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Recent copper thefts have businesses concerned

Scrap wire, tubing fetch high prices; construction sites often easy targets

By Tyler White
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Midland police recently arrested six people in two separate incidents for allegedly stealing copper wire and tubing, which concerns some business owners and law enforcement agencies.

MPD arrested three people — including a father and son — Feb. 25 for allegedly breaking into the former Kmart store on Midland Drive and stealing copper wire and tubing. Officers found inside the building a pickup with its bed full of copper wire and pipe, according to their arrest report.

This incident follows the Feb. 20 arrest of three family members who allegedly stole several spools of copper wire in a recent string of burglaries.

Copper is sought by scrap yards and recycling centers, said Ron Ainsworth, president of the Bosworth Co.

"Copper's the one (metal) that's going to bring the (best) prices," Ainsworth said. He said it is worth more than other metals such as steel and aluminum.

He said scrap yard sales are like the stock market: Prices fluctuate daily.

Those prices also change based on the metal type and quality, said John Hudson, owner and operator of JLH Enterprises, a licensed recycled scrap yard in Midland County.

No. 1 heavy scrap copper is a purer form of the metal and can be sold for just more than $3 a pound, while No. 2 scrap copper is a lower-grade form that can bring just under $3 per pound, he said.

The former is uncoated, clean and unalloyed; the latter is clean and unalloyed, Hudson said.

For insulated copper wire — such as cables, charging cords and electrical wire — prices vary depending on the amount of the metal. The metal can sell from 50 cents to $1.60 a pound, depending on the copper-to-insulation ratio, Hudson said.

In contrast, aluminum cans typically sell for a lower price of about 50 cents per pound, Hudson said.

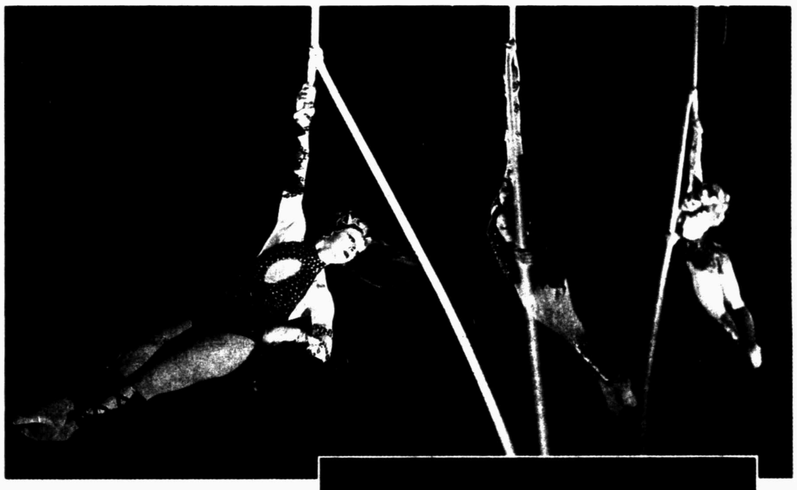
Copper theft is frustrating because copper is found everywhere, he said. Thieves might break into homes, businesses or office buildings and strip away walls and plumbing tubes to access copper used in construction, Ainsworth said.

Construction sites are easier targets because copper often is in plain sight or unattended at night, Hudson said.

John Cappadonna, a co-owner of CAPP Electric in Midland, said copper theft has

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RUNAWAY GOOD TIME





ABOVE: Members of the Aerial Beauties perform Monday afternoon at Circus Gatti at Chaparral Center. The event featured high-flying acrobatics, animal acts, magic and more.

RIGHT: Magician and Ringmaster Scott Hitchcock places Midlander Zoee Tarpley on a board before making her levitate above the center ring Monday afternoon at Circus Gatti.

Photos by Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

2 hotels approved for sports complex area

By Joseph Basco
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Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved zone changes for two new hotels near the Scharbauer Sports Complex, an area where nine other hotels already are located or soon will be.

Both hotels are adjacent to each other and will be built south of the intersection of Loop 250, just southeast of Sam's Club and south of the AT&T call center. In 2006, this area was approved for Gander Mountain, an outdoor equipment store, but the store never was developed, said Galen Gatten, vice chairman of the commission.

These two hotels bring the grand total of planned hotels in this area to 11.

One hotel will be four stories and feature about 90 to 100 rooms with 105 parking spaces. The other will be three to four stories and feature 93 rooms with 93 parking spaces. The city mandates a 1-to-1 ratio of parking spaces to hotel rooms, said Martin Siwek, planner for the city's planning division.

Both hotels will share a main entrance from the property's southwest corner on Westridge Boulevard and other entrances from the southeast and northern parts of the property.

John Landgraf, the engineer on these hotels and the representative for the applicant, KTJ, LP, said he could not reveal the hotel brands because the developer still is working out plans. He said there isn't a tentative date of completion for these two hotels, but the developers plan to submit plans to the city as soon as possible so that construction can begin.

Gatten said it seems like a new hotel is proposed for this area every three to six months.

"We can't get enough hotels," Gatten said. "This goes hand in hand with the sports events happening in the area."

He said the new hotels could help to alleviate the demand that causes hotel room rates to increase.

"It's a good market for hotels with the rates they command," Siwek said.

Last week, City Council approved zone changes for two other hotels in this area that will also be adjacent to each other: a Hilton Home 2 and Staybridge Suites.

Oilman Pickens finds US economy is still in OPEC's grip

By Loren Steffy
Houston Chronicle

COMMENTARY

T. Boone Pickens was headed to a private lunch with outgoing Energy Secretary Steven Chu when I caught up with him by phone this past week.

In the four years that Chu's been in office, he's never met privately with Pickens, the outspoken former oilman turned investor who's been a proponent of natural gas vehicles.

For the past few years, Pickens, who lives in Dallas, has been promoting his plan to wean the country off foreign oil. Critics are quick to point out that Pickens' agenda would promote his investments in natural gas and a company that makes natural gas vehicles. Others call that putting his money where his mouth is.

But his latest proposal, which he outlined in a speech to the Energy Department on Tuesday, bears consideration. He wants to leverage recent increases in domestic oil and natural gas production to break OPEC's grip over the U.S. economy.

To understand why this is important, look no farther than the nearest gasoline pump.

The persistent increases at the pump undermine the recent talk of oil abundance or U.S. energy independence. It's a reminder that we remain beholden to a global oil market that is anything but free.

"OPEC is a cartel," Pickens said. "They control prices with production. Since October, the Saudis have sharply curbed production, and consumers are seeing the impact at the pumps today."

For decades, we've relied on Saudi Arabia to keep its production high enough that crude prices remain affordable. Yet in

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$90.12	▼ $0.56
WTI Posted	$89.20	▼ $1.00
WTS Posted	$78.30	▼ $1.00
Natural Gas	$3.629	▲ $0.073
Gasoline	$3.022	▼ $0.018

The big number
From 2003 to 2011,
43 people
have died in triathlons. More on 2A.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meetings schedule

MOTOR MPO TAC
10 a.m. Thursday
9601 Wright Drive, Ste. 1

City Council retreat
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday
Junior League of Midland facility
902 W. Dengar Ave.

Community calendar

■ The city of Midland's Animal Services Division will host a $20 rabies shot clinic today.

The clinic will begin at 4 p.m. at the city's Animal Shelter, 1200 N. Fairgrounds Road. Pet owners can get a rabies shot, city/county license, and a microchip for their dog or cat for $20. A distemper/parvo vaccine is available for dogs for an additional $10. All dogs must be on a leash and any cats must be in a pet carrier. All payments must be in cash.

For more information, please call 685-7420.

■ Information sessions for parents interested in Midland ISD's magnet school programs are planned for this evening. Meetings will be from 5-5:45 p.m. at Bowie, 6-6:45 p.m. at Washington and 7-7:45 p.m. at Pease.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

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

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m., First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

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

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

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

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

Water Tracker

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

■ **Friday's total:** 14.966.000 gallons (CRMWD 11.473.000; Paul Davis field 3.493.000)

■ **Saturday's total:** 13.218.000 gallons (CRMWD 9.650.000; Paul Davis field 3.568.000)

■ **Sunday's total:** 14.383.000 gallons (CRMWD 10.852.000; Paul Davis field 3.531.000)

Basin PBS campaign update

Basin PBS invites its membership, supporters and community members of West Texas to aid in reaching their $2.7 million dollar capital campaign goal by March 31.

The funds will go toward moving Basin PBS into a permanent home in the historic Ritz Theater in downtown Midland. Basin PBS is 85 percent of the way to its goal of $2.7 million.

Basin PBS has a number of opportunities available for anyone interested to give.

There are two ways to make a commitment to Basin PBS: Call 563-5728 or go to basinpbs.org/campaign.php for more information.

Omission

Four other piano students placed at the Knox Piano Competition Saturday at Midland College. Their names were omitted from the list that was provided.

The students are: Julia Diaz, first; Swethal Athyala, second; and Samiksha Deme and Ally Scott, third.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 7-9-1
Pick 3 night: 7-1-2
Daily 4 day: 5-2-4-4
Daily 4 night: 9-8-8-5
Cash Five: 3-10-27-30-35
Texas Two Step: 25-27-29-34 BB: 17
All or Nothing (morning): 1-2-3-4-7-8-11-13-14-16-20-23
All or Nothing (day): 2-6-8-10-13-15-16-18-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-8-9-11-13-15-16-17-20-23-24
All or Nothing (night): 1-4-6-10-11-12-13-17-18-19-21-22

Today in history

In 1934, the first Mothers-in-Law Day celebration and parade took place in Amarillo.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

In 1960, Elvis Presley was discharged from the U.S. Army.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas and Hawkshaw Hawkins died in the crash of their plane, a Piper Comanche, near Camden, Tenn., along with pilot Randy Hughes (Cline's manager).

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

In 1983, Country Music Television made its debut with the video "It's Four in the Morning," performed by Faron Young.

Coroner: Texas man, 46, died in Calif. triathlon

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — For the first time in its 33-year history, a participant in the world renowned "Escape from Alcatraz" died during the event.

The death of Ross Ehlinger, 46, on Sunday during the swim portion of the event — held in the frigid San Francisco Bay amid 6-foot swells and a powerful outgoing tide — raised questions about what effect the tough conditions had. This year's event was held Sunday rather than in June to accommodate the America's Cup sailing race.

The answer appears to be that the father of three from Austin may have had an underlying health problem exposed in an especially grueling triathlon.

The San Francisco medical examiner is still investigating the cause of death.

But race organizers and a heart surgeon that participated in the race speculated that the attorney succumbed to an underlying health problem rather than being a victim exclusively of the rough conditions or drowning. Ehlinger was wearing a wetsuit.

"I bet the man had a health problem," said Dr. Lawrence Creswell, a University of Mississippi researcher who has participated in several "Escape" triathlons. "I would bet that there's a heart problem and not a drowning problem."

Creswell said he doesn't know whether the conditions played any role in the death.

Creswell chaired a committee appointed by triathlon's governing body to research why 43 participants died in events between 2003 and 2011. That study found that 30 of the 45 triathlon deaths that occurred during that period happened during the swimming portion. All 30 were thought to be the result of "sudden cardiac death."

Still, Creswell said conditions were rough and the water was cold Sunday. Last year, the water was 60 degrees. But in 2011, the water temperature was 52 degrees. The San Francisco Bay is notoriously finicky, and conditions change often and quickly regardless of the time of year.

Nonetheless, Creswell said the temperature of the water probably didn't have an effect in a body of water that is nearly always hovering in the 50s.

Race organizer Bill Burke said that growing popularity of triathlons generally, and a few iconic races in particular, are attracting an increasing number of athletes who may have an underlying medical condition or who are simply not in shape.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Woman transported to hospital after crash

One woman was transported with non-life-threatening injuries to Midland Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon after a collision in west Midland County.

Midland police responded to the collision at 4:26 p.m. under the overpass at Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

A pickup was traveling southbound on FM 1788 when a small box truck at the northbound lane's stop light turned left to head south on 1788, said Special Operations Lt. Ray Leible. The pickup collided with the truck, causing the pickup to cross over the guard rail and collide with a sedan in a northbound lane, he said.

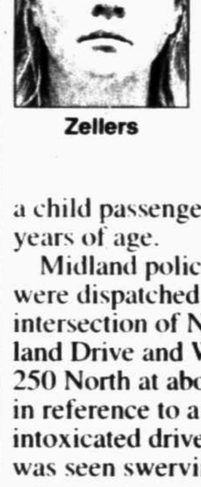
The sedan driver was transported with non-life threatening injuries to MMH. No other injuries were reported.

Leible said citations for failure to yield right-of-way at a red light are pending as the investigation is ongoing.

Police charge woman for driving while intoxicated

A Midland mother was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated with her four children in the vehicle, according to her arrest affidavit.

Mary Amanda Zellers, 34, was released Sunday on a $25,000 bond for a state felony charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.



Zellers

Midland police officers were dispatched to the intersection of North Midland Drive and West Loop 250 North at about 10 a.m. in reference to a possible intoxicated driver. An SUV was seen swerving in the eastbound lane of Loop 250, and the officers made contact with the driver, later identified as Zellers. There were four children in the SUV: ages 1, 4, 9 and 12, according to the arrest report.

Officers said Zeller's speech was slurred and that she had difficulty performing multiple tasks and standing. Zellers told officers she had taken two prescribed Xanax pills that morning, according to the report.

The officers conducted a field sobriety test, which they said she failed. She was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital for a blood alcohol test. She then was transported to the Midland County Detention Center, according to the report.

If convicted, Zellers could face up to two years in prison.

MCSO: Man arrested on aggravated assault charges

A Midland man remained in custody Monday night after allegedly trying to run over two men with a pickup, according to his arrest affidavit.



Hankins

Aaron James Hankins, 22, is being held on a $200,000 bond for two second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A Midland County deputy responded to a reckless driver call Saturday near South County Road 1120 and East County Road 95.

A resident told the deputy he was standing in his driveway in the 6600 block of East County Road 95 when he saw a pickup allegedly speeding toward him. The truck drove through the home's fence and onto another property, according to the arrest report.

A second man told the deputy he was standing near a fence in the 6700 block of East County Road 97 when he saw a pickup driving down a dirt road toward him. The alleged victim said he jumped into his driveway to avoid being hit by the truck, according to the report.

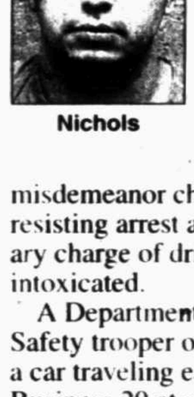
The pickup did not hit either alleged victim, according to the report.

The driver of the pickup, later identified as Hankins, was arrested later that day, according to reports. If convicted, he could face up to 20 years in prison for each charge.

MPD: Midland man arrested on evading arrest charge

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for allegedly evading arrest in a car on Business 20, according to his arrest affidavit.

Salvador Nichols III, 24, is being held on a $26,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of evading arrest with a vehicle and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and secondary charge of driving while intoxicated.



Nichols

A Department of Public Safety trooper observed a car traveling east on Business 20 at about 91 mph in a 65 mph zone and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, later identified as Nichols, sped up and tried to evade the trooper, according to his arrest report.

He stopped the car at the Gateway Plaza Apartments entrance and allegedly fled on foot through the complex. Another trooper attempted to "tase" Nichols after chasing him up a flight of stairs, according to the report. The troopers followed Nichols into his apartment, where he allegedly resisted arrest.

The troopers said they smelled a strong odor of alcohol on his breath, according to the report.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Nichols could face up to 10 years in prison.

Bush: No citizenship path for illegal immigrants

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush writes in a new book that the nation needs to completely overhaul its immigration policies but cautions against providing a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants, a position that puts him at odds with some Senate reformers within his own party.

In "Immigration Wars: Forging an American Solution," Bush writes that the immigration debate holds serious consequences for the nation and members of his Republican party, calling fellow Republicans "remarkably tone-deaf when it comes to courting Hispanic voters — to the extent they court them at all." If the GOP fails to change, he says the influence of Hispanic voters "will doom" the party's future.

The son and brother of U.S. presidents writes that lawmakers should create a path to legal status for undocumented immigrants who live in the U.S. and agree to plead guilty to a crime of illegal entry. But unlike a bipartisan Senate proposal pushed by fellow Florida Republican Marco Rubio and others, Bush says tougher border security should not be a prerequisite and a pathway to legal status should not include citizenship for those who entered illegally as adults.

Bush's book, to be released Tuesday, arrives as President Barack Obama and Congress consider the revamping of the nation's immigration laws following Obama's re-election, which exposed a large deficit for Republicans among the nation's growing Hispanic electorate. Bush and co-author Clint Bolick, an attorney and vice president for litigation at the Arizona-based Goldwater Institute, contend immigration reform is essential to economic growth and the nation's future but must be governed by the rule of law.

Bush said offering a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants who live in the U.S. could encourage more illegal immigration and undermine the nation's laws. "It is absolutely vital to the integrity of our immigration system that actions have consequences," he wrote. "In this case, that those who violated the laws can remain, but cannot obtain the cherished fruits of citizenship."

He writes that illegal immigrants who want to become citizens should have the choice of returning to their native countries and applying under the normal channels.

The approach marked an apparent reversal for Bush, who said in an interview with CBS' Charlie Rose in June 2012 that, "You have to deal with this issue. You can't ignore it, and so either a path to citizenship, which I would support — and that does put me probably out of the mainstream of most conservatives — or a path to legalization, a path to residency of some kind."

Immigration activists pounced on Bush's shift. Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice, said Bush's approach would lead to a "permanent underclass" for a mostly Latino group of workers.

Jaryn Emhof, a Bush spokeswoman, said Bush had not changed his position and his goal was "to create a path to bring individuals out of the shadows."

PICKENS

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the past year, as our own production surged to an 18-year high, the Saudis cut theirs to a 19-month low.

The reduced production from Saudi Arabia and other OPEC members has kept global oil prices high, and those costs are passed on by refiners to the pump.

Gasoline prices are a complex calculation, and as always, other factors also come into play. Most U.S. refineries, thanks to decades of processing overseas crude, lack the ability or the infrastructure to process oil from the interior of the U.S., forcing them to rely on higher-priced imports.

The dynamics of the global oil market aren't likely to change, and with about 80 percent of the world's oil controlled by state-owned oil companies, we need to rethink our approach.

The U.S. can't beat OPEC at its own game, and we shouldn't try. Instead, Pickens is calling for "fuel competition," especially for motor fuels.

"It isn't going to be with oil," he said. "Natural gas is the answer."

Thanks to hydraulic fracturing, natural gas is abundant and cheap, making it the logical choice to bridge the gap between current transportation needs and the more viable renewable fuels we'll need in the future.

I'm still skeptical that natural gas vehicles will catch on with the public faster than electric cars, but fleet vehicles are already being converted. For trucks that return to the same place every night, such as delivery vans and city buses, natural gas makes a lot of sense.

It's that fuel diversity that will best insulate the U.S. from global price shocks.

Pickens has a new set of proposals that he was planning to bounce off Chu, although he didn't know how they would be received.

They included a review of federal tax policies to eliminate measures that favor diesel over natural gas. His most radical proposal is also the most interesting: eliminating the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The reserve was created 40 years ago in response to the Arab oil embargo, and like many of our energy policies, it's rooted in decades of dependence and a presumption of scarcity.

The 700 million barrels in the reserve were amassed at an average price of $28 a barrel, which means the government stands to make a nice return on its investment, assuming it disposes of the reserve carefully.

"You can mess up the oil market with it" if you sell it all at once, Pickens warned. He proposes we "dribble it out over 10 years" then use the proceeds to fund renewable energy initiatives.

Pickens is quick to note that while he supports renewables — he once planned a massive wind farm in the Texas Panhandle — most aren't viable based on current technology, and they don't address our biggest use of oil: transportation.

"Renewables do not move an 18-wheeler," he said.

I first interviewed Pickens in 1990, when he was beginning an effort to promote natural gas vehicles. Regardless of how you feel about his plan, you can't fault his persistence.

Pickens' plan isn't perfect, but he's been effective at getting the country talking about energy issues, and his latest ideas deserve consideration. They outline a pragmatic progression to fuels of the future.

Even if Chu didn't listen to him, someone at the Energy Department should.

COPPER

From 1A

occurred in the past at his business and at contract sites, but the company now keeps smaller amounts of copper onsite to prevent thefts. Cappadonna said copper previously was left outside in the yard, and thieves would break in to steal reels of copper wire.

Cappadonna said the copper thieves cause damage that costs more to repair than what the thieves receive from copper sales.

JLH Enterprises compensates people who donate recyclable metals such as copper. The scrap yard may ship out a few thousand pounds of copper each week that was bought from companies or private individuals, he said.

Hudson said some business owners who have experienced copper thefts have gotten mad at him for buying scrap copper, but he typically can't verify where the copper comes from.

"It's a negative thing for everybody," he said about copper theft.

Hudson said there have been break-ins at his scrap yard in which copper or other materials have been taken. He believes some people have tried selling back to him or to other businesses, such as Recycle Midland, copper that he owned.

To try and cut down on thefts and illegal sales, JLH files reports with the Department of Public Safety. These reports, which include scrap metal sellers' license information and sales amounts, are used by DPS to monitor the amount of copper sold to recycling centers and to identify suspicious or unusually large sales of copper, he said.

"The state is really cracking down on people, which is a good thing," Hudson said.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said copper theft has been a continuous problem for the county.

MPD Detective John McKinney said the department notifies officers of copper theft and other crimes when they become a more noticeable issue. This allows for patrol units to focus on areas and businesses that could be at risk for theft.

He said business owners should have alarm systems set up in their buildings, ensure expensive items are secure and notify MPD if they believe they are a target for theft.

While Midland law enforcement handles smaller theft cases exclusive to the area, some cases lead to federal charges, said John Klassen, assistant attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Midland.

Klassen said theft of copper from energy facilities or drilling rigs or copper stolen and transported across state lines violate federal statutes and lead to steeper penalties for thieves. Those penalties are higher because stripping the equipment's copper parts causes costly damage, he said.

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Underworld saint becoming popular in US

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A follower in New Orleans built a public shrine in her honor. An actor in Albuquerque credits her with helping him land a role on the TV show "Breaking Bad." She turns up routinely along the U.S.-Mexico border at safe houses and is sighted on dashboards of cars used to smuggle methamphetamine through the southwest desert.

Popular in Mexico, and sometimes linked to the illicit drug trade, the skeleton saint known as La Santa Muerte in recent years has found a robust and diverse following north of the border: immigrant small business owners, artists, gay activists and the poor, among others — many of them non-Latinos and not all involved with organized religion.

Clad in a black nun's robe and holding a scythe in one hand, Santa Muerte appeals to people seeking all manner of otherworldly help: from fending off wrongdoing and carrying out vengeance to stopping lovers from cheating and landing better jobs. And others seek her protection for their drug shipments and to ward off law enforcement.

"Her growth in the United States has been extraordinary," said Andrew Chesnut, author of "Devoted to Death: Santa Muerte, the Skeleton Saint" and the Bishop Walter F. Sullivan Chair in Catholic Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University. "Because you can ask her for anything, she has mass appeal and is now gaining a diverse group of followers throughout the country. She's the ultimate multi-tasker."

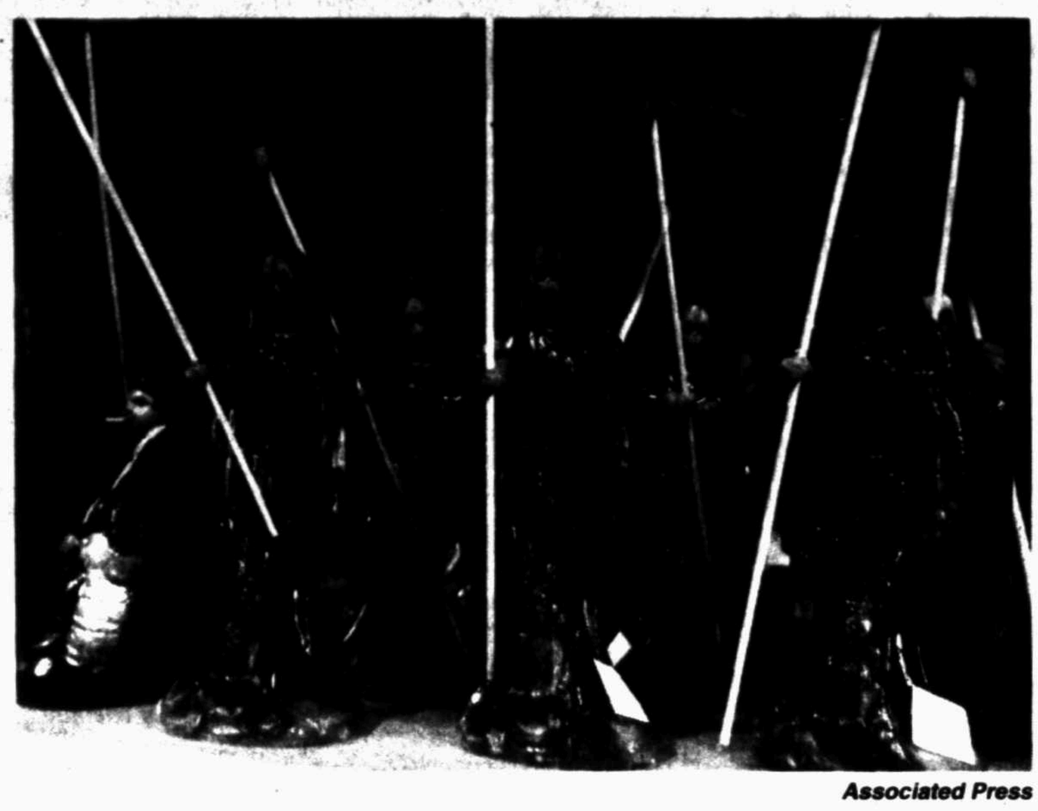
Exact numbers of her followers are impossible to determine, but they are clearly growing, Chesnut said.

The saint is especially popular among Mexican-American Catholics, rivaling that of St. Jude and La Virgen de Guadalupe as a favorite for miracle requests, even as the Catholic Church in Mexico denounces Santa Muerte as satanic, experts say.

The origins of La Santa Muerte are unclear. Some followers say she is an incarnation of an Aztec goddess of death who ruled the underworld. Some scholars say she originated in medieval Spain through the image of La Parca, a female Grim Reaper, who was used by friars for the later evangelization of indigenous populations in the Americas.

For decades, though, La Santa Muerte remained an underground figure in isolated regions of Mexico and served largely as an unofficial Catholic saint that women called upon to help with cheating spouses, Chesnut said.

It wasn't until 2001 when a devotee unveiled a public La Santa Muerte shrine in Mexico City that followers in greater numbers began to display their devotion for helping them with relationships and loved ones in prison.



Associated Press

In this Feb. 13, 2013 photo, statues of La Santa Muerte are shown at the Masks y Mas art store in Albuquerque, N.M. La Santa Muerte, an underworld saint most recently associated with the violent drug trade in Mexico, now is spreading throughout the U.S. among a new groups of followers that include immigrant small business owners, artists and gay activists.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Alberto Beeza, 20, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of posession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Martina L. Leal, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of probation.

Leonardo J. Perez-Guerrero, 20, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of probation.

Alfred L. Rice, 47, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and charges of manslaughter and intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle.

John P. Rodriguez, 25, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on two charges of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Texas cotton plantings expected to drop this year

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — State agriculture officials say cotton plantings this year may drop by as much as 25 percent.

They say a survey by the National Cotton Council revealed Texas farmers intend to plant about 4.9 million acres this year. There were 6.5 million acres planted in 2012.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

House Republicans vote against expanding Medicaid

Republicans in the Texas House voted Monday against expanding Medicaid in its current form but left open the door to negotiations with the federal government.

The House Republican Caucus met behind closed doors and voted against expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act's current regulations, said Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, Republican chairwoman of the Public Health Committee. In return for spending $15 billion over the next 10 years on Medicaid, Texas would get $100 billion to provide health care to an additional 1.5 million poor people.

But Gov. Rick Perry is adamantly opposed to enrolling more people in the joint federal-state health care program for the poor and disabled. As expected, Republican House members voted to back him.

Perry and House Republicans, though, remain open to expanding Medicaid if given a waiver from federal regulations in order to tailor the program to fit Texas' needs. Democratic lawmakers have said they are talking to Obama administration officials about what kind of deal is possible.

"That was kind of a vote to say, 'we're going to continue conversations,'" Kolkhorst said of the caucus meeting. "We have so many doctors who won't even see the current Medicaid population, so you're actually promoting a system that hasn't worked extremely well in the state of Texas. Instead, we're working toward a Texas solution."

Last week, federal officials granted a waiver to Arkansas that allows Medicaid expansion by subsidizing private health insurance, rather than using the state Medicaid program.

Sen. Tommy Williams, the Republican chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, wrote an op-ed distributed to paper's across the state last week saying that Republicans would like to see people on Medicaid contribute, if even a small amount, toward their health care through deductibles, co-pays or premiums. He also wants a program that encourages people to see their regular doctor rather than rely on expensive emergency room visits.

Kolkhorst said a bill spelling out what kind of federal waiver Texas wants could be introduced this week, setting in motion the possibility of a compromise. Friday is the deadline for introducing new bills for this legislative session.

Clergy call for more women's health funding

More than 370 members of the clergy asked the Texas Legislature on Tuesday to boost funding for women's health programs.

Leaders of Methodist, Buddhist, Presbyterian, Jewish, Baptist and Unitarian congregations lobbied lawmakers for more spending to help poor women, particularly with birth control.

The Republican-controlled Legislature cut spending on health programs for poor women by $73 million — about two-thirds — in 2011. Experts predict that will led to an additional 23,760 pregnancies in 2014-15, all of which will fall under Medicaid, the health care program for the poor, and cost the state an additional $273 million.

Republican lawmakers are talking about restoring some of that funding this year but routing it through primary care doctors rather than dedicated women's health clinics. Conservatives oppose any funding going to programs operated by groups support abortion rights.

"The vision of a beloved community requires that all women have access to safe and affordable health care," said the Rev. Valda Jean Combs of the St. James United Methodist Church in Waco. "Public policy that is geared to deny access to birth control undermines our common commitment to the beloved community."

The clergy also spoke out against efforts to restrict a woman's reproductive decisions.

"There are those who would seek to deny women the right to tend to their own bodies, who seek to legislative restrictions on women's health, who seek to prohibit a woman's own reproductive choices," said Rabbi Neal Katz, of Congregation Beth El in Tyler. "They are seeking to restrict that which is holy, personal, private and intimate."

"The place for someone with a mental health issue is not jail," she said.

Legislature's 'budget tricks' targeted under bills

Accounting loopholes the Texas Legislature has long used to balance the state budget would be tightened under two key proposals filed by House Republicans.

Lawmakers vowed this session to pass "truth in budgeting" legislation like the bills filed Monday. The proposals target hundreds of so-called dedicated funds that collect fees for specific programs, such as helping poor families pay utility bills.

Millions of dollars in those funds have historically gone unspent and left on the books as a trick to help lawmakers pass a balanced budget. Legislation filed by Republicans Drew Darby and John Otto would lessen the state's reliance on dedicated accounts.

Lawmakers say it will likely take several sessions to undo the tricks entirely. The current state budget was partly balanced on nearly $5 billion in dedicated funds.

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California woman dies after nurse refuses to do CPR

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BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — A nurse's refusal to give CPR to a dying 87-year-old woman at a California independent living home despite desperate pleas from a 911 dispatcher has prompted outrage and spawned a criminal investigation.

The harrowing 7-minute, 16-second call also raised concerns that policies at senior living facilities could prevent staff from intervening in medical emergencies. It prompted calls for legislation Monday to prevent a repeat of what happened Feb. 26 at the Glenwood Gardens in Bakersfield.

Loraine Bayless collapsed in the dining room of the retirement home that offers many levels of care. She lived in the independent living building, which state officials said is like a senior apartment complex and doesn't operate under licensing oversight.

"This is a wakeup call," said Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada, chair of the California Assembly Aging and Long-term Care Committee. "I'm sorry it took a tragedy like this to bring it to our attention."

Yamada cautioned that while it's not yet known whether intervention would have saved the woman's life, "we want to investigate because it has caused a lot of concern and alarm."

Independent living facilities "should not have a policy that says you can stand there and watch somebody die," said Pat McGinnis, founder of California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, a consumer advocacy group. "How a nurse can do that is beyond comprehension."

In all her years of advocating for the elderly, McGinnis said: "This was so horrifying. I've never seen this happen before."

State officials did not know Monday whether the woman who talked to the 911 dispatcher actually was a nurse, or just identified herself as one during the call. She said one of the home's policies prevented her from doing CPR, according to an audio recording of the call.

"The consensus is if they are a nurse and if they are at work as a nurse, then they should be offering the appropriate medical care," said Russ Heimerich, spokesman for the California Board of Registered Nursing, the agency that licenses health care providers.

The executive director of Glenwood Gardens, Jeffrey Toomer, defended the nurse in a written statement, saying she followed the facility's policy.

"In the event of a health emergency at this independent living community, our practice is to immediately call emergency medical personnel for assistance and to wait with the individual needing attention until such personnel arrives," Toomer said. "That is the protocol we followed."

Toomer offered condolences to the woman's family and said a thorough internal review would be conducted. He told KGET-TV that residents of the facility are informed of the policy and agree to it when they move in. He said the policy does not apply at the adjacent assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

Multiple calls to the facility and its parent company seeking more information were not returned.

Unlike nursing homes, which provide medical care, independent living facilities generally do not.

"These are like apartments for seniors. You're basically living on your own. They may have some services provided by basic nursing staff, but it's not their responsibility to care for the individual," said Dr. Susan Leonard, a geriatrics expert at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Residents of independent living communities can still take care of themselves, but may need help getting to doctor's appointments. In skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes, many residents require around-the-clock care.

> *"I understand if your facility is not willing to do that. Give the phone to a passer-by. This woman is not breathing enough. She is going to die if we don't get this started. Do you understand?"*
>
> 911 dispatcher

Staff members are "required to perform and provide CPR" unless there's a do-not-resuscitate order, said Greg Crist, a senior vice president at the American Health Care Association.

Bayless did not have such an order on file at the facility, said Battalion Chief Anthony Galagaza of the Bakersfield Fire Department, which was the first on the scene. That's when firefighters immediately began CPR, continuing until she reached the hospital.

Dr. Patricia Harris, who heads the University of Southern California's geriatrics division, said the survival odds are slim among elderly who receive CPR. Even if they survive, they are never the same. She said she would override the home's policy and risk getting fired "rather than watch somebody die in front of me."

During the call, an unidentified woman called from her cellphone, and asked for paramedics to be sent to help the woman. Later, a woman who identified herself as the nurse got on the phone and told dispatcher Tracey Halvorson she was not permitted to do CPR on the woman.

Halvorson urged the nurse to start CPR, warning the consequences could be dire if no one tried to revive the woman, who had been laid out on the floor on her instructions.

"I understand if your boss is telling you, you can't do it," the dispatcher said. "But ... as a human being ... you know, is there anybody that's willing to help this lady and not let her die?"

"Not at this time," the nurse answered.

Halvorson assured the nurse that Glenwood couldn't be sued if anything went wrong in attempts to resuscitate the resident, saying the local emergency medical system "takes the liability for this call."

Later in the call, Halvorson asked, "Is there a gardener? Any staff, anyone who doesn't work for you? Anywhere? Can we flag someone down in the street and get them to help this lady? Can we flag a stranger down? I bet a stranger would help her."

"I understand if your facility is not willing to do that. Give the phone to a passer-by. This woman is not breathing enough. She is going to die if we don't get this started. Do you understand?"

The woman had no pulse and wasn't breathing when fire crews reached her, Galagaza said.

Sgt. Jason Matson of the Bakersfield Police Department said its investigation so far had not revealed criminal wrongdoing, but the probe is continuing.

First responders say often it's hard to find someone willing to provide CPR in an emergency.

"It's not uncommon to have someone refuse to provide CPR if they physically can't do it, or they're so upset they just can't function," Kern County Fire Department Deputy Chief Michael Miller said. "What made this one unique was the way the conversation on the phone went. It was just very frustrating to anyone listening to it, like, why wasn't anyone helping this poor woman, since CPR today is much simpler than it was in the past?"

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Sequestration brings out more Obama tricks

■ Is the president tough on enforcement or showing compassion for those looking for a better life? Tough to tell.



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The Obama administration has spun so many yarns about its deportation policy that it can't keep them straight.

In August 2011, White House officials announced that the Department of Homeland Security no longer would spend "limited resources" actively seeking to apprehend and deport illegal immigrants who don't have criminal records. Under current U.S. code, entering the United States illegally is usually a civil infraction and not a criminal one.

Last week, in a transparent attempt to turn the screws on Republicans demanding spending cuts, the DHS announced that — because of budget constraints and the possibility of mandatory cuts because of sequestration — it was releasing from custody several hundred illegal immigrants. At a White House briefing, press secretary Jay Carney assured reporters that those being released were "low-risk, non-criminal detainees."

In other words, the administration freed some of the very folks who it wasn't supposed to have locked up in the first place.

Someone isn't telling the truth — again. This recurring dishonesty comes from the fact that the administration wants to have it both ways by positioning itself as both tough and compassionate.

When it wants to be tough, it describes deportees as a bunch of violent criminals with long rap sheets. When it wants to be compassionate, the administration insists that it is keeping its hands off those illegal immigrants who President Obama likes to refer to, when schmoozing with Latino audiences, as "hard-working people looking for a better life."

That's the Obama two-step. It's the kind of clumsy footwork that the media and the American public have witnessed on a regular basis since stories started appearing a few years ago about how the administration was breaking deportation records and removing about 400,000 people a year. Now officials are on track to have removed 2 million illegal immigrants by the end of 2013; this is about the same number of deportations that the U.S. government carried out from 1892 to 1997.

That's the real story here. It's the fact that we've never seen an administration that is so cynical in manipulating U.S. immigration policy to meet political objectives.

The story is not what liberals think it is — that somehow Obama has rediscovered his humanity and finally become the president they voted for. That's a nice thought, except for one thing: Carney was quick to tell reporters that the president wasn't part of this decision and that the detainee release was the work of "career officials at ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) without any input from the White House." So much for Obama rediscovering his humanity. When it comes to immigrants and immigration policy, we're not likely to see that anytime soon.

And the story is not what has conservatives so worked up. Overreacting just as Obama knew they would and thus playing right into his hands, they fear that the administration has let loose into our neighborhoods a bunch of folks who represent a cross between Al Capone and Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. As is usually the case when we talk about immigration, the right is dead wrong. Every audit that has been done of the hundreds of thousands who are, each year, offered a one-way ticket out of the United States shows that very few are violent criminals or, in fact, criminals at all.

Other deportees are technically guilty of a crime, but it's one that most people probably wouldn't consider serious. Under current immigration law, those who are deported and re-entered the country are charged not with a civil violation — which would be the case on the first illegal crossing — but with a felony. If your nanny is an illegal immigrant (I know, can you imagine such a thing?) and she was deported but re-entered the country, she has committed a felony. So according to the U.S. government, every day when you go to work, you hand your kids over to the care of a hardened criminal.

When trying to be tough, the administration will count the nanny — or housekeeper, gardener, senior caregiver, etc. — as part of its list of "criminal" deportees. When trying to be compassionate, it is just as likely to leave them off the list.

There are so many games, so many tricks. This administration does whatever is convenient at the moment, and makes up policy as it goes. But just because the administration can't keep it all straight doesn't mean the American people shouldn't.

OUR VIEW

Obama's energy policy needs to be in country's best interest

No matter where you turn these days, there's a good chance you will read a story or hear about about the nation's ongoing energy boom and how this phenominal growth could cover the next several decades.

On the front page of Monday's edition there was a story that proclaimed, "…drilling for natural gas in shale rock formations across the country likely will continue for decades."

Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for the Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank, recently said, "From all indications, the economy is strong as ever. We've started the year with every indication rapid expansion in that economy is expanding."

However, there have been warnings. Ingham went on to say, "This economy is neither safe nor predictable. You should be careful about how much you do and how much debt you should carry."

Nothing on the current landscape suggests impending doom or a halt to the heated economy anytime soon, but this isn't Midland's first rodeo. We've seen the ups, the downs, the booms and the busts.

They all take their place on our stage as quickly as a well spouts a gusher or claims a dry hole.

We revel in our current economic good fortune as we should, but we also realize that West Texas, the state and nation could be on sounder footing if those in Washington were on the same page.

We need an administration that is interested in gaining an energy policy designed to create self-dependency. We need a policy that would create a favorable attitude toward oil and gas. We should use our natural resources at a time when available technology and industry infrastructure can get the job done.

A sound national energy policy would impact this nation's lifestyle issues, national security and our ability to be self-reliant.

It seems to us that we continue to waste oil and gas production on a timeline that is anti-energy. We see the benefit of developing alternative fuels, but we can't continually ignore the resources we already have at our disposal.

We can't see past the insanity of not using our natural resources. We need an energy policy that will keep America's best interests in line with availability and cost. This is the way to a better future and a better America.

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Time to hold sequester in contempt

■ It took Obama and Republicans to get us in this mess. Who will get us out?



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I hate the sequester, beginning with its name. "Sequester" is a verb, not a noun. This ridiculous exercise is not just unwise and unproductive, but ungrammatical as well.

I hate the way the sequester diverts attention from issues that actually matter, such as unemployment, gun violence, climate change, failing schools and the need to spur economic growth. I hate the way it heightens our insularity at a time when we really ought to be paying attention to the rest of the world. Remember Syria? Dictator Bashar al-Assad still is slaughtering civilians left and right. Wasn't he supposed to be gone by now?

I hate the sequester's artificiality. With all the nation's problems, our leaders created a new one for political reasons — and then, for those same political reasons, they didn't even try to solve it.

I hate the sequester's essential ambiguity, its Janus-faced dual nature. It is punishing, cruel and counterproductive, as the White House insists; and it is also no big deal, as Republicans contend.

President Obama is correct when he says that the sequester's blunt-instrument cuts will cause needless hardship, even if the administration has been alarmist and flat-out wrong with some of its warnings.

The president's claim that janitors at the U.S. Capitol would receive a pay cut and Education Secretary Arne Duncan's report that some teachers have already gotten "pink slips" both were awarded Four Pinocchios by The Washington Post's "Fact Checker" columnist, Glenn Kessler. This roughly translates as "not even remotely true."

But the administration's dire warnings of airport congestion and flight delays are plausible, Kessler found, and perhaps inevitable. And while there have been no immediate furloughs or layoffs — in schools, government agencies or firms dependent on government contracts — the math suggests there will be.

However, Republicans are correct when they say: Come on, get real, we're talking about an across-the-board cut of $85 billion, just 2 percent of the budget. While they're wrong to claim that a cut of this magnitude will be painless, they're right to point out that the republic will not crumble into dust.

Medicare will see no more than a 2 percent cut, while Medicaid and Social Security will be untouched. Since these programs are so big and costly, other parts of the budget will have to face much deeper cuts to make up the total $85 billion savings. Defense spending is slated to be hit hardest, with an annualized budget reduction of nearly 10 percent.

Republicans would be right to note that the Pentagon will still eat up about half of all "discretionary" federal spending — and that the United States' position as the world's leading military power would remain unchallenged. But they don't want to point this out because the GOP is supposed to be the strong-on-defense party that never met a gazillion-dollar weapons system it didn't like.

Which brings me to another thing I hate about the sequester: the political incompetence and miscalculation that produced it. To quote baseball legend Casey Stengel: Can't anybody here play this game?

Obama figured that Republicans would be so horrified at the prospect of deep defense cuts that they would make a deal on his terms, even after being forced to accept a humiliating defeat -- and a modest tax increase for the wealthy -- in the "fiscal cliff" negotiations two months ago.

The president apparently didn't foresee that the Republican Party's activist base would approach the sequester deadline full of outrage, not resignation. And neither he nor the GOP leadership seems to have fully grasped how opinion within the party has shifted on defense spending. On shrinking the Pentagon, many tea party Republicans are closer to the progressive wing of the Democratic Party than to their own party's establishment.

To review: Entitlement spending is largely untouched, and defense spending isn't the sacred cow it once was. Thus neither party has an incentive to make concessions, at least until the true impact of the cuts is felt. Which will take time.

What I *really* hate about the sequester is the way it confirms the conventional wisdom that "both sides are wrong." This is usually the kind of lazy pseudoanalysis that drives me up the wall. But it took both Obama and the Republicans to get us into this mess — and nobody has a clue how to get us out of it.

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POLITICS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

White House chides North Korea for Rodman visit

The White House says North Korea's government should be focused on the well-being of its citizens, not on "celebrity sporting events" to entertain the country's elite.

White House spokesman Jay Carney made the comments in response to a question about ex-NBA star Dennis Rodman's recent visit to North Korea. Rodman watched a basketball game with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Upon his return to the U.S., Rodman said Kim wants President Barack Obama to call him. Carney said the U.S. already has direct channels of communication to North Korea's government and those are the channels it will continue to use.

WASHINGTON

Senators announce deal on gun trafficking

A bipartisan group of senators has reached a deal on legislation that would for the first time create specific federal prohibitions on gun trafficking and the straw purchasing of firearms.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy said the bill would establish tough penalties for those who buy a firearm or ammunition with the intent of transferring it to someone else. The measure also would make it a crime to smuggle firearms out of the United States.

The bill will be part of a package of four gun control measures that will be considered Thursday by the Judiciary Committee. The committee has taken the lead on the gun violence issue following the December school shootings in Newtown, Conn.

Cabinet nominations include energy, EPA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama signaled his willingness to tackle climate change with his pick of Gina McCarthy to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, one of three major appointments he announced Monday.

A 25-year veteran of environmental policy and politics, McCarthy has worked for Republicans and Democrats, including Obama's presidential rival, Mitt Romney, who tapped her to help draft state plans for curbing the pollution linked to global warming. Along with McCarthy, Obama nominated MIT nuclear physicist Ernie Moniz to lead the Energy Department and Wal-Mart's Sylvia Mathews Burwell to head the budget office.

McCarthy, 58, a Boston native, has led the EPA's air pollution division since 2009, ushering in a host of new rules targeting air pollution from power plants, automobiles, and oil and gas production.

In nominating McCarthy as the nation's top environmental official, Obama is promoting a climate change champion at a time when he has renewed his commitment to address global warming and the agency is contemplating a host of new rules that could help achieve that. But McCarthy will have to balance the administration's ambitions with a dwindling budget: Congress has cut EPA's budget by 18 percent over the last two years, and the automatic budget cuts that went into effect Friday will hinder the agency's energy efficiency programs and climate research.

Moniz, as head of MIT's Energy Initiative, has worked on developing ways to produce power while curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

"They're going to be making sure we're investing in American energy, that we're doing everything we can to combat the threat of climate change, that we're going to be creating jobs and economic opportunity," Obama said.



Gina McCarthy
- Nominated to lead the Environmental Protection Agency
- Has led the the EPA's pollution division since 2009

Ernie Moniz
- Nominated to lead the Energy Department
- Currently a nuclear physicist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Sylvia Matthews Burwell
- Nominated to lead Office of Management and Budget
- Currently leads the Wal-Mart Foundation

McCarthy also brings a distinctive pronunciation of carbon dioxide, the chief pollutant blamed for climate change. McCarthy, in her thick accent, pronounces carbon as "cahbon."

"You wouldn't know by talking to her, but Gina's from Boston," Obama said. He then praised her for putting in place over the last four years what he said were "practical, cost-effective ways to keep our air clean and our economy growing."

Already, McCarthy has orchestrated many of the agency's most controversial new rules, such as placing the first-ever limits on greenhouse gases on newly built power plants and a long-overdue standard to control toxic mercury pollution from burning coal for electricity. On her plate, should she be confirmed by the Senate, will be even more rules — from lowering sulfur emissions from gasoline to controlling global warming pollution from the older coal-fired power plants.

Like those regulations, her nomination is all but guaranteed to spark criticism from Republicans, who charge that the agency is killing jobs and undermining the coal industry. Environmentalists, meanwhile, will be looking to ensure that McCarthy issues the toughest rules possible, particularly when it comes to controlling emissions from the existing fleet of power plants.

Despite the partisanship in Washington, McCarthy has said the environment is a non-partisan issue, saying that the choice "doesn't have to be, 'Can I have a job or can I breathe clean air.'"

But she hasn't backed down when politicians have falsely portrayed her agency's work, such as suggesting EPA was poised to regulate cow flatulence to combat climate change and was looking to go after farmers for spilling milk.

"When I listen to their concerns, I am struck by the fact that what they think we are often doing bears little or no relationship to what we are actually doing," she said in testimony before Congress in April 2011.

Obama called her on Monday "a straight-shooter" who "welcomes different points of views."

Last year, the American Petroleum Institute praised an EPA rule for which she was responsible because it gave drillers two additional years to curb pollution from recently drilled oil and gas wells.

At the state level, McCarthy pressed for federal action to reduce greenhouse gases and was a key player in setting up the nation's first mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce global warming pollution from power plants in 10 states. As head of Connecticut's environmental department, she is credited with convincing Republican Gov. Jodi Rell not to abolish a 10-state regional pact, even as other Republicans, including Romney, pulled out.

McCarthy was also Connecticut's point person on the environment when the state joined a lawsuit aimed at forcing the EPA to regulate global warming emissions from automobiles. When the Supreme Court ruled in April 2007 in the state's favor, McCarthy said "there's no downside." Many of the regulations she has helped shape at agency stemmed from that case.

But the state of Connecticut also sued the Bush administration for a limit on ground-level ozone, the primary ingredient in smog, which McCarthy believed was too weak. That standard is still in place, thanks to a decision by Obama to stall the fast-tracking of a stricter smog limit that had been drafted by McCarthy's division at EPA.

Environmentalists praised the nomination on Monday, stressing her pragmatic approach to solving environmental problems and her ability to work with both parties.

Former Obama climate adviser and Clinton EPA administrator Carol Browner said in an interview that McCarthy has "a good understanding of what the president needs to do, wants to do on climate change, which is to find the sweet spot for everyone, from the environmentalists to the states to companies."

But conservatives immediately stressed her role in what they view would as destructive policies from EPA.

"McCarthy will continue the regulatory attack on oil, coal and natural gas with the result that Americans will experience increasing energy costs and high unemployment rates," said Thomas Pyle, president of the Institute for Energy Research, a conservative think tank that receives some support from the fossil fuel industry.

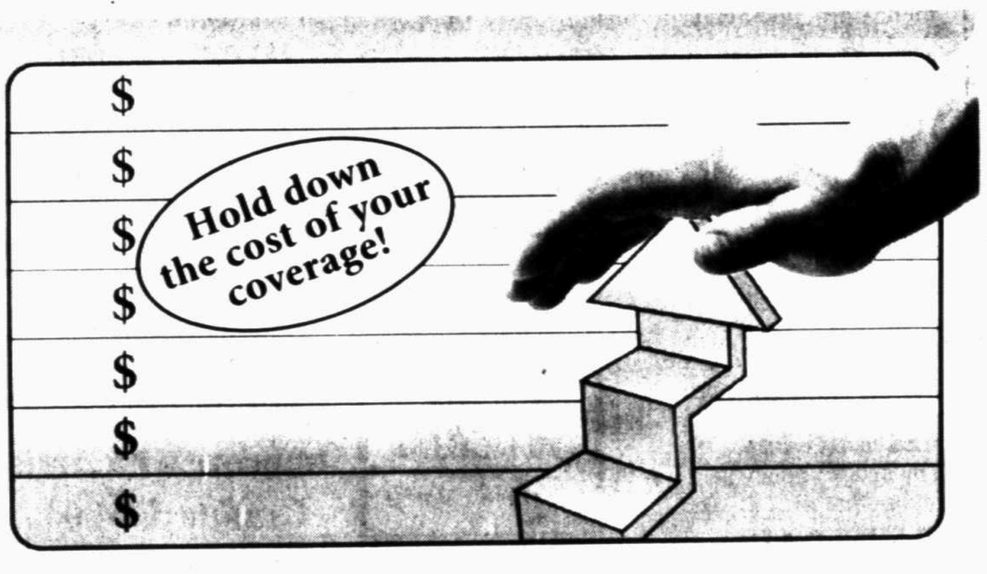
Moniz, 68, was a former Energy Department undersecretary under Clinton. He's advised Obama on numerous energy topics, including how to handle the country's nuclear waste and the natural gas produced by the controversial technique of hydraulic fracturing.

Environmental groups are wary of Moniz because of his support of natural gas and nuclear power. His MIT Energy Initiative has received funding from oil companies such as BP, Shell and Chevron.

Burwell is Washington veteran, having served in several posts during the Clinton administration, including deputy OMB director. She currently heads the Wal-Mart Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the retail giant, and previously served as president of the Gates Foundation's Global Development Program.

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Work continues at sinkhole site; future uncertain

Associated Press

SEFFNER, Fla. — A backhoe chipped away Monday at the remains of a house where a sinkhole opened up and swallowed a man, but there was little certainty as to what would come next for the site of the freak geological incident.

Though thousands of sinkholes erupt in Florida each year, most are small, few affect homes, and even fewer cause deaths. The sinkhole in the Tampa suburb of Seffner, however, was different.

Crews still were working to remove enough of the home to see more clearly inside the hole and determine what steps would come after the property is razed. There has been no definitive word as to whether the hole will be filled or whether the property could be built on again. But some experts say the fact that the sinkhole claimed a life — that of Jeff Bush, 37 — and that his body is expected to remain below the surface make rebuilding less likely.

"It's kind of a bad omen," said Dave Arnold, a hydrogeologist who has surveyed sinkholes for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. "This is an even worse omen with someone buried under there."

Arnold and other experts expect that once the house if destroyed, crews will work to fill in the hole and the lot will likely remain empty. Depending on the circumstances, past Florida sinkholes have been handled in varied ways.

In Maitland, Fla., a sinkhole 325 feet across was discovered in the 1960s as Interstate 4 was built. The highway was diverted around the area, but in 2008 workers began a $9 million project to fill and stabilize the sinkhole in preparation for a planned expansion of the roadway. Engineers say a road can be put over it now without any problems.

In Winter Park, Fla., a sinkhole in 1981 swallowed several sports cars, parts of two businesses, the deep end of an Olympic-size swimming pool and a three-bedroom house. It stretched about 350 feet across and caused $2 million in damages. The area became a temporary tourist attraction, but most of it was ultimately deserted, filled with water and became a lake.

And in 2002, a sinkhole about 150 feet across and 60 feet deep swallowed oak trees, sidewalk and park benches near an apartment complex in western Orange County, Fla. Two buildings with more than 100 residents were evacuated, but the structures were ultimately saved. Metal sheet piling was placed around the hole to stop the soil from sliding, and it was filled.



Associated Press

In this video image provided by ABC Action News-WFTS TV, an aerial photo shows a sinkhole Monday in Seffner, Fla. The hole opened underneath a bedroom late Thursday evening and swallowed Jeffrey Bush.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

UNITED NATIONS

US: Tipsy diplomats and UN budget talks don't mix

The United States thinks the United Nations has a drinking problem.

Ambassador Joseph M. Torsella, who represents the U.S. on the U.N.'s budget committee, said Monday that the tense process of negotiating the world body's annual budget is made more complicated by the number of diplomats who turn up drunk.

The U.N. budget is finalized in December, when holiday parties apparently lead to some revelry spilling over into budget negotiations.

The U.S. is making "the modest proposal that the negotiating rooms should in future be an inebriation-free zone," Torsella said during a private meeting of the budget committee. The U.S. mission released a transcript of his remarks.

Some tipsy negotiating partners have left the U.S. "truly grateful for the strategic opportunities," he said.

But Torsella said the committee should "save the champagne for toasting the successful end of the session."

CALIFORNIA

Curiosity rover out of safe mode, still recovering

NASA says the Curiosity rover is returning to normal after a computer problem limited its activities.

The space agency said Monday that the car-size rover exited safe mode over the weekend, meaning it suspends its science activities but is still in contact with Earth.

Curiosity is now preparing to resume its science experiments, possibly by next week.

Engineers still don't know what caused Curiosity's memory glitch.

The rover was in the middle of analyzing powder from a rock it recently drilled into.

Curiosity has been purposely taking it slow since it landed last year in an ancient crater near the Martian equator. Scientists still plan to order the rover to head toward a mountain in the middle of the crater.

PITTSBURGH

Missing church pipe organ found; all forgiven

A Pittsburgh Roman Catholic church says the mystery of its missing pipe organ has been solved.

Police said Monday the church's former organist confessed he removed it last week for safekeeping.

Worshippers had struggled to understand how and why anyone would take the massive 200-pipe instrument from St. Justin's, which closed last month after merging with another parish.

Authorities said the organist had a key to the building in the city's Mount Washington neighborhood and was worried the organ would be damaged by the cold of winter.

The church's pastor, Father Michael Stumpf, said taking the organ was an imprudent and terrible mistake but not a criminal one, so the church is choosing to forgive and not press charges.

RHODE ISLAND

Cat group slams cops after pet convention clash

PROVIDENCE — An international cat fancier organization threatened to move next year's convention out of Rhode Island on Monday following a dispute with police over missing feline health certificates.

Vickie Fisher, president of The International Cat Association, said state environmental police frightened several pet owners Saturday when they asked to see their animals' health and rabies certifications at the Rhode Island Pet Show. She said some owners left the event at the Rhode Island Convention Center because they feared the armed officers would seize their animals.

"If people show up with Tasers and guns ... and are making threats, people are going to protect their family and their cats," said Fisher, who did not attend the Providence show. "We have some members now that are saying, 'I'm not going back to Rhode Island.'"

Fisher said the incident will prompt her organization to reconsider plans for next year's annual convention, which happens to be scheduled in Providence.

MIAMI

Florida imam convicted in Pakistani Taliban case

An elderly Muslim cleric was convicted Monday of funneling thousands of dollars to support the Pakistani Taliban terror organization, which is blamed for suicide bombings and other attacks that have killed both Americans and Pakistanis.

The jury returned its verdict after the two-month trial of Hafiz Khan, the 77-year-old imam at a downtown Miami mosque. Khan was found guilty of all four charges: two conspiracy counts and two counts of providing material support to terrorists.

"Despite being an imam, or spiritual leader, Hafiz Khan was by no means a man of peace," said U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer, whose office prosecuted the case. "Instead, he acted with others to support terrorists to further acts of murder, kidnapping and maiming."

MASSACHUSETTS

Police dog digging in snowbank fires gun

LAWRENCE — Police say a dog searching for a gun in a snowbank accidentally pulled the trigger with its paw, firing the weapon.

No humans — or dogs — were hurt.

The episode started at about 2 a.m. Sunday when an officer on patrol heard three gunshots. When he went to investigate, he saw a vehicle speed away.

When the car pulled over, police saw a man leap out and bury something in the snow.

Ivan, a dog handled by the Essex County Sheriff's Department, was called to the scene to find whatever was buried in the snow. Police said he started digging furiously and fired the gun.

Three men were arrested, and police determined the gun had been stolen in Manchester, N.H., in October.

CINCINNATI

Grunting Ohio zoo workers act as moms to gorilla

Some zoo workers in Cincinnati are going ape over a baby gorilla.

They are wearing all-black outfits, grunting affectionately and generally imitating mother gorillas to help the month-old baby adjust to a new home and get ready for a surrogate mother. Later, they will don hairy vests and carry baby Gladys on their backs, put on kneepads and gloves to move around like a gorilla, and they might knuckle-walk and climb a tree with baby on board.

Even though some of Gladys' mamas have beards and moustaches, they are trying to give her a mother's love, as much like a gorilla as they are able. They cuddle her, let her hang on them or squirm in their laps, lie down next to her and talk to her with different guttural sounds.

"Whatever a gorilla mom would do with her baby is what we have to do with this baby," said Ron Evans, the zoo's primate team leader.

He's heading a team of seven to 10 people who work in shifts of eight hours or so to provide the baby with 24-hour companionship. She came from the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, where she was born Jan. 29 to a first-time mother who showed little maternal instinct.

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Lee High band director honored by Odessa

The 'Distinguished Former Odessan' credits his success to former teachers

By Meredith Moriak
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As director of bands at Lee High School since 1980, Randy Storie has been a mainstay in the Midland community. He was honored Thursday by his hometown as a Distinguished Former Odessan.

It was in Odessa, under the direction of many he dubs as "legendary music educators," that Storie fell in love with music and decided to become a band director.

"I decided I wanted to be a band director when I was in the eighth grade and I was around Bill Dean. I got to be in his band at Odessa High School, and that was what changed my life totally. He was my total hero for life and band was my whole life. He was my surrogate father. That gentleman changed my life."

Storie credits his success as a director — his bands have secured first division ratings in every contest they have ever participated — to a handful of men who have been instrumental in teaching, many of whom are from Odessa.

"J.R. McEntyre, who was the band director at Permian High at the same time Mr. Dean was at Odessa, has adopted me over the years and taken me on has his project, always supporting me," Storie said. "Add in Wesley May and those three people, are the exact reason why I'm doing what I'm doing."

After beginning his teaching career in Plano and Fort Stockton, Storie came to Midland to work at San Jacinto Junior High in the late 1970s and hasn't left the district since.

"There's something real special about being here. I've had opportunities to go other places many different times, but I never

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Upcoming concert

The mentors and colleagues Randy Storie credits with having a major influence on the Lee High School band will conduct pieces at the band's "Thank You, Midland" concert set for 3 p.m. Sunday at the Lee High School auditorium.

Bill J. Dean, J.R. McEntyre, Gary Garner, Charles Nail, Dan Gibbs and Donald Lefevre will all conduct the 85 honor band students at the concert. The honor band is scheduled to perform March 15 in Indianapolis at the National Concert Band Festival sponsored by Music for All.

BOTTLE CAP ART







Photos by Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram and courtesy of MISD

TOP: Students in Shannon Smith's second-grade class at Bush Elementary pose with some of the 75,000 bottle caps they recycled and turned into ar; art project. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The works of art — which included a heart, cross, Sponge Bob and Hello Kitty — were auctioned off to raise funds for students at the school with medical conditions. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Smith's student, Yadhira "Ya-Ya" Granillo, is the first to benefit from the fund, as students wanted to buy the student with Alopecia a wig.

Art fundraiser helps fellow students

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What could have been a normal science lesson on recycling for Shannon Smith's second-grade class at Bush Elementary quickly turned into a full-fledged art project and fundraiser to benefit fellow students with medical conditions.

In the past few months, students at Bush collected more than 75,000 recycled bottle caps and created 12 pieces of bottle cap art — including an American flag, flower, sun and Mickey Mouse.

The art pieces were auctioned off last week to raise money for students with medical conditions, including 7-year-old Yadhira "Ya-Ya" Granillo, a student in Smith's class who has alopecia, a condition that causes hair loss.

"My kids had been talking about making bottle cap art and said, 'Why don't we raise the money for Ya-Ya and buy her a wig?'" Smith said.

The prospect of having a long wig that goes all the way to her shoulders is very exciting, Ya-Ya said.

"I've never had a black wig or long hair," she said.

Seeing her students show compassion for their classmates has been wonderful, Smith said.

"People sometimes tease her and pull her scarves off her head, so it's been wonderful to see the class step up and do something for her," Smith said.

In addition to student support, Smith said the school has received an

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H-E-B recognizes Milam teacher as 'rising star'

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Having been discouraged by some teachers while growing up and seen as disruptive rather than just a girl with dyslexia and reading comprehension problems, Kathleen Wilkins never thought she'd become a teacher.

It wasn't until volunteering in her daughter's early childhood classroom that Wilkins realized her personal experiences with special education, both as a student and mother to an autistic daughter, had prepared her for a career path she never could've imagined.

"Samantha was identified as autistic at age 2 and started in early childhood at 3. I wasn't working at the time and had the opportunity to regularly volunteer in her classroom," Wilkins said. "It was then that I realized I could do this."

She began working at Milam Elementary in September 2008 as a life skills class paraprofessional and completed her master's degree in special education.

Wilkins became Milam's resource teacher in January 2011 and worked with students who have learning disabilities. She worked with them in their regular classroom setting and in smaller groups in her classroom.

"I want to be one of those wonderful teachers that helps the kids grow," Wilkins said.

Milam Principal Jill Arthur believes Wilkins to be one of the most compassionate, empathetic people in the teaching profession and nominated Wilkins for H-E-B's Excellence in Education Award.

"She's the type of teacher you want to clone," Arthur said. "She's always researching new strategies and looking for ways to help each individual student succeed."

Wilkins was named one of five state finalists for H-E-B's Excellence in Education Rising Star award, given to one exceptionally promising elementary school teacher with less than 10 years of teaching experience. She was notified by an H-E-B prize patrol Monday morning in her classroom.

Both Wilkins and Milam Elementary received $1,000 checks for the finalist honor. Wilkins is among 40 finalists statewide who will be honored May

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Teachers get the blame when test scores are unacceptable

DARRELL BENTON
San Jacinto Junior High



One Halloween, a friend sent me a picture of the scariest Halloween costume I had ever seen. This was a costume that would induce thousands of nightmares for untold numbers of young people. An enterprising mother had made a costume for her son that was a perfect copy of the cover page of a TAKS test.

TAKS has since evolved into the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR. The STAAR testing window is fast approaching; test week commences on April Fool's Day. (As an English teacher, I love irony)

High-stakes testing continues as a lightning rod of controversy. Critics worry that high-stakes tests, if designed or implemented inappropriately, might draw an inaccurate picture of student learning. Proponents argue that testing is the foundation of assessment and accountability. As I write this, legislators in Austin have filed dozens of bills dealing with the total number of tests and with changing the school accountability rating system to an A to F system from Texas' current rating system of acceptable, recognized, exemplary and unacceptable.

As someone who spent 20 years in the business community with a Fortune 100 company, I have mixed feelings. I was evaluated annually for salary and career purposes on the body of my work and not on one test occurring on one day. Nonetheless, I had to pass certification tests to progress two levels from an associate account executive to account executive-industry consultant. However, years later, these tests were discarded because it was felt that the power of the tests to evaluate were, at best, limited.

The most fascinating thing in the STAAR heavens is the debate over how to improve STAAR test scores. A plethora of finger-pointing abounds when scores are released, yet the hubbub leaves no one satisfied.

Usually, teachers are first in line to be blamed. Some people believe that if the perfect lesson plan were designed and used by all, and every teacher taught the exact same way each day, then test-score Nirvana would be attained. While I do believe that best practices should be shared and emulated, scripted teaching assumes that students are uniform, malleable products waiting to be shaped like raw clay.

This theory of step-by-step, defined teaching reminds me of Frederick Taylor's theory of scientific management. Introduced in 1911, Taylor called for optimizing the way that tasks are performed and standardizing the jobs and work methods enough so that workers could be trained to perform jobs in the one best way. While this theory might work in bricklaying or assembling automobiles, scientific management reborn as scripted teaching ignores teacher skill variety and creativity and ignores the fact students are not a standardized, homogeneous mass. Plus, scripted teaching is the epitome of monotony,

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Obituaries



Barbara Aldrich Purdy Johnson

Barbara Aldrich Purdy Johnson, 88, a resident of Mountain Home, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Village Nursing Home.

She was born April 16, 1924, the second child and only daughter to Ellery Redfield (later Vermont Senator Purdy) and Katharine Aldrich Purdy. Barbara was the wife of the late Frederick A. Johnson, Jr. with whom they had a son, Frederick A., III.

She graduated from Rutland High School, Rutland, Vermont in 1942 and attended Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts for a year and then enlisted in the Woman's Army Corp (WAC) toward the end of WWII. After basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia she served in the Base Ops office at Herington Air Force Base in Herington, Kansas and was discharged in November, 1945 after the war ended. Back in Rutland, she worked as a Flight Attendant for a commuter airline to New York City and Boston. Once, in flight, the door blew open and she reached out and pulled it back shut.

She married Johnson September 25, 1946, and lived in Chicago, Illinois for five years while he worked for his Masters and PhD in Petroleum Geology at the University of Chicago. They moved to Midland, Texas where he was employed by the Humble Oil & Refining Company. She worked as a secretary at SOHIO Oil Company, and later as secretary at the original Episcopal Church in Midland. She was also a Water Safety Instructor and gave swimming lessons to youngsters at her home. Their hobby was breeding and showing German shepherd dogs around the country for many years. They moved to Houston, Texas in 1966, and transferred to Denver, Colorado in 1968. They divorced in 1980 after 34 years of marriage.

Barbara, over the next ten years, lived in Kanab, Utah, Tucson, Arizona, Eagle River, Alaska, and Carson City, Nevada before returning to Colorado. She always loved the mountains and the great outdoors. She enjoyed skiing, swimming and horseback riding most of her life and was a great animal lover, becoming quite an accomplished artist with animal portraits using pastels.

She relocated to Mountain Home, Arkansas at the urging of her son in 2003, and lived out her remaining years there. She loved the area because it reminded her of her home state of Vermont. She loved the lakes and she loved the company of her son and son's wife, Dorothy. Her last year was spent in the loving and capable hands of the staff at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Mountain Home. She slipped into a coma quietly and painlessly with Dorothy at her side on Tuesday, February, 26th and passed shortly thereafter. Her son was at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, his place of work for 37 years at the time, but was able to return home on February 27th.

She is survived by her older brother, 92 year old Ellery Redfield Purdy, Jr. and wife Elaine of Rutland, Vermont; five granddaughters and one grandson, Krysta I. Johnson of Bremerton, Washington, Setanya Snover and Lela Raymond of Ketchikan, Alaska, Carolyn Malcolm and Kathleen Vest both of Anchorage, Alaska, and William Loyd Herren of Mountain Home; sixteen great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren and another on the way.

Barbara accepted Jesus into her heart just over a year ago, so now we all know where she's at today.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Sunday, March 3, 2013, at the Twin Lakes Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday with Dr. Sam Bailey officiating. Burial will be private under the direction of Conner-Hankins Funeral Home.

The online obituary and guestbook are available at www.conner-hankinsfuneralhome.com.



Diane Eudy

Diane Eudy of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed over into spirit February 26, 2013, after a prolonged illness. Born December 14, 1946, to Charles James Hollis and Dorothy Jane Nabors in Odessa, Texas. Diane was a consummate pianist and craftsperson, loving mother and cherished friend.

Diane graduated from Odessa High School in 1964. During her professional years, multi-talented Diane performed in Hollywood with the Dan Blocker Singers and after moving to Arkansas in 1969, worked as a professional accompanist and bookkeeper. Following her dream, she graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical Center with a BS in Nursing in 1990 specializing in oncology nursing.

Diane, dogs and children were all naturally drawn to each other. She loved teaching children how to play the piano and sing harmony. Christmas was one of her favorite holidays, and she received great joy from arranging and directing children's and women's choirs.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father and younger sister, Debbie. She is survived by her daughter Tara Llewellyn, son-in-law Lynn Llewellyn and grandchildren, Joshua age 11 and twins, Madelyn and Emily, age 5 - all of Bentonville, Arkansas; brother Charlie Hollis of Midland, Texas; as well as by several nephews and nieces and a host of close friends in Little Rock. Diane will be dearly missed.

To sign the online guest book, please visit www.griffinleggetthealeyroth.com



Geraldine Sloan

Geraldine Coplen Sloan made a peaceful journey home on March 2, 2013. There is now singing and dancing in heaven as she left her paralyzed earthly body of twelve years to be with her Lord. Geraldine, known as Jerry or Gigi to her friends, was born September 19, 1922 to Vesta Beulah Parks and Eldridge Nixon Coplen in Eastland, Texas. Her family later moved to Abilene, Texas. She graduated from Abilene High School while employed as a model and menswear clerk at Minter Department Store. After high school, she took classes at Draughan's Business College and went to work for Barq's Bottling Company. In January 1943, she married Clarence William Sloan while he was stationed in the Army Air Force base in Abilene. After the war, they made their home in Abilene. In 1952, Clarence opened Bagwell Furniture Store in downtown Midland. It was later renamed, Sloan-Bagwell Furniture when they relocated on West Wall.

Jerry's first love was First Christian Church where she enjoyed serving as Sunday school teacher in the children's department, Vacation Bible School Director, CWF President, and Church Women United President. With a co-chair, she started Meals on Wheels Program in the kitchen of First Christian Church. She was later given the honor of Deaconess Emeritus.

She loved her community activities of Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Leader, PTA President at Fannin Elementary, En Amie Book Review Club member, Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and lifetime volunteer member of Trinity Towers (later called Manor Park).

Jerry and Clarence enjoyed travels in their motor home with friends and relatives, playing bridge, square dancing and spending many good times in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Since 2007, Geraldine has resided in Dallas and most recently at the Pearl Nordan Care Center of Juliette Fowler Homes in Dallas.

Geraldine is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, and son, Gary Neil Sloan.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah and son-in-law, Ronald Pettie, of Dallas, grandson Paul Pettie of Houston and granddaughter Paige Pettie of Dallas.

Services will be held Wednesday, March 6 at First Christian Church at 11:00am with Reverend Mike Hunter presiding. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pallbearers include: Mel Harp, Kent Sloan, Gene Sloan, Clint Sloan, Ray Holder, and Paul Pettie. Honorary Pallbearer is Frank Singleton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Juliette Fowler Home, 1234 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas 75214. Online condolences may be made to www.ellisfunerals.com

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Jackson Lee Babb

Jackson Lee Babb, 88, of Odessa, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2013 at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born May 19, 1924 in Rocksprings, TX. He was an U. S. Air Force veteran during WWII. He received his BS degree from Texas Tech. He was owner of B & B Chemical Inc.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Louie & Lolita Babb, his wife, Gene Babb, brother, Garnett Babb, sister, Lyda Louise Glen, son-in-law, Martin Wayne Cox.

He is survived by his son, Bruce Babb & wife Terilynn of Odessa, his daughter, Paula Cox of San Antonio, (5) grandchildren, Robert Jackson Babb, Jason Tyler Babb, Caroline Gillian Babb, Troy Dylan Cox & Georgia Cox Smith, (2) great-grandchildren, Jackson Gilmer Cox & Ava Rae Cox.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Graveside services 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 7, 2013 at the Rocksprings Cemetery in Rocksprings, TX with Rev. Albert Green officiating.

Pallbearers will be Alan Kelleher, Bobby Davis, Ray Pierson, Robert Jackson Babb, Jeff Hunter, Jason Tyler Babb & Dylan Cox.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Gilmer Library in Rocksprings, TX.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

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James H. Frizell

James H. Frizell died March 3, 2013 at Manor Park in Midland, Texas, following a lengthy illness. He was born May 18, 1927 on his family's farm in Haskell County, Texas to J.V. Frizell, Jr. and Grace Brown Frizell. James grew up on the farm, and in Stamford, Texas. He enrolled in North Texas Agricultural College at 16 years of age. Too young to enlist in World War II, James returned home from his studies to teach science and math at Stamford High School, where his future wife, Patty McDonald, was a student. He soon began his career in the oil business on a seismographic crew in Big Lake. He and Patty married July 2, 1950. Following his service as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, James completed his degree in Petroleum Geology at Texas Tech and the family moved to Midland in 1956. James began his career as a geologist with Phillips Petroleum and was an industry executive with a number of companies, including Senior Vice President at Harken Oil Company and Freeport-McMoran. James served as a Member of the Board of Directors for Freeport Petroleum, Harken Oil & Gas, Argonaut Energy Corporation and Summit Petroleum Corporation. He most recently worked as an independent land consultant with Pioneer Natural Gas and Hilliard Energy.

James was a member of The American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists, West Texas Geological Society, Society of Independent Earth Scientists, State of California - Registered Professional Geologist, State of Arkansas - Registered Professional Geologist, American Association of Petroleum Landmen, and Permian Basin Landmen's Association. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years, where he served as a trustee and a Ruling Elder.

In addition to his wife of 63 years, James is survived by their daughter, Janet Hudson of Prosper, Texas, her husband JC and grandchildren, Sarah and her husband, Michael Roberts, and Andrew and his wife, Chassi Kopec; and their son, James M. Frizell of Buda, Texas, his wife Toni, grandchildren Chad and his wife, Aimee Blum; great grandchildren Micayla and Zoie. He is also survived by his brother, Paul Frizell of San Angelo, and his sister and brother-in-law, JoAnn and Jim McCown of Spring Branch, Texas and a host of nieces and nephews. Family will receive family and friends for a visitation Tuesday, March 5, 2013 from 5-7pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at 1:00pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Robert Lee Ivy

Robert Lee Ivy, born May 9, 1919, in West Liberty, Illinois, died March 2, 2013 at the age of 93 years in San Antonio, Texas. His parents, William Cortney Ivy and Emma Rilla Ivy had eight children, five boys and three girls. He grew up in Iraan, Texas, as his father was sent there to work for Marathon Oil Company in the Yates oil field.

"Bob" married Juanita F. Fowler August 12, 1939, and they settled in Midland working for Phillips Petroleum Company until his retirement at 72. He traveled extensively during those years negotiating drilling rights in the North Sea and Mediterranean Sea.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, four children, Bobbie Jo Halfast, Margaret Ann Ensey, Carla Jean Bernholtz, Robert Lee Ivy, Jr., 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and a sister, Wynemah Durnell. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Louis, and 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Funeral services will be held at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 2781 W. Ave N, San Angelo, TX, on March 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Bill Harris officiating. Interment will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in his name to The Petroleum Museum, 15 W Interstate 20, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements with Massie Funeral Home, 402 Rio Concho, San Angelo, TX 76903, (325)655-8121.



Barbara Lynn Williams

Barbara Lynn Williams, loving and faithful wife, mother and grandmother, was surrounded by her family on Saturday evening, March 2nd, 2013, as she lost her battle with cancer, and was welcomed into the loving arms of Jesus her savior. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 from 6:00-8:00PM at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 1:00PM at Westside Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

She was born November 18th, 1954, in Fort Worth, Texas. Her father got a job at the Shell refinery, and moved the family to Odessa in 1958. In 1973, Barbara met her husband, Bob, and they were married the following year.

Barbara was a humble and faithful servant of Jesus Christ. She was the secretary for the Christian family at Westside Church of Christ for the past 26 years, and an elders wife. She was also a bible class teacher for many years, and so dearly loved all of the children that she taught.

Three children that held an extra special place in Barbara's heart were her three grandchildren: Kyle, Addison and Cailynn. She counted down the days until she could retire and move to San Marcos so she could be with them every day.

One of the reasons Barbara chose her current house is because she always dreamed of having a home with the space to host bridal and baby showers and other activities for her Christian family.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Bob Williams, daughter Aimee Williams of Midland, daughter Ashlee Wheeler, husband Jay and three grandchildren, Kyle, Addison and Cailynn Wheeler, all of San Marcos, one sister, Linda Brown and husband Glen of Midland, and one nephew, Casey Brown of Midland.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Willie Mae Williams and a sister, Carolyn Williams.

Her family would like to thank Helping Hands, Compass Hospice and Hospice House of Odessa for their physical care and assistance in her last months. Donations in Barbara's behalf can be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales, New Mexico or Hospice House of Odessa.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Death Notices

Earline Holder

Earline Holder, 86 years old, passed away in Ft. Worth.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharen Harris; sons Robert and wife Brenda Holder, Michael and wife Josfina Holder; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Glen Sullivan

Glen Sullivan, age 95 of Seminole, Texas passed away on Friday, March 1, 2013.

Graveside services will be held at Gaines County Cemetery (south) on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be at Boyer Funeral Home on Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his children, Larry Glen and wife Theresa, Connie and husband Curtis, Jana and husband Bob, Gayla and husband Gary, and Edwin Glen and wife Shelly. He also had 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

John Tate Street

John Tate Street, 81, passed away on March 2, 2013 in Midland, Texas.

Survivors: Wife, Dorothy, of Midland, daughters, Becky (John) Holmes of Midland, Kay (Mark) Merritt of Midland, and Sharla (Mike) Blanton of Spearman, TX; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 10:00AM. Interment will be in Littlefield, TX. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Hendrick Home for Children, PO Box 5195, Abilene, TX 79608 or to the Midland First Baptist Church Missions.

Arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Keith Stafford

Keith Stafford, 58, of Bakersfield, California, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in Rankin.

Private services will be held at a later date in Bakersfield. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Survivors include his two daughters, Ashlee Stafford, and Stacie Stafford, both of Bakersfield; his father, Roger Stafford of Rankin; a brother, Randy Stafford of Ocala, Florida; and one granddaughter.

LaDonna Moureen Mehringer

LaDonna Moureen Mehringer, 78 of Dumas, passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2013.

Services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Dumas Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013 at the funeral home. Arrangements are entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

LaDonna is survived by her husband Phillip; three sons David Mehringer, Kim Mehringer and Eric Mehringer; one daughter Shonda Nelson; four granddaughters; five grandsons; and five great grandchildren.

Marjorie "Margie" Hisey

Marjorie Jean Harwell Hisey passed away March 3, 2013 at the age of 92.

Family will receive family and friends on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral service is Thursday, March 7 at 10:00am at the First Presbyterian Church in Midland. Interment will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Fair Havens.

4-H Photography



Courtesy photo

The best-of-show winners in 4-H Photography Club's recent competition were Brooke Willhite, left, Haley Russell, right and Camryn Morrison, not pictured. The judges scored the students' photos on 12 elements, such as impact, creativity, lighting and technique, said Kevin Willhite, club leader. The club, made up of third- through 12th-graders, meets monthly at Sibley Nature Center and is one of 4-H's nonlivestock groups, he said.

Scores

From 1B

reminding me of Ben Stein's tedious "anyone, anyone" teaching style in the 1986 movie "Ferris Buehler's Day Off."

Curriculum also receives scrutiny. There are some who maintain that the schedule design of the CScope curriculum is flawed, moving so rapidly through a wide range of content that mastery is not achieved. Superintendent Ryder Warren was quoted to this effect in the Feb. 24 Reporter-Telegram.

He said students are "going to learn a little bit about a lot of things, but the teaching at the depth" was not occurring. Critical thinking is a wonderful thing, but if the foundation of effective reading and writing is not well laid, then the educational house will crumble.

Test scores and learning are heavily influenced by social ills. Poverty, absent parenting and apathy muck up the minds of at-risk learners. An all-star teacher can bring his "A" game in STAAR preparation, but if a student does not want to be in school and refuses to put forth any effort, then the product of such effort is, in effect, poop.

When I was working on my Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Texas-Arlington, my oldest and wisest professor drew an equation on the board that not only applies in the business world but adds light to the education world, as well.

The equation was "P = A X M," meaning one's performance in any task is the product of their ability level times their motivation.

To me, STAAR test preparation is a three-legged stool. Good teaching and an appropriate curriculum form two of the three legs and in the above equation impact the ability of the student. The third leg is the desire of the student to learn and that is the core of motivation. Any missing leg leads to a fall.

So, it remains to be seen whether STAAR in 2013 will be a STAAR of wonder or a death STAAR for this year's crop of students. I do know, however, that local teachers are working harder than ever to ensure student success.

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KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "1st 10 Semifinalists Perform" Ten of 20 semifinalists will perform. (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
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KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Off-Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Go On (N)	New-Norm (N)	Smash "The Read-Through" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nathan Pacheco performs originals and classics.	Nathan Pacheco	The Tenors music from 'Lead With Your Heart.'	The Tenors perform	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Corona de lagrimas		Por ella soy eva		Amores Verdaderos	Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Al Diablo con los Guapos
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	NCAA Basketball TCU vs. Kansas (L)				My News	House "Three Stories"		House "Honeymoon"
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) ★ World Trav...		★★★ The Big White				(:45) ★★ House of D	David Duchovny.		★★ Ginger Snaps
HBO	300	68	14	14		(4:30) ★ Harry Potter...		★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows			M.Buffer	Girls	★★ Love and Other Drugs		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	McFerrin	Parade's End		Real Sports	Bill Maher		Enlight	Girls	★ Horrible Bosses
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(4:10) ★ The Horse...		The Sopranos		★ Margaret ('11, Dra)	Matt Damon, Anna Paquin.		(:35) ★★★ Tower Heist		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★ The Pool Boys	Matthew Lillard.	★ Romy & Michele's High Sc...		★ Safe House ('12, Act)	Denzel Washington.		In Bed		Banshee
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:45) ★★★ Red Tails	Cuba Gooding Jr..			★★★ Titanic ('97, Dra)	Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.		(:15) ★ The Big Year		
PLEX			96			(:20) ★ Madison (2005, Drama)				★★ Cops and Robbers	ons	(:35) ★★ Ghostbusters II	Bill Murray.		Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:55) ★★ History of the Eagles	('13, Doc) Glenn Frey, Joe Walsh.				Lies	Califor.	Shameless	Comedy	Bellamy
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:45) ★★ The Story of Us			I Will Follow	Tracie Thoms.		★ The Tortured		★ Black Death	Sean Bean.
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ A Few Good...		★★ Gone in 60 Seconds	('00, Act) Nicolas Cage.			★★★ The Transporter	Jason Statham.		Movie
BET	58	26		40		106&Park	★★ B.A.P.S. ('97, Com)	Natalie Desselle.	Husbands	Husbands	Wayans	Husbands	Wayans	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		VanderR "Reunion"	Beverly Hills		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta	Shahs
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Rich	Rich	Treasure Detectives		The Car Chasers		Mad Money	Treasure Detectives
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront	Piers Morgan
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Survival "Meltdown"		Dual Survival		Dual Survival (N)		Survival "Fiji" (N)		Dual Survival	Dual Survival "Fiji"
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	★ Tinker Bell & the Lost Trea...		GoodLuck	Austin	A.N.T.	Jessie	GoodLuck	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Arkansas vs. Missouri (L)			NCAA Basketball Ohio State vs. Indiana (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball St. John's vs. Notre Dame (L)			The Fab Five				NFL Live (N)		SportNat.	NBA
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		The Lying Game (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club	Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped "My Way"		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chr sped	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Stars Insider	NCAA Baseball Louisiana Tech vs. Baylor (L)					SportsDay OnAir	Stars Insider	Rodeo Recap (L)	WPT Poker Parx Open Classic	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ The Waterboy	Adam Sandler.		Ultimate Fighter (N)		Justified (N)		Americans	"COMINT"	Justified	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	BradyB.	BradyB.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Income Property		HouseH	House	Income Property		Income Property	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear		Ultimate Soldier		Vikings		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "You've Been Unfriended"		Dance Moms "Bye Bye Baby"		DanceMom "All's Fair in Love and War" (N)		Double Divas	Double Divas	Double Divas	Double Divas	Dance Moms "Bye Bye Baby"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39			34	NHLLive	NHL Hockey	Philadelphia Flyers vs. New York Rangers (L)				NHL Live!	Crossover	FB Talk	Overtime	UCI Cycling	Paris-Nice
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Drake	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Movie	★★★ Kick-Ass ('10, Act)	Clark Duke, Aaron Johnson.				The Joe Schmo Show	★★★ Eddie Murphy Raw			Eddie Murphy	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Robot Combat (N)		Face Off		Robot Combat	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Masseuse"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan Colin Farrell, Jenna Elfman	Cougar Town	The Office	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(:15) ★ To Be Annou...		★★★ Good News	June Allyson.			★★★ The Hard Way	Ida Lupino.		★★★ Limelight		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El Rostro de la		Al rojo	Victorinos		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	The Man Who Lost His Face		The Man With the 200 lb Tumor		The Man With Half a Body		Bubble Skin Man		The Man With Half a Body		Bubble Skin Man	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics vs. Philadelphia 76ers Site: Wachovia Complex -- Philadelphia, Pa. (L)				NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)						Inside the NBA (L)	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Transitions"		Law & Order: Victims Unit "Lead"	Special	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Confession"		White Collar "In the Wind - (SF) (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Resilience"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Damaged"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Mother "Pilot	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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State Sen. Dan Patrick calls himself 'education evangelist'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Dan Patrick was giving a sermon. Or at least it felt like one.

"What we need is urgency now! No excuses!," the leader of the state Legislature's tea party caucus cried, shaking the table in front of him at a Texas Business Leadership Council forum this week. "I am all in, but I can't do it by myself."

The Houston Republican and chairman of the powerful Senate Education Committee is on a crusade to reshape Texas classrooms in the name of "school choice," pushing for the state's largest expansion of charter schools and touting an ambitious voucher plan that would allow students to attend private schools with public money.

Critics say he's out to funnel public money to private corporations, and even the Republican House speaker says much of his agenda won't make it through the Legislature.

But Patrick isn't shy about blurring the line between preaching and policymaking.

"Someone came up and said, 'This is like a tent-revival meeting,'" Patrick said in an interview as he left the forum. "But you do become a little bit of an education evangelist because you know this works and you know we must do all we can to make sure every student has an opportunity."

The zealous approach comes easily to Patrick, who is also an AM radio talk show host for Houston's KSEV. Others call it grandstanding.



AP file photo

Texas Senate Education Chairman Dan Patrick, center, speaks during a visit to the Cathedral School of Saint Mary in downtown Austin in December 2012 as Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, right, and Bishop Oscar Cantu listen.

"He's gotten very preachy," said Rita Haecker, president of the Texas State Teachers Association. "His words are cheap, but quality schools are very expensive and he wants to take money away from them."

Patrick wants to overhaul high school graduation requirements to better suit students wanting career and technical training, rather than college-readiness.

He has also introduced a bill erasing Texas' current cap of 215 licenses to operate charter schools and wants to provide them with public funding for facilities.

Public schools would also be required to lease unused buildings to charters.

"There will be some things the other side doesn't support, but if we can get 85, 90 percent of our agenda, that's something," Patrick said.

Patrick recently told members of the public lining up to testify against his legislation that they'd be testifying against 100,000 students and families who weep because they are waitlisted while trying to get into charter schools and away from campuses that struggle with academics.

Then, at a Senate Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, Patrick and Sen. Royce West, a Dallas Democrat, got testy over how to fund a new board Patrick wants to create to handle a potential flood of new charter school applications.

"We're talking about poor students in failing schools who are desperate for options," Patrick said.

West snapped: "Let's not demagogue this."

The Texas Senate passed bills to expand charter schools in 2009 and 2011, but saw both initiatives fizzle in the House, where they were opposed by Democrats and rural Republicans who often lacked charters in their districts.

An even hotter-button issue, however, is Patrick's promise to offer public funding to parents who can use it to pay for private schools.

Patrick has yet to file a bill, but he and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who controls the flow of legislation in the Texas Senate, said the idea would be to give businesses credits worth up to a quarter of what they pay in state taxes to donate to non-profits offering private-school scholarships to disadvantaged youngsters.

Patrick dismisses "vouchers" as a term from the 1970s and describes what he's championing as "business tax credits." Detractors counter that it's a shell game that can allow executives to write the cost of their kids' private school tuition off their taxes while channeling money out of traditional schools that get paid per pupil.

"You can't slap a new name on bad policy," said Phillip Martin, political director of the liberal advocacy group Progress Texas.

Patrick is steeled for criticism, however. He told the forum audience: "Governor Bush warned me, 'You've got to have someone willing to take arrows.' Well, I'm taking them."

Patrick was referring to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who addressed the same Business Leadership Council forum and who Patrick then invited in front of his committee to explain how Florida embraced vouchers, charter schools and online learning. Bush has branded public schools "monopolies" controlled by unions more interested in protecting teachers and other adults than students.

House Speaker Joe Straus, a San Antonio Republican, says he doesn't see any bill passing the chamber that uses public money to fund private schools. And, as recently as 2007, during Patrick's first year in the Legislature, the House voted by a large margin to ban public money from going to private schools.

Patrick still insists this time will be different.

"This is contagious," he said. "Whenever you can see any person in life lifted up because of educational opportunities it's exciting. And I'm not the only one who thinks so."

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BANANA BITE: One word is a kind of musical instrument.

Yesterday's Answer: WEAPON, NAUGHT

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EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ensemble auditions held for Jesus Christ Superstar

The Midland College departments of Music and Drama, in partnership with Midland Community Theatre, will produce the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" April 19-20 and 25-27.

Open auditions for community singers and instrumentalists will be Wednesday through Friday at the MC Allison Fine Arts Building, room 138.

All interested musicians should have at least high school music reading experience in a band or choir. Instrumentalists needed are electric guitarists, trombone, trumpet, flute and clarinet players.

Those chosen to participate will be required to enroll in MUSI 1159 (Musical Theatre I) at Midland College and attend afternoon ensemble rehearsals.

A stipend will be provided to all music ensemble members who participate.

Audition times will be scheduled on an individual basis. Instrumentalists should contact Rabon Bewley at 685-4643 or rbewley@midland.edu. Vocalists should contact Bert Bostic at 685-6446 or bbostic@midland.edu.

Art students advance to state competition

Fifteen Midland ISD high school art students will advance to state competition in April.

These students almost swept the Texas Art Education Association Visual Arts Scholastic Event competition last month, according to Deb Shaw, said director of Fine Arts.

Out of the 19 pieces of artwork from Region 18 that qualified for state competition, 16 are from MISD, she said. A total of 375 pieces were entered from Region 18.

Art mediums for the pieces include pastel, chalk pastels, colored pencil, paper sculpture, black and white charcoal, three-dimensional ceramics stoneware, printmaking, batik, silkscreen, block print, scratchboard, photography and mixed media.

Students, grade levels, and their artwork from Midland High School are Faviola Calymayor (two pieces qualified for state), 12th: "Little Girl Resisting a Kiss" and "In Deep Thought," Jose Vargas, 12th: "Balance Teapot," Lizzy Hinojosa, 10th: "Jon," and Mike Jacquez, 10th: "Little Sister." Additionally, 10 MHS art students received medals.

Students, grade levels, and their artwork from Lee High School are Cody Carlton, 12th: "Farmland," Joseline Corral, 12th: Just Joseline," "Valarie Martinez, 12th: "Sleeping Khloe," Gabriel Portillo, 12th: "New Growth," Kolton Cotton, 11th: "Soaked Splendors," Janeth Ruiz Garcia, 11th: "Sakura," Kayla Lopez, 11th: "Masquerade Piggy," Alannah Palmer, 11th: "Christmas," Logan Bushman, 10th: "Twisted Sphere," Haley Garcia, 10th: "B Ball," and Ashlin Lee, 10th: "Sleeping Dash." Additionally, 14 LHS art students received medals.

Scholarships available for GT summer programs

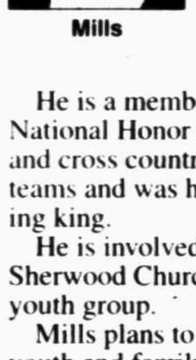
STAMFORD, Conn. — The National Society for the Gifted and Talented is offering scholarships for students to attend summer programs.

Ten scholarships are being offered by the NSGT Board of Trustees — six at $1,000 each, six at $500 each and four at $250 each — to help pay tuition for a gifted summer program of the student's choice.

The deadline to apply is March 19. The application is available at www.nsgt.org.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS



Mills

Midland Christian School senior Conner Mills, of Odessa, has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Jorita and Lantz Mills.

He is a member of National Honor Society and cross country and track teams and was homecoming king.

He is involved in the Sherwood Church of Christ youth group.

Mills plans to major in youth and family ministry.

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Pitts

Midland High School senior Logan Pitts has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

He is the son of Larry Pitts and Lael Cordes-Pitts.

He is vice president of the choir, is involved in theater, is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council and Latin Club and competes in UIL solo and ensemble contests.

He is a member of Midland Community Theatre's Pickwick Players.

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Midlander Erin Savas has been named to the honor roll for the fall semester at the University of Kansas.

Requirements vary depending on the school, according to a press release from the university.

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LUBBOCK — Midlander Kensly Peck has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Lubbock Christian University.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

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KERRVILLE — Midlander Ashley Elizabeth Simon has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Schreiner University.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.3 GPA.

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outpouring of love and support from the community.

"So many people have heard about our project and called to ask if they could buy the wig, but we've had to tell them no," Smith said. "We really wanted our students to see this project through from beginning to end and feel a sense of accomplishment."

With only 5,000 bottle caps used to make this year's 12 art pieces, Smith said the fundraiser is something the school plans to continue in the future.

"It would be nice to continue this year to year as a way to raise money for kids in need at our school," Smith said.



MRT file photo

Lee High School band director Randy Storie waves the British flag to "Bugler's Dream," one of the Olympic theme songs, to rouse his students and introduce a talk about training and what that means to his band in July 2012. Storie was recently honored as a Distinguished Former Odessan.

ODESSAN

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other places many different times, but I never could," Storie said, noting he couldn't get out of the parking lot because leaving his students would hurt too much.

"At Lee, I get to be around all the people that have meant the world to me. I can't seem to leave here because I love it."

Storie's band hall office is covered with senior pictures students have given him throughout the years, in addition to personal awards and memorabilia from the dozens of trips his bands have taken, including performances at Carnegie Hall, the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Presidential Inaugural Parades for Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush.

"I just love doing this, and I love being here. I love the town, and I love all the kids I've taught and the families," said Storie, who noted he is still close enough to visit with his friends and family in Odessa on a regular basis.

In addition to serving the students at Lee, Storie served as a leader of the Texas Music Educators Association, working for all band students in the state.

"Band is a confidence-builder. It teaches people how to be loyal, to show up on time, to be there and to know what to do. These things become a habit in their life," Storie said. "Not all of my students become music majors. Lots of them are doctors, lawyers and architects. I'm proud of all of them."

A tradition of excellence for the Lee band already was established when Storie became head director in 1980 and he wanted to continue it.

Each day he's lived by the mantra established by his predecessors: "Nothing we have done in the past will ever be good enough again."

With each day and class of students, Storie said he pushes students to shoot for excellence.

"I think the special thing about this school is that we overachieve sometimes because the kids have set lofty goals," Storie said.

Storie doesn't have plans to leave the Mighty Rebel Band anytime soon.

"I've learned so much from my kids that I've taught, and I'm very scared about what I will do when I can't do this anymore," Storie said. "They inspire me and keep me young."

Storie was honored alongside restaurant entrepreneur Bobby Cox and reproductive health clinician scientist Dr. Catherine Chappell as the 2013 distinguished former Odessans. The annual awards ceremony is sponsored by the Heritage of Odessa Foundation and Odessa American.

MILAM

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1-3 in Austin. If selected as the statewide winner, Wilkins and Milam each will receive a $5,000 check.

"She's a wonderful teacher and very deserving," Arthur said. "It never hurts to get a little reward for doing a good job."

The respect Wilkins' students have for her was obvious Monday morning, as they quietly sat in her classroom reading books while she completed an on-camera interview with a H-E-B video crew Monday morning.

Wilkins' students would look at her and smile and she would make loving, funny faces back at them.

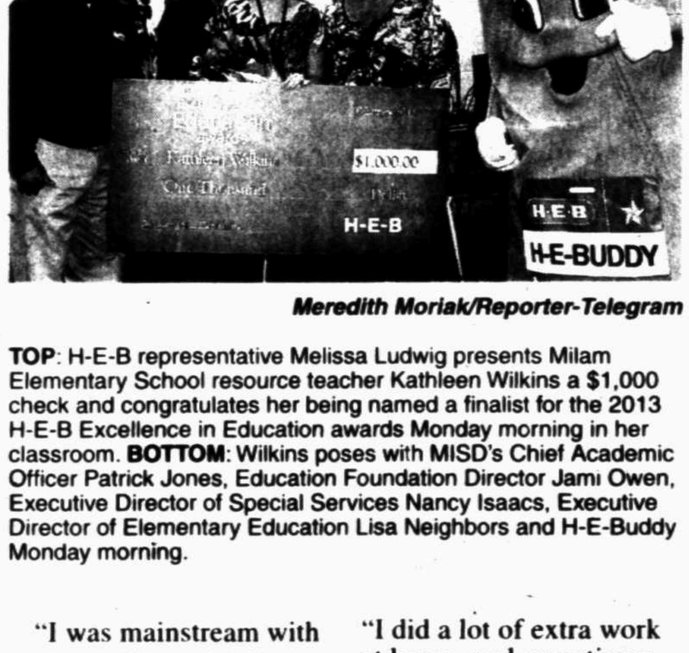
Wilkins said she works hard to evaluate where each student is academically and in a slow but effective manner increase expectations for them.

Wilkins said she loves coming to school each day because she always has something new to teach the kids and so often they have breakthroughs on things they've been working on for months.

Wilkins' experience with a teacher that eventually led her to opt out of special education services might have been a blessing in disguise.

"I disliked that teacher so much I took myself out of resource. Perhaps that's the best thing that ever happened to me," Wilkins said.





Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: H-E-B representative Melissa Ludwig presents Milam Elementary School resource teacher Kathleen Wilkins a $1,000 check and congratulates her being named a finalist for the 2013 H-E-B Excellence in Education awards Monday morning in her classroom. BOTTOM: Wilkins poses with MISD's Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones, Education Foundation Director Jami Owen, Executive Director of Special Services Nancy Isaacs, Executive Director of Elementary Education Lisa Neighbors and H-E-Buddy Monday morning.

"I was mainstream with my peers from eighth grade on, and I know you can be successful in special ed," said Wilkins who graduated from high school fourth in her class. "I did a lot of extra work at home, and sometimes it took a bit longer to get things accomplished, but I always did. It is not a sentence to be in special ed, and I want my students to know that."

Oprah to speak at Harvard graduation

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Oprah Winfrey has been selected as one of the principal speakers at Harvard University's commencement, the Ivy League school announced Monday.

The talk show host and media entrepreneur will speak at the afternoon exercises at Harvard's 362nd commencement scheduled for May 30.

"Oprah's journey from her grandmother's Mississippi farm to becoming one of the world's most admired women is one of the great American success stories," Harvard President Drew Faust said in a statement.

Through her private foundation, Winfrey has awarded hundreds of grants to organizations that support education and the empowerment of women, children and families worldwide.

She has launched and led a wide array of educational, civic and charitable pursuits. Winfrey was listed as the world's 11th most powerful woman by Forbes last year, and one of the world's 200 wealthiest people with a net worth of $2.7 billion.

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Someone needs to throw cold water on hype about school meals

■ Number of calories are going down? Better do a double take.



ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

It's not that I don't welcome good news, but here's a caveat to go along with recent reports that children in the U.S. are consuming fewer calories: All calories are not created equal.

A recent analysis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that between 1999 and 2010, boys daily consumed 7 percent fewer calories (2,100) and girls 4 percent less (1,755).

Most news coverage noted that the researchers were surprised by the drop. But they surely weren't more shocked than moms and dads across the country who pay close attention to what their kids are served in public schools.

Stricter guidelines calling for meals with lower sodium and calories went into effect at the beginning of this school year. Yet some of the things you might find in your local school's cafeteria for lunch — or during breakfast, if your community feeds children in the morning in an effort to combat chronic food insufficiency — are still driving some of us parents crazy.

Just days after the good news on calories broke, Sally Kuzemchak, a registered dietician and mother of two boys, 4 and 8, articulated my angst perfectly with her blog post "The Trouble With School Breakfast."

Describing her son's alarming fatigue with Cocoa Puffs, she lamented that managing the extra meal served before classes has become a minefield.

"Should I not feed him a healthy breakfast at home if he's going to eat a school breakfast, even though he's hungry when he wakes up? Ask that he take the sugary cereal and then throw it away uneaten? Limit the added sugar he gets the rest of the day to make up for the load he gets in the morning? Allow him to make his own choices and hope (as with the Cocoa Puffs) he grows tired of it? Refuse to let him eat school breakfast entirely and take away one of his favorite social scenes of the day?"

In the past few years, I've done all of the above. In fact, I'd just gotten back home from dropping off my older son at school for a "zero hour" study session and hoping he'd not treat himself to a second morning meal when I saw Kuzemchak's post on her blog "Real Mom Nutrition."

I tracked her down to ask how in the world parents are supposed to keep pressure on schools to get rid of the high-sugar, high-calorie food they give our kids when the news is blaring about lowered calorie intake and scattered, modest declines in childhood obesity rates?

"It's really tough because it's such a complex issue and it's so different today than when we were kids," Kuzemchak told me. "First you have real evidence that some kids just don't take to the healthier choices and end up throwing their food away, which is such a strain on the school's budget.

"Then you have the misconceptions that just because kids are eating less calories, it means that the calories they do take in are healthy. For instance, I live near Columbus, Ohio, in a community with lots of educated, professional people who look at our kids and say 'What's the big deal? Our kids are not overweight.' But it's not all about weight — it's about health, which isn't always reflected on the outside.

"What are we telling our children about healthy eating habits if we're teaching them that breakfast is a bowl of mini chocolate-chip cookies with a blue yogurt? When they're adults, those habits are going to catch up with them."

And it's not just about breakfast and lunch. The entire school day is steeped in snacks. At dinner the other night, my older son was describing to his younger brother how his teachers would be supplying granola bars, gum, and Lemonheads hard candy to chomp on during their upcoming state exams.

"I always hear people say, 'Oh, we ate junk food when we were growing up and we're fine.' But things are so different now," Kuzemchak said. "When we grew up we had real lunch ladies and, yes, we had junk food but not all day, every day, at every event we went to. And did we turn out fine? I look at rates of diabetes and obesity and I don't know."

Take it from us moms: Never mind the sunny headlines, we're definitely not all doing fine on the food front.

Mystery of the Chinese zombie Yalies

Associated Press

BEIJING — U.S. universities have responded to China's exploding demand for American higher education with branch campuses and aggressive recruiting. Now, some are trying to boost their brands by casting photos and other snippets of campus life out into the confounding sea of Chinese social media.

How confounding? Consider the mystery of the Chinese Yale zombies.

That's "zombies" as in "zombie followers" on Sina Weibo — the hugely popular "weibo," or microblogging, site that's roughly akin to Twitter and has attracted more than 500 million followers since debuting in 2009. A common feature on Chinese social media, these zombie accounts could represent actual users who lurk inactively online. But often they're fake, mass-produced accounts that mindlessly follow (hence the name "zombie") and artificially boost another account's follower numbers — and thus prestige.

Since its debut in December, Yale's new Sina Weibo account — sharing photos and other assorted items from its Ivy-covered Connecticut campus — has exploded in popularity, apparently far faster than any other U.S. institution's.

While other prominent universities have patiently accumulated at most a few thousand followers in more than a year of operation, Yale's been adding nearly that many daily, and has passed 140,000. The only other foreign university even remotely close to that figure is, oddly, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia. Yale's Weibo account is ranked 30th in popularity among educational institutions overall, better even than several well-known domestic institutions like Nanjing and Zhejiang universities.

True, Ivy League Yale does have a famous name, longtime ties to China (it graduated the first Chinese person to earn a degree from a U.S. college in 1854) and 1,000-plus Chinese students and scholars currently on campus. That likely explains some of the growth. But Yale also appears to have attracted a mysteriously large battalion of walking dead accounts, with pages and pages of followers that rarely if ever post themselves and have few if any followers. Analytic software also points to some geographic oddities that could also raise suspicions of fake accounts, and many followers have disabled the feature allowing them to receive private messages.



AP file photo

People use computers at an Internet cafe in Fuyang, in central China's Anhui province, in March 2010. U.S. universities say the Sina Weibo microblogging site is just a small part of a much larger, long-term strategy to connect with a huge and important country. But one lesson is clear: success can't be judged by sheer numbers.

Whence these zombie Yalies? After inquiries from The Associated Press, a Yale spokesman acknowledged some of the followers could be fake, but says that's not Yale's doing. He says the university isn't buying followers, which can be purchased for a few cents each online.

"We don't do it, we don't promote it, we don't encourage it, we don't like it," university spokesman Michael Morand said, adding: "Not to be cheeky about it, but it's sort of like 'Newsflash: Spam is inherent on the Internet.'"

Zinch, the marketing company that works with hundreds of overseas institutions in China and runs Yale's Sina Weibo feed, also denies purchasing followers. It too says it's mystified by Yale's growth.

Sina, the company that operates Sina Weibo, has promoted Yale on its campus page and recommended it to new users, spokesman Mao Taotao said. But that wouldn't explain why Yale has so many inactive followers. And he denied Sina adds followers to any account.

"To provide netizens with a clean online environment, Sina Weibo eliminates rubbish users in a timely manner," he said in a written statement.

Another possibility: Companies that specialize in selling zombie followers may be signing their zombies up to follow Yale and other accounts to make them appear more real, said Cao Di, an analyst for the Shanghai-based Internet consulting firm iResearch.

In short, the bottom of the zombie Yalie mystery may be unreachable. And the whole matter could fairly be called a harmless curiosity.

Still, it offers a glimpse of just how swampy the new landscape of Chinese social media can be, and highlights some risks for overseas universities and companies. Accusations of inflated Twitter accounts have embarrassed politicians and corporations. In academia, concerns have been raised on many campuses — including Yale — about the dangers as universities expand their reach into foreign cultures.

Yale could lose face in China if it's believed to be artificially inflating its numbers there, said Jason Lane, a State University of New York at Albany expert on internationalization efforts by U.S. universities. But more broadly, he said, the issue highlights how U.S. universities risk losing control of their brands and reputations in unfamiliar environments. Those risks are compounded by outsourcing the communications work to companies like Zinch or other local experts because of language barriers.

"Given the criticality of the Chinese market to the international dimensions of these institutions, I think it's even more alarming that you're releasing control of this aspect of your brand," Lane said. "Part of oversight is knowing what they're saying but it's also a cultural issue of not really knowing how it's playing."

"This is part of the learning curve," he added. "There are bound to be some hiccups along the way."

Reaching out

There are nearly 200,000 Chinese students on U.S. campuses — up 25 percent just since last year, and the most of any foreign country, according to the Institute of International Education. But Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and other sites are banned in China.

So U.S. institutions are gravitating to Sina Weibo to communicate with prospective students, alumni and even donors. An estimated 80 percent of Chinese university and high school students have accounts.

"We're talking about a large audience of prospective students and alumni who aren't necessarily able to interact with us the same way their counterparts in other countries are," said Laura Brinn, Duke's director of global communications.

Overall, U.S. universities are moving more cautiously into China than in the past, following setbacks. A planned campus by Duke encountered some faculty skepticism and construction delays, while Yale's partnership with the National University of Singapore has been a major point of contention on campus.

That caution is reflected in social media experiments. Survey data from Durham University in the United Kingdom suggest schools in that country are further along than those in the United States.

Some well-known U.S. names, like Harvard and Stanford, are still on the sidelines. Those in the game say they're just experimenting, trying to figure out what works.

THEHONORROLL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A number of Midland Independent School District junior high students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks. NOTE: The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

ABELL JUNIOR HIGH

Seventh grade

BARRAGAN, MARCOS
BLASE, DYLAN
BLESSIE, BO
BOGART, AMANDA
CALLOWAY, COURTNEY
CAVITT, JOSLYN
CHAMBERS, KALA
COPELAND, SAWYER
DIMRI, SHUBHRA
DOUCET, TIARA
DUNNAM, CHLOE
ELIZONDO, NATALIE
ESPINOZA, ANDREA
FOURQUREAN, ELLIE
GARZA, ALYSSA
GIBSON , BLAKE
GLOVER, MAR'TAVON
HARTTER, BRIANNA
HOWELL, KORY
IBANEZ, ANTONIO
JAMES, IVAN
JAQUEZ, JULIAN
JONES, BRITTANY
JONES, BRYCE
KINCHELOE, AUTUMN
KING, AMYRA
LAWRENCE, KRISTIAN
LEDONNE, KALEB
MENDOZA, ALEJANDRO
MILLOY, M'KAYLEE
MORENO-FIGUERO, ERIK
OKIMI, PATRICK
PATEL, DILAN
PATEL, NEIL
PRYOR, JASMINE
RAMIREZ, APRIL
RAY, YVONNE
RIVAS, RHYANNA
ROWE, ADDISON
SHORES, NICOLAS
THIO, MARCEL
TRAN, BRANDON
VEGA VITAL, LUIS
WHITE, HALIMA
WILLIAMS, AUSTIN
WILLIAMS, NELLIE

Eighth grade

ALEXANDER, LAUREN
ALFORD, BRADEN
BLEVINS, GUNNAR
CALLOWAY, MATTHEW
CAMPBELL, CHARLYE
CAMPBELL, IAN
CARRIGER, KILE
CAUSEY, JARED
CLARK, CELIE
CONNER, DANIELLE
DEME, SAMIKSHA
DUNN, JORRDYN
FONSECA ESCOBA, NICOLAS
FRANCO, ALEXEE
GARCIA, RAMON
HEERAMAN, AMIT
HERNANDEZ RAMO, MIKEL
HOBBS, CHRISTOPHE
HOBBS, SARAH
HUBBARD , MASON
JONES, MATTHEW
KOO , SOPHIA
LLOYD, MEGAN
MAGUIRE, RYLEE
MCDERMETT, AUBREE
MOHERLA, ANUJ
NERIA, CARLOS
O'NEAL, SAMANTHA
OLIVAS, SHELBY
OLSON, KELSEY
POOL, RANDLE
PRUITT, HAYLEE
RICHARDSON, BRADY
RODRIGUEZ, JACOB
SCHMID, TYLER
SINISTERRA, MARIA
SMITH, MEGHAN
SOUN, KIMBERLY
SWINEY, KYLE
TA, DARIAN
TAING, SIM
TEMPLE, ALEXIS
TRANUM, PAYTON
WEAVER, SARAH
WINKLEY, MATTHEW
WRAY, CASSIDY
ZARAZUA, GABRIELLA

ALAMO JUNIOR HIGH

Seventh grade

ABBOTT, MACKENZI
ARANDA, LUIS
BADGER, MORGAN
BARRAZA, MELODY
BATISTA, RONALD
BLACKMON, KASEY
BURNETT, ADARYLL
CARRASCO, JEREMIAS
CASTANEDA, BIANCA
CRISP, SHELBY
ELLISON, CHASTIN
ELVENA, ANNISTON
ENNIS, HAILEY
FINNELL, BRENT
FINNELL, BROOKLYNN
FISH, CORMAC
FLETCHER, NATHAN
FONTANA, JOSEPH
GAONA, GREGORIO
GUTIERREZ, MORIYAH
HOLEMAN , MCCARTNEY
HUNTER, DASHAUN
HUTCHINS, JOSHUA
IBARRA, BRYAN
LABASTIDA, NICHOLAS
LINDNER, JOSHUA
LUJAN, JAYLENE
MADDY, KENNEDY
MATIS, JOHN
MEEKS, DAKOTA
MOORE, MEGAN
NEWSOM, KIRKLYND
PERALES, SAVANNAH
PHILLEY, ERIN
RAMON, AMBER
REVILLA, ELIANA
RODELA, JENNY
RODRIGUEZ, CRYSTAL
RUIZ ANAYA, INGRID
SANTACRUZ CORD, JOSE
SCHULLER, MADISON
SKELTON , SKYLAR
SPRAGLIN, ZANE
ST. CLAIR , LANDRI
ST. JOHN , REBECCA
STEWART, VICTORIA
VILLEGAS, CHRISTOPHE

Eighth grade

AGUIRRE , VALERY
BALLESTEROS CA, SONIA
BULLOCK, CARLEA
BUSTAMANTE, JANERI
CARRILLO, ARIANA
CARTER, BLAKE
CONNER, HADLEY
DE LA ROSA, NICHOLAS
DOTSON, TATUM
GREER, JACOB
GUEBARA, VALERIE
HOANG, NANCY
HOPPER, AMBER
KELLY, MADISON
KINDER, MICHAEL
LAUER, ADRIANNA
LOFTON, IVY
LOPEZ, JUAN
MARTIN, LOGAN
McDUFFEY, ETHAN
MORALES, RICHARDO
MYERS, ERIC
NINO, JESSIE
ORNELAS, RYAN
PATTON, JAMES
PEREZ, CHLOE
PORRAS GARDEA, ABEL
RASCON, MIKAYLA
SANCHEZ, DESIRAE
SCHREIER, JAMES
SHEPHERD MADISON
TIDWELL, ISAAC
ULATE, TATIANA
VARGAS, JACOB
ZACHERY, JULIAS

GODDARD JUNIOR HIGH

Seventh grade

ALFON, DORIANE
BARKER , CARLY
BARRAZA, GABRIELLA
BEJIL, MIA
BREZOVSKY, ALLISON
BUENDIA, ABIGAIL
DE LA GARZA, FAITH
DEHLINGER, SARAH
DENT, RACHEL
EDWARDS , CAMERON
EWING, MALORI
FIELDS, BRANDI
GOODRUM, BAILEY
GUERRERO , EVELYN
HINOJOS, AMAYA
JORDAN, CAMRYN
LONIGRO, CHRISTOPHE
MORALES, BRISA
NUNEZ, JONATHAN
OGO, JAHNAE MAR
PARKER, DAILEY
PIPKIN, KAITLYN
REAM, REAGAN
ROEMER, KINZIE
ROYE, JACIE
SHERMAN, CANTON
SPEIGHT, SAMUEL
STEPHENS, SYDNEY
TORRES, MATTHEW
TURNER, TREVOR
UTSMAN, LAUREL
VALLES, OMAR
VASQUEZ, JUAN
VINES, BRADEN
VONHOLL, KYLIE
WARNER, ELIJAH
YANEZ, CHRISTINA

Eighth grade

AGUILAR CARRAS, LIZETH
ALEXANDER, JOSHUA
ALMENDAREZ, JOEL
ANUSZKIEWICZ, JACKSON
ARANDA, ALEXA
BETCHER, BROOKS
BLOOM, HANNA
BRITTAIN, HALEY
DELEON, SIERRA
ELMORE, NANCY ANN
FINCHER, REAGAN
FLORES, VIVIAN
FRAZIER, JACI
FULTON, MACY
GONZALEZ, PATRICK
HERNANDEZ, ANALYCE
LAING, EMERY
MARTIN, MARLI
MATA, MIRANDA
MATTES, HANNAH
MCPHERSON, BRITTNEY
MILLER, SKY
MOLINAR, ARMANDO
MOOD, SARAH
NHOY, CHRISTOPHE
O'DELL, STEVEN
PHILLIPS, JOE
REEVES, CHLOE
RODRIGUEZ, CELESTE
RODRIGUEZ, MARISSA
SAUCEDA, MARISELA
SCHIEL, COURTNEY
TEJEDA, AARON
WARREN , ALLISON
WILKES, COURTNEY
WOOD, HOLT

SAN JACINTO JUNIOR HIGH

Seventh grade

BARNDT, MELANIE
BEEBE, SAMUEL
CARAVEO, RAMIRO
CARRASCO, MYA
CARTER, MAKAYLEE
DUARTE, MAYA
FARQUHAR, FRANCES
FOREMAN, GENTRY
GONZALES , MARINA
GONZALEZ , DAISY
GREEN, ALAYSHA
HARPER, CAROLINE
HASKELL, ROBERT
HOLMES, LOGAN
JOHNSON, TAYLOR
LAURITZEN, CAITLIN
LOPEZ, BRANDON
MATOTT, WYATT
McCALISTER, JASMINE
McCULLOUGH, COLLIN
MEE, JOHN
MEE, RAYMOND
MEN, NGUN
MOYLETT, JAKE
OLIVAS, JASMINE
ORTA, SAMUEL
PATEL, KRISHNABEN
PETTY, CARTER
PRICE, JESSICA
RAUDALES, ASHLEY
SARAPAO, KHAIT
SQUIRE, REAGAN
STEWART, ALLISON
SUN, WEI JIN
TING, HLAWN
TINKER, NOAH
TUBBS, MATTHEW
VO, ANH
WARREN, ELLEN
WRIGHT, MOLLIE
YORK, COLBIE

Eighth grade

ANDOLA, ALEXIS
BRENNER, LINDSEY
CHRISTIAN, ALEX
CHUECOS RINCON, BERNARDO
DAUGHERTY, KATHRYN
ELLIS, FOSTER
FRICKER, CLAUDIA
GILLAND, LOREN
GRIMES, MIA
HANSEN, ASHLYN
HARVEY, TORREY
HERNANDEZ, ALEXANDRIA
HORD, DAVIS
LEYVA, MELISSA
MATOTT, ROBERT
MICHAEL, CADE
PARKISON, ANNA
RHEINLANDER, CHASE
ROGERS, JAMES
SNEED, MORGAN
STATTON, WILLIAM
THACHER, ABIGAIL
TYRE, MEGAN
VANZANDT, MACKENZI
WARREN, MEGAN
WOOD, GRANT







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Members of the Texas Legacy Association, far left, ride on a float while members of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity from the University of Texas, far right, carry the Texas flag during the Texas Independence Day parade in Austin on Saturday. James W. Fannin, center, was the subject of this year's Daughters of the Republic history essay contest.

TEXAS HISTORY *essays*

The following essays were winners in a contest sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

FOURTH-GRADE TOPIC: JAMES W. FANNIN OR THE ANGEL OF GOLIAD
SEVENTH-GRADE TOPIC: JAMES W. FANNIN AND FORT DEFIANCE



EMILY THOMPSON

FOURTH-GRADER AT HILLANDER SCHOOL
DAUGHTER OF MARTY AND KARA THOMPSON

James W. Fannin was a leader in the Texas Revolution. He was born in 1805 and grew up in Georgia. He spent his childhood on a plantation with his grandfather, who owned slaves. His childhood dream was to become a soldier. James was fourteen years old when he enrolled at West point in 1819. Three years later, he dropped out due to bad grades and being wild and irresponsible. He never gave up his dream of being a commander in the military.

James Fannin moved back to Georgia and married a woman named Minerva in 1829. They had two daughters and he became a successful slave trader like his grandfather. James moved his family to Stephen F. Austin's colony in Texas in 1834. He continued slave trading and operating a plantation there, in the Mexican province of Texas. James became involved in The War Party, which was a group that wanted to fight for the Independence of Texas. This was how his military career started. Soon, he became a captain in the army.

He became friends with James Bowie. Going against Stephen F. Austin's orders, they fought and won against Mexican soldiers at the battle of Concepcion, losing only one man. This battle gave James confidence in fighting. The Texas Army needed volunteers if they were going to win their independence. Many volunteers came to be soldiers and Fannin became their leader. During this time, Fannin became unhappy with his position as commander. He thought the volunteers were too difficult to control and he wanted to return to his wife and children.

Travis and Bowie, in Feb 1836, wrote Fannin begging him to send troops to help them at the Alamo. Fannin did not respond or help them. Instead, he decided to strengthen forces at Goliad. After the Alamo fell, General Houston, disappointed with Fannin, knew the Mexican army was strengthening and surrounding the area. He ordered Fannin and his troops to leave Goliad on March 8th and to retreat to Victoria. Fannin delayed retreating for eleven days. He was waiting on carts, oxen, and reinforcements to return. On March 19th, Fannin began the retreat through Coleto Creek in Goliad County, progress was very slow. Soon, Fannin and his men became surrounded by Mexican troops. After a two-day battle at Coleto, a wounded Fannin and his troops were forced to surrender to the Mexican commander. There was a misunderstanding with the surrender. Fannin told his men they would be considered prisoners of war and would be sent to the United States. However, the Mexican commander was bound by Santa Anna's orders which was to capture armed rebels and execute them as pirates.

Three hundred and forty-five Texans were led back to Goliad and eventually all killed. The Mexicans led them outside and shot them. Fannin was last to be killed. He asked to not be shot in the head and for his body to be given a proper burial. However, they shot him in the head and his body was stripped and thrown on top of all the executed bodies and burned.

We still remember James W. Fannin today because he bravely gave his life for Texas' Independence. He was responsible for many problems and mistakes, and some question his reputation. He is honored today with a county named after him.

The remaining Texas army became more determined to win Texas' Independence after hearing the story of the Goliad Massacre. They fought with revenge winning the final battle of San Jacinto with the battle cry of "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!"



REBEKAH SOWDERS

SEVENTH-GRADER AT MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
DAUGHTER OF KIM AND SAM SOWDERS

What a glorious day to be alive! Two hundred fifty-two years ago today I sprang from my acorn. My mother had dropped me along the banks of the San Antonio River, and I began to grow. For the first few decades of my life, I struggled to find sunlight in the shade of my parents' spreading boughs. As I grew, I watched deer pass through. Native Americans camped along the river bank to hunt deer and gather acorns and pecans. Their children would climb me. Their laughter filled the air. The early decades of my life were spent in peace. The winds blew. The rains came. The sun shone. Winter turned to spring, spring to summer, summer to fall, and fall to winter. Year after year passed in a very peaceful way, but in the spring of my seventy-fifth year, an incident happened that changed my life.

The morning of March 19, 1836, started like any other morning, except for a thick fog. Men, called Texans, who had been staying at the presidio nearby, were leaving the fort. I overheard them say their commander, Colonel James W. Fannin had changed the name of the presidio from Presidio Nuestra Senora de Loreto de La Bahia to Fort Defiance (Anderson, 239). The soldiers must have thought it would be difficult to defend because they took wagons and cannons with them and set fire to the buildings they left behind (Fehrenbach, 225). I watched as they marched out of sight.

At the presidio people were coming and going. I heard the chapel bells ringing in alarm. Several hours passed. A hot wind blew in from the south. I heard the sounds of cannon fire, and I smelled smoke. I knew then that the Texans were fighting in a battle. My limbs drooped in sadness.

The next day some of the Texans returned to the fort. They were not alone. A man called General Urrea and his army of Mexican soldiers had defeated the Texans. General Urrea was bringing the Texans back as prisoners (Banks, 103). When the two armies passed beneath my boughs, I leaned one of my branches down as far as it would go and listened. I heard General Urrea tell Colonel Fannin, that the Texas army would be granted forgiveness (Banks, 103). My boughs lifted with happiness because Colonel Fannin and his men would be able to go home to their families. Sadly that was not true.

The morning of March 27, 1836, was gray and foggy. It was Palm Sunday. General Urrea had left, but he had been replaced by a man called Jose Nicolas de la Portilla. This man told the Mexican soldiers to line the Texans up into three different groups ("The Goliad Massacre," 1). One of the groups marched out and stopped right below me. Suddenly one of the Mexican soldiers shouted out a command, and without warning, they began shooting the Texans at close range (McDonald, 81). My limbs shook in horror! Many of the bullets passed through the Texans' bodies, going deep into my trunk, tearing my bark and sinking deep into me with a burning pain. Afterwards, the Mexican soldiers returned to the fort. They carried or marched the wounded Texans out of the chapel and shot them. Then they shot Colonel Fannin (Banks, 105).

Portilla's soldiers gathered up the bodies, stripped them, threw them into a heap, and burned them. Afterwards, local women came and took the Texans' clothes down to the San Antonio River and washed the blood from them, turning the water red ("The Goliad Massacre, 2). My roots sucked up the bloody water. It left a bitter taste in my branches and leaves. My limbs drooped. My leaves withered. Up until that time, I thought of myself as a strong, tall Oak tree, but as I watched in terror, I felt no strength in my limbs. I felt like a sapling again, struggling for sunlight.

Later a woman called Francita Alevez, also called the Angel of Goliad because of the many lives she saved during that treacherous battle, returned with some other people to bury the remains of the Texans (Davenport, 1). On June 3, 1836, a man called Thomas J. Rusk and several other Texans, met here at the site of the massacre and held a funeral ("The Goliad Massacre, 3). This mass grave remained unmarked until 1858 when a man called George Van Domen formed a rock pile here ("The Goliad Massacre," 4). Fifty-two years later some Boy Scouts came here and found more charred bones. Not long after that anthropologists and archeologists arrived to study the grave site. Soon afterward they placed a granite slab here and inscribed on it the names of all the men who had been killed ("The Goliad Massacre," 4).

One hundred seventy-seven years have passed since Colonel Fannin and his men were slaughtered, but I can still taste blood from the San Antonio River. I can hear the Texans' cries of pain. I can feel the cannon balls and the bullets piercing my trunk. My burnt branches sway delicately but painfully in the wind. Sometimes I think I hear the cries of "Remember Goliad!" and "Remember the Alamo!" echoing through the countryside as if it were still being cried out today.

Year after year people come to this historic place. Laughing children sit in my branches, like the Native American children did two hundred years ago. Only now they play with the bullet holes in my trunk.

Today, on my birthday, I watch as a group of school children gather in my shade. It is hot. Their teacher has brought them for a tour of my home, the old fort at Presidio la Bajia. I wish I could tell them all that I have seen.

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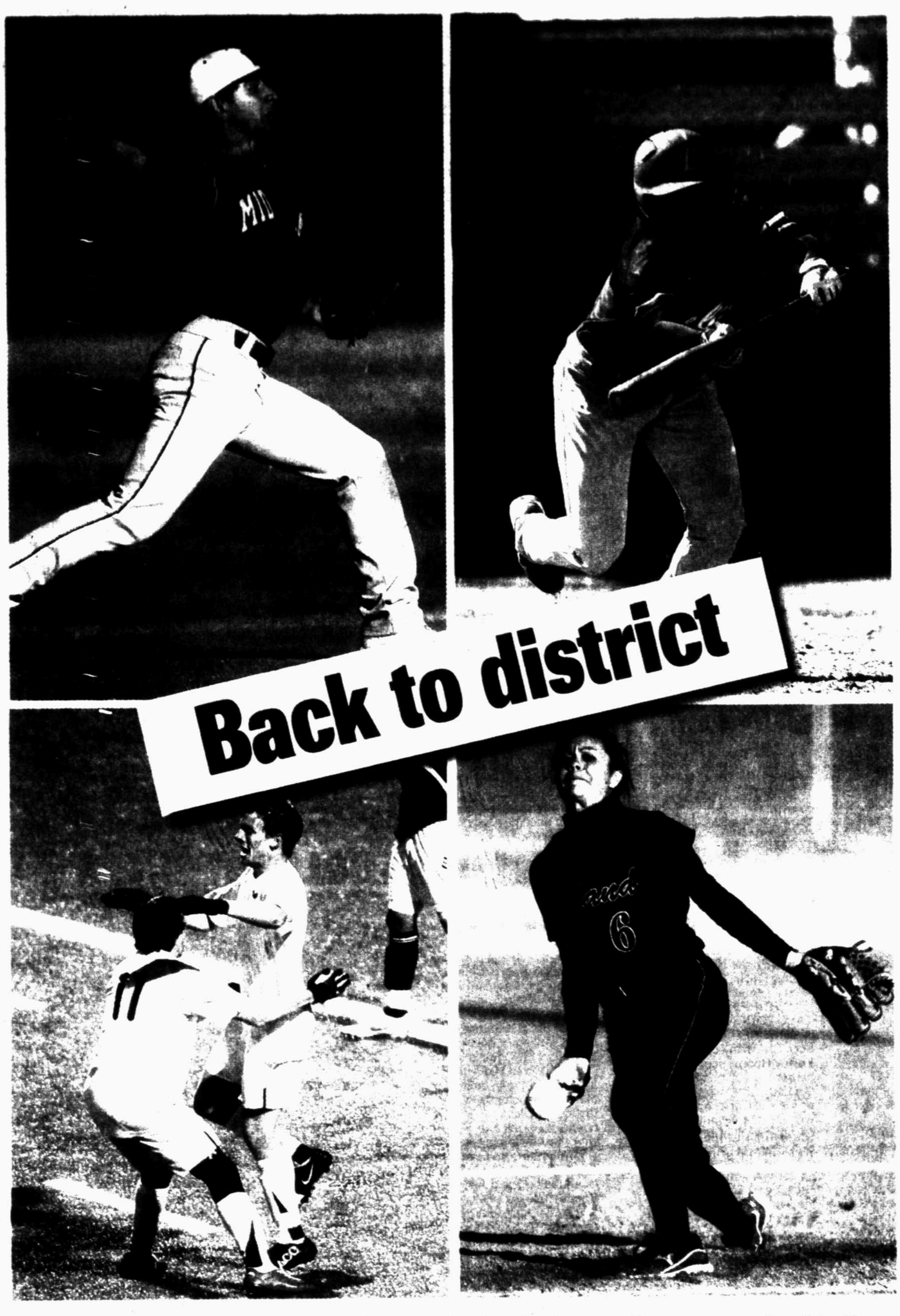
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Back to district

This has been a hectic last few weeks for the baseball, soccer and softball teams for Lee and Midland High, but today the squads will have to refocus on district play today. The District 2-5A baseball and softball seasons will resume today after they took a break last weekend as teams competed in tournaments, and the District 2-5A soccer season is in its stretch run. For 2-5A softball and baseball preview capsules, go to **Page 2C**. For 2-5A soccer preview capsules, go to **Page 4C**.

NRA title sponsor for NASCAR Cup race in Texas

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The National Rifle Association is taking its relationship with racing to a new level as the title sponsor of a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

The deal with Texas Motor Speedway comes at a time when the NRA is involved in a renewed debate on gun violence in the wake of the December shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

"It's not about politics. It's about sports marketing," TMS president Eddie Gossage said Monday after the announcement of the one-year agreement with the NRA that includes a renewal option.

The April 13 race at Texas, the first scheduled night race in the Cup Series this season, will be known as the NRA 500.

This is not the NRA's first title sponsorship in NASCAR. The group sponsored the second-tier Nationwide race last September at Atlanta, which like Texas is owned by Speedway Motorsports Inc.

"They saw it was obviously a very attractive sports marketing opportunity and seized it. That's what it's all about," Gossage said. "It's about putting on one of the great sporting events in America. I know in Atlanta last year they saluted a lot of the people that make America free. They are going to salute American freedoms and American families with this race. That's their plan so it seemed to be a good fit."

NASCAR said in a statement Monday that "race entitlement partnerships" are agreements directly between the track and the sponsor though NASCAR reserves the right to approve or disapprove those sponsorships.

"The race sponsor for Texas Motor Speedway's April event falls within the guidelines for approval for that event," NASCAR's statement said.

Wayne LaPierre, the NRA's executive vice president and CEO, expressed his excitement about the deal in a video message played during the track's media day. Gossage said LaPierre wasn't able to attend because of a scheduling conflict.

"The NRA 500 is the latest announcement in the long history of a growing partnership between the NRA, Speedway Motorsports and the NASCAR community," LaPierre said. "NRA members and NASCAR fans love their country and everything that is good and right about America. We salute our flag, volunteer in our churches and communities, cherish our families and we love racing. On April 13, we'll all come together at Texas Motor Speedway."

The sponsorship does seem like a natural. It's been a tradition at TMS that the winner of the Cup race gets to fire off a six-shooter in victory lane. And the winner of the pole gets a rifle as a prize.

At the Cup season-opening Daytona 500, Michael Waltrip drove a Toyota

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Jayhawks rout Red Raiders

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By Doug Tucker
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Jeff Withey scored 22 points and every senior had a big night at their last home game, leading No. 4 Kansas past Texas Tech, 79-42, at Allen Fieldhouse on Monday night.

Kevin Young had 14 points and Ben McLemore and Travis Releford added 13 apiece as the Jayhawks (26-4, 14-3 Big 12) took a half-game lead over No. 9 Kansas State in their quest for a ninth straight conference title.

Fueled by Young and Withey, Kansas unleashed a 19-2 run and seized a 45-20 halftime lead. Withey and McLemore combined to score the first 10 points in a 16-3 run to open the second half. Elijah Johnson had 12 assists for Kansas, giving him 22 in the last two games.

Jordan Tolbert had 16 points for Texas Tech (10-18, 3-14), which lost 60-46 at home to Kansas earlier this season.



Orlin Wagner/AP

Texas Tech guard Dusty Hannahs looks for help while covered by Kansas guard Ben McLemore, rear, during the first half of Monday's game in Lawrence, Kan.

The lopsided victory was the 30th straight for Kansas in its home finale and ensured the Jayhawks of at least 26 wins for the seventh consecutive season.

With one regular-season game left and then the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments, the four seniors — Withey, Young, Releford and Johnson — have a combined 463 victories.

Withey had baskets on Kansas' first two possessions of the second half, then McLemore dropped in two free throws and another basket as the rout got worse and Texas Tech called a timeout in a futile try to stem the tide.

But Perry Ellis scored four quick points and Johnson dunked after Kansas stole the ball and the Jayhawks suddenly had a 61-23 lead.

Texas races past sinking Baylor

Longhorns	79
Bears	70

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

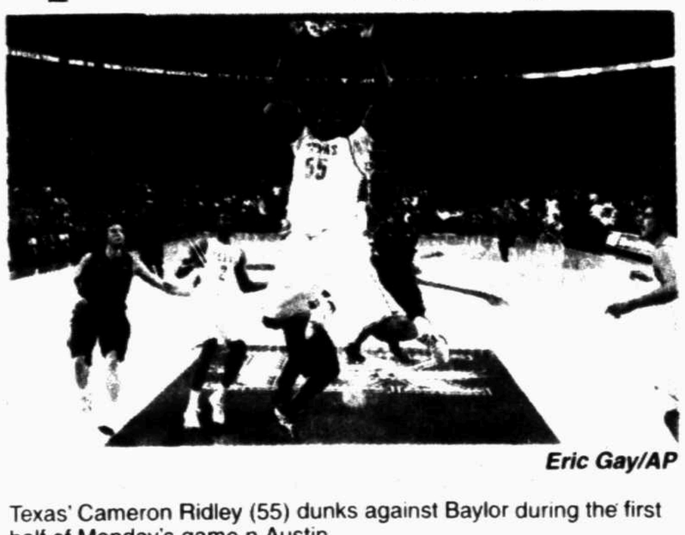
AUSTIN — Sheldon McClellan scored 23 points off the bench and Texas beat sinking Baylor 79-70 Monday night, sending the Bears to their eighth loss in 11 games.

Baylor, which fell a game short of the Final Four two of the last three seasons, came in needing to make a late push to improve its NCAA tournament chances this year but fell flat against Texas (14-16, 6-11 Big 12), having its worst season in 15 years.

Myck Kabongo scored 19 points and had eight assists, and Ioannis Papapetrou scored 18 for Texas. Papapetrou's 3-pointer with just under 5 minutes to play stopped a Baylor rally and Julien Lewis added another in the final 2 minutes that put the Longhorns ahead 70-64.

Pierre Jackson scored 22 points to lead Baylor (17-12, 8-9).

Texas led 36-34 at halftime behind 10 points each from Kabongo and McClellan. The Longhorns' Jonathan Holmes ended the half with a 3-pointer with 13 seconds left. Jackson scored 13 in the first half behind three 3-pointers for Baylor.



Eric Gay/AP

Texas' Cameron Ridley (55) dunks against Baylor during the first half of Monday's game n Austin

Texas opened the second half with an 8-2 run keyed by a block by Papapetrou. The play started a fast break that ended with him making a trailing 3-pointer. Kabongo made a 3-pointer to put Texas ahead by eight before Baylor slowly pushed back and tied it at 55 on Jackson's long jumper. The Bears took their only lead of the second half on Deuce Bello's layup off a crosscourt pass from Cory Jefferson with 5:22 to play.

Papapetrou scored two consecutive baskets to put Texas back in front. The second, a 3-pointer from the left corner, came after Papapetrou missed a tough layup but Cameron Ridley tipped the rebound back out to him for a wide-open shot that put Texas up 61-57. Ridley followed it with an emphatic dunk off another offensive rebound.

Baylor fought to stay within three until Julien Lewis made a 3-pointer and Holmes blocked a dunk by Bello with 1:33 to play.

Baylor still has a last chance to repair their fading NCAA tournament credentials. The Bears host No. 4 Kansas in the regular-season finale on Saturday before the Big 12 tournament.

MC golf team braves wind for lead

From staff reports

LOVINGTON, N.M. — The Midland College golf team braved violent winds to shoot 583 through 36 holes, good for first place on the first day of the New Mexico Junior College Invitational at Lovington Country Club.

"I thought it was tremendous play today for our team considering the weather conditions," MC coach Delnor Poss said.

Freshman Sean Lawrie shot a combined 144 to lead the medalist standings while Russ Lara was right behind him with a combined score of 145.

"Lawrie and Lara were sensational for the way they shot in those conditions," Poss said.

Poss also praised freshman David Ryan, who shot 78 on the first 18 but then shot a 1-below-par 70 on the second 18 to finish with a score of 148, despite dealing with a nagging blister on his foot.

"That showed a lot of courage on his part," Poss said.

The Chaparrals will finish up play in the Invitational today when they play the final 18 at Ocotillo Park Golf Course in Hobbs, N.M.



Lawrie



Lara

New Mexico Junior College Invitational
Lovington Country Club
Team

1. Midland College 291-292—583; 2. New Mexico JC 303-302—605; 3. New Mexico Military Institute 301-324—625

Midland College (583) — Sean Lawrie 72-72—144; Russ Lara 72-73—145; David Ryan 78-70—148; Sean Nee 71-81—152; Blake Brorman 75-78—153

Individual

Midland College — Tyler Brown 72-80—152; Jake Boggus 82-78—160

Chaps end series against FPC with split

From staff reports



Fagnan



Vargas

BORGER — Midland College split a pair of games Monday in a doubleheader against Frank Phillips College.

The Chaparrals (11-6) pulled away from Frank Phillips late in the first game thanks to eight runs in the final three innings, then saw Frank Phillips do the same in the second game despite a two-run home run by Jeremie Fagnan.

In the first game, Lee product Daniel Vargas went 3 for 3 with two RBI, including an RBI single in the top of the sixth, the second of back-to-back three-run innings for the Chaps. Former Midland Christian Mustang Steve Withrow went 0 for 2 in the first game but matched Vargas' two RBI while Jay Gonzales was 2 for 4 with an RBI. Midland High product Matt Reyes went 2 for 4 in the second game, the only Chap with multiple hits, while Fagnan drove in the only runs of the game with his two-run shot to right.

Midland College returns to action Wednesday when it visits rival Odessa College at 3 p.m.

Chaps.....10-2
Plainsmen.....4-6

MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, FRANK PHILLIPS 4

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Frank Phillips	003	202	0	—4	6	2

Thomas McIlrath and Chris Shaw J. Spencer Z. Long (5) G. Hernandez (7) W — McIlrath L — Spence 2B — Frank Phillips L. Arias

FRANK PHILLIPS 6, MIDLAND COLLEGE 2

MC	000	020	000	—2	7	3
Frank Phillips	020	201	10x	—6	14	1

Cody Brown, Jared Robinson (6) and Hunter Redman C Wozniak, J. Jones (8) W — Wozniak L — Brown 2B — Frank Phillips, J. Klemm HR — MC Jeremie Fagnan Frank Phillips B. McKenzie

Next: MC at Odessa College 3 p.m. Wednesday

HSBASEBALLCAPSULES

BY JORDAN MASON

District 2-5A
MIDLAND HIGH
AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 4 p.m. today, Donsky Field

Records: MHS 10-2, 1-0 in District 2-5A; Central 7-2, 1-0

Last game: MHS 4, Lubbock Estacado 2; Central 21, Round Rock Westwood 17

Last district game: Midland High 14, Odessa Permian 0; San Angelo Central 10, Abilene Cooper 2

Notes: This is an early matchup of the teams with the top two records in District 2-5A. Bulldog coach Barry Russell said before the season that he felt Central was a district title contender and still believes the Bobcats are flying under the radar early in the season. "We've got our chore cut out for us," Russell said. "They can play," Russell said what sticks out about the Bobcats is an infield that "looks like a starting basketball team" with every starter standing 6-feet-plus. The Bobcats are also hitting well right now, Russell said. ... Fortunately for Midland High, pitching is an area the Bulldogs have been strong in this season, which continued this past weekend in the Tournament of Champions. "Our pitching has been solid all the way through and it was solid again this weekend," Russell said. "Our same guys that pitched well in Round Rock pitched well in the Tournament of Champions. We still have trouble getting runners in — that's got to improve and our baunting's got to improve." ... Russell said junior Jackson Lancaster (2-0) will get the start on the mound and that senior Alex Mata will also be available. "(Lancaster's) been the guy that's been the most consistent," Russell said. "Alex, the last two outings, has been very good, so we'll throw out there whoever we have to." ... Russell said execution will be the key to victory for his team. "We're on the road, we can't make any mistakes, and that's kind of been our downfall," Russell said. "We've had some great moments and we've had some 'What the world?' moments, and we're going to have to cut our 'What the world?' moments down." Midland High defeated Central in the teams' first meeting at Zachery Field last year, but dropped the second meeting on the road.

Next: MHS at Scotland Yard Classic, Dallas; Central at Fort Worth Arlington Heights Tournament, TBA

2-5A baseball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	1	0	10	2
San Angelo Central	1	0	7	2
Lee	1	0	7	5
Lubbock Coronado	0	0	7	5
Abilene High	0	0	9	6
Amarillo Tascosa	0	0	7	6
Abilene Cooper	0	1	4	5
Odessa Permian	0	1	4	9
Odessa High	0	1	4	8

Feb. 28

Midland High 14, Odessa Permian 0; Lee 11, Odessa High 2; San Angelo Central 10, Abilene Cooper 2; Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, ppd. Lubbock Coronado was idle.

Today's Games

Midland High at San Angelo Central, 4 p.m.; Odessa High at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.; Odessa High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado, 8 p.m. Lee is idle.

ODESSA PERMIAN
AT LEE

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Ernie Johnson Field

Records: Permian 4-8, 0-1 in District 2-5A; Lee 5-5, 1-0

Last game: Wolfforth Frenship 12, Permian 5; Lee 3, Canyon Randall 0

Notes: After a 2-3 showing in the Tournament of Champions, Lee stays in Midland for its home district opener against Odessa Permian. The Rebels swept Permian last season, including a run-rule victory at Ernie Johnson Field. Lee is one of just three teams in 2-5A with a district victory, along with crosstown rival Midland High and San Angelo Central. ... Rebel coach Brian Roper said he was happy with the way his team played in three of the five games in the TOC despite the Rebels winning just two. But Roper was quick to note that his team still has a long way to go before it gets to where it needs to be. "We're trying to gain some consistency," Roper said. "There's probably a lot of things that maybe certain baseball fans won't notice that are important to me and what we're doing like our approach at the plate. We just have to learn." Roper said despite Permian playing in the TOC that scouting the Panthers wasn't high on the list of priorities for his team. "That is not as important to me right now as can we execute our own game plan," Roper said. ... With stiff competition awaiting Lee at the Calallen Tournament in Corpus Christi, Roper said this week will be key for his team. "I think this week will be a great challenge for us," Roper said. "That's the way the kids need to look at it...We need to look at it like, 'Wow, what a great opportunity to get better.' ... Permian enters this game after going 1-4 in the TOC and has lost nine of its last 10 games.

Next: Permian at Lubbock FirstBank Classic, TBA; Lee at Corpus Christi Calallen Tournament, TBA

ODESSA HIGH
AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Blackburn Field

Records: OHS 4-8, 0-1 in District 2-5A; AHS 6-6, 0-0

Last game: El Paso El Dorado 17, OHS 5; AHS 8, Burleson 4

Next: OHS at Lubbock FirstBank Classic, TBA; AHS at Abilene ISD Tournament, TBA

ABILENE COOPER
AT LUBBOCK CORONADO

When/where: 6 p.m. today, O'Banion Field

Records: Cooper 4-5, 0-1 in District 2-5A; Coronado 7-5, 0-0

Last game: Saginaw 4, Cooper 2; Mansfield High 8, Coronado 3

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MANGUM TAKES 2ND IN ABILENE

ABILENE — Lee senior boys singles player Stephen Mangum finished second at this weekend's Cougar Classic.

Mangum's finish was one of two top five placings for the Rebels on Saturday as Lee's Hope Williams finished fourth in girls singles.

Alex Quinones finished 15th in boys singles, and the boys doubles tandem of Bryson Albert and Chase Lynch also finished 15th in boys doubles.

The team finished ninth overall.

MCS TENNIS SQUADS COMPETE IN DENTON

DENTON — The Midland Christian boys doubles team of Austin Hedrick and Kolton Cook won a title and boys singles player Johnathan Dorman took second at the Goldfield Open this past weekend.

Also in boys doubles, Josh Hailes and Marcus Gower took third place.

Along with Dorman finishing second in boys singles, Zane Nelson won the consolation bracket and Brady Johnson took second.

Ashley Hedrick finished third in girls singles and Caitlin Bell advanced to the quarterfinals.

In girls doubles, Katie Vaughan and Kalinda Wight took third and Natalie Keesee and Faith McKinney combined to win the consolation bracket.

Ryan Adams and Bailey Warpula finished second in mixed doubles.

In the boys singles B Division, Preston Clements advanced to the quarterfinals.

DRILLERS BEAT AUSTIN, 48-0

The West Texas Drillers scored five first-quarter touchdowns and forced seven turnovers to beat the Austin Tigers, 48-0, on Saturday night at Grande Communications Stadium.

Jorge Castillo and Chad Thompson each had 3-yard scoring runs in the first quarter, and quarterback Chris Ware connected with J.D. Hernandez, Aaron Rogers and Taylor Fields on TD passes in the opening quarter.

Chris Sotelo and Ware each scored on TD runs, and Aaron Eskihati also added a 32-yard field.

For the Drillers' defense, Michael Heetland, Allan Harrison, Marcus Stenix and Nick Tipton had interceptions, and Anthony Sapa, Harrison and Ben Janshen recovered fumbles.

West Texas will return to action on Saturday on the road against the Curry County Cats.

HOPPEL EARNS ALL-TOURNEY HONORS

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Lubbock Christian sophomore Kelsey Hoppel scored a career-high 30 points to lead the Lady Chaps to the Sooner Athletic Conference title with a 77-64 victory against Oklahoma City University on Saturday.

Hoppel, who earned SAC All-Tournament honors, connected on 7-of-12 shots from the field and was 3 of 6 from 3-point range.

Lubbock Christian (29-3) earned a spot in the NAIA Women's National Basketball Tournament, which is set to begin on March 13.

BRAILSFORD EARNS HEARTLAND CONFERENCE HONOR

ODESSA — University of Texas of the Permian Basin infielder Nikki Brailsfort was named the Heartland Conference Softball Hitter of the Week for last week.

She ended the weekend hitting .444 in four games against Eastern New Mexico and West Texas A&M and drew a pair of walks for a team-leading .500 on-base percentage with a team-high slugging percentage of .889.

HSSOFTBALLCAPSULES

BY JONATHAN HULL

ODESSA PERMIAN
AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 4 p.m. today, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

Records: Permian 16-3, 1-0 in 2-5A; Midland High 15-3, 1-0

Last district game: Permian 14, Abilene Cooper 0; Midland High 12, Odessa High 1

Notes: Both Midland High and Permian are coming off run-rule victories in their respective District 2-5A openers a week ago. Permian got a stellar pitching performance from Elizabeth Craig, who tossed a two-hit shutout against Abilene Cooper in a 14-0 victory. The Lady Panthers also had seven extra-base hits in the win, including a home run from Monique Hernandez. ... Midland High junior pitcher Stefani Baeza gave up a run in the first inning, but shut down Odessa High in the next five innings as MHS came away with a 12-1 run-rule victory against the Lady Bronchos. ... The Lady Bulldogs went 5-0 at the McKinney Tournament this past weekend, picking up wins against Lucas Lovejoy, Carrollton Creekview, Allen, Red Oak and Denton Ryan. ... Odessa Permian won the consolation title at the Seminole Tournament over the weekend, defeating Midland Christian, 11-7, in the consolation final. ... Midland High first baseman Lexi Lopez played for Odessa Permian two seasons ago before tranferring to Midland High and spending last year on the junior varsity. Lopez had 10 home runs on the season heading into this past weekend's tournament.

Next: Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Friday.

LEE AT ODESSA HIGH

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex, Odessa

Records: Lee 15-2, 0-0 in 2-5A; Odessa High 5-7, 0-1

Last district game: This is Lee's district opener; Midland High 12, Odessa High 1

Notes: Lee is playing its first district game, and is coming into 2-5A play on a high note. The Lady Rebels went 4-1 at the Burleson Tournament over the weekend, and had earned a berth into the tourney's championship game. However, with the game set to start after 8 p.m. Saturday and District 2-5A opponent Lubbock Coronado set as the opponent, the two teams decided not to play the game and share the tournament title. ... Senior pitcher Emily Hardaway threw a perfect game in a 5-0 victory against Killeen Ellison during the first game of the Burleson Tournament. Hardaway later pitched a four-hit shutout in a 5-0 victory against Justin Northwest. ... Odessa High had a rough time in the field and at the plate during its 12-1 loss to Midland High in a 2-5A opener last week. The Lady Bronchos committed seven errors in the loss with half of Midland High's runs being unearned.

Next: San Angelo Central at Lee, 4 p.m. Friday; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. Friday



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Fort Stockton's Jericha Martinez loses control of the ball as Lee's Adri Berzoza safely steals second base during a Feb. 21 game at the West Texas Classic Softball Tournament.

2-5A Softball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	1	0	16	1
Odessa Permian	1	0	16	3
Midland High	1	0	15	3
Abilene High	1	0	14	3
Lee	0	0	15	2
Abilene Cooper	0	1	12	9
Odessa High	0	1	5	7
San Angelo Central	0	1	4	11
Amarillo Tascosa	0	1	0	1

Feb. 26

Midland High 12, Odessa High 1, 6 innings; Abilene High 8, San Angelo Central 7; Odessa Permian 14, Abilene Cooper 0, 5 innings; Lee was idle

Monday's Score

Lubbock Coronado 12 Amarillo Tascosa 5, 5 innings

Today's Games

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

ABILENE COOPER
AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 4 p.m. today, San Angelo

Records: Cooper 10-9, 0-1 in 2-5A; Central 4-11, 0-1

Last district game: Odessa Permian 14, Cooper 0; Abilene High 8, San Angelo Central 7

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Lee, 4 p.m.

NO. 2 LUBBOCK CORONADO
AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 4 p.m. today, Abilene

Records: Coronado 15-1, 1-0 in 2-5A; Abilene High 14-3, 1-0

Last district game: Coronado 12 Amarillo Tascosa 5, 5 innings Abilene High 8, San Angelo Central 7

Next: Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m. Saturday.

Fall college baseball may be coming

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

The Big Ten is measuring support for a proposal that would give baseball teams the option of playing non-conference games in the fall that would count toward determining the NCAA tournament field the following spring.

Big Ten coaches voted to continue studying the possibility, and deputy commissioner Brad Traviolia said Monday the conference is in the process of explaining the concept to coaches across the country.

Traviolia wrote in an email to The Associated Press that he couldn't predict when, or if, the conference would submit the proposal to the NCAA legislative process.

"However," he wrote, "we would plan to move forward once we feel we have a broad base of support."

The Big Ten and other northern conferences for years have sought ways for their schools to gain greater access to the NCAA tournament, which has been dominated by programs from the South and West since the late 1980s.

Cold weather puts northern schools at a disadvantage when the season starts in February. Those schools must travel to the South or West to play the first month of the season, which reduces their number of possible home games.

Purdue coach Doug Schreiber came up with the idea of playing fall non-conference games that count so northern schools can eliminate one or two early-season trips and spread more home games over the fall and spring.

Schreiber said northern programs could increase revenue by scheduling games on home football weekends and reduce missed class time in February and March.

Schreiber said the reception for the proposal at the American Baseball Coaches Association meeting in January was "lukewarm" — which he found encouraging.

"When I initially brought it up a few years ago, you could hear crickets in the room," Schreiber said. "Now the numbers are a little bit better, and I think they'll grow when (coaches) start to understand the proposal."

The proposal would not change the mid-February start date or the structure of conference play or NCAA regionals, super regionals and College World Series.

There is no agreement on the maximum number of fall games. Schreiber suggests teams be allowed to practice 24 times beginning in late August and then have the option to play up to 14 games from mid-September to late October. A team that plays 14 games in the fall would have a maximum of 42 to play the following spring.

Indiana coach Tracy Smith said to gain support from programs in the South and West, four to six fall games would be reasonable to start.

Home games are crucial for building a team's RPI — the biggest factor in NCAA tournament selection — because the home team wins about 60 percent of the time, according to the NCAA.

Big Ten favorite Indiana is scheduled to play 18 home games this season while defending national champion Arizona will play 38.

Bulldogs' Hopkins-Rey take 4th at Cougar Classic

From staff reports

ABILENE — Midland High's mixed doubles team of Michael Hopkins and Hannah Rey took fourth in the Cougar Classic this past weekend.

Hopkins and Rey lost to the top seeds in the semifinals, and then fell to Odessa High's squad in the third-place match. Also in mixed doubles, Chris Lopez and Morgan Kratzer finished 15th.

Matt Fitzgerald and Phillip Koonce combined to finish 10th in boys doubles, and Tyler Gilland and Sam Ross took the 14th spot.

Caroline Smith and KK Hanson finished 11th in girls doubles, and Katie Almaguer took 14th in girls singles.

Jacob Stumb finished 12th in boys singles.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	23	15	6	2	32	79	61
New Jersey	22	10	7	5	25	54	60
Philadelphia	23	11	11	1	23	68	68
N.Y.Rangers	20	10	10	0	20	57	62
N.Y.Islanders	22	9	11	2	20	64	75

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	22	14	4	4	32	68	53
Boston	19	14	3	2	30	57	42
Ottawa	23	12	7	4	28	67	57
Toronto	23	14	8	1	29	68	57
Buffalo	23	9	12	2	20	60	73

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	21	12	8	1	25	63	59
Winnipeg	21	10	10	1	21	55	64
Tampa Bay	22	9	12	1	19	59	71
Florida	22	6	11	5	17	55	82
Washington	20	8	11	1	17	55	59

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	22	19	3	0	41	70	41
Detroit	22	10	8	4	24	61	59
St. Louis	21	11	8	2	24	60	61
Nashville	22	9	8	5	23	46	54
Columbus	22	6	12	4	16	49	66

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	21	11	6	4	26	61	58
Minnesota	21	11	8	2	24	49	51
Calgary	20	8	8	4	20	57	66
Colorado	20	8	10	2	18	50	60
Edmonton	21	8	9	4	20	51	58

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	21	15	3	3	33	75	60
Phoenix	22	11	8	3	25	67	74
Dallas	22	11	9	2	24	61	63
San Jose	22	10	9	4	24	47	44
Los Angeles	19	10	7	2	22	49	47

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

Monday's Scores
Phoenix 5, Anaheim 4, SO
Toronto 4, New Jersey 2
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 3
Nashville at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y.Islanders, 6 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y.Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARIES
MAPLE LEAFS 4, DEVILS 2

New Jersey	0	2	0 — 2
Toronto	1	0	3 — 4

First Period—Toronto, Kadri 9 (MacArthur, Komarov), 10:34.
Second Period—2, New Jersey, Zidlicky 2 (Carter), 5:43. 3, New Jersey, Zidlicky 3 (Carter), 11:18.
Third Period—4, Toronto, McClement 3, 39:5. Toronto, MacArthur 6 (Kadri, Franson), 7:25 (pp). 6, Toronto, Kessel 5 (Van Riemsdyk, Gunnarsson), 19:52.
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 8-10-12—30. Toronto 6-5-13—24.
Goalies—New Jersey, Hedberg. Toronto, Reimer A—19,435 (18,819). T—2:36.

PENGUINS 4, LIGHTNING 3

Tampa Bay	0	2	1 — 3
Pittsburgh	1	0	3 — 4

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Talbot 12 (Crosby), 4:13.
Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 16 (Hedman, St. Louis), 2:29. 3, Tampa Bay, Pyatt 5 (Thompson, Palat), 11:59.
Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 5, 5:38. 5, Pittsburgh, Crosby 11 (Letang), 7:29. 6, Pittsburgh, Neal 14 (Malkin, Letang), 19:08 (pp). 7, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 17 (Lecavalier, St. Louis), 19:52.
Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 7-12-9—28. Pittsburgh 9-12-12—32.
Goalies—Tampa Bay, Garon. Pittsburgh, Fleury. A—18,656 (18,387). T—2:36.

COYOTES 5, DUCKS 4, SO

Anaheim	1	1	2	0 — 4
Phoenix	0	2	2	0 — 5

Phoenix won shootout 2-0
First Period—1, Anaheim, Beleskey 5 (Getzlaf, Lovejoy), 10:12.
Second Period—2, Phoenix, Vermette 6 (Moss, Ekman-Larsson), 59. 3, Phoenix, Yandle 4 (Ekman-Larsson, Sullivan), 6:34 (pp). 4, Anaheim, Getzlaf 8 (Perry), 19:52 (sh).
Third Period—5, Anaheim, Perry 9 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 1:56 (pp). 6, Phoenix, Doan 6 (Chuchura, Lombardi), 2:07. 7, Anaheim, Ryan 6 (Bonino, Cogliano), 11:47. 8, Phoenix, Lombardi 3 (Stone, Chipchura), 7:49.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Anaheim 1 (Selanne NG, Getzlaf G, Perry NG, Bonino NG, Ryan NG). Phoenix 2 (Boedker NG, Sullivan G, Vermette NG, Doan NG, Ekman-Larsson G).
Shots on Goal—Anaheim 14-9-8-0—31. Phoenix 13-15-7-5—40.
Goalies—Anaheim, Hiller. Phoenix, Smith. A—11,024 (17,125). T—2:44.

Coll. Baseball

Baseball America Top 25
DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through March 3 and ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

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

Collegiate Baseball Poll
TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 3 points and previous rank is voting by coaches from sports writers and sports information directors:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 North Carolina	10-0	1,000	1
2 Vanderbilt	12-1	941	2
3 Oregon St	12-0	891	5
4 Louisiana St	10-1	850	4
5 Mississippi St	15-0	847	9
6 South Carolina	8-2	786	7
7 Kentucky	10-1	684	8
8 N.C. State	10-1	482	11
9 Stanford	9-2	479	14
10 Oklahoma	11-1	475	10
11 Mississippi	11-1	472	16
12 Cal. St Fullerton	10-1	469	17
13 UCLA	8-2	468	12
14 Oregon	8-3	467	6
15 Florida St	10-0	465	18
16 Georgia Tech	11-1	460	19
17 Virginia	12-0	460	24
18 Arizona	10-3	457	15
19 Louisville	9-2	454	23
20 Arizona St	7-2-1	452	26
21 Cal Poly	9-1	448	27
22 U.C Irvine	10-2	445	21
23 Florida Gulf Coast	8-3	441	25
24 Miami, Fla.	10-2	439	20
25 Notre Dame	8-2	430	22

College Basketball

Men

Monday's Scores
SOUTHWEST
Texas 79, Baylor 76
SOUTH
Coppin St. 63, Md.-Eastern Shore 60
Maryland 75, Bethune-Cookman 68
Louisville 67, Cincinnati 51
Morgan St. 66, Delaware St. 47
NC A&T 58, Savannah St. 57
NC Central 62, SC State 54
Norfolk St. 69, Florida A&M 58
MIDWEST
Kansas 79, Texas Tech 42
FAR WEST
Montana 66, S. Utah 74, OT
TOURNAMENT
Conference Carolinas
Quarterfinals
Barton 80, Coker 71
Limestone 96, Mount Olive 70
Red River Athletic
Conference Championship
St. Thomas (Texas) 67, SW Assemblies 51

Top 25 Fared
Monday

1. Gonzaga (29-2) did not play. Next: WCC semifinals, Saturday.
2. Indiana (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Ohio State, Tuesday.
3. Duke (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Tuesday.
4. Kansas (26-4) beat Texas Tech 79-42. Next: at Baylor, Saturday.
5. Georgetown (23-4) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Wednesday.
6. Miami (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
7. Michigan (24-5) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.
8. Louisville (25-5) beat Cincinnati 67-51. Next: vs. No. 24 Notre Dame, Saturday.
9. Kansas State (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Tuesday.
10. Michigan State (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Wisconsin, Thursday.
11. Florida (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
12. New Mexico (25-4) did not play. Next: at Nevada, Wednesday.
13. Oklahoma State (22-6) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.
14. Ohio State (21-7) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Indiana, Tuesday.
15. Marquette (21-7) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Tuesday.
16. Saint Louis (23-5) did not play. Next: at Xavier, Wednesday.
17. Syracuse (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
18. Arizona (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Saturday.
19. Oregon (23-6) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Thursday.
20. Pittsburgh (23-7) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Saturday.
21. VCU (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Richmond, Wednesday.
22. Wisconsin (20-9) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Michigan State, Thursday.
23. UCLA (22-7) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Wednesday.
24. Notre Dame (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Tuesday.
25. Memphis (25-4) did not play. Next: at UTEP, Tuesday.

Women

Monday's Scores
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 90, Kansas St. 68
Oklahoma 77, Texas Tech 73
SOUTH
Coll. of Charleston 70, Furman 58
Coppin St. 69, Md.-Eastern Shore 60
Davidson 72, W. Carolina 46
Elon 76, Georgia Southern 65
Florida A&M 84, Norfolk St. 78, OT
Hampton 74, Bethune-Cookman 28
Morgan St. 59, Delaware St. 49
NC A&T 58, Savannah St. 47
NC State 70, NC Central 50
Samford 83, Appalachian St. 60
UNC-Greensboro 68, Wofford 50
MIDWEST
Iowa St. 73, Oklahoma St. 70
Marquette 72, Cincinnati 58
Notre Dame 96, UConn 87, 3OT
Youngstown St. 72, Valparaiso 50
EAST
Bryant 61, Robert Morris 56, OT
CCSU 75, St. Francis (Pa.) 71
Fairleigh Dickinson 59, Wagner 54
LIU Brooklyn 73, Sacred Heart 68
Monmouth (NJ) 71, Mount St. Mary's 63
Quinnipiac 73, St. Francis (NY) 54
Rutgers 65, Pittsburgh 44
South Florida 63, Georgetown 35
St. John's 67, DePaul 54
Syracuse 66, Louisville 57
Villanova 72, Providence 38
FAR WEST
Montana St. 56, S. Utah 48
TOURNAMENT
TranSouth Conference

GOLF

PGA

FedExCup Leaders
Through March 3

Rank	Player	Points	Money
1	Brandt Snedeker	1,282	$2,859,920
2	Matt Kuchar	811	$1,987,000
3	Russell Henley	618	$1,238,280
4	Steve Stricker	604	$1,232,760
5	Hunter Mahan	600	$1,412,965
6	Brian Gay	599	$1,103,221
7	Charles Howell III	592	$1,124,971
8	John Merrick	565	$1,296,014
9	Dustin Johnson	562	$1,216,757
10	Tiger Woods	555	$1,171,667
11	Michael Thompson	501	$1,096,919
12	Chris Kirk	497	$1,004,033
13	Jimmy Walker	426	$812,650
14	Jason Day	420	$782,529
15	Josh Teater	411	$870,934
16	Steven Bowditch	401	$940,000
17	Jason Dufner	380	$1,009,164
18	Scott Piercy	376	$789,592
19	Bill Haas	374	$816,200
20	Luke Guthrie	369	$621,753
21	Keegan Bradley	366	$736,992
22	Webb Simpson	357	$701,742
23	Robert Allenby	355	$729,234
24	Charlie Beljan	347	$765,800
25	Freddie Jacobson	345	$744,611
26	Ryan Moore	340	$683,928
27	James Hahn	329	$704,788
28	Kevin Stadler	296	$547,966
29	David Lingmerth	293	$526,910
30	Brian Stuard	269	$429,273
31	Ricky Fowler	265	$572,055
32	Nick Watney	253	$464,975
33	Bubba Watson	247	$559,600
34	Brendon de Jonge	243	$184,089
35	Ryan Moore	242	$452,875
36	Chad Campbell	240	$545,200
37	Ryan Palmer	238	$476,148
38	Billy Horschel	236	$362,104
39	John Rollins	221	$415,203
40	Ian Poulter	218	$405,100
41	Scott Stallings	217	$419,125
42	Nicholas Thompson	217	$334,666
43	Ted Potter Jr.	211	$374,223
44	Kevin Streelman	205	$358,343
45	Bryce Molder	203	$358,343
46	Charley Hoffman	200	$356,148
47	Aaron Baddeley	196	$384,661
48	Erik Compton	194	$347,268
49	Cameron Tringale	191	$214,761
50	Graham DeLaet	191	$379,824
51	Tommy Gainey	187	$351,511
52	Carl Pettersson	186	$362,040
53	Brendan Steele	185	$393,947
54	David Lynn	185	$251,957
55	Bob Estes	178	$220,635
56	Graeme McDowell	174	$431,000
57	George McNeill	172	$175,160
58	Lucas Glover	172	$279,532
59	Scott Langley	169	$338,115
60	Lee Westwood	166	$286,428
61	Jeff Overton	165	$262,572
62	K.J. Choi	156	$255,964
63	Sang Moon Bae	156	$271,822
64	Pat Perez	154	$237,328
65	Justin Rose	151	$322,200
66	Justin Hicks	149	$267,755
67	James Driscoll	142	$279,967
68	Jim Furyk	141	$259,805
69	Greg Chalmers	139	$221,947
70	Bo Van Pelt	138	$226,814
71	Marc Leishman	138	$241,792
72	Brad Fritsch	133	$220,360
73	Stewart Cink	133	$192,203
74	Richard H. Lee	131	$268,964
75	Patrick Reed	129	$247,835
76	Justin Leonard	128	$119,138
77	Tommy Gainey	128	$238,615
78	Kevin Chappell	126	$215,973
79	Doug LaBelle II	126	$113,013
80	Matt Every	124	$236,100
81	Vijay Singh	123	$132,775
82	Zach Johnson	120	$189,120
83	Jeff Klauk	114	$138,694
84	John Senden	110	$140,344
85	Mark Wilson	107	$196,592
86	Harris English	106	$197,822
87	Roberto Castro	105	$124,569
88	Sergio Garcia	104	$223,600
89	Robert Streb	104	$167,644
90	Peter Hanson	104	$217,344
91	Sean O'Hair	104	$172,490
92	Ernie Els	103	$190,232
93	Johnson Wagner	103	$158,244
94	Casey Wittenberg	103	$137,938
95	William McGirt	102	$142,565
96	K.E. Yang	101	$163,999
97	Charley Hoffman	101	$168,941
98	Ricky Barnes	101	$139,227
99	Charles Warmington	100	$219,600
100	Luke Donald	100	$195,000
101	Ross Fisher	99	$115,312
102	Ben Crane	98	$195,115
103	Matt Jones	97	$133,801
104	Seung-yul Noh	96	$153,545
105	Gary Woodland	95	$167,356
106	Brian Harman	95	$84,514
107	Greg Owen	95	$106,168
108	Gary Woodland	95	$167,356
109	Jerry Kelly	93	$84,582
110	Matt Kuchar	92	$211,320
111	Jason Dufner	91	$147,643
112	Boo Weekley	90	$103,956
113	Nick Price	90	$84,514
114	Jonas Blixt	88	$119,076
115	Martin Kaymer	85	$158,042
116	Matt Every	84	$74,102
117	Billy Hurley III	84	$190,988
118	Robert Garrigus	81	$200,712
119	Jason Kokrak	81	$84,444
120	Rickie Fowler	80	$116,377
121	Stephen Ames	79	$83,067
122	Ben Curtis	79	$70,373
123	Scott Gardner	71	$114,374
124	Nicholas Price	71	$73,989
125	Martin Flores	70	$63,535
126	Ben Crane	69	$148,940
127	Dicky Pride	69	$70,000
128	Jordan Spieth	68	$67,164
129	Bo Van Pelt	67	$52,206
130	Tag Ridings	66	$106,982
131	Roland Thatcher	65	$122,580
132	Steve Marino	63	$118,106
133	Brian Davis	62	$58,665
134	Steve Stricker	61	$58,765
135	Jason Gore	59	$48,044
136	Trevor Immelman	52	$58,665
137	Jason Bohn	52	$58,665
138	Hank Kuehne	50	$48,044
139	John Mallinger	47	$70,149
140	Kevin Na	47	$70,149
141	Tim Herron	46	$56,092
142	Chez Reavie	44	$74,716
143	Jonathan Byrd	43	$74,102
144	Tim Clark	42	$84,169
145	Lee Williams	35	$56,221
146	Rafael Campos	32	$56,221
147	Aaron Goldberg	27	$56,000
148	Vaughn Taylor	15	$47,656
149	Russell Knox	13	$35,665
150	Ken Duke	12	$35,665

LPGA

Money Leaders
Through March 3

	Trn	Money
1 Stacy Lewis	3	$301,964
2 Inbee Park	2	$232,517
3 Jiyai Shin	3	$214,358
4 Yani Tseng	3	$196,451
5 Ai Miyazato	3	$194,251
6 Beatriz Recari	3	$158,159
7 Paula Creamer	2	$107,554
8 Mariajo Uribe	3	$91,396
9 Jessica Korda	3	$89,420
10 Catriona Matthew	3	$78,028
11 Karrie Webb	3	$74,773
12 Danielle Kang	2	$73,666
13 Hee Young Park	3	$66,987
14 Lizette Salas	3	$66,624
15 Chella Choi	3	$64,277
16 Gerina Piller	3	$63,613
17 Pornanong Phatlum	3	$49,923
18 Shanshan Feng	2	$45,914
20 Carlota Ciganda	3	$44,972
21 Nicole Castrale	2	$42,519
22 I.K. Kim	2	$41,045
23 Brittany Lincicome	3	$40,019
24 Anna Nordqvist	3	$39,959
25 Katherine Hull-Kirk	3	$38,769
26 Jenny Shin	3	$38,373
27 Karrie Webb	3	$36,112
28 Amy Yang	3	$35,650
29 Azahara Munoz	3	$33,963
30 Hee Won Hair	2	$31,232
31 Morgan Pressel	2	$31,113
32 Sun Young Yoo	2	$28,802
33 Thidapa Suwannapura	1	$28,632
33 Manuel Uribe	1	$28,632
35 Angela Stanford	3	$28,370
36 Caroline Hedwall	3	$27,801
37 Stacy Prammanasudh	3	$26,954
38 Suzann Pettersen	3	$26,556
39 Karine Icher	3	$25,743
40 Pree Lee	3	$24,659
41 Jodi Ewart Shadoff	2	$24,641
42 Candie Kung	3	$22,885
43 Giulia Sergas	3	$21,951
44 Hee Kyung Seo	2	$21,790
45 Mariajo Uribe	2	$19,830
46 Cindy LaCrosse	3	$19,673
47 Dewi Claire Schreefel	3	$19,561
48 Ayako Uehara	3	$18,594
49 Christel Boeljon	3	$17,979
50 Sarah Jane Smith	3	$17,479

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Money Leaders
Through March 3

	Trn	Money
1 Patrick Cantlay	2	$78,316
2 Kevin Foley	3	$110,293
3 Jamie Lovemark	2	$77,340
4 Mathew Goggin	2	$73,440
5 Ben Brown	2	$71,760
6 Jordan Spieth	2	$61,150
7 Shane Bertsch	2	$47,600
8 Alexandre Rocha	3	$32,600
9 Jon Mattacie	3	$27,680
10 Bobby Gates	3	$27,634
11 Roland Thatcher	3	$27,405
12 Nicholas Thompson	3	$26,750
13 Brian Davis	3	$25,200
14 Scott Dunlap	3	$24,800
15 Daniel Chopra	3	$24,800
16 Dusty Fielding	2	$21,088
17 Mark Anderson	3	$20,096
18 Andres Echavarria	3	$19,840
19 Ron Whitehead	3	$19,760
20 Chris Wilson	2	$17,718
21 Stewart Brammer	3	$16,678
22 Nick Flanagan	3	$16,616
23 Aaron Goldberg	2	$16,600
24 Vaughn Taylor	3	$16,492
25 Ben Kohles	3	$15,400
26 Myron Wiley Kim	3	$14,315
27 Billy Hurley	3	$14,315
28 Andrew D. Putnam	3	$14,310
29 Miguel Angel Carballo	3	$13,857
30 Michael Putnam	3	$13,150
31 Roger Sloan	3	$12,705
32 Ryan Spears	3	$12,705
33 Peter Tomasulo	3	$9,975
33 Randal Hutchinson	3	$9,975
33 Chris Tidland	3	$9,975
33 Glenn Coles	3	$9,975
33 Dae-Hoon Kim	3	$9,975
38 Edward Loar	2	$8,484
38 Marc Leishman	2	$8,484
40 Kyle Reifers	3	$8,093
41 Brett Stegmaier	3	$7,998
42 B.J. Staten	3	$7,735
43 Jason Gore	3	$7,293
43 John Peterson	3	$7,293
45 James Nitties	3	$6,833
46 Russell Knox	2	$6,684
47 Chesson Hadley	2	$6,413
48 Manuel Menzalde	2	$6,400
49 Matt Weibring	3	$5,863
49 Hunter Haas	3	$5,863
49 Brendon Todd	3	$5,863
49 Todd Hamilton	2	$5,863
53 Nicolai Kristensen	2	$5,863

SPRING TRAINING

New York	2	5	.286
Cincinnati	2	10	.167

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

Monday's Scores
Detroit 8, Houston 5
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 0
Minnesota 7, St. Louis 0
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 1
Oakland 13, L.A. Angels 5
Cleveland 13, Chicago Cubs 5
Texas 5, San Diego 4
Seattle 16, Colorado 6
Chicago White Sox 6, San Francisco 2
Arizona 7, Cincinnati 2

Today's Games
Baltimore vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
LA Dodgers vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS SUMMARIES
At Lakeland, Fla.
TIGERS 8, ASTROS 5

Houston	**000**	**014**	**000**	**—**	**5 7 2**
Detroit	**201**	**030**	**02x**	**—**	**8 10 1**

Cosart, J Zeid (3), White (4), K Chapman (5), J Fields (7), J Cisnero (8) and Jaramillo, J Castro. Porcello, Putkonen (5), J Ortega (6), Benoit (7), Alburquerque (8), B Villarreal (9) and B Pena. R Cabrera, W Porcello (L, 0-1). Cosart. Sv—B Villarreal. HRs—Houston, Maxwell (1).

At Surprise, Ariz.
RANGERS 5, PADRES 5

San Diego	**000**	**010**	**300**	**—**	**4 8 1**
Texas	**200**	**000**	**012**	**—**	**5 8 0**

Stults, O Salvatali (4), Boxberger (6), Basch (7), K Quackenbush (8), M Stites (9) and Grandal. Jo Baker, Darvish, Colts (4), Meek (5), Buckel (7), C Woods (7), Burns (9) and Perezynski. J Alvarez, Z Zamora (6). HRs—Texas, L.-M Stites. HRs—San Diego, Blanks (1).

PRO RODEO

Pro Rodeo Leaders
Through March. 3
All-around

1 Trevor Brazile, Decatur $25,445. 2 Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $22,588. 3 Jake LeMond, Andrews $22,357. 4 Justin Thigpen, Waycross, Ga. $11,593. 5 Blake Herdes, Turlock, Calif. $11,043. 6 Payden Emfinger, Pryor, Ark. $9,873. 7 Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $7,468.

Bareback Riding

1 Kaycee Field, Spanish Fork, Utah $37,601. 2 Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $21,726. 3 J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $21,122. 4 Wes Stevenson, Lubbock $20,096. 5 Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $18,617. 6 Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $17,291. 7 Jared Smith, Cross Plains $16,161. 8 Steven Dent, Weslaco, Texas $16,071. 9 Will Lowe, Canyon $16,058. 10 Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. $13,927. 11 R.C. Landingham, Pendleton, Ore. $13,379. 12 Clint Cannon, Waller $13,185. 13 Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $11,902. 14 Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo. $10,334. 15. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $10,215. 16. Matthew Smith, Leesville, La. $10,108. 17. George Gillespie IV, Roseville, Calif. $9,982. 18 Evan Jayer, Marseille, France $9,111. 19. Clint Laye, Odessa $8,109; 20. Mac Erickson, Sundance, Wyo. $8,108

Steer Wrestling

1. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $31,753. 2. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $27,042. 3. Straws Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $19,288. 4 Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan. $18,903. 5. Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo. $18,162. 6. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo. $17,874. 7. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $15,618. 8 Clayton Moore, Pouce Coupe, British Columbia $15,311. 9. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif. $14,835. 10 Sean Mulligan, Coleman, Okla. $14,542. 11 Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $13,623. 12. Cooper Thofner, Huntsville $12,106. 13 Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $10,818. 14 Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo. $10,566. 15 Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $9,495. 16 Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $8,335. 17. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb. $7,825. 18 Casey McMath, Redmond, Ore. $7,296. 19 Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D. $7,245. 20 Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark. $7,162

Team Roping (header)

1. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $30,128. 2 Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $20,540. 3 Drew Horner, Plano $19,104. 4 Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $16,115. 5 Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, Ariz. $14,854. 6 Turtle Powell, Stephenville $14,775. 7. Nick Rawlings, Stephenville $14,257. 8 Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $13,822. 9 Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $13,753. 10 Chad Thompson, Munday $10,818. 11 Caleb Mitchell, Mason $11,469. 12 Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $11,228. 13 Garrett Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo. $11,156. 14 Luke Brown, Stephenville $10,404. 15. Calvin Brewer, Durango, Colo. $9,972. 16. Ty Breitingame, Ramah, Colo. $9,804. 17. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $9,743. 18. Manny Eguaquiza Jr., Madison, Ga. $9,580. 19. Justin Van Dave, Madisonville, Ky. $9,202. 20. Bradley Massey, Perry, Fla. $9,245

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Tommy Tanigo, Centerville $30,128. 2 Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $21,939. 3 Kory Koontz, Sudan $20,023. 4. Buddy Hawkins II, Powell, Wyo $33,213. 4 Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla. $30,445. 5 Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $30,434. 6. JW Harris, Decatur $26,016. 7. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $25,387. 8 Tag Elliott, Thatcher, Utah $25,149. 9 Friday Wright II, Moss Point, Miss. $18,149. 10. Bobby Welch, Gillett, Texas $17,899. 11 Cooper Davis, Jasper $18,029. 12. Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La. $17,963. 13. Jeff Askey, Marlin, Texas $17,449. 14 Charles Pogue, Lubbock $17,413. 15. Scottie Knapp, Albuquerque, N.M. $15,996. 16 Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah $15,627. 17. Tyler Wade, Wheatland, Wyo. $

HSSOCCERTODAY

BY LEN HAYWARD

Boys

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT LEE

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Lee 8-4-6, 5-1-4 (19 points) in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 10-4-3, 6-3-2 (20 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Lee 1; San Angelo Central 5, Abilene Cooper 4

Last meeting: Lee 3, San Angelo Central 2 on Jan. 29

Notes: The Rebels fell from second to fourth in the District 2-5A standings and now find themselves in a situation where another loss could hurt them even further in the standings. Lee has 19 points and is five points ahead of fifth-place Odessa High, but a point behind third-place Central and three behind second-place Midland High. ... Lee gave up an early goal to Odessa High on Saturday and then the Bronchos converted a penalty kick in the second half to help clinch the victory. Lee's lone goal came on an apparent own-goal with Darius Strambler being the nearest Rebel. ... Lee didn't have senior midfielder Reilly Gwin on Saturday who missed because of a knee injury. Lee coach Scott Hicks said that Gwin will be out for today's game as the Rebels continue to treat his injured right knee, but he could be available for Saturday's game against Abilene High. ... Hicks said fellow coach Chris Bryant will be available to coach in today's game after a verbal altercation with Odessa High head coach Noe Cerazo on Saturday at Ratliff Stadium. Both coaches were removed from the field, but were not issued red cards. As of Monday afternoon, no further action on the incident was announced. ... Central picked up a key three points on Saturday in a wild 5-4 victory against Abilene Cooper. Austin Bell scored the game-winner for the Bobcats in the 76th minute.

Next: Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m. Saturday

ABILENE HIGH AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Abilene High 8-9-5, 3-6-2 (11 points) in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 10-4-3, 8-0-2 (26 points)

Last game: Odessa Permian 2, Abilene Cooper 0 on Feb. 26; Amarillo Tascosa 3, Abilene High 0

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 4, Abilene High 1 on Jan. 29

Next: Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m. Saturday

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Lubbock Coronado 4-15-1, 1-9-1 (4 points) in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 4-6-0 (12 points), 5-8-2

Last game: Midland High 6, Lubbock Coronado 2; San Angelo Central 5, Abilene Cooper 4

Last meeting: Abilene Cooper 2, Lubbock Coronado 1 on Jan. 29

Next: Abilene Cooper at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m. Saturday; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m. March 12

ODESSA HIGH AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

Records: Odessa High 9-6-3, 4-5-2 (14 points) in District 2-5A; Amarillo Tascosa 7-10-2, 2-7-2 (8 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Lee 1; Amarillo Tascosa 3, Abilene High 0

Last meeting: Odessa High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Next: Odessa High at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m. Saturday

Girls

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT LEE

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Lee 4-12-0, 3-7-0 (9 points); San Angelo Central 14-5-1, 10-0-1 (31 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Lee 1; San Angelo Central 4, Abilene Cooper 1

Last meeting: San Angelo Central 3, Lee 0 on Jan. 29

Notes: The shorthanded Lady Rebels will take to the field today against a Central team that has an inside track on winning the District 2-5A title. The Lady Bobcats clinched a playoff spot on Saturday with a victory against Abilene Cooper and now have 31 points. Central leads second-place Odessa High by seven points in the District 2-5A standings. ... Lee will be without as many as seven players for today's game. Mia Garcia will miss because of bruised ribs, while Amanda Peterson (back injury), Morgan Barr (concussion) and Alyssa Carr (foot and knee injuries) are also out. Lee coach Brian Pollard said that sophomore defender Chaselyn Richardson is questionable for today's game. Pollard said the Lady Rebels have had nine starters miss at least one game this year, and only two players (Shelby Corbitt and Erin Cumbest) have started every game. ... Central has allowed three goals in 11 district games this season, including one last week to Abilene Cooper. The Lady Bobcats have shut out eight district opponents this year.

Next: Lee at Abilene High, noon Saturday; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, noon Saturday

ABILENE HIGH AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Abilene High 10-8-2, 4-6-1 (13 points) in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 13-4-1, 7-2-1 (22 points)

Last game: Abilene High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Odessa Permian 1, Abilene Cooper 0 on Feb. 26

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 3, Abilene High 1 on Jan. 29

Next: Lee at Abilene High, noon Saturday; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, noon Saturday

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Lubbock Coronado 5-12-1, 3-7-1 (10 points) in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 6-8-2, 1-8-1 (4 points)

Last game: Midland High 6, Lubbock Coronado 1; San Angelo Central 4, Abilene Cooper 1

Last meeting: Lubbock Coronado 2, Abilene Cooper 0

Next: Abilene Cooper at Amarillo Tascosa, noon Saturday; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa Permian, 5 p.m. March 12

ODESSA HIGH AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

Records: Odessa High 11-2-4, 7-1-3 (24 points) in District 2-5A; Amarillo Tascosa 2-12-3, 0-9-2 (2 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Lee 0; Abilene High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Last meeting: Odessa High 5, Amarillo Tascosa 0 on Jan. 29

Next: Odessa High at Midland High, noon Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Amarillo Tascosa, noon Saturday

Girls District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T	
x-San Angelo Central	10	0	1	31	14	5	1	
Odessa High	7	3	1	24	11	6	4	
Midland High	7	3	0	22	13	7	0	
Odessa Permian	7	3	1	22	13	8	1	
Abilene High	4	5	2	14	10	9	3	
Lubbock Coronado	3	7	1	10	5	12	1	
Lee	3	7	0	9	4	13	0	
Abilene Cooper	1	9	1	4	4	15	1	
Amarillo Tascosa	0	9	2	2	2	12	3	

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 6, Lubbock Coronado 1; Odessa High 2, Lee 0; San Angelo Central 4, Abilene Cooper 1; Abilene High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Odessa Permian is idle.

Today's Games
San Angelo Central at Lee, 5:30 p.m.; Abilene High at Odessa Permian; Lubbock Coronado at Abilene Cooper; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa; Midland High is idle. All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Boys District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T	
Odessa Permian	8	0	2	26	10	4	3	
Midland High	7	3	1	22	10	4	3	
San Angelo Central	6	3	2	20	10	4	3	
Lee	5	4	1	16	8	4	6	
Odessa High	4	5	2	14	9	6	3	
Abilene Cooper	4	6	0	12	5	8	2	
Abilene High	3	6	2	11	8	9	5	
Amarillo Tascosa	2	7	2	8	7	10	2	
Lubbock Coronado	1	9	1	4	4	15	1	

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

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Today's Games
San Angelo Central at Lee, 7:30 p.m.; Abilene High at Odessa Permian; Lubbock Coronado at Abilene Cooper; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa; Midland High is idle. All games at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Gonzaga is No. 1 in AP Top 25 for 1st time

By Nicholas Geranios
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — The to-do list for the Gonzaga basketball team got shorter Monday: For the first time, the Zags were ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Sweet, but it may get bumpier from there.

Next: Avoiding the potholes that have stopped every other No. 1 this season, then finding a way to the Final Four.

"We don't believe there is any jinx," assistant coach Tommy Lloyd said, subbing for coach Mark Few, who was said to be fly fishing and unavailable for comment. "Obviously, it's a dream for us, the ultimate accomplishment."

Staying No. 1 has been tough this season, with Gonzaga the fifth school to hold the spot after replacing Indiana this week. The others were Duke, Louisville and Michigan.

Gonzaga, a small Jesuit school in Spokane, is where crooner Bing Crosby went and where John Stockton threaded pinpoint passes. It has the best record in Division I at 29-2 following weekend wins against BYU and Portland. The Hoosiers, beaten by Minnesota last week, dropped to No. 2.

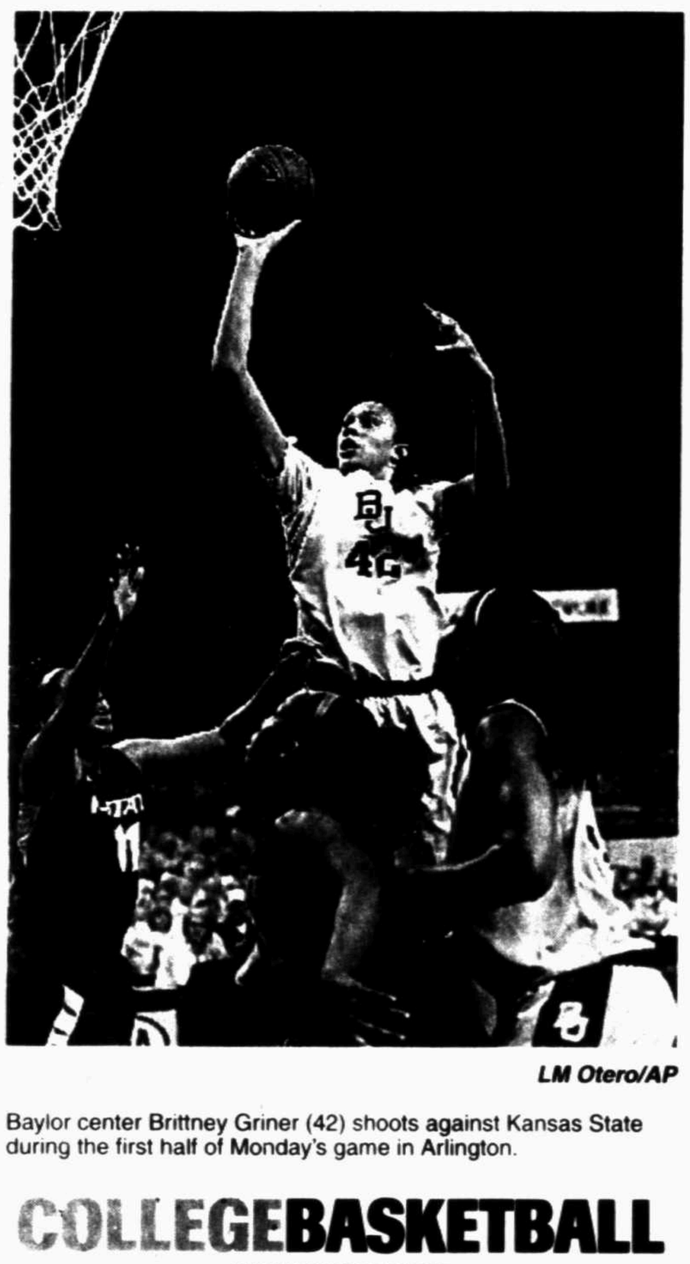
"We're not necessarily in pursuit of a ranking," Lloyd said. "We're trying to get to the NCAA tournament. When that's over, as coaches we can look back and realize what an accomplishment it is and how difficult it is."

The Zags are the 57th school to be ranked No. 1 since the AP poll began in January 1949. The school is considered a mid-major and reached No. 2 for the first time last week. Now it will play for the first time at No. 1 on Saturday night in the West Coast Conference semifinals.

The school received 51 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel, 44 more than Indiana. Duke, winners over Miami after a loss to Virginia, remained third with five first-place votes.

Kansas and Georgetown both jumped two spots to fourth and fifth. The Hoyas received the other two first-place votes. Miami, Michigan, Louisville, Kansas State and Michigan State rounded out the top 10. Virginia Commonwealth and UCLA, both ranked earlier in the season, returned to the poll at 21st and 23rd, respectively.

Gonzaga's rise to the top comes 14 years after the school burst onto the national scene with a surprise run to the final eight of the NCAA tournament. Since then, Few has guided the Zags to 12 conference titles, 13 trips to the tournament and four trips to the round of 16.



LM Otero/AP

Baylor center Brittney Griner (42) shoots against Kansas State during the first half of Monday's game in Arlington.

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

Top 25
No. 8 LOUISVILLE 67
CINCINNATI 51

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Russ Smith scored 18 points and Louisville gave Rick Pitino his 300th victory with the Cardinals.

Pitino earned his 650th career win earlier this season.

The Cardinals (25-5, 13-4 Big East) picked up their sixth straight win and drew within one-half game of first-place Georgetown.

Women

Texas
NO. 1 BAYLOR 90
KANSAS ST. 68

WACO — Brittney Griner scored a Big 12 single-game record 50 points in her final regular-season game at Baylor — including her first dunk at home since she was a freshman — to lead the top-ranked Lady Bears to a 90-68 victory over Kansas State on Monday night.

Baylor (29-1, 18-0 Big 12) wrapped up its second consecutive undefeated conference title, becoming the first team to twice go through Big 12 play without a loss. The Lady Bears have won a record 46 consecutive Big 12 games, including tournament games, and have won 55 in a row at home.

Top 25
NO. 2 NOTRE DAME 96
NO. 3 CONNECTICUT 87

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Skylar Diggins scored 29 points and sparked a decisive run in the third overtime as No. 2 Notre Dame beat third-ranked Connecticut 96-87 Monday night to win Big East regular-season title outright for the second straight year.

The Fighting Irish (28-1, 16-0) went undefeated in the conference for the first time since joining in 1995-96 and became the first team to win six of seven games against Connecticut (27-3, 14-2) in more than two decades.

Baylor women stay No. 1

Associated Press

Baylor remains No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for a ninth straight week while Toledo enters the Top 25 for the first time since 2001.

The Lady Bears cruised to wins over Oklahoma and West Virginia and will try for their 40th straight Big 12 regular-season victory Monday night against Kansas State.

No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 3 Connecticut also play Monday night for the Big East regular-season crown. The Irish already have clinched a share of the title by beating the Huskies by a point in January.

Stanford and California are fourth and fifth. Duke fell one spot to sixth. Kentucky, Penn State, Tennessee and Maryland round out the first 10.

Toledo has won 14 straight and is No. 25. LSU also jumped in at No. 22. Iowa State and Purdue dropped out.

Darvish pitches 3 hitless, Rangers beat Padres

By Jonathan Dalton
Associated Press

Rangers 5
Padres 4

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Not even Yu Darvish can stay perfect perpetually.

Darvish allowed two walks and struck out three in three hitless innings in the Texas Rangers' 5-4 win over the San Diego Padres on Monday.

Darvish, who struck out two in two perfect innings in his first start, threw 23 of his 39 pitches for strikes.

"I think the definition of a good pitcher is to get outs when you don't have your good stuff," Darvish said. "I did that today so I think it was a good outing."

San Diego made some solid contact against Darvish. Engel Beltre made a running catch just shy of the right-center field wall in the first. Adrian Beltre stopped a sharp bouncer to third to start a double play in the second and David Murphy caught an Alexi Amarista fly ball near the fence in left in the third to end Darvish's outing.

"Although I didn't have all my pitches today, my slider was working particularly well so I tried to focus on that pitch as much as possible and it worked out," Darvish said. "Even if you don't have your best stuff you have to think and manage the other lineup. I think that's what I did today and I think that's what I'm going to keep doing."

Rangers manager Ron Washington said he didn't see much different from Darvish.

"I didn't see it but I wasn't on the mound," Washington said. "He had an

Adrian Beltre was seeing his first game action of the spring after being slowed by tightness in his right calf. Beltre doubled down the right-field line to lead off the first, reached on an error and grounded out in three at-bats.

Tigers' Porcello sharp in win against Astros

Associated Press

Tigers 8
Astros 5

LAKELAND, Fla. — Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland has plenty of hitting at his disposal and a top-notch starting rotation. His bullpen, though, could be a problem.

"I am concerned," Leyland said. "I am not promoting anyone to closer just yet. We don't have a closer right now."

Before the Tigers' 8-5 win over the Houston Astros on Monday, Leyland emphasized that he is uncomfortable with not having a true closer that he can count on.

On Monday, Potential Tigers closers Brayan Villarreal and Al Albuquerque each struck out the side in their only inning in relief of Rick Porcello, who struck out six in four innings.

Jose Valverde was not brought back after he had 35 saves last year but was rocked in the postseason, pitching four times before losing his job.

"Valverde has never been discussed," Leyland said. "I'm shocked and broken hearted that he doesn't have a job, but we knew we weren't bringing him back."

That left the Tigers without a proven closer. Much of the speculation this spring training has been that 22-year-old right-hander Bruce Rondon would step in to the role. Rondon moved from Class-A to Triple-A last year, but he's been hit hard this spring.

Leyland said Rondon was never anointed the new closer and that there were several candidates for the job. It is too early to count Rondon out of the mix, though, or for that matter, anyone else.

"Rondon is still a candidate," Leyland said. "He's just throwing it hard and they are hitting it pretty hard."

Leyland emphasized that he is concerned about not having a true closer by opening day. He said he'd rather not go with a closer-by-committee plan, but all options are open.

Cowboys putting franchise tag on Spencer

Associated Press

IRVING — The Cowboys are putting the franchise tag on Anthony Spencer for the second straight year, this time after he significantly boosted his bargaining power with his best season in Dallas.

The team announced the move Monday and Spencer's agent, Jordan Woy, wrote in a tweet that negotiations on a long-term contract would continue for the Cowboys' 2012 sacks leader. Spencer had a career-high 11.

The Cowboys released safety Gerald Sensabaugh to clear $1.4 million under the salary cap and have dumped more than $20 million in cap money in the past week by reworking contracts with several veterans.

NRA

From 1C

with a paint scheme supporting a relief fund for victims of the Sandy Hook shootings.

The Newtown-emblazoned car of Swan Racing was unveiled by NASCAR chairman Brian France in a news conference at Daytona, part of a one-race arrangement for the team. France and his wife announced they would donate $50,000 to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund, which the NASCAR Foundation would match.

Sprint Cup rookie Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who won the NRA American Warrior 300 at Atlanta last September, has no issue with the NRA sponsoring NASCAR races.

"The NRA is our core fan base, and we all have guns, and all us racers love to go out and shoot. It's part of who we are," said Stenhouse, the only Cup driver at TMS media day. "Anytime you have a sponsor that embraces their market and who their core customers are, it's great for us.

"I was able to win the NRA race in Atlanta and those guys were great to work it," he said. "They take their stuff serious, they're concerned with the tragedies that we've had throughout the nation."

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TODAY: Sunny
High: 85
Low: 32

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 61
Low: 40

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 72
Low: 48

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 55 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 32 and southeast winds between around 10 mph.

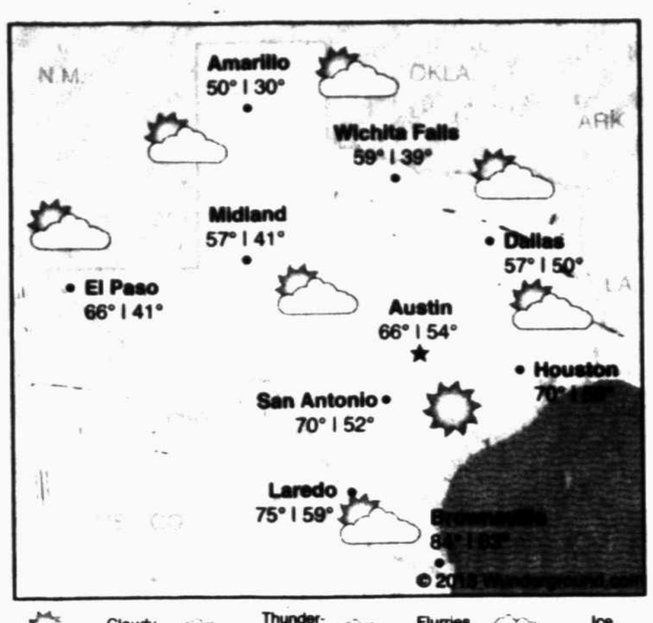
Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 61 and southeast winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 40 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 72 and a low around 48.

The high on Monday reached 85, while the low dropped to 55. The record high for March 4 is 87 set in 2009. The record low is 19 set in 1989 and 2007.

National forecast

The latest cross-country storm will continue to affect the middle of the nation today but will reach part of the Appalachians. A swath of heavy snow is en route from the Upper Midwest to the northern parts of the Ohio Valley states.



Precipitation

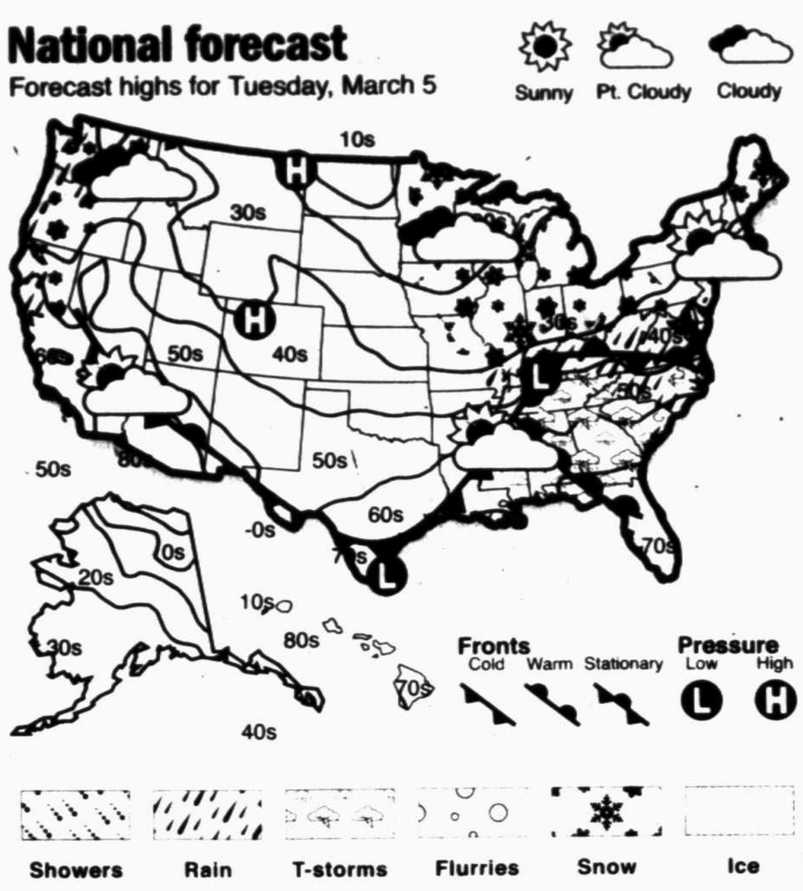
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.35 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	84
Low	55
Normal high	67
Normal low	38
Sunrise	7:11 a.m.
Sunset	6:50 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 5



Find good company in solitude with an active imagination

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our first child (a boy) later this year. How do I teach my son to enjoy solitude and his own company? Too many people today turn on the radio or TV because they can't appreciate the quiet.

I want my little one to have loving friends, but also periods of quiet, reflective fun time by himself. My husband and I grew up with siblings, but he hates solitude while I find lots of activities to do by myself. I am never lonely. What's the difference between solitude and loneliness? — SOLITARY WOMAN IN OTTAWA, CANADA

DEAR SOLITARY WOMAN: The difference between solitude and loneliness depends on how an individual handles being alone. Some people find silence threatening, while others — like yourself — need it to recharge their batteries.

For your son to be at ease when he's alone, ration his television time. Read to him so he'll learn to appreciate the entertainment books provide. Give him items to play with that foster creativity, such as clay, paints and paper, a cardboard box he can pretend is a playhouse or a spaceship. (You may find he prefers it to whatever toy the carton contained.) If he's encouraged to use it, his imagination will flourish.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law, "Earl," is an alcoholic and an avid gun enthusiast. He owns many weapons; I don't know the exact number. He has been accumulating ammunition at an accelerated rate because he's afraid that large clips will soon be banned. He drinks to excess and becomes belligerent and angry when drunk.

Last summer, during one of his moments of inebriation, he shot a gun into the air as a "surprise" to the eight family members who were sitting within two to 10 feet of him. He takes pride in the fact that his guns are kept loaded, as "what good is an unloaded gun?" On two separate occasions, I know for a fact that a loaded gun was found unsecured in his home.

When my husband and I travel with our children, ages 7, 5 and 4, to visit his family, we stay in Earl's home. I feel the combination of alcohol and loaded, unsecure guns is not safe for my children. I have suggested to my husband that we stay in a hotel during our visits from now on. The problem is, my husband is unable to stand up to his father. He told me that when he tried talking to him about his concerns, Earl called him a "wimp." Please tell me how to get through to my husband. I don't want to alienate his family, and I do want my children to have a relationship with their grandfather. — GUN-SHY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GUN-SHY: I'm sorry to say that your father-in-law may have your husband pegged accurately. A man who would allow his small children to stay in the home of an alcoholic who keeps unsecured, loaded weapons around IS a wimp. There are responsible gun owners, and there are individuals like your alcohol-soaked in-law, who seem to have never learned that a bullet fired into the air must fall down somewhere and could kill or injure someone.

Your husband doesn't have to "stand up" to his father. All he has to do is make a hotel reservation and be sure the children spend no unsupervised time with Grandpa.

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SOUTH
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♦ Q J
♣ A Q 7 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2	2♠
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Opening lead: Six of ♣

North's bid of two diamonds was a transfer to hearts and the rest of the auction was natural. With what looked like two defensive tricks in addition to shortness in partner's suit, West doubled to end the auction.

West led the top of his doubleton in partner's suit. It looked as if the contract was now unbeatable, but East had other ideas. He won with the ace and, in the hope of finding his partner with the ace of diamonds, switched to the king of diamonds and continued with a low diamond.

West won to complete the defensive book and returned a diamond. East obliged by carefully ruffing with the nine of hearts. Declarer could overruff, but now West's king-ten of trumps combined became the setting trick. Try it.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 5, 2013:

This year you often can be challenging or difficult. You have accepted so much responsibility that you could feel overburdened. Others see you as a role model — that is, until you lose your temper. If you are single, you could push away a potential sweetie with your spontaneous outbursts. Find a different way of expressing your irritation. If you are attached, your sweetie won't appreciate being a stand-in for someone else in your life with whom you might be angry. Listen carefully to his or her concerns, and you will feel better as a result. CAPRICORN proves his or her friendship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Most people go on a tirade every once in a while. Why would you be any different? Others might not know how to respond when you are like this. You'll need to make the first move in order to clarify your actions. You will come up with the right approach. Tonight: At work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Plan on dealing with an irate associate in the near future. In the interim, stay on top of everything you must do. Don't worry or let this situation mar your mood. A meeting provokes unusual ideas, which provide a new opportunity. Tonight: Why not enjoy yourself?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your inclination to defer to someone else is the right move to make. Your ability to deal with an angry boss or superior will be tested. Know what is appropriate to do in this situation. Do not lose your sense of humor. Tonight: Let others do all the talking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your day-to-day life could keep you busy. Today is a passage — nothing more, nothing less. Take a walk to relax. By late afternoon, someone will become much clearer, and a discussion will become possible. Tonight: Try out others' ideas or suggestions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You know more than many about an evolving situation. Know that you won't get clarity unless you stay focused on one issue at a time. Don't try to multi-task. Someone's difficult personality could evolve into a most intoxicating personality. Tonight: Try a stressbuster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You could have difficulty with a child or loved one. This person seems to want a reason to get angry. You might want to ignore this situation until he or she has worked through it. Feelings run deep on both sides. Give impulsiveness a rest. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Figure out where would be best to focus your high energy. Others might be touchy and feisty. You know how to handle this situation, but you'd prefer to pull back and not be involved. Late day plans could change at the last minute. Be flexible. Tonight: Head home and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Try not to get too irritated by a risk that backfires or by a challenging individual in your life. Decide to carefully question more of your choices. Go with the tried and true, and walk away from anything that is iffy. Tonight: Join a friend or loved one for dinner and a movie.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Express yourself clearly, and don't leave anything to chance today. You will make a big impression on someone as a result. Sometimes it might be necessary to be strict or establish boundaries. Do just that, but also explain your reasoning. Tonight: Keep to your budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You have held back from doing something for a long time, and you might wonder if you have other options. You do, but you seem to keep coming up with negative outcomes no matter which way you turn. Consider that you might like the status quo. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Use the daylight hours to push a project through to completion. Others might not be supportive and could become obstacles. Remember, everyone has a different thought process and sees life from his or her own perspective. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Many people make assumptions, and no matter what you say, they might not hear you. You could feel as if you can't impact their thoughts. Whether there is a backfire or a success, accept responsibility. Tonight: Step outside.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Rex Harrison (1908), singer Andy Gibbs (1958), French explorer Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac (1658)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Politicos Reagan and Paul
5 Do some healing
9 Mallorcan seaport
14 Lit sign in a dark theater
15 Operatic song
16 Regions
17 Playground frolicker
18 Singer called the "Godmother of Punk"
20 Not getting any younger
22 Mozart's "Così fan __"
23 Misdemeanor
26 Reheat leftovers, in a way
30 "Bambi" doe
31 Pep rally yell
32 Grabbed at will
34 Triangular Indian pastry
37 Bufferin targets
38 Set in opposition to
41 Land, in Le Havre
42 Puts into office
43 Enthusiastic reply to "Who wants ice cream?"
45 Classical lead-in
46 Involuntary sign of nerves
49 Color for a panther?
50 One given to bad language
54 Movie reviewer Roger
56 China's Zhou __
57 Finishing the 18th, say
62 Caplet or gelcap
63 Dentist's insertion
64 Where the clergy sit, in many churches
65 Mayberry boy
66 It's found in veins
67 Tiny time div.
68 MADD ads, e.g.

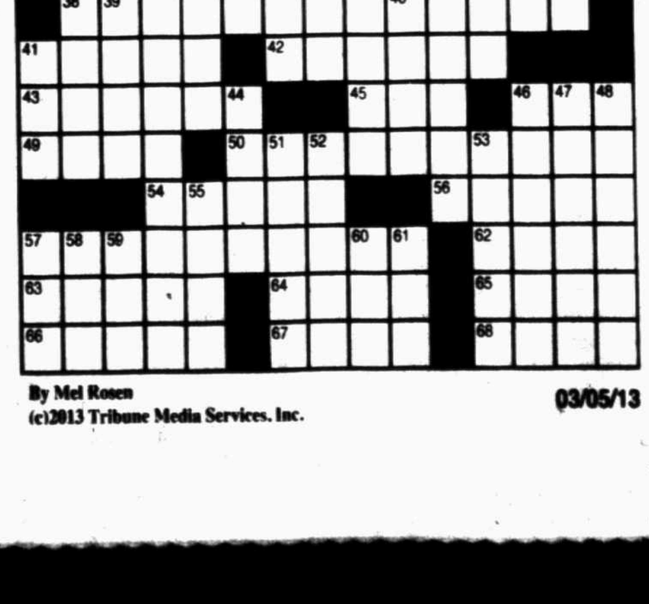
DOWN

1 Put on a new cassette
2 Roughly 21% of the atmosphere
3 "La Femme __"
4 Angioplasty implant
5 "You are here" document
6 Timeline time
7 Capone cohort Frank
8 Factual tidbit
9 Yesterday's tense
10 Azerbaijani's neighbors
11 Welcoming wreath
12 Welcoming floor covering
13 Bit of fire evidence
19 Adherents: Suff.
21 Danced wildly
24 Amounted (to)
25 __ Island
27 Weapons from Israel
28 Mild-mannered fictional reporter
29 L.A. Times staffers
33 Exemplification
34 Ump's call
35 Erie Canal mule
36 Athlete's promoter
38 Main partner, salonwise
39 Laundry room tool
40 -deucy
41 Advice at the track
44 Pop one's cork?
46 Blooms from bulbs
47 Home to Firenze
48 __ rellenos: stuffed Mexican dish
51 Church keyboard
52 Sporty car roofs
53 Seuss's "Hop __"
55 Difficult situation
57 Pollutant banned by Cong. in 1979
58 www address
59 On top of everything else
60 Employ
61 Investigator, slangily

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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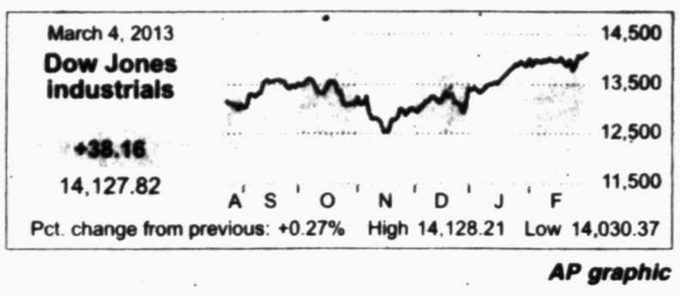
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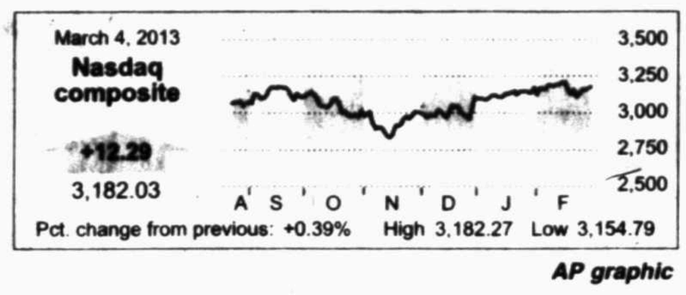
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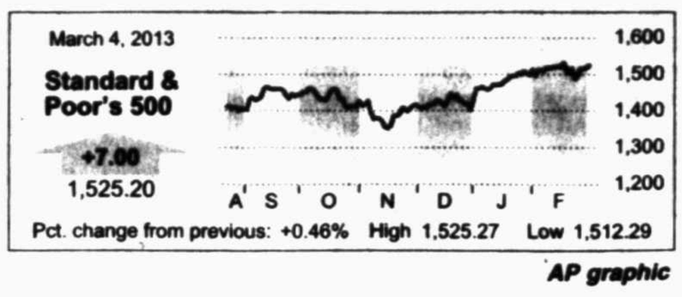
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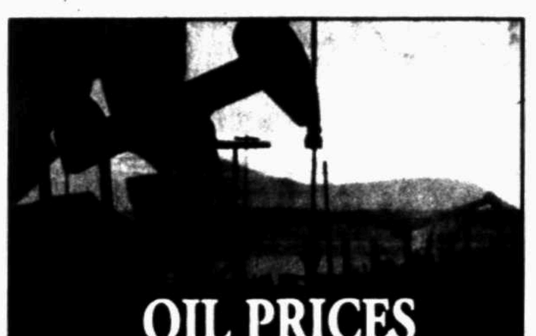
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $90.12
Previous: $90.68

POSTED

Monday: $86.25
Previous: $87.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $78.30
Previous: $79.30

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.529
Previous: $3.456

Midland among locations for la Madeleine bakery cafes

From staff reports

Dallas-based la Madeleine, the French-inspired bakery cafe, will arrive in West Texas late this year with the signing of its first franchise development agreement.

Le Duff America Inc., parent company of la Madeleine, has signed an agreement with French Twist LLC, a West Texas ownership team that will open la Madeleine locations in Midland, Lubbock and Amarillo over the next three years. The first is expected to open late this year.

Franchisee Buddy Beach, of French Twist, is bringing Lubbock's first la Madeleine to town. The restaurant will be located at 4406 19th St. A Midland location is expected to be announced later this week.

Beach is a serial entrepreneur with a number of endeavors in the West Texas area.

"It's clear that la Madeleine customers absolutely love the food and atmosphere. From the get-go, we've been impressed with the loyalty the brand commands," said Beach, who also owns and operates three frozen yogurt shops. "It is important for us to be able to attract a wide variety of consumers, casting a net across many generations of consumers. And that's exactly what la Madeleine offers: a broad base of loyal customers."

The menu, inspired by founder Patrick Leon Esquerré's origins in the Loire Valley, offers tastes of the French countryside. The breakfast menu includes eggs, omelettes, crepes and pastries. The lunch menu includes soups, salads, pastas and hot and cold sandwiches, while the dinner menu offers unique entrees. The bakery offers cookies, crepes, muffins and tarts.

Founded 30 years ago, la Madeleine now has more than 60 locations in six states, including Texas and states in the Southeast and Mid-continent.

Jared to build location at Midland Park Mall

Jared the Galleria of Jewelry is coming to the Midland Park Mall.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the zone change for the store Monday.

The store will be located outside the mall, adjacent to the southern perimeter of Genghis Grill, and will feature 33 parking spaces.

There isn't a tentative date of completion for the store, according to John Landgraf, engineer for LCA and representative of the applicant, Midland Park Mall LLC.

Oil prices fall

Oil dropped below $90 a barrel for the first time this year Monday, and pump prices dropped 3 cents over the weekend as drivers catch a break after two months of steep increases.

Benchmark oil for April delivery fell 56 cents to finish at $90.12 a barrel in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier, the price fell as low as $89.33 a barrel.

The national average for a gallon of gas fell to $3.75 a gallon Monday from $3.78 Friday. At one point this winter the price rose for 36 straight days. The 49-cent increase for January and February set a record for that two-month period.

The price of oil declined as markets continued to digest the introduction in the U.S. of automatic government spending cuts, which could hurt the world's leading economy.

Brent crude, used to price many kinds of oil imported by U.S. refineries, fell 31 cents to $110.09 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1127469	11.41	+.07
S&P500ETF	857529	152.92	+.81
NokiaCp	594423	3.47	-.12
BanPVix rs	493837	23.06	-1.27
MGIC	446160	4.18	+.39

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ferro	6.80	+1.60	+30.8
MBIA	12.78	+2.47	+24.0
NO Mobile	8.07	+1.17	+17.0
BoydGm	7.39	+.93	+14.4
Forestar	19.38	+1.82	+10.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GMX Rs pfB	6.71	-4.48	-40.0
GMX Rs rs	2.53	-.57	-18.4
AltPwr g	5.91	-1.21	-17.0
XinyuanRE	5.04	-.86	-14.6
IFM Inv rs	2.02	-.33	-14.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,688
Declined	1,340
Unchanged	139
Total issues	3,167
New Highs	250
New Lows	41
Volume	3,330,661,235

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	46610	8.69	-.57
NA Pall g	32849	1.33	-.12
Rentech	29992	2.67	-.05
ChenereEn	28672	21.50	+.34
Aunzon g	19810	4.43	+.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HMG	16.50	+9.60	+139.1
InstFnMkts	2.86	+.23	+8.7
SagaCm s	47.62	+3.64	+8.3
eMagin	3.78	+.28	+8.0
Lannett	8.84	+.57	+6.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NDynMn g	2.68	-.42	-13.5
GoldenMn	2.42	-.33	-12.0
Argan	15.17	-1.51	-9.1
Sandst g rs	8.40	-.74	-8.1
OvertnlF	3.90	-.28	-6.7

DIARY

Advanced	167
Declined	261
Unchanged	34
Total issues	462
New Highs	6
New Lows	17
Volume	71,350,672

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	627411	3.20	+.07
Zynga	468858	3.64	+.21
Intel	464980	21.27	+.24
Groupon	433575	5.42	+.32
MicronT	406176	8.40	+.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
S&W wtA	2.46	+.64	+35.2
ChinaHGS	5.41	+1.00	+22.7
CharmCom	5.75	+.91	+18.8
TigerLogic	2.15	+.30	+16.2
Theravnce	24.29	+3.37	+16.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SelCmfrt	17.28	-3.23	-15.7
WrisRon rs	2.73	-.45	-14.2
ReprosTh	10.24	-1.66	-13.9
TuesMrn	7.78	-1.20	-13.4
ZeltiqAes	3.98	-.49	-11.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,320
Declined	1,126
Unchanged	130
Total issues	2,576
New Highs	164
New Lows	41
Volume	1,688,461,995

Forbes: Mexico's Slim world's richest for 4th year in a row

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mexico's Carlos Slim remains the world's richest man for the fourth year in a row, according to Forbes, while Warren Buffett dropped out of the top three for the first time since 2000.

And Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg saw his ranking drop 31 spots as his net worth declined by $4.2 billion.

A record 1,426 people around the world made Forbes magazine's latest annual tally of billionaires, up 16 percent from last year. Their average net worth was $3.8 billion, rising 3 percent from 2012. The total net worth for the list's billionaires was $5.4 trillion compared with $4.6 trillion a year ago.

The U.S. continued to house the most billionaires in the world, with 442 of them. It was followed by the Asia-Pacific region, with Europe rounding out the top three.

There were 210 new faces on the list, with Forbes saying many were helped by rebounding equity markets and strong consumer brands.

Slim's net worth increased to $73 billion from $69 billion a year earlier. Bill Gates, of Microsoft Corp., held on to second place with a net worth of $67 billion.

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s Buffett slipped to the fourth spot with a $53.5 billion net worth. Buffett was surpassed by Spanish clothier Amancio Ortega, who jumped two spots from 2012 with a net worth of $57 billion.

By the numbers

A list of the top five billionaires in the world, according to the latest annual tally by Forbes magazine.

1. **Carlos Slim Helu:** Net worth of $73 billion
2. **Bill Gates:** Net worth of $67 billion
3. **Amancio Ortega:** Net worth of $57 billion
4. **Warren Buffett:** Net worth of $53.5 billion
5. **Larry Ellison:** Net worth $43 billion

While Buffett dropped in the rankings, he added $9.5 billion to his net worth — making him the second-biggest gainer of the year. The largest gainer was Ortega, who added $19.5 billion to his net worth.

There were 138 women on the list, up from 2012's 104. Liliane Bettencourt — whose family owns a stake in L'Oreal — is the world's richest woman with a net worth of $30 billion.

Brazil's Eike Batista had the biggest drop in his net worth, with it declining $19.4 billion from the previous year. Facebook's Zuckerberg saw his net worth fall to $13.3 billion from $17.5 billion. His ranking fell to No. 66 from No. 35 in 2012.

There were 60 people that dropped off the list entirely, including Zynga's Mark Pincus and former Chesapeake Energy CEO Aubrey McClendon.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $35.67 Down 3.93

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $88.22 Down 0.17

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.56 Down 0.18

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $22.39 Up 0.05

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.49 Up 0.13

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.16 Down 0.18

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.53 Up 0.16

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.89 Unchanged

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	29	36.23	+.22	+7.5
Abraxas	...	...	2.05	+.08	-6.4
AdamsEx	.67e	...	11.46	+.07	+8.2
AMD	...	...	2.40	-.02	...
Alcoa	.12	46	8.35	-.09	-3.8
AlonUSA	.16	34	20.23	+.37	+11.8
Amgen	1.88f	17	92.73	+.15	+7.6
Anadarko	.36	17	80.34	+.52	+8.1
Apache	.80f	15	72.73	-1.02	-7.4
Apple Inc	10.60	10	420.05	-10.42	-21.1
ApldMatl	.36	...	13.57	-.02	+18.6
ATMOS	1.40	16	39.48	+.62	+12.4
AutoData	1.74	21	61.84	+.19	+8.6
BP PLC	2.16f	6	40.29	-.04	-3.2
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.17	-.16	+5.8
BakrHu	.60	15	43.54	-.85	+6.6
BkofAm	.04	44	11.41	+.07	-1.7
BanPVix rs	...	...	23.06	-1.27	-27.5
BasicEnSv	...	19	13.65	-.59	+19.6
BerkHa A	...	1715	2955.00	+205.00	+14.1
BerryPet	.32	14	46.05	+.25	+37.3
BestBuy	.68	...	17.77	+.61	+50.0
BlkHillsCp	1.52f	17	42.15	+.49	+16.0
BostonSci	...	...	7.36	-.01	+28.4
BrMySq	1.40f	32	36.94	-.21	+14.6
BrownFA s	1.02a	26	68.47	+2.03	+11.3
BrownFB s	1.02a	26	67.21	+1.61	+6.3
CVS Care	.90f	17	51.87	+.31	+7.3
Cameron	...	21	62.87	+.02	+11.4
Caterpillar	2.08	11	89.75	-1.61	+.2
Celestic g	...	14	8.10	-.13	-.6
Cemex	.32t	...	11.09	+.09	+12.4
CntryLink	2.16m	28	35.11	+.22	-10.3
ChesEng	.35	...	19.49	-.18	+17.3
Chevron	3.60	9	117.49	+.59	+8.6
Chicos	.22f	16	17.09	+.13	-7.4
Chimera	.38e	...	3.08	+.02	+18.0
Cimarex	.56f	15	63.67	-1.80	+10.3
Cisco	.56	12	20.74	-.09	+5.6
Citigroup	.04	13	42.94	+.83	+8.5
ClayEng	...	12	35.67	-3.93	-10.8
CliffsNRs	.60m	...	23.78	-1.47	-38.3
CocaCola s	1.12f	20	38.82	+.12	+7.1
ColgPal	2.48	22	114.84	+.73	+9.9
ConAgra	1.00	22	34.69	+.39	+17.6
ConchoRes	...	21	88.22	-.17	+9.5
ConocPhil s	2.64	10	57.62	-.66	-.6
Corning	.36	11	12.38	-.14	-.1.9
CrackerB	2.00	16	76.95	+.89	+19.7
CSVelIVSt	...	...	20.79	+.98	+25.3
CrosTim	2.21e	11	27.89	+.04	+3.6
DCP Mid	2.76f	41	43.01	+1.45	+3.0
DTE	2.48	19	67.08	+.65	+11.7
Dataram h	...	...	32	-.01	-2.4
Dawson	...	23	30.56	-.18	+15.8
Dell Inc	.32	10	14.00	...	+38.1
DeltaAir	...	13	15.65	+.83	+31.8
DevonE	.80	...	53.53	-.35	+2.9
DirSCBear	...	...	10.40	-.11	-23.0
Disney	.75f	18	55.80	+.47	+12.1
DowChm	1.28	45	31.92	+.11	-1.3
EMC Cp	...	19	23.22	-.03	-8.2
EOG Res	.75f	58	121.79	-1.21	+.8
EmpDist	1.00	16	21.51	+.06	+5.5
Energen	.58f	14	44.87	-.42	-.5
EngyTsfr	3.58	11	47.67	+.27	+11.0
EnPro	...	21	46.77	-.22	+14.4
EntPrPt	2.64f	22	57.30	+.49	+14.4
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.49	+.21	+23.7
ExterranH	...	...	25.04	-.73	+14.2
ExxonMbl	2.28	9	88.95	-.48	+2.8
Facebook n	...	...	27.72	-.06	+4.1
FordM	.40f	10	12.75	+.14	-1.5
ForestOil	...	13	5.41	-.18	-19.1
FMCG	1.25	10	31.40	-.09	-8.2
FrozenFd h	...	...	1.51	-.15	+69.7
GATX	1.24f	20	49.91	+.19	+15.3
GabMultT	.80	...	8.76	+.06	+11.6
GAInv	2.00e	...	30.36	+.04	+9.1
GenElec	.76	18	23.27	+.08	+10.9
Genworth	...	10	9.09	+.57	+21.0
GtPlainEn	.87	17	22.28	+.29	+9.7
Groupon	...	...	5.42	+.32	+11.5
HalconRes	...	...	6.36	-.29	-8.1
Hallibstn	.50f	14	39.96	-.54	+15.2
HeclaM	.06e	81	4.07	-.57	-30.2
Heinz	2.06	24	72.48	+.01	+25.7
HewlettP	.53	...	19.97	-.18	+40.1
iShJapn	19e	...	10.37	+.06	+6.4
iShChina25	.94e	...	37.93	-.67	-6.2
iShEMkts	.74e	...	42.91	-.41	-3.3
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	58.35	+.25	+2.6
iShR2K	1.69e	...	91.13	+.24	+8.1
IntegrysE	2.72	16	56.30	+.20	+7.8
Intel	.90	10	21.27	+.24	+3.2
InterDig	40a	7	46.22	+1.51	+12.5
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	49.10	+.19	+12.4
JohnJn	2.44	20	77.20	+.50	+10.1
Keycorp	.20	11	9.49	+.16	+12.7
KimbClk	3.24f	22	95.04	+.74	+12.6
KindME	5.16f	...	86.77	+.05	+8.7
KindMM	5.16f	...	82.51	+.33	+9.3
LegacyRes	2.28f	19	26.49	+.13	+11.3
Lubys	...	32	8.26	+.05	+23.5
MBIA	...	2	12.78	+2.47	+62.8
MGIC	...	...	4.18	+.39	+57.1
MktVGold	.46e	...	35.91	-1.20	-22.6
McDnlds	3.08	18	95.07	-.61	+7.8
Merck	1.72	20	43.34	+.71	+5.9
MeritMed	...	26	12.03	+.08	-13.5
MexcoEn	...	...	5.16	-.18	-19.9
MicronT	...	...	8.40	+.15	+32.5
Microsoft	.92	15	28.15	+.20	+5.4
Mondelez	.52	33	28.28	+.47	+11.1
MorgStan	.20	...	22.60	+.17	+18.2
Nabors	.16f	...	16.13	-.32	+11.6
NatGrid	3.17e	...	55.57	+1.01	-3.3
NOilVarco	.52	11	66.33	-.63	-3.0
NewsCpA	.17	17	29.49	+.35	+15.6
NokiaCp	...	...	3.47	-.12	-12.2
NvMAd	.85a	...	15.21	+.02	...
NvPMI	.88	...	15.04	-.01	+.8
NuvPI	.86	...	15.04	+.05	+.5
NSTFI3	.66a	...	15.31	-.07	+4.7
NTXQI	.73	...	16.00	+.03	+1.0
OcciPet	2.56f	14	81.64	-1.01	+6.6
OfficeDpt	...	...	4.18	+.17	+27.4
Oracle	.24	17	35.05	+.42	+5.2
ParTech	...	15	4.50	-.05	-8.2
ParkDrl	...	15	4.58	-.22	-.4
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PioNtrl	.08	82	123.00	-.69	+15.4
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Smucker	2.08	21	96.64	+.37	+12.1
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WmsCos	1.36f	25	33.57	-.26	+2.5
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6,035.34	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	6,044.67	+59.77	+1.00	+13.90	+17.93
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	485.78	+4.39	+.91	+7.21	+6.88
9,004.41	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	8,901.04	+26.85	+.30	+5.42	+10.01
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,400.58	+21.50	+.90	+1.91	-1.52
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1,530.94	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,525.20	+7.00	+.46	+6.94	+11.79
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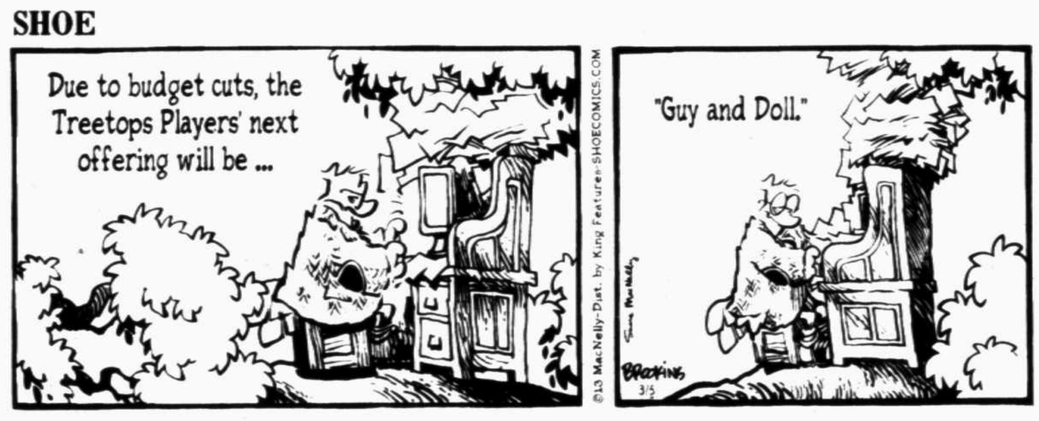
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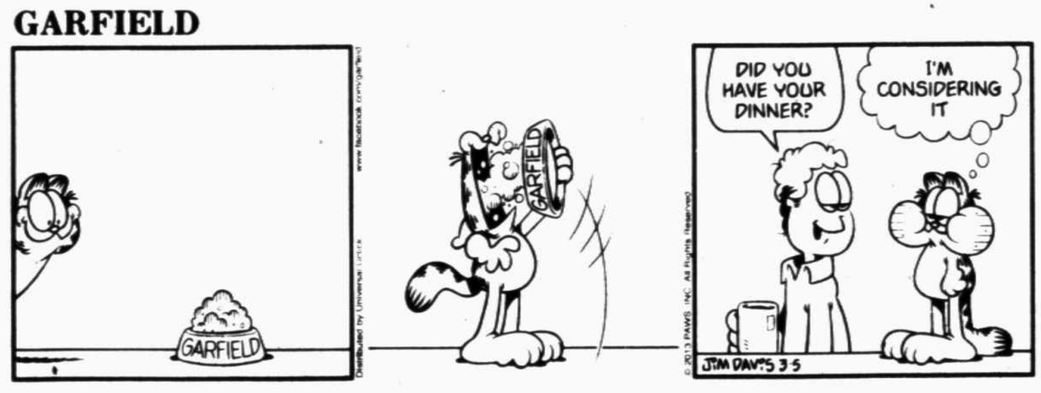
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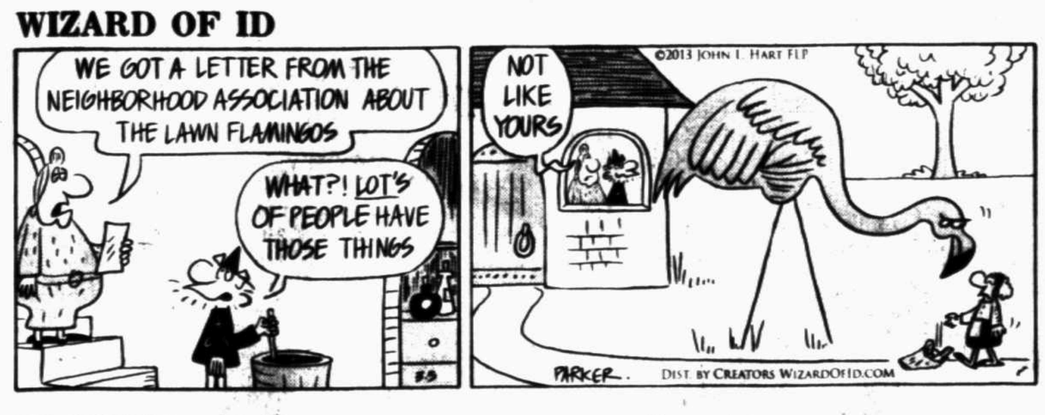
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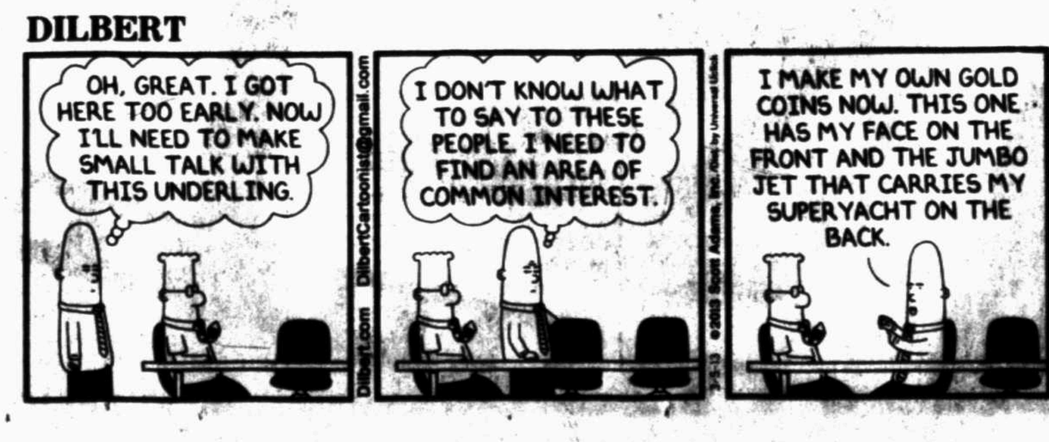
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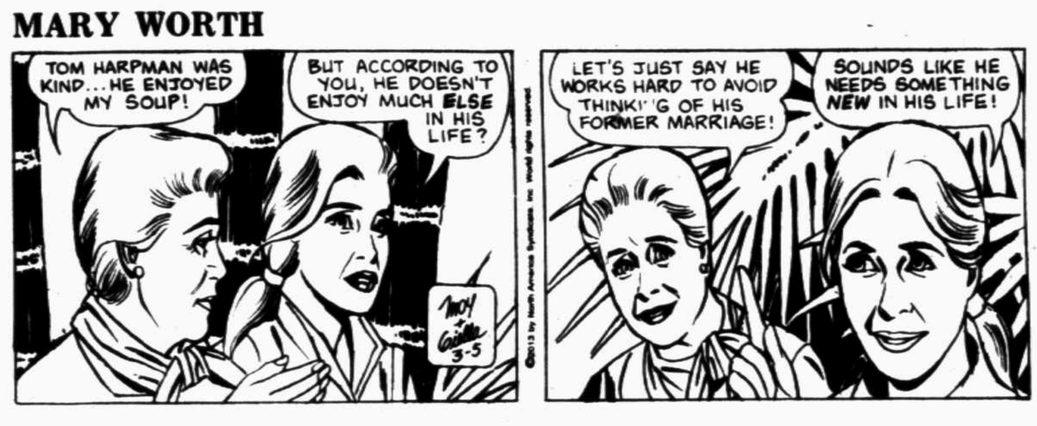
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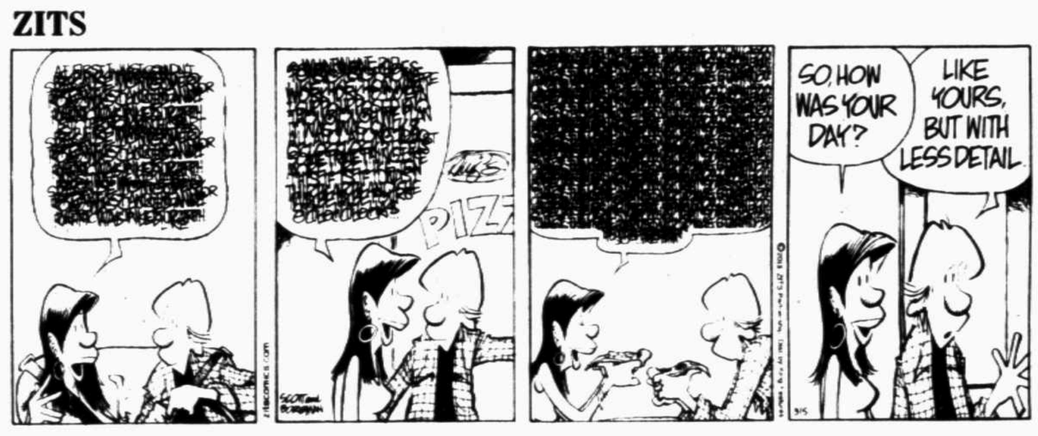
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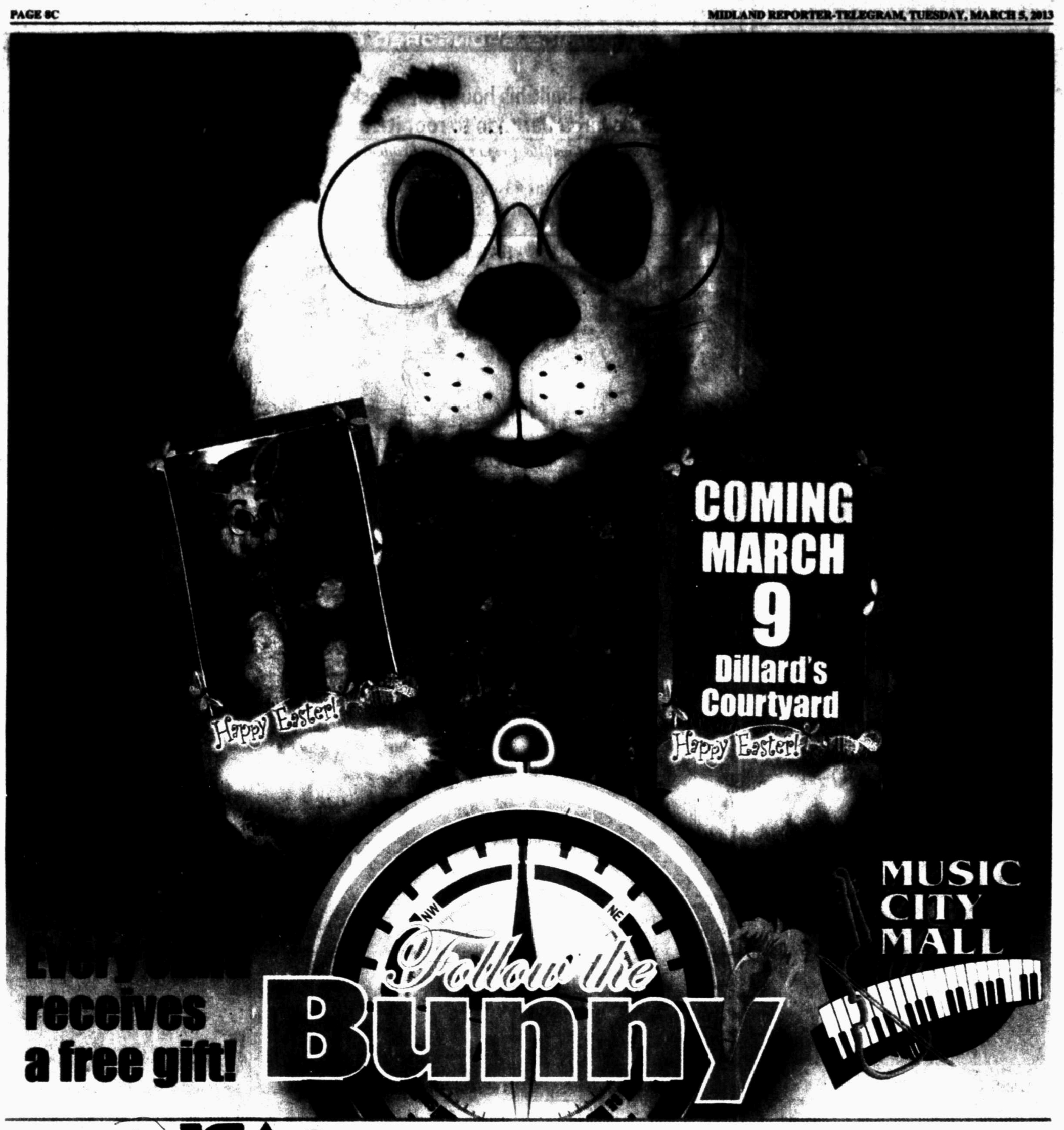


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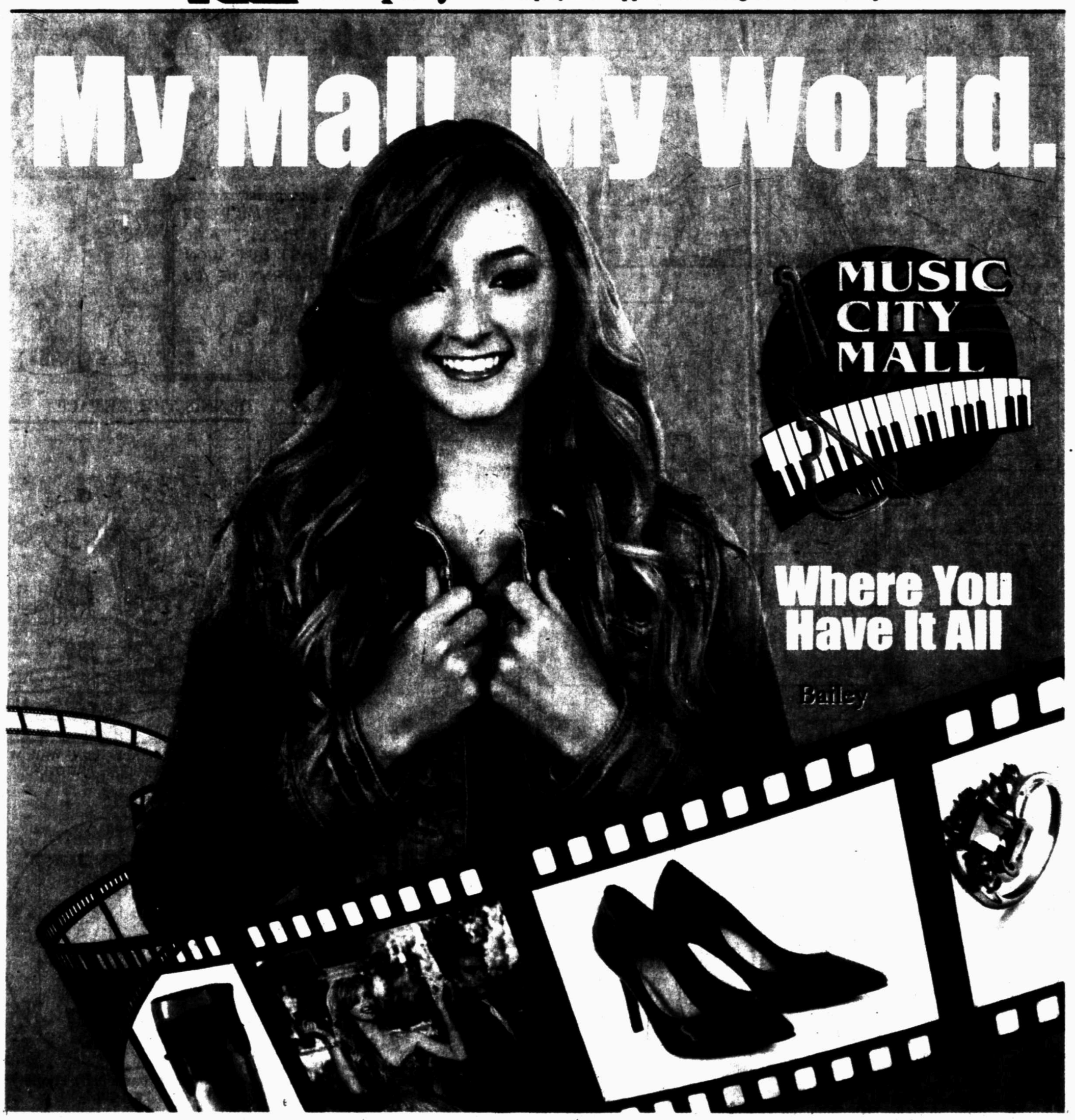
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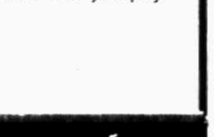
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o L. SHANE STOKES
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 1st day of March, 2013.

/s/ L. SHANE STOKES
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State Bar No.: 19273500
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
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Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of ROBERT DANIEL YEATES, Deceased, were issued to MARY JOANNA YEATES, Independent Executrix, on March 1, 2013, in the proceeding styled "ROBERT DANIEL YEATES, Deceased," No. P17361 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said persons now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, 3217 High Sky, Midland, Texas 79707, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Mary Joanna Yeates, Independent
Executrix of the Estate of Robert Daniel Yeates, Deceased, No. P17361 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

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Are you upbeat, energetic and ready to make a difference in a bustling community that drinks up local news like a glass of ice-cold sweet tea on a hot summer day? Then apply for our available copy editor position at the Reporter-Telegram.

We're looking for smart, creative people to work with us at our newspaper who want to flex their creative muscles and join our team to make the best daily possible. The position requires copy editing and page design experience, a strong knowledge of Associated Press style, attention to detail and the ability to not buckle under pressure.

A degree in journalism, English, communications or a related field is preferred. Sports knowledge is a plus because Midland loves its high school and college sports. Recent and soon-to-be college graduates are encouraged to apply.

If you think you've got what it takes, then email your résumé, design samples and references to News Editor Trevor Hawes at thawes@mrt.com. Hard copy submissions can be mailed to Midland Reporter-Telegram, Attn.: Trevor Hawes, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Call 432-687-8854 after 4 p.m. to learn more.

BANKING & MORTGAGE

Internal Auditor

Lea County State Bank FT

Independent Community Bank in Hobbs, NM is seeking an experienced INTERNAL AUDITOR. The qualified individual will be responsible for the performance of internal audits and examinations of all the various functional areas and departments of the bank and its affiliates. Six to seven years previous bank auditing or CPA firm auditing preferred. CIA, CBA, CISA, OR CPA license is desired. A thorough knowledge of accounting & auditing standards and internal control concepts along with extensive knowledge of bank laws and regulations is preferable. Send resume in confidence to Lea County State Bank, Attn: Human Resources, 1001 N Turner Hobbs, NM 88240 or fax to 575-397-6693.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Project Secretary

Koontz McCombs FT

Seeking F/T Project Secretary. Maintain contract and purchase order files. Process invoices/monthly bills/expense reports. Keep all job related binders up to date. Communicate with subcontractors and suppliers. Provide support to Superintendent. 5 year's experience. $40k plus bonus. Interviewing March 6th & 7th. Call 713-202-7535 or Email resume to: *resumekmc@gmail.com*

PT Church Administrator

10 hrs/wk. Essential skills incl. personable communication style, highly organized, proficient in MS Word and Quickbooks. Knowledge of desktop publishing, electronic and social media a plus. $12.50/hr and up. Email resume to **office@uumidland.org**.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Carpenters & Laborers

Campbell Construction Co. FT

Campbell Construction Company seeking **Carpenters and Laborers.** Pre-employment drug test required. Good Benefits. Salary DOE. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland or send resume to PO Box 11293, Midland, TX 79702 or fax to (432) 683-5943.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CHILD CARE TEACHERS

Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT

Child Care Teachers needed. Above average wages for Full and Part-time positions. Call **432-520-8888**.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

ENDURANCE RESOURCES

Experienced Geotech

10+ years experience. 5 years experience with Petra, Southeast New Mexico preferred. 100k+ base, Benefits, Bonus, and participation in company incentive program(equity). Great opportunity for a dynamic, results oriented, proven individual.
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5-10 years experience with 5 years horizontal experience required. Southeast New Mexico/Bone Spring experience preferred. Competitive Salary, Bonus, Benefits and participation in company incentive program (equity). Continuous drilling program with 200+ horizontal locations in a growing, dynamic company.
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Laboratory Technician

Growing oilfield company looking for a Laboratory Technician. Laboratory experience is not required but preferred. Fax all resumes to: 432-563-0764 or email justin.disney@catalystoilfield.com

Multiple Positions

TitanLiner, Inc. a growing Oilfield Service Company is looking to hire in New Mexico, West TX, and South TX. Pay based on experience in General Construction, Coating, Painting, & Leadership Skills. Interested candidates please contact Jeremy Smith at **432-270-6562**.

Oilfield Lease Operator/Pumper

Vaquero Energy FT

Odessa, TX

Oilfield Lease Operator/Pumper Lease in Odessa. 5 years minimum experience. Clean driving record/drug testing. Vacation, Health Insurance, excellent 401 (K). Email resume to: npierce@vaqueroenergy.com

Operators

BreitBurn Energy FT

BreitBurn Energy, an independent oil and gas company focused on acquisition, exploitation, and development of oil and gas properties, is looking for talented people to join its expanding Team. We are looking for experienced Operators with 5+ years' experience. All positions are located 30 miles northeast of Midland.

All interested candidates, please send your resume to the Human Resources Department at HR@breitburn.com or at 515 S. Flower Street, Suite 4800, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

To learn more about BreitBurn, please visit www.BreitBurn.com

HEALTHCARE

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

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: 800-671-8364.

Insurance Verification

Busy Dr.'s office looking for FT experienced Insurance Verification & Receptionist, Medical Assistant. Fax resume to: 432-522-2950.

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor

Midland/Odessa Addiction Treatment Center PT

Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:30am

Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

Pharmacist

Leonard's Pharmacy, Inc. FT/PT

Independent Pharmacy- four locations seeking a full time Pharmacist. Competitive Salary, full benefits. Monday - Friday. No nights. Send Resume to: Leonard's Pharmacy, Inc., 1002 South Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720 or call (432) 267-2711 for more information.

Providers

Interim Home Health PT

Interim Home Health is searching for Providers in the Midland area to provide care for the elderly and disabled. Please call 432-617-0252 and speak with Hilda. EOE

RN

Interim Home Health FT

Midland, TX 79701

Growing home health program is seeking Full-time RN. Experience preferred. GENEROUS SIGN-ON BONUS & excellent benefits. Apply in person at 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 200 or fax resume 432-618-0307.



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HEALTHCARE

RN

Interim Home Health FT

Midland, TX 79701

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RN & LVN

Seeking RN/LVN only for a busy family practice office. Experienced in lab draws, EKGs, injections, lab reporting, medications and general patient care. Multi-tasking is a must. Resumes may be faxed to 432-699-6012 or bring to 4214 Andrews Hwy #306 - Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

RN or LVN

RN or LVN Full Time 8am-4pm. Clinic experience and heavy computer skills. Email resume to pdority@martinch.org. Contact # 432-607-3227

Sitters / CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. seeking experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. All shifts available.Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904. EOE

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

Holiday Inn Express FT

Now hiring All positions. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

Front Desk Clerks and Housekeeping Staff

Travel Lodge FT/PT

Seeking Front-Desk Clerks & Housekeeping Staff to upkeep a hotel, candidate to have references upon past/current work.
Apply at: 2500 Commerce Dr, Midland, TX.

Immediate Openings

Plaza Inn Midland has immediate openings for:
• Room Attendants
Please apply in person to Midland Plaza Inn 4108 N. Big Spring St., Midland, TX. 79705

OTHER JOBS

CDL Bus Driver/Youth Worker

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon CDL Bus Driver. Approximately 2 hours per day @ $25 per hour and Youth Worker approximately 20 hous per week, $8.50 - $10.50 per hour. Must pass background & drug test. Call Michael 683-0050 only between 1 & 3 or 6 to 8.

Delivery Driver

Carter's Furniture FT

2101 W Wadley #6 **Midland, TX 79705**

Delivery driver needed full-time. Must have good driving record, be able to pass drug testing & heavy lifting required. Apply in person.

Detailers

UNISEAL FT

Looking for experienced detailers at local Midland & Odessa dealerships. Can make up to $15 to $18 an hour. Please call 832-499-9574.

Fork Lift Driver

Natural Gas Services Group FT

NGSG has an immediate opening for **Fork Lift Driver.** This person must have 3 years experience moving material and equipment around a warehouse, storage yard and factory. Only experienced Fork Lift drivers need apply. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

Garage Door Installer

Custom Sound and Security FT

Immediate opening for garage door installer. 8-5, Monday-Friday and some extended hours. Experienced preferred, but not necessary. Will train. Call 432-260-0854.

Installer/Helper

Overhead Door FT

Midland, TX 79701

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Instructors

COM Aquatics PT

Instructors needed to teach swim lessons. Training Available. Part-Time. Please contact Kalea in the Learn to Swim Program at COM Aquatics, 3003 North A Street, Midland, TX, 432-684-7755.

Janitorial Help & Floor Tech

Part-time janitorial help needed in the evening. Also, part-time & full- time janitorial floor tech needed. Please call 570-9903. Midland/Odessa Are.

LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK??

National Greeting Card Company now hiring for **Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, & Fort Stockton Areas.** Need something to do while the kids are in school? Retired from a full time job and not ready to stay home? This is the job for you!!! Send reply to: **egmerchandisers@yahoo.com.**

Nursery Worker

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

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Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Cooks
Cattle Baron FT
Midland, TX 79701
Cattle Baron Restaurant now hiring experienced cooks. Starting wage $11.00 - $15.00 per hour depending on experience. Please apply daily 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm 418 Wadley Ave., Midland, TX. No phone calls please!! EEOE

Dinning Staff
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Multiple Positions
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Midland, TX 79705
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SALES JOBS

Inside Sales Counter Person
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SALES JOBS

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Lead Shop Hand
Lee-Co Coating Enterprise FT
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Secretarial/Route Service
Business Hygiene
Part-time Secretarial Position for Business Hygiene. Computer experience preferred, will provide necessary training M-F. Also Route Service, local territory using company vehicle, M-Fri. Drug test, good driving record & valid Texas Driver's license required. Call 432-684-8782 or fax 432-684-8791

Service Technician
A major coffee company seeks full-time Service Technician in the Midland/Odessa area to install and maintain commercial coffee and tea equipment. Food/coffee related experience preferred, but not required. Must be dependable, self-motivated, and have clean driving record. Send resumes to Human Resources, P.O. Box 3758, San Angelo, Texas 76902 or FAX (800) 248-8537

SKILLED LABOR

SURVEYING
Experienced Crew Chief, Draftsman, SIT and Rodman (will train). Positions available at Watson Professional Group Inc. Email resume to pwatson@wpg-us.com or mail P.O. Box 11198 , Midland, TX 79702.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers
South Environmental Services, Inc. FT
CDL Drivers Needed: South Environmental Services is looking to hire CDL drivers for belly dump and transport trucks. Class A CDL required. Please call Justin Mon-Fri. between 8am and 4pm. 432-894-6207

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. 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.silverlinetx.com**

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Drivers
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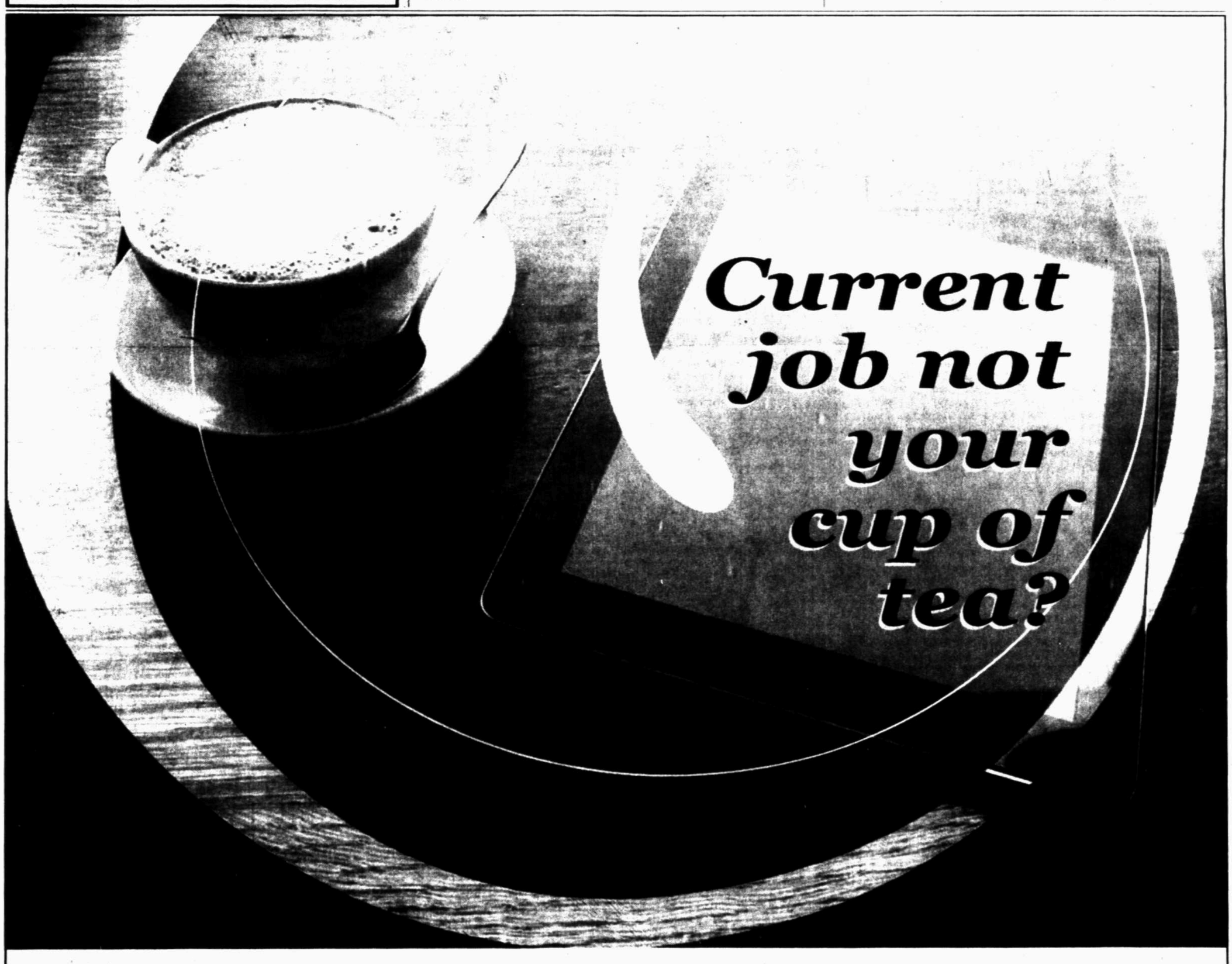
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432-813-4590

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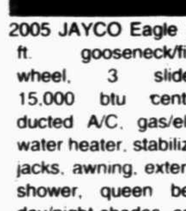
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1998 CARDINAL 5th wheel, 31', excellent condition. All weather unit, many improvements $8,250. 972-838-0971.

19FT 2008 Coachmen Toy Box 2 full beds bathroom kitchen heat/ac please call 432-661-3999

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"Lunar Bible" on display at The Bible Museum at Houston Baptist Church on Feb. 14, in Houston. On Feb. 5, 1971, this Bible on microfilm was one of 101 copies taken to the moon by Apollo XIV Astronaut Edgar Mitchell during his nine hour and 17 minute moonwalk. The microfilm King James Bible edition needs to be magnified 200x in order to be read.

State, author vie for 'Lunar Bibles'

By Terri Langford
Houston Chronicle

Moments before a stamp-sized piece of space history was placed on a Dallas auction block, lawyers for Texas' nursing home agency rushed in and interrupted the sale with a restraining order.

The frantic interception two years ago wasn't because the auction item was a part taken from a fallen space shuttle or a purloined moon rock. Instead it was a "lunar Bible," a curious one-inch-square microfilm replica of Christendom's most holy text that was flown on an Apollo mission to the moon.

The move by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to stop the sale of the lunar Bible has kicked off a strange and tangled two-year legal battle in three courtrooms in Texas and Oklahoma over ownership of the historic relic.

At the heart of this litigation odyssey is the little-known story of how a group of Christian faithful at Johnson Space Center, called the Apollo Prayer League, engineered a plan to have astronauts with the Apollo program in the 1960s and 1970s ferry microscopic editions of the King James Bible to the moon.

The subsequent dueling court battles center on whether a 91-year-old former NASA chaplain, John Stout, and his wife, Mary Helen — who have been declared wards of the state — are being held against their will in the Texas guardianship program and whether an Oklahoma Christian author, who claims she was given one of these highly collectible religious relics to auction for the elderly couple, was taking advantage of them.

After all, just last December, a lunar Bible placed in a 22-carat gold frame, set with pearls and a ruby, complete with an affidavit from Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell, who carried it into space, sold at Sotheby's for more than $56,000.

"Things that went to the moon ... are the Holy Grail among space artifacts," said Robert Pearlman, editor of collectSPACE.com, an online publication about space history and artifacts. "That's because there are so few of them that are not in museums."

Cecilia Cavuto, a DADS spokeswoman, said it is the state agency's job to protect the financial assets of its wards.

"We are just doing our due diligence," she said.

'Dear friend'

But the attorney for Carol Mersch, the Tulsa, Okla.-based Christian author whose book "The Apostles of Apollo" details how the Rev. Stout's Apollo Prayer League worked to send 300 lunar Bibles into space with Apollo astronauts, disagrees.

Stout, who is one of last surviving founders of the Apollo Prayer League, gave Mersch at least four of the Bibles, and she put one of them up for auction in Dallas in 2010 to raise money for the couple, according to court records.

"Although DADS' employees are dedicated public servants doing important work to care for and protect our seniors, they were off base in their attempt to void the Apollo Prayer League's gifts to Carol Mersch," said Burton Manne, Mersch's Houston attorney. "Hopefully, once DADS has exhausted its appeals, DADS will allow the Stouts to receive telephone calls, mail and personal visits from their dear friend, Carol Mersch."

As for Mersch, she declined to comment specifically.

"I would love to talk to you," she said. "As you're aware, I have two attorneys standing over me with billy clubs."

Four years ago, with the help of a private detective, Mersch located the Stouts after hearing the intriguing story about the NASA prayer group's mission to put Scriptures in space.

Stout told her how he and Apollo astronaut Ed White, who died in the fatal 1967 Apollo 1 launchpad fire at Cape Canaveral, discussed a project in which the Bible would be sent to the moon. Knowing the space program's weight limitations, Stout contacted a microfilm manufacturer to create the lunar Bible, which could be read with the aid of a microscope. The lunar Bible project was conducted entirely in private, on employees' spare time. No tax dollars were used to fund it.

Mersch's book details the Stouts' dizzying life up to the point they landed in the Houston area in the early 1960s. Childhood sweethearts, the two began studies at Texas A&M, then left when Stout was called up for active duty in Japan during World War II.

Afterward, he returned to school, earned a chemical engineering degree, then set off with his wife for Brazil, where they taught and worked as missionaries. He later attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and became an ordained minister, according to Mersch's book.

Achieving their goal

While working at NASA, Stout said the idea of placing God's word on the moon seemed a natural one, particularly after the death of White, who had told Stout he had planned to take a Bible to the moon.

"The fire that took the young astronaut's life had a profound effect on Reverend Stout," Mersch wrote. "From that moment, one thing became clear to the reverend: We were not leaving Earth merely to return with a cargo of knowledge. As mankind reached into the heavens, they would be sure to take something with them — something that spoke of the eternal bond between mankind and its Creator."

But the first lunar Bibles did not make it into space until 1971, when Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell carried more than 100 of them with him as a favor to Stout and to honor the memory of White and his fellow Apollo colleagues, Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee.

"Ed White and Rev. Stout, the two of them being very devoted Christians, wanted to see the Bible carried to the moon," Mitchell said. "It was their project. I just came about it later."

When Mersch arrived at the Stouts' Mont Belvieu apartment home for the first time in 2009, she founded it filled with papers from those early days, including letters from President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President Spiro Agnew and famed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

"What I saw was a loving aging couple doing their best to keep their lives in order," Mersch said. But she realized they needed financial help and offered to have one of the lunar Bibles sold at the upcoming Dallas auction of space collectibles.

Unbeknownst to Mersch, DADS and Adult Protective Services officials at that same time had been asked by a court to evaluate whether the couple should be placed in guardianship.

The couple's condition, particularly Stout's disheveled physical appearance, alarmed the worker called to evaluate them.

"He was dressed in a shirt and shorts that appeared very dirty with socks and tennis shoes that were also extremely soiled," wrote Danielle Sells, a guardianship specialist for DADS. "Mr. Stout's nails were long and dirty and his hair was unkempt."

Sells' first interview with Stout — as is often the case in such meetings — was contentious as the older man rejected the idea he needed any type of assistance.

No improvement

A follow-up visit by Sells on Aug. 5, 2010, found no improvement of the couple's condition.

"It appeared that they had not bathed in several weeks or more," Sells noted. The Stouts were formally placed in guardianship in December 2010.

More details about the distressing state of the former chaplain's affairs came from Adult Protective Services investigator Dedra Sampson, who was assigned to the couple's case in 2010.

"During the investigation, I observed that John Stout was living in a deplorable condition," Sampson wrote in an August 2010 affidavit. "Specifically, there was trash hoarded throughout the apartment home restricting the ability to ambulate throughout the home."

She noted that she believed Stout was suffering from "untreated dementia" in addition to his other physical problems including heart problems.

The Stouts eventually were placed at a Dayton nursing home, where they remain today, and the state sued Mersch, seeking to get back the four Bibles in her possession.

In October, a Chambers County judge ruled in Mersch's favor, and the case is being appealed. Mersch filed a counter lawsuit in Oklahoma against the state, claiming the Bibles were given to her as a gift. That lawsuit is pending.

Jonathan Stout, the couple's son, said last week he supported what the state agency is doing.

"The state is helping them," he said of DADS' involvement. "The other people are not."

Mersch said she had grown close to the couple and was acting purely out of concern for them.

"I do miss their stories and their fun, feisty ways and I was grateful I was allowed into their lives," she said.

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