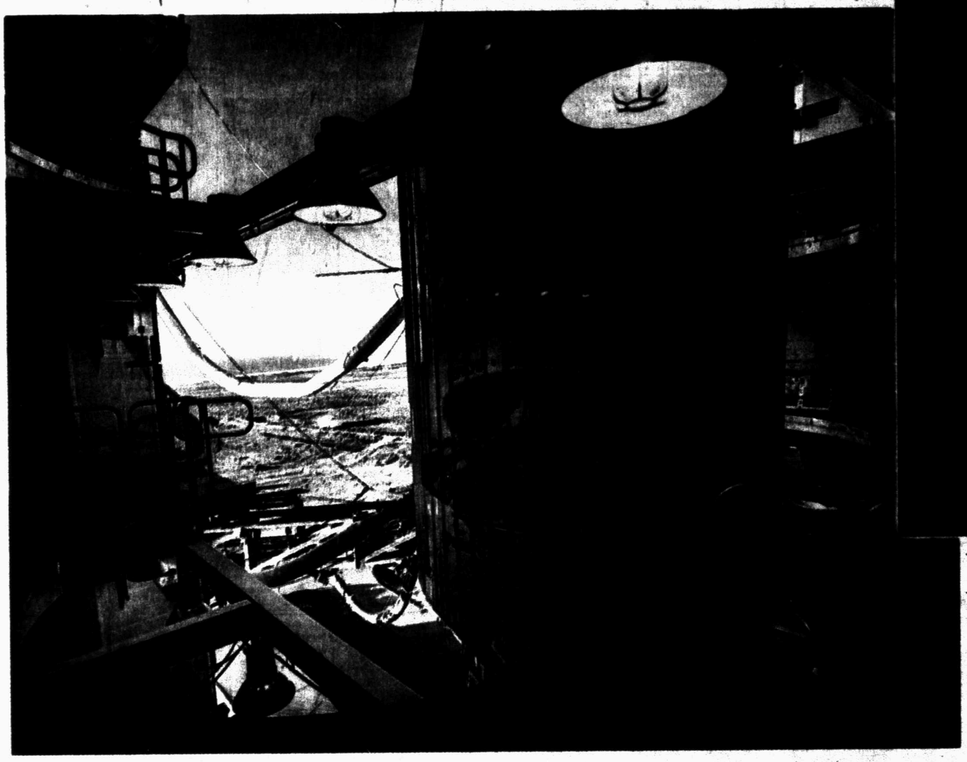

The United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas-V rocket with the Landsat Data Continuity Mission (LDCM) spacecraft onboard is seen at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. Feb. 10.

Bill Ingalls/AP

Latest Earth satellite launches from California

Associated Press

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. —

A rocket carrying an Earth-observing satellite launched Feb. 11 from a seaside military base to continue a mission to document changes to the planet's natural resources.

The Landsat satellite was boosted into orbit by an Atlas V rocket shortly before 11:30 a.m. local time, more than an hour after lifting off from Vandenberg Air Force Base under mostly clear skies.

Mission controllers tracked the rocket's path as it streaked in a southwesterly direction over the Pacific and climbed into space. Cheers erupted in the control room when engineers received word of spacecraft separation.

"Give yourselves a pat on the back, shake each other's hand, hug each other, cry a little bit and then go celebrate," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden Jr., who monitored the launch from mission control.

The $855 million mission continues a four-decade legacy of keeping a continuous eye on Earth's glaciers, forests and shorelines from space.

Since the first Landsat launch in 1972, the satellites have been key witnesses to history, documenting the 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption and the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Through the decades, the Landsat satellites have monitored drought conditions, global crop output, shrinking glaciers and the effects of urban sprawl.

On the eve of the launch, Bolden reflected on the program's longevity, noting that the satellites have given people unprecedented views of Earth.

"Each time we fly, we learn something different we didn't know about Earth," Bolden said.

NASA assistant launch director Tim Dunn said there were no issues with the launch.

"Things could not have gone better today," Dunn said in a post-launch interview on NASA TV. "It really was an absolutely smooth countdown."

The newest Landsat is equipped with sensors that are more powerful than its predecessors. Once it reaches 440 miles above Earth, the satellite will zip around the planet 14 times a day, snapping hundreds of pictures that will be beamed back to ground stations in South Dakota, Alaska and Norway.

After a three-month checkout period, day-to-day operations will be turned over to the U.S. Geological Survey, which intends to make images and data free on the Internet as in previous Landsat missions.

NASA developed the spacecraft and its two instruments.

The satellite will operate for five years, though there is enough fuel on board to last 10 years, said Frank Kelly, director of the USGS Center for Earth Resources Observations and Science in Garretson, S.D.

The latest satellite joins Landsat 7, launched in 1999. While Landsat 7 continues to provide daily observations, a problem with one of its instruments has cut the amount of data it can gather.

The USGS recently decided to retire its Landsat 5 satellite after nearly 30 years in service.

USGS scientist Roger Auch said he can't wait for images from the latest Landsat.

"I'm excited to look at the imagery because it's going to be sharper than we dealt with before. I tend to look at things visually, so it should be looking like hi-def TV," he said.

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A: How about you call somebody for some lessons? Ya know, just considering the obvious option here for a change. Or could you please take a movie of yourself while you attempt something incredibly stupid, just so I can watch your epic fail on YouTube? That would be useful.

But I'm going to guess that the real question you are asking is not how to ski better, but how to look better skiing. Am I right? I might be able to help you there.

First, figure out where you are going. iTrailMap (bit.ly/Xthi5o) lets you download high-res trail map scans of hundreds of ski resorts from around the world. Pine Mountain, Michigan? Check. Loser, Austria (seriously, this

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place does exist)? Nope. So clearly it is not completely comprehensive, but it has most of them.

The free version just lets you get the maps. If you have an iPhone and fork over $5, you not only get 3D versions of the map, but more interestingly you get GPS integration so that you can track where you've skied on a given day.

More on GPS in just a bit, but first, in this day and age of global warming, you need to know if where you are going actually has snow! For this purpose I recommend Ski & Snow Report (bit.ly/RTMFWM). It's a nice app that allows you to watch your favorite hills and receive alerts when they are getting pounded with powder. It has up-to-date trail and weather reports, plus they also have trail maps, but the quality isn't quite as good as iTrailMap.

Back to GPS tracking, there are plenty of options available. There is Ski Tracker (bit.ly/VWliv1), which I found to be completely non-user-friendly. There is AlpineReplay (bit.ly/RxtVO4), which is more social in nature and requires you to create an account. Not for me. Then there is Ski Pursuit (bit.ly/XNHxlr) by Rossignol, which has a very polished interface but didn't seem to run well in the background on my phone.

The one that looks the most promising is Ski Tracks (bit.ly/12fWN25). Again, this uses GPS to track how far and how much vertical elevation you've skied. It also tracks your max speed and max slope angle during the day. You can then view your day on Google Earth or e-mail yourself a report. All this for a reasonable buck and a quarter.

I'm going to try this one (and the others for completeness) next weekend and I'll post my assessment on our blog. Look for that you ski bums.

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