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Bill Engvall is no stranger to West Texas thanks to his wife, Gail, whose family lives in Midland. He returns Saturday to raise money for the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center.

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Report: MPD suspends 2 officers

Men confiscated panhandlers' signs as part of a competition

By James Cannon and Tyler White
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Two Midland Police Department officers recently were suspended for three days for confiscating panhandlers' signs for a competition, according to Internal Affairs documents obtained by the Reporter-Telegram.

The reports also state the officers confiscated other items, such as knives, brass knuckles and drug scales without properly logging them into evidence.

The Reporter-Telegram learned of the allegations in mid-January and as part of a broader investigation, filed Public Information Act requests with MPD for "written copies of each investigation case file into Midland police officers who allegedly violated general orders or allegedly committed any crime while employed by the city and police department."

The Reporter-Telegram attempted to seek a comment from MPD after hours Wednesday but was told the department will release a statement today.

On Jan. 24, the City Attorney's Office sent the Reporter-Telegram a list of 109 instances during the previous two years in which officers were investigated by Internal Affairs, had a supervisory investigation or had a personnel complaint lodged against them. Of the 109 complaints, 54 were found to be sustained or justified.

During the course of the investigation, the Reporter-Telegram learned that Internal Affairs found Officers Derek Hester and Daniel Zoelzer to be in violation of the department's General Orders after Officer Jaren Speck filed a complaint with Sgt. Doug Crisp on Nov. 18.

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INTERFAITH EVENT

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

From left, Rabbi Holly Cohn, of Temple Beth El in Odessa; Monsignor Larry Droll, of St. Ann's Catholic Church; Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami, of Kauai's Hindu Monastery in Hawaii; Retired Bishop Sam Hulsey, of Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas; and the Rev. Randel Everett, of First Baptist Church, take turns answering questions during the fourth annual Interfaith Event in Midland.

Religious leaders discuss Scripture, beliefs

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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People of all faiths crowded into the sanctuary at First Baptist Church on Wednesday night for the Permian Basin's fourth annual Interfaith Event. The program brought together five religious leaders from Jewish, Hindu, Catholic, Episcopal and Baptist faiths to answer questions from the community about religious Scriptures and beliefs.

Russell Meyers, CEO of Midland Memorial Hospital, moderated the discussion. Serving on the panel were Rabbi Holly Cohn, of Temple Beth El in Odessa; Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami, of Kauai's Hindu Monastery in Hawaii; Monsignor Larry Droll, of St. Ann's Catholic Church; retired Bishop Sam Hulsey of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas; and the Rev. Randel Everett, of First Baptist Church.

Questions for the panelists were provided in advance by several community organizations, including the Reporter-Telegram, Odessa American and Hindu Association of West Texas. The questions were followed by a general dialogue among the religious leaders and then an open forum for audience members to ask questions.

On seeking new members to join the faith

Cohn noted that Judaism is not a proselytizing religion, so those interested in converting must approach a rabbi.

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Veylanswami concurred that Hindus also do not actively convert.

Droll and Everett said that Catholics and Baptists actively invite others to follow Jesus Christ and encourage parishioners to share their faith with others. Hulsey said the Episcopal church welcomes non-Episcopalians and would like people to cultivate interest without feeling pressured.

On homosexuality and same-sex marriage

Cohn provided a passionate defense in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage and accepting homosexuality, while Droll petitioned the belief that marriage should be between one man and one woman.

"We would not recognize gay marriage because we believe that the natural law — the way that God has created things — calls for one man and one woman," Droll said, citing Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis as a complementary male and female image. "We have a deep respect for people and try to be nonjudgmental, but we just don't see that it's good for families and good for society to recognize something like gay marriage."

Cohn compared today's gay rights issues to civil rights issues of the past, quoting a Bible verse that all people are created equal in God's image.

"I think, gay or straight, it should not be an issue," she said. "I officiated and will continue to officiate marriages that are between two men and two women, and I'm proud that I can say this. ... Why should any person be denied visitation or information on a loved one in the hospital because they're not married? Why should couples, simply because they are homosexual, not be allowed to benefit from the other's health insurance? Why should a stable, loving couple not be able to adopt a child together? I fully support the legalization of marriage for this group."

Everett agreed with Droll, saying that although God loves everyone, the Bible is the source of authority for Christians, and its teachings do not condone homosexuality.

Veylanswami said it is not possible to formulate a common view on homosexuality and same-sex marriage among Hindus, because Hinduism does not have a singular authority or dogma and is composed of many independent groups. The general viewpoint for many liberal Hindus is that Hinduism does not prohibit or comment significantly on homosexuality and same-sex marriage, he said. He advocated for marriage between both straight and gay couples, noting that marriage creates a commitment that

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MISD teen pregnancies on track for record low

By Tessa Duvall
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Teen pregnancy in Midland ISD schools is continuing to decline and could be the lowest rate in nearly a decade.

MISD may see fewer than 100 reported teen pregnancies this school year if recent trends continue, Pat Snyder, the district's pregnancy services coordinator, told the MISD School Health Advisory Council on Wednesday.

There have been 80 teen pregnancies reported for the 2013-14 year, Snyder said, an increase of seven since the last SHAC meeting on Jan. 15.

As of Feb. 4, 2013, there were 99 confirmed student pregnancies, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

The 2012-13 school year ended with 154 pregnancies, Tracey Dees, MISD health services coordinator, said in a

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MISD hires counsel to fight disciplinary disclosure

■ Reporter-Telegram records request denied

By Tessa Duvall and James Cannon
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Midland ISD has hired a Lubbock lawyer to fight the disclosure of disciplinary reports of administrator Deborah Acosta in the wake of the theft of a laptop and external hard drive containing students' confidential information.

The Reporter-Telegram filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the district on Feb. 3 to learn the severity of Acosta's punishment. In a previous interview with the Reporter-Telegram, Superintendent Ryder Warren said the staff member responsible was written up, but he declined to provide specifics.

The MISD laptop and external hard drive containing 14,000 current and former students' Social Security numbers and birth dates was stolen from Acosta's pickup on Jan. 23, according to a Midland Police Department report.

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Obituaries

Bennie Toy Jackson

Bennie Toy Jackson passed peacefully from this life on February 17, 2014. He was born on January 22, 1937 in Canadian, Texas to Charlie and Zona Ladd Jackson. He married Jerrye Brooks on March 10, 1956 in Ballinger, Texas. He was employed with Permian Corporation for over 20 years until his retirement.

PaPa loved fishing, John Wayne and his Dallas Cowboys, but his most prized possession was his family. He loved the outdoors, attending sporting events for his grandkids and great grandkids, and he was always their Number 1 fan. He always said his kids and grandkids were as pretty as their Papa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Charles Jackson and Jim Jackson, and a sister, Bess Randall.

He is survived by his wife, Jerrye; children, Larry Jackson and wife Val, of Russellville, Missouri, Bennita Clark and husband Larry, of Midland, Texas, and Mark Jackson and wife Georgia, Midland, Texas; grandchildren, Shawn Berry (Julie), Dave Clark, Heath Clark (Stefanie), Brandon Mitchell (Stephanie), Eric Clark (Allison), Josh Jackson (Elaine), Jarred Mitchell (Amber), Payton Jackson (Amber), Frances Jackson, and Rachel Jackson; great grandchildren, Kaleigh, Dustin, Kate, McKenna, Anthony, Brandi, Matthew, Dacota, Alyssa, Emmaleigh, Kylie, Brady, Karsen, Colby, Xander, Landon, Annie and Abigail; great-great grandchildren, Harper and Cameron; and by numerous nieces and nephews who he loved dearly.

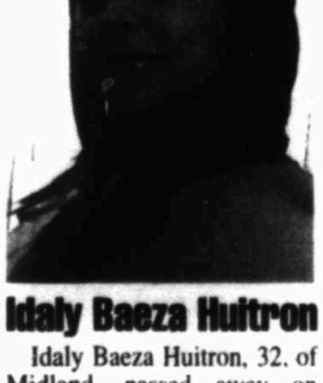
Visitation will be Thursday evening, February 20, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church with Pastor Dean Cook officiating. Interment will take place at the Old Runnels Cemetery, Ballinger, Texas at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 21.

Donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics Missouri, or the National Kidney Foundation.

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

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



Idaly Baeza Huitron

Idaly Baeza Huitron, 32, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital. A Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at San Miguel Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She was born on July 2, 1981 to Loelia and Carlos Alfredo Baeza in Midland, Texas. God gave us an angel to teach us about love, the true meaning of family and what it means to be a loving mother. Always full of life. A free spirit and a light in the darkness. Her family and friends were what she held dear to her heart, putting their needs before her own.

We will remember her as the beautiful wife, loving mother, devoted daughter, caring sister, unforgettable aunt and cousin and vibrant friend she is and always will be. Lord, we ask that your angels wrap their wings around her and lead her into paradise.

Idaly is survived by her husband, Israel Huitron; children, J.R. Martinez and his son, Zayvian Martinez; daughter, Kianni Huitron; son, Kaleb Huitron; and son, Blake Huitron; parents, Carlos Alfredo Baeza and Loelia Marquez; sister, Adriana Baeza; brother, Oscar Baeza; brother, Ismael Baeza; brother, Carlos Alfredo Baeza, Jr.; sister, Gabby Baeza; and by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Abelardo Baeza and Jose Marquez.

Pallbearers will be Carlos Alfredo Baeza, Jr., Ismael Baeza, Oscar Baeza, J.R. Martinez, Auden Marquez, Jessie Alvarado, Heriberto Jasso, and Charles Troxell.

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

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

Jane Bale Woodside

Jane was born to Frances (Cole) Bale and Henry Bale on October 17, 1949 in Crane, Texas. She passed away peacefully at home on February 17, 2014, surrounded by friends and family.

She attended Crane schools and graduated from Crane High School. She received a B.A. from Angelo State University and an M.A. from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Jane married Wayne (Woody) Woodside in Midland in 1998.

Jane taught in several school districts in Texas for more than 30 years, the last being Midland ISD. She taught at Lee High School, Midland High School, and Coleman High School. Jane loved her students and they loved her. She was a wonderfully positive influence on so many young lives. Her legacy with her students lives on.

Jane loved her pug dogs beyond all reason. Many of her show pugs won national awards and competed at Westminster. She bred champions and grand champions and was recognized as an American Kennel Club Breeder of Merit. One of her dogs was featured in National Geographic in 2011. Everywhere Jane went, so went her herd of pugs.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne (Woody); a cousin, Charles Watkins of Phoenix, Arizona and his wife Carol; stepdaughter, Cindy and husband Ruben Madrid; and stepgrandchildren, Alysia, Katlyn, Michael and Danaile Madrid.

Jane is also survived by many cousins and friends.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21 and mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, officiated by Monsignor Larry Droll of St. Ann's. Both services will be held at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Burial will follow at Crane County Cemetery, Crane, Texas at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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

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

Joe Richard Hastings

The world lost a great American and Texan when Joe Richard Hastings slipped beyond the gate of this life into the arms of his Lord on February 17, 2014. Joe was born in Dimmitt, Texas on October 15, 1925 and lived all of his life in Texas, except for brief stints in Oklahoma and Colorado. His friends and family sorely miss his unique spirit.

Joe was born a sensitive boy with an open heart that was tempered by a hard youth growing up in the Depression, farming through the Dust Bowl, and the trials of World War II. His hardened sensitivity created a man of many contradictions that kept his family on their toes.

Men like Joe are rare in today's world; a man of integrity, grit, orneriness, and dry humor. He admired men like General George Patton, the courageous characters played by John Wayne, and President Ronald Reagan. Joe loved music from Beethoven and Mozart to Hank Williams, German polka and Cajun zydeco.

As a young man, Joe left the family farm to fulfill his duty in World War II. He was a tank commander in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Division of the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Bliss before deploying to Germany. One of his memories of the war, a story he told every year on Christmas Eve, is the Christmas Eve he spent in Freising, Germany and stumbled upon a chapel where he sneaked in the back of the church to participate in the worship service.

Joe was proud of his military service but always wondered if he should have joined the fight sooner than he did. After the war, Joe returned to the Panhandle and attended Texas Tech on the GI Bill. He graduated with a petroleum engineering degree in 1954.

He spent his entire career as a petroleum engineer for Atlantic Richfield/ARCO. He was the engineering manager for the company's first hydraulically fractured well in 1957. Although Joe was an accomplished engineer and provider for his family, he always longed for the wide-open spaces of the Panhandle. In the early days, he would travel all night on the weekends from his office in Corpus Christi to work on the family farm in Dimmitt. Joe later moved into ranching where he achieved one of his lifelong dreams: to run a cow-calf herd of registered Polled Herefords.

In the drought of 2011, he sold his herd to another cow-calf operation, but kept one of the cows to which he had become particularly fond. He also loved pheasants and would go to great lengths to leave part of a field unplowed if they were nesting nearby. Joe looked forward to celebrating his ranch's 100th anniversary.

His family was the most important part of Joe's life. He was dazzled by Martha Murray when they met and they were married in 1960. They enjoyed traveling together and made numerous trips all over the world. Joe and Martha had two daughters, Kathleen and Marilu. Joe showed his daughters the splendor of the natural world and enthusiastically guided them on summer trips to most of the national parks. He taught his girls that they were capable of great things and supported them unconditionally. Sometimes he was astonished when they were successful.

In 2005, Joe and Martha were blessed with the birth of their only grandchild, Elena Fe. Joe loved her more than he could ever imagine and regretted not getting to see her grow into a lovely young woman.

Joe was loyal and would go out of his way to help friends in need, yet sometimes he seemed to have tragically lost his belief in the goodness of people. The kindness shown to him proved that there is still compassion and love in the world. Joe died with the realization that Jesus Christ was waiting for him and that he would be reunited with all those he held dear.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Wallace and Mary Jane Hastings; his brothers, Alvin and Odus; his sister Betty; and his son-in-law, Mitchell Mathis.

Joe is survived by his devoted family; his wife, Martha Hastings of Midland; daughter, Kathleen Hastings of Baton Rouge; daughter, Marilu Hastings Mathis of Austin; granddaughter, Elena Fe Mathis; and by his sister, Dorothy Gantt of Pickens, South Carolina.

Numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, in-laws and friends also remember Joe fondly.

The family wishes to thank Dorothy, Maria, April and Amber and all the staff at the Yellow Rose Christian Home for their support and care of Joe.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be considered to the Friends of Big Bend National Park, PO Box 200, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834 or the Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery, P.O. Box 452, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. Graveside services will be held Monday, February 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Dimmitt, Texas.

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

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

Katie M. Bash

Katie M. Bash, known to family as KK, passed away Saturday, February 8, 2014, following a brief illness in Houston, Texas.

Katie Bea, the only child of John P. and Lulu Lipscomb Monkhouse, was born May 29, 1926, in Lockhart, Texas. She had been a resident of Houston for almost 60 years.

Katie was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Terry Bash, and by longtime companion, Jim Jackson of Houston.

She is survived by three children, Vincent C. Bash, III, and his wife Jann of Midland, Texas, John Bash of Houston, and Beverly Schneider and her husband Paul of Spring, Texas; four grandchildren, Katherine Bash Kennedy, David Bash, Lauren Schneider and Eric Schneider; and by one great grandchild, Lukas Bash.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Pat Lee

Graveside services for Pat Lee, 80, of Lovington, New Mexico, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014 at the Lovington Cemetery. Reverend Jake Armstrong will be officiating the services.

Following the services, Pat's family and friends are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church, Lovington, New Mexico. Arrangements are under the direction of Kirby-Smith-Rogers Funeral Home.

Pat was born on January 17, 1934 to Jim and Ethel Fields, in Hobbs, New Mexico. As a young girl, Pat enjoyed spending time on the ranch of her grandparents, Durer and Seabron Alston, a pioneering family of Lea County. Pat loved horses; she participated in barrel racing and cutting as a young girl.

After graduating high school in Midland, Texas, Pat attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri and Texas Christian University. Soon after her college experiences, she began her career as an Airline Hostess with Continental Airlines. While working at Continental, she obtained her private pilot license.

On October 12, 1961 Pat and Bill Lee were united in marriage in Denver City, Texas. They then moved to their ranch at Caprock, New Mexico where Bill ranched. Here they began their family. In 1968, they moved from Caprock to their ranch at Buckeye, New Mexico with their three children Lane, Missy and Randy.

After moving to Lovington, Pat worked toward and obtained her degree in Interior Design. Soon thereafter, Bill began his successful bid for State Senate where Pat worked diligently and side by side as she always did for him and her entire family.

Bill wasn't the only civic minded person in the family; appointed by Governor Bruce King, Pat served on the State Personnel Board. Pat was an Entrepreneur, Restaurateur, Interior Designer, Business Owner, aspiring Author and a wonderful cook. Pat was devoted to her faith and always the optimist.

Pat went to her Heavenly Home on February 17, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Ethel Fields.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Lee; son, Lane Lee of Las Vegas, Nevada; daughter and son-in-law, Missy and Bobby Belz of Lovington, New Mexico; son, Randy Lee of Dallas, Texas; granddaughter, Karsen Belz; and sister and brother-in-law, Priscilla and Reed Gilmore of Midland, Texas; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, all whom she loved as much as she was loved by them.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions be made to Lovington Autism Center for Education and Services - PTO - PO Box 1054, Lovington, New Mexico 88260.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 20, 2014 from noon until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Condolences may be sent to *www.kirbysmithrogers.com*.

Reba Irene Ellis

Reba Irene Ellis, "Gran," went home Saturday, February 15, 2014 to be with her Savior Lord Jesus Christ. Mother/Grandmother/Gran was born August 16,1935 in Columbus, Louisiana. She moved to Midland with her husband and 11 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Ellis, Sr.; three daughters, Barbara Brackens, Gerline Washington, and Ester LaVerne Ellis; one son, Leroy Ellis, Jr.; and by her two brothers and seven sisters.

She is survived by six children, Rose Burditt and family, Peggy Lee and family, Anita Graves and family, Craig Ellis, all of Midland, Texas, Mike Ellis of White City, Oregon, Roger Ellis of Miami, Florida, and Corey Ellis and family of Joplin, Missouri; and by 36 grandchildren and many great, great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Rose Burditt at 1603 E. Magnolia, Midland, Texas 79705.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2012 at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, with fellowship to follow at Greater St Luke AME at 401 S. Adams, Midland, Texas.

Death Notices

Jerry McCormick

Jerry McCormick, 72, died Monday, February 17, 2014. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2014 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Sue McCormick; three daughters, Meleney Lewis, Cindy Toten and Dian Rowland; one son, Jason McCormick; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and by other family members.

Nelton "Dutch" Lemley

Funeral services for Nelton "Dutch" Lemley, 79, were held Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Plains, Texas. Burial followed at the Yoakum County Cemetery.

Nelton Lemley passed away Monday, February 17, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Lemley; one daughter, Vicki Blundell; a son, Lee Lemley; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and by other family members.

Yolanda "Landy" Ramirez Lara

Yolanda "Landy" Ramirez Lara, 69, died Saturday, February 15, 2014.

Vigil services will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2014 at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Benito Lara; four daughters, Maria Elena Olivarez, Alicia Montiel, Margarita Casanova, and Elizabeth Garza; two sons, Benito Lara, Jr. and Isaac Lara; 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and by other family members.

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Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Midland businessman dies in plane crash near Breckenridge

From staff reports

A Midland businessman died Tuesday afternoon when the World War II fighter plane he was flying crashed near Breckenridge.

Raymond Hofman, CEO and owner of Peak Completion Technologies, recently bought the plane and was on a solo training flight, according to a company representative.

The crash occurred at about 4 p.m. Tuesday, the representative said.

Peak, which Hofman founded in December 2003, specializes in multi-lateral completion technologies such as open hole multi-stage completions systems and cased hole multi-stage completion systems. The company works in Canada, Mexico, China, the Middle East, Africa, Indonesia, South America and Russia.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Courtesy photo

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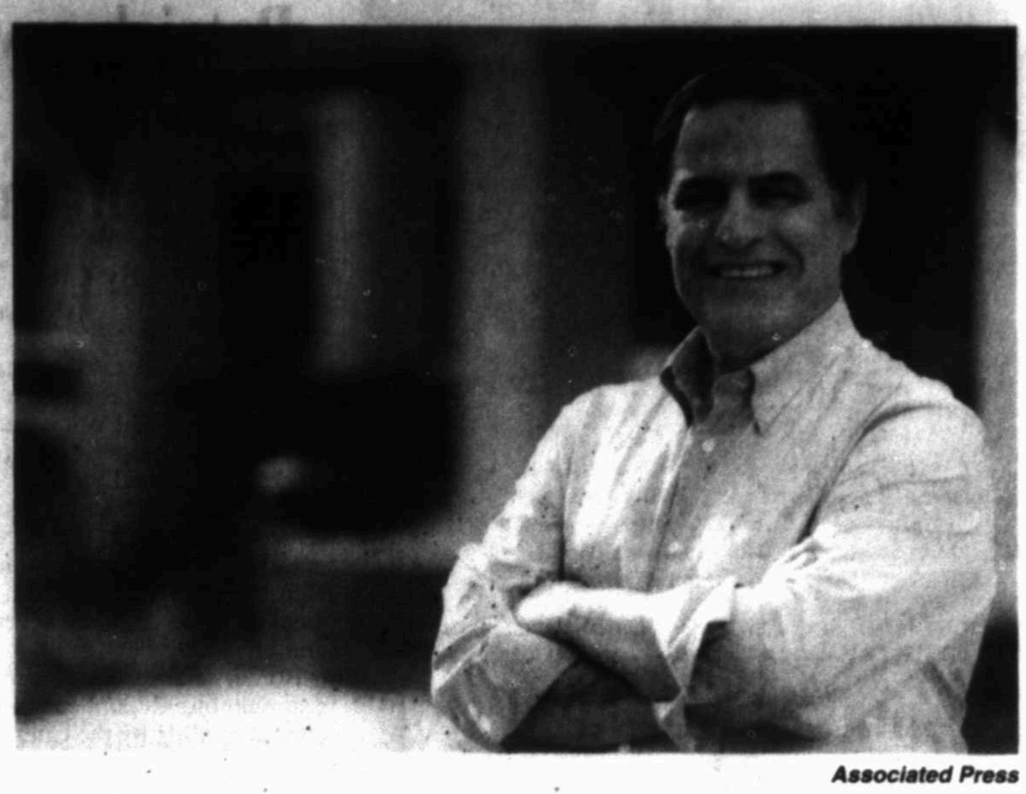

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In this undated photo provided by his campaign is David Alameel, a U.S. Senate candidate in Texas' Democratic primary on March 4. Alameel has been endorsed by Democratic candidates for governor and lieutenant governor but his past donations to many of the state's top Republican leaders has sparked an intraparty battle with another Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful, El Paso personal injury attorney Maxey Scherr.

Texas Senate candidate sought bin Laden's capture

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Lebanon-born Texas Democrat running for U.S. Senate said Wednesday he was part of once-secret negotiations in Afghanistan, trying to persuade the Taliban to turn over Osama bin Laden before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

David Alameel, a Dallas dental mogul trying to unseat U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, had previously refused to answer questions about his role as an international negotiator in 2000, saying he thought his activities were classified. He now confirms, however, he was "eager to do whatever I could in service to my country."

The story was first reported by The Dallas Morning News.

Alameel is a multi-millionaire who spent $4.5 million in unsuccessfully running for Congress in 2012, and has given generously to top Democratic and Republican candidates in Texas and around the country for years. Born to a large Christian family in Lebanon, Alameel immigrated to the U.S. at age 20 and eventually built strong ties to the administration of President Bill Clinton.

He said delegation members proposed giving bin Laden to U.S. authorities in exchange for lifting sanctions imposed by the international community against Afghanistan, and also promising an increase in U.S. investment in the country. Bin Laden was already wanted for masterminding the August 1998 bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people.

"In meetings over the course of a few days in Kabul during February 2000, we met with representatives from the Taliban government where they expressed interest in the potential for economic investment in exchange for giving up Osama bin Laden to the United States," Alameel said in a statement.

Alameel is now one of five candidates vying for the Democratic senatorial nomination in Texas' March 4 primary. Early voting began Tuesday.

Kabir Mohabbat, an Afghan-American businessman then living in Houston, sought out Alameel because of his experience in the Middle East and ties to White House officials. Mohabbat died in 2007 but wrote a memoir that mentions Alameel frequently.

Alameel said that during the initial round of negotiations, the Taliban expressed interest in meeting again.

"We agreed to continue our discussions at a later date," he said in Wednesday's statement. "In late October of 2000, representatives of the United States government met with the Taliban in Frankfurt, Germany, to continue talks."

Alameel said he facilitated those meetings and then came to Frankfurt on Nov. 1 to meet with those assembled.

"They wanted help working with the United States government," he said of Taliban officials. "The point I made was that the only way they were going to get the United States to lift U.N. sanctions and allow American investment was for them to give up Osama bin Laden. While they seemed receptive to this, it was unfortunately the last meeting I had on this subject."

Indeed, the talks faltered after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

Alameel's campaign released receipts showing their candidate paid hotel bills for the U.S. delegation in Turkey. It also provided a once-classified U.S. State Department memo that doesn't mention Alameel but details negotiations with Taliban leaders.

"Have told the Taliban that the terrorist problem is not confined to bin Laden and that the Taliban must take steps to shut down all terrorist activities," reads the nine-page memo. "Have told them that the resolution of the bin Laden issue and steps to close the terrorist apparatus would enable us to discuss other issues in an improved atmosphere."

The memo adds, however: "Those talks have been fruitless."

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested for selling crack cocaine

A Munday man was arrested Tuesday for selling crack cocaine, according to court documents.

Relandus D. Swann, 39, is being held on a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone and a class A misdemeanor charge of violation of probation.

Swann

Midland police officers worked with a person deemed a "cooperating source" to catch Swann in the act of selling drugs, according to the affidavit.

The person, whose identity was not disclosed, met with Swann at about 5 p.m. Tuesday in the area known as "The Flats." Swann sold the person some crack cocaine and left the scene. Investigators detained Swann and found a small amount of crack cocaine on his person, according to the arrest affidavit.

The arrest occurred within 1,000 feet of a day care facility, a drug-free zone.

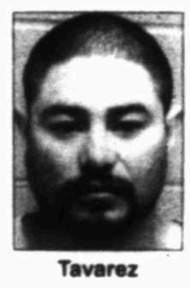
If convicted, Swann faces up to 10 years in prison for the third-degree felony charge and up to one year for the misdemeanor charge.

MPD: 2 arrested for burglary of a habitation

Two men were arrested Saturday for breaking into a home and stealing a television, according to court documents.

Eduardo Aleman, 20, of Midland, and Joel R. Tavarez, 32, whose residence was not listed, each was held on a $40,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation. They posted bond; Aleman was released Monday and Tavarez was released Tuesday.

Aleman



Tavarez

A Midland detective responded to the burglary at about 9 a.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of East Pecan Avenue.

The complainant said he heard someone knocking on the front door and looked out the window and saw a gray truck outside. Someone then kicked in the front door before the complainant saw the two men inside his home. He watched them load a television into the truck and leave the scene, according to the arrest affidavit.

The detective found the truck and conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of East Oak Avenue.

Aleman told the officer that he kicked in the door of the home because he was looking for his girlfriend. He said that as he was looking around the home, Tavarez picked up a television and carried it to the truck. Aleman said he picked up a TV cord that Tavarez had dropped on the way to the truck.

Tavarez claimed that he was passed out inside the truck during the burglary, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, they face up to 20 years in prison.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cindy J. Carrasco, 30, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with theft.

Castel M. Lee, 20, (no place of residence listed), was charged Tuesday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Anthony E. Lujan, 19, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Dusty L. Morgan, 22, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Julius A. Roberson, 26, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with credit card or debit card abuse.

Relandus D. Swann, 39, of Munday, was charged Tuesday with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

David A. Urban, 42, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Alejandro R. Villa, 17, of Odessa, was charged Tuesday with engaging in organize criminal activity.

Edgar A. Villa-Polanco, 17, of Odessa, was charged Tuesday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Escaped inmate from Midland jail arrested in Dallas

By Tyler White
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A Midland man who escaped from the Midland County Detention Center last week was apprehended late Wednesday in Dallas, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

The U.S. Marshal Service and other law enforcement agencies found 32-year-old Fabian Nava late Wednesday night in the attic of an old apartment in Dallas. He was arrested without incident or injury, said Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

Painter said Nava will be arraigned today in Dallas before he is transported back to Midland.

Nava allegedly escaped Midland County jail at about 6:45 a.m. Friday when jailers and working inmates were passing out food trays. The man climbed over a fence at the facility while a jailer was distracted, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

He was being held on assault involving family violence with bodily injury, failure to ID, and a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime for birth through 2, 9:30 a.m., 2 to 6 years old at 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ West Texas Guitar Festival at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Busy sports weekend

Today

■ West Texas Classic Softball Tournament at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

■ Tall City Invitational Tennis Tournament at Bush Tennis Center, Midland High and Midland College

■ Junior College Basketball, Odessa College vs. Midland College

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Diabetes support group meets 6:30-7:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ Diabetes Support Group for Spanish speakers meets 2-3 p.m., Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

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

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; 520-3512.

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

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters.

■ Tall City 14:
Opening: "3 Days to Kill," "Pompeii"
Closing: "Vampire Academy," "That Awkward Moment," "Philomena"

■ Cinergy Cinemas:
Opening: "3 Days to Kill," "Pompeii"
Closing: "The Nut Job," "Labor Day," "Vampire Academy"

See more entertainment news in The Weekender in today's newspaper.

Reporter–Telegram on radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Keep Midland Beautiful earns national award

Keep Midland Beautiful recently received Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award during KAB's 2014 National Conference, in Charlotte, N.C. The award recognizes exemplary performance by certified affiliates of the national nonprofit in building and sustaining vibrant communities.

KMB qualified for the award by conducting an annual Community Appearance Index, calculating the affiliate's cost/benefit ratio, and administering activities in the areas of litter prevention, recycling and waste reduction, and beautification and community greening.

Source: Keep Midland Beautiful

Recycling container locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station - 4100 Smith Road. 685-7278 – has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

■ Grande Communication Stadium – cardboard, paper No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Wal-Mart Supercenter – 200 West Interstate 20 – cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) – 3200 N. Garfield Road – cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Citibank Ballpark west side – 5514 Champions Drive – cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B – 3325 W. Wadley Ave – No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Super Mercado – 2208 N. Big Spring St. – cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 687-7400 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

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Daily 4 evening: 2-0-8-4
Daily 4 night: 6-7-2-8
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Lotto Texas: 7-15-22-27-28-34
Powerball: 1-17-35-49-54 PB: 34
Power Play: 3
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All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-11-12-13-14-16-17-18-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-7-8-9-10-13-14-15-17-19-21-23
All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-5-8-10-11-12-17-19-21-22

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2014. There are 314 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1933, Congress proposed the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to repeal Prohibition.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Land commissioner candidate George P. Bush, left, talks with Clayton Williams,right, president and CEO of Clayton Williams Energy, at the ClayDesta building while on the campaign trail Wednesday.

George P. Bush makes Midland stop

By Joseph Basco
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George P. Bush, the young, Hispanic candidate for state land commissioner, made a campaign stop Wednesday evening in Midland, the city that his extended family once called home.

For the nephew of former President George W. Bush and native Midlander Laura Bush, Midland was the second-to-last stop on his six-week tour that took him across the state in his bid for land commissioner in the Republican primary against David Watts.

The winner of the primary will face Democrat John Cook, mayor of El Paso, in the November elections.

At ClayDesta Atrium, where Clayton Williams introduced Bush to the audience, the candidate was making the case that the generally obscure position he is running for — the Texas General Land Office — is important for three reasons: funding the state education system, caring for military veterans and securing energy independence.

"Folks in the Permian Basin understand more so than other Texans that we need leaders in Austin that understand that it's each and every one of you that create economic opportunities for Texans, not the guy or the girl that sits in the pink building (state Capital) in Austin," Bush said.

If elected, Bush said he would help the people of the Permian Basin by fighting against regulations that could impact the oil industry and creating more educational opportunities for the next generation of Texans.

The Republican primary could be a secure victory for Bush because he has the name recognition and has amassed a $2.8 million war chest, compared to the nearly $2,000 Watts has on hand, according to Texas Ethics Commission campaign finance reports. Also contributing to Bush's public image is the national media that have followed his blue tour bus on several stops, including Laredo and Midland.

The national media coverage of Bush has not been so much about his candidacy; it has been about his Hispanic background in the context of Republican voter turnout and how the 37-year-old could potentially be the new face of the GOP.

"As the growing population of Hispanics (in Texas) become more important, he (Bush) will be able to appeal to them because of his background," Williams said. "And until the Republicans are more appealing to the Hispanic population, we're doomed."

In 2012, presidential candidate Mitt Romney received 27 percent of the Hispanic vote, a decline from the turnout of past Republican nominees John McCain and George W. Bush. But according to a Feb. 7 Gallup poll, 27 percent of Texas Hispanics lean right, compared to 21 percent in other states.

Bush has said repeatedly on the campaign trail that Republicans do not have to change their ideology, but rather their tactics. His tactic was his six-week campaign tour, meeting people face-to-face and listening to their issues.

When asked how effective his campaigning has been in boosting the GOP Hispanic vote, Bush told an anecdote of his visit to South Texas. Bush said Latinos were telling him that the only way they could get representation on the city and county level was to vote Democrat, but they would still vote for him in the November election.

"What we're finding among the Hispanic community, especially in South Texas, is a very conservative ideology that is waiting to be tapped and reached out to," Bush said.

And to court the young voters, Bush's campaign has been using social media — not just Facebook and Twitter accounts, but also an Instagram account. Bush's latest Instagram photo on Wednesday night, posted hours after the Midland visit, was his blue tour bus parked at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"Being a young, educated Hispanic professional who is running for a state office proves to other young Hispanics that we have leaders who are taking action, leading our state and getting involved," said Mayor Jerry Morales, an attendee of Bush's speech and the first Hispanic mayor of Midland. "Please, take notice."

Patrick says he has no knowledge of worker's immigrant status

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas lieutenant governor candidate Dan Patrick, who has promised a tougher line on illegal immigration, insisted Wednesday that a former employee at his sports bar never told him that he wasn't authorized to work in the United States.

Miguel "Mike" Andrade said he told the Houston state senator in the 1980s that he was in the country illegally, in a story first reported by the Dallas Morning News and Houston's KTRK television. But Patrick issued a statement insisting Andrade never told him about his immigration status.

Border security and illegal immigration are the top issues among Republican primary voters, according to internal polling by the campaigns, and no two candidates in the lieutenant governor's race draw a stronger contrast than Patrick and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

Patrick has introduced bills in the Texas Legislature requiring local police and sheriffs to enforce federal immigration law, a measure opposed by many major city police chiefs. Patrick has called those who cross the U.S. border illegally an "illegal invasion" and accused them of being terrorists who carry tropical diseases into the country.

Patterson has sought an expanded guest worker program to legally meet the state's need for inexpensive, foreign labor. Patterson acknowledged hiring a private investigator who contacted Andrade and then provided the information to the news organizations. He said he wanted to demonstrate Patrick's hypocrisy.

"Texas deserves a straight shooter in the office of lieutenant governor. Time and again, Dan Patrick has proven his unwillingness or inability to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about himself and about others," Patterson said in a statement.

Allen Blakemore, Patrick's campaign consultant, said Patrick did not know of anyone working for him without authorization, and that Patterson's effort to talk about something that happened 30 years ago highlights his complaint that Patrick is wrong on immigration issues.

"Dan and Jerry have a difference in opinion on immigration positions," he said. "That's what Jerry's trying to point out."

Andrade said he provided a false social security card and green card when he was hired by managers Nick's Sports Market in Houston, one of five sports bars Patrick co-owned. Patrick said he remembered Andrade as "affable young man and seemed to be a good and conscientious worker."

"I can assure you that every employee completed a W-4 prior to becoming employed," Patrick said in a statement. "I know this because my mother was our bookkeeper, and she was, and still is, a stickler for the rules. Everyone was hired and paid in accordance with regularly accepted business practices of the time."

There was no central federal database to check a person's immigration status in the 1980s and employers relied on the apparent authenticity of documents supplied by the job applicant. However, many food service and construction businesses relied heavily on immigrant labor at the time and employers didn't face penalties until a federal law passed in 1986.

Andrade said Patrick wrote him a reference letter when he applied for citizenship under the 1986 law, which included an amnesty provision, and he became a citizen in 1992. Patrick said he does not recall writing a letter for Andrade, but has been a vocal opponent of immigration proposals that provide a path to citizenship for the 11 million people working in the United States illegally.

Patrick's rhetoric has upset Andrade, who said it doesn't reflect the man who employed him.

"He's changed," Andrade told the Dallas Morning News. "He is trying to make a division, to ... look at us like something that is not good for this country, something negative for this country."

INTERFAITH

From 1A

stabilizes relationships.

On children and religion

Responding to a question about how non-Christian children are frequently told by their peers that they are going to hell for not being Christian, Everett said, "This really broke my heart." All five religious leaders said although cultivation of religious faith begins at a young age, children should not intimidate other children by damning them for their beliefs. The teasing often stems from a place of ignorance or fear of diversity, Cohn said.

"It's how children become racist or homophobic or anti-Semitic or anti-a certain ethnic group, or really, anyone who is different," she said. "Because children don't know. And they learn things as they go along, and really, the way that they learn is from role models."

Responses to audience questions

An audience member asked, "What do you think is the main reason why people don't believe what you believe?" Nearly all of the religious leaders concurred that the religion itself is rarely the problem — it's usually the followers.

"I think why a lot of people don't become followers of Christ is because followers live lives that are so different from His," Everett said. "It softens the impact of the Gospel."

Veylanswami said the problem lies in fanatic followers who take the principles of a religion to an extreme and cause violence. The Hindu point of view is that all religions are good when practiced in a nonviolent way, he said. When they turn extreme and violent, that's when religious animosity begins. Cohn agreed, saying people often claim they did violent or extreme acts "in the name of religion," and that's when it starts to destroy lives.

Another audience member asked who each of the religious leaders believed Jesus Christ was. Cohn responded that the Jewish point of view is that Christ was a Jewish man and teacher who once lived. Droll said the Christian view is that Christ is the son of God.

In response to a question if all religions teach the same idea, Cohn said the unifying factor among most religions is the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"The thing religions have in common is the desire that we have to communicate with the divine, the call that we feel to be in touch with something outside than ourselves or something greater than ourselves, and that takes an ethical expression in the command to love, to love our neighbor as ourselves," Droll said.

PREGNANCIES

From 1A

phone interview Wednesday.

Dees said she can't remember the last time teen pregnancy numbers in the district were this low.

Snyder, said that when she assumed her current role eight or nine years ago, teen pregnancies in the district were around 170 and peaked at 200.

If the teen pregnancy rate stays on its current track, this year will be the lowest year since Snyder began tracking pregnancies, Dees said.

MISD's board of trustees approved the implementation of a new three-part sex education program in spring 2011. The curriculum includes presentations from the Life Center in grades four through six, the "It's Your Game ... Keep it Real" abstinence-plus program in junior high, and presentations by the Life Center and Midland-Odessa Area AIDS Support in high school. The curriculum focuses on abstinence, but provides information about contraception.

Dees said it's too soon to tell if the new curriculum has led to decreasing pregnancy rates.

"When you start that (new curriculum), really you need a good five years to say what kind of effect that's going to be," she said. "What we saw fairly quickly was, we started seeing decreased numbers. And it was pretty stunning, and pretty significant, too."

At this point, all the decrease can be tied to is the increased attention and community awareness brought to teen pregnancy and sex education leading up to the new curriculum, Dees said.

However, there is still work to be done statewide. Texas posts one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the nation.

According to 2010 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Texas' teen birth rate was 52.2 per 1,000 teenagers ages 15-19, ranking the Lone Star State the fourth-highest in the nation.

Preliminary CDC data for 2011 show that despite a decreasing teen pregnancy rate, Texas still has the fifth-highest teen birth rate nationwide with 46.9 births per 1,000 teens. The national average for 2011 was 31.3 per 1,000 teens.

MISD

From 1A

requested "written or digital copies of any Midland ISD internal disciplinary report(s), findings, investigations and/or punishments for Deborah Acosta during her tenure with Midland ISD."

"I feel I have a confidentiality responsibility to both the employees of this school district and the students of this school district," Warren told the Reporter-Telegram in a phone interview on Wednesday. "I have never shared what I feel is confidential information on student discipline or employee discipline with the press."

The Reporter-Telegram believes the documents to be public information under Texas Government Code, Section 552.001, which states "it is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees."

On Feb. 14, a certified letter from Underwood Attorneys at Law on behalf of MISD was mailed to the Reporter-Telegram disclosing the denial of the request and appeal to Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

Warren said MISD hired Underwood at an hourly fee to represent the district, although he did know the total cost to date. A separate FOIA request was filed on Tuesday to compel the district to disclose the per-hour cost of outside legal representation. MISD Attorney Leah Robertson said the district would likely disclose the cost by the end of the week. Texas law allows up to 10 days to respond to a records request.

Warren said MISD has not requested an attorney general opinion on an open records request during his time at MISD, which is why the district is working with outside counsel.

"This is not something we do all the time, so we want to make sure that in any case we are dealing with — whether it be the press or community member, parent, anything like that — it is done correctly," he said.

Because of the size and scope of the law, it is not uncommon for MISD — or any school district — to work with attorneys who specialize in education law, Warren said.

The letter from Underwood states the attorney believes the information is not subject to information requests because the records would be an "unwarranted invasion of Ms. Acosta's personal privacy because, like any other employee, she would expect a document that is in her personnel file and considered confidential by law not to be disclosed to the public."

The appeal to the attorney general also cites Texas Education Code, Section 21.255, which states "a document evaluating the performance of a teacher or administrator is confidential."

Warren said he believes previous attorney general opinions support his stance.

"There have been rulings in the past that protected that philosophy that I have with student and staff member issues," he said.

Texas statutes require the attorney general to issue a decision no later than the 45th working day from the date of receipt, although an additional 10 working-days extension can be granted.

Once an opinion is issued, a government agency may not ask the attorney general to reconsider it, but other parties may.

MPD

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Crisp conducted a vehicle inspection of his entire squad in response to the complaint and found in the trunk of Hester's patrol car items that were supposed to be logged into evidence, including a pair of brass knuckles. Zoelzer's supervisor, Sgt. Richard Faulkenberry, found in Zoelzer's patrol car two knives that should have been logged into evidence.

Speck voiced concerns over a Nov. 15 incident that he worked with Hester at the Thornwood Apartments.

The officers were dispatched to the apartment complex in reference to complaints about the smell of marijuana and found a marijuana pipe and a set of brass knuckles, which are illegal in Texas.

Disregarding MPD's General Orders, Hester confiscated the pipe, broke it and threw it into the bushes. He also confiscated the brass knuckles and said, "... I'm just going to throw them in my trunk and put them in there with the rest of my stuff," according to Internal Affairs reports and Speck's interview with supervisors on Nov. 25.

During Speck's interview, he also was asked if he knew of any other items Hester confiscated without properly logging the items into evidence. Speck said Hester had signs he had collected from homeless people and said it was for a competition.

When asked how he knew there was a competition, Speck replied that Hester told him.

In a separate interview on Nov. 22, Zoelzer admitted to confiscating signs from panhandlers at Wal-Mart and the intersection of Highway 191 and Loop 250 because motorists were slowing down to read the signs. He said he issued criminal trespass warnings.

Zoelzer said he was aware Hester also was confiscating signs and the pair decided to keep count. He said he didn't think his actions were wrong and that he had seen panhandlers' signs displayed in the report-writing room and "hanging in the windows of offices at the (police department) that were visible from the exterior of the building," according to internal MPD documents.

Zoelzer told Internal Affairs Investigator Sgt. Craig Matthews that he threw away the signs in an undisclosed city trash bin because Hester had notified him he was reprimanded. Zoelzer showed Matthews the text message he received from Hester. The text message also stated Hester thought he was set up by a "Blue Falcon," military slang for an action that causes disciplinary proceedings for a co-worker or friend.

Zoelzer also admitted to confiscating at least one knife without logging it into evidence or attempting to return it.

When Hester was interviewed by Matthews on Nov. 25, he admitted to taking signs from panhandlers because he believed that if he didn't, they would continue breaking the city ordinance against panhandling. He also said he issued the pandhandlers criminal trespass warnings.

He admitted to the competition and said that "he and Officer Zoelzer wanted to see who could get the most signs," according to the reports.

In response to the Thornwood Apartment incident that spurred the investigation, Hester admitted to breaking the pipe and confiscating the brass knuckles, but said he forgot to turn in the contraband. There also were confiscated drug scales that Hester used to weigh drugs.

He also said he confiscated a knife from a man but "tossed" it because the "person was homeless and it was a nasty knife."

After completing interviews with Speck, Hester, Zoelzer, Crisp and the suspect from the Nov. 15 incident, Matthews submitted a finding in which he stated that Hester and Zoelzer violated General Orders and were engaging in behavior that was unbecoming of a police officer.

Despite Hester's and Zoelzer's claims that they issued criminal trespass warnings, the Internal Affairs' official findings report stated that neither had actually issued warnings to any homeless people.

On Jan. 23 and 24, Zoelzer and Hester signed documents acknowledging the findings and their punishment of a three-day paid suspension for "bringing discredit upon the department" and "improper handling of property."

Both declined to initiate an appeal.

COMMUNITY LEADER'S REACTION

Evan Rogers, founder of Church Under the Bridge, said he has never heard of anything like this in his years of helping the homeless. He said he was surprised and disappointed to hear about the two police officers' actions, citing the behavior as "absolutely ridiculous."

"That's so weird to me," Rogers said. "I've never once seen anyone with the Midland Police Department act that way."

He said he's had nothing but good relations with MPD when handling homeless issues across the city. And homeless people never have told him of such behavior by police officers.

When asked about the officers' punishment of three days suspension with pay, he said a harsher punishment may have been warranted, but he believes in giving people a second chance.

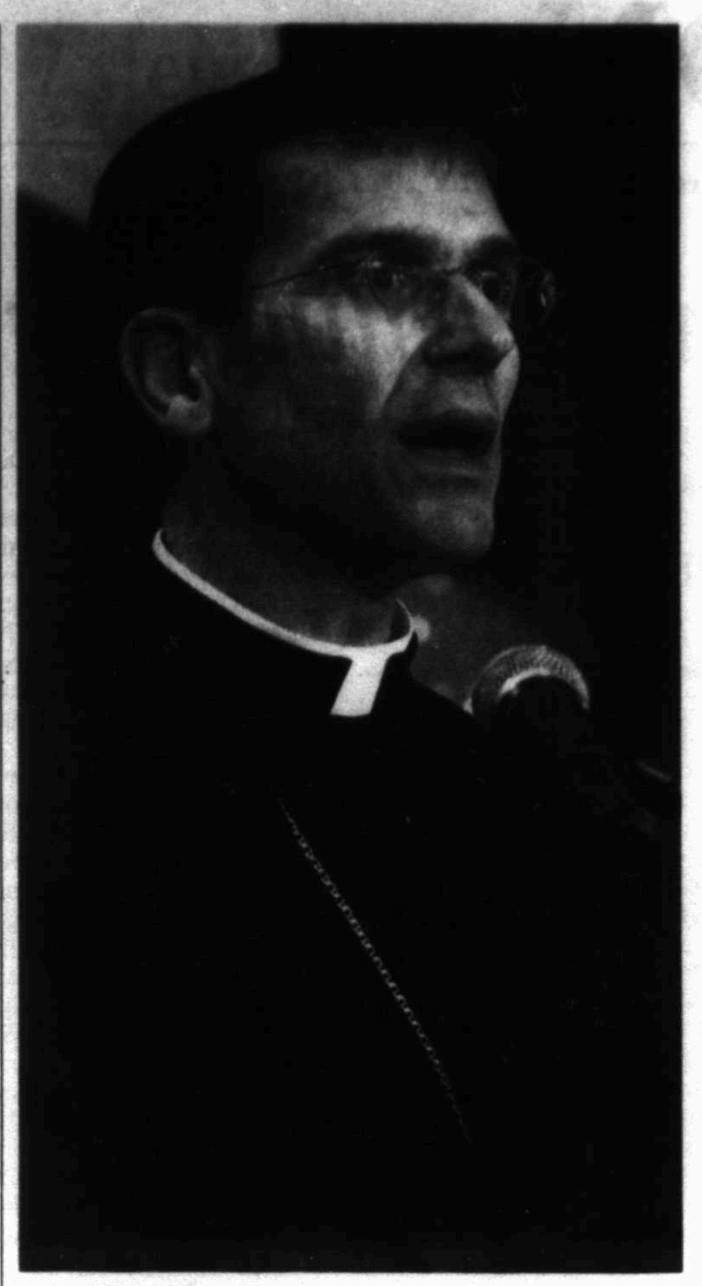
Rogers said panhandling is illegal in both Midland and Ector counties, and the homeless must learn to follow the rules of society.

But he did have an issue with a police officer taking away a person's knife because it was a "nasty knife."

A knife to a homeless person is their fork, toothpick, fingernail cleaner and form of protection against others, he said.

"When you start taking away their personal possessions, that's when it crosses the line," he said.

Rogers hopes to maintain a positive relationship with the police department, especially because his organization has made such headway in creating a dialogue on homeless issues.



Bishop Michael Sis, of San Angelo, gives the invocation Wednesday at the Midland Prayer Breakfast.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

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Bob Fu, with ChinaAid, leads prayers.

Members of First United Methodist Church Praise Band perform

Autopsy on ex-soldier from Midland who killed Iraqi family shows he hanged self

By Brett Barrouquere
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A medical examiner said Wednesday that a former soldier hanged himself at a federal prison where he was serving life sentences for raping and killing a teenage Iraqi girl and using a shotgun to slay her family.

Pima County, Ariz., Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Eric Peters said an autopsy completed Tuesday concluded that 28-year-old Steven Dale Green's cause of death was suicide by hanging. Prison officials found him in his cell Saturday at the federal penitentiary in Tucson.

Green, of Midland, was a private in the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell on the Kentucky-Tennessee state line when he deployed to Iraq.

Green and three other soldiers went to the home of an Iraqi family in Mahmoudiya, near a traffic checkpoint in March 2006. At the home, Green shot and killed three members of the al-Janabi family before becoming the third soldier to rape 14-year-old Abeer Qassim al-Janabi before killing her. He was convicted and sentenced in 2009.

Three other soldiers — Jesse Spielman, Paul Cortez and James Barker — are serving lengthy sentences in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for their roles in the attack. Each is eligible for parole in 2015.

Green was the first American soldier charged and convicted under the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act. Signed in 2000, that law gives the federal government jurisdiction to pursue criminal cases against U.S. citizens and soldiers for acts committed in foreign lands.

Green was discharged from the military in May 2006 after being found to have a personality disorder.

In multiple interviews from prison with The Associated Press, Green frequently expressed regret at taking part in the attack and frustration that he was tried and convicted in the civilian system, which does not afford inmates parole, while the others involved went through the military justice system and have a chance to be released from prison.

"I was made to pay for all the war crimes. I'm the only one here in federal prison," Green said in an October 2013 interview. "I think they plan to throw away the key in my situation."

One of Green's former attorneys, Darren Wolff, of Louisville, Ky., said the prospect of spending the next four to five decades in prison with no possibility of getting out while co-conspirators have a chance at parole in the coming years took its toll on the former soldier. Also wearing was the prospect of a transfer to another facility because of a recent altercation with other inmates, he said.

"I think I'd have a hard time living with that," Wolff told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "There's just something wrong with that."

The attack on the al-Janabi family happened at a particularly violent point in the U.S.-led Iraq war.

Green and his fellow soldiers were stationed for several weeks at a checkpoint in an area known as the "Triangle of Death" when, after an afternoon of card playing, sex talk and drinking Iraqi whiskey, the four soldiers went to the al-Janabi home about 20 miles south of Baghdad.

Green shot and killed the teen's mother, father and sister, then followed Cortez and Barker in raping the girl before shooting her in the face. Her body was set on fire. Spielman had told AP he didn't know what the other soldiers had planned and merely stood watch near the front of the house.

Barker and Cortez pleaded guilty and acknowledged taking part in the rape. Spielman went to trial and was convicted because prosecutors said he knew what was planned. A fourth soldier, Bryan Howard, stayed behind at the checkpoint and later pleaded guilty to being an accessory. He served 27 months in Fort Leavenworth.

A federal jury in Paducah spared Green a death sentence in May 2009, but U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell ordered Green to serve multiple life sentences.

"I was punished out of proportion to everybody else," Green said in October. "I'm not a victim, but I haven't been treated fairly. Not even remotely close. That's all I ever asked for was to be treated the same. They just won't do it. I don't know why."

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President Obama is letting down his own party

■ The president is affecting Democrats' chances in November in many ways

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President Obama, in trouble at home, is quite literally heading for the border.

His approval rating is in the 40s, vulnerable Democratic candidates don't want to be seen with him, and Republicans think his unpopularity could win them the Senate. So it's likely no coincidence that Obama is making himself scarce in these parts.

This week, he's in Mexico. Next month, he visits the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Saudi Arabia. In April, he travels to Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and the Philippines. Last Tuesday morning, French President Francois Hollande invited Obama to France for the 70th anniversary of D-Day; Obama accepted before lunchtime.

After Obama met with Senate Democrats earlier this month, one of the lawmakers told The Washington Post's Ed O'Keefe that Obama assured them that "he would not be offended if he were not invited" to campaign for them. Even when he travels around the country, it's often for anodyne appearances such as Tuesday's visit to a grocery distribution center in the safely Democratic state of Maryland.

That's hardly surprising. The National Republican Senatorial Committee's polling of competitive Senate races finds Obama's support at 28 percent in West Virginia, 36 percent in Arkansas, 38 percent in Louisiana, 39 percent in Iowa and Michigan, 40 percent in Alaska and 42 percent in Colorado. Public polls find similar results for Obama in other competitive states, such as Kentucky, Georgia, New Hampshire, South Dakota, North Carolina and Montana.

"Seems like he might be welcome in Massachusetts," quipped Brad Dayspring of the Republican group.

But if Obama is a toxic wingman for Democratic candidates, they desperately need his help fundraising. And they are grumbling that he hasn't been willing enough to assist them. Even a marginally popular president remains a huge draw among party donors, but fundraising isn't easily done from Brussels and Tokyo.

After weeks of complaining to the White House, Democrats said last week that Obama had committed to doing at least 18 fundraisers this year: six each for House Democrats, Senate Democrats and other party committees.

That came as a relief to Democrats, but it's still a modest commitment. In 2006, when George W. Bush was even less popular than Obama and Republicans feared a loss of the House, Bush did 74 fundraising events, according to CBS News' Mark Knoller, a meticulous presidential statistician. The Republican National Committee put the tally at 80.

Obama senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer told me that the 18 events are those Obama has promised "thus far." Democrats had better hope there are many more. Although individual Democratic committees have done reasonably well raising money, the Democratic National Committee is deeply in debt. At the end of the year it had $4.7 million in cash but $15.6 million in debt. The RNC had no debt and $9.2 million in cash.

On top of the DNC's money disadvantage, the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United ruling has put more pressure than ever on the party to raise funds to compete with outside groups. The billionaire Koch brothers and other mega-donors are expected to spend hundreds of millions of dollars this year to shape the midterm outcome, and Republicans enjoy a healthy majority of the super-rich. The Koch-backed Americans for Prosperity has already spent millions targeting vulnerable Democrats.

Compounding some Democrats' frustration, Obama has also been raising money for Organizing for America, his former campaign apparatus that now functions as something of a shadow DNC. "When you create your own 'DNC' with OFA, there's a reason the actual DNC is in debt," said one party operative.

There's probably nothing that Obama could do in these midterm elections to match the conservative billionaires' advantage. But at least giving it a try might prove more productive than his combination of foreign jaunts and unremarkable domestic speeches: at an electric equipment maker in Raleigh, N.C.; a gas engine plant in Waukesha, Wis.; a Costco in Lanham, Md.; and steel mills in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Then on Tuesday he was back in Maryland, at a Safeway distribution hub in Upper Marlboro "where delivery trucks get everything from Doritos to diapers where they need to go."

Obama gave an on-the-one-hand, on-the-other-hand update on the economy: "The unemployment rate's actually the lowest it's been in over five years. But the trends, the long-term trends that have hurt middle-class families for decades, have continued." He then spent the next 15 minutes talking about higher fuel-economy standards for trucks.

It's a worthy cause, no doubt. But diapers, Doritos and diesel won't deliver Democrats from a drubbing in November.

OUR VIEW

Fewer MISD student pregnancies is good for community

Some times good news is in the eye of the beholder. This week, we got some good news from the Student Health Advisory Committee, which announced that 80 Midland ISD students were pregnant this school year.

How can 80 be good news, you ask? When at least 154 pregnancies were reported last year, and this year SHAC officials believe we are on pace for fewer than 100, that is good news, or at least better news. It's not great news. Great news is when students — boys and girls — take more responsibility for their actions, specifically sexual behavior.

Texas previously posted the fourth highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation, according to Kaiser Foundation data. As we have previously reported, Midland-Odessa is not without its issues when it comes to students having children.

We don't know what to attribute the decline in the pregnancies at Midland ISD. Could it be the start of a sex education program? We agree with SHAC officials that it is too early to tell. We believe the program isn't hurting anyone and is representative of the values West Texans hold dear, including parents' prerogative to request that their child not participate in the program.

What we do believe is that ultimately parents play a major role in their children's attitudes about their own health. In a perfect world teen pregnancy wouldn't be a problem, but parents communicating with their children about issues, such as sex, can go a long way in decreasing the total number or pregnancies in our community. In the end, students might get information from any number of places, but we still have a responsibility to be parents.

Reporter-Telegram wants to meet with your group

Midlanders have responded to our offer to visit their group or representative. Even today, we will be meeting with the Newcomers Club for a lunch gathering. We also have met with groups from First United Methodist Church, Memorial Christian Church and Midland North Rotary. Each organization provides Midlanders a chance to make a difference in our community.

We want to reach out to our readers, interested groups and organizations. A member of the Reporter-Telegram staff will meet with your group to answer questions, listen to concerns and hear about what you expect of us. Our community is changing every day, and we want to be connected with our readers and other residents of Midland.

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Dems also must answer questions

■ Targeting just Republicans isn't going to make an immigration reform solution happen any faster

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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While in the midst of the immigration debate, Americans will tolerate quite a bit. They'll put up with politicians who deceive their own constituents — Republicans telling conservatives that they're tough on illegal immigration while softening up to please businesses, and Democrats telling liberals that they're compassionate toward illegal immigrants while the Obama administration deports them in record numbers. They'll put up with immigration advocates lobbing accusations of racism and xenophobia, and politicians who exhibit both. They'll even put up with illegal immigrants and their allies brazenly marching through U.S. cities by the hundreds of thousands, waving the Mexican flag.

Yet most are not likely to tolerate illegal immigrants and their advocates demanding that Republican lawmakers pass immigration reform legislation under threat of being heckled and harassed in their home districts and the halls of Congress. These activists, including a coalition group called the Fair Immigration Reform Movement, say they will do everything they can to embarrass lawmakers as a way of punishing them for their inaction. In fact, this harassment appears to have already started; some lawmakers such as Rep. David Schweikert, R-Ariz., are complaining that activists are protesting outside their homes and intimidating their families. That's unacceptable.

Just when you thought the immigration debate couldn't become any messier, it has. Imagine the chutzpah it takes for a group of activists — some of whom, we can assume, are themselves illegal immigrants and are in no position to demand anything — to threaten and harass duly elected members of Congress.

This will turn off even those of us who agree with the activists' cause and who would like to see lawmakers give the undocumented a pathway to legal status — even if it doesn't lead directly to citizenship. Where the activists went wrong is that they assumed that this process was about determining what was best for those who violate our laws. It isn't. Rather, it is about determining what is best for this country.

Along with many other Americans, I happen to think that what is best for the United States is to rescue people from the legal purgatory of being stuck between two countries and yet a part of neither. But this is a decision that must be made by Americans. And I don't mean by "undocumented Americans" or "unauthorized Americans" or the latest euphemism. I mean by permanent legal residents and U.S. citizens.

Some will say that I'm telling illegal immigrants to stay in "their place." Fine. Let's talk about their place. Illegal immigrants are by definition on the outskirts of society, and — as difficult as it may be — they should remain on the sidelines in this debate. That is, if they care at all about the outcome.

The immigration debate is extremely delicate. And it certainly doesn't help the immigrants' cause for them to make threats, issue demands and throw tantrums as they project a sense of entitlement. The same thing was true last year when the so-called "dreamers" — undocumented youth who were brought here by their parents — took over the offices of members of Congress.

By the way, the dreamers did one thing right. Unlike most of the soldiers in the immigration reform movement, who wear their allegiance to the Democratic Party on their sleeves, they didn't play favorites. They occupied the offices of both Republicans such as Sen. John McCain, of Arizona, and Democrats such as Rep. Luis Gutierrez, of Illinois. And the response from both parties was the same: The protesters were arrested.

That's another problem with the current round of threats. They're only aimed at Republicans. That's not fair, or helpful. Democrats bear just as much blame as their counterparts for the current mess. And not just because they're trying to ignore President Obama's nearly 2 million deportations.

Recently, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who has been double-dealing on the immigration issue from the beginning, enraged activists when he suggested that Congress could pass an immigration reform bill and not have it take effect until Obama leaves office in 2017.

This would mean that everyone suffering under the current system would have to continue to tread water for three more years. And this is coming from what we are told by the East Coast media is one of the good guys! That is very reassuring.

So why are activist groups such as FIRM only threatening Republicans? Why aren't they vowing to embarrass Democrats? Oh yes. It's because they needn't bother. By clumsily trying to have it both ways on this issue, Democrats tend to embarrass themselves.

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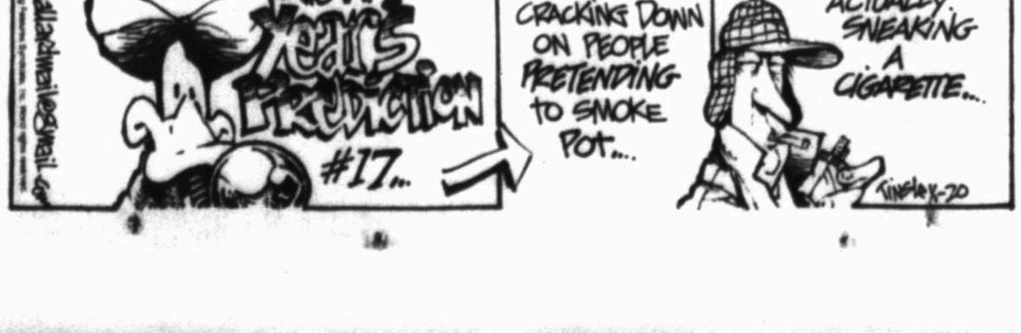

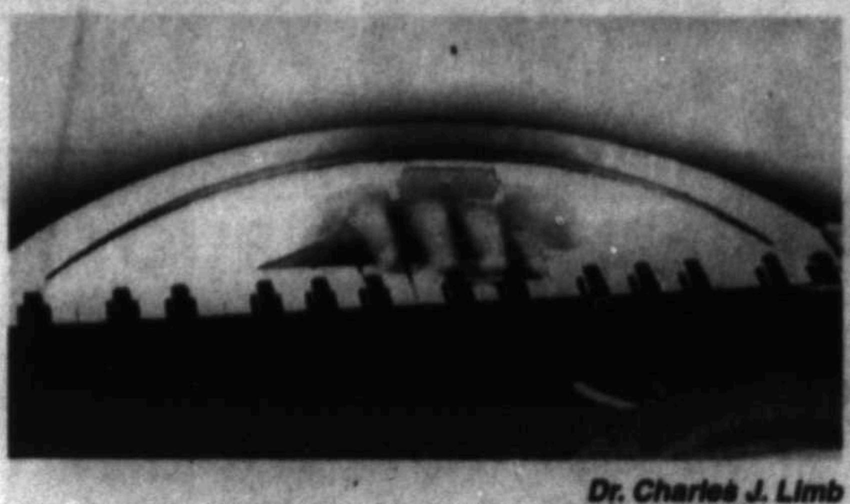

Dr. Charles J. Limb
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

This undated handout photo shows a jazz pianist playing inside an MRI machine. Jazz musicians are famous for musical conversations — one improvises a few bars and another makes up an answer. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore had jazz pianists play this way inside MRI machines to show how their brains respond, and found that language regions enable the musical back-and-forth much like a spoken conversation.

Jazz study shows link between music, language

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jazz musicians are famous for their musical conversations — one improvises a few bars and another plays an answer. Now research shows some of the brain's language regions enable that musical back-and-forth much like a spoken conversation.

It gives new meaning to the idea of music as a universal language.

The finding, published Wednesday in the journal PLoS One, is the latest in the growing field of musical neuroscience: Researchers are using how we play and hear music to illuminate different ways that the brain works.

And to Dr. Charles Limb, a saxophonist-turned-hearing specialist at Johns Hopkins University, the spontaneity that is a hallmark of jazz offered a rare chance to compare music and language.

"They appear to be talking to one another through their instruments," Limb explained. "What happens when you have a musical conversation?"

Watching brains on jazz requires getting musicians to lie flat inside a cramped MRI scanner that measures changes in oxygen use by different parts of the brain as they play.

An MRI machine contains a giant magnet — meaning no trumpet or sax. So Limb had a special metal-free keyboard manufactured, and then recruited 11 experienced jazz pianists to play it inside the scanner. They watched their fingers through strategically placed mirrors during 10-minute music stretches.

Sometimes they played scales. Other times, they did what's called "trading fours," where the pianist made up four bars, and then Limb or another musician-scientist in the lab improvised four bars in return, and the pianist responded with still new notes.

That conversation-like improvisation activated brain areas that normally process the syntax of language, the way that words are put together into phrases and sentences. Even between their turns playing, the brain wasn't resting. The musicians were processing what they were hearing to come up with new sounds that were a good fit.

At the same time, certain other regions of the brain involved with language — those that process the meaning of words — were tuned down, Limb found.

That makes sense because "the richness of the structure of music is what gives it its significance," Limb said. "You can have substantive discourse using music, without any words, yet language areas of the brain are involved in this unique way."

One ultimate goal of musical neuroscience is to better understand the brain's circuitry, and how it can rewire itself, in hopes of eventually finding new treatments for neural disorders. Limb made headlines several years ago when he measured jazz musicians' riffs — longer, solo improvisations — to study creativity in the brain.

"We know nothing about how the brain innovates," he said. "This is one way to learn what innovation means neurologically."

Stay tuned: Next he hopes to study children who are just learning music, and to compare amateurs to professionals, as he explores how people become creative.

7 steps to help prepare your tax return

By Alex Vega
Associated Press

Tax Day is less than two months away. Are you ready?

Here are some of the key points to keep in mind as you begin to focus on preparing your tax return, as well as a few new wrinkles for the 2013 tax year:

1. GET ORGANIZED

The first step toward preparing an accurate return is to make sure you have all the necessary documents. At the top of the list are the forms detailing your income for 2013. This could be various 1099 forms, typically received by workers hired on a contract basis, or a Form W-2, commonly issued by employers of salaried or wage workers.

Taxpayers who did a lot of independent contractor work will need to make sure they have a complete set of 1099s.

2. UNDERSTAND WHAT INCOME IS TAXABLE

People who receive income from other sources aside from an employer should make sure they know whether they need to include those earnings as taxable income on their return. Some examples of income that are usually not taxable are child support payments, gifts and inheritances, and welfare benefits.

Sometimes there are caveats. For instance, scholarship funds used to pay for tuition and books are not taxable. But if you use some of that scholarship to pay for room and board, that amount would be taxable.

The Internal Revenue Service has more details in Publication 525 on IRS.gov.

3. CONSIDER NEW TAXES FOR 2013

Lawmakers mostly kept tax laws unchanged in 2013, but there are a few tweaks that could affect some taxpayers, particularly those who earn more than $100,000 a year. Several changes came about as part of the federal health care overhaul.

One key change applies to medical expense deductions.

Previously, if your medical expenses eclipsed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income, you could deduct any medical costs above that threshold. For this tax season, the threshold has been raised to 10 percent.

Another new tax applies to people whose income exceeds $200,000, if they're single, or $250,000, if they're married and filing jointly. The government will apply a 0.9 percent tax to income above those thresholds.

"This could catch particularly married taxpayers by surprise," said Lindsey Buchholz, a principal analyst at H&R Block.

That's because employers won't start withholding this tax until the person's income exceeds $200,000. Married couples who separately have income under $200,000, but jointly surpass the $250,000 threshold, would not have the additional tax withheld.

4. EMBRACE E-FILING

The IRS estimates that more than 80 percent of tax returns are filed electronically. And if you have a refund coming, filing your return electronically and requesting that the funds be paid directly into your bank account is the fastest way to get the IRS to pay up.

Electronic filing usually means using commercial tax preparation software, such as TurboTax. In addition to selling software, H&R Block also offers a way to file a tax return online for free at www.hrblock.com/online-tax-filing/.

Another option is to go directly through the IRS, which offers a free online tax filing program dubbed Free File. To use Free File, your adjusted gross income in 2013 must have been $58,000 or less. If you earned more than that, the IRS offers free tax forms online that can be used to file electronically. But be aware that there are some exceptions.

For more details visit: http://www.irs.gov/uac/Free-File%3A-Do-Your-Federal-Taxes-for-Free.

5. CONSIDER PAYMENT OPTIONS

You've prepared your tax return and realize you owe money.

The IRS accepts payments online, by check or over the phone using a credit or debit card. More details on making payments are available on the IRS website.

What happens if you can't afford to pay the full amount by April 15? One possible option is to pay in installments. The IRS offers several payment plans, including short-term payment extensions of up to 120 days and monthly installment plans as long as six years. To qualify, you must file your tax return and owe $50,000 or less in taxes, penalties and interest, combined.

If you owe between $25,000 and $50,000, you have to agree to let the IRS deduct payments automatically from your bank account.

Signing up for an installment agreement can cost from $43 to $120 in fees.

To find out whether you qualify, go to the IRS website's online payment agreement portal: www.irs.gov/Individuals/Online-Payment-Agreement-Application.

6. KEEP TABS ON YOUR REFUND

If you are due a federal income tax refund, there are more options than sitting by your mailbox.

The IRS typically will issue refunds in less than 21 days. But if you can't wait it out, you can check the status of your refund on IRS.gov, under the Where's My Refund tool. The IRS also lets you check on your smartphone via an app dubbed IRS2Go.

7. GET MORE TIME TO FILE

Not able to make the filing deadline? The IRS will grant you a six-month extension to file your tax forms, as long as you request by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 15.

Filing for an extension doesn't spare you from having to pay your tax bill by the deadline, however. And failing to do so means you'll incur interest charges and fees on top of what you owe.

The IRS accepts extension requests three ways: by mail, via tax-preparation software, or online via the IRS website. To request the extension, you must fill out IRS Form 4868, which is available on the IRS website, through most tax preparation software, as well as in public libraries and post offices.

'Mockingbird' author Lee settles museum lawsuit

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Harper Lee has settled the federal lawsuit she filed against a museum in her south Alabama hometown over its sale of souvenirs featuring her name and the title of her book, court documents show.

An attorney for the Alabama native filed a motion Tuesday in federal court in Mobile saying Lee had reached an agreement with the Monroe County Heritage Museum in Monroeville.

The settlement notice came days after a judge refused to dismiss the lawsuit, filed last fall, that said the museum uses Lee's name and the title of her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel without compensating her.

The document didn't provide details on the settlement, and a lawyer for the museum, Matthew Goforth, declined to comment Wednesday. He cited the terms of settlement negotiations.

An attorney for Lee didn't immediately return a message seeking comment.

A judge would have to approve any settlement.

Bumblebees getting stung bad by honeybee sickness

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wild bumblebees worldwide are in trouble, likely contracting deadly diseases from their commercialized honeybee cousins, a new study shows.

That's a problem even though bumblebees aren't trucked from farm to farm like honeybees. They provide a significant chunk of the world's pollination of flowers and food, especially greenhouse tomatoes, insect experts said. And the ailments are hurting bumblebees even more, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal Nature.

"Wild populations of bumblebees appear to be in significant decline across Europe, North America, South America and also in Asia," said study author Mark Brown, of the University of London. He said his study confirmed that a major source of the decline was "the spillover of parasites and pathogens and disease" from managed honeybee hives.

Smaller studies have shown disease going back and forth between the two kinds of bees. Brown said his is the first to look at the problem in a larger countrywide scale and include three diseases and parasites. The study tracked nearly 750 bees in 26 sites throughout Great Britain. And it also did lab work on captive bees to show disease spread.

What the study shows is that "the spillover for bees is turning into (a) boilover," University of Illinois entomology professor May Berenbaum, who wasn't part of the study, said in an email.

Study co-author Matthias Furst, of the University of London, said the team's research does not definitely prove the diseases go from honeybees to bumblebees. But the evidence points heavily in that direction because virus levels and infection rates are higher in the honeybees, he said.

Bumblebees probably pick up diseases when they go to flowers after infected honeybees, Furst said. And sometimes bumblebees invade honeybee hives and steal nectar, getting diseases that way, he added.

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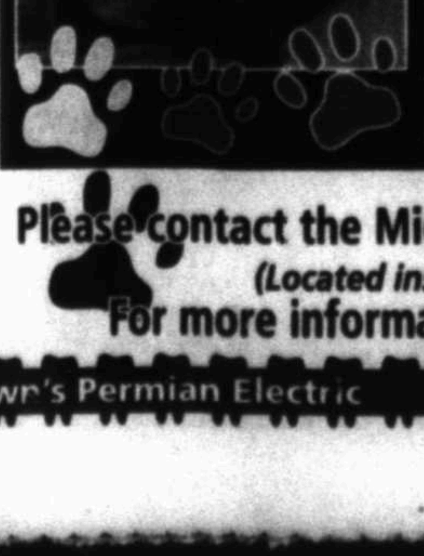

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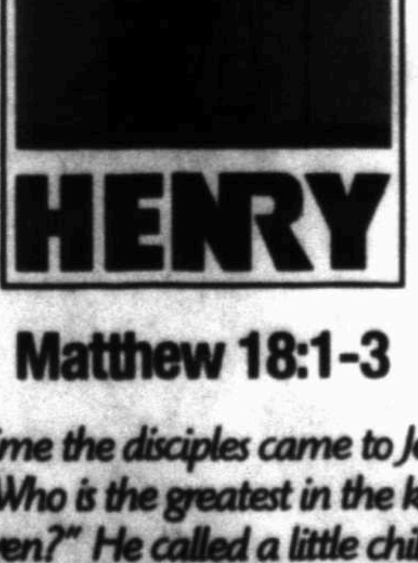

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At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Stores can see where you go by tracking your phone

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Should shoppers turn off their smartphones when they hit the mall? Or does having them on lead to better sales or shorter lines at the cash register?

Retailers are using mobile-based technology to track shoppers' movements at some malls and stores. The companies collecting the information said it's anonymous, can't be traced to a specific person and no one should worry about invasion of privacy. But consumer advocates aren't convinced. It's spying, they said, and shoppers should be informed their phones are being observed and then be able to choose whether to allow it.

The Federal Trade Commission held a workshop Wednesday on the issue, part of a series of privacy seminars looking at emerging technologies and the impact on consumers. FTC attorney Amanda Koulousias said the commission wants to better understand how companies are using phone-location technology, how robust privacy controls are and whether shoppers are notified in advance.

Here's how the technology works:

■ Your smartphone has a unique identifier code — a MAC address — for Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. It's a 12-character string of letters and numbers. Think of it like a Social Security or vehicle identification number, but this address is not linked to personal information, like your name, email address or phone number. The numbers and letters link only to a specific phone.

■ When your smartphone is turned on, it sends out signals with that MAC address (for media access control) as it searches for Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. Those signals can also be captured by sensors in stores that could tell a department store how often shoppers visit, how long they stay, whether they spend more time in the shoe department, children's clothing section or sporting goods, or whether they stop for the window display, take a pass and decide to move on.

Companies that provide "mobile location analytics" to retailers, grocery stores, airports, and others said they capture the MAC addresses of shoppers' phones but then scramble them into different sets of numbers and letters to conceal the original addresses — a process called hashing. This is how they make the data they collect anonymous, they said.

The companies then analyze all the information those hashed numbers provide as shoppers move from store to store in a mall, or department to department in a store. Mall managers could learn which stores are popular and which ones aren't. A retailer could learn how long the lines are at a certain cash register, how long people have to wait — or whether more people visit on "sale" days at a store.

"We're in the business of helping brick and mortar retailers compete" with online retailers, said Jim Riesenbach, CEO of California-based iInside, a mobile location analytics company. "The retailers want to do the right thing because they know that if they violate the trust of consumers, there will be a backlash."

Privacy advocates, though, argued that the scrambled or "hashed" MAC addresses aren't completely secure. They can be cracked, said Seth Schoen, senior staff technologist at the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

And that could reveal data that people may not want to share.

"There might be some place that you go that you wouldn't want people to know about," said Schoen. While not necessarily worried about foot traffic at a mall, Schoen raised concerns about down-the-road scenarios, like apps that could track where a person goes, whom that person is with — possibly the kind of information a divorce lawyer or law enforcement might seek.

The retail tracking is a relatively new technology. Nordstrom tried a small pilot test in 17 of its more than 250 stores in September 2012. The company posted signs at doors telling shoppers they could opt out by turning off their Wi-Fi. Nordstrom ended the trial in May 2013 after some customers complained, saying they felt uncomfortable, spokeswoman Brooke White said.

An AP-GfK poll in January found half of Americans were extremely or very concerned about the ability of retailers to keep their personal information secure.

Older Americans were far more concerned about the safety of that information than younger ones — 59 per cent of those age 50 or over said they were extremely or very concerned about it, compared with 46 percent age 30 to 49 and 32 percent of people under age 30.

Some of the major players in the field of mobile location analytics — iInside, Euclid, Mexia Interactive and others — have agreed to a "code of conduct" advanced by a Washington-based think tank, the Future of Privacy Forum. It calls for "hashing" MAC addresses, notification signs in stores for consumers and an opt-out website for people to enter their phones' MAC addresses to prevent companies from tracking them. The opt-out website can be found at www.smartstoreprivacy.org.

AP file photo

In a photo taken through a car window, medical personnel tend to a person injured by ice that fell off Cowboys Stadium on Feb. 5, 2011. An official said that five people were hurt, one critically. People facing one of the most brutal winters on record have been dealing with something far more dangerous than snow falling from the sky: ice tumbling from large structures.

Tough winter creates menace: ice from high-rises

By Verena Dobnik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — City dwellers facing one of the most brutal winters on record have been dealing with something far more dangerous than snow falling from the sky: ice tumbling from skyscrapers.

Streets around New York's new 1 World Trade Center, the nation's tallest building, were recently closed when sheets of ice were seen shearing from the face of the 1,776-foot structure — turning them into potentially deadly, 100-mph projectiles.

And sidewalks around high-rises in cities big and small have been cordoned off with yellow caution tape because of falling icicles and rock-hard chunks of frozen snow, a situation that experts warn could get worse over the next few days as a thaw sets in over much of the country.

"The snow starts to melt and the liquid drips off and makes bigger and bigger icicles, or chunks of ice that break off skyscrapers," said Joey Picca, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in New York, which has had 48.5 inches of snow since the start of the year, and several cycles of freeze and thaw.

"Be very, very aware of your surroundings," he said. "If you see ice hanging from a building, find another route. Don't walk under hanging ice."

Some architects said newer, energy-efficient high-rises may actually be making the problem worse.

"They keep more heat inside, which means the outside is getting colder and that allows more snow and ice to form," said engineer Roman Stangl, founder of the consulting firm Northern Microclimate in Cambridge, Ontario.

Stangl helps developers opt for shapes, slope angles and even colors — darker colors absorb more melting sunrays — to diminish ice formation. High-tech materials can be also be used, such as at Tokyo's Skytree observation tower, where heaters were embedded in the glass to melt the ice.

Such options are not always possible in older cities with balconies, awnings and stone details.

Barry Negron said he saw ice hanging perilously off a four-story building near Rockefeller Center last month and was trying to warn other pedestrians when he was hit in the face with a sharp, football-size chunk. Cuts across his nose and cheek required 80 stitches.

"I panicked because I saw blood on my hands, and more coming down," said the 27-year-old salesman. As he lay on the pavement, "I heard two young ladies yelling, 'Oh, my God, oh my God, help! There's a lot of blood!'"

Since then, he's nervous when he walks around the city and has seen other near-hits. "I look at my scars, and I say, 'Why did this have to happen to me?'"

Exactly how many pedestrians are hit by falling ice is not clear, but dozens of serious injuries are reported annually. It's a perennial problem in St. Petersburg, Russia, where dozens reportedly are injured or killed every year. Seven people were injured in 2011 near Dallas when huge sheets of ice slid off the roof of Cowboys Stadium. Fifteen people were injured in 2010 by a shower of ice from the 37-story Sony Building on New York's Madison Avenue.

Outside Chicago's 100-story John Hancock Center last month, people scrambled with backpacks and purses over their heads to avoid falling ice. On Tuesday, signs warning pedestrians of falling ice stood outside nearly every skyscraper and other tall building in Chicago's Loop as temperatures pushed above freezing for the first time in weeks. Last week near New York's Carnegie Hall, at the same under-construction condo tower where a crane dangled during Superstorm Sandy, chunks of ice tumbled onto cars and buses.

"This happens all over the country, all over the world, in cold climates," said architect Chris Benedict, who accounts for ice buildup in designing new structures.

New York City's Department of Buildings has issued an alert asking building owners to clear dangerous buildups of snow and rope off sidewalks, and they have issued citations with a standard penalty of $1,000 for those failing to do so.

But even the simplest solutions can sometimes be problematic. After ice was seen falling from 1 World Trade Center earlier this month, officials closed a nearby street and the entrance to the underground PATH train station that links New York with New Jersey. That caused a logjam of thousands of commuters with nowhere to go.

Anthony Hayes, spokesman for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, which owns the trade center site, said crews have been removing the accumulation of ice that formed on the 1 World Trade Center and on an external construction hoist that stretches from the ground to the 90th floor. A new covered entrance to the PATH station now protects commuters walking by.

"Hey, what do you want? It's winter, that's what happens — ice," said Mike McKenna, a 38-year-old management consultant who was under 1 World Trade Center when the chunks first started flying.

"It was a mess," he said. "But I went through 9/11. Falling ice is nothing."

Facebook buying messaging app WhatsApp for $19B

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook is buying mobile messaging service WhatsApp for $19 billion in cash and stock, by far the company's largest acquisition and bigger than any that Google, Microsoft or Apple have ever done.

The world's biggest social networking company said Wednesday that it is paying $12 billion in Facebook stock and $4 billion in cash for WhatsApp. In addition, the app's founders and employees — 55 in all — will be granted restricted stock worth $3 billion that will vest over four years after the deal closes.

The deal translates to roughly 9 percent of Facebook's market value. In comparison, Google's biggest deal, Motorola Mobility, stood at $12.5 billion, while Microsoft's largest was Skype at $8.5 billion. Apple, meanwhile, has never done a deal above $1 billion.

The price stunned Gartner analyst Brian Blau. "I am not surprised they went after WhatsApp, but the amount is staggering," he said.

Facebook likely prizes WhatsApp for its audience of teenagers and young adults who are increasingly using the service to engage in online conversations outside of Facebook, which has evolved into a more mainstream hangout inhabited by their parents, grandparents and even their bosses at work.

"This is a bet on the future for Facebook," Blau said. "They know they have to expand their business lines. WhatsApp is in the business of collecting people's conversations, so Facebook is going to get some great data."

In that sense, the acquisition makes sense for 10-year-old Facebook as it looks to attract its next billion users while keeping its existing 1.23 billion members, including teenagers,

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Gabriel Ayala will perform at Wagner Noel as part of the West Texas Guitar Festival.

FRIDAY

SPOONFUL OF SUGAR
"Mary Poppins" continues at Midland Community Theatre.

SATURDAY

STORYTELLING
Sue Roseberry will perform African American folk stories at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

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TALL CITY 14
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Closing: "Vampire Academy," "That Awkward Moment," "Philomena"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "3 Days to Kill," "Pompeii"
Closing: "The Nut Job," "Labor Day," "Vampire Academy"

STAYING IN?
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COMING SOON

Graham Wilkinson will perform at ArtiZen next week.

ATHLETICS INVASION

By Len Hayward | *lhayward@mrt.com*

The next two weekends in Midland will be some of the busiest when it comes to high school sports in the Tall City. Competitors from across West Texas and points east and west will make their way to the area for the next two weekends to compete in nearly every scholastic sport offered except football. And if there were a way to have some football, somebody might try it.

Check out Page 4 for a brief look at some of the sports events coming in the next two weeks in Midland.

Trinity School brings back the spectacle with 'The King and I'

By Rich Lopez
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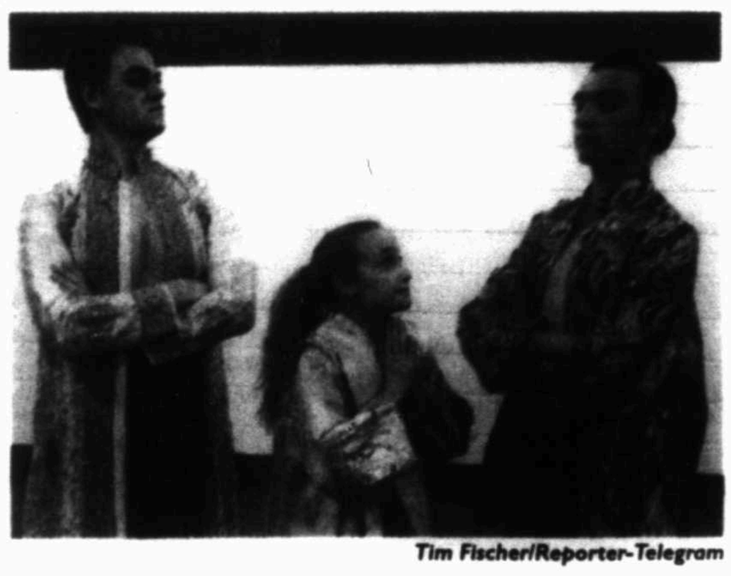

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Carey Allcorn, as Kralahome, looks on as Harper Hightower, playing Princess, pleads with her father, The King, played by Zachary Lyon, in "The King and I" production at Trinity School.

Carl Beery Moore finds himself in a unique position. As the director for Trinity School's annual musical, he's creating a show during a rebuilding year for the school's choir program. But as long as he keeps the vision of the show intact, he's fine.

"You have to remember there are expectations for a popular show like this the audience has," he said. "Anytime I direct a show, popular or not, I just try to find out the author's intention and the tools he's leading me to use to tell his story."

This is the case even when he's working with a mixed group of experienced actors and potential actors. Many students in the choir program, which puts on the show, graduated from Trinity last year, so the program is in a time of rebuilding. But it allowed the show to feature more players, including some from elementary grades, which fits perfectly into the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic. "The King and I" also is a blockbuster both on stage and in cinema. With that comes those notions the show has built into it already.

"I approach it with how much of what I can do with the cast and how much adjusting is needed, but I'm also using the skills of the actors to give the best show," he said.

He's confident in the leads who take on two of some of the most iconic roles in theater. As Anna, the British schoolteacher who becomes governess to the children of the King of Siam, freshman Gillian Fisher has displayed a maturity that surpasses her youth. Or, she's discovering it along the way as she delves into the character.

"She has a stunning voice. There are some mature aspects to the character, and at times, Gillian even has trouble discovering them being so young. But when she does, it's amazing," Moore said.

Paired with Zach Lyon, who plays the King, Moore sees the chemistry working for the show. He credits much of that to Lyon's experience.

"Zach, a senior, is just a solid, fine actor and doing a great job with the character buildup and the songs," Moore said.

With five primary roles for high school students, the show will feature cast members from grades down

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Home & Garden Show to feature design star

By Rachael Gleason
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Interior designer and television personality Vern Yip, host of "Deserving Design" and judge for HGTV's "Design Star," headlines this weekend's Home & Garden Show.

The 14th annual event features more than 80 vendors, including builders, remodelers, landscapers and home decor companies.

The show is at the Horseshoe and is open 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and $3 for kids 3 to 12. A weekend pass is available for $10, said Courtney Black, executive assistant of the Permian Basin Builders Association.

"Since we have so many people moving to the area either building or remodeling, it's a great way to get a start finding builders or remodelers and looking for ideas," Black said. "It's a good resource."

The show typically draws a crowd of 6,000 to 7,000 people, she said, noting there will be do-it-yourself demonstrations and kids' activities.

Design star Yip will speak 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, according to the association. Other sponsors include Atmos Energy, American Home Improvement and Suddenlink.

Learn more about the show online at on.fb.me/1feqJmm.

CALENDAR

HOLLY TUCKER

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

West Texas Guitar Festival, through Saturday at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Fei Fei Dong with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. bigspringsymphony.com.

ART & EXHIBITS

Art Social on "Estamos Aqui (We Are Here)," 10 a.m. today at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Trappings of Texas: Custom Cowboy Gear and Contemporary Western Art, Friday and Saturday at Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine. sulross.edu/museum.

GAMES

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'Em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour.

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

DANCE

Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa, 7:30-10 p.m. today at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

Ector County Thursday Night Dance, 6:30-10 p.m. today at North Side Senior Center in Odessa. 337-5281.

Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:20-10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 520-4343.

THEATER & FILMS

"Mary Poppins," through March 15 at Cole Theatre, Midland Community Theatre. www.mctmidland.org. 570-4111.

"Footloose," through Saturday at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Trinity School's production of "King & I," Friday through Sunday at Yucca Theatre. trinitymidland.org.

Movies at the Library: "Planes" at the downtown location and "Despicable Me 2" at the Centennial branch, 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

EVENTS

Flower Market Geranium Pre-sale, through March 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Continental Antique Shows, Friday through Sunday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Downtown Lions Club pancake breakfast, Saturday at the Midland Downtown Lions Club building.

"Winter: Adaptations for Scarcity," 10 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Storyteller Sue Roseberry performing African American folk stories, 11 a.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Permian Basin Annual Home and Garden Show, Friday through Sunday at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

Storytime for birth through 2 years old, 9:30 a.m., 2 to 6 years old at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for children age 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m. Friday at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. 685-7376.

Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

Book Blast, 2:30-3 p.m Saturday at Midland Park Mall. simon.com/kidgits.

Storytime for birth through 2 years old, 9:30 a.m., 2 to 6 years old at 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

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

"Print It! The Art of Making Multiples," Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, permanent exhibits at the Museum of the Southwest complex. 683-2882.

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY

"Hair," Feb. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center www.wagnernoel.com.

Shrimpfest fundraiser for Ellen Noel Art Museum, Feb. 24 at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

Painting with Spirits event to benefit All Border Collie Rescue's Joy, Feb. 25 at The Willows paintingwithspirits.net.

Circus Gatti, Feb. 26-March 2 at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

The Business of Art with photographer Alex Solmssen, Feb. 27 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Stuck" screening for Both Ends Burning, Feb. 27 at Yucca Theatre. bothendsburning.org.

"Out of Order" art exhibit opening reception, Feb. 27 at Allison Fine Arts Building McCormick Gallery. midland.edu/gallery.

"The Magic Flute," Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 at The Globe Theatre. globesw.org.

Just Between Friends consignment sale, Feb. 27-28 at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

Arts of the Heart art sale, 6-8 p.m. Feb. 28 at The Palette Club. 599-0566.

Graham Wilkinson, Feb. 28 at ArtiZen Outlet talltownes.com.

MARCH

Relativity lecture series: Dr. Matthew Shetrone: New Frontiers in Globular Star Cluster Research, March 1 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Dr. Seuss's 110th Birthday Party, 2-4 p.m. March 1 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Old School Wrestling live event, March 1 at Hood Junior High School, Odessa.

Ranch Ghost, March 1 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Riders in the Sky, March 1 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare," March 7-30 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Holly Tucker, March 7 at First Fridays at **First Baptist Church's fellowship hall. 683-0644.**

Permian Basin Master Gardeners' Water Wise Seminar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 8 at CEED Building. 362-8205.

Star Party at dusk, March 8 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Los Lonely Boys, March 8 at Howard County Fair in Big Spring.

2Chainz, March 12 at La Hacienda. lahaciendaeventcenter.com.

Willie Watson, March 14 at ArtiZen. talltownes.com.

Maverick Players present "Dearly Beloved," March 14-30 at VFW Hall. maverickplayers.org.

Dance Theatre of Harlem, March 18 at Al G. Langford Chaparral Center. midlandcollegefoundation.org/dance.

Art Social: The People of Taos, March 20 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

The Peddler Show, March 21-23 at Midland Center. peddlershow.com.

Shinyribs, March 21 at Yucca Theatre. talltownes.com.

Gearheads & Garages Fundraiser, March 22 for the Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

West Texas Symposium of History, March 22 at Midland College. midland.edu.

Furr-Ever Paws & Claws Clay Shoot for Midland Humane Coalition, March 29 at Jake's Clays. jakesclays.com.

Trisha Yearwood, Mar. 29 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

The Midnight Ghost Train, March 29 at Blue Max.

Sunburst U.S.A. Beauty and Baby Pageant, March 30 at Midland Park Mall. sunburstbeauty.com.

APRIL

Open Campus Night, April 3 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Michael Hilburn, April 4 at First Fridays at First Baptist Church's fellowship hall. 683-0644.

Celebration of the Arts, April 4-5 at Midland Center. acmidland.org.

Star Party at dusk, April 4 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

"Pippi Longstocking," April 4-12 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Permian Basin Master Gardeners plant sale, 9 a.m. April 5 at Horseshoe. westtexasgardening.com or 686-4700.

Physicist and author Michio Kaku, April 8 at Al G. Langford Chaparral Center. midland.edu.

Drawing workshop with Michael Nickell, April 8-10 at Palette Club.

Gladys Knight, April 11 at Midland College. midlandcollegefoundation.org/knight.

Okkervil River, April 11 at Yucca Theatre. talltownes.com.

Flower Market, April 12 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Big Boys' Toys featuring Trace Adkins, April 12. Benefiting MARC.

George Lopez, April 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.org.

The Business of Art: Discovering Archaeology in Texas' Vast Trans-Pecos Region, April 24 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Les Miserables" with MCT and MOSC, April 25-26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

MAY

Shakey Graves with Whiskey Shivers, May 1 at ArtiZen. talltownes.com.

CAF Hops & Props, May 3 at CAF. commemorativeairforce.org.

Cirque Musica, May 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Brit Floyd Pink Floyd Show, May 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

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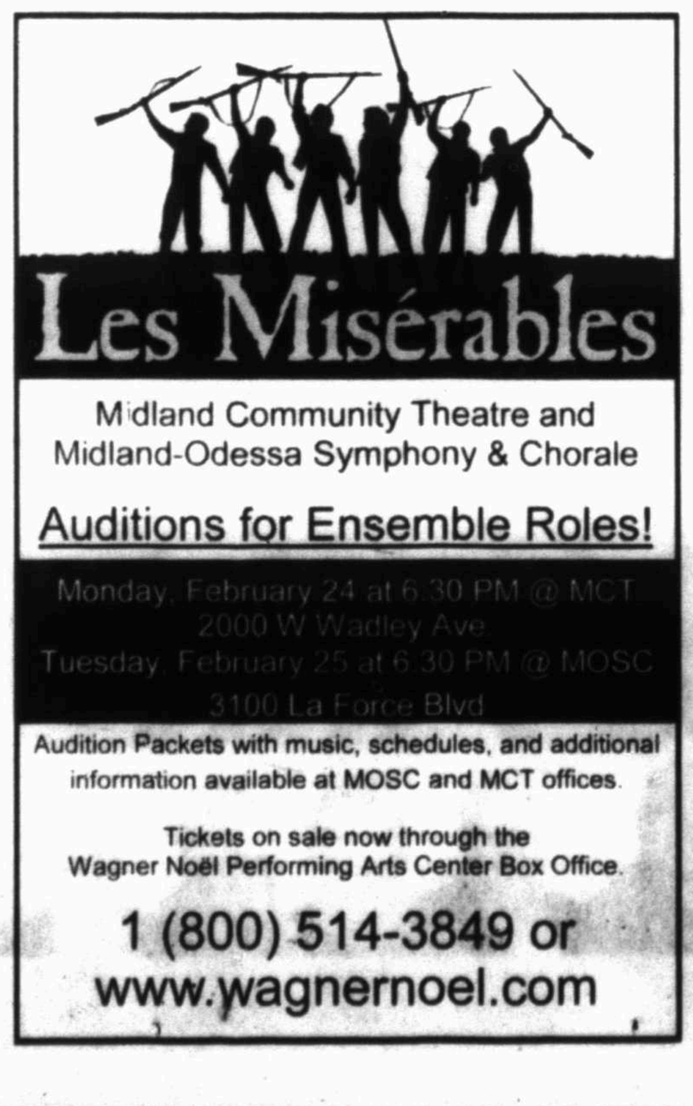

MUSIC & MORE

'Footloose' musical mirrors small town life onstage

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Courtesy photo

That opening guitar riff is undeniable and has been since 1984. Both the song and movie "Footloose" have been ingrained into pop culture, and as a stage musical, its legacy endures. The songs are part of a soundtrack to a generation and the rebellious tone translates still to anyone feeling oppressed by something bigger. This was not lost on director Jonathon Horne, who directs the show for two final performances at the Permian Playhouse on Friday and Saturday.

The small town of Bomont in the show felt a lot like home.

"That was the big selling point in picking the show itself," he said. "We're not as small as Bomont, but I grew up in this area, and for me, that was Odessa. I even toyed with the idea of changing the city name in the play but decided against because then it would just feel forced."

For the uninitiated, Ren is forced to move to the small city with his single mother only to be surrounded by an air of tension. With religious overtones, oppressive laws and overbearing authority figures, Ren rebels with big city ideals to organize a dance that is expressly forbidden.

"By stuffing one generation in a box, you have nothing but rebellion. We went from there, and I identified the dichotomy between two generations," Horne said. "There are also many subplots with Ariel, the main female, and the adults' confrontation with ideals. It's like a big wheel of dominoes."

Being a native Odessan, Horne admitted some parallels were scary to confront. Although Midland and Odessa have matured into mid-sized cities, small town ideals were sometimes hard to escape.

"There are those who strongly believe 'homosexuality is a sin,' 'we need to always carry guns' and stuff like that, and it's familiar. There's a lot of domestic violence in this show, and sometimes that's prevalent in real life, too," he said.

The two male leads are played by familiar faces and might surprise audiences who are used to seeing them in other aspects. Ren is played by Robert Guaderrama from CBS7, and the Rev. Shaw Moore is played by NewsWest9's Victor Lopez. But could audiences separate the newsmen's television personas from their theatrical performances? Horne said it was easy.

"It was just making sure that whatever journey they take, that I keep it on track the way I want the character to be," he said. "But being professionals, they molded into it pretty easily. And I've known Victor for a while from theater, so I knew what he was capable of."

Horne did give some Lone Star personality to the show by setting Bomont in Texas and giving references to pumpjacks as a wink to the audience. He even felt like some of the goings-on in the show were exactly what he did growing up. But if the show has been at all cathartic for him, Horne has yet to see.

"I've been too damn busy," he said, laughing. "I don't get to stop and think about it because I'm also running mics, managing the house and stuff, so I've been a little busy to emotionally go on this journey."

With familiar songs that were also radio hits, "Footloose" can feel like a rock concert. Horne hopes the audience is open to letting themselves go toward the music, to get up and to dance along.

"My favorite things over the past weekends were these wonderful ladies told me that was the most exciting, electric and entertaining show in years, so I think we're doing something pretty good here," he said.

"Footloose" runs 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. For more information, visit permianplayhouse.com.

Reeled Stream

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Touching story of two boys will warm hearts

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Inevitable Defeat of Mister & Pete" (R) Don't expect to see much of Jennifer Hudson in this incredibly touching and intriguing tale of two boys left to fend for themselves in a Brooklyn housing project. But she still manages to steal the show, while another "American Idol" alum, Jordin Sparks, also delivers a flawless performance. A

MORE REVIEWS

"Austenland" (PG-13) A troubled second act detracts from this otherwise uplifting romantic comedy. **B-**

"The Best Man's Holiday" (R) Fans of "The Best Man" will find this sequel every bit as warm and funny as the original. **A-**

"Clean Guys of Comedy" (PG) Just because the comedians don't curse doesn't mean this Redbox exclusive is family friendly. Jaime Kennedy's set especially tests the boundaries. **B-**

"Diana" (PG-13) Naomi Watts is one of the world's greatest actresses, and she can play any character. Except Princess Diana. **C**

"Grace Unplugged" (PG) AJ Michalka's charm and terrific singing voice give this otherwise generic faith-based tale new life. **B**

"Haunter" (not rated) Interesting twists and a stylish look lift this ghost story to a new level. **B**

"Jewtopia" (unrated) Hit play doesn't stand up to the transfer to film despite a cavalcade of famous faces traipsing across the screen. **C+**

KING

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to first.

"The cast is huge," Moore said. "It's close to 40 in total. The original Broadway production had 12 children; ours ended up with 20. But of course the bulk of the show is on the shoulders of Anna and the king."

Moore knows that the production will meet the grand expectations of audiences for such a big show.

"Every director who honors theater will realize that those expectations are out there. There is a reason 'The King and I' is and always has been a popular show. We're just trying to honor that."

For a list of the entire cast, visit mrt.com. "The King and I" runs Friday through Sunday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. $9.95-$19.95. For more information, visit trinitymidland.org.

LIVE WIRE

MIDLAND, ODESSA & ANDREWS

20 **Matt Woods, 800 Mile Medley, The Dead Side, Daniel Payne** @ Blue Max

20 **Kyle Park** @ Rockin' Rodeo

20 **Icarus the Owl** @ Pine Box

21 **Watery Graves** @ The Detour

21 **Ryan Shupe & The Rubberband, Chris Brazeal Band** @ Wagner Noel

21 **Shane Rogers Band** @ Lone Star Bar

21 **Dusty Smirl Band** @ Redneck's

21 **Green River Ordinance, Grady Spencer & The Work** @ Graham Central Station

21 **Kenneth Knotts, Dene Redmon, Benito Ramos, Eddie Garrett** @ Music City Mall

21-22 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar

21-22 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place

22 **Creed Fisher** @ Corky's

22 **Sansietch** @ Cigar Frog's

22 **John Edward Baumann, The Tejas Brothers** @ Lone Star Bar

22 **Tech Jazz, Dusty McNew, Mateo Rivas, Mary Mitchell, Martha Elliott, Marisa Rechman** @ Music City Mall

23 **Tomy-Jean-Jerry, Z.E.D., Eddie Garrett, Tucker Binkley, Walton Lyte** @ Music City Mall

23 **Battle of the bands with Florida Forgive Me, All Falls Down, Eternal Mosh, Violent Vendetta, Nightmare Canvas, Adipocere, Monetary Collapse, Driving Arrows** @ Club Patron

24 **Carniflex, Here Comes the Kraken, Assassins, Lorna Shore** @ Club Patron

25 **The Fossil Youth, Sabertooth, Moving Forward, Blood Oath** @ Pine Box

LUBBOCK

21 **Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Cody Jasper, Reckless Kelly** @ Jake's Sports Cafe & Backroom

22 **Curtis Grimes** @ Wild West Lubbock

26 **Clay McClinton** @ Blue Light Lubbock

DFW

21 **Dallas Symphony Orchestra** @ Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

21 **The Dirty River Boys** @ Billy Bob's Texas

21 **Imagine Dragons, The Naked and Famous, Nico Vega** @ American Airlines Center

21 **Marc Broussard** @ Glass Cactus

21 **Memphis May Fire, The Word Alive, A Skylit Drive, Hands Like Houses, Beartooth** @ The Door

21 **Pat Metheny Unity Group** @ House of Blues

22 **Dr. Dog, Saint Rich, Moses Sumney** @ House of Blues

22 **Mardis Gras Texas Style featuring Eli Young Band, Casey Donahew Band, Kevin Fowler, Chris Knight, Deryl Dodd, Adam Hood, Jason Eady, William Clark Green, Six Market Blvd., Johnny Cooper, Uncle Lucius, Phil Hamilton, The Damn Quails** @ State Fairgrounds

22 **Vanilla Ice, Young M.C., Tone Loc, Rob Base, DJ Baby Chino** @ South Side Ballroom

23 **Robert Randolph and the Family Band** @ Granada

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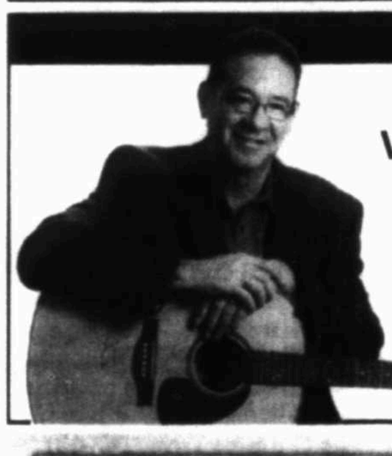
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58th annual Pancake Jamboree expected to feed thousands

By Rachael Gleason
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The Midland Downtown Lions Club will serve up pancakes aplenty Saturday at the 58th annual Pancake Jamboree.

The fundraiser takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Downtown Lions Club building, 200 Plaza Drive.

Tickets cost $7 a person for an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage meal.

"We feed people," said Ike Fitzgerald, a Lions Club member who joined in 1950. "We have done this for as long as I can remember."

The fundraiser benefits Lions Club projects, including the Midland-based Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

"The Lions Club does so many things. I don't know how many glasses we put on school children every year," said Fitzgerald, who headed up previous recycling efforts.

For more information about the Pancake Jamboree, call 218-8021.

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EVENTS

Comedian Bill Engvall returns for Steers and Stars

By Rich Lopez
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Bill Engvall is no stranger to West Texas thanks to his wife, Gail. When they come to visit her family in Midland, he said they'll hang with his brother-in-law, play some golf, have a meal at Taco Villa and sometimes raise money for the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. He'll do the latter once more Saturday at Steers and Stars at the Petroleum Club. All in all, just another usual visit for Engvall.

Before he makes his way here, he spent an early morning (like 6:30 a.m. his time) talking with the Reporter-Telegram about how his spotlight changes from "Dancing with the Stars" to the Saturday event, as well as reasons to tweet.

MRT: It's 6:30 a.m. where you are. Is it fair to assume you're a committed celebrity to the press?

Engvall: Ah, thanks. Well, it's just part of the business. It's all good.

MRT: Steers and Stars is a regular event for you, but how did all this start?

Engvall: My wife helped out there (at the MCRC), and that made her want to be a therapist. When things started happening for us, we wanted to give back, so she thought about seeing where she used to work, and it all went from there.

MRT: You clearly have several endeavors that work to help people and children.

Engvall: We do this event, and I always try to find comedians who can help. And I just try to raise money where I can if I can. It's why we come back to do this.

MRT: To add to that, you tweeted recently, "Sometimes life moves you along. Then out of the blue you are reminded how blessed you are. Today was one of those days. I love my life." What prompted that and is it telling to your philanthropic nature?

Engvall: Honestly, it was nothing specific. Gail was standing in the kitchen, the sun was shining, it was just one of those moments. I'm glad I'm not so busy that I can't take time to realize things like that, and I felt the need to say it out loud — on Twitter.

MRT: How does the spotlight from an event like Steers and Stars shift from television?

Engvall: I've never been one to shy away from it. Of course, for "DWTS," it was far more intense. They focused on Emma (Slater) and me. But whenever the light is on, I thrive in that kind of moment.

MRT: Do you miss dancing?

Engvall: Oh yeah. It consumed my life for six hours a day, and I spent more time with my dance partner than my wife, but I also learned a lot of stuff. Just because I'm aging chronologically, it doesn't mean I have to get old. In some ways, that helps me look forward to raising money for these kids.

MRT: Your television daughter was Jennifer Lawrence on "The Bill Engvall Show." Now she's heading toward a possible second Oscar. Does any fatherly pride kick in?

Engvall: Oh man, we all knew she was heading for big things. And the best thing is, she's stayed the same person. I really don't think this is the last time we'll see her accept an Oscar. I remember it was like having two separate sets of kids, but it was easy to be a father to her and the rest, as well. I slip pretty easily into that role.

MRT: Would you go back to dancing?

Engvall: Oh in a heartbeat.

MRT: When do we get to see you on the dance floor again?

Engvall: Well, apparently we'll be auctioning off a waltz for Steers and Stars, so people will see me back on the floor on Saturday. Just don't hold your breath.

For more information about MCRC, visit midlandchildrens.org.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

WEST TEXAS CLASSIC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

When: Today-Saturday
Where: Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Notes: This annual high school softball tournament features teams from across West Texas that come in for three days to play in a round-robin format. Midland County teams playing in the tournament are Lee, Midland Christian and Greenwood.

Games begin at 11 a.m. each day and will continue through the evening.

TALL CITY INVITATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

When: Today through Saturday
Notes: This three-day tennis tournament will feature both large and small schools coming to the Tall City to play tennis at nearly every available tennis court. A total of 16 teams will play in the big school division on Friday and Saturday, while more than 10 will play in a small school division on Thursday. Lee and Midland High will be joined by West Texas powers El Paso Coronado, Lubbock Coronado, along with Metroplex teams Southlake Carroll and Coppell.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

When: Today
Notes: The final meetings between rivals Midland College and Odessa College are set for tonight at Chaparral Center. The women tip off at 5:45 p.m., and the men start at 7:45 p.m.

REGION I-2A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

When: Friday-Saturday
Where: Chaparral Center
Notes: The Chaparral Center will be a place where dreams can come true for one of four teams from Region I in the Class 2A girls basketball tournament. The winner of this two-day tournament will earn a trip to the Class 2A state tournament in Austin the next weekend. It's some of the best basketball you will see all year at Chaparral Center.

DUNN/RATCLIFF TALL CITY BOYS GOLF INVITATIONAL

When: Friday-Saturday
Where: Green Tree Country Club and Hogan Park Golf Course
Notes: This two-day tournament will be the first of the season for both Lee and Midland High's golf teams, while Midland Christian and other teams from West Texas will test the links at Green Tree Country Club and Hogan Park Golf Course.

SCHLUMBERGER TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

When: Feb. 27-March 1
Notes: This annual baseball tournament has become one of the best in West Texas as some of the top teams in El Paso will make their way to the Tall City, along with teams from Amarillo and Lubbock. Games begin at 10 a.m. each day with games played at Security Bank Ballpark, Christensen Stadium, Zachery Field and Ernie Johnson Field.

REGION I-2A BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

When: Feb. 28-March 1
Where: Chaparral Center
Notes: It's the boys turn this time around. Four Class 2A boys basketball teams will vie for the chance to earn a place at the Class 2A state tournament in Austin the next weekend.

TALL CITY RELAYS

When: Feb. 28-March 2
Where: Memorial Stadium
Notes: If track and field is your cup of tea, then this could be the meet for you. This meet has seen growth in team attendance since it was rebooted a few years ago and will likely be as big this season. Lee, Midland High and Midland Christian will headline a field that will include some of West Texas' top track teams.

MIDLAND GIRLS GOLF INVITATIONAL

When: Feb. 28-March 1
Where: Green Tree Country Club and Hogan Park Golf Course
Notes: The girls will have their chance to play the courses at Green Tree and Hogan Park as Midland High and Lee will compete, and multi-time women's city champion and Midland Christian junior Christian Curnutte will also tee it up in this tournament.

AND, IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH

■ Grande Communications Stadium will have District 2-5A soccer games on Saturday and March 1, as Lee will play at the stadium on both Saturdays. The Rebel boys and girls teams will face Lubbock Coronado on Saturday and Odessa High on March 1. The boys games start at noon, and the girls kick off at 2 p.m.

■ On March 1-2, the defending Region V champion Midland College baseball team will begin in Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule that day at Christensen Stadium with a doubleheader against Frank Phillips College.

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ROBOCOP

FILM CAPSULES

About Last Night (R) Two couples navigate the ups and downs of modern love and romance in this remake of the 1986 film of the same name. With Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy, Regina Hall and Joy Bryant. Written by Leslye Headland. Directed by Steve Pink.

American Hustle (R) 4 stars. David O. Russell's wild, woolly take on the late-'70s FBI sting operation, Abscam, is also a wild, woolly love story. Christian Bale and Amy Adams as con artists recruited by the feds, and fated for each other. Throw Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence into the mix and something goes kaboom in just about every scene — brilliantly.

August: Osage County (R) A piled-high platter of histrionics, this heartland saga — adapted from Tracy Letts' Pulitzer- and Tony-winning play — is steeped in a grand American theater tradition: the dysfunctional family drama, full of dark secrets, darker resentments, and the darkest sense of dread. Tennessee Williams, Eugene O'Neill, Edward Albee — you get the drift. With Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts leading the parade.

Endless Love (PG-13) A privileged young woman and a charismatic young man spark an intense but star-crossed love affair in this remake of the 1981 movie of the same name. With Alex Pettyfer, Gabriella Wilde and Robert Patrick. Written by Shana Feste and Joshua Safran. Directed by Feste.

Frozen (PG) A plucky princess (voiced by Kristen Bell) is joined by a slapstick snowman (Josh Gad) in a delightful animated film that is part fairy-tale, part farce.

Her (R) Joaquin Phoenix stars as a lonely Los Angeleno who may have found true love at last — in the disembodied voice, and consciousness, of his computer's new operating system. A near-future meditation on intimacy and isolation, connection and the disconnect of new technology, from writer/director Spike Jonze. With Scarlett Johansson's voice, and Amy Adams, Olivia Wilde and Chris Pratt.

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) Eight minutes shorter than its forebear, and at least eight minutes better — less twee, less chatty, more action, more Elvish. The second installment in Peter Jackson's overblown three-part take on Tolkien's children's fantasy, about Bilbo Baggins and his epic quest in the company of a troop of dwarves, Elves and orcs and giant spiders, oh my! Not to mention the titular fire-breathing dragon, voiced — in echo-chamber-style — by Benedict Cumberbatch.

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) Bigger, better, and broodier, with Jennifer Lawrence back again, causing no end of trouble as the Districts' rabble smell rebellion in the air, and the Panem puppetmasters try to quash it. An Occupiers' parable about class warfare? A metaphor for teen defiance? Or just a kooky story of survival in a controlled environment where, sadly, most of the contestants must die? However you read it, this franchise rocks. 2 hrs. 26 PG-13 (violence, dystopian bleakness, adult themes)

Labor Day (PG-13) A depressed single mother and her 13-year-old son take in a man who they soon discover to be an escaped convict. Kate Winslet, Josh Brolin, and Tobey Maguire star. 1 hr. 51 PG-13 (sex, violence, adult themes)

Lone Survivor (R) Mark Wahlberg stars in this full-force combat film, based on the true story of four Navy SEALS on a botched mission in 2005 Afghanistan. Harrowing, visceral. With Ben Foster, Emile Hirsch, and Taylor Kitsch.

Philomela (R) A surprisingly tough and tender tale from director Stephen Frears, adapted from the true story of a 70-something Irish woman (Judi Dench) looking to find the son she was forced to give up for adoption when she was an unwed teen, and of the cynical veteran journalist (Steve Coogan) who tags along on her quest.

Ride Along (PG-13) Kevin Hart and Ice Cube star in this facile action comedy about a tough Atlanta police detective and his chippy civilian partner-for-a-day. This vehicle won't pass inspection. 1 hr. 40. PG-13 (violence, adult themes, profanity)

RoboCop (PG-13) In 2028, a controversial corporation specializing in military drones turns a critically injured Detroit cop into a part-man, part-robot police officer. With Joel Kinnaman, Gary Oldman, Michael Keaton and Abbie Cornish. Written by Joshua Zetumer. Directed by Jose Padilha.

Winter's Tale (PG-13) A tale spanning a century in a mythical New York City, about a thief who falls for a dying woman and tangles with a ruthless gangster, based on the novel by Mark Helprin. With Colin Farrell, Jessica Brown Findlay, Jennifer Connelly and William Hurt. Written and directed by Akiva Goldsman. (1:58) PG-13.

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Grand Central Station | 4240 Preston Road, Odessa | 432-552-0552 | grahamcentralstationodessa.com
Hot Shots | 615 W. Wall St. | 687-3582
Redneck's | 2215 N. Midland Drive # 2A
La Hacienda | 12610 St. Highway 191 | 563-3737 | lahaciendaeventcenter.com
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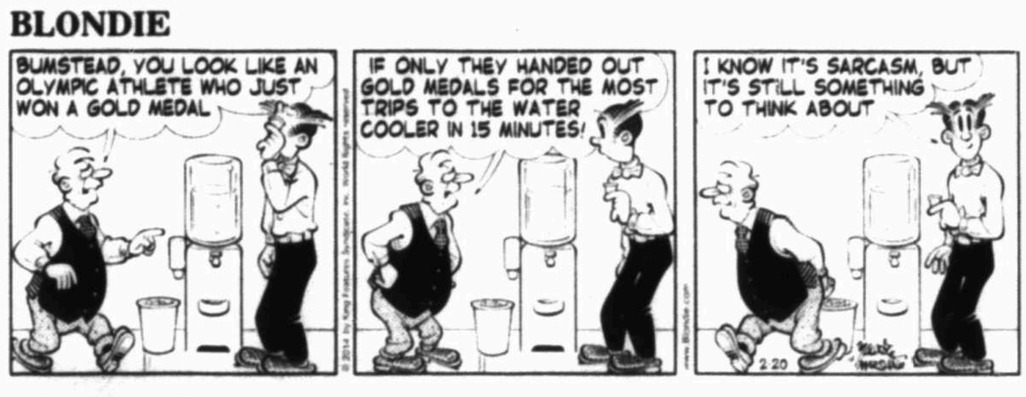

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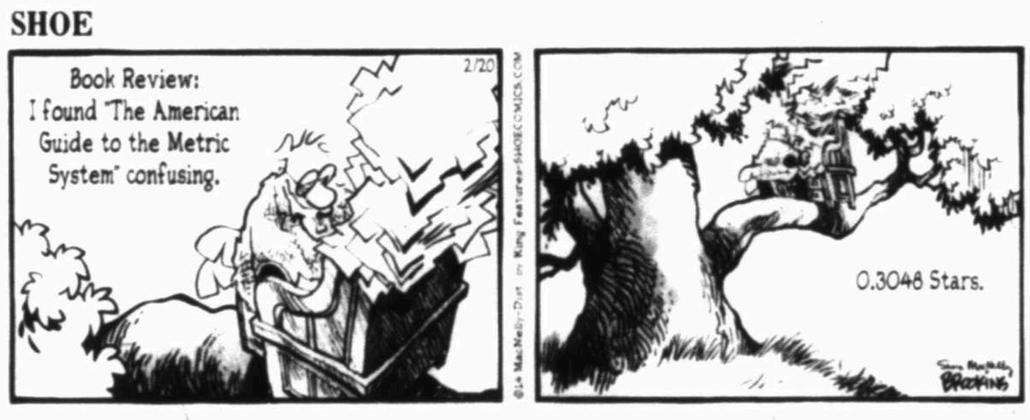

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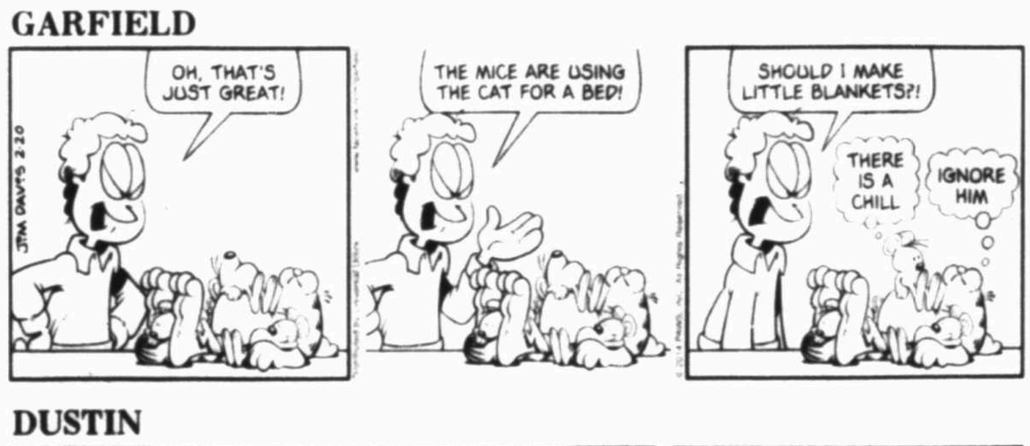

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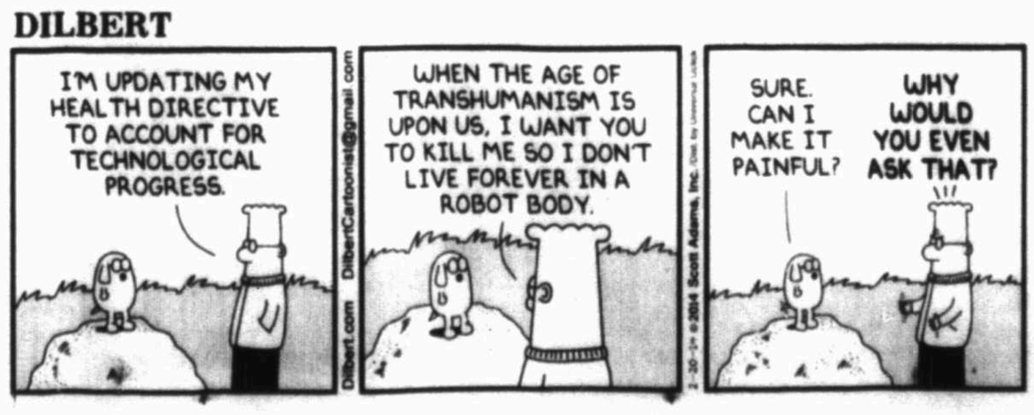

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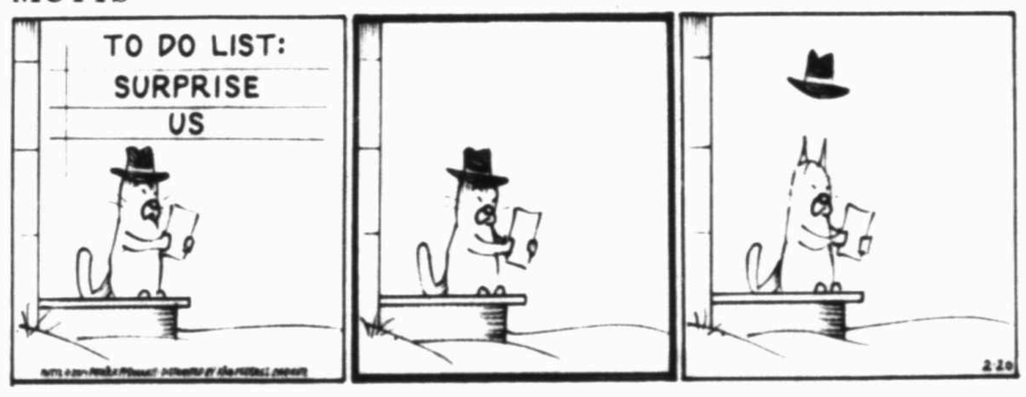

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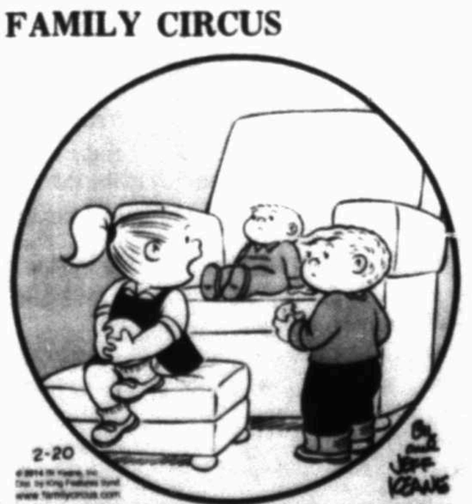

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DINING

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WHERE TO GRAB SOME MEXICAN FOOD

ABUELOS Mix of traditional Tex-Mex with unique menu items featuring steak and seafood. Tired of rice and beans on the side? Try papas con chile and espinaca casserole. 4610 N. Garfield St. 685-3335 www.abuelos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

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CANCUN GRILL Stylish downtown Mexican restaurant inside Wall Towers. Start with the corn queso and then move on to the seafood enchiladas or one of the steaks. 223 W. Wall St. 618-0390 | $$ | 4 spoons

CARAMBA'S SPANISH INN Bustling Mexican restaurant with a variety of foods and combination plates. Tex-Mex favorites and burgers, steaks and seafood 3116 W. Front St. 520-9724 or 520-9525 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA DEL SOL RESTAURANTE Y CANTINA Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice or try one of the West Texas specialties like country-fried steak, shrimp or catfish. 523 East Illinois Ave. 686-1118 | $ | 3 spoons

CASA LOPEZ CAFE Sports bar, restaurant and catering service with entrees like enchiladas and fajitas and appetizers such as bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. 4411 W. Illinois Ave. 699-7373 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA MADRID Established Midland restaurant serves fajitas, Mexican combination plates, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. 911 S. Big Spring St. 685-1350 | $ | 3 spoons

CHARLAS RESTAURANTE & BAR With a casual atmosphere and full service bar, Charla's serves enchiladas, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup and tropical salad. Delicious chips and salsa. 3330 W. Illinois Ave. 699-2440 | $ | 3 spoons

CHITO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & SPORTS Traditional Mexican fare with sports bar atmosphere. Breakfast served on weekends. 4400 N. Midland Drive 689-8646 | $ | 4 spoons

DONA ANITA'S Some of the best chile rellenos in town. Or try the tacos or enchiladas. Heuvos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas on Sundays. 305 W. Florida Ave. 683-6727 | $ | 3 spoons

DOS COMPADRES We recommend the carne guisada or any of the enchiladas with a tangy and mild green sauce. 2200 W. Wadley Ave, #1 Oak Ridge Square 684-7239 www.Doscompadres.net | $ | 3 spoons

DOS MARGARITAS Extensive menu includes fajitas, combination plates, lunch specials and breakfast plates such as huevos rancheros and omelettes. 1501 North Big Spring St. 618-9536 www.dosmargaritasusa.com | $ | 2 spoons

EL BANQUETE Traditional Mexican cuisine such as soft beef and pork tacos. Breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. 1802 Rankin Highway 620-0123 | $ | 2 spoons

EL BURRITO RESTAURANT Serving burritos for more than 30 years. Breakfast and lunch burritos on homemade tortillas and other Tex-Mex favorites. 1106 N. Big Spring St. 683-9701 | $ | 4 spoons

FAJITAS BRAVO Delicious and tender beef and chicken fajita burritos. Or try nachos, burgers, quesadillas or barbecue. 409 E. Scharbauer Drive 682-6848 | $ | 3 spoons

FREEBIRDS Create your own burrito, tacos, nacho, salad or bowl with fillings that range from cilantro lime rice, black beans and tomatillo sauce to carnitas, queso and pico de gallo. 3322 N. Loop 250 West www.freebirds.com 689-9100 | $ | 4 spoons

GARCIA'S BURRITOS Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | $ | 2 spoons

GERARDO'S CASITA Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardoscasita.net | $ | 4 spoons

JAVI'S MEXICANO RESTAURANTE Mexican restaurant, bakery, tortilla and tamale factory serves wide variety of burritos and great burgers. 1511 Rankin Highway 684-4898 | $ | 4 spoons

JORGE'S CAFÉ Two locations in Midland serving Tex-Mex fare. Jorge's does a simple queso without chunks of peppers or tomatoes — you'll either love it or hate it. 3323 N. Midland Drive 689-0032 4400 N. Big Spring St. 683-6303 www.jorges.com | $ | 4 spoons

JUMBURRITO Drive-through or eat-in for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Try the stewmeat with cheese and avocado and smother it with queso and/or Jumburritos' hot sauce. Expect a line for weekend breakfast. 1301 Lamesa Road, 682-5060 | 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 683-7017 | 908 S. Midkiff Road, 689-0350 | 4509 N. Midkiff Road, 689-3894 | www.jumburrito.com | 4 spoons

LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | $ | 2 spoons

LA MISION Festive, colorful restaurant with great Tex-Mex favorites. In a hurry? Go for the lunch buffet. 1008 S. Big Spring St. 682-0320 | $ | 4 spoons

MANUEL'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD Home of the "Son of a Gun" plate — a 90 percent lean hamburger steak with onions, jalapeno gravy, beans, potatoes and tortillas — Manuel's also is known for its hot sauce. After you try it you can buy some to take home with you. 3905 Texas 349 www.manuelsdeli.com 682-2258 | $ | 4 spoons

PENO'S CAFÉ & CATERING COMPANY Try the tacos or the variety of breakfast burritos. Some menu items can be bought by the pound. Order tamales by the dozen. 4305 W. Illinois Ave. 262-5720 Facebook: Cafe J-Peno | $ | 3 spoons

REYNA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT An order of fajitas is too much for one person to eat, but they're so good you'll try anyway. 3601 W. Wall St. 699-2109 | $ | 4 spoons

ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

OSCAR'S SUPER BURRITO Serving Lee High School students, and other loyal customers, for years, Oscar's offers almost endless choices of burritos and other Tex-Mex favorites for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try the brisket and cheese burrito and don't skimp on the salsa. 4306 Neely Ave. | 699-0242 | 4 spoons

ROSA'S CAFÉ & TORTILLA FACTORY If you're a native Midlander, you get it. If you're not, try the queso and tortillas or the chicken fajitas with queso or the combo burritos. It's worth the long drive-through lines. 903 Andrews Highway 520-2358 2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634 | 4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489 | $ | 4 spoons

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drinks and chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedonamexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

TAMPICO SPANISH INN Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | $ | 4 spoons

TIRED OF THE SAME OL' SAME?

CAFE UNIQUE Chef Gabriel Alvarado hails from Venezuela and serves Midlanders a varity of arepas, empanadas and other Venezuelan specialities. Try the any of the arepas. Our favorite is stuffed with black beans, shredded beef, sauteed plantains and white cheese. 3303 N. Midkiff Road | 247-1487 | $ | 4 spoons

SHAHI TANDOOR In a hotel lobby off of West Wall Street, Shahi Tandoor offers a authentic Indian cuisine to West Texans and visitors. The lunch buffet offers a variety of salads, meats and vegetarian dishes. Try the sag paneer or chicken tikka masala. Order the garlic naan from the menu. Evening is menu service only. 3400 W. Wall St. | 618-9090 | www.indianfoodmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

DELIGHTFUL DESSERTS

MARTINEZ BAKERY Walls lined with self-serve bakery cases filled with cookies. Also serves "super tortas" (Mexican sandwiches) with chicken, brisket or ham. 206 E. Florida Ave. 683-3100; 683-2278 | $ | 4 spoons

SUGAR MAMA'S Local bakery specializing in customized cakes, cupcakes, cookies. Try the Elvis — bananas on bottom with peanut butter cream on top. 1028 Andrews Highway, Suite G 618-0976 | 3 spoons

TONY'S BAKERY Order petit fours or a cake for your next party or stop to browse the bakery items for a quick snack. Also try the sandwiches for breakfast or lunch. 1108 N. Big Spring St. 570-4166 | $ | 4 spoons

YOUR WAY YOGURT Start with self-serve yogurt and add toppings ranging from strawberries and whip cream to cereal. 2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D 897-4393 | $ | 3 spoons

GRAB A STEAK

CATTLE BARON Western-themed steakhouse with prime rib, fresh catfish and Alaskan king crab. The salad bar is worth the trip. 418 Wadley Ave. 683-2334 www.cattlebaron.com | $$ | 3 spoons

SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 www.saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK EXPRESS Surprisingly good steaks and burgers for take-out or delivery. Burgers are a meal by themselves. Steaks come with traditional sides. 3316 W. Illinois Ave. 694-4040 | $$ | 4 spoons

WALL STREET BAR & GRILL Arguably the best steak and seafood in Midland. If you're in the mood for something else, try the chicken fried steak or the Dijon chicken. And save room for the Gold Brick dessert. 115 East Wall St. 684-868 | $$ | 5 spoons

ASIAN OPTIONS

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

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

GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

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

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

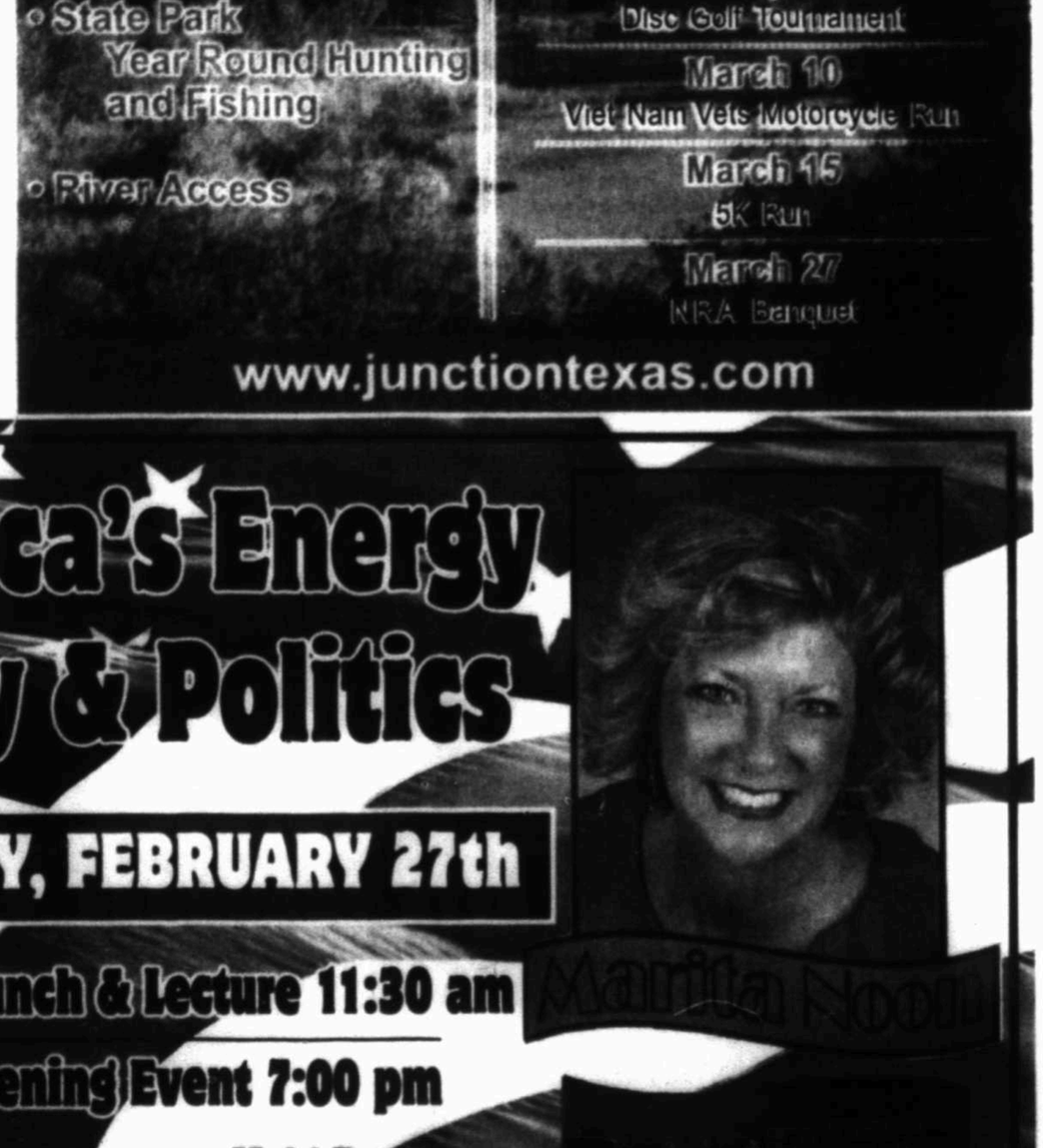
HUNAN GARDEN Chinese Restaurant. Try the daily lunch buffet with about 10 options like sweet and sour chicken, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. 4410 N. Midkiff Rd. Building A., Space 1 697-9818 | $ | 3 spoons

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

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

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

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



Tech football, baseball teams return to Midland

By Oscar LeRoy
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It's no secret that Texas Tech has a large fan and donor base in the Midland-Odessa area, which is why the Red Raider athletic department wants to continue to visit the Tall City as much as possible.

For the second consecutive year, the Texas Tech football team will hold a spring scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Then for the first time since 2010, the Red Raider baseball team will play a game against New Mexico at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 at Security Bank Ballpark.

"Texas Tech believes that Midland is Red Raider country and they want to do everything they can do to show their support," said event organizer Tim Culp, during a press conference touting the events in the Diamond Club at Security Bank Ballpark.

Last year's football scrimmage at Grande, which Culp said was the vision of Midlanders Jay Isaacs and Bobby Burns, was a major success as more than 7,000 fans attended one of just three open practices head coach Kliff Kingsbury conducted with his team during the spring. The day not only brought a game day-like atmosphere to Midland but several fans came in from out of town to catch a glimpse of the Red Raiders under the leadership of the first-year head coach.

"Head coach Kliff Kingsbury said that when the football team arrived in the parking lot, they were overwhelmed with the supporters they had," Culp said. "Coach Kingsbury also said that that Saturday provided a huge springboard for he and his team going in to spring (practices) and also into the fall. We couldn't be more excited about having Texas Tech coming to Midland again."

Thanks to that support, Culp said it was just that much easier to bring the Red Raiders, who are coming off an 8-5 season and Holiday Bowl win, back for a practice. The practice in Midland is also rare for a major college football program to hold one outside of its home field and Tech is the first Big 12 program to do so.

"(Texas Tech athletic director) Kirby Hocutt told us after last year's event that they're coming back as long as Kliff wants to bring his team back," Culp said. "We started this

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Fans tailgate before the start of the Texas Tech spring football practice in 2013 at Grande Communications Stadium

Making a big splash

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High swimmer Kile Carriger (left) and Lee High diver Charlye Campbell pose for a photo in the COM pool Wednesday

MHS' Carriger hoping stroke pays off at state

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The meet

UIL Swimming and Diving Championships
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center, University of Texas at Austin

Kile Carriger's introduction to the breaststroke didn't come with much fanfare.

As a matter of fact, she was first introduced to the stroke as part of City of Midland Aquatics' Learn to Swim program when she was between 5 and 6 years old.

But it didn't take long for Carriger, her parents and various coaches to realize that she has a gift for the stroke that can't be taught.

It's a gift that Carriger is just beginning to tap as the Midland High freshman is making her first appearance at the UIL Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend in Austin, competing in the Class 5A girls 100-yard breaststroke.

"I've heard from a lot of coaches that you can't make a breaststroker, that they are born more than made and it either comes naturally to you or it doesn't," Carriger said. "I guess it's just the way my feet go in the water with my kick. There's just a certain kick that you do and it comes different to people."

Carriger has certainly made an immediate impact as a freshman on the Midland High program. Her addition to the team's two relay teams, especially the 200-yard individual medley, made them state contenders, but it's in the breaststroke where Carriger is making the most noise.

COM Aquatics swim coach Bob Kizer said Carriger has the right combination of talent and competitive drive that have helped make her successful at such a young age. He sees it in practice, along with a strong work ethic.

"She's just as competitive with herself in addition to being competitive with others," said Kizer, who is just finishing up his first season as COM Aquatics coach. "She wants to win and wants to be the best, and wants to learn how to be the best."

Carriger won the event at the San Angelo Invitational in December, and then easily won the District 3-5A title. But it was in the Region I-5A meet in Lubbock where Carriger shined brightest.

The freshman was the No. 2 seed in the 100 breaststroke, behind El Paso Eastwood's Christina Roman. But during the final, Carriger jumped out early and won the event by more than a second.

She not only became the first Midland

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Lee's Campbell looks to make waves at state meet

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Charlye Campbell was fully expecting to make the trip to Austin this weekend for the UIL Class 5A Diving Championships.

But in November, the Lee freshman was faced with what was the first major injury of her young career. Campbell broke her left hand during a practice session, and the injury not only slowed down her training but it also looked to have hurt her chances of qualifying for the state meet.

A little over three months later, though, Campbell earned that spot at the state meet in Austin and will be carrying the Midland ISD diving banner this weekend at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center, diving as well as she was before the injury.

"She's diving better than she oughta be, and she's had some pretty big weeks here recently on the 3-meter and this is a 1-meter event," City of Midland Aquatics diving coach John Proctor said.

Campbell was gearing up for the high school season after a solid club season in the summer where she competed at the USA Diving Junior Nationals. Then as the high school season was getting ready to ramp up, the injury occurred.

Campbell said she broke a bone in her left hand during a practice session the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. But that still didn't stop Campbell from being able to train, just not in the water.

Campbell said she was able to do some dry land training, and when she returned to the water did some feet-first dives. Campbell said the hand is fully healed, even though she still wears a brace.

Prior to the broken hand, Campbell was already showing her potential. She won the 1-meter diving competition at the San Angelo Invitational, and then the next week won both the 1-meter and 3-meter competitions at the Midland Invitational.

"It's been kind of different since I broke my hand," Campbell said. "I used to be good at a lot of my harder dives ... my optionals ... but I've actually gotten really good at twisting."

Campbell said she didn't perform like she wanted at the regional meet two weeks ago when she finished second to Lubbock Coronado's Ty Sides with 424.95 points.

That performance put her at No. 8 in the 16-diver Class 5A girls field, but Mangum said Campbell is diving well enough right now to be better in that seed and possibly even contend for a medal.

Mangum said this year's field is more wide open than a year ago when Midland High's Anna James won the title, and was one of two divers who were considered overwhelming favorites.

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MC's Bull uses trying season as learning experience

By Oscar LeRoy
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This is not the kind of season Dominique Bull or any of his Midland College men's basketball teammates envisioned.

The Chaparrals are in the middle of a struggling season, sitting at 11-16 overall and 3-11 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference heading into tonight's home game against rival Odessa College (21-6, 9-5).

Bull

While it may be easy for players to put their heads down, Bull is taking this trying season as a learning experience.

"A lot of people thought we would have gone farther this year and challenge for a conference championship," said Bull, the 6-foot-5 sophomore guard from Worcester, Mass. "We're going to learn from this. I know that Midland had a few successful seasons behind us and a year like this makes people wonder, 'What's going on with these guys?' We just need to stay positive and still play hard, so when people come and see us they know we're giving it our all."

Bull is trying to lead the team by

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Boston native Veiga finds home with Lady Chaps

By Oscar LeRoy
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Tajanay Veiga had no doubts that she wanted to play college basketball, but also wanted to have new experiences.

With that in mind, when the Midland College women's basketball team wanted her to become a Lady Chaparral, she didn't hesitate about leaving her home in Boston.

Veiga

"I know my dad was telling me about it and I wanted to be far, so Texas was a pretty far place" said Veiga, the 5-foot-6 freshman guard. "I just wanted to go somewhere different. I've never been to Texas before, so why not try it out."

So far it's worked out pretty well for Veiga as the Lady Chaparrals (17-10, 7-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) have locked up a spot in next month's Region V Tournament and are now looking to gain some momentum in the postseason. Veiga and the Lady Chaps host rival Odessa College (20-6, 10-2) at 5:45 p.m. today in what should be another entertaining game between the

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WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING

NASCAR, Nationwide Series, practice for DRIVE-4COPD 300, 9 a.m., FS1

NASCAR, Nationwide Series, practice for DRIVE-4COPD 300, 11 a.m., FS1

NASCAR, Truck Series, practice for NextEra Energy Resources 250, 12:30 p.m., FS1

NASCAR, Nationwide Series, practice for DRIVE-4COPD 300, 2 p.m., FS1

NASCAR, Truck Series, practice for NextEra Energy Resources 250, 3:30 p.m., FS1

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Duel, 6 p.m., FS1

GOLF

LPGA Thailand, first round, 8 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour-WGC, Accenture Match Play Championship, second round matches, noon, TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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

Alabama at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Penn St. at Nebraska, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Duke at North Carolina, 8 p.m., ESPN

UConn at Temple, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Toledo at Bowling Green, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Gonzaga at BYU, 10 p.m., ESPN2

Pepperdine at Loyola Marymount, 10 p.m., ESPNU

NBA

Miami at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT

Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

SOCCER

UEFA Europa League, Valencia at Dynamo Kiev, noon, FSN

UEFA Europa League, Eintracht Frankfurt at Porto, 2 p.m., FSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Midland College at Cisco, 1 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Class A Division II, Grady vs. Sanderson, 6 p.m. Crane HS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Midland High at Round Rock Tournament

Lee at Lewisville Tournament

Greenwood at Pecos Tournament

Midland Christian at Weatherford Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Tall City Small School Tournament

UTPB ROUNDUP

SOFTBALL

INCARNATE WORD SWEEPS UTPB

ODESSA — Incarnate Word swept a doubleheader from the UTPB softball team on Wednesday, winning 9-5 and 10-5.

In the first game, Jennifer Quam went 4 for 4 at the plate in a losing effort while Niki DeSera added two hits. Desiree Valero took the loss after allowing eight runs (six earned) on 12 hits in 5 1/3 innings of work.

In the second game, Incarnate Word broke a 5-all tie with five runs in the eighth inning to beat the Lady Falcons.

UTPB was out-hit 13-5 in the game and Valero took another loss as she allowed six runs (five earned) on eight hits.

Quam had another two hits for the Lady Falcons in the nightcap.

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1	Indian Hills CC (16)	26-2	400	1
2	Vincennes University	25-2	380	3
3	**McLennan CC**	**25-2**	**343**	**8**
4	Columbia State CC	22-2	334	6
5	Trinity Valley CC	23-3	326	10
6	College of Southern Idaho	26-3	319	2
7	**South Plains College**	**23-4**	**266**	**7**
8	Harcum College	24-2	244	16
9	Shelton State CC	22-3	239	4
10	Northeastern JC	24-3	227	9
11	Gillette College	24-3	206	14
12	Southeastern CC	23-5	193	19
13	**Kilgore College**	**21-4**	**183**	**5**
14	Northwest Florida State	21-5	176	11
15	South Georgia Technical	22-4	173	12
16	Hutchinson CC	22-5	143	15
17	Southwest Tennessee CC	19-3	137	23
18	North Platte CC	23-4	133	13
19	Daytona State	23-4	129	RV
20	Chipola College	20-5	114	21
21	**New Mexico JC**	**22-5**	**94**	**17**
22	Salt Lake CC	23-5	75	RV
23	Iowa Western CC	23-6	65	18
24	**San Jacinto-Central**	**21-4**	**60**	**RV**
25	Jones County JC	17-4	51	20

NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1	**Trinity Valley CC (8)**	**25-1**	**200**	**1**
2	Walters State CC	27-0	192	2
3	Hutchinson CC	25-0	184	3
4	Chipola College	26-1	176	4
5	Central Arizona College	27-2	168	5
6	Butler CC	27-1	160	6
7	Northwest Florida State	21-4	152	7
8	Coll. of Southern Idaho	26-3	144	9
9	Salt Lake CC	22-6	136	8
10	Northeastern Ok A&M	24-2	128	11
11	Shelton State CC	25-2	120	12
12	South Georgia Technical	25-3	112	13
13	**Tyler Junior College**	**22-4**	**104**	**15**
14	**Blinn College**	**21-5**	**96**	**14**
15	Florida State-Jacksonville	21-6	88	16
16	Seward County CC	23-4	80	10
17	**Collin County CC**	**22-5**	**72**	**18**
18	Eastern Oklahoma State	21-4	64	19
19	St. Petersburg College	21-6	56	20
20	Wabash Valley College	21-4	48	21
21	Wallace State CC-Hnceville	23-3	40	23
22	**New Mexico JC**	**20-5**	**32**	**NR**
23	Gulf Coast State	20-6	24	17
24	Cowley County CC	20-7	16	22
25	**Weatherford College**	**17-3**	**8**	**RV**

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Ubaldo Jimenez on a four-year contract. Designated RHP Liam Hendriks for assignment.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Signed general manager Frank Wren and manager Fredi Gonzalez to contract extensions.

CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Homer Bailey on a six-year contract.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed C Ryan Babineau.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Traded RHP Joe Zeller to Amarillo for RHP Josh Corrales.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Taylor Oldham.

Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Kody McFarland.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHP Mickey Jannis and INF Vincent Mejia to contract extensions. Signed SS Roger Bernal, OF Michael Durham and RHP Dalton Willige.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Traded RHP Wes Torrez to Camden (Atlantic) for a player to be named.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Phoenix F P.J. Tucker $5,000 for violating the league's anti-flopping rules for the second time this season.

BROOKLYN NETS — Traded G Jason Terry and F Reggie Evans to Sacramento for G Marcus Thornton.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Washington TE Fred Davis indefinitely for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Named Billy Devaney and Russ Bolinger player personnel scouts.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed CB Derricus Purdy.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Fired offensive line coach Jim Turner and head athletic trainer Kevin O'Neill.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Korey Banks to a contract extension through 2015.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled Fs Cory Emmerton, Riley Sheahan and Teemu Pulkkinen and D Adam Almquist from Grand Rapids (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled Fs Tyler Toffoli, Linden Vey and Tanner Pearson from Manchester (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled D Jonathon Blum and F Jake Dowell from Iowa (AHL). Assigned G John Curry to Iowa.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled D Jon Merrill from Albany (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled D Brandon Gormley from Portland (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed F Joe Broda to a professional tryout contract. Reassigned F Nick Larson to South Carolina (ECHL). Traded F Greg Miller to Oklahoma City for F Nicolas Tremblay and assigned Tremblay to Stockton (ECHL). Loaned D Mike Cornell to Florida (ECHL).

LAKE ERIE MONSTERS — Reassigned F Cam Reid to Denver (CHL).

ECHL

CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Released F Tyler Craig.

Central Hockey League

ALLEN AMERICANS — Signed F Bruce Graham. Waived F Daniel Barnes.

ARIZONA SUNDOGS — Signed G Dave Kopacz.

QUAD CITY MALLARDS — Signed F Chris Greene.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

CHIVAS USA — Signed M Agustin Pelletier.

D.C. UNITED — Waived F Casey Townsend.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Waived F W. Bates.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Traded F Teal Bunbury to New England for a 2015 first-round draft pick and allocation money.

COLLEGE

ALABAMA — Announced F Nick Jacobs is taking a leave of absence from the men's basketball team.

COKER — Announced the resignation of men's soccer coach Paul Leese, who will take the same position at Texas-Pan American.

COLORADO STATE — Promoted Gary Ozzello to executive director of community outreach and engagement.

IOWA STATE — Named Maurice Linguist secondary coach.

NOTRE DAME — Announced DB Cody Riggs is transferring from Florida.

TCU — Dismissed WR LaDarius Brown from the football team.

UAB — Named Zac Woodfin strength and conditioning coach and Richard Owens tight ends coach.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Wed 6:43 am packed powder machine groomed 28-28 base 50 of 78 trails 65% open, 410 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-8p Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Reopen TBA Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun;

Red River — Wed 7:55 am packed powder machine groomed 21-24 base 52 of 57 trails 92% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Closed for Snow Sports

Sipapu — Wed 5:40 am variable machine groomed 18-26 base 26 of 41 trails, 64% open 160 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4pp;

Ski Apache — Wed 7:29 am variable machine groomed 15-19 base 37 of 55 trails 68% open, 400 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Wed 8:40 am MG machine groomed 35-35 base 71 of 77 trails 93% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Wed 7:14 am packed powder machine groomed 37-41 base 106 of 113 trails, 94% open 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Angel Fire Resort XC — Operating, no details

Enchanted Forest XC — Tue 7:00 pm packed powder 6-20 base 25 of 40 trails 12 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Wed 5:38 am packed powder machine groomed 75-75 base 107 of 107 trails 100% open, 960 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Wed 4:35 am packed powder machine groomed 65-87 base 124 of 124 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Wed 4:33 am packed powder machine groomed 51-52 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Wed 8:10 am packed powder machine groomed 60-60 base 150 of 150 trails 100% open, 1832 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p

Breckenridge — Wed 8:13 am packed powder machine groomed 86-86 base 187 of 187 trails 100% open, 2907 acres, 33 of 34 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Buttermilk — Wed 4:34 am packed powder machine groomed 42-44 base 44 of 44 trails 100% open, 470 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Copper Mountain — Wed 4:55 am packed powder machine groomed 69-90 base 141 of 142 trails 100% open, 2217 acres, 22 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Wed 7:19 am packed powder machine groomed 76-76 base 121 of 121 trails 100% open, 1163 acres, 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat-Sun: 9a-4p

Eldora — Mon 5:37 am powder machine groomed 68-68 base 53 of 53 trails, 100% open 11 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Irwin — Operating, no details

Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details

Keystone — Wed 8:11 am packed powder machine groomed 61-61 base 131 of 135 trails 98% open, 3148 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-6p

Loveland — Tue 7:17 am variable machine groomed 75-75 base 89 of 93 trails, 96% open 1639 acres, 8 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Monarch — Wed 2:19 pm packed powder machine groomed 92-92 base 62 of 62 trails, 100% open 800 acres, 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Lee's Williams wants regional berth

By Len Hayward

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Hope Williams knows that her high school tennis career is winding down, and she would like nothing better than to earn that elusive trip to the regional tournament.

Williams, a senior at Lee, certainly started her season off on a positive note by winning the girls singles title at the Odessa Invitational last weekend.

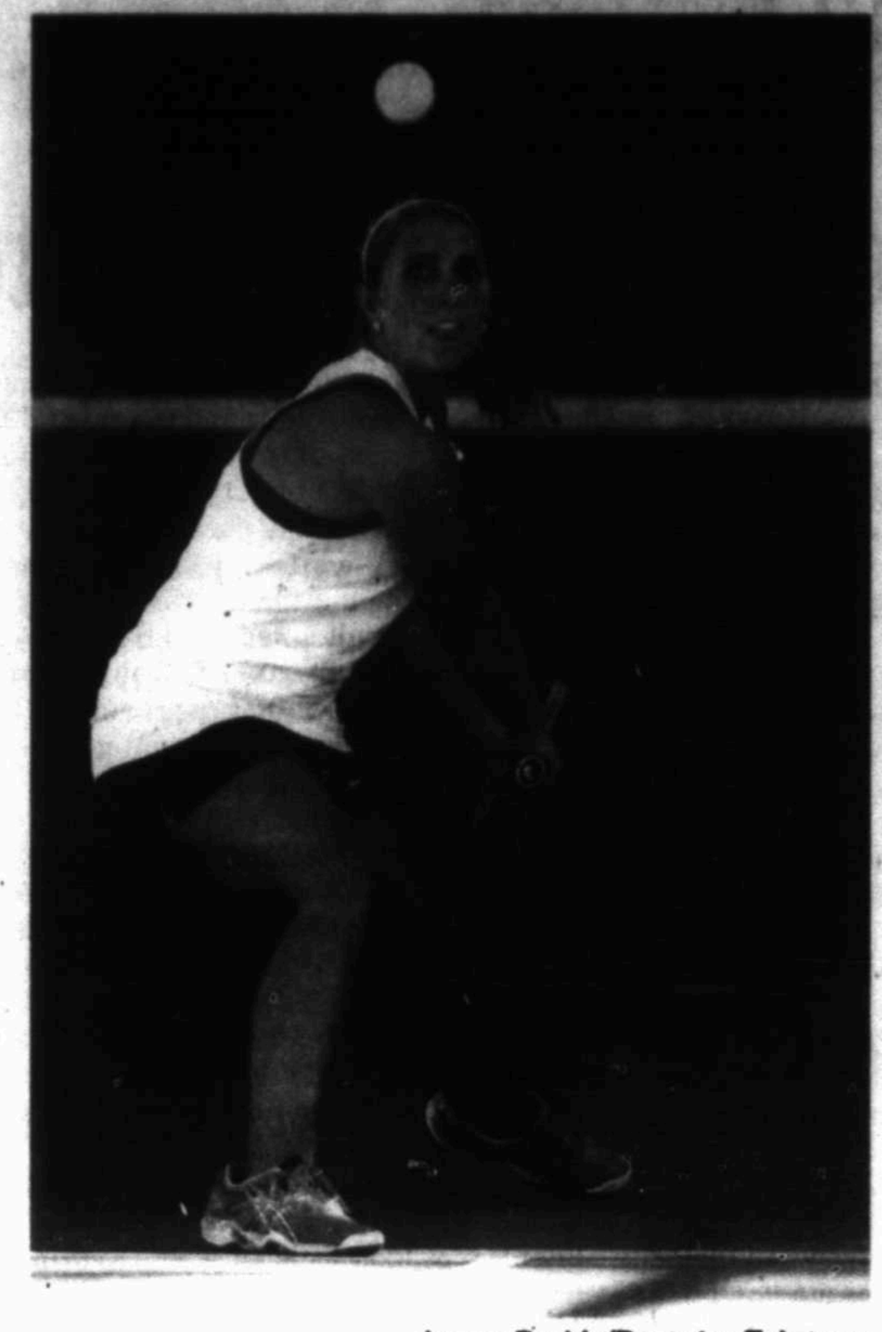
This week, though, Williams will be playing on her home courts at the Bush Tennis Center but against a much tougher field in the annual Tall City Invitational.

With stalwart teams such as El Paso Coronado, Lubbock Coronado, Southlake Carroll and Coppell participating, Williams will certainly get an idea of where she stands in the region.

The annual tournament begins today with a small-school bracket, while the Class 4A and 5A schools will play on Friday and Saturday.

"This is always a really big tournament, and it'd be really cool if I could get the opportunity to play these big schools, and hopefully I can hold my own against them," Williams said. "I want to represent Midland."

Williams has been a four-year player for the Rebels program, but it was last year that Williams had her best shot to earn a regional tournament spot.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Hope Williams returns a hit from Midland High's Kate Daugherty during a District 2-5A match at Midland High on Oct. 8.

Williams advanced to the semifinals of the District 2-5A tournament before losing to Lubbock Coronado's Reagan Collins. She ended up fourth after losing the third-place match, and didn't get a chance at a playback match.

Williams comes in a more confident player than a year ago, and said it's tournaments such as this weekend's that will help her with that confidence. Williams was eighth in last year's Tall City Invite.

"I get to see so many good players, and I'm able just to see where I'm at and what I need to improve on," Williams said. "If that's being more consistent, if that's using more power like I'm trying to, whatever it is, this is the first big tournament that we have this season."

Complete draws

See the complete draws for Friday's first round.

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First-year Lee tennis coach Andy Cariens said last week's win in Odessa boosted Williams' confidence and he said he's looking forward to see how she performs this weekend.

"She been putting in some extra hours on the court, and I think it's really shown these past couple of weeks," Cariens said. "Getting that early win is key to building her confidence for the rest of the season."

MHS RIDING SUCCESS IN CORPUS CHRISTI: A handful of young Bulldog tennis players found some success last weekend for the Midland High tennis team in Corpus Christi and will take that momentum into this weekend's tournament.

Bulldog freshman Kate Daugherty won the girls singles division at the tournament, while fellow freshman Ellie Hord and Anna Parkison finished third in girls doubles.

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TALL CITY INVITATIONAL

Today-Saturday

Today

Small School Tournament

Team expected to compete

Andrews, Big Spring, Greenwood, Hobbs, N.M., Lee JV, Levelland, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Trinity, Midland Christian, Midland High JV, Monahans, Odessa High JV, Odessa Permian JV, Plainview, Seminole, Wolfforth Frenship

Boys Singles: Bush Tennis Center

Boys Doubles: Bush Tennis Center

Girls Singles: Midland College Tennis Center

Girls Doubles: Midland College Tennis Center

Mixed Doubles: Midland High School

Friday-Saturday

Teams competing

Abilene High, Amarillo High, Amarillo Tascosa, Coppell, El Paso Coronado, El Paso Franklin, El Paso High, Lubbock Coronado, Midland High, Lee, Lubbock High, Lubbock Monterey, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central, Southlake Carroll

Friday

Boys Singles: Midland College Tennis Center

Boys Doubles: Bush Tennis Center

Girls Singles: Bush Tennis Center

Girls Doubles: Midland High School

Mixed Doubles: Midland College Tennis Center

Saturday

Places 1st-12th: Bush Tennis Center

Places 13th-24th: Midland College Tennis Center

Places 25th-32nd: Midland High School Tennis Center

2013 Champions

Boys Singles: Richardo James, El Paso Franklin

Girls Singles: Erin Walker, Abilene High

Boys Doubles: Meloff-Gideon, San Angelo Central

Girls Doubles: Garland-Anderson, Lubbock Coronado

Mixed Doubles: White-Stayer, Coppell

MHS absent from West Texas Classic

By Len Hayward

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The annual West Texas Classic couldn't be coming at a better time for the Lee softball team.

Overton

The Lady Rebels have played one regular season game, and spent much of January and February working out indoors either in a gym or the program's indoor batting cage.

But while Lee's and other teams' issues of battling the unusually cold weather this February might be a topic of discussion this week heading into the annual high school softball tournament, it's been another issue that's moved to the forefront.

For the first time in a number of years, Midland High will not be participating in the tournament, opting to play in tournaments in Bryan (last week) and McKinney (next week).

It's a decision that didn't come easy for Midland High coach Shawna Vines, but the tournament will still serve as a fundraiser for the program while Lee will carry the Midland ISD banner this weekend.

The tournament will feature 16 varsity teams split into two pools, and along with Lee, other Midland County teams playing this weekend are Greenwood and Midland Christian. But no Midland High.

"It will be different with them not playing in it," Lee coach Wes Overton said of Midland High.

Midland ISD Executive Director of Athletics Todd Howey said that it was an oversight on his part when he reviewed Midland High's schedule. He said he understood why Vines would want to try to go to another tournament, but said next year both teams will be back in it.

Howey said once he found out it, was too late in the process to change both for Midland High and the tournament they were competing in.

When asked about not playing in the tournament this year in an interview earlier this month, Vines didn't want to comment.

"She was trying to find a little different competition and some different faces," Howey said. "But we are not going to do that again because we are going to play in our tournaments. If I had seen that and it would've been on time, I'd have corrected that."

Overton said there were a number of factors that kept both teams from not playing in the tournament.

One of them was the University Interscholastic League's new rules on game limitations, and the other was how tough it was to bring teams into the tournament.

Because the Lady Rebels and Lady Bulldogs play in a nine-team district, they play 16 district games and the UIL rule states that teams can only play in two tournaments with 17 single games.

He said because of that rule, it's been tough to get Class 5A teams to travel to Midland, and also with some Lubbock schools in the same district they were reluctant to play here against other district teams.

But Overton said with the recent realignment, and the Lubbock schools being in a different district, those teams could return, along with some teams from the Metroplex.

"You are limited to only two tournaments and you want to make sure both of them count, with good quality games," Overton said. "Hopefully it's going to work out for next year, and with the game limits and we get that third tournament back."

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2014 WEST TEXAS CLASSIC

All games at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex at Ulmer Park

Division I

Maroon Pool: Lee, Hereford, El Paso El Dorado, Alpine, El Paso Hanks, Mansfield, Monahans, Andrews

Purple Pool: Seminole, Odessa Permian, Greenwood, Midland Christian, Kermit, Pecos, Colorado City, Amarillo Palo Duro

Thursday's Games

5 p.m.

Lee JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 1; MHS JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 2; Midland Christian vs. Pecos, Field 3; Odessa Permian vs. Seminole, Field 4; Monahans vs. El Paso El Dorado, Field 5; Mansfield vs. Alpine, Field 6; Lee vs. Hereford, Field 7; Odessa Permian JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 8

7 p.m.

Pecos JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 1; MHS JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 2; Midland Christian vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 3; Greenwood vs. Seminole, Field 4; Kermit vs. Colorado City, Field 5; Andrews vs. Alpine, Field 6; El Paso Hanks vs. Hereford, Field 7; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 8

9 p.m.

Pecos JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 1; Lee JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 2; Colorado City vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 3; Greenwood vs. Odessa Permian, Field 4; Mansfield vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 5; Andrews vs. Monahans, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso El Dorado, Field 7; Kermit vs. Pecos, Field 8; Andrews JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 9

Friday's Games

11 a.m.

Lee JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 2; Kermit vs. Greenwood, Field 3; Big Spring JV vs. Pecos JV, Field 4; Andrews vs. El Paso El Dorado, Field 6; Mansfield vs. Monahans, Field 7

1 p.m.

MHS JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 2; Seminole vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 3; Odessa Permian JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 4; Colorado City vs. Pecos, Field 5; Midland Christian vs. Odessa Permian, Field 6; Lee vs. Alpine, Field 7

3 p.m.

Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 2; Lee JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 3; Odessa Permian JV vs. Pecos JV, Field 4; Monahans vs. Hereford, Field 5; Andrews vs. Mansfield, Field 6; El Paso Hanks vs. Alpine, Field 7

5 p.m.

MHS JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 2; Greenwood vs. Midland Christian, Field 3; Monahans JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 4; Kermit vs. Seminole, Field 6; Pecos vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 6; El Paso El Dorado vs. Hereford, Field 7

7 p.m.

Odessa Permian JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 4; Odessa Permian vs. Colorado City, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso Hanks

Saturday's Games

9 a.m.

Presidio JV vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 2; Midland Christian vs. Colorado City, Field 3; Lee JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 4

11 a.m.

Presidio JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 2; Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 3; Greenwood vs. Pecos, Field 4; MHS JV vs. Big Spring, Field 5; Odessa Permian vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 6; El Paso El Dorado vs. Mansfield

1 p.m.

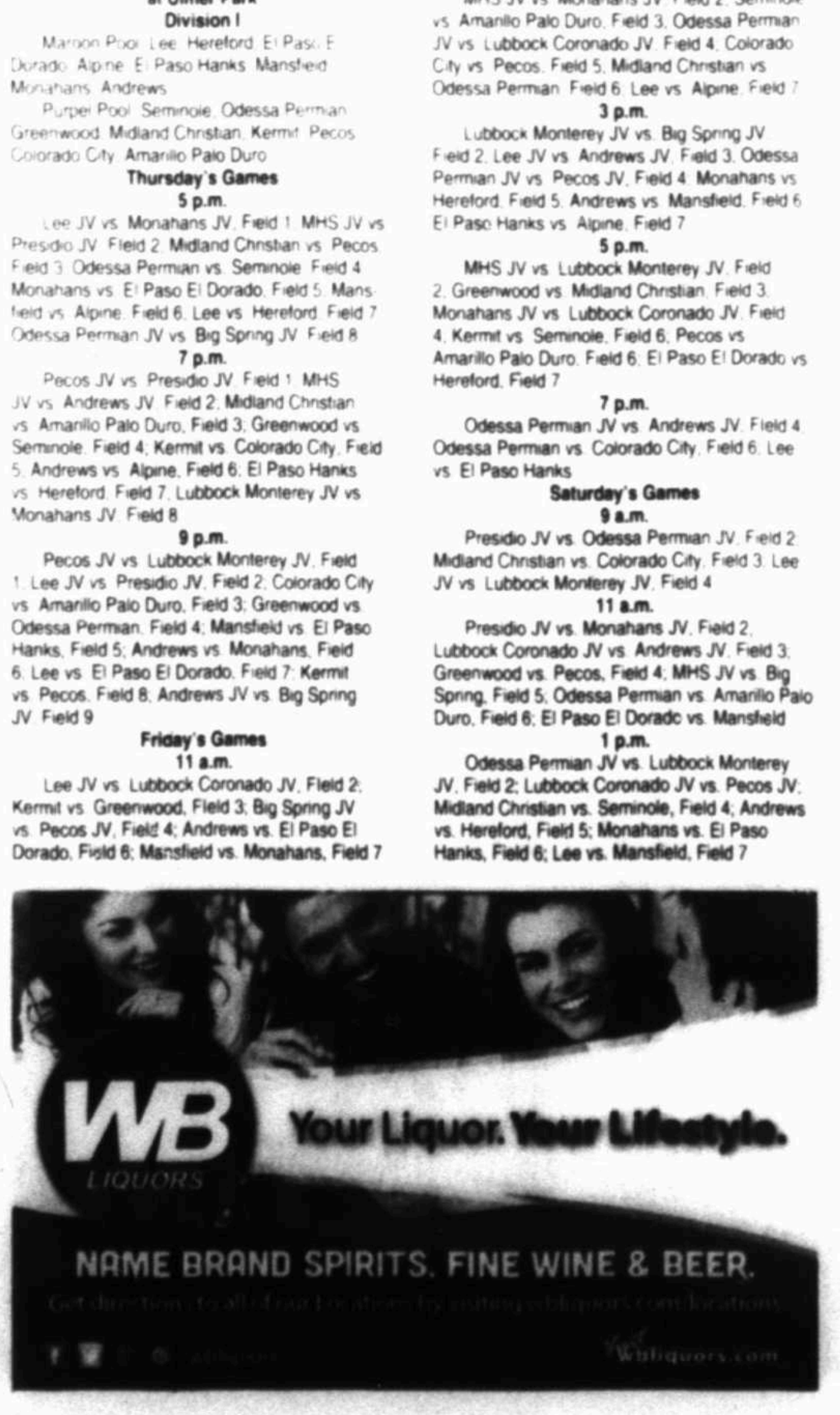
Odessa Permian JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 2; Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Pecos JV; Midland Christian vs. Seminole, Field 4; Andrews vs. Hereford, Field 5; Monahans vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 6; Lee vs. Mansfield, Field 7

3 p.m.

Andrews JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 2; MHS JV vs. Pecos JV, Field 3; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Kermit, Field 4; Lee JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 5; Greenwood vs. Colorado City, Field 6; Alpine vs. El Paso El Dorado

5 p.m.

Presidio JV vs. Lubbock Coroando JV, Field 2; Pecos vs. Seminole, Field 3; Odessa Permian vs. Kermit, Field 4; Hereford vs. Alpine, Field 5; El Paso Hanks vs. Andrews; Lee vs. Monahans



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MC baseball splits against Hill College

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Midland College baseball team split a non-conference doubleheader with Hill College Wednesday at Hardin Simmons University as the Chaparrals won the first game, 6-2, before dropping the second game, 9-5.

In the the first game, the Chaps (5-3) got 10 hits as Blaine Prescott, Bryndan Arredondo, Jay Gonzales and Caleb Koedyker each had two hits. Arredondo added a triple and three runs scored and Koedyker had two RBI.

Brandon Courville got the win after going six innings and allowing two earned runs on six hits with five walks and two strikeouts.

In the loss, MC had four errors and gave up a five-run seventh inning.

MC had 11 hits in the game as Justin Clarkson, Koedyker, JoJo Collazo and Richie Furline each had two hits with Collazo and Furline each hitting a double.

MC returns to Christensen Stadium to host Colby Community College in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 6, HILL COLLEGE 2

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Mayo, Ramos (3) and Germaine. Brandon Courville, Sebastian Palacios (7) and Bryndan Arredondo. W — Courville (1-1). L — Mayo. 2B — HC: Germaine 2; MC: Caleb Koedyker. 3B — MC: Arredondo.

HILL COLLEGE 9, MIDLAND COLLEGE 5

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Francisco Cervantes, Clay O'Dell (5), Cade Davis (6), Luke Downs (8), Aaron Rumfield (8) and Arredondo. Linck, Foster (6) and Howell. W — Linck. L — Cervantes (0-2). 2B — MC: Tony Reyes, Richie Furline, JoJo Collazo; HC: Starck. 3B — MC: Prescott. HR — HC: Castilleja.

Record: Midland College 5-3

Next: Colby Community College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Saturday

Campbell

From 1C

"For her to come back and perform as well as she has the last two weeks is awesome," Mangum said. "She going in the eighth seed, and that's a good spot, it's the middle of the pack and nobody really expects that much. She's capable of diving better than she's done."

With the injury behind her, Campbell's expectations are simple and that's to perform as well as she can.

"Honestly, I just really hope to get a personal best," Campbell said. "I've only done four high school meets, and I just hope to do better than I have done before. And just be proud of what I did and get into the top."

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WEDNESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	29	25	537	—
Brooklyn	25	27	481	3
New York	21	33	389	8
Boston	19	36	345	10½
Philadelphia	15	40	273	14½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	38	14	731	—
Washington	26	28	481	13
Atlanta	25	28	472	13½
Charlotte	25	30	455	14½
Orlando	16	40	286	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	41	13	759	—
Chicago	28	25	528	12½
Detroit	22	32	407	19
Cleveland	22	33	400	19½
Milwaukee	10	43	189	30½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	39	15	722	—
Houston	36	17	679	2½
Dallas	32	23	582	7½
Memphis	30	23	566	8½
New Orleans	23	30	434	15½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	43	12	782	—
Portland	36	17	679	6
Minnesota	26	28	481	16½
Denver	24	28	462	17½
Utah	19	34	358	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	37	19	661	—
Phoenix	32	21	604	3½
Golden State	31	22	585	4½
L.A. Lakers	18	35	340	17½
Sacramento	18	35	340	17½

Wednesday's Scores

Cleveland 101, Orlando 93
Charlotte 116, Detroit 98
Chicago 94, Toronto 92
Washington 114, Atlanta 97
Minnesota 104, Indiana 91
New York 98, New Orleans 91
Phoenix 100, Boston 94
Brooklyn 105, Utah 99
San Antonio at Portland, late
Golden State at Sacramento, late
Houston at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Miami at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

New York at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 8 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

BOBCATS 116, PISTONS 98

DETROIT (98): Smith 7-18 0-1 14, Monroe 5-15 3-4 13, Drummond 4-7 0-0 8, Jennings 7-18 2-4 20, Singler 3-8 2-2 10, Stuckey 6-10 2-2 15, Jerebko 1-4 2-2 4, Bynum 5-9 3-5 14, Caldwell-Pope 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell 0-1 0-0 0, Datome 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-90 14-20 98.

CHARLOTTE (116): Kidd-Gilchrist 3-5 5-6 11, McRoberts 5-8 2-2 15, Jefferson 12-20 5-8 29, Walker 8-20 5-5 24, Henderson 5-7 0-0 11, Zeller 3-6 1-2 7, Sessions 3-7 3-4 10, Tolliver 2-6 0-0 4, Biyombo 0-1 1-2 1, Pargo 1-2 2-2 4, Douglas-Roberts 0-0 0-0 0, Adrien 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-82 24-31 116.

Detroit	21	26	25	26	—	98
Charlotte	28	25	33	30	—	116

3-Point Goals—Detroit 8-18 (Jennings 4-8, Singler 2-4, Bynum 1-1, Stuckey 1-1, Jerebko 0-1, Smith 0-3), Charlotte 8-20 (McRoberts 3-4, Walker 3-8, Sessions 1-2, Henderson 1-3, Tolliver 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 41 (Monroe 7), Charlotte 64 (Biyombo, Jefferson, Henderson 8). Assists—Detroit 20 (Bynum 8), Charlotte 32 (Walker 16). Total Fouls—Detroit 20, Charlotte 18. Technicals—Bynum, Drummond, Jennings 2, Detroit defensive three second. Ejected—Jennings. A—14,400 (19,077).

CAVALIERS 101, MAGIC 93

ORLANDO (93): Harris 6-14 5-8 19, Davis 0-4 0-0 0, Vucevic 8-15 4-6 20, Nelson 2-11 0-0 5, Afflalo 7-14 7-8 23, Harkless 0-2 1-2 1, O'Quinn 5-8 0-0 10, Oladipo 2-6 0-0 4, Nicholson 4-9 0-0 9, Moore 1-6 0-0 2, Maxiell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-89 17-24 93.

CLEVELAND (101): Deng 6-14 4-4 17, Thompson 5-9 6-9 16, Zeller 4-5 8-9 16, Irving 8-18 3-4 22, Jack 3-10 3-4 10, Miles 1-5 2-2 4, Bennett 2-8 3-3 7, Dellavedova 2-7 0-0 4, Sims 2-2 1-2 5, Gee 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-80 30-37 101.

Orlando	11	25	32	25	—	93
Cleveland	26	29	17	29	—	101

3-Point Goals—Orlando 6-22 (Afflalo 2-4, Harris 2-5, Nicholson 1-2, Nelson 1-5, Harkless 0-1, Oladipo 0-2, Moore 0-3), Cleveland 5-20 (Irving 3-7, Jack 1-2, Deng 1-2, Gee 0-1, Miles 0-2, Bennett 0-2, Dellavedova 0-4). Fouled Out—O'Quinn. Rebounds—Orlando 54 (Vucevic 12), Cleveland 61 (Thompson 14). Assists—Orlando 21 (Nelson 9), Cleveland 22 (Irving 7). Total Fouls—Orlando 25, Cleveland 20. A—16,539 (20,562).

BULLS 94, RAPTORS 92

CHICAGO (94): Dunleavy 1-6 0-0 2, Boozer 7-13 6-7 20, Noah 3-7 2-4 8, Hinrich 8-11 0-0 19, Butler 6-11 4-6 16, Augustin 7-15 1-1 19, Gibson 4-8 2-2 10, Snell 0-1 0-0 0, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-72 15-20 94.

TORONTO (92): Ross 4-9 1-1 9, Patterson 2-6 0-0 5, Valanciunas 1-3 0-0 2, Lowry 4-13 7-7 16, DeRozan 11-25 10-11 32, Salmons 2-6 0-0 4, Johnson 4-6 1-3 9, Hansbrough 4-7 0-1 8, Vasquez 3-8 0-0 7, Stone 0-0 0-0 0, Novak 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-83 19-23 92.

Chicago	31	17	22	24	—	94
Toronto	21	20	21	30	—	92

3-Point Goals—Chicago 7-12 (Augustin 4-5, Hinrich 3-3, Snell 0-1, Butler 0-1, Dunleavy 0-2), Toronto 3-17 (Vasquez 1-3, Patterson 1-3, Lowry 1-4, Salmons 0-1, Ross 0-2, DeRozan 0-4). Fouled Out—Gibson, Lowry. Rebounds—Chicago 51 (Dunleavy 11), Toronto 42 (Hansbrough 7). Assists—Chicago 25 (Noah 13), Toronto 16 (Lowry 7). Total Fouls—Chicago 24, Toronto 24. Technicals—Augustin, Boozer, Mohammed, Chicago Coach Thibodeau, DeRozan, Hansbrough, Lowry. A—17,704 (19,800).

WIZARDS 114, HAWKS 97

WASHINGTON (114): Ariza 7-12 0-0 19, Nene 3-9 4-6 10, Gortat 7-9 0-0 14, Wall 8-19 2-2 21, Beal 7-16 3-3 19, Webster 5-10 0-0 13, Booker 6-8 0-0 12, Temple 2-4 0-0 4, Seraphin 1-1 0-0 2, Porter Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Vesely 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 46-89 9-11 114.

ATLANTA (97): Martin 1-2 2-2 4, Millsap 7-18 6-8 21, Brand 7-11 6-7 20, Teague 6-16 2-2 16, Korver 4-5 0-0 10, Williams 3-9 7-9 14, Mack 2-5 2-2 6, Scott 2-5 0-0 4, Schroder 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-73 25-30 97.

Washington	31	27	33	23	—	114
Atlanta	14	33	36	14	—	97

3-Point Goals—Washington 13-24 (Ariza 5-8, Webster 3-5, Wall 3-6, Beal 2-4, Temple 0-1), Atlanta 6-16 (Korver 2-3, Teague 2-3, Millsap 1-4, Williams 1-5, Mack 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 43 (Gortat 12), Atlanta 47 (Millsap, Brand 11). Assists—Washington 30 (Wall 12), Atlanta 20 (Teague 5). Total Fouls—Washington 23, Atlanta 11. A—13,529 (18,729).

KNICKS 98, PELICANS 91

NEW YORK (98): Shumpert 1-6 0-0 2, Anthony 16-29 8-12 42, Chandler 2-6 0-0 4, Felton 1-8 3-3 5, Prigioni 2-4 0-0 6, J. Smith 7-13 2-3 19, Hardaway Jr. 6-13 1-2 16, Tyler 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 37-83 14-20 98.

NEW ORLEANS (91): Aminu 1-4 1-2 3, Davis 6-10 2-2 14, Ajinca 1-3 0-1 2, Roberts 4-8 1-1 10, Gordon 9-17 7-8 28, Stiemsma 1-2 0-0 2, Evans 3-11 2-6 8, Morrow 1-4 0-0 3, Rivers 6-10 1-1 14, Babbitt 3-6 0-0 7. Totals 35-75 14-21 91.

New York	23	30	25	20	—	98
New Orleans	24	23	23	21	—	91

3-Point Goals—New York 10-21 (J. Smith 3-4, Hardaway Jr. 3-6, Prigioni 2-3, Anthony 2-6, Felton 0-1, Shumpert 0-1), New Orleans 7-21 (Gordon 3-9, Rivers 1-2, Morrow 1-3, Roberts 1-3, Babbitt 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 48 (Chandler 11), New Orleans 51 (Davis 10). Assists—New York 20 (Felton 8), New Orleans 16 (Roberts 4). Total Fouls—New York 17, New Orleans 20. Technicals—New York Coach Woodson, Gordon. A—16,495 (17,188).

TIMBERWOLVES 104, PACERS 91

INDIANA (91): George 11-22 10-10 35, West 2-10 0-0 4, Hibbert 2-5 0-0 4, G. Hill 4-8 3-4 13, Stephenson 5-15 0-2 10, Scola 1-2 0-0 2, Watson 3-7 0-0 6, Granger 1-6 0-0 2, Mahinmi 2-4 1-2 5, Copeland 2-4 1-2 6, Butler 1-2 0-0 2, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-87 15-20 91.

MINNESOTA (104): Brewer 5-10 2-3 12, Love 14-22 9-10 42, Turiaf 5-7 1-8 11, Rubio 2-10 2-6 6, Budinger 2-8 0-0 5, Mbah a Moute 0-2 0-0 0, Cunningham 4-9 2-2 10, Shved 2-5 2-2 6, Barea 6-10 0-0 12, Dieng 0-0 0-0 0, Hummel 0-0 0-0 0, Muhammad 0-0 0-0 0, Price 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-83 18-31 104.

Indiana	18	21	33	19	—	91
Minnesota	30	22	30	22	—	104

3-Point Goals—Indiana 6-22 (George 3-6, G. Hill 2-3, Copeland 1-2, Mahinmi 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Butler 0-1, Watson 0-2, Granger 0-2, Stephenson 0-4), Minnesota 6-20 (Love 5-10, Budinger 1-5, Brewer 0-1, Barea 0-1, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Shved 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 56 (George 11), Minnesota 57 (Love 16). Assists—Indiana 17 (Stephenson 4), Minnesota 26 (Rubio 17). Total Fouls—Indiana 27, Minnesota 20. Technicals—Stephenson. A—15,109 (19,356).

NETS 105, JAZZ 99

BROOKLYN (105): Johnson 10-16 3-4 27, Pierce 3-8 0-0 7, Garnett 3-5 0-0 6, D. Williams 6-15 5-6 19, Livingston 3-7 3-4 9, Blatche 11-20 3-4 25, Kirilenko 2-2 0-2 4, Teletovic 3-7 0-0 8, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 41-82 14-20 105.

UTAH (99): Jefferson 3-7 0-0 8, M. Williams 4-9 3-3 12, Kanter 8-14 2-2 18, Burke 6-12 0-0 14, Hayward 3-11 2-2 9, Burks 7-14 8-9 23, Garrett 3-6 0-0 7, Evans 1-3 1-1 3, Gobert 1-3 0-0 2, Rush 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 37-82 16-17 99.

Brooklyn	21	27	27	30	—	105
Utah	28	28	18	25	—	99

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 9-23 (Johnson 4-7, Teletovic 2-6, D. Williams 2-7, Pierce 1-2, Anderson 0-1), Utah 9-24 (Jefferson 2-3, Burke 2-7, Garrett 1-1, Burks 1-1, Rush 1-2, M. Williams 1-4, Hayward 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 41 (Pierce, Blatche 6), Utah 52 (Evans 13). Assists—Brooklyn 25 (Livingston, D. Williams 7), Utah 20 (Burke 10). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 16, Utah 16. A—17,386 (19,911).

SUNS 100, CELTICS 94

BOSTON (94): J. Green 5-12 6-6 17, Bass 7-12 4-4 18, Sullinger 5-13 0-1 11, Rondo 7-22 4-5 18, Wallace 3-5 3-4 9, Pressey 0-2 0-0 0, Olynyk 3-10 0-0 7, Bayless 0-2 2-2 2, Humphries 2-6 1-4 5, Johnson 2-3 1-2 7. Totals 34-87 21-28 94.

PHOENIX (100): Tucker 4-11 2-4 10, Frye 4-7 3-4 15, Plumlee 2-6 0-0 4, Dragic 6-13 3-6 17, G. Green 6-14 3-4 17, Mark Morris 7-12 4-4 18, Smith 1-6 0-0 2, Len 1-2 0-0 2, Barbosa 1-3 1-2 4, Marc Morris 4-8 1-2 11. Totals 36-82 17-26 100.

Boston	21	29	21	23	—	94
Phoenix	29	23	24	24	—	100

3-Point Goals—Boston 5-17 (Johnson 2-2, Olynyk 1-3, Sullinger 1-3, J. Green 1-6, Wallace 0-1, Rondo 0-2), Phoenix 11-28 (Frye 4-6, G. Green 2-5, Dragic 2-5, Marc Morris 2-5, Barbosa 1-3, Mark Morris 0-2, Tucker 0-2). Fouled Out—Tucker. Rebounds—Boston 57 (Sullinger, Bass 8), Phoenix 58 (Tucker 11). Assists—Boston 18 (Rondo 10), Phoenix 23 (Tucker, Dragic 6). Total Fouls—Boston 24, Phoenix 23. A—16,135 (18,422).

Bull

From 1C

example as first-year coach Jordan Dreiling said the sophomore has been giving his all in recent games. Bull is coming off a 14-point, five-rebound performance in a 79-66 loss at No. 22-ranked New Mexico Junior College on Monday.

"He really wants to win these games, and I appreciate that," said Dreiling about Bull. "He's being really positive with his team, trying to build guys up. We like to see that."

Bull said because he's playing with a young team, he's trying to use his experience to get the Chaps through these tough times.

Bull spent last year at the University of Missouri but with a lack of playing time and not happy with the direction of the Tigers basketball program, he decided to transfer. He was first looking at transferring to George Washington University but MC assistant coach Bryan Hodgson called him last summer to come to Midland College.

"Bryan told me the things I could do here and how much success I could have. And then I talked to (Dreiling) and he said I would have a big role, and that's what you want to hear," Bull said.

But not only did the losses pile up this season, Bull went through some inconsistent play and a knee injury that kept him out of three games. He admitted going through both the losses and the injury was frustrating.

"I had a slight injury my senior year in high school and I didn't have any injuries my freshman year," he said. "I felt I got injured at a time when my team needed me the most and that was kind of tough for me because I never had to deal with an injury like that before. It also kind of showed that you have to adjust, you've got to play through it. I never lost like this either. I've never had a season like this."

Bull missed his team's first meeting against Odessa College, an 82-64 loss in Odessa on Jan. 20 because of that injury and said he's determined to make up for that lost time.

"I didn't get to play that game, so watching it was kind of tough," he said. "I kind of feel I can help by changing some of the things I saw when I was injured. I'm trying to have a positive approach about it. Some people on this team are kind of down because of our record and we're not going to make the playoffs. But Odessa is also a big rivalry. We have to have the approach that we're going to win no matter what our record is."

And Bull said he wants to continue to play hard.

"We've dealt with some stuff this season but I know I'll be better because of it," he said. "Going through something like this just shows that when things get tough, you've got to keep working."

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Standings

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	10	3	23	4
Howard College	10	3	22	5
New Mexico JC	10	4	22	5
Odessa College	9	5	21	6
Western Texas	8	5	20	7
Frank Phillips	5	8	15	12
Clarendon College	3	10	8	18
Midland College	**3**	**11**	**11**	**16**
New Mexico Military	2	11	12	13

Monday's Scores

New Mexico JC 81, Midland College 66; Howard College 78, Odessa College 76; South Plains College 60, New Mexico Military Institute 50; Frank Phillips College 87, Clarendon College 73; Western Texas College was open

Today's Games

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

Odessa College at Midland College

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 11-16, 3-11 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 21-6, 9-5

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 81, Midland College 66; Howard College 78, Odessa College 76

Notes & quotes: The Chaparrals come into tonight's game losers of four straight and eight of their last nine after a loss at NMJC on Monday. MC coach Jordan Dreiling said his team played hard but seemed to run out of gas against the Thunderbirds and gave up too many easy baskets late in the game. ...Against NMJC, MC was led by Domonique Bull and Herve Aholode with 14 points each, while Kenan Guzonjic added 12 points and eight rebounds. ...MC will be down to seven available players for the rest of the season as Dreiling confirmed that freshman PG Darren Williams (shoulder) is out for the remainder of the season. ... Despite their struggles this season, Dreiling hopes that playing rival Odessa College will be a motivation for his team. "It means a lot to our coaching staff. We're not done and we want our guys to feel the same way," Dreiling said. "I think the feel of a win can be enough. What I'm going to tell the guys is, look we have two conference games left. Any one of these two teams can play in the national championship game, so how good would it feel to beat these guys, and then go ahead and pull for them after that, 'cause however far they make it, you have a sense of ownership." ...OC is coming off a heartbreaking, last-second loss to Howard College. Josh Gray, a 6-foot-1 sophomore G and LSU commit, led the Wranglers with a game-high 25 points, 6-8 sophomore F Zeldric King added 15 points and 6-3 freshman W Kevin Scott had 14 in the loss. ...Gray comes into the game, leading the NJCAA in scoring with 34.2 ppg and Dreiling said while the Texas Tech transfer can score, the coach said Gray's ability to steal the ball at halfcourt in his team's 82-64 loss was a bigger concern and hopes his team has made some adjustments in ball security.

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 27

Veiga

From 1C

teams.

"I feel really good about it," said Veiga about today's game. "I feel we're going to come out strong. I think we're ready mentally and physically."

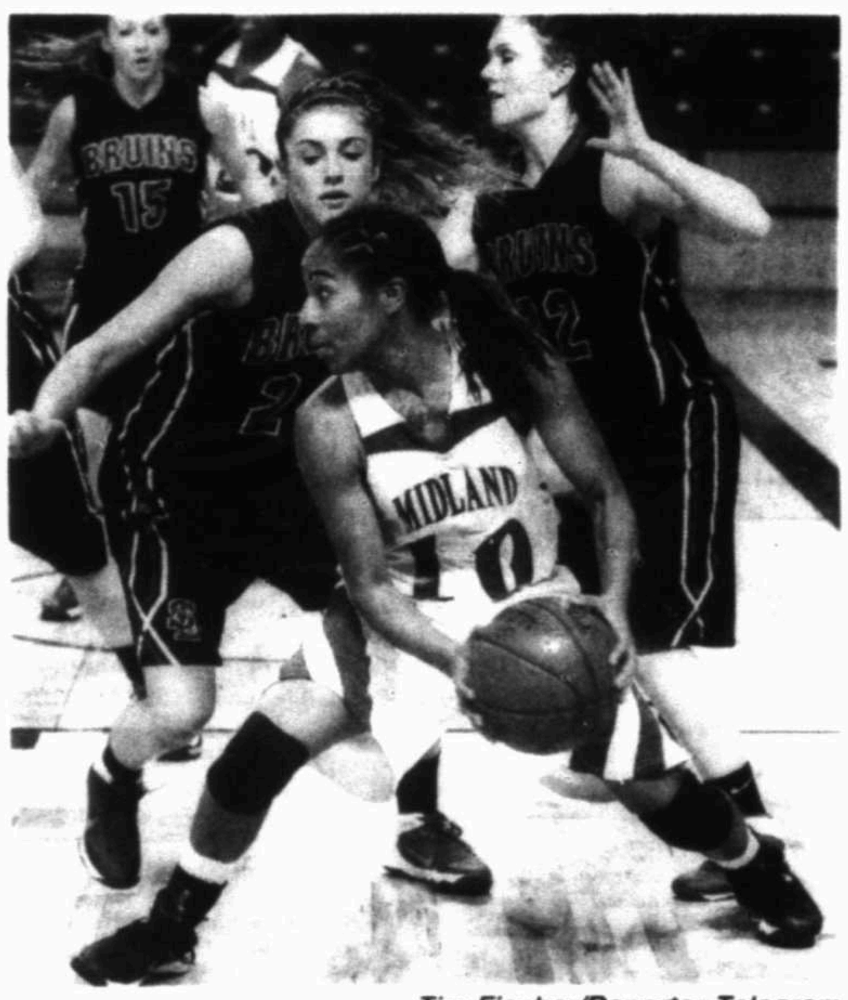
The Lady Chaps saw a five-game winning streak come to an end with a 73-66 loss at WJCAC leader New Mexico Junior College on Monday.

However, in the loss, Veiga had one of her best games in a Lady Chap uniform with a season-high 19 points, to go with seven rebounds and four assists.

"I had a good game probably because of my teammates and how they motivated me, telling me, 'Come on Taj, let's go, let's keep playing,'" she said. "I just played harder and went off what my teammates were telling me."

MC coach Ron Jones, who found Veiga through a contact at Boston College, said Veiga has that potential to be a factor on the offensive end. She is currently averaging 8.7 points per game, which is fourth on the team.

"She's improved all year long and she's become more consistent," Jones said. "There are times when she doesn't get as many looks and disappears a little bit offensively. We're just trying to figure out a way to get her more opportunities to score."



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Tajanay Veiga looks to pass as SLCCC's defense closes the baseline Nov. 21 at the WNIT at Chaparral Center.

Veiga and the rest of the Lady Chaps will be looking to be a lot more consistent in their final three regular season games, two of which are WJCAC games. MC went through a little rough patch early in the league schedule, but rebounded enough to start on a winning streak and keep the streak of regional tournament appearances going at 20 consecutive seasons.

"It helps (making the regional tournament)," Veiga said. "At the beginning of the year we're losing games. So now that we're in it, we're motivated even more. We're like, let's do this, we've got to keep winning. Just keep winning, play good and do good as a team."

It should also help motivation-wise that the Lady Chaps will be playing the rival Lady Wranglers, which came from behind to beat MC, 74-69, on Jan. 20 in Odessa.

"It happens," said Veiga, recalling the loss. "But this time when we play them we're going to fight even harder. We're not going to give up and we're going to play the entire 30 minutes."

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Standings

Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
x-New Mexico JC	11	1	20	5
x-Odessa College	10	2	20	6
x-South Plains	8	3	14	10
x-Midland College	**7**	**5**	**17**	**10**
Frank Phillips	4	8	16	9
Howard College	3	9	12	15
Clarendon College	3	9	11	14
Western Texas	1	10	6	16

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

New Mexico JC 73, Midland College 66; Odessa College 53, Howard College 45; Clarendon College 68, Frank Phillips College 65; South Plains College and Western Texas College were open

Today's Games

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

Odessa College at Midland College

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 17-10, 7-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 20-6, 10-2

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 73, Midland College 66; Odessa College 53, Howard College 45

Notes & quotes: The Lady Chaparrals saw a five-game winning streak come to an end against NMJC on Monday but got some good news in the process. Thanks to Frank Phillips losing to Clarendon College on Monday, the Lady Chaps clinched a Region V Tournament berth for the 20th consecutive year. ...MC coach Ron Jones said his team had more poor possessions than NMJC did and added that's what his team will look to improve on over the final three regular season games. "It's not hard to win or lose these games," Jones said. "It's just coming down to a number of positive possessions while decreasing the number of poor possessions." ...Since the WJCAC title is out of the question for his team, Jones said his only focus is for his team to improve over the final two WJCAC games. "We want to win, and if that improves our seeding that makes everything we're trying to do a success," Jones said. "We're trying to get better and win." ...OC is coming off a win over Howard in which the Lady Wranglers broke a 25-all halftime with a strong second half. Sera Ozelci, a 6-foot-1 sophomore G, was the only Lady Wrangler in double figures with 11 points. ...Jones said OC is a very talented team. "I think they're deep, and we've got to do a few things to disrupt their tempo," Jones said. "If they get into a good rhythm on offense, they can really score. And then defensively, they're active."

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 27

Carriger

From 1C

ISD swimmer to earn a berth at the state meet in two years, but also is the first freshman to go to Austin since Natalie Hinds went in 2009.

"Going through hard workouts, you always want to have that success moment for you and that was just one of mine for this season," said Carriger, who was born in New Mexico and moved back to Midland from Louisiana three years ago. "I couldn't be happier with it."

Carriger admitted that she had a little more competitive fire in that regional race than in others because she wanted the chance as a freshman to beat seniors and juniors in that event. But Carriger said she was still surprised to win the event and qualify for the state meet.

"I knew I prepared for this season, but you never really know when it's going to just pop out," Carriger said. "I was really excited."

Carriger's expectations for this weekend are not exceedingly high but as a the fifth seed in the event and with two solid swims, in the heat and the final, she could end up on the podium.

"She's a racer," Midland ISD swimming and diving coach Jennifer Mangum said. "She will get out there and if she knows she's got a shot to beat you she will get after it."

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US tops Czechs 5-2, will face Canada in semifinals

Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — The United States' hockey team is getting exactly what it wanted. Another shot at Canada.

Dustin Brown banged in a go-ahead goal late in the first period and the Americans went on to dominate the Czech Republic 5-2 Wednesday to earn a spot in the semifinals for the third time in four Olympics.

The U.S. went on to play in the gold-medal game in 2010 and 2002 and lost each time to the Canadians.

When the Americans' coach, Dan Bylsma, was asked to look ahead to the matchup, he took a deep breath and paused for several seconds to gather his thoughts.

"We knew we were going to have some big games prior to this point in time, but you were looking forward to the possibility of this rematch," he said.

After a day off, the countries that share a long border in North America and generally friendly relations will meet on Friday for the chance to become hockey champions of the Sochi Games.

Russia loses shot at Olympic hockey gold

Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — A Russian hockey team with immense expectations lost its shot at an Olympic title Wednesday at a Winter Games tempered by violence both in the host city and in nearby Ukraine.

Finland beat the Russians 3-1, knocking them out of the quarterfinals and ending their chances of winning a hockey gold medal in front of their own fans.

Defending Olympic champion Canada had a scare from upstart Latvia before a late goal sealed a 2-1 win. The U.S. advanced easily with a 5-2 win over the Czech Republic. The U.S. will meet Canada and Sweden will take on Finland in Friday's semifinals.

Another Russian with great expectations, 15-year-old figure skater Julia Lipnitskaia, fell during the women's short program and finished fifth. Defending gold medalist Yuna Kim of South Korea led the competition, which finishes Thursday.

ICE HOCKEY: Finland's win over Russia was not an upset. The Finns had advanced to the semifinals as the fourth seed, while Russia had to win a consolation round game to advance to the final eight. Sweden continued its undefeated run, beating Slovenia 5-0 to advance to the semifinals.

FIGURE SKATING: Kim scored 74.92 points, ahead of Adelina Sotnikova of Russia by 0.28. Carolina Kostner of Italy is third with 74.12. Lipnitskaia, who helped Russia win the team gold on Feb. 9, fell on a triple flip. She was too tearful to speak after her worst performance in months. American champion Gracie Gold was fourth.

ALPINE SKIING: Ligety was 21 when he won his first gold medal in the combined at the 2006 Turin Games. The only other American to win two Olympic golds in Alpine skiing was Andrea Mead Lawrence, who took the women's slalom and giant slalom at the 1952 Oslo Games. On Wednesday, Steve Missillier of France took the silver and teammate Alexis Pinturault the bronze.

CROSS-COUNTRY: Marit Bjoergen captured her fifth career Olympic gold medal when Norway won the women's team sprint. Ingvild Flugstad Oestberg was the other Norwegian skier. Finland took silver and Sweden bronze. In the men's race, Finland took advantage of a fall that slowed its two closest rivals. Russia grabbed the silver, Sweden the bronze.

SNOWBOARDING: Wild grew up in White Salmon, Wash., and applied for Russian citizenship after marrying Zavarzina in 2011. He then joined the Russian snowboarding team. Nevin Galmarini of Switzerland finished second for silver, and Zan Kosir of Slovenia took the bronze. In the women's race, Patrizia Kummer cruised to victory — and Switzerland's sixth gold medal of the games — when Japan's Tomoka Takeuchi missed a gate midway through the second run of the finals.

SPEEDSKATING: Sablikova won her second consecutive gold in the women's 5,000 meters. The Dutch still added two more medals, with Ireen Wust winning silver and Carien Kleibeuker the bronze. Wust now has won four medals at the Sochi Games, including gold in the 3,000 and silvers in the 1,000 and 1,500. Dutch speedskaters have 21 medals overall.

BIATHLON: Bjoerndalen broke the record for overall medals that he had shared with cross-country skiing great Bjoern Daehlie. He also matched his fellow Norwegian's record of eight gold medals. Bjoerndalen earlier won gold in Sochi in the men's sprint biathlon. He can win another medal in the final men's biathlon event of the Sochi Games, the 4x7.5-kilometer relay on Saturday. In the mixed relay biathlon, the Czech Republic won the silver and Italy the bronze.

BOBSLED: The Canadian team of Kaillie Humphries and Heather Moyse won their second straight Olympic women's bobsled gold. Elana Meyers and Lauryn Williams of the U.S. took silver, and teammates Jamie Greubel and Aja Evans the bronze. Williams became the fifth Olympian to medal at both the Summer and Winter Games. She has gold and silver medals from three Olympic appearances as a sprinter.

CURLING: Canada and Sweden will play for the gold medal in women's curling after winning semifinal games that went to the final shot. In the men's tournament, Canada will meet Britain for gold.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Today's Schedule
Subject to change
Curling
Women
Bronze Medal
Britain vs. Switzerland, 2:30 a.m.
Gold Medal
Canada vs. Sweden, 7:30 a.m.
Figure Skating
Women's free program, 9 a.m.
Freestyle Skiing
Men's Ski Cross Seeding, 1:45 a.m.
Men's Ski Cross Finals, 3:30 a.m.
Women's Halfpipe Qualification, 8:30 a.m.
Women's Halfpipe Final, 11:30 a.m.
Ice Hockey
Women
Bronze Medal
Sweden vs. Switzerland, 6 a.m.
Gold Medal
United States vs. Canada, 11 a.m.
Nordic Combined
Men's Team Jump (large hill), 2 a.m.
Men's Team 4x5km, 5 a.m.

Today's TV schedule
All events taped unless noted as Live
NBC
11 a.m. — Women's Hockey - Gold Medal Final (LIVE IN ALL TIME ZONES)
7 p.m. — Ladies' Figure Skating - Gold Medal Final; Women's Freestyle Skiing - Halfpipe Gold Medal Final; Men's Freestyle Skiing - Cross Gold Medal Final
Midnight — Men's Nordic Combined - Team K-125 Large Hill Gold Medal Final
NBCSN
2 a.m. — Men's Nordic Combined - Team K-125 Large Hill Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Women's Curling - Bronze Medal Game: Britain vs. Switzerland (LIVE)
6 a.m. — Women's Hockey - Bronze Medal Game: Sweden vs. Switzerland (LIVE)
8:30 a.m. — Ladies' Figure Skating - Gold Medal Final Preview
9 a.m. — Ladies' Figure Skating - Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
1 p.m. — Men's Freestyle Skiing - Ski Cross Competition
2 p.m. — Game of the Day: Hockey
2 a.m. — Men's Curling - Bronze Medal Game: Sweden-Britain loser vs. Canada-China loser (LIVE); Women's Freestyle Skiing - Cross Competition
CNBC
4 p.m. — Women's Curling - Gold Medal Final: Canada vs. Sweden

SOCHI 2014 OLYMPICS

Medal count

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
United States	7	5	11	23
Russia	6	9	7	22
Netherlands	6	7	9	22
Norway	9	4	7	20
Canada	5	9	4	18
Germany	8	3	4	15
France	3	2	6	11
Sweden	2	5	4	11
Switzerland	6	3	1	10
Austria	2	6	1	9
Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
Slovenia	2	1	4	7
Japan	1	4	2	7
Italy	0	2	5	7
Belarus	5	0	1	6
China	3	2	1	6
Poland	4	0	0	4
South Korea	2	1	1	4
Finland	1	3	0	4
Australia	0	2	1	3
Latvia	0	1	2	3
Britain	1	0	1	2
Slovakia	1	0	0	1
Croatia	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

Wednesday's Medalists
ALPINE SKIING
Men
Giant Slalom
GOLD — Ted Ligety, United States
SILVER — Steve Missillier, France
BRONZE — Alexis Pinturault, France
BIATHLON
Mixed Relay
GOLD — Norway (Tora Berger, Tiril Eckhoff, Ole Einar Bjoerndalen, Emil Hegle Svendsen)
SILVER — Czech Republic (Veronika Vitkova, Gabriela Soukalova, Jaroslav Soukup, Ondrej Moravec)
BRONZE — Italy (Dorothea Wierer, Karin Oberhofer, Dominik Windisch, Lukas Hofer)
BOBSLEIGH
Women
GOLD — Canada (Kaillie Humphries, Heather Moyse)
SILVER — United States (Elana Meyers, Lauryn Williams)
BRONZE — United States 2 (Jamie Greubel, Aja Evans)
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Men
Team Sprint Classic
GOLD — Finland (Iivo Niskanen, Sami Jauhojaervi)
SILVER — Russia (Maxim Vylegzhanin, Nikita Kriukov)
BRONZE — (Emil Joensson, Teodor Peterson)
Women
Team Sprint Classic
GOLD — Norway (Ingvild Flugstad Oestberg, Marit Bjoergen)
SILVER — Finland (Aino-Kaisa Saarinen, Kerttu Niskanen)
BRONZE — Sweden (Ida Ingemarsdotter, Stina Nilsson)
SNOWBOARD
Men
Parallel Giant Slalom
GOLD — Vic Wild, Russia
SILVER — Nevin Galmarini, Switzerland
BRONZE — Zan Kosir, Slovenia

Women
Parallel Giant Slalom
GOLD — Patrizia Kummer, Switzerland
SILVER — Tomoka Takeuchi, Japan
BRONZE — Alena Zavarzina, Russia
SPEEDSKATING
Women
5000
GOLD — Martina Sablikova, Czech Republic
SILVER — Ireen Wust, Netherlands
BRONZE — Carien Kleibeuker, Netherlands

Wednesday's U.S. Olympians Fared
ALPINE SKIING
Men
Giant Slalom
Final Ranking
(First and second runs in parentheses)
1. Ted Ligety, Park City, Utah, (1, 1:21.08; 14, 1:24.21) 2:45.29. — GOLD
15. Tim Jitloff, Reno, Nev., (21, 1:23.23; 8, 1:23.90) 2:47.13.
19. Jared Goldberg, Salt Lake City, (27, 1:23.66; 6, 1:23.82) 2:47.48.
20. Bode Miller, Easton, N.H., (26, 1:23.64; 13, 1:24.18) 2:47.82.
BIATHLON
Mixed Relay
9. United States (Susan Dunklee, Barton, Vt.; Hannah Dreissigacker, Morrisville, Vt.; Tim Burke, Paul Smiths, N.Y.; Lowell Bailey, Lake Placid, N.Y.), 1:12:20.1 (1+0).
BOBSLEIGH
Women
Final
2. United States 1 (Elana Meyers, Douglasville, Ga.; Lauryn Williams, Rochester, Pa.), 3:50.71. — SILVER
3. United States 2 (Jamie Greubel, Newtown, Pa.; Aja Evans, Chicago), 3:51.61. — BRONZE
11. United States 3 (Jazmine Fenlator, Wayne, N.J.; Lolo Jones, Des Moines, Iowa), 3:53.97.
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Men
Team Sprint Classic
6. United States (Simi Hamilton, Aspen, Colo.; Erik Bjornsen, Winthrop, Wash.), 23:49.95.
Women
Team Sprint Classic
8. United States (Sophie Caldwell, Peru, Vt.; Kikkan Randall, Anchorage, Alaska), 16:48.08.
FIGURE SKATING
Women
Short Program
4. Gracie Gold, El Segundo, Calif., 68.63 (Q).
6. Ashley Wagner, Alexandria, Va., 65.21 (Q).
7. Polina Edmunds, San Jose, Calif., 61.04 (Q).
SNOWBOARD
Men's Parallel Giant Slalom
Qualifying
24. (14) Justin Reiter, Steamboat Springs, Colo., 1:41.25 — did not qualify
Women's Parallel Giant Slalom
Qualifying
None competed
SPEEDSKATING
Women
5000
16. Maria Lamb, River Falls, Wis., 7:29.64.

Women's Olympics Hockey
Preliminary Round
Group A

	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Canada	3	0	0	0	9	11	2
United States	2	1	0	0	6	14	4
Finland	0	2	1	0	2	5	9
Switzerland	0	2	0	1	1	3	18

Group B

	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Russia	3	0	0	0	9	9	3
Sweden	2	1	0	0	6	6	3
Germany	1	2	0	0	3	5	8
Japan	0	3	0	0	0	1	7

Saturday
Quarterfinals
Sweden 4, Finland 2
Switzerland 2, Russia 0
Sunday
Qualifications (5-8)
Finland 2, Germany 1
Russia 6, Japan 3
Monday
Semifinals
United States 6, Sweden 1
Canada 3, Switzerland 1
Tuesday
Seventh Place
Germany 3, Japan 2 Fifth Place
Finland 4, Russia 0
Thursday
Bronze Medal
Sweden vs. Switzerland, 6 a.m.
Gold Medal
United States vs. Canada, 11 a.m.

Men's Olympics Hockey
Preliminary Round
Group A

	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
United States	2	0	1	0	8	15	4
Russia	1	0	1	1	6	8	5
Slovenia	1	2	0	0	3	6	11
Slovakia	0	2	0	1	1	2	11

Group B

	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Canada	2	0	1	0	8	11	2
Finland	2	0	0	1	7	15	7
Austria	1	2	0	0	3	7	15
Norway	0	3	0	0	0	3	12

Group C

	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Sweden	3	0	0	0	9	10	5
Switzerland	2	1	0	0	6	2	1
Czech Republic	1	2	0	0	3	8	7
Latvia	0	3	0	0	0	5	10

Sunday
Group B: Austria 3, Norway 1
Group A: Russia 1, Slovakia 0, SO
Group A: United States 5, Slovenia 1
Group B: Canada 2, Finland 1, OT
Tuesday
Qualification Playoff Round
Slovenia 4, Austria 0
Russia 4, Norway 0
Czech Republic 5, Slovakia 3
Latvia 3, Switzerland 1
Wednesday
Quarterfinals
Sweden 5, Slovenia 0
Finland 3, Russia 1
Canada 2, Latvia 1
United States 5, Czech Republic 2
Friday
Semifinals
Sweden vs. Finland, 6 a.m.
Canada vs. United States, 11 a.m.

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Women

BAYLOR 89
IOWA STATE 51

WACO— When Odyssey Sims caught a pass in transition, Baylor coach Kim Mulkey figured her star guard was headed toward another fast-break layup.

Instead, Sims pulled up at the 3-point line and knocked down the long shot from the left wing.

Sims fell short of her 30-point average because she went to the bench with 8 minutes left and the sixth-ranked Lady Bears (23-3, 13-1 Big 12) leading by 35 on their way to a ninth straight victory and 34th consecutive home conference win.

The 3-pointer that got Mulkey's attention came during a flurry of three Iowa State turnovers that pushed Baylor's lead from 26-17 to 33-17 and forced Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly to call two timeouts in less than a minute.

NO. 3 LOUISVILLE 81
HOUSTON 62

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In a season of milestones, Shoni Schimmel added another to her list in No. 3 Louisville's latest win.

Schimmel, second on the school's all-time scoring list behind Angel McCoughtry, had 15 points to top 2,000 for her career in the Cardinals' 81-62 victory over Houston on Wednesday night.

Men

KANSAS STATE 65
TCU 63

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State was coming off a three-game stretch that included a hard-fought win over Texas, a heart-stopping overtime victory over Kansas and a double-overtime defeat at Baylor.

In the eyes of Bruce Weber, the Wildcats were emotionally spent with TCU coming to town.

"No matter what we say, we're probably not going to come out with great emotion and focus," the Wildcats' coach said after a lackluster 65-63 victory Wednesday night.

"Not a great crowd, so you can't play off the crowd — they didn't get us excited when we go on a run," Weber said. "So you have to bring your own energy."

Thomas Gipson had 16 points and 11 rebounds, Marcus Foster added 13 points and the Wildcats used a 15-2 run charge midway that eventually allowed the Wildcats to seize control.

SMU 68
HOUSTON 64

DALLAS — The seeds of SMU's 68-64 victory over Houston on Wednesday night were sown hours after the Mustangs suffered an upset loss at Temple on Sunday afternoon that ended their first stay in The Associated Press college basketball poll in 29 years at only one week.

The team got off the bus at campus that night to find students camped out at the school's ticket office. So much for moping.

"To go out there and see them smile when they saw us, it made us feel good," SMU's Cannen Cunningham said. "I wouldn't sleep outside for too many things."

Nic Moore scored 16 points and Cunningham provided a spark off the bench to help SMU squeeze past Houston.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

TOP 25 MEN FARED
WEDNESDAY
1. Syracuse (25-1) lost to Boston College 62-59, OT. Next: at No. 5 Duke, Saturday.
2. Florida (24-2) beat Auburn 71-66. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
3. Wichita State (27-0) at Loyola of Chicago. Next: vs. Drake, Saturday.
4. Arizona (23-2) at Utah. Next: at Colorado, Saturday.
5. Duke (21-5) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Thursday.
6. San Diego State (23-2) did not play. Next: at New Mexico, Saturday.
7. Cincinnati (24-3) beat UCF 77-49. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Saturday.
8. Kansas (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Texas, Saturday.
9. Villanova (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.
10. Saint Louis (24-2) beat George Mason 89-85, OT. Next: vs. George Washington, Saturday.
11. Creighton (21-4) at Marquette. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Sunday.
11. Louisville (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Cincinnati, Saturday.
13. Michigan State (21-5) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Thursday.
14. Virginia (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
15. Iowa (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Wisconsin, Saturday.
16. Wisconsin (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Iowa, Saturday.
17. Iowa State (20-5) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
18. Kentucky (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.
19. Texas (20-6) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Kansas, Saturday.
20. Michigan (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Michigan State, Sunday.
21. UConn (20-5) did not play. Next: at Temple, Thursday.
22. Memphis (19-6) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Thursday.
23. UCLA (20-5) at California. Next: at Stanford, Saturday.
24. Ohio State (21-6) beat Northwestern 76-60. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
25. Gonzaga (23-4) did not play. Next: at BYU, Thursday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 71, South Carolina 64
Midwestern St. 78, Angelo St. 68
SMU 68, Houston 64
Texas A&M Commerce 78, E. New Mexico 71
MIDWEST
Alma 71, Adrian 60
Aquinas 75, Cornerstone 70
Augsburg 75, Carleton 67
Calvin 83, Olivet 63
Cardinal Stritch 83, Olivet Nazarene 77
Carroll (Wis.) 76, Beloit 65
Cent. Michigan 101, Ball St. 95, 3OT
Creighton 85, Marquette 70
Davenport 84, Michigan-Dearborn 63
Dayton 65, La Salle 53
Gustavus 73, St. Thomas (Minn.) 68
Hamline 69, St. Mary's (Minn.) 60
Hope 110, Kalamazoo 78
Illinois 62, Minnesota 49
Indiana St. 59, Evansville 54
Indiana Tech 72, Marygrove 68
Kansas St. 65, TCU 53
Kent St. 75, Miami (Ohio) 63
Lakeland 73, Edgewood 66
Lawrence 84, Lake Forest 76
Marian (Wis.) 73, Concordia (Wis.) 71
Milwaukee Engineering 84, Wis. Lutheran 70
Missouri 67, Vanderbilt 64
Ohio St. 76, Northwestern 60
St. John's (Minn.) 71, Concordia (Moor.) 68
St. Norbert 78, Ripon 62
St. Olaf 78, Macalester 54
W. Michigan 73, Ohio 63
Wichita St. 88, Loyola of Chicago 74
Wis.-La Crosse 63, Wis.-Stout 55
Wis.-Platteville 60, Wis.-Eau Claire 34
Wis.-River Falls 90, Wis.-Superior 77
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 70, Wis.-Oshkosh 51
Xavier 83, DePaul 64
SOUTH
Barton 98, Pfeiffer 84
Carson-Newman 88, Anderson (SC) 79
Cincinnati 77, UCF 49
Coll. of Charleston 87, William & Mary 54
Elon 81, UNC Greensboro 68
Florida 71, Auburn 66
Gardner-Webb 79, Presbyterian 70
High Point 67, Liberty 60
James Madison 63, Drexel 61, OT
LSU 92, Mississippi St. 81
Lenoir-Rhyne 53, Catawba 49
Limestone 70, Erskine 63
Lincoln Memorial 101, Brevard 93
Mars Hill 90, Tusculum 87
Miami 71, Notre Dame 64
Morehead St. 90, Austin Peay 88, 2OT
Morgan St. 78, Coppin St. 69
NJIT 77, Md.-Eastern Shore 76
Radford 86, Longwood 75
Saint Louis 89, George Mason 85, OT
UNC Asheville 82, Charleston Southern 71
Union (Ky.) 82, Bryan 73
VMI 84, Campbell 81
Winthrop 75, Coastal Carolina 65
Young Harris 94, North Georgia 81
FAR WEST
Oregon 78, Washington 71
EAST
Albany (NY) 57, Binghamton 48
Army 74, Colgate 66
Boston College 62, Syracuse 59, OT
Boston U. 71, American U. 62
Bucknell 55, Loyola (Md.) 53
Buffalo 96, Akron 90
Delaware 81, Hofstra 77
E. Mennonite 80, Bridgewater (Va.) 75
Hartford 75, Mass.-Lowell 68
Lafayette 76, Holy Cross 64
Lehigh 72, Navy 65
Manhattan 75, Monmouth (NJ) 61
Mount St. Mary (NY) 63, Yeshiva 37
Old Westbury 104, NYU-Poly 62
Saint Joseph's 57, Rhode Island 54
Slippery Rock 79, Edinboro 66
St. Bonaventure 71, Duquesne 67
St. Joseph's (LI) 69, Farmingdale 65
St. Rose 81, Adelphi 66
Stony Brook 72, UMBC 53
Swarthmore 72, Washington (Md.) 70
Vermont 79, New Hampshire 44
W. New England 76, Salve Regina 70
William Paterson 81, Ramapo 61

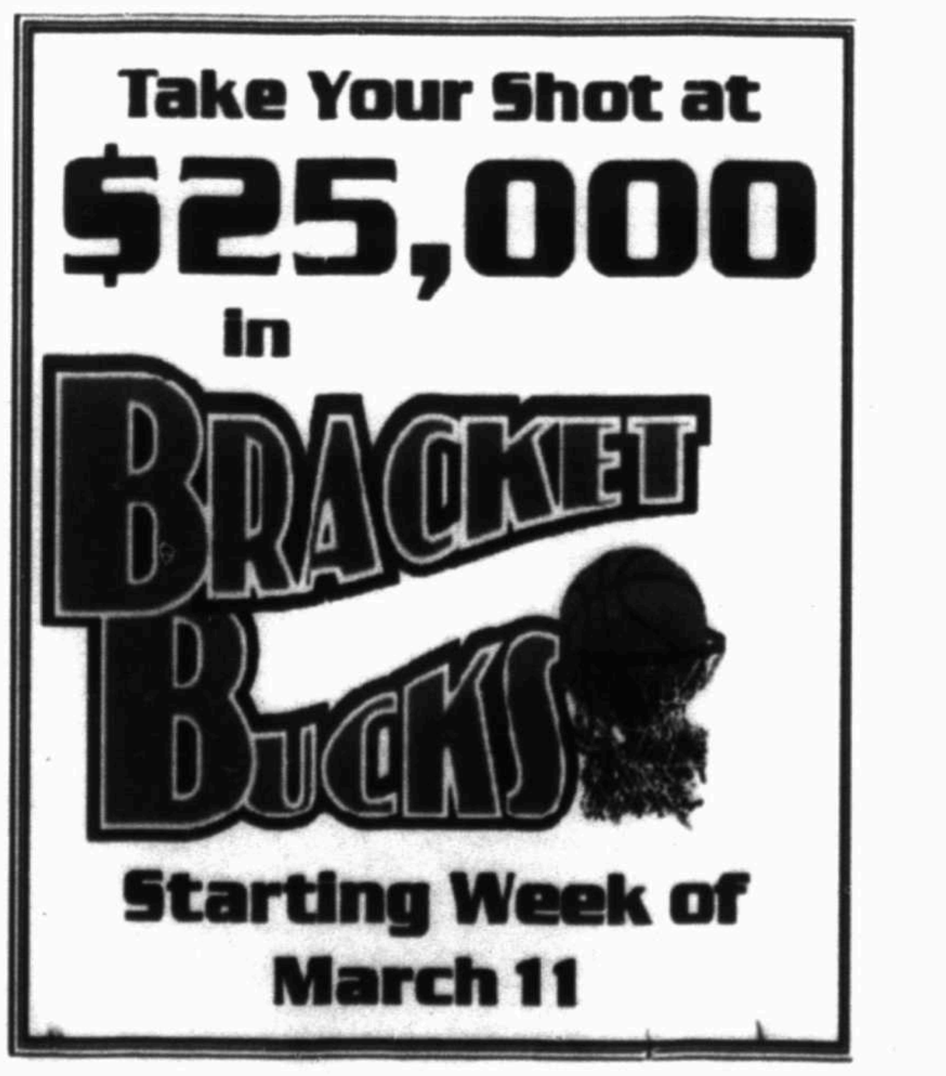
TODAY'S SCHEDULES
SOUTHWEST
Alabama at Texas A&M, 6 p.m.
South Alabama at Texas St., 7 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.
MIDWEST
Penn St. at Nebraska, 6 p.m.
Michigan St. at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Youngstown St., 6:05 p.m.
Valparaiso at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
E. Michigan at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at SE Missouri, 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
Utah Valley at Chicago St., 7:05 p.m.
CS Bakersfield at UMKC, 7:05 p.m.
Toledo at Bowling Green, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
W. Carolina at Appalachian St., 5 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Chattanooga, 5 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at East Carolina, 5 p.m.
Tulsa at FAU, 5 p.m.
North Texas at FIU, 5 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Georgia St., 5 p.m.
UAB at Marshall, 5 p.m.
Rice at Old Dominion, 5 p.m.
Furman at Wofford, 5 p.m.
ETSU at Jacksonville, 5:15 p.m.
SC-Upstate at North Florida, 5:30 p.m.
E. Illinois at Belmont, 6 p.m.
UTSA at Southern Miss., 6 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at Tennessee St., 6 p.m.
UTEP at Tulane, 6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at UT-Martin, 7 p.m.
Troy at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:05 p.m.
SE Louisiana at New Orleans, 7:45 p.m.
Duke at North Carolina, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
N. Colorado at N. Arizona, 7:30 p.m.
Gonzaga at BYU, 8 p.m.
W. Illinois at Denver, 8 p.m.
Weber St. at Montana, 8 p.m.
Washington St. at Oregon St., 8 p.m.
Portland St. at S. Utah, 8 p.m.
Portland at San Diego, 8 p.m.
Idaho St. at Montana St., 8:05 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at Cal Poly, 9 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Pacific at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.
Grand Canyon at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Long Beach St. at UC Davis, 9 p.m.
UC Riverside at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.
North Dakota at Sacramento St., 9:05 p.m.
Pepperdine at Loyola Marymount, 10 p.m.
Southern Cal at Stanford, 10 p.m.
UC Irvine at Hawaii, 10:59 p.m.
EAST
Fairleigh Dickinson at Bryant, 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at CCSU, 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Canisius, 6 p.m.
Fairfield at Niagara, 6 p.m.
Towson at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
LIU Brooklyn at Robert Morris, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (NY) at St. Francis (Pa.), 6 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Wagner, 6 p.m.
Marist at St. Peter's, 7:30 p.m.
Georgetown at Seton Hall, 7 p.m.
UConn at Temple, 7 p.m.

Women

TOP 25 FARED WOMEN
WEDNESDAY
1. UConn (27-0) beat UCF 83-35. Next: at Houston, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (25-0) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
3. Louisville (26-2) beat Houston 81-62. Next: vs. No. 25 Rutgers, Sunday.
4. South Carolina (23-2) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Kentucky, Thursday.
5. Stanford (24-2) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.
6. Baylor (22-3) vs. Iowa State. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
7. Duke (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 N.C. State, Thursday.
8. Maryland (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Thursday.
9. Penn State (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
10. Tennessee (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
11. North Carolina (20-6) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.
12. Oklahoma State (20-5) lost to No. 13 West Virginia 77-45. Next: at Texas Tech, Sunday.
13. West Virginia (23-3) beat No. 12 Oklahoma State 77-45. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
14. N.C. State (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Duke, Thursday.
15. Kentucky (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 South Carolina, Thursday.
16. Texas A&M (20-6) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
17. Nebraska (19-5) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.
18. California (18-7) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Friday.
19. LSU (18-7) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.
20. Arizona State (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
21. Purdue (18-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
22. St. John's (19-6) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Sunday.
23. Michigan State (17-8) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
24. Gonzaga (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, Saturday.
25. Rutgers (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Louisville, Sunday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 73, Texas-Arlington 47
Baylor 89, Iowa St. 51
Louisiana Tech 82, Tulsa 75, OT
Midwestern St. 69, Angelo St. 58
North Texas 73, UTEP 64
Oklahoma 64, Texas 63
Old Dominion 85, Rice 49
TCU 64, Kansas St. 44
Tarleton St. 71, West Texas A&M 69
Texas St. 63, South Alabama 61
MIDWEST
Akron 89, N. Illinois 75
Augsburg 57, Carleton 47
Bethel (Minn.) 70, St. Catherine 37
Bowling Green 67, Cent. Michigan 55
Buffalo 61, Kent St. 53
Calvin 82, Adrian 55
Carroll (Wis.) 75, Beloit 61
Concordia (Moor.) 70, St. Benedict 56
Cornerstone 64, Aquinas 49
Davenport 92, Michigan-Dearborn 65
Hope 69, Albion 53
Indiana Tech 95, Marygrove 53
Lake Forest 62, Lawrence 44
Macalester 60, St. Olaf 58
Michigan 70, Indiana 58
Saint Louis 57, Rhode Island 53
South Florida 62, Cincinnati 43
St. Mary's (Minn.) 83, Hamline 63
St. Norbert 56, Ripon 42
St. Thomas (Minn.) 60, Gustavus 41
Toledo 80, E. Michigan 73
W. Michigan 71, Ohio 64
Wis.-Eau Claire 69, Wis.-Platteville 58
Wis.-Oshkosh 57, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 53
Wis.-Stout 89, Wis.-LaCrosse 72
Wis.-Superior 72, Wis.-River Falls 55
SOUTH
Barton 72, Pfeiffer 69
Carson-Newman 89, Anderson (SC) 80
Charlotte 74, FAU 63
Chowan 52, Lincoln Christian 47
Georgia St. 85, Louisiana-Monroe 77
Lees-McRae 80, Mount Olive 73
Lenoir-Rhyne 62, Catawba 55
Limestone 74, Erskine 63
Lincoln Memorial 87, Brevard 59
Louisiana-Lafayette 62, Troy 57
Louisville 81, Houston 62
Middle Tennessee 75, Marshall 36
Morgan St. 66, Coppin St. 61
Murray St. 66, SE Missouri 55
Southern Miss. 106, FIU 96
St. Augustine's 66, Livingstone 54
Transylvania 101, Hanover 85
Tusculum 83, Mars Hill 61
Union (Ky.) 69, Bryan 66
VCU 74, St. Bonaventure 57
Young Harris 69, North Georgia 59
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 71, Boise St. 51
New Mexico 65, UNLV 58
Utah St. 79, San Diego St. 69
EAST
Adelphi 84, St. Rose 75
Albany (NY) 86, Binghamton 35
American U. 69, Boston U. 44
Bloomfield 88, Post (Conn.) 49
Bucknell 70, Loyola (Md.) 49
Colgate 71, Army 60
Dayton 84, La Salle 69
E. Mennonite 58, Shenandoah 47
Farmingdale 73, St. Joseph's (LI) 53
Holy Cross 90, Lafayette 76
Juniata 72, Susquehanna 69
Navy 79, Lehigh 59
New Hampshire 71, Vermont 50
Old Westbury 88, NYU-Poly 77
Richmond 89, UMass 76
Rider 74, Monmouth (NJ) 64
Stony Brook 72, UMBC 51
Swarthmore 80, Washington (Md.) 67
Thiel 64, Chatham 53
UConn 83, UCF 35
W. New England 59, Salve Regina 54
West Virginia 77, Oklahoma St. 45
William Paterson 82, Ramapo 66

TODAY'S SCHEDULES
SOUTHWEST
Vanderbilt at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
East Carolina at UTSA, 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
Ball St. at Miami (Ohio), 12:30 p.m.
Nebraska at Ohio St., 6 p.m.
Denver at W. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Purdue at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
South Dakota at Nebraska-Omaha, 7 p.m.
N. Arizona at North Dakota, 7 p.m.
Michigan St. at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Florida Gulf Coast at Jacksonville, 4 p.m.
Stetson at North Florida, 4:30 p.m.
N.C. State at Duke, 5:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at New Orleans, 5:30 p.m.
North Carolina at Virginia, 5:30 p.m.
Presbyterian at Campbell, 6 p.m.
Boston College at Clemson, 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Missouri at Florida, 6 p.m.
LSU at Georgia, 6 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at High Point, 6 p.m.
ETSU at Kennesaw St., 6 p.m.
South Carolina at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Liberty, 6 p.m.
Winthrop at Longwood, 6 p.m.
S.C. Upstate at Mercer, 6 p.m.
Syracuse at Miami, 6 p.m.
Texas A&M at Mississippi, 6 p.m.
Auburn at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Coll. of Charleston at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Notre Dame at Wake Forest, 6 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Alabama, 7 p.m.
Florida St. at Maryland, 7:30 p.m.
FAR WEST
Texas-Pan American at New Mexico St., 7 p.m.
S. Utah at E. Washington, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Grand Canyon, 8 p.m.
Montana St. at Idaho St., 8 p.m.
Sacramento St. at N. Colorado, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Saint Mary's, 8 p.m.
Chicago St. at Utah Valley, 8 p.m.
Montana at Weber St., 8 p.m.
UMKC at CSU Bakersfield, 9 p.m.
Cal Poly at Cal St. Fullerton, 9 p.m.
UC Davis at Long Beach St., 9 p.m.
Santa Clara at Pacific, 9 p.m.
BYU at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
Hawaii at UC Irvine, 9 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.
EAST
Canisius at Saint Peter's, 5 p.m.
James Madison at Delaware, 6 p.m.
Northeastern at Hofstra, 6 p.m.
Niagara at Iona, 6 p.m.
Northwestern at Penn St., 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Siena, 6 p.m.
William & Mary at Towson, 6 p.m.



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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — FEBRUARY 20, 2014

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KMID	ABC 3 3 4 3 2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "The Finale" (SF) (N)				Scandal "A Door Marked Exit"		KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel	Jonah Hill, Willie Roberts	(:35) News Nightline
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KPBT	PBS 13 13 13 8	PBS NewsHour		Parks and Wildlife	Square Mile	Independent Lens "Las Marthas"		Chasing Shackleton		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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HBO2	302 69 15 101 23	(5:45) Snow White and the Huntsman				Looking	Veep	Life of Pi ('12, Fant) Suraj Sharma.				(:10) Kingdom o...	
HBO3	304 70 16 102	(5:00) Great Expe...		The Sopranos		Bill Maher		True Detective		This Is 40 ('12, Com) Paul Rudd.			
MAX	380 71 17 120 24	(:05) The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey Martin Freeman.						France James McAvoy.				(:45) Sexually Bugged!	
MAX2	382 72 18 122	(5:50) Sideways Paul Giamatti.				Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				(:55) Co-Ed		The Watch Ben Stiller.	
PLEX	96	Movie	(:25) Jungle Book 2: Mowgli...			Mortal Kombat II: Annihila...		(:40)	Company Business		(:20)	Crazy in Ala...	
SHOW	320 66 19 140 25	(5:30) Another D...		(:10) Inside Llew...		(:55) Silver Linings Playbook				Gigolos		The Best Man	
TMC	336 67 22 155 26	(5:20) The Words		People Like Us Chris Pine.				The Cold Light of Day			(:35)	Slither Nathan Fillion.	
A&E	27 32 28 35 47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dy "I. Si"	Wahlbu-rgers	Wahlbu-rgers	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40 21 23 42 51	(3:30) The Departed		Shooter ('07, Act) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.								Demolition Man Sylvester Stallone.	
BET	58 26 40	Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day						Dysfunctional Friends (2012, Comedy)				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65 63 41	(4:30) How to Los...		Actors Studio (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs "Reunion"		Watch (N)	How to Lose a Guy in 10		
CNBC	46 45 39 72	(4:00) Sochi 2014		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43 24 51 30 56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50 20 31 24 42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56 27 36 25 36	Dog Blog	Liv Maddie	Cars 2 ('11, Ani) Larry the Cable Guy.				A.N.T.	Dog Blog	Jessie	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32 29 48 31 30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34 28 49 32 31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
FAMILY	53 54 34 42 33	Billy Madison Adam Sandler.						Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45 58 53 23 55	On the Record		The Kelly File		Hannity				The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64 59 27 68 54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped Canada (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped Canada	
FSSW	37 43 50 45 29	(5:30) NCAA Basketball North Carolina vs. Virginia (L)			NCAA Basketball Florida State vs. Women's (L)			Maryland		SportsDay OnAir	Player/ Year (N)	Lady Tigers (N)	C-USA Show (N)	Icons of Coaching
FX	31 31 59 64 69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	Bad Teacher Cameron Diaz.				Bad Teacher Cameron Diaz.					Crocodile Dun...	
HALLMARK	54 49 58 34	Waltons "The Vigil"		The Waltons		The Waltons		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63 50 26 48 44	House	HouseH	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House (N)	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71 62 29 50 43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28 25 25 28 48	Project Runway: Under the Gunn (N)		Under the Gunn "Hit the Stage"		Project Runway: Under the Gunn (N)		To Be Announced				Under the Gunn "Hit the Stage"	
MSNBC	47 51 49 73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38 39	Mecum Auctions		Auto Auctions "Kissimmee, Fla." The Mecum Auction crew heads to Kissimmee						Auto Auctions "Kissimmee, Fla."			
NICK	55 34 39 34 37	Ice Age ('02, Ani) Ray Romano.				F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30 22 55 53 58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
SYFY	66 64 41 57 67	Stargate Kurt Russell.				The Last Airbender Noah Ringer.				Dungeons & Dragons: The Book of Vil...			
TBS	25 11 44 66 41	Sein. "The Suicide"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	King of the Nerds "Trek Wars" (N)		Conan		Pete Holmes	Conan
TCM	41 61 24 63 66	Splendor in...		Of Human Bondage				It Happened One Night				One Night of Love	
TELE	20 8 10 20	Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	Titular	En otra piel	
TLC	51 33 32 38 52	Myrtle Manor "Peggy Get Your Gun"		Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo (N)	Honey Boo (N)	Honey Boo Boo	Welcome to Myrtle Manor "Unhitched"		Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo Boo	Welcome to Myrtle Manor "Unhitched"	
TNT	24 23 40 26 50	Castle "Den of Thieves"		NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena -- Oklahoma City, Okla. (L)						NBA Basketball Houston Rockets vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND	49 48 35 54 35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	(:35) Ray	(:10) Ray	Queens
USA	26 30 42 27 49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Venom"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Infected"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Taboo"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Manipulated"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Predator"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Search and Destroy"	
WGN	19 18	America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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Cowboys expected to focus on defensive players at combine

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

INDIANAPOLIS — If the Dallas Cowboys are going to draft a lineman in May to bolster their historically bad defense, they better do it early, analysts said.

"I don't think the defensive line is something you can really wait on," ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. said. "There is not a lot of depth at end or tackle.

There is more depth in the secondary, where you could get guys down the line, particularly at corner."

Defensive prospects at every position will receive plenty of attention from the Cowboys during the NFL Scouting Combine, but it stands to reason linemen will be the ones placed under the microscope by owner Jerry Jones, coach Jason Garrett, defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli and assistant director of player personnel/draft board author Will McClay.

With Dallas reportedly close to $25 million over the 2014 salary cap, defensive help must come through the draft. That's why this combine is an important one for the Cowboys, who haven't been to the playoffs since 2009.

The league's 32 teams will be at Lucas Oil Stadium from Thursday through Feb. 25, scrutinizing 335 prospects, including a record 85 underclassmen.

Dallas demoted Monte Kiffin last month after he guided the third-worst defense in NFL history. Marinelli inherits a unit that could lose pass rushers Jason Hatcher, Anthony Spencer and DeMarcus Ware to either free agency or cuts to reduce the club's bloated payroll.

With all that said, and with the Cowboys retaining Kiffin's pass-rush driven 4-3 Tampa 2 scheme, it's imperative they give serious consideration to lassoing a lineman.

Dallas will select 16th in the first round after winning a coin flip Wednesday with the Baltimore Ravens. The Cowboys haven't had the 16th pick since 1961, when they selected Texas Tech center/linebacker E.J. Holub, who chose to play in the AFL.

Among the tackles the Cowboys will study in Indianapolis are Pittsburgh's Aaron Donald, Florida State's Timmy Jernigan, Minnesota's Ra'Shede Hageman and Notre Dame's Louis Nix. Ends that could be on the club's radar include Oregon State's Scott Crichton and Texas' Jackson Jeffcoat, son of former Cowboys defensive end Jim Jeffcoat.

Several mock drafts have linked Donald to Dallas, but his 6-foot-1, 288-pound size isn't ideal.

"Donald is relentless as a pass rusher and had 11 sacks this year, but he's short, at about 6-foot," NFL.com's Gil Brandt wrote recently. "I'm interested to see how long his arms are, and how he uses them in some of the drills.

"It's very, very hard when defensive linemen start playing against NFL guards that have long arms. If he has 30-inch arms, for example, that could be a problem for him at the pro level."

The Cowboys might be tempted to target another position of need in the first round, but the safe bet would be to think defense. Dallas could be in the market for a receiver should it make aging Miles Austin a cap casualty, but plenty of wideouts should be available later.

"This draft is going to provide a lot of talent in that fifth, sixth or seventh round," Kiper said.

The NFL Network's Mike Mayock agreed.

"This is the deepest, best draft I've seen in the last 10 years," he said. "I had one GM tell me having a top 20 pick is very similar to having a top 10 pick last year."

The Cowboys likely will also closely exam the safeties, including Alabama's Ha Ha Clinton-Dix. But like the linemen, the depth is thin at safety.

"If you want a safety, you have to think first or second round," Kiper said.

Tech

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process about six months ago and they made it known they wanted to come back for a second round."

Culp said the Red Raider Club and a Fearless Champions Committee in Midland helps to organize the event in conjunction with the RockHounds staff.

"(RockHounds general manager) Monty Hoppel and Brian Smith and their support staff did a fantastic job last year," Culp said. "Texas Tech and the local community were very impressed with the work that they did. You can't take an event like this to Abilene, Amarillo or places like that because they just don't have what we have here."

The baseball team, which is off to a good start to the 2014 season thanks to a 3-1 series win against No. 3 Indiana over the weekend , is also looking to bring out the Red Raider fans. The team is also boosted by the fact that three Midland Christian grads — junior second baseman Bryant Burleson, junior catcher Hunter Redman and sophomore right-handed pitcher Matt Withrow — play for the Red Raiders.

Hoppel said when they spoke with Hocutt, the third-year AD was unaware that the baseball team played frequently in Midland but was open to the idea of making more trips to Security Bank Ballpark.

"They're pretty committed to playing games here every year," Hoppel said. "We're going to combine our season ticket holder barbeque and RockHounds signing autographs in the concourse on Texas Tech baseball night against a quality team in New Mexico. We hope to make it an annual event."

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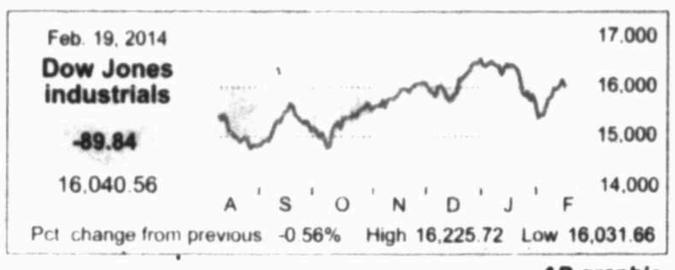

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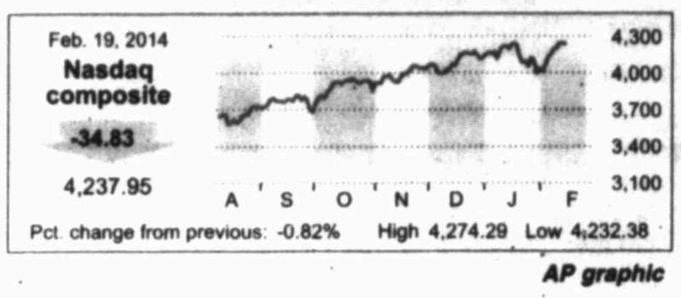

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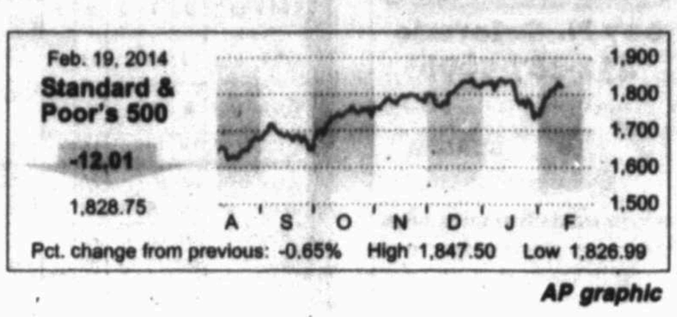

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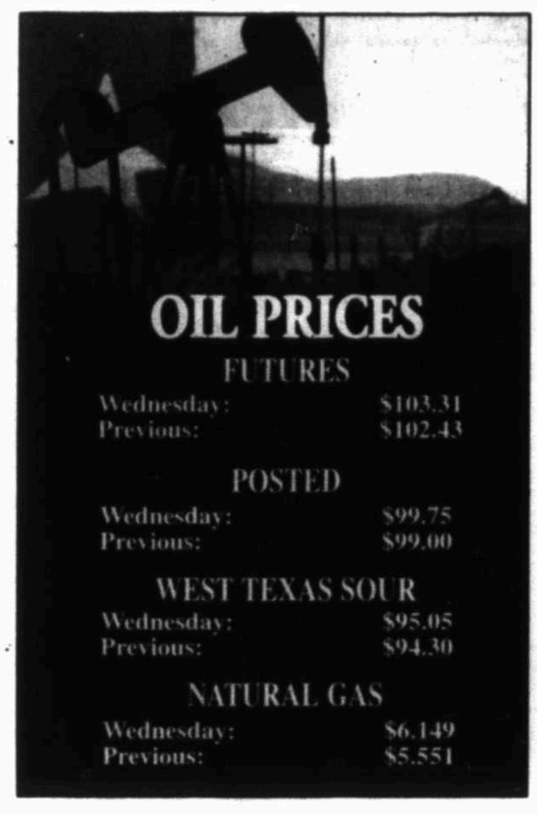

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Members of CrownRock LP, Tim Dunn, Bobby Floyd, Ken Beattie, Charles Wetzel, Craig Clark, Lee Dunn, Luke Dunn, Curt Kamradt, Michael Scott, Jeff Beard and J McLane, are honored by the Midland Wildcat Committee Wednesday evening.

CrownQuest, joint venture partner plan active 2014

By Mella McEwen
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Midland's CrownQuest Operating and CrownRock L.P. its joint venture with Lime Rock Capital, were honored Wednesday with a reception by the Midland Wildcat Committee.

CrownQuest Chief Executive Officer Tim Dunn said the company plans an active year in 2014.

Plans are to drill 250 net, 200 gross wells from a capital budget of $500 million, Dunn said.

"The vast majority of those wells will be vertical," he said, explaining that a lot of the company's acreage is not held by production. Though a lot of the company's acreage holds the potential for horizontal drilling, he referred to the Vertical Pugh Clause, which holds that, when a horizontal well is drilled, the operator can lose the acreage below that depth. CrownQuest's first priority is to hold acreage, he said, so it's important to drill vertical wells first.

CrownQuest, said J McClane, Lime Rock managing director and director of Crown Rock, is one of the most active investments in its portfolio and the only one headquartered in Midland.

"It's been an incredible performer," he said.

Training has become a core value for the company, Dunn said, as it hires new college graduates or military veterans as engineers, landmen and field personnel.

The majority of the company's acreage is in Midland, Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties. CrownQuest also has about 100,000 acres leased in Mitchell, Sterling and Coke counties "though we've done little drilling activity to date. We're still enthusiastic about our holdings there."

Dunn said his company is enthusiastic about the potential for continued production in the Permian Basin.

"Our view is, we've recovered such a small percentage of oil in place, somewhere under 2 percent," he stated. "The potential for an extended ... I hate to call it a boom ... an extended run at high levels of activity is pretty probable. We have 10 years of drilling opportunities, way beyond our ability to plan."

He continued, "I've been here 30 years, and for the vast majority of that time, every one knew oil was a dead end, the Permian Basin was dead and the future was natural gas."

Beyond drilling, the company is looking for opportunistic acquisitions, he said. The company, he added, is also an opportunistic seller of acreage. "Everyone wants a part of the Permian Basin," he said.

McClane noted that Lime Rock is 100 percent focused in the oil and gas industry, with its portfolio comprised of investments not only in the Permian Basin but elsewhere in the U.S. and in Western Europe.

Oil up over $103

The price of oil rose 1 percent to close above $103 a barrel Wednesday, driven by severe winter weather in the U.S. and supply concerns.

Benchmark U.S. crude for March delivery rose 88 cents to $103.31 a barrel in New York, after surging $2.13 on Tuesday. The more heavily traded April contract was up 74 cents at $102.84 a barrel.

The last time the price of oil was above $103 was in October.

Severely cold weather and snowstorms in the eastern region in the U.S. have boosted energy prices. The National Weather Service said more snow is ahead for residents of northern New England, one day after a storm dumped about a foot on many communities.

One half of U.S. households use natural gas as their primary heating fuel and about a quarter of households in the Northeast U.S. rely on heating oil, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Protests in Venezuela, one of the top five crude suppliers to the U.S., and snags in oil production in Libya and South Sudan also helped increase prices.

A benchmark for international oils, edged up 1 cent to $110.47 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Gold falls

Gold for April delivery fell $4, or 0.3 percent, to $1,320.40 per ounce.

Silver for March delivery fell 4.8 cents, or 0.2 percent, to $21.85 per ounce. Copper for the same month closed flat at $3.29 per pound.

Platinum for April was also unchanged at $1,424.50 per ounce. ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1163886	16.20	.27
S&P500ETF1088463183.02		1.22	
iShEMkts	930148	39.02	.27
SPDR Fncl	618725	21.38	.30
CSVInvNG	481959	3.07	.32

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ZaleCp	20.92	+6.01	+40.3
DirGMBear	21.75	+3.47	+19.0
SignetJwlrs	93.65	+14.38	+18.1
Nabors	21.15	+2.49	+13.3
PUVaST rs	67.24	+7.76	+13.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirGMnBull	30.80	-7.48	-19.5
SM Energy	74.30	-15.28	-17.1
Navios	8.72	-1.16	-11.7
USEC rs	5.25	-.64	-10.9
CSVInvNG	3.07	-.32	-9.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,108
Declined	2,004
Unchanged	92
Total issues	3,204
New Highs	163
New Lows	17
Volume	3,556,413,104

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	141527	2.81	.04
AlldNevG	53012	5.40	.41
VantageDrl	50619	1.72	+.01
NwGold g	38253	6.16	.26
RexahnPh	35650	1.08	.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NanoVinc	4.00	+.57	+16.6
Oragenics	3.36	+.21	+6.7
Alteva	8.90	+.50	+6.0
AvnoSG g	2.76	+.14	+5.3
Reeds	7.59	+.37	+5.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnviroStr	3.30	-.55	-14.3
IntelgSys	2.45	-.20	-7.5
AldNevG	5.40	-.41	-7.1
TanzRy g	2.31	-.15	-6.1
AskanoG g	2.04	-.13	-6.0

DIARY

Advanced	153
Declined	254
Unchanged	23
Total issues	430
New Highs	12
New Lows	1
Volume	128,304,853

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	555756	68.06	+.76
Comcast	398996	51.57	+.96
SiriusXM	385297	3.51	-.01
Zynga	351004	5.07	-.08
PwShs QQQ	349931	89.63	.62

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DehaierMd	11.89	+3.06	+34.7
SuperBH rs	2.15	+.54	+33.5
ChelseaTh	6.16	+1.21	+24.4
Oculus rs	3.80	+.65	+20.6
ChiCache	21.45	+3.58	+20.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CombiMtr wt	3.12	-.86	-21.5
NeoGenom	3.27	-.59	-15.3
PranaBio	8.76	-1.34	-13.3
InfoSonic h	2.79	-.27	-8.8
Potbelly n	20.46	-1.94	-8.7

DIARY

Advanced	734
Declined	1,851
Unchanged	117
Total issues	2,702
New Highs	147
New Lows	11
Volume	1,899,392,113

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $93.08 Down 1.57

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $114.83 Down 1.02

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $29.61 Down 0.38

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $61.04 Up 0.02

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.41 Up 0.17

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.77 Down 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.42 Down 0.26

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.50 Down 0.38

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	10	32.85	+.03	-6.6
Abraxas		36	3.28		+.6
AdamsEx	.84e		12.68	-.13	-3.0
AMD			3.72	+.02	-3.9
Alcoa	.12	36	11.76	+.36	+10.6
AlonUSA	.24a	7	14.30	.30	13.5
AlphaNRs			5.25	+.14	26.5
Amgen	**2.44f**	**19**	**123.35**	**-1.59**	**+8.1**
Anadarko	**.72**	**53**	**83.73**	**+.16**	**+5.6**
Apache	**1.00f**	**15**	**84.07**	**+.75**	**-2.2**
ApldMatl	**.40**	**48**	**18.75**	**-.10**	**+6.1**
AnadP			8.60	.19	+26.1
ATMOS	**1.48**	**17**	**44.94**	**-.72**	**-1.1**
AutoData	1.92	26	76.15	.34	5.8
BP PLC	**2.28**	**11**	**49.33**	**-.08**	**+1.5**
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.80	.16	+5.8
BakrHu	.60	24	60.70	.47	+9.8
BcoBrad pf	.29e		11.22	+.11	10.5
BkofAm	.04	16	16.20	.27	+4.0
B iPVix rs			44.17	+2.74	+3.8
BarrickG	.20		19.77	.59	+12.1
BasicEnSv			20.00	+.37	+26.7
BerkHa A		**16170080.00**	**-2212.00**		**-4.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.56f**	**25**	**55.90**	**-.60**	**+6.5**
BlackBerry			9.01	.45	+21.1
BrMySq	**1.44f**	**34**	**53.46**	**-1.17**	**+.6**
BrownFA	**1.16**	**29**	**79.87**	**+.10**	**+8.3**
BrownFB	**1.16**	**28**	**81.02**	**-.10**	**+7.2**
CVS Care	1.10f	19	70.10	.22	-2.1
Cameron		21	61.57	.22	+3.4
Caterpillar	2.40	17	96.21	-.35	+5.9
Celestic g		17	9.40	.10	-9.6
Cemex	.45f		13.28	+.03	+12.3
CntryLink	2.16		30.90	.05	-3.0
ChelseaTh			6.16	+1.21	+38.9
ChesEng	.35	20	26.40	+.57	-2.7
Chevron	**4.00**	**10**	**113.60**	**+.89**	**-9.1**
Chicos	.30f	17	17.14	-.01	-9.0
Cimarex	.56	24	111.84	-.52	+6.6
Cisco	.78f	15	22.28	-.13	+.1
Citigroup	.04	11	48.19	-1.19	-7.5
CloyEng			**93.08**	**-1.57**	**+13.6**
CocaCola	**1.12**	**20**	**37.10**	**-.37**	**-10.2**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**26**	**61.53**	**-.86**	**-5.6**
Comcast	.90f	20	51.57	1.96	8
ConAgra	**1.00**	**15**	**28.94**	**-.25**	**-14.1**
ConchoRes		**54**	**114.83**	**-1.02**	**+6.3**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**10**	**65.00**	**-.37**	**-8.0**
CrackerB	3.00	19	97.56	1.11	11.4
CSVInvNG			3.07	.32	65.3
CSVelIVST			30.99	2.31	9.9
CSVxSht rs			7.43	+.77	9
CrosTim	**2.44e**	**14**	**31.29**	**+.11**	**+6.4**
DCP Mrd	2.93f	22	48.86	.12	3.0
DTE	2.62	19	71.47	.65	+7.7
Datarm rs			2.55	+.01	1.9
Dawson	**.32**	**23**	**29.61**	**-.39**	**-12.4**
DevonE	**.88**		**64.25**	**+1.34**	**+3.8**
DxSCBr rs			17.06	+.51	+.5
Disney	**.86f**	**21**	**78.87**	**-.71**	**+3.2**
DowChm	**1.48f**	**13**	**46.44**	**-.34**	**+4.6**
DryShips			3.48	.23	26.0
EMC Cp	.40	19	25.25	.23	+.4
EOG Res	**.75**	**44**	**178.86**	**-1.06**	**+6.6**
EmpDist	**1.02**	**16**	**23.61**	**+.06**	**+4.1**
Energen	.60f	28	77.53	.41	+9.6
EngyTsfr	3.68f	10	54.00	.61	5.7
EnPro		**51**	**72.47**	**-.77**	**+25.7**
EntPrPt	2.80f	23	66.08	.42	-.3
Ericsson	.43e		12.56	.07	+2.6
ExterranH		**25**	**36.17**	**-.03**	**+5.8**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**10**	**93.95**	**-.12**	**-7.2**
Facebook			68.06	+.76	+24.5
FordM	.50f	12	15.25	.14	-1.2
ForestLab			93.98	+2.94	+56.6
ForestOil		11	3.22	+.13	10.8
GATX	**1.32f**	**17**	**60.76**	**+.03**	**+16.5**
GasMutlT	**.80**		**10.83**	**-.47**	**-12.7**
GAInv	**2.10e**		**34.11**	**-.21**	**-3.1**
GenElec	**.88**	**17**	**25.40**	**-.25**	**-9.4**
GenMotors	1.20	15	36.03	-.28	-11.8
GtPlainEn	**.92**	**17**	**25.89**	**-.20**	**+6.0**
Groupon			10.02	-.24	14.8
HalconRes		19	3.70	-.13	-4.1
Hallibrtn	**.60**	**19**	**54.53**	**+.40**	**+7.4**
HewlettP	.58	11	29.45	-.13	+5.3
iShBrazil	1.44e		39.78	+.25	-11.0
iShJapan	.13e		11.49	-.14	-5.3
iShChinaLC	1.02e		35.98	+.18	6.2
iShEMkts	.86e		39.02	.27	-6.6
iS Eafe	1.70e		66.61	.45	7
iShR2K	1.41e		114.07	1.18	1.1
iShREst	2.37e		67.65	.02	+7.2
InovioPhm			2.81	.04	3.1
IntegrysE	2.72	15	55.83	.51	+2.6
Intel	**.90**	**13**	**24.50**	**-.26**	**-5.6**
InterDig	.40	30	28.41	.47	3.7
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	57.26	-1.23	-1.4
JohnJn	**2.64**	**19**	**91.64**	**-.53**	**+.1**
KimbClk	**3.24**	**20**	**108.78**	**-.95**	**+4.1**
KindME	5.44f	29	78.32	1.60	2.9
KindMM	5.44f	48	74.65	.90	1.3
LegacyRes	2.36f		27.41	+.17	-2.7
LillyEli	1.96	13	58.09	+2.84	+13.9
Lubys		**44**	**6.16**	**-.19**	**-20.2**
MGM Rsts			25.75	-.10	+9.5
MktVGold	19e		25.63	.83	+21.3
McDnlds	3.24	17	95.55	.47	-1.5
Merck	1.76f	38	55.04	.65	+10.0
MeritMed		**59**	**14.70**	**-.13**	**-6.6**
MexcoEn		78	7.77	.03	+12.6
MicronT		16	25.42		+16.9
Microsoft	1.12	14	37.51	+.09	+.3
MorgStan	.20	20	28.96	.60	7.7
Mylan		34	51.15	+2.85	+17.9
Nabors	.16	45	21.15	+2.49	+24.5
NatGrid	**3.17e**		**68.83**	**+.21**	**+5.4**
NOilVarco	1.04	14	76.46	+.06	-3.9
NvMAd	**.80a**		**12.94**	**+.02**	**+6.4**
NvPMI	**.86**		**13.24**	**+.04**	**+7.0**
NuvPI	**.86**		**13.27**	**+.08**	**+7.6**
NSTFI3	**.63a**		**13.50**	**-.01**	**+4.8**
NTXQI	**.70a**		**13.37**	**+.01**	**+4.0**
OcciPet	**2.88f**	**13**	**94.94**	**-1.34**	**-.2**
ParTech			**4.90**	**-.16**	**-10.1**
ParkDrl			**7.58**	**+.16**	**-6.8**
PattUTI	**.40f**	**23**	**29.39**	**+.08**	**+16.1**
PennaRE	**.80**		**19.38**	**+.58**	**+2.1**
Pmian	.87e	16	13.39	+.34	+4.1
Petrobras	.27e		11.13	-.07	+19.2
Pfizer	**1.04f**	**16**	**31.48**	**-.40**	**+2.8**
PioNtrl	.08		188.04	-1.84	+2.2
PlainsAAP	**2.46f**	**18**	**53.61**	**-.35**	**+3.6**
PwShs QQQ	.88e		89.63	.62	+1.9
Praxair	**2.60f**	**22**	**128.15**	**-1.57**	**-1.4**
PrmEgy		**11**	**51.71**	**-1.23**	**+2.4**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**21**	**78.14**	**+.17**	**-4.0**
ProUShSP			29.98	+.41	+1.1
RangeRs	.16	87	87.58	+.78	+3.9
RegionsFn	.12	13	10.10	.27	+2.1
RiteAid			6.41	+.14	+26.7
Rowan		15	32.12	+.21	9.2
RoyDShltA	3.60	9	72.30	.23	+1.4
SpdrDJIA	3.52e		160.52	.89	3.0
S&P500ETF	3.35e		183.02	1.22	.9
SabnR	3.95e	13	51.04	.24	+.9
SanderFm	**.80**	**13**	**73.58**	**-1.03**	**+1.7**
SandRdge			**6.48**	**-.07**	**+6.8**
Sapient		**30**	**16.25**	**+.27**	**-6.4**
Schlmbrg	1.60f	18	90.48	.15	+.4
SigmaAld	**.92f**	**23**	**93.77**	**-1.85**	**-.3**
SiriusXM		60	3.57	.01	+2.3
Smucker	2.32	17	95.55	+.24	-7.8
SP Engy	1.52e		86.53	+.11	-2.2
SPDR Fncl	.32e		21.38	.30	2.2
SunEdison			15.76	+.58	+20.8
SunocoLog	2.65f	22	82.09	-.61	+8.8
TelefEsp	**.47e**		**15.47**	**+.05**	**-5.3**
Tesoro	1.00	16	50.30	-.14	-14.0
3M Co	3.42f	19	130.56	-1.24	-6.9
Torchmark	**.68**	**14**	**75.72**	**-.98**	**-3.1**
TriContl	**.68e**		**19.54**	**-.14**	**-2.2**
TurgHillRs			3.39	+.08	+2.7
Twitter n			55.50	-2.68	-12.8
TylerTech		**85**	**95.60**	**-.15**	**-6.4**
UBWV	**1.28f**	**17**	**28.57**	**-1.18**	**-9.2**
US NGas			26.95	+.75	+30.3
USSteel	.20		24.86	-1.88	-15.7
Vale SA	.78e		14.63	+.16	-4.1
ValeroE	1.00f	10	50.50	.24	+.2
VangEmg	1.15e		38.60	.17	-6.2
VenzonCm	2.12	12	46.53	+.55	-5.3
VulcanM	**.20f**		**64.92**	**-1.52**	**+9.3**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**23**	**65.51**	**+.97**	**+14.0**
WellsFargo	1.20	12	45.53	.60	+.3
WstnRefin	1.04f	8	38.46	.13	-9.3
WhitngPet		14	61.35	-1.51	-.8
WmsCos	1.61f	46	40.50	.04	+5.0
XcelEngy	**1.20f**	**15**	**29.54**	**-.15**	**+5.7**
Xerox	**.25f**	**11**	**10.68**	**-.04**	**-12.2**
Yahoo		30	37.81	.50	-6.5
Yamana g	.15m	19	10.22	.31	+18.6
ZaleCp			20.92	+6.01	+32.7
Zynga			5.07	.08	+33.4

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	13,784.01	Dow Jones Industrials	16,040.56	-89.84	-.56	-3.23	+15.17
7,591.43	5,789.20	Dow Jones Transportation	7,140.81	-90.93	-1.26	-3.51	+20.59
537.86	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	517.96	-2.23	-.43	+5.58	+8.90
11,334.65	8,700.73	NYSE Composite	10,254.26	-64.86	-.63	-1.40	+15.43
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,433.52	-19.35	-.79	+.30	+1.84
4,277.33	3,105.37	Nasdaq Composite	4,237.95	-34.83	-.82	+1.47	+33.93
1,850.84	1,485.01	S&P 500	1,828.75	-12.01	-.65	-1.06	+20.95
19,776.59	15,674.94	Wilshire 5000	19,583.17	-136.63	-.69	-.82	+22.65
1,182.04	894.24	Russell 2000	1,149.07	-12.41	-1.07	-1.25	+25.79

TODAY: Sunny High: 64 Low: 37

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 73 Low: 46

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 77 Low: 44

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 66 Low: 40

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 69 Low: 46

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 63 Low: 38

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 64 and north winds between 20 and 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 37 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

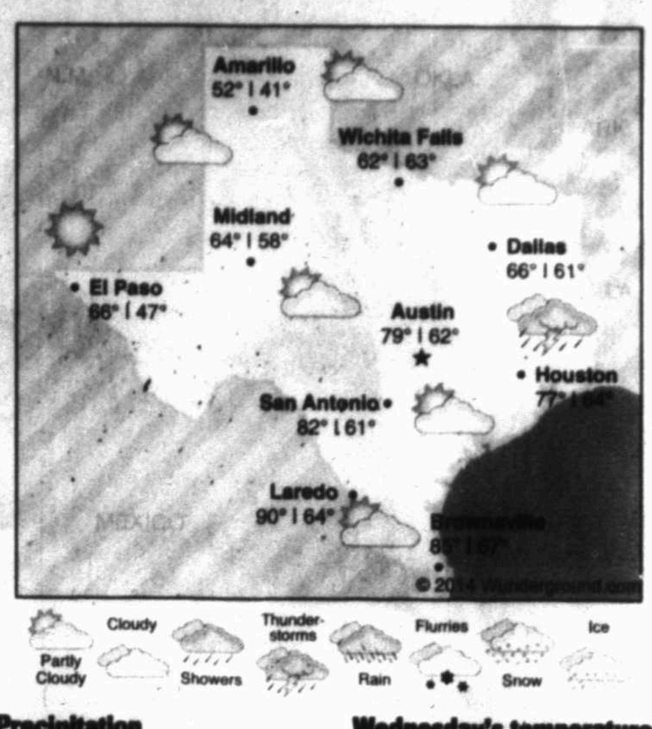
Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 73 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 46 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 77 and a low around 44.

The high on Wednesday reached 85, while the low dropped to 49. The record high for Feb. 19 is 90 set in 1986. The record low is 19 set in 1936.

National forecast

Warmth will build in the East today. High pressure will drift off the New Jersey coast. A flow of air moving south behind this system will bring not only warmer air but also more moisture.



Precipitation

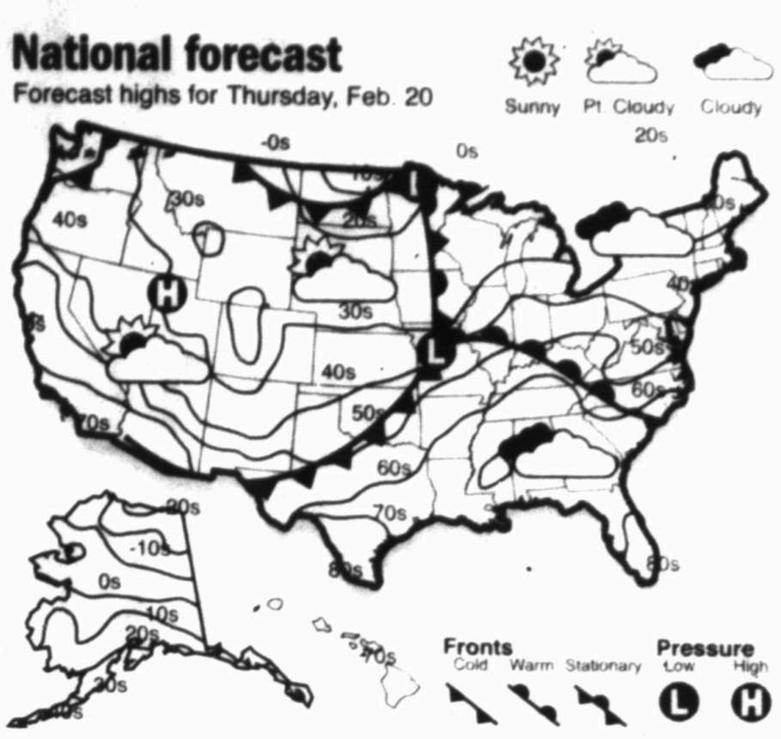
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.24 in.
Year total	0.24 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.05 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	85
Low	49
Normal high	63
Normal low	35
Sunrise	7:26 a.m.
Sunset	6:39 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Feb. 20



Veteran dad has no desire to start a second family

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: I'm a single mom in a serious relationship with a divorced man who has children of his own. Between us, we have seven, ranging in age from 7 to 17. I'm in my early 30s; he's in his early 50s.

My dilemma: I'm interested in having another child if we get married. He definitely isn't.

Is it unreasonable for me to want to add to this already large potential blended family? I love the idea of experiencing motherhood again with a little more experience and age under my belt, and I'd love to share that intimacy with him. While he likes the abstract possibility of "our" child, he says he feels too old now and he wouldn't be able to be the kind of father he would want to be.

If neither of us had kids of our own, this would be a deal-breaker for me, but how do I know if my maternal longings are just the last, painful tickings of my biological clock, or a real desire that I'll end up resenting him for if I ignore it and we stay together? — IS SEVEN ENOUGH?

DEAR IS SEVEN ENOUGH?: Because your boyfriend is in his 50s and has made it clear that he isn't interested in becoming a father again, I think you should count your many blessings and consider that seven is a lucky number.

DEAR ABBY: My godmother passed away in January 2011. My godfather, "Jim," remarried last year. I am still mourning her loss and have not been able to get myself to call and speak to Jim, even though I did send him a congratulatory wedding card.

I love him. Jim is a wonderful, kind, attractive man. I knew it wouldn't be long before another woman would take an interest in him or he'd find love again. My siblings have tried to get me to make contact with him, but I'm still not ready to accept that he has moved on with another woman. Please advise me. — CAN'T FACE IT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAN'T FACE IT: I am sorry for your loss, and I'm sure your godmother will always live in your heart. However, if you love your godfather, you should be glad that he has been able to move forward in his life. That he was open to finding love again speaks volumes about the quality of the marriage he shared with your godmother.

Of course seeing Jim with someone else won't be easy for you, but it is sad that you would sacrifice the special relationship you have with him because you are reluctant to face reality. For both of your sakes, I hope you'll reconsider. If you do, you may find that you like the new lady in his life.

DEAR ABBY: Is it ever appropriate for a diner to lick his/her fingers in public, like when eating finger food or barbecue? It drives me nuts! I equate it to a cat cleaning itself.

When I try to get the person in question to use a napkin, I'm looked at as if I've lost my mind! At the very least, our hands are covered with germs, and who wants to stick them in their mouth? Yecch. — GROSSED OUT IN OHIO

DEAR GROSSED OUT: I think it depends upon the circumstances in which the food is being served. If someone is eating canapes at a cocktail party, licking the fingers is a no-no. And most barbecue joints provide moist towelettes to their patrons.

On the other hand, Col. Sanders used to call his fried chicken "finger lickin' good." At a picnic or informal gathering, it's purr-fectly acceptable to lick one's fingers, and I confess this tabby has probably done it, so I'm not going to cast aspersions.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014:

This year you are able to detach more and see new ways of handling problems. A foreign person could open your eyes to other cultures and philosophies. Your sixth sense works well for you — follow it, even if it is not always logical. If you are single, you are going to meet someone quite bohemian. You will enjoy getting to know this person, but the relationship might not last forever. If you are attached, the two of you finally might decide to take that special trip you so often think about. Together, you will open the door to new life experiences through new friends or travel. SCORPIO knows much more than he or she lets on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You have much to think about and consider. You might need to mellow out a bit. You will have an important and long-overdue discussion with a loved one or an associate. The less that is said to others, the better off you will be. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You seem ready to make a dream a reality. A partner or several other people might want to pitch in, especially if this idea could affect them too. An upbeat attitude will help you feel more connected to others than you have in the past. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. A boss might have a lot to say, and will talk openly if you seem interested in what he or she has to share. Use caution with your finances. A risk might not pay off in the way you'd hoped it would. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow's work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Events could put you more in touch with your dynamic energy. Look at the long-term implications when looking at the big picture. A situation might not evolve as you might wish it would. Do more listening and sharing. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might want to spend more time at home. Use your instincts to achieve a better sense of harmony with a loved one. Indulge in more time together. A change in your schedule could force changes to happen elsewhere in your life. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to examine what is happening in your immediate environment. Make calls, catch up on news and clear your desk. You will come up with a more efficient way of handling key matters. Others will come through for you. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Listen to what is being shared, but hold back for now on sharing what you know. A partner might do the unexpected. You could be upset, but you also do enjoy the excitement that this person brings to your life. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might be in the middle of all the action. Take the lead, prioritize and delegate; otherwise, too many key details could be missed. You understand the implications of what is going on better than most people do. Tonight: Think "weekend." Make plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You move through details quickly, yet one could slip past you and ultimately sabotage your plans. Slow down or recheck your work. You also might need to consider getting a second person to work with you on this project. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Ever playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Call on your self-discipline. Use your sixth sense to tune in to the obvious dynamics of a particular matter. Someone could appear to be almost too generous. Pull back while you can, and see what is happening with this person. Tonight: Get together with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might feel as if you have an additional responsibility weighing you down. Stop and look at what is happening instead of continuing as you have been. Look at the big picture to see your options more clearly. Choose a more easygoing pace. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You see life very differently from how many of the people around you see it. As a result, others often are inspired and/or confused by you. At the moment, use your instincts to proceed with an important matter. You will land on your feet. Tonight: Read between the lines.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Sidney Poitier (1927), musician Kurt Cobain (1967), race car driver Bobby Unser (1934)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Timing

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 2
♡ A Q 10 3
♢ 5 4
♣ A 7 5

WEST
♠ J 9 8 4
♡ J 9 6
♢ J 9 3 2
♣ Q J

EAST
♠ 3
♡ K 8 7 5 2
♢ Void
♣ K 10 9 8 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A 7 6 5
♡ 4
♢ A K Q 10 8 7 6
♣ 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♢	Pass	6♢	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

South showed substantial extras when he bid three spades, perhaps more than he had, and North was counting on those extras when he leaped to slam.

South won the opening club lead in dummy, then cashed the king of trumps before leading a trump to his ace, discovering the bad break. He finished drawing trumps, taking the marked finesse, and led a diamond. When that suit broke 4-0, declarer was out of options and the contract drifted three off.

An opposing pre-empt should send an alarm that suits might be breaking badly and care must be taken. Catering to all bad breaks, declarer should have started trumps by cashing the ace in hand and then playing to dummy's king. When East shows out, South should switch to a diamond. Should East follow, South rises with the ace. If West also follows, South draws trumps and claims all 13 tricks. Should West ruff, South ruffs the club return, draws the remaining trump, then takes the marked diamond finesse for 12 tricks.

Should East show out on the first diamond, as here, South plays low and allows West to win the trick. West's best return is another diamond. Declarer runs the diamonds, discarding low cards from dummy. Should West ruff at any point, dummy overruffs and draws the remaining trump. South ruffs his way back to hand in order to finish the diamonds. Twelve tricks on any diamond split after the trump position is known!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 __ Club
5 Eat __
9 Film __
13 Sleep __
14 Mata __
15 "I'm __ you!"
16 " __ to please!"
17 __-steven
18 SWAT __
19 Blank
22 __ of bounds
23 Electnc __
24 Blank
31 "It __ to reason"
33 "You're taking a big __"
34 __-TURN
35 Good for what __ you
36 Costa del __
37 __ Elevator Company
38 "I Like __"
39 __ the scales
41 San Diego __
43 Blank
46 Hopping __
47 Jacqueline Kennedy __ Bouvier
48 Blank
56 Quod __ demonstrandum
57 __ to one's senses
58 Shed __
59 __-Honey
60 "Rock of __"
61 From beyond the __
62 __ nuts
63 "__-a-Cop": 1988 film
64 "Jane __"

DOWN

1 X-Ray __: U.K. punk band
2 Take __: doze
3 Golda __
4 "It's the __ story"
5 __ of drawers
6 __ Shankar
7 __ Cakesters
8 __ circle
9 __ motel
10 "A Room of __ Own"
11 "Take __ a compliment"
12 CD-__
13 "I'm in __ "Wow!"
20 Soap __
21 __ and potato soup
24 Van __
25 Carry-__: luggage
26 Victoria __
27 Olive
28 __-level
29 Peau de __ satin-weave cloth
30 __ 22-Across: solve
31 Set __
32 __ torch
36 Day __
37 "__ to Joy"
39 Suit __
40 __ Series: auto races
41 __-a-porter: ready-to-wear
42 __ Joe
44 Caveat __
45 Civil __ protest
48 __ Canal
49 __ for life
50 Rib __
51 "__ to that!"
52 "Lord knows __!"
53 __ Abby
54 __ birth to
55 "__ I saw Elba"
56 __ and flow

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	C	P	L	U	G		A	S	P		E	B	A	Y
O	R	I	E	N	T		S	P	A		R	I	P	E
K	I	N	G	C	O	T	T	O	N		A	G	H	A
S	T	E	A	L		B	R	O	T	H		F	I	R
			C	A	E	S	A	R	S	A	L	A	D	S
M	R	H	Y	D	E					R	I	T		
S	O	O			R	A	S	P		D	E	L	T	A
E	M	P	E	R	O	R	P	E	N	G	U	I	N	S
C	O	P	S	E		T	Y	P	E			A	U	K
		I	T	A				S	P	U	R	T	S	
M	O	N	A	R	C	H	N	O	T	E	S			
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V	A	M	P		K	A	I	S	E	R	R	O	L	L
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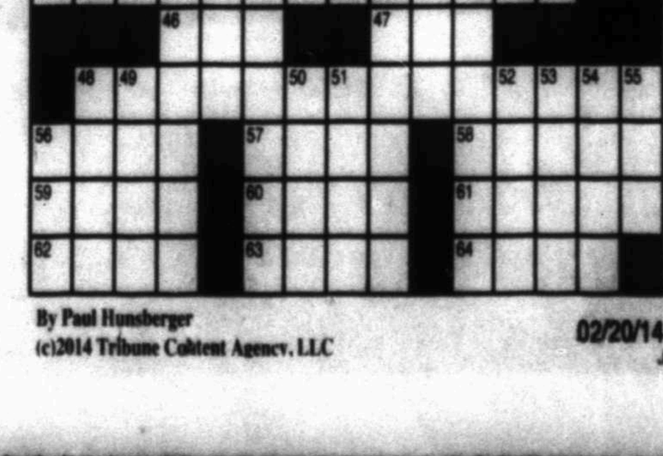

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Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES, 5205 N. CONNOR BLVD, IRVING, TEXAS 75039 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Shackelford Spraberry Unit Lease, Well Number 102D. The proposed disposal well is located 16.8 miles SE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100 to 4800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792).

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Houston Smith 12 Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 19.8 miles NW of Garden City, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Glasscock County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3850 to 4750 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Robbins 4 Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 1.4 miles SE of Rankin, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Upton County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3700 to 4600 feet.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Sale Ranch Lease, Well Number 14D. The proposed disposal well is located 10.2 miles NW of Stanton, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Martin County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4300 to 4800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Flanagan 14 Lease, Well Number 2D. The proposed disposal well is located 19.7 miles NW of Garden City, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Glasscock County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3850 to 4700 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, XBC Giddings Estate Lease, Well Number 6D. The proposed disposal well is located 17.5 miles NW of Rankin, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Upton County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4400 to 5100 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday, 3/4/2014 at 10:30 A.M. at 709 West Wadley, Midland, Texas, 79705. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, immediate removal required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following delinquent tenants: Tamera Belcher, household goods; Jamian Jaskson, household goods; Ashley Odonnell, household goods; Jana Behen, household goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information contact A-Plus Super Storage, 432-683-2500.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF ROBERT A. CULLEN, DECEASED

Administration of the Estate of ROBERT A. CULLEN, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of Original Letters Testamentary to JOSEPHINE L. CULLEN on the 11th day of February, 2014, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas, acting in Cause No. P17,770 styled the Estate of ROBERT A. CULLEN, Deceased, in which Court the matter is pending. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to JOSEPHINE L. CULLEN, Independent Executor, in c/o PATRICK S. DUFFY, P.C., 600 MARIENFELD, SUITE 310, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701-3351 within the time prescribed by law.

PATRICK S. DUFFY, ATTORNEY FOR JOSEPHINE L. CULLEN, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

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Our system has taken the necessary corrective actions to restore adequate pressure, disinfectant levels, and/or bacteriological quality and has provided TCEQ with testing results that indicate that the water no longer requires boiling as of 02/19/2014.

If you have questions, contact the office for more information at 432-561-9255.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Opal D. Matthews, Deceased, were issued on February 18, 2014, in Cause No. P17773, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Ray N. Matthews.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 18th day of February, 2014

L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for Ray Matthews
State Bar No.: 19273500
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
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Passenger Cars

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BMW of the Permian Basin
5715 Andrews Hwy • Midland
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Alpine/ Cream Beige
Prem. Xenon, Assist & Bluetooth. 98k miles

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Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Avtive seats
13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Blk/Blk
Conv. Prem. Nav. SaT. Though Loading System heated seats
4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk
M sport, Tech, Prem, heated, head up display
6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
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Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav.
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2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Blk
Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k
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2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem sound, Sport, Prem.
11k miles, CPO

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

A/P Specialist
Natural Gas Service Group FT
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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant
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Administrative Assistant/Project Bookkeeper
Entry Level job in Midland, TX. The ideal candidate for this position will be highly organized with strong spreadsheet and Word skills. Bookkeeping experience a plus. Salary dependant on experience. Please send resume and references and indicate availability for full or part time employment, to: **Administrative Assistant Position PO Box 51807 Midland, TX 79710-1807**

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Medical Office Receptionist
Confidential FT
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Office Manager
Dr. Wilbur Lineback FT
2104 W Michigan Ave
Midland, TX
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Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions: Sales Person, Service Technician, Shop Hand, & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Bill Keller at 432-699-7744 for interview or email resume to: bill@lighthouseenergy.org

COMPRESSOR MECHANIC
West Texas Gas FT
COMPRESSOR MECHANIC - GAS PLANT. NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. Experience preferred but not required. Location near Rankin, TX. Fax resume to (432) 693-2132 or mail to: Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, TX 79755

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Local oilfield service company seeking **Entry Level Wireline** and **Swabbing Helpers**. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at **14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701** or call **432-699-1200**

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HEALTHCARE

Available Positions
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Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:
- **ADON/Staff Development Coordinator with experience.**
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- **Dietary Supervisor Monday-Friday with experience**
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Certified Dental Assistant
Thomas Campagna, DMD FT
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Midland/Odessa
Monday-Friday: 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 6am to 9:30am on Saturdays. Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax: 800-571-8364.

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Experienced Medical Office Receptionist needed for a busy clinic. Attractive salary and benefits. Also PT Dictation person with flexible hours. Please fax resumes to 432-522-2950.

Housekeeper
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PO# PP8037

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Providers/Caregivers & CNA's
St. Joseph's Home Health Inc. FT
St. Joseph's Home Health Inc is currently hiring English and Spanish speaking Providers/Caregivers & CNA's in Midland, TX. Please call: 432-684-5858

RN Case Manager, PRN RNs, LVNs
Martin County Home Health is now taking applications for a Full Time RN Case Manager. Hospice experience preferred and Spanish speakinng a plus! Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5:00 with some call. Excellent Benefits with competitive pay and mileage. Also looking for PRN RNs and LVNs. Call Allison Roy RN/DON at 432-607-3249 or fax resume to 432-607-3299

Various Positions
Midland Physical Therapy FT/PT
Physical Therapy Clinic looking for clinical and office personnel. Positions available immediately. Fax resume 432-570-8713. Or bring to 301 Dodson Midland, Texas 79701

X-Ray Inspector
The Texas Department of State Health Services is accepting applications to fill an **X-Ray Inspector** position in Midland, Texas. Anyone interested in this position should visit the web address **https://jobshrportal.cpa.texas.gov/ENG/careerportal/default.cfm**, and fill out an application. The position posting may be found by searching for the keyword "**x-ray**" in Midland. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jerry Cogburn at **jerry.cogburn@dshs.state.tx.us**

HUMAN RESOURCES

HR GENERALIST
Petroplex Acidizing Inc. New hire orientation, recruiting, payroll, policies & procedures, administer employee benefit programs, assist with annual audit, advise management on human resources issues, preparing a variety of reports, and all other projects assigned. In addition, this position should have strong attention to detail, commitment to excellence and high standards, and able to write and proof drafts. Email resumes to **jterry@petroplex.com**

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Guard
Finley Investigations & Security (Lic# C09211)
7500 N CR 1294, Midland, TX 79707
Hiring now! Full time security guards. Growing company. Retirees welcome. Safe environment. We will train. Competitive pay. Starting pay $10 - $12 per hour. 432-561-5660. tomfinley@oilfieldsecurity.com

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

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Administrative Assistant
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COORDINATOR / HOST
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Front Counter/Customer Service
Affinity Steel hiring for **Front Counter/Customer Service**. Bilingual a plus. Apply in person **1809 W. County Rd 114**. For directions, call **432-617-4477**

Custodian
First United Methodist Church FT/PT
If you just want a job, this is not the place. If you would like to work, then we need you. Must be an eager worker who can do what's been requested without hesitation or complaint, can show up on time, and values cleanliness. If this description fits you, please apply in person at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Midland, TX. Immediate interview possible. No phone calls please.

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Resident Monitor, Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop

Security Officers
Imperial Guard Service FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
No experience necessary. Will train. Uniforms provided. $9 to $11 per hour Call 866-840-2066. TX Lic# 12202

Shop Welder/ Fabricator
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Basin Engine & Pump is looking for an industrial oilfield Shop Welder/ Fabricator. Welding/Fabricator experience preferred. Position includes uniforms and a benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to: tommy@basinengine.com. Applications may also be filled out at 1914 South County Rd. 1083, Greenwood/Midland

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Positions needed: Overnight Security, Kitchen Manager, Front Desk agents, Housekeepers, AM Servers, Bartenders and Cooks
Pay based on experience. Please email resume wyndhammidlandgm@gmail.com or hand deliver at 3100 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Resource Development Director, United Way of Midland
Minimum of two years nonprofit development experience, bachelor's degree, exceptional donor and volunteer management skills, effective presentation skills. Must be a self starter and team player. Major giving and consultative selling experience helpful. Cover letter and resume to: dmahurin@uwmidland.org. Deadline to apply March 3, 2014

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

ALL POSITIONS / NO NIGHTS
Harvest Caffe now hiring FT/PT. Apply in person 9am-11am & 2pm-4pm at **2101 W. Wadley Ste. 8**. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
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MANAGEMENT & BAKER OPENINGS
Fast-Casual restaurant in Midland now has openings for General Help, salaried Management and Bakers also. Call **432-230-1218** to setup an interview or email resume to: **rm.schlotzskys@yahoo.com.** General help, please apply in person.

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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mywesttexas jobs

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
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Multiple Positions FT/PT
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Plant Operator
Plant Operator Needed Immediately: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Rankin, TX. Fax resume to 432-693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, Tx. 79755

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
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Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc. Now hiring General Superintendent and commercial construction Project Superintendent. Competitive pay plus excellent benefits. Experience in commercial construction a must. Please send resumes to 5206 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79707 or you may fax your resume to 432-694-9627.

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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$5,000.00 Sign On Bonus - Most weekends off! Stable company with a competitive hourly wage and excellent benefits located in Midland, TX is looking for a full time Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement. Position requires a minimum of 3 to 5 years verifiable professional driving experience with a clean driving and background record. Ideal candidates need to be dependable, reliable, and trustworthy. If you meet these qualifications, please contact Hope or Rudy at 432-570-9414 or send an email to *tammy@oilcenter.com*

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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview, or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

Driver Riggers and Dispatchers
TNT Crane & Rigging is currently Hiring Qualified CDL Driver/Riggers and Dispatcher. Top Pay, Benefits, and Per Diem. Please email jharrison@tntcrane.com or call 432.242.4980 to request an application. EOE

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We now have immediate openings for the following positions: **MECHANICS, TRUCK DRIVERS, KILL TRUCK OPERATORS** and **TRUCK PUSHERS**. We offer weekly pay and benefits after 90 days. All drivers and pushers must have at least 2 yrs. experience and all applicants must be able to pass a drug test. Apply in person at 3404 W. Illinois Ste. 204 Midland, TX 79703.

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Pickup Trucks

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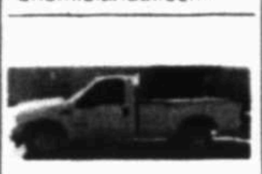

FORD 2001 WHITE F-250 7.3L Powerstroke Regular cab for sale for $6500. Truck has 256k miles but injectors have been replaced 3-4k miles ago. Is in overall great condition. Call or text (432)559-4845

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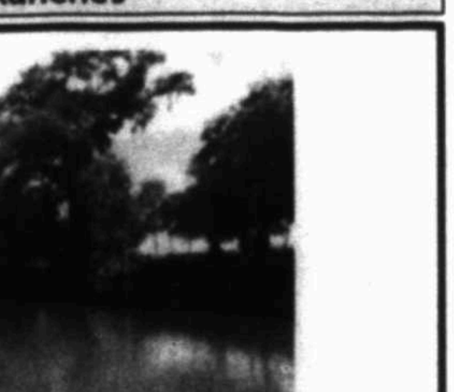

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The Science of the Games

A bobsled team starts the race by running and pushing their sled the first 50 meters of the track. By pushing their feet against the track as they run, they create a **force** that moves their sled.

The gas pedal in a car is called an **accelerator** because pushing on it makes the car accelerate or go faster.

The racers work to get the most **acceleration** they can before jumping into the sled for the rest of the race.

After the bobsledders jump into their sled, the force of **gravity** takes over, pulling the sled down the track.

Gravity has the same amount of pull on all of the sleds in a race. That means that the bobsledders must use their knowledge of science to be the fastest.

Bobsled races started in Switzerland in the 1890s. It was called bobsledding because the racers bobbed back and forth to increase their speed.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand forces and motion.

Extra! Extra!

Sports Equipment

Look through the sports section for photos of equipment - helmets, shoes, etc. Cut out one example and write a brief summary about the object's importance to the game.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Summarize using main idea and important details.

A bobsled team uses special sleds, helmets and suits that are engineered to reduce **drag**.

How many bobsleds can you find on this page?

Smooth move!
Drag is an opposite force that slows a moving object. Streamlined and smooth objects have less drag than jagged or flat ones.

What a drag!
A sled with a flat front end would move much slower because there would be more drag.

When the bobsled moves against the ice and through the air, it causes **friction**, which causes drag and slows the moving bobsled.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Know the relationship between the strength of a force and its effect on an object.

Put a Spin On It

Every four years, Olympic figure skaters try to jump in the air and get in more spins with their triple axels and quadruple toe loops. They make it look easy, but make no mistake, leaping into the air, twirling and landing gracefully takes hours of practice and a knowledge of science.

In order to twirl well, a skater needs velocity, or speed. A skater uses his or her feet to push off the ice to accelerate. Once the right velocity is reached the skater will jump and twirl. The more velocity a skater gets for the jump, the higher he or she will go.

To get more spins, a skater needs to twirl as fast as possible. To increase their twirling speed, a skater starts a twirl with arms out wide. Keeping the body straight and bringing the arms in close to the body causes a skater to twirl faster. This is a scientific principle called the **conservation of angular momentum**.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand forces and motion.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Curling

Curling was first played by people sliding river rocks on frozen ponds, lochs and marshes in Scotland. In the 1600s, stones with handles were introduced, starting the style used today.

Curling Challenge
Score one point for each difference you find between these two pictures.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

OPPOSITE
FRICTION
GRAVITY
BOBSLED
SCIENCE
ANGULAR
BOBBED
FORCE
LOOPS
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TRACK
DRAG
GEAR

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E	E	A	O	C	S	V	G	R	R	
B	E	E	R	O	I	I	N	I	D	
B	C	E	P	T	I	E	E	W	R	
O	R	P	Y	S	E	D	N	I	G	
B	O	B	S	L	E	D	E	C	A	
R	E	R	A	L	U	G	N	A	I	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing: Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Silly Olympics

My game is called Dodge ball and Baseball. It's the same thing as baseball just with Dodge ball. The rules are simple; one team throws the balls while the other team protects themselves from getting hit. If you hit anywhere except the head you're out. The players need bats, gloves, and dodge balls. I hope you enjoy the game I invented.

Mariana Bruzual, 4th grade, St. Anne's

My wacky Olympic sport is called Rudolph Relay. The way this relay is you have three people on your relay team; the referee puts whip cream and a cherry on the first person's nose. The first person has to race against the other team's first person 100 yards, go around a cone, and come back. The first team finished wins the event. If one of the players drops their cherry, they lose automatically. The only thing needed is whip cream and a cherry.

Karlie Smith, 6th grade, Hillander

I invented a game called swimming with ducks. The rules are if you see a duck when you're swimming you have to pick it up with your mouth, no hands or feet. If you play with the ducks, you are disqualified. The equipment you will need is your swimsuit and your mouth and hands and feet for swimming. I won because I followed all the rules. I was in 1st place and won a big trophy.

Marrah Strickland, 4th grade, St Ann's

My Olympic game would be called extreme cup bowling. You would blow one balloon up and line up fifteen plastic cups on the edge of a table. You have to blow the cups in one minute with the air in your balloon. If you knock them all down in the least amount of time, you win.

Blakeney Boldrick, 6th grade, Hillander

I have come up with a game for the Silly Olympics. It is called Ice Soccer. You have to have at least twelve players on each team. You need ice skates and a soccer ball. When you play you must have perfect balance on the ice. Finally, you aim for the goal a shoot. That is the newest Silly Olympic game.

Gabby Estrada, 4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!

Scientist Fun

If you were a scientist and could invent something to help the Easter Bunny, what would it be? Explain how it would work.

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