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Stability dominates economy at year's end

Economist says he sees no end to current Midland-Odessa trend

By Mella McEwen
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Economic stability dominated Midland-Odessa's economic picture as the year came to a close.

"In many respects, stability is the story," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank.

The November index had its 45th consecutive monthly increase and is 7.1 percent above November 2012 levels. Ingham said the index began the year about 14 percent higher than year-ago levels and the rate of growth has narrowed each month since.

He does not see a significant economic decline on the horizon.

"I'm convinced things are leveling off in terms of growth rates," Ingham said. "We won't continue to see 20, 30 or 40 percent year-over-year gains in the various indicators — that's just not possible. What causes economic difficulty is the economy reaching a peak and then declining and that doesn't seem to be in the offing."

Jim Smitherman, chief executive officer of Security Bank, welcomed the slowing growth rate.

"It is absolutely a welcomed advent back to normalcy," Smitherman said by email. "I believe the more normal rate of growth will allow the infrastructure to catch up with the current demand for housing, commercial property and labor. If what our customers understand in regards

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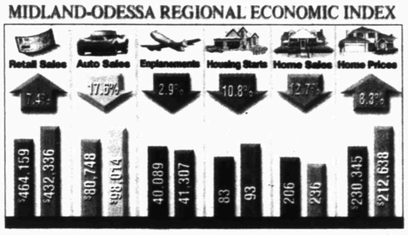

NOVEMBER 2013

BASIN BUNDLES OF JOY

ABOVE: The last baby born in Midland in 2013 is Analayah Esquivel, born at 5:40 Tuesday evening.
CENTER: The first Midland baby of the New Year is Jayden Carrasco, born at 4:39 am.
RIGHT: The first Midland baby girl of the New Year is Adalyn Mat Roys-Martinez.

MMH celebrates arrival of 2014's first babies

Midland Memorial Hospital experienced the miracle of childbirth at 4:39 a.m. Wednesday when the hospital welcomed its first baby of 2014.

Cristal Hernandez entered the emergency room shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve and gave birth a few hours later to a boy, Jayden Carrasco, who weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Jayden was not expected until Jan. 18, but Hernandez said she is excited to bring her newborn home now.

The hospital staff congratulated Hernandez and her son and presented them with toys, toiletries, blankets and gift certificates from businesses such as La Bebe Boutique and Wal-Mart and the Hope Chest program. Jayden received a blanket crocheted by a hospital auxiliary staff member.

Hospital spokeswoman Marcy Madrid said in years when there aren't any births on New Year's Day — as in 2013 — the staff honors the first child whenever he or she is born.

"It's exciting for a lot of people," Madrid said. "You get all the fanfare and the gifts."

She said many mothers look forward to possibly having their child on the first day of the year.

Some years hospital staff wait nearly all day for the year's first baby. But this year six babies filled the nursery by noon.

The hospital's first girl of 2014, Adalyn May Roys-Martinez, was born at 8:27 a.m. Wednesday and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. She is the third child born to Ana Martinez, who has a son and another daughter.

Martinez said Adalyn's birth date is special because her father, Calin Roys, also was a New Year's Day baby.

"They get to share their birthdays together," Martinez said.

One baby came a few days early and was the hospital's last birth of 2013.

Caroline Alarcon gave birth to Analayah Esquivel — 7 pounds, 14 ounces — at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday, about three days before she was expected.

"She just wanted to come in before the new year," Alarcon said.

Alarcon can't wait to bring home her "bundle of joy" and spend time with her.

"I'm ready to show her off to the family," she said.

ODESSA BIRTHS:

■ Odessa Regional Medical Center: Thomas Alva Taylor was born 1:27 a.m. Wednesday and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. His parents are Victoria and Ryan Taylor.

■ Medical Center Hospital: Hugo Emiliano Vela was born 12:21 a.m. Wednesday and weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces. His parents are Lillian Duran and Mario Vela.

Story by Tyler White | Photos by Tim Fischer

Race for governor heats up

By Jay Root
Texas Reibune

State Sen. Wendy Davis, who got off to a slow and often rocky start in her race for Texas governor, will ring in the New Year with a much bigger bank account and an aggressive new strategy designed to keep front-running candidate Greg Abbott on the defensive.

For Abbott, a three-term attorney general, it's steady as she goes: He'll keep unveiling carefully crafted policy initiatives and tying Davis to President Obama while remaining hyper-cautious in his own dealings with the news media — lest he become the first Republican in nearly a quarter-century to blow a governor's race.

Welcome to the marquee political contest this year in Texas, where the gubernatorial primaries are all but decided and both candidates are looking toward a November showdown with knives drawn.

"I'm looking for both of the campaigns to get very aggressive as soon as they find it strategically sound," said Jim Henson, a Texas Tribune pollster and the director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin. "I would expect that ethics and character are going to be big parts of both of those efforts."

For the Abbott campaign, that means making the most of Davis' private dealings as a lawyer, particularly her partnership with Gov. Rick Perry's former chief of staff, Brian Newby, and their long list of public-sector clients who have interests before the Texas Legislature.

The Davis campaign, meanwhile, is hammering Abbott over his role — or lack thereof — overseeing the troubled Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, whose former chief commercialization officer was indicted over allegedly lax

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STATE BRIEFS

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HOUSTON

Barbara Bush remains hospitalized

Former first lady Barbara Bush remains hospitalized with a respiratory-related issue, but her condition hasn't changed, a spokesman for her husband's office said Wednesday.

Bush, 88, was admitted to Houston Methodist Hospital on Monday, though it wasn't announced until former President George H.W. Bush's office released a statement Tuesday night.

"She is in great spirits, has already received visits from her husband and family, and is receiving fantastic care," the statement read, promising to provide updates as warranted.

Jim McGrath, a spokesman for the former president, said there was "nothing new to report" on Wednesday.

Bush and her husband, the 41st president, live in Houston and still make public appearances. Last week, they honored a Houston businessman and philanthropist with a Points of Light Award, a volunteer service award started by the former president.

The former first lady had a reputation for bluntness when her husband was president. Her son, George W. Bush, was the 43rd president.

The Bush family matriarch had heart surgery in March 2009 for a severe narrowing of the main heart valve. She also was hospitalized in November 2008, when she underwent surgery for a perforated ulcer. In 2010, she was admitted to the hospital after having a mild relapse of Graves disease, a thyroid condition for which she was treated in 1989.

Health concerns had been more common of late with her 89-year-old husband, the nation's oldest living former president. George H.W. Bush was released in January 2013 after he spent nearly two months at Houston Methodist Hospital, being treated for a bronchitis-related cough and other health issues.

HONOLULU

Obamas offer well wishes to Mrs. Bush

President Barack Obama and wife Michelle Obama are wishing former first lady Barbara Bush a "speedy recovery" after she was hospitalized with a respiratory-related issue.

In a written statement Wednesday, the president said the thoughts and prayers of all Americans are with Mrs. Bush. Obama said she is blessed to have a loving, supportive family and, in his words, a "vibrant spirit that we hope will have her feeling better soon."

The 88-year-old was hospitalized Monday in Houston, where she lives with her husband, former President George H.W. Bush. A spokesman for the former president said Mrs. Bush is in great spirits.

Obama issued the statement while vacationing with his family in his native state of Hawaii.

AUSTIN

Man beaten to death with sledgehammer

A San Antonio man has been arrested for allegedly bludgeoning another man to death with a sledgehammer at a New Year's Eve party.

Investigators searching under a tarp in the yard recovered the body of a 28-year-old man outside a home on the city's east side.

The victim and suspect were not immediately identified.

Neighbors told several San Antonio media outlets that a party at the home had begun Tuesday night and lasted into Wednesday morning.

The victim and suspect are believed to have become involved in an altercation around 9 a.m.

The incident marks San Antonio's first homicide of 2014.

Obituaries

Opal Matthews

Opal Matthews of Midland passed away on Friday, December 27, 2013 at the age of 93. Services will be held on Friday, January, 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. She will be reunited with her beloved husband, Pete Matthews, in Resthaven Memorial Park at a later date.

Opal was born on October 21, 1920 to Oscar and Esther Dunson in Cuthand, Texas. She graduated from high school in Petersburg, Texas where she met her soul mate, Pete. The couple was married on March 6, 1943 in Columbus, Georgia. Opal dedicated her life to being a loving wife and incredible mother of their four sons. After 61 years of marriage, Opal and her family mourned Pete when he passed away in 2004.

Opal was a lover of Bingo and the "go-to-auction" at Senior Care, where she resided. She loved shopping and spending time in the company of her loved ones and numerous friends. Opal will always be remembered fondly for her warm and loving heart, along with her beautiful smile that brought joy to everyone who knew her. Her cooking, especially her incredible banana pudding, will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

Opal is survived by her sister and best friend, Opha Lutrick. Time and distance could not break the special bond between these two sisters. She is also survived by her sons, James Matthews (Judy) of Flint, Texas, Alan Matthews of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Ray Matthews (Melissa) of Midland, Texas; daughter-in-law, Angie Matthews of Edmond, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Holly Bailey (Bruce) of Duncan, Oklahoma, Michael Matthews (Sarah) of Edmond, Oklahoma, Matt Matthews of Edmond, Oklahoma, Brian Matthews (April) of Kingston, Oklahoma, Jay Matthews (Kaycee) of Edmond, Oklahoma, Jake Matthews of Midland, Texas, Chad Matthews of Midland, Texas, and Bryce Matthews, also of Midland, Texas; and by her great-grandchildren, Luke and Abbey Matthews of Edmond, Oklahoma, Brittany and Kylie Bailey of Duncan, Oklahoma, Mason Matthews of Kingston, Oklahoma, and Keller Matthews of Edmond, Oklahoma.

She is predeceased by her husband and a son, Gene L. Matthews.

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

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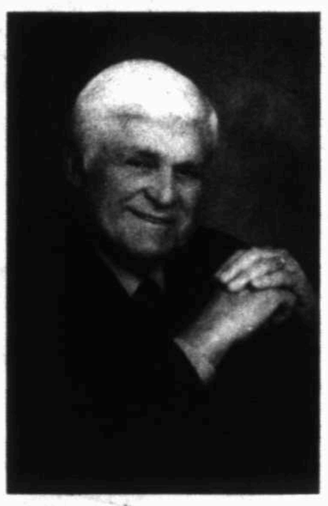

Billy "Bill" F. Rea

Billy "Bill" F. Rea, 75, of Odessa, Texas passed away in his home at Possum Kingdom Lake, Texas after a brief illness on December 29, 2013.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Lee Street, Odessa, TX 79761 with Pastor Terry Tamplen officiating.

Bill was born in Calhoun, Louisiana to Mary Etta and Britton Rea on July 4, 1938. He graduated from Kermit High School in 1956. Bill married Mary Elizabeth Means, the love of his life, on July 9, 1960 in Odessa, Texas. In 1962, he graduated college from Texas Western University in El Paso, Texas with a Business Degree. Bill began his career in Odessa, Texas starting an insurance agency. He eventually moved to Kermit, Texas and, in 1964, opened Kermit Insurance Agency. In 1975, he purchased an insurance agency in Odessa and began operating as Bill Rea Insurance Associates, Inc. In 1989, he purchased West Texas Insurance Exchange, Inc. and in 1994 incorporated all branches under that name.

Bill held several highly respected licenses within his industry. Bill has served the Permian Basin well, acting as Director and President of the Kermit Rotary Club, the Kermit Jaycees, Odessa American Cancer Society, Odessa United Way, as well as several other civic organizations. Bill was very involved with his church, First United Methodist of Odessa, serving as a volunteer with the Food Pantry, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and was appointed to the Church Council.

Bill achieved the Award of Eagle Scout through the Boy Scout Council as a child. He was married, worked for El Paso Natural Gas and had a child, all the while working on his college degree. Bill was a Million Dollar Round Table Life Producer early and often throughout his business career. He was appointed to Agent Advisory Councils of many insurance companies. In 1966, he was elected President of the Kermit Chamber of Commerce. In 1971, Bill was voted Kermit's "Young Business Man of the Year". In 1973, he was appointed President of the Kermit Industrial Foundation. In 1974, Bill was elected as a Director of Permian Savings and Loan of Kermit, Texas. He served on the Board of Directors of the Odessa Texas Savings and Loan in the late 70's and early 80's. In 1976, he was nominated to the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He was appointed by the Board of Governors of the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors as a Certified Insurance Counselor in 1985, and, in 2003, Bill was inducted into the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, "Business Man Hall of Fame" by the State of Texas House of Representatives for his dedication to commerce and industry.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Etta Rea; his father, Britton Rea; grandfather, J.E. Bryan; grandmother, Henrietta Bryan; grandfather, J.Z. Rea; grandmother, Zola Rea; a grandchild, Dawson Lynn Freeman; and by other prior descendants.

Bill is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Rea; his son, Jeff Rea and wife Michelle and their son, Denton of Odessa, Texas; a daughter, Kristen Rea Freeman and her children Collin Freeman, Parker Freeman and Karley Freeman of Ardmore, Oklahoma; his sister, Wanda Dews and her husband Ted of San Angelo, Texas; a brother, Tony Rea and wife Brenda of Amarillo, Texas; and by many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family sends sincere appreciation to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas, The Center of Cancer and Blood Disorders in Ft. Worth, Texas, Palo Pinto General Hospital and IntegraCare in Mineral Wells, Texas, the Volunteer EMS of Possum Kingdom Lake, Texas and Sunset Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home for their outstanding care and affection. The Rea's cannot express in words the feelings felt to the church, family, friends and business associates for their comforting words and gifts of food and goods.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorials be sent to First United Methodist Church of Odessa, Texas.

The services are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at *www.sunsetodessa.com.*

Death Notices

Ann Shaw Tilley

Ann Shaw Tilley, 77, of Midland, Texas passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Tilley.

A memorial service celebrating Ann's life will be held in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Chapel on Saturday, January 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. with Chaplain Robert Kirk officiating.

Two-woman ticket goes for history in 2014

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Forget whether Hillary Clinton could win the White House in 2016. Women still have yet to run many statehouses, but in 2014 two Texas Democrats are going for a new kind of history: Winning as an all-female ticket for governor and lieutenant governor.

Woven into one of the nation's most intriguing gubernatorial races this year is whether Democrat Wendy Davis, whose 11-hour filibuster over abortion restrictions catapulted the state senator to national fame this summer, can not only overcome long odds in a fiercely Republican state but pull off a political first.

If Davis and fellow state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, who is running for lieutenant governor, prevail in their March primaries as expected, they'll form what political experts say is only the fifth time in at least the past 20 years that a party has nominated women for both governor and lieutenant governor.

None of these pairings has ever won — nor have a woman governor and lieutenant governor ever served concurrently. Arizona in 1998 picked five women to the state's top executive offices, including then-attorney general Janet Napolitano, though the state has no lieutenant governor.

The last all-female governor and lieutenant governor ticket was steamrolled in November by New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie on his easy path to re-election. That pair came away some advice for their Texas cohorts.

"Expect to be marginalized. Just be ready for it," said New Jersey Democratic state Sen. Barbara Buono, who lost to Christie by 22 points.

Not all nominees run as "tickets" in the traditional sense. Texas is among the states that elect a governor and lieutenant governor separately, meaning that Davis and Van de Putte don't come as a package even though they'll overlap in message.

That message hasn't focused on gender. Davis talks about education and weeding out cronyism while trying to forge a broader identity among voters who might only know her from her stand in pink running shoes on the Texas Senate floor for reproductive rights.

But Davis and Van de Putte, who's Hispanic, can't escape their obvious contrast to Republicans, whose entire statewide ticket in Texas this year is shaping up to be almost exclusively white and male.

AP file photo

Democratic state senators, from left, Kirk Watson, Wendy Davis, Leticia Van de Putte and Royce West participate in a pro-abortion rights rally at the state Capitol in Austin. Davis and Van de Putte are going for a new kind of history in the U.S.: Winning as an all-female ticket for governor and lieutenant governor.

"Diversity in government, I think, is incredibly important," Davis said. "Bringing a variety of perspectives to the leadership table creates better government."

Yet Republican can argue they're doing the better job of putting women in governor's mansions right now. The GOP has four nationwide to the one held by Democrats. But the party has recently acknowledged it could do better with women voters, including U.S. House Speaker John Boehner saying in December that some members of his caucus could stand to be more "sensitive" at times.

Unlike New Jersey, Davis and Van de Putte aren't challenging a popular incumbent-turned-potential presidential candidate. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is stepping aside after 14 years and giving Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott, the presumptive Republican nominee, the task of preserving two decades of statewide GOP rule.

That relegates Davis and Van de Putte to the status of most female tickets before them: underdogs, despite Texas having a stronger history than many states of electing powerful women leaders.

Former South Carolina GOP chairwoman Karen Floyd, who helmed the state party when Nikki Haley became South Carolina's first female governor in 2011, hosted a summit in August to brainstorm how Republicans can elect more women.

The problem, she said, isn't message but getting more women to run.

"The Democratic Party has a better track record. They've been doing it longer," Floyd said. "I think you'll see more Republican woman offer up. It'll be a cascading effect."

The closest two women have come to sweeping a state's top two offices was 2004 in Missouri, when now-U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Democrat, and the party's female nominee for lieutenant governor narrowly lost.

Female Democratic candidates tend to amplify the gender gap in elections, said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. She said the other recent all-female tickets were a pair of Illinois Democrats in 1994 and a pair of Kentucky Republicans in 1999.

Buono doesn't believe being a woman was the deciding factor in the New Jersey gubernatorial race, but said they faced misogynistic and belittling remarks in a state where none of its 12 congressional members are women. One GOP county chairman compared Buono choosing Milly Silva, a labor leader who previously never ran for statewide office, as her running mate to picking his secretary.

Van de Putte recalled feeling marginalized in the Texas Senate in June when, as Republicans began stopping Davis' filibuster, she took the microphone and asked: "At what point must a female senator raise her hand or her voice to be recognized over the male colleagues in the room?"

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MCALLEN

Arrested South Texas officer wants bail lowered

A former South Texas sheriff's office commander arrested on drug conspiracy and money laundering charges remains jailed because he can't afford the full amount of his bail or find a co-signer.

The Monitor in McAllen reported that Jose "Joe" Padilla has the $5,000 cash deposit required for his release.

A motion filed by Padilla's attorney, Joe Cisneros, said he hasn't been able to find a bond company or any person that agrees to sign off on his bond and pay the $100,000 in case he flees.

Padilla was formerly second-in-command at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's office. He said he does not have enough cash or properties to back the $100,000 bond.

Court records show he has houses in South Texas worth more than $330,000 but owes almost $240,000 in mortgage, leaving him with about $97,500 in equity.

Padilla's 24-year police career ended after he was arrested Christmas Eve following an indictment linked him to a Weslaco-based drug trafficking organization.

He invoked his Fifth Amendment right to not testify during the drug conspiracy trial of former sheriff's Deputy Jorge Garza. Convicted drug traffickers Fernando Guerra Sr. and James Phil Flores — also a former deputy — had mentioned Padilla's name in connection with the case.

Garza was a member of the now-defunct Panama Unit, formed by sheriff's deputies and Mission police officers. Garza is accused of helping Guerra Sr. steal drugs from drug trafficking organizations. Garza would conduct fake traffic stops, so the drug traffickers would think the drugs were seized when in fact they were resold.

Nine other lawmen have been convicted on drug charges, including Jonathan Trevino the son of Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino.

AUSTIN

Texas service sector increases in December

Retail sales in Texas remained strong, sparking growth throughout the state's service sector in December, according to a report released this week by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The Austin American Statesman reported Wednesday that an analysis released Tuesday found that the state's revenue index — a key measure of activity in Texas private service-providing industries — increased to 16.0 during the month.

That's its highest point since September 2012, according to the monthly Texas Service Sector Outlook Survey.

The index was up from an 11.4 reading in November, suggesting that the sector's revenue growth had accelerated.

Despite rising retail sales, however, the pace of growth fell some in December. The state retail sales index dipped to 15.2 during the month, down from 20.3 in November.

The Dallas Fed said Texas' private service sector growth was spurred by a hiring increase and longer work weeks during December. The state's private sector has now expanded every month since October 2009.

Private, service-sector companies provide around two-thirds of all nonfarm jobs statewide, the Texas Workforce Commission said. The Dallas Fed reports that's about 60 percent of the state's economy.

In a similar report released Monday, the Dallas Fed also found that Texas' manufacturing sector reported another month of growing production and optimism.

Both were consistent with a rebound in consumer confidence across the country. The national Consumer Confidence Index jumped to 78.1 in December from 72.0 in November, according to the Conference Board.

The Dallas Fed also said that the rise in service sector activity to cap 2013 appeared to spur 2014 outlooks as well. Across all private service industries, both current and future business outlooks improved in December, it said.

SAN ANTONIO

Blaze destroys 350 portable toilets

Officials are investigating whether fireworks are behind a blaze that destroyed about 350 portable toilets outside San Antonio.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that Bexar County spokeswoman Monica Ramos said the blaze started about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday at United Site Services, east of the city center.

Ramos said the cause of the fire is unknown and that it is still under investigation.

Other officials, however, said fireworks may have started a grass fire that eventually spread to the business, reaching the portable toilets.

United's website said that, with 52 locations nationwide, it is the largest provider of portable toilets and restroom trailers in the country.

HOUSTON

Woman kills husband, self on New Year's Eve

Police in Houston say a woman has committed suicide after killing her husband on New Year's Eve.

The woman fatally shot her 43-year-old husband in a North Houston apartment Tuesday. She then drove to a relative's house and confessed to the crime, Houston police said.

Her husband's body was found around 10:30 p.m.

After confessing, the woman shot herself. She was taken to a hospital where she later died.

Neither victim was immediately identified.

AUSTIN

Health law dampens Perry's optimism

Gov. Rick Perry says the nation's new health care law has dampened the optimism he normally feels with the coming of a new year.

In a Dallas Morning News op-ed Wednesday, the Republican predicts that the "delays, deceit and debacles" that marked the law's 2013 debut will continue.

Texas has the highest rate of uninsured Americans, but Perry won't expand Medicaid for the working poor under the White House's signature initiative.

The state also refused to create its own health care exchanges, forcing Texans to use the problem-plagued federal website to enroll for private health insurance.

Perry wrote that the federal website is a $600 million debacle.

He also said the law will increase insurance premiums and could mean that 80 million Americans lose employee-sponsored health insurance policies in 2014.

BEAUMONT

Prized albino Burmese python Banana dies

A 16-foot albino python who was something of a celebrity around the Gulf Coast city of Beaumont has died.

The Beaumont Enterprise reports that the Burmese Python known as Banana was found dead in her indoor enclosure in Gator County about three weeks ago.

Owner Gary Saurage said he believes she died of natural causes. He said Banana had stopped eating for about two months.

Banana made news in 2012 when we was kidnapped, and then again when she was found months later.

Eduardo Verdugo/AP

Masked members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army, EZLN, stand at attention, one holding Mexico's national flag, at an event marking the 20th anniversary of the Zapatista uprising in the town of Oventic, Chiapas, Mexico, on Dec. 31. The Zapatistas waged a brief armed uprising in the name of Indian rights in January of 1994. Since then, the rebels have waged a relatively peaceful resistance from the jungles of Chiapas.

Mexico's Zapatista rebel movement marks 20 years

By Jose Naria Alvarez
Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico — In the misty mountain strongholds of the southern Mexico state of Chiapas, ski mask-clad members and supporters of the Zapatista rebel movement gathered to mark the 20th anniversary of a New Year's uprising that wrenched the world's attention to the plight of the country's impoverished and oft-ignored indigenous.

The Zapatistas and hundreds of sympathizers from around the world gathered Tuesday night to remember an armed uprising that although brief — calming after 12 days of bloodshed under a government truce — was followed by an occasionally tense two-decade standoff.

Before the revolt, "We were fooled, manipulated, controlled and forgotten. We were sunk in ignorance and poverty. But 20 years ago, on these days, we said 'enough,'" an indigenous leader known as Comandante Hortensia told the crowd at one of the celebrations, held in a schoolyard in the town of Oventic.

About 2,000 people from Mexico, the U.S., Europe and elsewhere danced, played basketball and sang political songs in the chilly night, as well as listening to Zapatista commanders speak in Spanish and the indigenous languages of Tzotzil and Tzeltal.

The Zapatista rebellion stunned Mexico and drew widespread support from leftists across the world with its message of indigenous rights and opposition to economic globalization. But since then, little has changed in the secretive, closed-off enclaves the Zapatistas have formed in the half-dozen communities they hold.

Poverty remains as bad as, or worse than it was before the uprising, in part because the Zapatistas refuse all government aid programs.

And the world's attention has drifted to other, more outwardly successful efforts in indigenous empowerment.

In Bolivia, where Evo Morales took office as the first indigenous president in 2006, Aymara and Quechua Indians now appear in the presidential Cabinet and as anchors on national news shows.

Pipe-smoking Zapatista leader Subcomandante Marcos seemed to acknowledge that many have turned their attention elsewhere.

"They left. Some went faster than others. And the majority of them don't look at us, or they do so with the same distance and intellectual disdain that they did before the dawn of Jan. 1, 1994," Marcos wrote in a statement released Saturday.

The movement itself has not always encouraged attention. After bursts of protest marches and nationwide tours, jungle conventions and biting, humorous communiques, it has sometimes withdrawn back into its communities for long periods of near-silence.

For some, its greatest achievement was prompting Mexico to enshrine sweeping anti-discrimination measures in its constitution in 2001. Passaged followed a Zapatista caravan across a dozen states to the capital, climaxing in dramatic speeches by masked rebels in Congress.

But the Zapatistas were enraged when lawmakers watered down sections that interested them most: expanding indigenous autonomy and control over land and natural resources.

Mexico's indigenous remain an oft-discriminated minority who often denied entry to, or service at, posh restaurants and stores. They only occasionally receive attention, as when a basketball team of Trique Indian boys, some of whom play shoeless, won a youth basketball tourney this year.

But the Zapatistas known by their initials as the EZLN are still alive and kicking, said the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Cristobal de las Casas, Felipe Arizmendi. The church has long played a role in indigenous movements in Chiapas.

"The EZLN remains alive, not as a military option, but as a social and political organization that fights for a dignified life," Arizmendi said last week. "It is an effort to demonstrate that autonomy is possible; you don't have to depend on the government."

Indeed, they don't: The Zapatistas run their own schools and health clinics, though most appear to be terribly underfunded and ill-equipped.

The Zapatistas have been criticized in the last decade for withdrawing too much from public view. They failed to endorse leftist candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador in the 2006 presidential elections, which he lost by a margin of about half a percentage point.

Nor have the communities' material conditions improved. Most Zapatistas still eke out meager livings as corn farmers, with occasional attempts to carve more farmland out of Chiapas' shrinking jungles. Marcos responded to such criticisms with his usual bristliness.

"What has the EZLN done for Indian communities? We are responding with the direct testimony of tens of thousands of our members," he wrote, saying the news media should ask themselves instead what they have done to improve pay, working conditions or readership for reporters.

Still Marcos said the act of rebellion itself is enough reason to celebrate.

"Rebellion, friends and enemies, is something that has to be celebrated, every day and at every hour. Because rebellion is also a celebration."

Some commentators warn that Mexico today may look chillingly like it did in 1994. The Zapatista uprising occurred on the very day the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect. The deal, hotly opposed by the left, opened Mexico's markets to U.S. goods.

This year, Mexico approved another major opening — energy reforms that will allow private and foreign firms to drill for oil in Mexico . That angered and frustrated the left.

"The atmosphere of victory that one finds today ... is reminiscent of the end of 1993," noted columnist Carlos Loret de Mola. The defeat of the left in Congress on energy reform "is opening more space for those who are betting on armed struggle," he wrote.

Marketing efforts to uninsured youth ramp up

By Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press

MIAMI — The so-called "young invincibles" are so important to the success of the Affordable Care Act that supporters and detractors are spending millions to reach them with racy ads, social media campaigns and celebrity endorsements. The president is even (gasp) asking their mothers to help convince them to sign up for insurance.

The federal government and states running their own exchanges have launched marketing efforts for this crucial demographic of healthy young adults, but it's unclear if the messages are getting through.

Eric Fisher, a 28-year-old from Salt Lake City, said he still hasn't seen any of the social media campaigns — one of which targets Utah residents with images of people snowboarding and rock climbing.

He tried to sign up online when the federal marketplace first launched but couldn't because of the long wait times and other website glitches. He said he'll try again at some point. He added that the historic health care overhaul isn't a topic he and his friends spend much time talking about.

"It's not like a coffee table conversation," Fisher said.

According to a recent Harvard survey, many of Fischer's peers are undecided.

A poll by Harvard's Institute of Politics showed about 40 percent of people between the ages of 18 and 29 are on the fence about whether to sign up, with the rest split fairly evenly between those likely to enroll and those who probably won't.

The survey of 2,000 young adults was conducted from Oct. 30 to Nov. 11, after the first month of enrollment on the health care exchanges and when sign-up problems were at their peak.

Consisting of healthy college students and 20-somethings, the so-called "young invincible" demographic is the holy grail of the Affordable Care Act. Insurers need their participation to offset the costs of covering older, sicker Americans. If enough young people decide not to buy insurance through state or federal marketplaces, it could throw off the market's equilibrium and cause insurance rates to rise dramatically the following year.

Federal officials haven't released detailed demographic information on who's enrolled so far, so it's not clear how many young people have signed up.

Ad campaigns in many states are courting undecided young adults. In Colorado, a nonprofit group created a series of provocative "got insurance?" ads. One features a blonde standing next to a life-sized cut-out of celebrity heartthrob Ryan Gosling with the caption, "Hey girl, you're excited about easy access to birth control and I'm excited about getting to know you. She got insurance." Another touting "Brosurance" encourages men doing a keg stand not to tap into their beer money to cover medical bills. When the exchange launched, models wearing nothing but underwear and "Get Covered" signs passed out fliers in downtown Denver.

Arizona and Utah ads targeting weekend warriors and other athletes note the risks of getting hurt without health insurance.

Shmuel Johnson, who works in Los Angeles at a small sound studio, hasn't seen any ads or perused the state's health exchange.

"There's this elitist attitude that (politicians) think they know what's better for us than ourselves and that's part of why I take issue with this. I'm being forced to do something that's not necessarily in my best interest," said Johnson, a 31-year-old who's never had insurance. "I don't need insurance, man. I'm healthy."

He'll wait until March to enroll and said he'll select the cheapest, lowest-level of coverage available simply to avoid the fine. Experts expect many young adults, like Johnson, to wait until March.

In 2012, 18 million 19 to 34-year-olds lacked insurance — or 27 percent of all people in that age group, according to U.S. census data.

The Obama administration is making the rounds on college campuses to encourage people to sign up and has enlisted celebrities including Lady Gaga and Kerry Washington in its Get Covered social media campaign. Jennifer Hudson and Olivia Wilde were featured in skits pushing the Affordable Care Act on the humor website Funnyor-Die.com. In the latest push, an Obama impersonator encourages young adults to tell their friends to get covered in an online rap.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today in Midland history

On Jan. 2, 2012, John Hyde, a district court judge and Midland historian, died at the age of 69.

Support groups, club meetings today

(schedule subject to change)

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble; Paula Millholion, 520-3250.

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

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m.; Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.

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

Community calendar

■ The Midland Archeological Society is to meet 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Paul Katz is to present "Irish Antiquities and Archaeoastronomy."

The program is an overview of the prehistory and early history of Ireland and a look at the stone monuments that dot the countryside.

■ The Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club. Guest speakers will include local and state candidates, including attorney general candidates Dan Branch, Ken Paxton and Barry Smitherman.

The meeting is open to the public. Luncheon tickets are $18 with a reservation or $22 at the door. For more information, call 520-3500 or visit www.mcrw.us.

Flu vaccines

Midland Health and Senior Services is urging residents to get a flu shot.

The flu vaccine provides protection against the three strains of influenza: the H1N1 strain that caused the illness in 2009 and later seasons, and two other flu viruses that caused illness last season. Vaccines for 2013-14 contain the H1N1 strain that caused the illness in 2009 and later seasons, and some other flu viruses, depending on the formulation.

Midland Health & Senior Services is offering flu shots to children 3 and older and adults. The fee ranges from $20 to $35. Medicaid and Medicare will be accepted. It is not necessary to make an appointment.

Midland Health & Senior Services is located at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. in space 22 of the Kingsway Mall. Normal hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

For more information, call 681-7613.

Hotel business

Midland (Taxable receipts)
Third quarter of 2013
Lubbock $23,840,219
Midland $22,238,314.25
Odessa $17,953,367
San Angelo $11,873,484
Abilene $10,265,770

Top hotels in Midland-Odessa
(Total receipts)
DoubleTree $3,097,154
MCM Fundome (O) $2,751,258
MCM Elegante (O) $2,133,735
Residence Inn $1,796,774
Hilton Garden Inn $1,436,917

Quarter-by-quarter
(Taxable receipts)
2013
First $20,227,294.74
Second $21,758,197.58
Third $22,238,314.25
2012
First $16,16,933,629
Second $18,862,769
Third $20,502,327.25
Fourth $19,784,930.28
2011
First $10,336,750
Second $12,677,805
Third $14,248,045
Fourth $14,728,488
2010
First $7,252,122
Second $8,094,483
Third $9,237,662
Fourth $9,585,625
2009
First $8,429,430
Second $8,972,464
Third $7,916,980
Fourth $7,147,371
2008
First $8,737,614
Second $10,548,545
Third$10,883,084
Fourth $10,245,166.36

Reporter–Telegram on radio

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-6-1
Pick 3 day: 0-6-8
Pick 3 evening: 0-0-9
Pick 3 night: 8-4-9
Daily 4 morning: 1-3-7-0
Daily 4 day: 2-4-6-2
Daily 4 evening: 8-4-3-7
Daily 4 night: 2-1-4-8
Cash Five: 12-16-22-32-35
Lotto Texas: 15-17-43-45-47-50
Powerball: 15-17-43-45-47-50
All or Nothing morning: 4-5-6-11-13-14-15-16-17-19-21-22
All or Nothing day: 2-3-6-7-11-13-15-16-18-20-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4-6-7-8-12-15-16-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-7-9-12-16-19-20-21-22-24

ECONOMY

From 1A

to new drilling projects for 2014, this normal growth rate will be short-lived and the current 45-month expansion could heat up again by mid-year."

Ingham said the current expansion is not yet as long-lived as the previous expansion period, which started at the beginning of 2002 and lasted more than 70 months — the fall of 2008 — as the "Great Recession" impacted energy prices and other economic activity.

By the time Midland-Odessa economic expansion slows to about 3 percent annual growth, the region will have seen a dramatic period of expansion, he said.

"I don't know where it will end up," Ingham said. "But I do know the Midland-Odessa region is sitting in one of the globe's most important energy-producing regions and its importance and relevance is going up, not down. That alone means the Midland-Odessa region is well-positioned for years, for decades to come."

Consumer activity continues to fuel economic growth, with November retail activity 7.4 percent above last November and, for the year, 8.3 percent above the same time period of 2012. In real terms — when adjusted for inflation — the November 2013 general spending total was more than $200 million higher when compared to November 2009, the November monthly low point during the recession, Ingham said.

Automotive spending decreased 17.8 percent in November compared to November 2012. Ingham said the decline was not a cause for concern because it is not possible to sustain such high levels of growth indefinitely. But there were dramatic spending increases year over year between 2009 and 2012: between November 2011 and November 2012, 22 percent; between November 2010 and 2011, 41 percent; and between November 2010 and 2009, 57 percent.

"Real auto spending in November 2012 was nearly $5 million higher than November 2009, the November low point as a result of the recession," Ingham said.

Ingham said Midland-Odessa has "spectacular" construction activity, with the value of all building permits issued through November totaling $1.2 billion, a 71.3 percent gain compared to the $702.5 million issued in the same time frame of 2012. Ingham said he doesn't expect construction to reach such levels this year.

The number of building permits issued by Midland and Odessa fell to 83 in November — compared to 93 in November 2012, for a 10.8 percent decrease. But housing construction remains high, with the year-to-date total of 1,225 permits 17.4 percent higher than the 1,043 issued in the first 11 months of 2012, Ingham said.

He continues to attribute a decline in sales of existing homes to high prices. Realtors sold 206 homes in November, down from 236 in November 2012 , for a decrease of 12.7 percent. Year to date they sold 2,823 homes, up a mere 0.4 percent from 2,813 a year earlier.

The average sales price rose to $230,345 from $212,638 last November, for a 8.3 percent increase. So far this year housing prices are averaging $226,547, up 8.2 percent from $209,365 a year earlier. November 2012 was 18 percent higher than November 2011, Ingham said.

The Midland-Odessa metropolitan area added an estimated 8,100 jobs over the last 12 months, a year-over-year growth rate of about 5.1 percent. More than 3,300 of those jobs, or about 40 percent, were added directly to oil and gas company payrolls. Industry activity and industry jobs resulted in the addition of most of the other 60 percent of the jobs added over the last 12 months, he said.

Ingham said the rate of decline in the unemployment rate has slowed as the unemployment rate approached 3 percent, but actually continues to come down slightly at about 3.2 percent and should continue to do so assuming ongoing expansion in the local and regional economy. The slack in the labor market from the recession is all but gone at this point, he said, adding it is quite plausible the unemployment rate will dip below 3 percent in 2014 should the economy continue to grow.

RACE

From 1A

vetting procedures related to a cancer research grant.

Polls show it's still Abbott's race to lose. But the Republicans are facing something Texas hasn't seen in years: a Democrat who is about as recognizable to Texans as their own standard-bearer. Davis, a Harvard-trained lawyer, became an instant celebrity after waging an 11-hour filibuster of a restrictive abortion bill over the summer.

Her stardom didn't change the conservative leanings of the Texas electorate, of course. But it gave her a head start because one of the most important tasks for any campaign is boosting name ID, and for Davis that was accomplished literally overnight.

Her status as a feminist icon and Democratic hero also turned her into a fundraising powerhouse. The day after her announcement on Oct. 3, the campaign exceeded a 24-hour goal of $500,000, Davis said, and she has spent much of her time crisscrossing the country raising money in California, Washington, D.C., and the East Coast, according to press reports and Abbott supporters who are more than happy to emphasize her out-of-state dough.

The public will get a better sense of the resources the candidates have at their disposal in mid-January, when the next campaign finance reports are due. In the summer, Abbott reported more than $20 million in the bank, compared with about $1 million for Davis. With so much money piled up so far and plenty of GOP donors anxious about a Democratic resurgence, the attorney general is expected to maintain a financial advantage in the race, and probably a significant one.

But one Democratic ally familiar with Davis' fundraising operation said her campaign is "satisfied" with the haul.

"It's going to be a big number," the ally said.

It hasn't been all roses for the titan in pink tennis shoes, though. Her launch was rocky literally from the beginning, when aides told the media not to leak word of the location of her Oct. 3 announcement but then proceeded to profusely leak it to supporters and donors.

Then within days of the announcement, a round of thank-you emails to donors listed the wrong website for her campaign, directing people instead to an anti-Davis site that's running a flattering video about Abbott. Her campaign also listed the wrong address to an event at around the same time in San Antonio, causing some reporters to show up late.

As winter set in, Davis began racking up some unflattering headlines in the news media.

"Wendy Davis is not ready for prime time," blared a highly critical column in the McAllen Monitor, which faulted the campaign for a logistically glitchy South Texas event and the candidate's seemingly hands-off approach to the issue that made her famous — the "A-word: abortion," as the columnist put it.

Others, including Texas Monthly's Paul Burka, wondered out loud — in blog posts titled "Where's Wendy?" and "Where's Wendy (Part II)?" — why Davis wasn't hitting Abbott harder on the issues, from energy pricing to education.

"The perception came together that they were sort of not being aggressive enough," said Republican political strategist Matt Mackowiak. "I think that probably started to hurt them."

Henson, the UT political scientist, said Davis was saddled on the one hand with sky-high expectations — ultimately impossible to meet — and an atrophied Democratic Party infrastructure on the other. As a result, Abbott mostly got a "free ride" and valuable time to boost his profile while she was trying to build a campaign from scratch, get people in the field and put money in the bank, he said.

More recently, though, the Davis campaign has been striking a decidedly tougher tone, a development some insiders are attributing to newly installed campaign manager Karin Johanson, a veteran of difficult, high-stakes political contests.

When Abbott began touring Texas to tout ideas for education reforms, for example, Team Davis pounced with attacks on the attorney general's role as the lawyer who's defending $5.4 billion in education cuts made by the Legislature in 2011.

Abbott said he was just doing his job, but Davis aides and surrogates have repeatedly pressed him to either embrace or repudiate the cuts. Abbott said he can't talk about the cuts and then defend them in court in the ongoing school finance trial. The Davis camp has also hit Abbott for refusing to take a position on major issues, from school vouchers to immigration and threatened or endangered species protection.

Like Davis, the Abbott campaign also had some early boo-boos. In September, Abbott distanced himself from a Tweet of a top adviser, who re-broadcast the suggestion that Davis was "too stupid to be governor."

Earlier, he had faced criticism for thanking a supporter who, in a Twitter message praising the attorney general, had called Davis a "Retard Barbie." Abbott said the tweet was accidental and called the language his supporter used "reprehensible" and "completely unacceptable," according to the Houston Chronicle.

None of the mistakes, on either side, have changed the fundamentals of the race. Texas was and is a Republican state, and for those who like to handicap political races, this one leans rather heavily in favor of Perry's heir apparent. Like Perry, Abbott can draw on the GOP's well-oiled turnout machine, a long list of supportive officeholders and the deep pockets of dozens of pro-business donors.

But as Democratic consultant Glenn Smith likes to point out, weird and unexpected things can happen in elections — as they did in 1978, when Democrats ruled Texas similar to the way the GOP does now.

"Wendy is an underdog," said Smith, a former aide to Gov. Ann Richards. "So were the Republicans when Bill Clements got in. And he won."

Mummers strut stuff at New Year's parade

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Outrageously costumed and painted comic brigades and string bands have marched in Philadelphia in a Mardi Gras-like New Year's Day parade believed to be the nation's oldest folk festival.

Thousands of people lined the route for the century-old Mummers Parade along Broad Street, the city's main north-south thoroughfare. Colorful participants danced wildly and toted parasols while strutting their stuff.

MPD: Man punches, chokes woman

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for assaulting, choking and holding a woman against her will, according to court documents.

Harrel

Roy Ira Harrel Jr., 36, is being held on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing and class A misdemeanor charges of assault-family violence causing bodily injury and unlawful restraint.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 3:45 a.m. Tuesday in the 1300 block of Latta Street.

The complainant told the officer that she heard a woman scream for help and a man say he was going to kill the woman. The officer approached the apartment where the disturbance occurred and kicked in the front door to gain entry, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officer detained the man, identified as Harrel, and talked to the woman, who said Harrel had been assaulting her throughout the night. She said Harrel punched her in the face several times and removed her phone battery when she tried to call for help, according to the affidavit.

The woman said she tried to leave the apartment, but Harrel pinned her down on the ground and choked her, causing her to nearly lose consciousness.

If convicted, Harrel faces up to 10 years in prison for the felony charge and up to one year for each misdemeanor charge.

MPD: Woman arrested after wielding knife

From staff reports

A Midland woman was arrested Tuesday for wielding a knife during an argument, according to court documents.

Jines

Alicia M. Jines, 24, was being held on a $5,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member. She posted bond and was released Wednesday.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 3:15 a.m. Tuesday in the 3600 block of Andrews Highway.

The alleged victim said he returned home after drinking and an argument started between him and Jines. He said Jines approached him and began to punch him in the legs and arms while he was on the bed. Jines then retrieved a knife from the kitchen and stabbed the knife into a nearby dresser. She told the man she wished that he was dead, according to the arrest affidavit.

The man wrestled the knife away from Jines and she calmed down, according to the affidavit, which does not indicate if Jines used the knife on the man.

If convicted, Jines faces five to 99 years in prison.

City: Two men shot, one in critical condition

From staff reports

A man is in critical condition at Midland Memorial Hospital after he and his cousin were shot early Wednesday, according to the city's public information officer.

Midland police are investigating the shooting that occurred just after 1 a.m. in the 1200 block of East Maple Avenue. They found the men lying in front of a residence with gunshot wounds, said Sara Higgins, city PIO.

Both men were transported to MMH. One man was shot in the leg and has been discharged. His cousin had multiple gunshot wounds to his torso area and remains in critical condition, Higgins said.

Detectives believe the men were shot inside their vehicle, a Dodge Charger. They don't have any suspects at this time.

Anyone with information should call the Midland Police Department at 685-7108.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rachael A. Boaz, 33, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Elton C. Boyd, 33, of Big Spring, was charged Tuesday with injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to sustain bodily injury.

Jacob L. Busbee, 22, of Austin, was charged Tuesday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Casey R. Davis, 25, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Robert C. Fulgham, 36, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with burglary of a habitation.

Roy I. Harrel Jr., 36, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Perry L. Harsman, 50, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Gregory S. Hood, 46, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of parole.

Alicia M. Jines, 24, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault with a weapon on a date, family or household member.

Jose L. Sanchez Jr., 30, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with deadly conduct by discharging a firearm.

Jerry J. Savoy Jr., 29, of Odessa, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Calif. family struggles to get surgeries for teen

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The family of a 13-year-old California girl declared brain dead after tonsil surgery is encountering difficulty in obtaining two surgeries that she needs to undergo before she can be safely transferred to a long-term care facility.

A lawyer for Children's Hospital Oakland said that it is unwilling to allow an outside doctor to fit Jahi McMath with the breathing and feeding tubes that the family has requested.

The hospital will not permit the procedures to be performed on its premises because Jahi is legally dead in the view of doctors who have examined her, lawyer Douglas Straus wrote in a letter to the girl's family.

"Performing medical procedures on the body of a deceased human being is simply not something Children's Hospital can do or ask its staff to assist in doing," he said.

The refusal appeared to reverse the position articulated Monday by a hospital spokesman.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HONOLULU

White House calls for passage of jobless benefits

The White House is calling on Congress to make its first legislation of the new year the restoration of unemployment insurance for Americans whose benefits have expired.

More than 1 million Americans lost jobless benefits last week. White House economist Gene Sperling said restoring the benefits would not only help those individuals, but also lead to the creation of 200,000 jobs and economic growth.

Under the benefits program, the federal government provided an average monthly stipend of $1,166. However, an extension was dropped from a budget deal struck in December and Republican lawmakers have balked at its $26 billion annual cost.

The White House is backing a bill that would temporarily extend the benefits for three months.

NEW YORK

James Avery of 'Fresh Prince' fame dies

James Avery, the bulky character actor who laid down the law at home and on the job as the Honorable Philip Banks in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," has died.

Avery

Avery's publicist, Cynthia Snyder, told The Associated Press that Avery died Tuesday in Glendale, Calif., following complications from open heart surgery. He was 68, Snyder said.

Avery, who stood more than 6 feet tall, played the family patriarch and a wealthy attorney and judge on the popular TV comedy that launched the acting career of Will Smith as Banks' troublemaking nephew.

The sitcom, which aired on NBC from 1990 to 1996, was set in the Banks' mansion, to which Smith's character was sent from Philadelphia when things got tough in his own neighborhood. Fans came to know the imposing Banks as "Uncle Phil."

Avery liked to say that the way to be an actor was to act, and he had a busy and diverse career before, during and after "Fresh Prince." His TV credits included "Grey's Anatomy," "NYPD Blue" and "Dallas," and among his many films were "Fletch," "Nightflyers" and "8 Million Ways to Die." His voice alone brought him many jobs, notably as Shredder in the animated TV series "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

According to Snyder, he will be seen in the film "Wish I Was Here," directed by Zach Braff and scheduled to premiere later this month at the Sundance festival.

Avery grew up in Atlantic City, N.J., and served in the Navy in Vietnam in the late 1960s. After returning to the states, he settled in California and studied drama and literature at the University of California at San Diego.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and stepson Kevin Waters.

LAS VEGAS

Officer retires after Guns N' Roses inquiry

A Las Vegas police captain who helped a rock star pull off an elaborate wedding proposal by arranging a flight on a department helicopter has retired rather than face demotion, and the pilot's flying wings have been clipped, the agency confirmed.

Capt. David O'Leary faced demotion to lieutenant for helping arrange the Aug. 7 private flight for Guns N' Roses guitarist Daren Jay "DJ" Ashba and his then-girlfriend, Colombian actress Nathalia Henao, the police department said in a statement issued late Tuesday.

O'Leary, a 25-year veteran who oversaw the Financial Crimes Bureau, instead retired on Dec. 20.

Officer Ray Horsley, who piloted the helicopter, is being transferred out of the Air Support Detail as of Jan. 11 and will no longer be allowed to fly for the department, police officials said.

The discipline follows a four-month investigation launched after word of the private, unauthorized aerial tour of Sin City came from Ashba himself.

Ashba posted a photo on Instagram of himself and Henao wearing helicopter headgear and thanked the Las Vegas Police Department for "the most amazing" private helicopter tour over the city.

Boy Scouts ban on gay youths ends

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

Dallas Morning News/MCT file photo

Boy Scout Pascal Tessier talks on the phone with reporters after hearing the announcement that the Boy Scouts of America passed a resolution allowing Scouts who are openly gay into their ranks. He is at the Scout for Equality command post at Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine on May 23. Tessier is a life Scout who was unable to finish his Eagle Scout unless the resolution passed.

Pascal Tessier, 17, had aspired to rise to the rank of Eagle Scout since he was in the sixth grade.

"It shows to everyone that I'm a capable person — that I'm worth something," said Tessier, of Kensington, Md.

He knew it would be an arduous process to achieve Scouting's highest honor: earn 21 merit badges, play a leadership role in the troop, complete a service project and undergo a board of review. Tessier also knew there was one requirement that he could never meet: being straight.

For years, Boy Scouts who came out publicly were forced to leave the organization.

But on Wednesday the Boy Scouts of America lifted its ban on openly gay youths, and for the first time in the organization's 103-year history, members such as Tessier — who realized he was gay after he joined — will be able to remain in Scouting.

"Every organization has to be a living entity and change with the times, including churches and including the Boy Scouts," said Alan Snyder, who voted in favor of the change as board chairman of the Boy Scouts' Western Los Angeles County Council, which covers about two-thirds of the county and includes about 5,000 volunteers and 14,000 boys.

The lengthy, controversial approval process this year sparked protests and garnered national attention.

President Barack Obama, several senators, New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and others spoke out in favor of allowing gay Scouts. Petitions purportedly bearing 1.4 million signatures in favor of ending the ban were presented at Scouting headquarters in Texas.

But the ban had strong backing from other Scout constituencies, including the Southern Baptist Convention and the conservative Family Research Council, which bought an ad defending it.

The new policy — approved by 61 percent of the national council in May — has spawned differences of opinion and alternative Scouting groups.

Some troops in California had allowed gay Scouts before the ban was lifted, including a troop in Santa Monica. Other California troops including some in Orange County had adhered to the national policy. In Los Angeles County, Snyder said, some officials initially balked at lifting the ban.

"At a board level in our local council, the heart-warming aspect of it has been that as people became knowledgeable on the issues, even board members that were cool to the idea have accepted it," said Snyder, managing partner at the investment firm Shinnecock Partners in Los Angeles.

Boy Scouts' nationwide membership has dropped about 19 percent in the last decade to 2.6 million. About 70 percent of troops are sponsored by religious groups, some of which threatened to pull their charters if the ban was lifted.

Southern Baptist Convention leaders passed a resolution in June expressing their opposition to lifting the ban and their disappointment in the Boy Scouts.

But others, including the largest sponsor, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, supported the proposal. Catholic Scouting leaders said lifting the ban did not conflict with their teachings.

After officials voted to lift the ban, they published new membership standards online clarifying frequently asked questions including: "Should special arrangements be made to accommodate youth in camp, on trips, or during events based on same-sex attraction?"

The answer, in part: "We are all Scouts and are accepting of all members of the Scouting family."

It took years for Tessier to earn the badges required to become an Eagle Scout. He served as troop scribe, patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader, and designed his service project, restoring a brick walkway at a local Audubon Society. After Tessier and his mother spoke out against the ban, effectively outing him, he was sure he would lose his chance to become an Eagle Scout if the ban was not lifted.

"There was in fact a fear of being kicked out of Scouting because you were gay," Tessier said.

He said once the new policy was announced, two Scouts in his troop came out as gay.

"People felt safe. It just gives even more of a reason to keep on going," he said.

When Scouting officials voted to lift the ban, they did not end the ban on gay leaders. Gay advocates trying to lift that ban hope to find an ally in the Boy Scouts' new president, former Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, an Eagle Scout who is scheduled to take over in May.

"He'll be a really good leader for this because he did a really good job handling the end of 'Don't ask, don't tell,'" said Ross Murray, a spokesman for the gay rights group GLAAD, referring to the policy banning openly gay troops that Gates helped phase out two years ago.

So far, fewer than 2 percent of 116,000 troops and packs have been dropped by their sponsors, such as Baptist churches, according to Deron Smith, a Boy Scouts spokesman.

"We're pleased that the overwhelming majority of our members, families and chartered organizations remain committed to the Boy Scouts of America," Smith said.

Membership in the Utah National Parks Council, the nation's largest Boy Scout council, increased from 74,148 to 75,863 between December 2012 and November 2013, the most recent month available, according to the council's district director, John Gailey. The imminent lifting of the ban on gay Scouts "has generally not deterred parents or youth from joining," he said.

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There is a way to preserve the American Dream

■ Denouncing envy and resurrecting the community standard would go a long way to creating a more optimistic nation

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America's capacity for optimism and hope has been boundless through much of our short history.

The tangible returns of hard work; the ordered liberty sustained through community consent; and opportunity honed over time to apply equally to all men and women — these were the currency of what we called the American Dream.

Essential to these achievements was courage. The Founding Fathers were above all courageous as they challenged a king, fought and died for freedom, and created a country from scratch with little more than mettle and intellectual vigor.

If this isn't exceptional, then we have lost the meaning of words.

As we begin yet another new year, it is less easy to summon the dream. Instead of hope, a word that brought us a new president, we have entered an era of envy and doubt — envy for those who have more, and doubt that we can ever dig ourselves out of debilitating debt. What happens when even our debtors no longer want our dollars anymore, as China recently declared? A country that no longer wants our money likely doesn't want our debt, either.

Depending on whose prognostications one believes, we are either rebounding, by dribs and drabs, or perched on the precipice of economic ruin. Let's figure we're somewhere in between, which falls short of inspiring. What is certain is that our economic standing in the world is damaged, our credit and credibility are weak, and business confidence is still in limbo.

Do weak economies and moral decay go hand in hand? We certainly seem poised to find out.

From Miley Cyrus' naked cavorting on a wrecking ball — well, one can at least admire her metaphoric succulence — to Anthony Weiner's Twitter projections of His Very Own Self, we have lost all sense of decorum, that voluntary commitment to behavior that combines a willingness to consider others first (at minimum keeping our clothes on), enforced through the exercise of self-restraint.

Note the term self-restraint. No one's arguing for a new Puritanism, heaven forbid, but a pivot toward responsible adulthood would be helpful in re-creating a culture that doesn't pinch our faces with revulsion. How do we expect children to navigate through this tawdry muck to become the sort of people most of us would like to know?

Part of the problem is our sense of helplessness before the overwhelming power of technology, which has erased the physical boundaries of community. With so many liberated ids running around, it's hard to find a safe place to grow children. Figure it out we must. Does shame have a place in the American Dream? Why aren't irresponsible parenting and behavior as abhorrent to society as, say, smoking?

I suppose what I'm lamenting is the loss of our national imperative to do and be better. Where once we fashioned ourselves according to best behaviors, we now accommodate ourselves to the least. Take a look around a mall, if you can bear to enter. Valium recommended.

So, yep, we're a mess, but, in the spirit of American optimism, not doomed. To preserve the dream, two resolutions come to mind: Denounce envy and resurrect the community standard.

Envy is the core emotion driving the current debate about income inequality and the notion that the poor are poor because the rich are rich. Nonsense. The economy is not, in fact, a pie. When one gets a bigger slice, others do not ipso facto get a smaller one. Instead of redistributing wealth to spread misery around, the goal should be to make the poor richer, which means jobs, education and tax/regulation relief for employers.

Fundamental to all else is allegiance to community standards — the tacit agreement among adults that our communities be as physically secure and psychologically safe as possible for the well-being of children, who, let's *do* put a fine point on it, someday soon *will* be in charge. For guidance, the correct answer to nearly any question is another question: What is best for children?

Perhaps I am naive, but cynicism isn't allowed today. And besides, I am in good company when I propose that America's strength and well-being come from her goodness. Our lack of attention to our goodness, combined with our craving for instant gratification and near-toxic stimulation, has led us far afield from our Founders' intentions. Don't worry, my angel wings are in sorry shape.

We may have been created with a universal yearning for freedom, but we have learned through experience that freedom is earned rather than bestowed. To keep it, one must be vigilant.

All it takes is courage.

OUR VIEW

What type of Midland is being planned for today's newborns?

Wednesday, we welcomed the first baby of the new year to Midland. The newborn will be spoiled, as every baby should be — first baby of the new year or last baby of the previous year.

We think of all the possibilities. Are we talking about the valedictorian of the class of 2032? How about an Eagle Scout? Maybe the next City of Midland Aquatics diving champion? A baby born today — or Tuesday for that matter — we hope has a loving mother and father and a foundation for success.

But as we think about that baby, we wonder what this community will offer that child come 2032? What do we expect Midland will be like when that baby graduates from high school?

We have a few ideas.

■ Welcome to Midland, population 225,000. We remember last year when Pioneer's Scott Sheffield said Midland could have a population of 150,000 to 200,000 by the end of the decade. There were some who laughed and thought that was ridiculous. Well, no one is laughing anymore. The expectation is Midland could surpass that number. We hope city an county leaders are working toward that day. A good city planner is worth his or her weight in gold, and if we don't plan accordingly — including the proper dedication of resources — today's baby will have a worse quality of life because we remained in denial about things that need to be done and an unwillingness to use our resources wisely. During times of unprecedented growth, it is not just about now but about the future.

■ Being more conscience about living in the desert. City leaders have increased the water supply to last Midlanders for decades. It is our hope that an abundance of water now doesn't lead to bad habits later. We have said before that we disagree with the mayor-elect, who said Midland needs to sell that "blue gold" and go back to three-day-a-week watering. We consider that totally irresponsible; two days a week is enough for lawns. Bad habits started today will get worse over the years. We have an opportunity to continue a watering mindset that will mean there is plenty of water left over when today's babies go off to college.

■ Midland ISD represents what our community needs. We agree with Abell-Hanger Foundation Executive Director David Smith who said Midland needs an educated workforce and this community is paying for past bond decisions by the electorate. Today's babies will not care one bit whether MISD passes what could be the largest school bond in history by a factor of two or three (minimum). But today's babies will be impacted if Midlanders don't step up and require a district to meet the needs of the community. We have heard this community wouldn't need a Midland Development Corp. if our schools were ranked among the best in the state, and in our view, that is correct. Businesses would continue to come our way because as Smith said, "... it is in their employees' interests and future employees' interests." We don't know what the school board is going to send to the voters in terms of a strategy for the next 20 to 30 years. We urge them not to waste the opportunity in front of them, but to create a plan that meets Midland's needs, instead of one that produces a bigger version of what currently is in place. Today's babies and our community deserve better.

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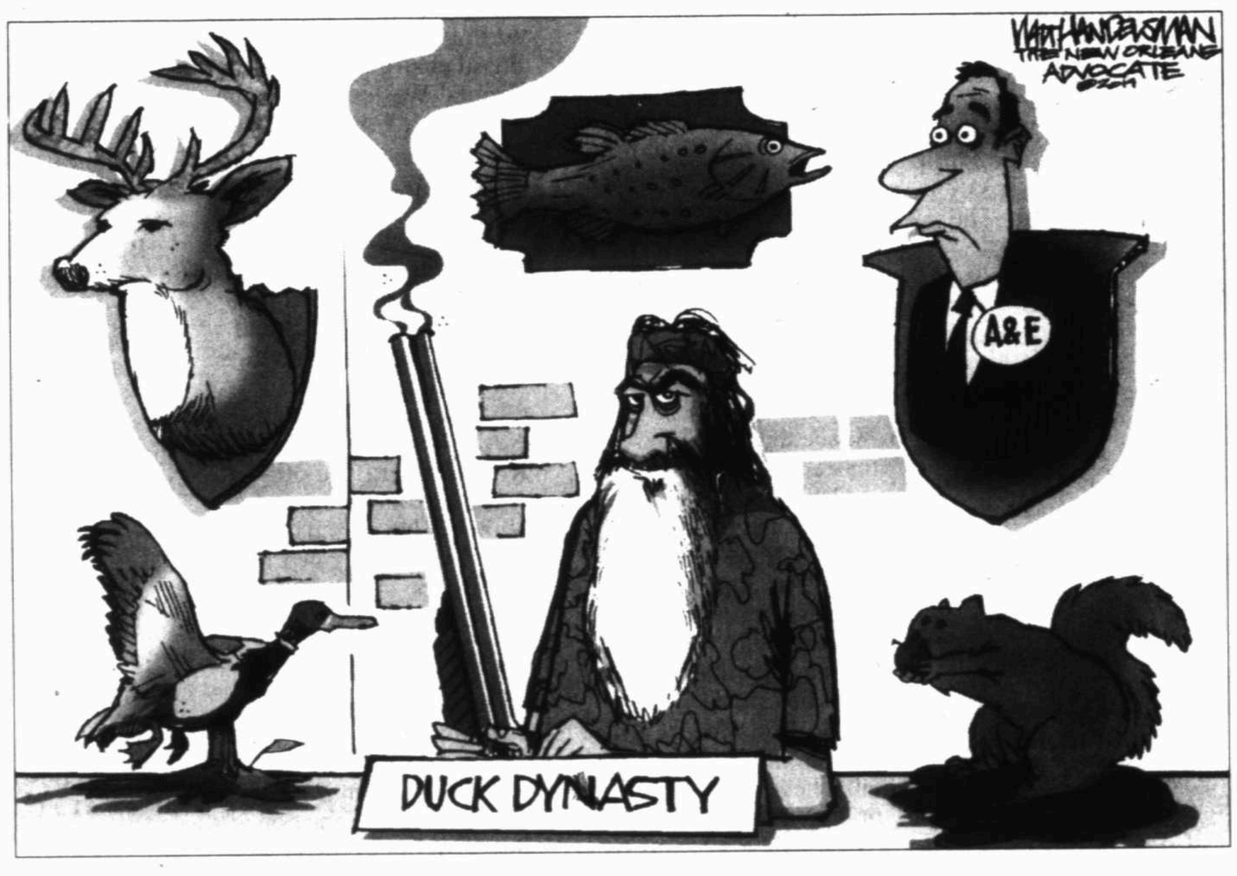

It was wrong to bet on Rubio

■ Everyone makes mistakes. Mine was thinking the Florida senator would lead

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The new year is a good time to look forward and also backward. It is true not just in our profession and personal lives, but also in politics.

President Obama noted as much in a recent press conference, when ABC News' Jonathan Karl asked him what he thought was his biggest mistake in 2013.

Obama avoided specifics, though he did acknowledge that the start of a new year is "always a good time to reflect and see what can you do better next year."

That exchange got me thinking about what I got wrong in the last 12 months. It was an interesting exercise. Columnists, like politicians, hate to admit mistakes. When we miss the mark, we are more likely to finesse our way through an explanation.

What's the point? Our readers can be counted on to note our failings and missteps, whether we acknowledge them or not. Still, if we want to preserve our credibility, it is better to own up to the fact we got something wrong.

Looking back over the past year, I realize that one thing I got wrong — or rather, *who* I got wrong — was Marco Rubio. I thought the senator from Florida would play a prominent role in immigration reform efforts and lead the debate over how to fix our broken immigration system.

In the spring, it looked as if Rubio was the designated quarterback of the Senate's Gang of Eight. These were the four Democrats and four Republicans who pieced together an immigration reform compromise that was called too lenient by conservatives and too harsh by liberals.

On the weekend before the bill was unveiled in April, Rubio appeared on seven Sunday talk shows, discussing — in English and Spanish — the specifics of the legislation. He seemed to be everywhere, including on just about every list of front-runners for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination. The consensus in much of the media was that this well-spoken and telegenic young man was going places, and that defusing the explosive immigration issue just might be his ticket.

I was pleased. I thought that despite Rubio's wrongheaded support of the Arizona immigration law, which unapologetically promotes ethnic profiling of Latinos, the senator had at least come down on the right side of the discussion over comprehensive immigration reform. I also thought that if he were successful in forging a legislative solution, he might just help bring more Latinos to the Republican Party. That would benefit both Latinos and Republicans by giving the former more options and giving the latter new life. Finally, I thought, this guy was a profile in courage, standing up to right-wingers in his own party. Here was a Cuban-American willing to brave the idiotic hate mail telling him to "Go back to Mexico!"

It didn't turn out this way. Rubio has become a colossal disappointment on the issue. He hasn't been a leader so much as a follower. His critics, and his own presidential ambition, got the better of him.

He has dropped support for a comprehensive approach — one that enforces the border, gives employers guest workers, and provides legal status to the undocumented — and undermined his own bill. Through a spokesman, he returned in October to advocating something that he supported a year earlier, before all this started: a piecemeal approach that tries to solve at least part of the problem by, for instance, ensuring that agriculture has workers or offering legal status to young people brought here by their parents.

I understand the appeal of half a loaf. Now that Congress has ducked comprehensive immigration reform for another year, the idea of attacking this problem in a piecemeal fashion is looking better and better. But when you're a member of Congress, and you're supposed to lead the way on immigration reform, you should pick a lane and stay there. Otherwise, you're going in circles.

Given his retreat, Rubio may have actually diminished the GOP brand among Latinos. He sent the message that, despite their lip service about immigration reform, Republicans won't stand up to right-wing nativists. He is lost, and so is the party.

Rubio was once front-page news, and now he is yesterday's news. No one cares what he thinks about the immigration issue, because they know that — given time — it'll change.

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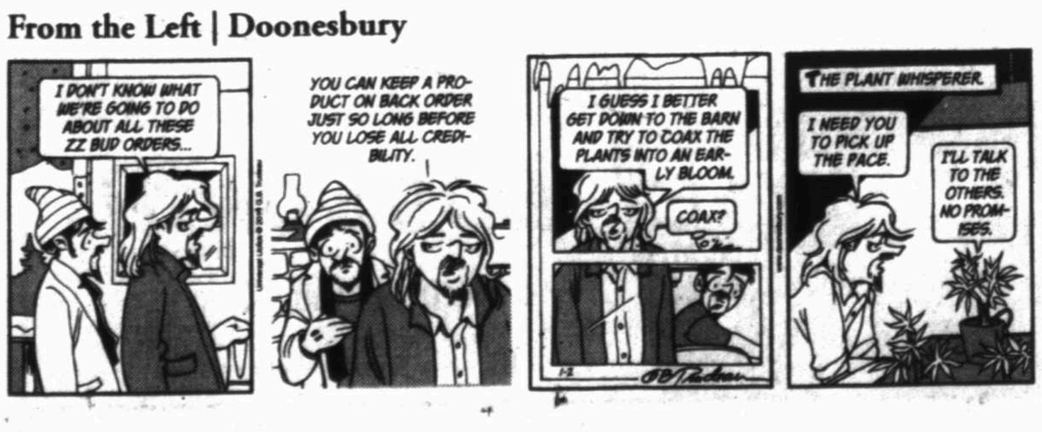

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AUSTRALIA

52 passengers trapped in ice to be rescued

CANBERRA — Passengers on board a research ship that has been trapped in Antarctic ice for more than a week are expected to be rescued by helicopter today after three icebreakers failed to reach the paralyzed vessel, officials said.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority's (AMSA) Rescue Coordination Centre, which is handling the operation, said early today that weather conditions had improved in the area since Wednesday and rescue flights were likely to commence shortly.

"Wind in the area is now down to 10 knots and visibility has improved. Weather conditions are expected to remain favorable over the next 36 hours," the center said in a statement.

The 74 scientists, tourists and crew on the Russian ship MV Akademik Shokalskiy, which has been stuck since Christmas Eve, had been hoping the Australian icebreaker Aurora Australis would be able to crack through the thick ice and allow them to continue on their way. The Aurora came within 12 miles of the ship Monday, but fierce winds and snow forced it to retreat to open water.

The helicopter on board the Chinese-flagged vessel Snow Dragon will be used to rescue 52 scientists and tourists, a dozen at a time, over five hours. All 22 crew members are expected to stay with their icebound vessel, which is not in danger.

The center said the passengers will be flown 7 miles to the Chinese ship, from where they will be transported 2 miles by barge to the Australian icebreaker.

The Snow Dragon, which is waiting with the Aurora at the edge of the ice pack, was also unable to crack through the ice, as was France's L'Astrolabe.

The Akademik Shokalskiy, which left New Zealand on Nov. 28, got stuck Christmas Eve after a blizzard pushed the sea ice around the ship, freezing it in place about 1,700 miles south of Hobart, Tasmania. The ship isn't in danger of sinking and has weeks' worth of supplies on board, but it cannot move.

The scientific team on board had been recreating Australian explorer Douglas Mawson's 1911 to 1913 voyage to Antarctica. Expedition leader Chris Turney had hoped to continue the trip if an icebreaker managed to free the ship.

PRAGUE

Palestinian ambassador killed in blast

The Palestinian ambassador to the Czech Republic died Wednesday in an explosion that occurred when he opened an old safe that had been left untouched for more than 20 years, officials said.

Ambassador Jamal al-Jamal, 56, was at home with his family at the time of the explosion, according to Palestinian Embassy spokesman Nabil El-Fahel. Al-Jamal was seriously injured and rushed to a hospital where he died, according to police spokeswoman Andrea Zoulova.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said no foul play was suspected, noting that the safe had been left untouched for more than 20 years.

It also appeared that the door of the safe had been booby-trapped, according to Zoulova. It was unclear how al-Jamal tried to open it or what type of safe it was.

The safe was recently moved from the old embassy building, but it had come from a building that used to house the Palestinian Liberation Organization's offices in the 1980s, Malki said.

"The ambassador decided to open it. After he opened it, apparently something happened inside (the safe) and went off," Malki told The Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear how Malki knew the safe had been untouched for more than 20 years or why and when the safe would have been booby-trapped.

During the 1980s — before the fall of the Soviet Union — the PLO had close ties with the Eastern bloc countries. In recent years, relations have been tense and the Czech government was seen as largely taking Israel's side in the Mideast conflict, said Nabil Shaath, a foreign affairs veteran and leading official in Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement.

Legal recreational pot industry opens in Colorado

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

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A line of buyers trails from a store selling marijuana in Pueblo West, Colo., on Wednesday. The nation's first recreational pot industry opened in Colorado on Wednesday, kicking off a marijuana experiment that will be watched closely around the world.

DENVER — Crowds were serenaded by live music as they waited for the nation's first legal recreational pot shops to open. They ate doughnuts and funnel cakes as a glass-blower made smoking pipes. Some tourists even rode around in a limo, eager to try weed but not so eager to be seen buying it.

And when the sales began, those who bought the drug emerged from the stores, receipt held high and carrying sealed shopping bags, to cheers.

"I'm going to frame the receipt when I go home, to remind myself of what might be possible: Legal everywhere," said musician James Aaron Ramsey, 28, who did some time in jail for pot possession in Missouri and played folk tunes with his guitar for those in line.

Activists hope he's right, and that the experiment in Colorado will prove to be a better alternative to the costly American-led drug war, produce the kind of revenue that state officials hope and save the government costs in locking up drug offenders.

Just on the first day, prices in some places rose to more than $500 an ounce, and some shops announced midafternoon they would close early because of short supply. It's too soon to say whether the price spikes and long lines will persist.

Washington state will open its pot industry later this year. Both states' programs will be watched closely not just by officials in other states, but by activists and governments in other countries because the industries will be the first to regulate the production and sale of the drug.

Some countries have decriminalized the drug, and the Netherlands lets people buy and sell it, but it's illegal to grow or process it.

Just as shops opened Wednesday, the Denver Police Department tweeted, "Do you know the law?" and linked to city websites on state and local laws that include bans on public consumption, driving under the influence, taking marijuana out of state and giving pot to anyone under 21.

Denver police said one person was issued a summons for public consumption. The Colorado State Patrol reported no pot-related incidents. No pot-related incidents were reported at Denver International Airport, where signs warned travelers that they can't take the drug home.

At least 24 pot shops in eight towns opened. In Denver, pot users welcomed the new year and the new industry by firing up bongs and cheering in a cloud of marijuana smoke at a 1920s-themed "Prohibition Is Over" party — a reference to the 1930s-era law that outlawed marijuana.

Shopper Jacob Elliott said he wrote reports in college about the need to end pot prohibition, but never thought it could happen in his lifetime.

"This breaks that barrier," said Elliott, who traveled to Colorado from Leesburg, Va., to be among the first to buy legal weed.

Preparation for the retail market started more than a year ago, soon after Colorado and Washington voters in 2012 approved legal pot industries. Uruguay passed a law in December to become the first nation to regulate pot, but regulatory system isn't in place yet.

Pot advocates, who had long pushed legalization as an alternative to the drug war, had argued it would generate revenue for state coffers — and in Colorado's case to support education — and save money by not locking up low-level drug offenders.

"I feel good about it. The money's going to schools," said shopper Joseph Torres of Denver.

The price for high-quality weed at some shops was around $400 an ounce. That's about four times what smokers are paying on the black market in Colorado, according to crowd-sourced Internet surveys. Much of the extra cost was attributed to state and local taxes in excess of 25 percent.

People who were waiting in line shared their pot incarceration stories over coffee and funnel cakes.

"Trafficking conviction. Nineteen years old. For a plant, how stupid," said 24-year-old Brandon Harris, who drove 20 hours from Blanchester, Ohio.

Colorado set up an elaborate plant-tracking system to try to keep the drug away from the black market, and regulators set up packaging, labeling and testing requirements, along with potency limits for edible pot.

The U.S. Justice Department outlined an eight-point slate of priorities for pot regulation, requiring states to keep the drug away from minors, criminal cartels, federal property and other states in order to avoid a federal crackdown.

With the additional police patrols, the airport warnings and various other measures, officials hoped they have enough safeguards in place to avoid predictions of public health and safety harm from the opening of the pot shops.

A group of addiction counselors and physicians said they're seeing more marijuana addiction problems, especially in youths, and that wider pot availability will exacerbate the problem.

"This is just throwing gas on the fire," said Ben Cort of the Colorado Center for Dependency, Addiction & Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado Hospital.

Some medical marijuana patients groups said they're worried about supply. That's because the retail inventory for recreational use is coming entirely from the preexisting medical inventory. Many in the industry warned patients to stock up before the sales began.

It was too soon to tell whether prices for medical marijuana patients were going up.

For now, they should have plenty of places to shop. Most of Colorado's 500 or so medical marijuana shops haven't applied to sell recreational pot, and many that have plan to serve both recreational and medical patients

The industry has not just given rise to shops, but a whole line of other businesses, including tours.

Addison Morris, owner of Rocky Mountain Mile High Tours, had 10 clients waiting inside a limo who paid $295 for three hours of chauffeuring by a "marijuana concierge" who would help them choose strains and edible pot products.

Morris said she's booked through the end of February with out-of-state clients, who get samples in designer bags. And for the tours, guests are asked to leave cameras at home. She said she's selling discretion.

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What else is happening this weekend? Find out on **Page 2**.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones"

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch on **Page 4**.

MUSIC
Catch Brian Milson, Fusion, Big Perk, No Dry Country and Whiskey River Ramblers this weekend, and find out what other bands are playing on **Page 2**.

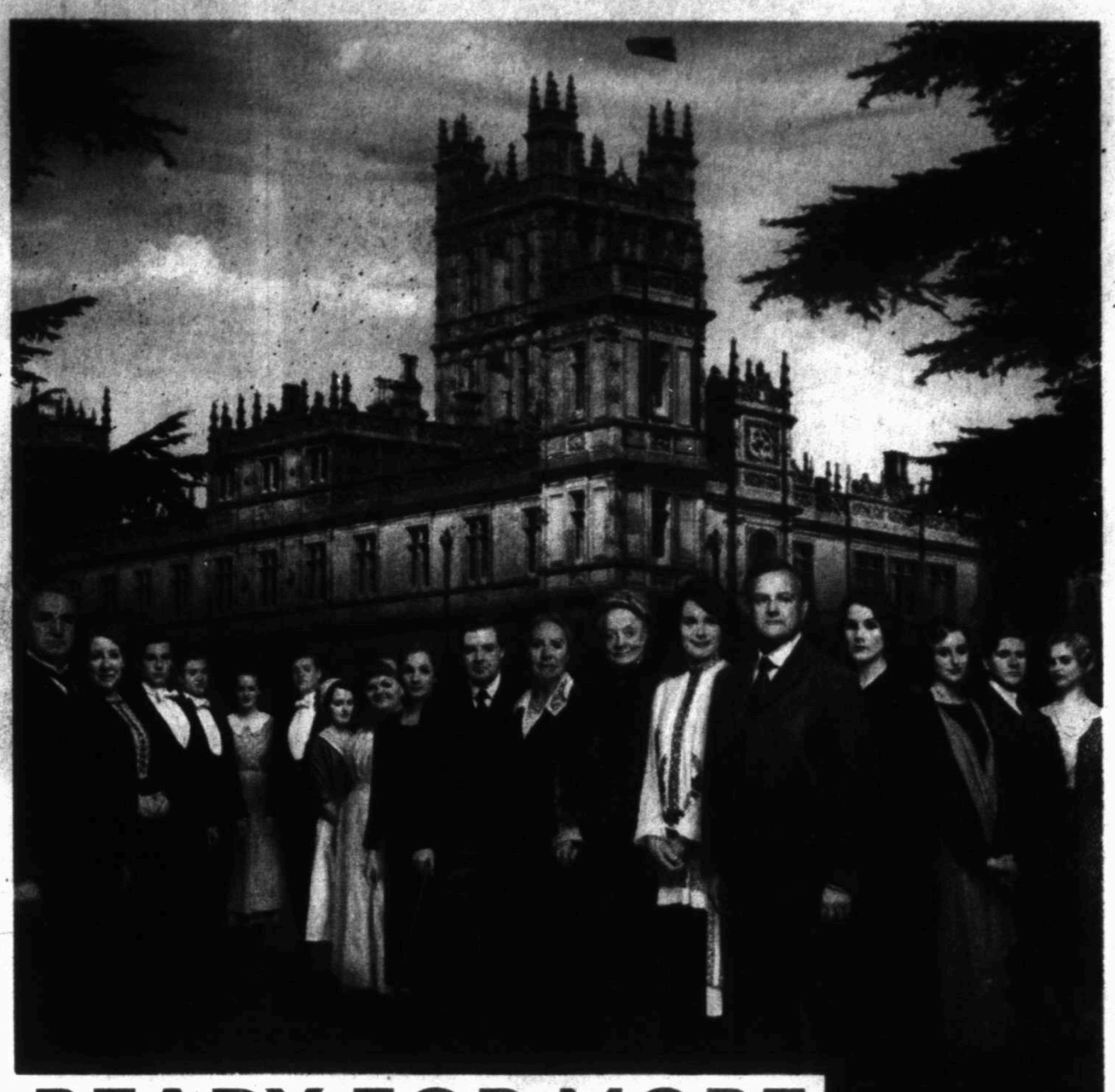
COMING SOON

Styx to perform in at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center this month.

Catch Trout Fishing in America at the Yucca Theatre in February.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show will be at the Midland County Horseshoe in February.

What else is coming soon in the Permian Basin? Find out on **Page 3**.



READY FOR MORE

Fans look for romance, resurrection in 'Downton Abbey'

By Melanie Nicholas
MRT correspondent

Now that Christmas is over, we can get back to a more pressing matter: the return of "Downton Abbey." Season 4 returns to screens Sunday on PBS, and fans are eager.

Here's what a few of us hope to see during the latest installment this year:

MORE BABIES

We have shared in the joy of babies George and Sybbie coming to the family. I cannot get enough of Sybbie's curls and bishop dresses or George in a sailor suit. But fans have baby fever.

"I want to see (characters) Anna and Mr. Bates become parents," said new grandmother and piano teacher Kristi Law.

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Grab-and-go offers non-GMO food

By Megan Lea Buck
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The Tall City has welcomed some new restaurants to town during the past few months. If you're looking for a new place to try or if you just want to see if the hourlong wait is worth it, check out our reviews and restaurant guide.

LIVING 360 ORGANICS

3211 W. Wadley Ave. #21
262-3411

It's the time of year when people flock to health food stores and gyms trying to get a start on their New Year's resolutions, but for Kelly Brown — triathlete and owner of Living 360 Organics — eating well is an established lifestyle.

Brown opened the juice/smoothie bar with a grab-and-go deli in September with the goal to offer Midlanders organic and non-genetically modified (non-GMO) foods.

With a culinary background and a degree in restaurant, hotel and instutional management, Brown cooks a batch of soup fresh every day along with a small variety of sandwiches, wraps and salads that are available in a grab-and-go deli case.

Smoothies, juices and acai bowls are made to order and include fresh, organic produce and other ingredients such as coconut water, honey, yogurt, almond and peanut butters.

Brown does his homework to ensure the quality of every ingredient used at the restaurant. He ships in produce from Colorado and fresh (never frozen) organic chicken from California. Chicken is smoked in-house at Living 360 Organics before it's added to soups or chicken salad.

The soup changes daily. I tried vegetable barley and paleo garam masala chicken stew — both fresh, hearty and well-seasoned. From the chilled deli case I picked up a side of cold quinoa salad. Made with quinoa, black beans, carrots, cucumbers, celery, garlic, lemon, Bragg olive oil and apple cider vinegar, the salad was light and tangy.

What Living 360 Organics lacks in selection it more than makes up for in food quality and taste. It's refreshing, and uncommon, to leave a restaurant knowing exactly what you've consumed. The menu is available at living-360organics.com.

Hit: The soup. It changes

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SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo kicks off today

By Len Hayward
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The SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo has seen booms and busts in the Permian Basin, and as the economy has soared over the last few years so has one of Texas' oldest rodeos.

The 80th edition of the rodeo is set to begin Friday, and if last year was any indication, tickets for the weekend peformances over the next two weeks could be scarce. The first official rodeo performance is set for Friday night, and there are a total of six performances over the next two weeks.

But there are several activities going on nearly every day at the Stock Show.

WHEN & WHERE

80th SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo
When: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-11
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa.
Web: www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com

RODEO TICKET INFORMATION

Box seats are $17, reserved seats are $15 and general admission is $13

For Jan. 11

Box seats are $19, reserved seats $17 and general admission is $15

The Stock Show, Horse Show and Kids Rodeo is free

SANDHILLS RODEO EVENTS

Bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, team roping, steer wrestling, tie-down roping and barrel racing. Steer roping also will be a part of the program.

EVENTS OF NOTE

Today
1 p.m. Heifer show, Outback Arena
Friday
8 a.m. Lamb show, Barn E

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CALENDAR

MRT file photo

ELVIS: REMEMBERING THE KING

Photo courtesy Graham Dixon

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Elvis: Remembering the King, with Vince King and Tribute Band Fever, 8 p.m. Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

GAMES

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

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

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

DANCE

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

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

EVENTS

Author David Bryant Perkins book signing, 5-7 p.m. Friday at Hastings Entertainment.

SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo, Friday through Jan. 11 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Petsmart and Dust Bowl Animal Rescue adoption event, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Odessa Petsmart. www.dustbowlanimalrescue.com

"An Evening Inspired by Downton Abbey" benefit for Basin PBS, Saturday at DoubleTree by Hilton.

Tex-Mex Barrel Race, Saturday and Sunday at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

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

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

Kindess Matters storytime with "Llama Llama and the Bully Goat," 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

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

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

"Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, permanent exhibits at the Museum of the Southwest complex. 683-2882.

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8 a.m. Steer show, Outback Arena
5 p.m. Junior Livestock Sale, Barn G
7 p.m. Rodeo Performance, Ector County Coliseum

Saturday
8 a.m. Goat show, Barn E
10 a.m. Kids Rodeo, Music City Mall
Noon-6 p.m. Bulls, Blood and Heroes Blood Drive, Ector County Coliseum
7 p.m. Rodeo Performance, Ector County Coliseum

Tuesday, Jan. 7
10:30 a.m. Super Tuesday Roping, Ector County Coliseum
6:30 p.m. Team and Match Roping, Ector County Coliseum

Wednesday, Jan. 8
1 p.m. Bulls, Blood and Heroes Blood Drive, Ector County Coliseum
7 p.m. Rodeo Performance, Ector County Coliseum

Thursday, Jan. 9
7 p.m. Rodeo Performance, Ector County Coliseum

Friday, Jan. 10
7 p.m. Rodeo Performance, Ector County Coliseum
8 p.m. Rodeo Dance with Jake Hooker, Building G

Saturday, Jan. 11
7 a.m. Horse Show, Horseshoe Arena, Midland
9 a.m. Special Kids Rodeo, Ector County Coliseum
7 p.m. Rodeo Performance, Ector County Coliseum

WHO WILL COMPETE

Cowboys and cowgirls from across the country will compete over the next two weekends at the Ector County Coliseum during the event. This rodeo is one of the first Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association events of the calendar year.

Here's a look at some local competitors to keep an eye out for over the next two weeks (it is not known at this time when, or if, they will compete):

Patrick Smith, team roping, Lipan: Smith will have a new partner this season as he's partnering with Kaleb Driggers. It will be the first time in seven years that Smith won't rope with Trevor Brazile. Smith finished fifth in the world standings last year as a heeler.

Fisher family, steer roping, Andrews: The Fisher family, which consists of Vin, Dan and Tom, will again compete in steer roping at the event this year. The family is always among the top ropers every year.

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every day, but it's always made fresh with raw ingredients. It's deliciously simple.

Miss: Selection is limited, and when the restaurant runs out of something, customers have to wait until the next day or until the arrival of another shipment of food.

Noteworthy: Living 360 Organics offers juice for a three-day cleanse program. It also offers a small selection of grocery items and dietary supplements.

Close second choice: Next time I'll try to make it for breakfast to try an acai bowl with organic coffee.

Report card: Food: 4 out of 5 spoons | Service: 4 out of 5 spoons | Ambiance: 4 out of 5 spoons

LIVE WIRE & VENUES

LIVE WIRE

2 **Brian Milson** @ Rockin Rodeo
3 **Big Perk, Free, Tarah B, Al-E** @ Salinas Community Center
3 **Fusion** @ The Roadhouse
3 **Urban Spur**, Midwest Tragedy @ Redneck's
3 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
4 **Whiskey River Ramblers** @ Redneck's
4 **Vince King as Elvis** @ Ector Theatre
5 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
7 **Mister Happy** @ The Bar
7 **RC Entertainment** @ Permian Basin Dance Club

VENUES

Club Krystal | 103 S. "A" St.
Cabana Sports Bar | 3113 W. Industrial Ave. | 688-3993
Cigar Frogs | 216 N. Main St. | 687-1671 | cigarfrogs.com
Escape Lounge | Quality Inn & Suites, Odessa | 3001 East Business Loop 20 | 432-333-3931
Farwest Event Center | 5850 W. University Blvd. # 200, Odessa | 432-381-9378
Graham Central Station | 4240 Preston Road, Odessa | 432-552-0552 | grahamcentralstationodessa.com
Hot Shots | 615 W. Wall St. | 687-3582
Redneck's | 2215 N. Midland Drive # 2A
La Hacienda | 12610 St. Highway191 | 563-3737 | lahaciendaeventcenter.com
La Playa de Colores | 2101 E. Eighth St., Odessa
Lone Star Bar | 621 W. Wadley Ave. | 218-6936
Riley's Bar & Grill | 3421 W. Wall St. | 520-0006.
Rockin' Rodeo | 4400 N. Big Spring St. Suite D46 | 682-0400
Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina | 2101 W. Wadley Ave. | 570-9600
Shack in the Back | 11520 W Highway 80 E, Odessa | 432-561-5105 | shackintheback.com
Softails | 5710 N. County Road West, Odessa | 432-557-5047
The Bar | 606 W. Missouri Ave | 685-1757 | thebarmidland.com
The Detour | 1708 Rankin Highway | 685-1011
The Ground Floor | 203 W. Wall St. | 683-4433
The Hemmingway | 2200 W Wadley Ave. #2 | 570-5333
The Blue Max | 7409 W. Industrial Ave. | 561-8190
The Pine Box | 510 S. Big Spring St.
The Velvet Room | The Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St. | inthevelvetroom.com
Woofers and Tweeters | 3303 N Midkiff Road, No. 160 | 522-2111
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Assistant Managing Editor — Features and Entertainment
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NOTE: Please submit information by noon on Tuesdays at the latest.

HAVE A GIG FOR LIVE WIRE?

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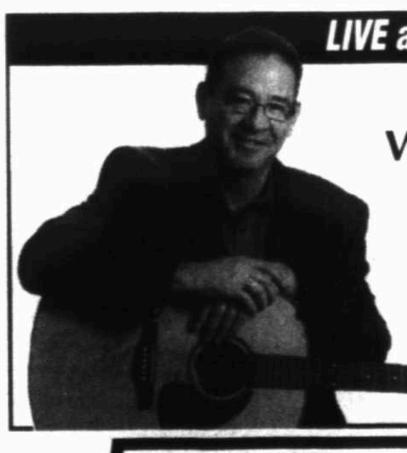

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COMING SOON

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JANUARY

Ector County Junior Livestock Show, Jan. 8-12 at Ector County Coliseum. www.ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Improv at the Yucca, Jan. 9 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Meet-the-author and book signing event with Jerrett J. Krosoczka, 4-5:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

American Girl event, 4 p.m. Jan. 10 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

Author Don Ingram booksigning event, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 11 at Hastings.

Ozark Mountain Hoe-down Music Theater, 8 p.m. Jan. 11 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Robots: 3-D Design Workshop, Jan. 11, 18, 25 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. www.noelartmuseum.org.

Styx, Jan. 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Elvis Lives, Jan. 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Midland County Livestock Show, Jan. 15-18 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

MAP MotoCross, Jan. 17-18 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Permian Basin Gun Show, Jan. 18-19 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Genealogy Off the Shelves, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 18, at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Spot the Dog visits storytime, 6 p.m. Jan. 18 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

Carmina Burana, Jan. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

American Idiot, Jan. 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Bridge lessons, starting Jan. 21 at Allison Bridge Center. 685-4518.

Tony Bennett, Jan. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series with artist Danny Jordan, 11:30 a.m. Jan. 23 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Travis Tritt, Jan. 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Crashmasters presents Weekend of Destruction Monster Trucks, Jan. 24-26 at Midland Horseshoe Arena. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Oak Ridge Boys, Jan. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Live on Stage presents Transit Authority, Jan. 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

FEBRUARY

Steven Curtis Chapman, Feb. 1 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show, Feb. 1-2 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

Free bridge lessons for kids, Feb. 1 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Register by Jan. 21. 740-7432.

Around the World - West Texas Winds, Feb. 2 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Family Science Night's "Science Sensation," 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 6 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

"Girls Night the Musical," Feb. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

"Mary Poppins," Feb. 7-March 8 at Cole Theatre, Midland Community Theatre. www.mctmidland.org. 570-4111.

Foreigner, Feb. 7 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show, Feb. 7-9 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

Trout Fishing in America, Feb. 9 at Yucca Theatre. 570-4144.

Gordon Lightfoot, Feb. 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Ballet Arkansas, Feb. 12 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Mike Tyson's "Undisputed Truth," Feb. 13 at Far West Event Center in Odessa. 381-9378.

Christopher Cross and Stephen Bishop, Feb. 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

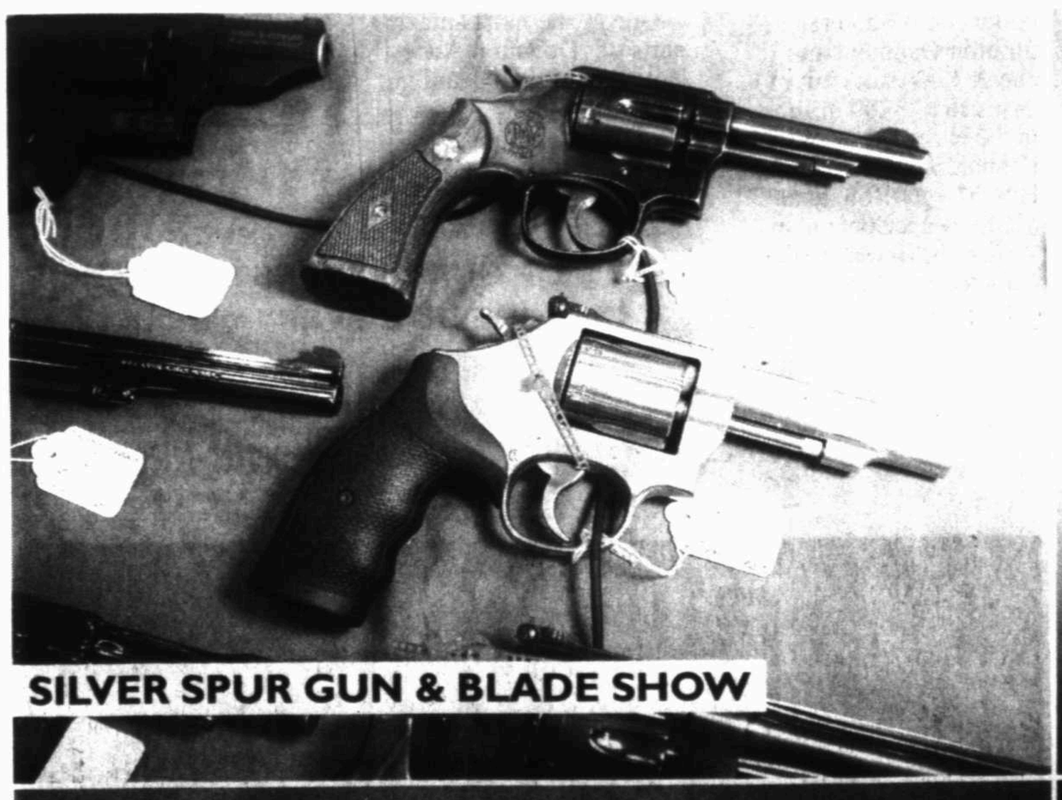
All About Women's Expo, Feb. 15-16 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

"Something Borrowed, Somethin' Blue" Permian Basin String Quartet concert, Feb. 16 Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Permian Basin Annual Home and Garden Show, Feb. 22-23 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

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

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



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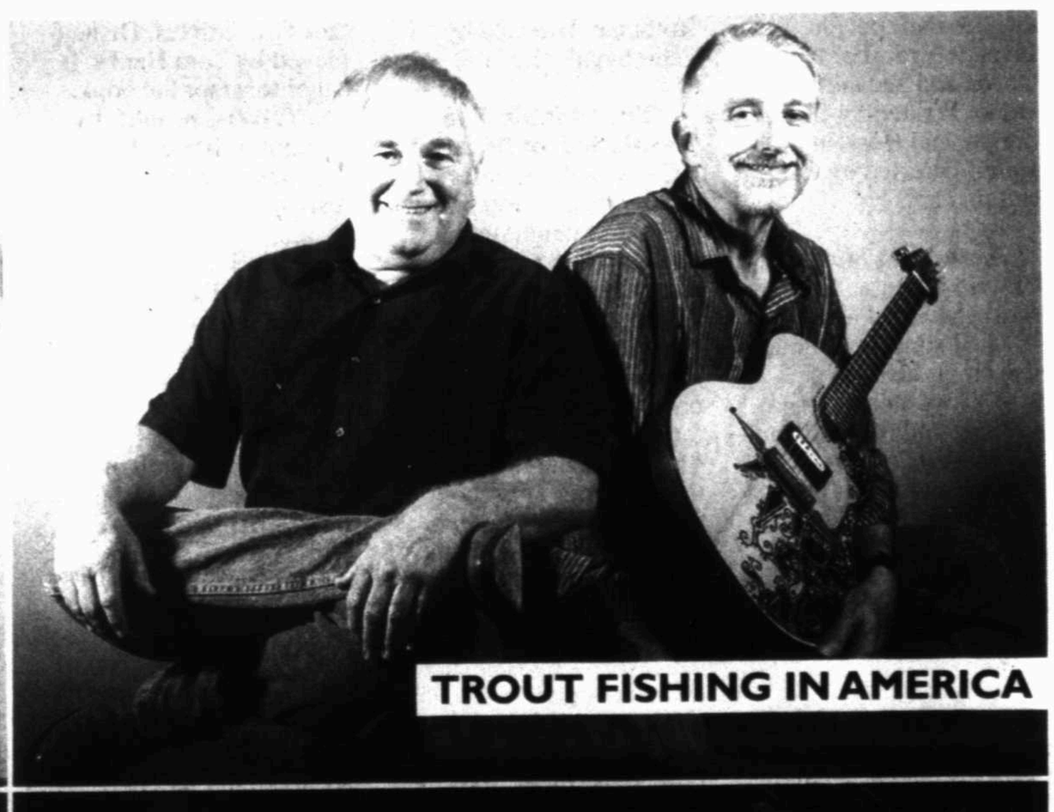

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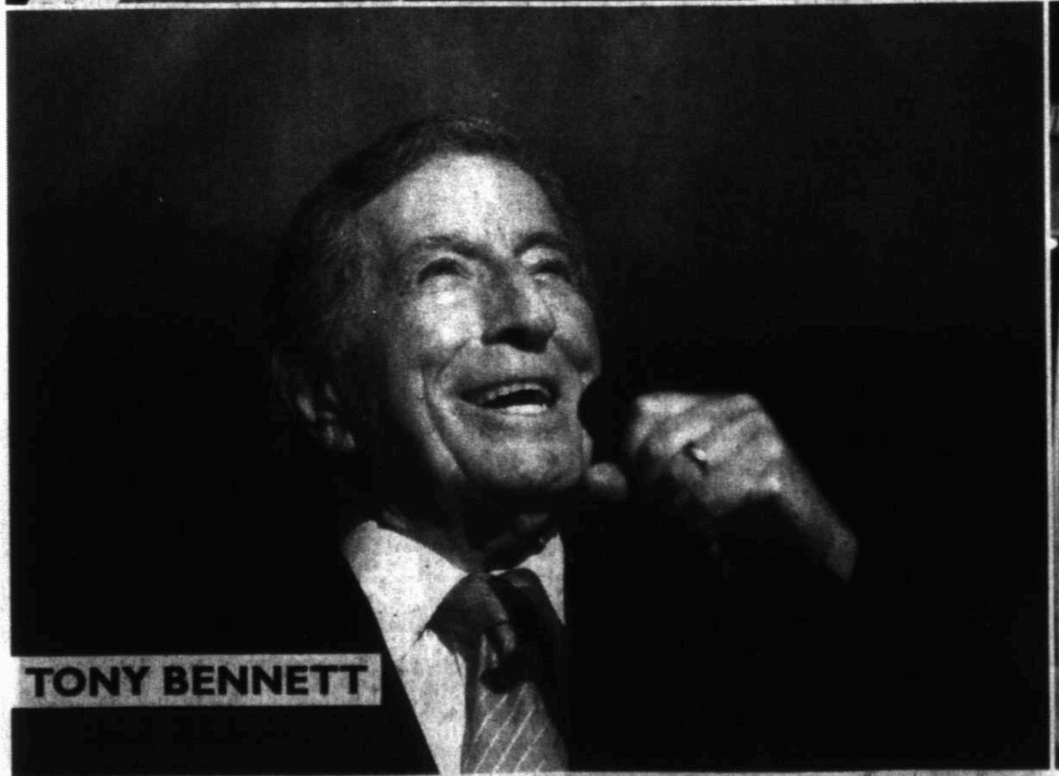

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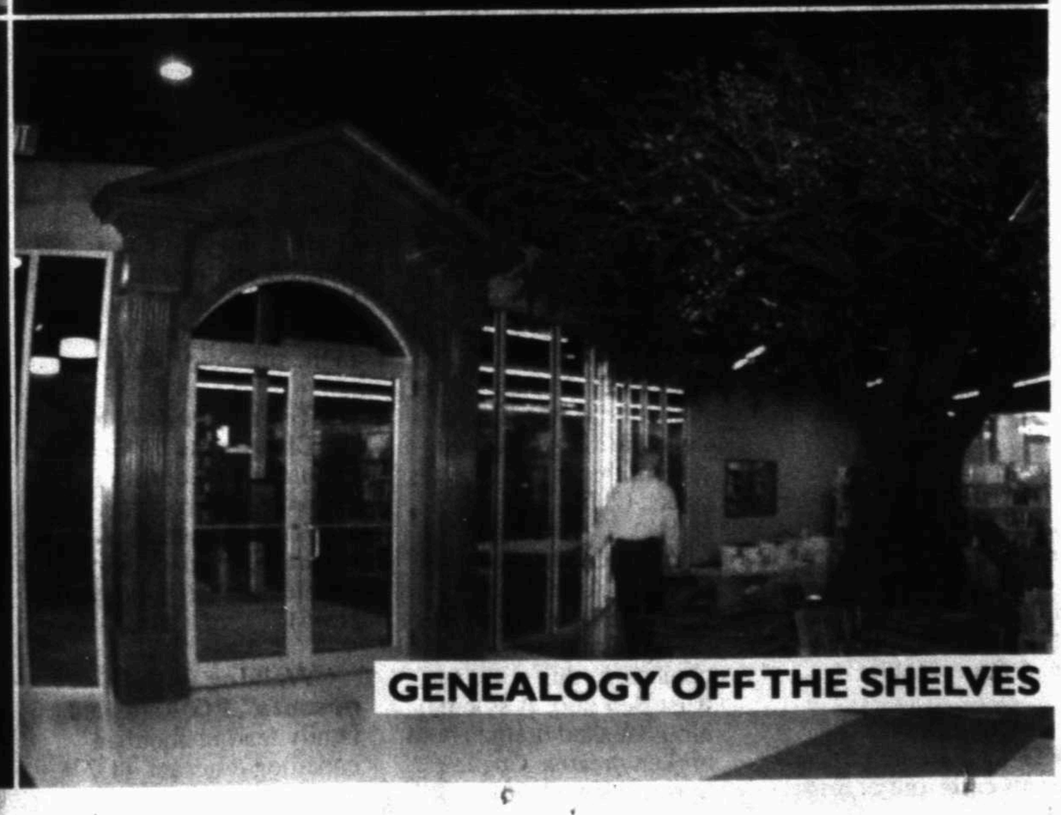

GENEALOGY OFF THE SHELVES

SCREEN

Fresh Netflix offerings might be new to you

By Tyler White
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Netflix junkies, myself included, may have been scrambling to watch a select group of films before they left Netflix's massive library on Wednesday.

But after losing nearly 100 movies, an influx of films has been made available. Most are older but may be new to you. Here are 10 films from that list that are recommended viewing material:

"Amelie" (2001) R This French film, which helped popularize foreign films in the early 2000s, follows a woman who works to return toys to their original owner. This film was a critical and box office success, garnering five Academy Award nominations.

"American Psycho" (2000) R This film put Christian Bale on the fast track to success and follows the wealthy yuppie with a great job, great body and set of twisted psychotic tendencies. Fans of "Dexter" and "Psycho" will enjoy this great thriller.

"Ghost" (1990) PG-13 For those who have not seen this classic romantic thriller, Sam (Patrick Swayze) is shot and killed by a thug in New York City. But Sam's ghost comes back to protect his beloved, Molly (Demi Moore). Whoopi Goldberg won an Oscar for her role as a fortune teller/medium.

"Good Burger" (1997) PG Two teenagers (Kenan Thompson and Kel Mitchell) work summer jobs at a hamburger joint as a large burger franchise opens nearby. This cheesy film is a fun one for the family with some decent fast food humor.

"Mouse Hunt" (1997) PG This hilarious film follows two brothers (Nathan Lane and Lee Evans) who work to renovate an inherited mansion in order to sell it. But the home's longtime tenant, a mouse, makes their aspirations of wealth a lofty goal.

"Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" (1987) R A marketing executive (Steve Martin) is trying to get home for Thanksgiving but gets stalled by the weather and a clingy travel buddy (John Candy). It's a classic with great laughs and suggestive humor.

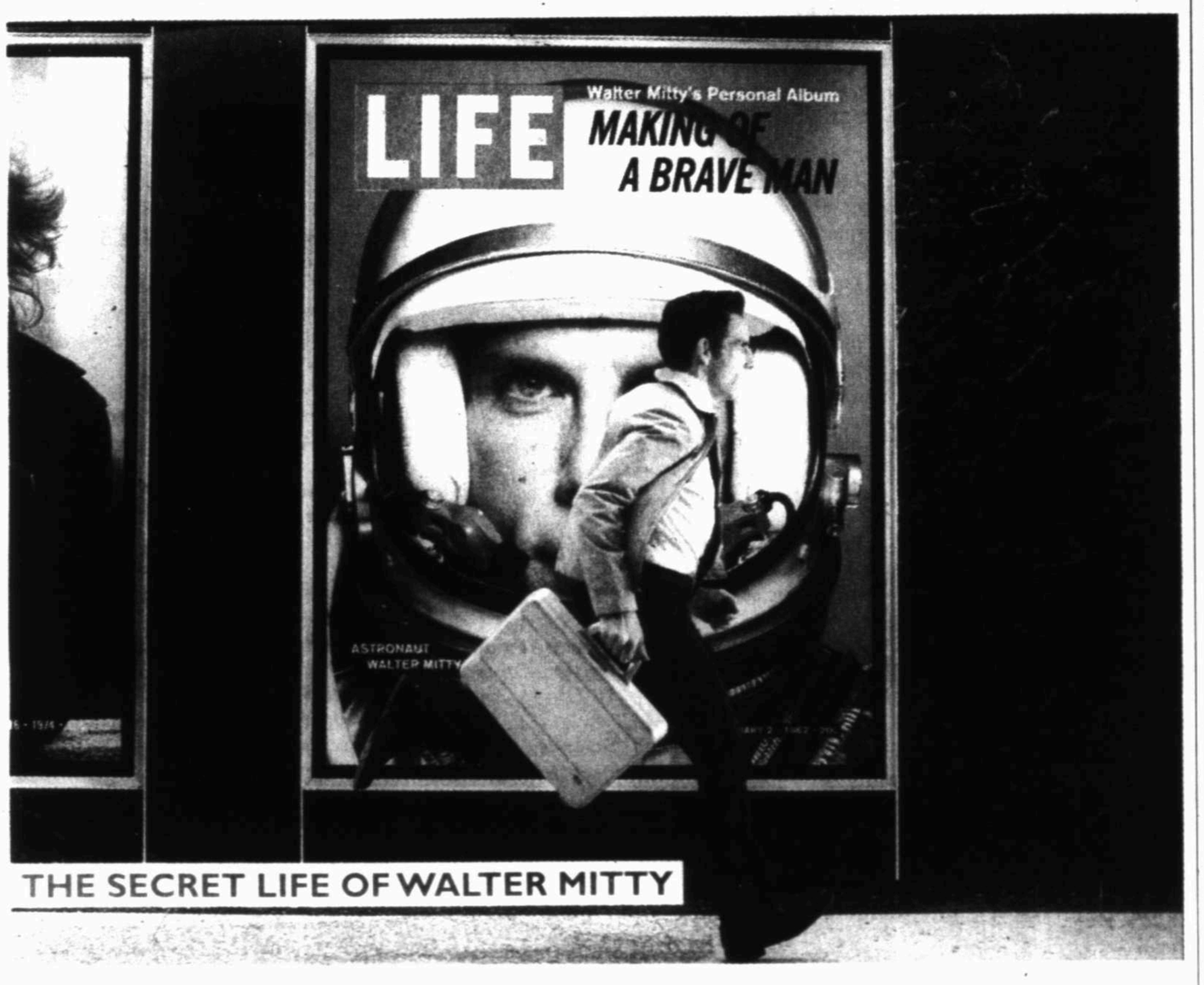
"Raging Bull" (1980) R This biopic tells the story of Jake LaMotta (Robert De Niro) and his tumultuous boxing career and lifestyle. De Niro won an Oscar for his portrayal as LaMotta, while the film itself became one of director Martin Scorsese's most critically acclaimed works.

"Spaceballs" (1987) PG This Mel Brooks film spoofs the "Star Wars" movies, as it follows Dark Helmet's (Rick Moranis) attempt to capture Princess Vespa (Daphne Zuniga) and steal her planet's air. It's a comedy highlight from the 1980s.

"Thelma and Louise" (1991) R This buddy film follows two women (Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis) who go on a road trip after one of them shoots and kills a man during an attempted rape. The film won the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay at the 64th annual Academy Awards and kick-started Brad Pitt's acting career.

"West Side Story" (1961) NR The popular musical was inspired by William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and is considered a classic, following Maria and Tony as their love blossoms during a war between street gangs. The film won 10 Oscars, including Best Picture.

Sources: Reddit.com, BuzzFeed.com



THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY

MOVIE CAPSULES

"47 Ronin" PG-13 After a treacherous warlord kills their master and banishes their kind, a band of leaderless samurai vow to seek vengeance and restore honor to their people. With Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada and Tadanobu Asano. Written by Chris Morgan and Hossein Amini. Directed by Carl Rinsch. (1:58)

"American Hustle" R David O. Russell's wild, woolly take on the late-'70s FBI sting operation, Abscam, is also a wild, woolly love story: Christian Bale and Amy Adams as con artists recruited by the feds, and fated for each other. Throw Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence into the mix and something goes kaboom in just about every scene — brilliantly. (2:18)

"Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues" PG-13 Solid sequel to the 2004 smart dumb comedy starring Will Ferrell as a well-coifed TV news reader with delusions of, well, everything. Paul Rudd, David Koechner, Steve Carell, and Christina Applegate return, with Meagan Good as the oblivious news team's new boss — working for the first 24-hour cable news network. It's 1980. Do you know where your hair is? (1:59)

"Frozen" PG A plucky princess (voiced by Kristen Bell) is joined by a slapstick snowman (Josh Gad) in a delightful animated film that is part fairy-tale, part farce. (1:48)

"Grudge Match" PG-13 Two old boxing rivals come out of retirement after 30 years to finally settle the score. With Robert De Niro, Sylvester Stallone, Kevin Hart and Alan Arkin. Written by Tim Kelleher and Rodney Rothman. Directed by Peter Segal. (1:53)

"The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" PG-13 Eight minutes shorter than its forebear, and at least eight minutes better — less twee, less chatty, more action, more Elvish. The second installment in Peter Jackson's overblown three-part take on Tolkien's children's fantasy, about Bilbo Baggins and his epic quest in the company of a troop of dwarves. Elves and orcs and giant spiders, oh my! Not to mention the titular fire-breathing dragon, voiced — in echo-chamber-style — by Benedict Cumberbatch. (2:41)

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

"Out of the Furnace" R Casey Affleck and Christian Bale are brothers facing hard times, and hard choices, in this gripping Rust Belt noir. A solemn, blood-soaked drama about broken dreams. Cue the Springsteen. (1:56)

"Saving Mr. Banks" PG-13 A sweet and affecting piece of Hollywood history, about a battle of wills between Walt Disney and "Mary Poppins" author P.L. Travers. Disney, played by Tom Hanks, is eager to adapt the book, and Travers, beautifully brought to life by Emma Thompson, resists. And resists some more. (2:05)

"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" PG Displeased with his mundane existence, a daydream-prone Life magazine photo editor gets out from behind his desk and travels across the globe in search of a missing negative. With Ben Stiller, Kristen Wiig, Shirley MacLaine and Adam Scott. Written by Steven Conrad. Directed by Stiller. (1:54)

"Thor: The Dark World" PG-13 The sequel to 2011's "Thor" is darker and messier, with much of the action restricted to Asgard and the Nine Realms — where a freaky alignment has allowed the long-banished Dark Elves to reemerge and make trouble for the God of Thunder. Chris Hemsworth, in red cape, breastplate and wielding his magic hammer, is back in the title role. (2:00)

"Tyler Perry's A Madeo Christmas" PG-13 A culture-clash comedy from the prolific Perry. This time Madea finds herself in rural redneck country to celebrate the holidays. (1:45)

"Walking with Dinosaurs" PG Animated family feature about an underdog dinosaur. (1:27)

"The Wolf of Wall Street" R A biopic charting the rise and fall of the hard-living New York stockbroker Jordan Belfort, who founded the infamous boiler-room brokerage Stratton Oakmont and cheated investors out of as much as $200 million in the early 1990s. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill, Margot Robbie and Matthew McConaughey. Written by Terence Winter. Directed by Martin Scorsese. (2:59)

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ABBEY

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LOVE AND INTRIGUE

Matthew Crawley (played by actor Dan Stevens) was tragicaly killed in the Season 3 finale. He left behind baby George and his ice-queen wife Lady Mary. Fans can't wait to see who Lady Mary will become romanticaly entangled with thls season. Executive producer Gareth Neame has reportedly said, "the spine of the new season is how Mary moves from total bereavement into turning to life again."

Three names have been mentioned as possible love interests for her: Lord Gillingham, played by Tom Cullen; singer Jack Ross, played by Gary Carr; and Charles Blake, played by Julian Ovenden.

Fan Jacque Lanning said she would also like to see stoic butler Mr. Carson find love this season.

Lanning and I agree that Season 4 also requires more Shirley MacLaine. MacLaine, who appeared in Season 3 as Martha Levinson, serves as a the perfect foil to the Dowager Countess (Maggie Smith). The DailyMirror.com has reported that MacLaine will be back.

RESURECTION

Even though Matthew Crawley died last season, I am not alone in hoping it will turn out to be a bad dream a la "Dallas" in 1986.

When asked what they hoped for in Season 4, fans Heather Potts and Rachel Biggerstaff agreed they would like to see Matthew back.

After all, Matthew is a handsome war hero and his work has helped to save the family estate from ruin. He has also been the one who has helped fans see the kinder, gentler side of Mary.

"I want to see Matthew not really dead," Potts said.

Lanning said she also would like to see an end to the blood letting. "I want to see them stop killing off the fabulous cast members!" she said.

Too bad. Siobhan Finneran is leaving the show. The dastardly lady's maid Mrs. O'Brien will be no more, though Finneran has said she does not know how her absence will be explained on the show.

HISTORY

One of the most amazing parts of "Downton Abbey" is its attention to detail.

I love that the show has its own historian so that vernacular and posture and mannerism are true to the time period. The show also has its own historical chef to ensure that the meals are served correctly and that the food and its presentation are authentic.

The show's food stylist Lisa Heathcote cooks the fare herself.

"This was the era of jellies and aspic. Nothing was simple — they decorated everything, from the tops of pies to the rims of the plates," she recently told a British newspaper. See the full article at www.telegraph.co.uk.

And the clothes are amazing. According to the PBS website, it takes two costume designers, a hair and makeup designer, and two separate locations packed with furiously sewing workers to create the look and style of the characters.

Accordng to PBS, Edwardian period footmen were a true measure of status, hired for their good looks and height, with the taller footmen earning a higher salary.

"The real showpieces of the house were the footmen. Their uniforms would be provided by the house at great expense; when the men were offered the job, they would be told to go to the tailors to be fitted for the livery, trimmed with the family's crested buttons, and the cost would be charged to the family's account," said "Downton Abbey" author Jessica Fellowes.

And the hats! Oh how I love the hats! Visit Pinterest.com and search for "Downton Abbey" fashion. You will loose yourslf in the number of pins and boards fans have dedicated to the show.

If you're as excited as I am about the return of my favorite soap opera, don't miss your chance to support Basin PBS at its fundraiser "An Evening Inspired by Downton Abbey" on Saturday at DoubleTree by Hilton. Enjoy a live auction; live music by the Permian Basin String Quartet; cash bar; seated three-course dinner; a presentation by Carol Wallace, author of "To Marry an English Lord"; and an advance one-hour screening of the first episode of the fourth season.

Tickets are on sale at WagnerNoel.com or call Etix at 800-514-3849. Reserve a table, sit at the author table or sponsor a portion of the event by calling Basin PBS at 563-5728.

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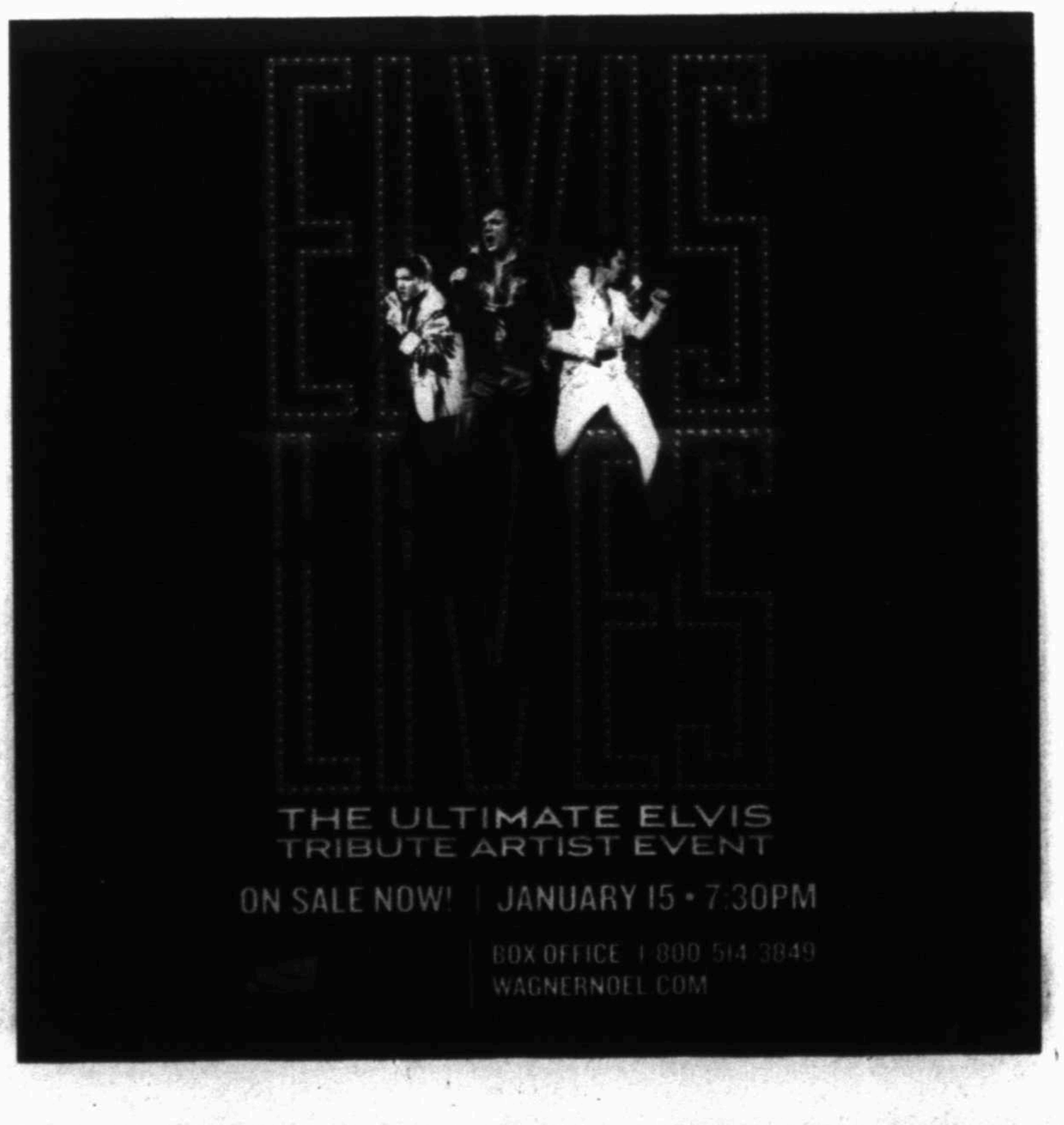

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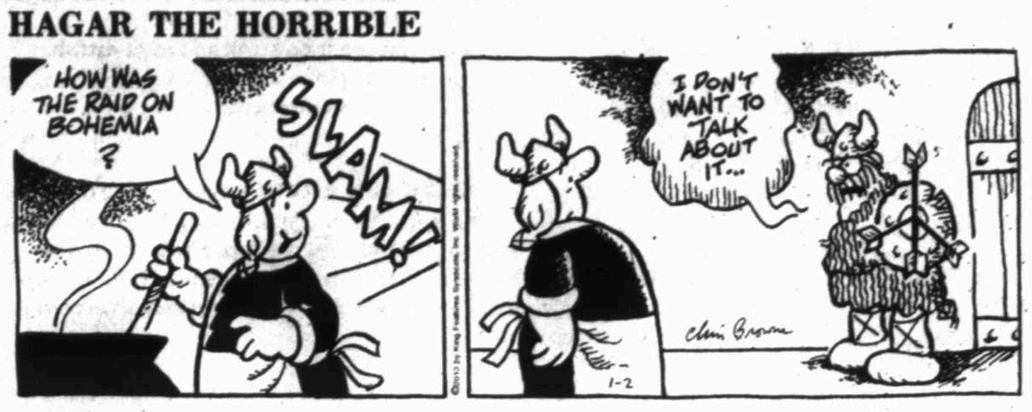

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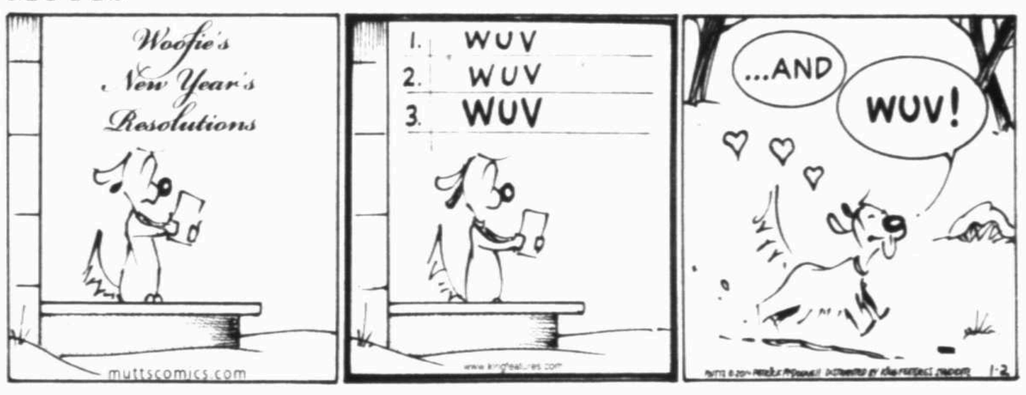

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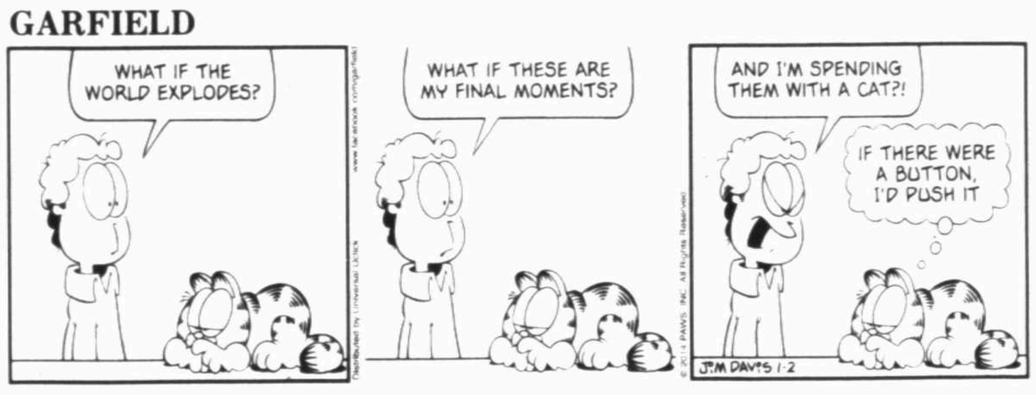

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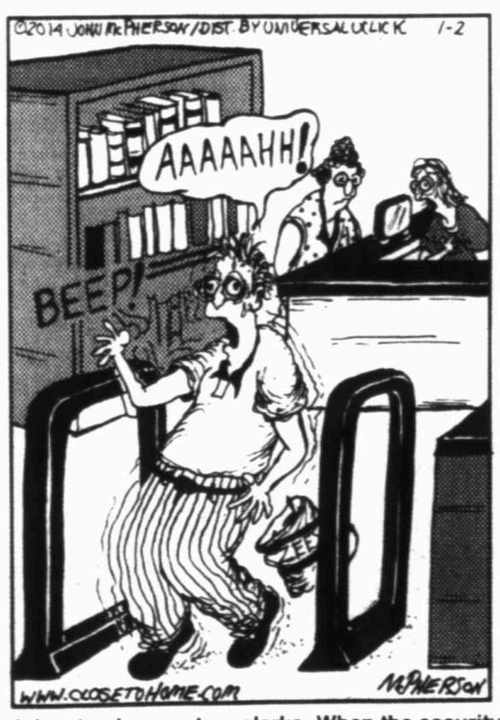

Jokes to play on store clerks: When the security buzzer goes off, act like you are being electrocuted.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THE BEST THING ABOUT THE 'NEW YEAR', JOEY, IS WE CAN ALL JUST START OVER."

DUSTIN

FAMILY CIRCUS

"It was a lot more fun takin' them OUT of their box 'stead of putting them back IN."

WIZARD OF ID

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"I'LL LISTEN, LORETTA, BUT ONLY IF IT'S A CLOSING STATEMENT."

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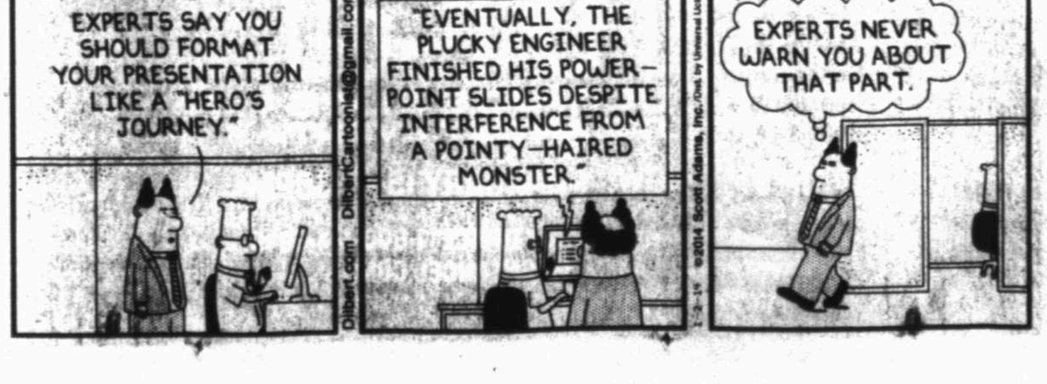

RESTAURANT GUIDE

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

AMERICAN/GRILL

ADDIE'S DINER Great burgers and salads with a '50s diner vibe. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. 304 E. Florida Ave., 686-2044. | $ | 4 spoons

BUFFALO WILD WINGS GRILL AND BAR Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed inside. 5107 W. Wadley Ave. 694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons

BUSH'S CHICKEN Save room for the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Fried chicken with traditional sides. Iced tea by the gallon. Three-lane drive through. 2210 N. Big Spring St. 687-7090 www.bushschicken.com | $ | 3 spoons

THE CAFÉ AT CRESTVIEW Quiet cafe inside Crestview Baptist Church is open to the public and serves fabulous desserts. Sandwiches, soups, burgers, Tex-Mex dishes. 301 N. Loop 250 West. 681-8200 www.crestviewmidland.org | $ | 3 spoons

CAFÉ AT THE GARDENS Want to feel like you've left West Texas? Enjoy a cup of soup next to a koi pond inside a green house. Sandwiches and burgers on freshly baked bread, quiche, salads. Open for dinner and drinks on Thursday and Friday nights. 3300 Fairgrounds Road. 687-1478 www.alldredegardens.com | $ | 4 spoons

COTTON PATCH CAFE Casual dining chain restaurant off of Loop 250. Specials include chicken fried steak and fried catfish. Soups, salads, steaks. 2320 W. Loop 250 N. 618-0070. www.cottonpatch.com | $ | 2 spoons.

CRACKER BARREL Breakfast all day. Chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, smoked ham, fried fish. Old Country Store sells candy, toys, rocking chairs, decorative items. 3108 N. Loop 250 West. 689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com | $ | 3 spoons

CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE One of the few places in Midland specializing in seafood claims to have the best onion rings and catfish in "Texas, the World and the known Universe." This Texas chain also has locations in Tyler, New Braunfels, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Seafood, steaks, burgers, salads. 5707 Andrews Highway 522-1188 www.clearspringscafe.com | $$ | 3 spoons

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 www.dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY When you open a catfish restaurant, why mess around with anything else. Except maybe fried shrimp, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and onion rings. That's the menu at Eddie's Catfish Company. All you have to do is decide how many pieces you want. 301 N. Lee St. 684-4422. www.eddiescatfishco.com | $ | 3 spoons

GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756 www.grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons

JOJO'S EATERY Possibly the best desserts in town. Buy pies and cakes by the slice or take one home. Oh yeah, and the sandwiches, salads and burgers aren't bad either. Downtown inside the Petroleum Building. 214 W. Texas Ave. 682-3134 | $ | 3 spoons

LORI'S CAFÉ Homestyle, diner cooking with a few surprises like wild boar sausage served with two eggs and toast. Breakfast items, lunch menu. Lori's uses locally-sourced food when available. 2201 W. Wall St. 570-1701 www.loriscafe.net | $ | 3 spoons

THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about an hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 www.naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 www.thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons

YANA 615 Downtown Odessa restaurant is perfect for lunch with friends or special occasions. Specialties like orange roughy, chicken tarragon or chicken crepes. Dessert is a must. 615 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 432-332-4305 | $$ | 5 spoons

WING STOP Nine wing sauce flavors range from mild to atomic. In the middle are lemon pepper, Hawaiian and garlic parmesan. 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105 694-WING (9464) www.wingstop.com | $ | 4 spoons

MEXICAN

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

AJUUA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND DRIVE-THRU Tex-Mex favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. Daily specials and menudo served on weekends. 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave. 694-4116 | $ | 2 spoons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOS MARGARITAS Extensive menu includes fajitas, combination plates, lunch specials and breakfast plates such as huevos rancheros and omelettes. 1501 North Big Spring St. 618-9536 www.dosmargaritasusa.com | $ | 3 spoons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 432-683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

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

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

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

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

ASIAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

KING & I Authentic Thai food served at two locations. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the original location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. and 4400 N. Midland Drive 682-0988 | $ | 4 spoons

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

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

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

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

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

DELI

FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

GRINDERS SUB SHOP Locally owned sandwich shop piles half a pound of meat on its regular-sized sub and a full pound on its large subs. If you want more toppings, choose from several condiments and veggies. 11 Meta Drive, Suite B. 687-1300 | $ | 4 spoons

HARVEST CAFFE Coffee shop atmosphere with a fireplace, couches and unique chandeliers makes you want to stay awhile. Might as well add a lemon bar and hot tea to your order after you finish your chicken salad stuffed tomato. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., Suite 8 218-8331 www.harvestcaffe.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West 697-3354 www.smilingmoosedeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

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

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

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

MISD teams to resume District 2-5A play

By Jonathan Hull
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The Christmas break is still in full effect for most Midland ISD students. That is unless a student is also a basketball player at Lee or Midland High.

While most MISD students are enjoying some relaxation before returning to school next week, the boys and girls basketball teams at Lee and Midland High are preparing to play two games in a three day span.

All four MISD basketball teams will be in District 2-5A action in the Tall City today with Midland High hosting San Angelo Central at Chaparral Center with the girls' game set to start at 6 p.m.. Meanwhile, Lee takes the court at its home gym for a doubleheader against Abilene High also set to begin at 6 p.m. with the girls' game.

All four teams will then return to action Saturday with district games on the road in Abilene. Midland High will pay a visit to Abilene High, while Lee travels to face Abilene Cooper.

"It's a big district," Lee girls coach Monica Ramirez remarked. "After you coach for so many years, you realize the sport you coach falls in the middle of the holidays and there's nothing you can do about it. Especially for varsity players, there's not a choice between doing what's best for the team or indulging in the holidays.

"What you eat and do or don't do during the holidays effects everyone on the team. But most of these girls have been playing basketball for a long time. It doesn't seem to be an issue for them."

Midland High girls coach Wes Torres admits the scheduling for district play coming out of the Christmas break is intense, but says it's also helped the Lady Bulldogs focus more in practice.

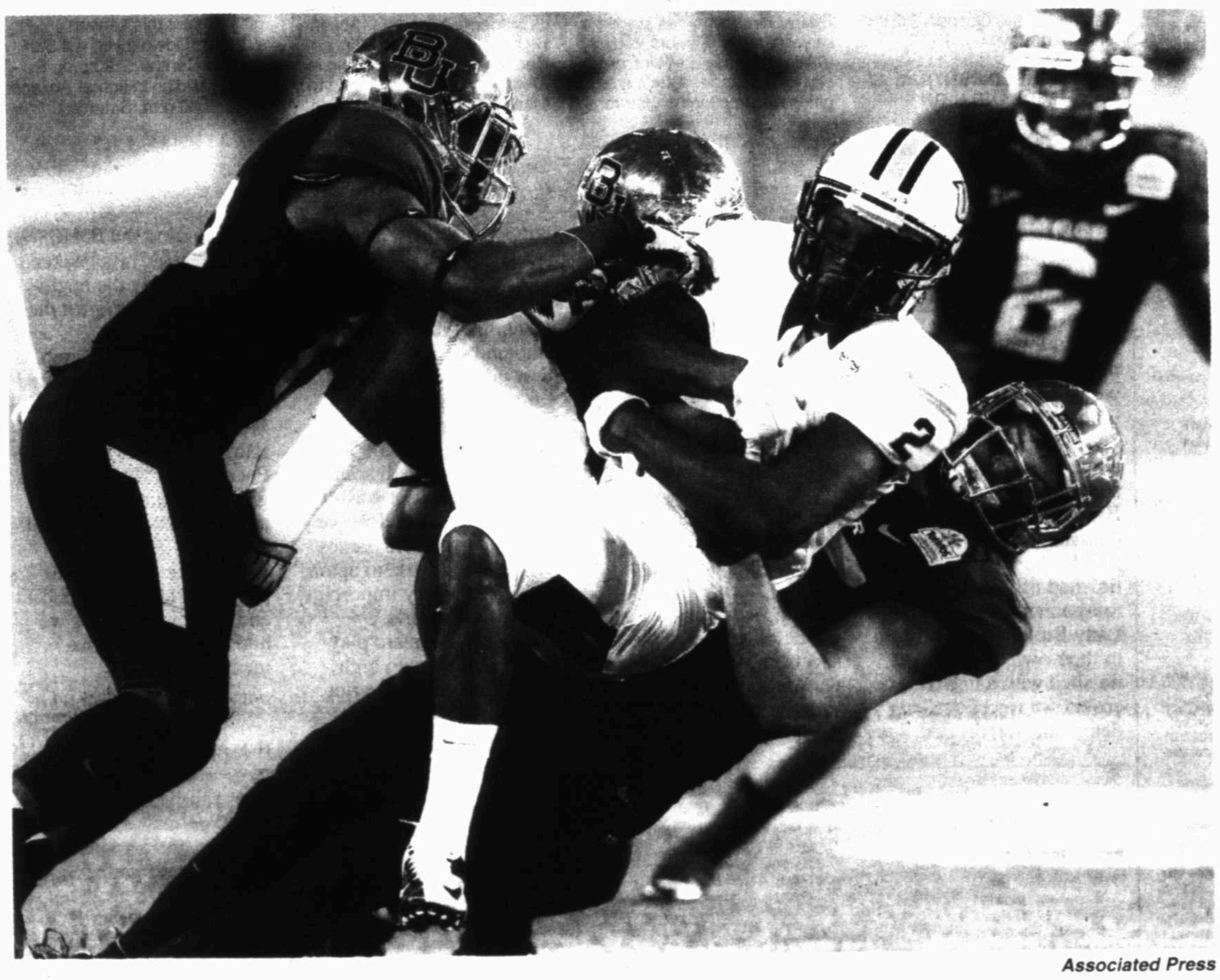
"This is my first year playing district games on a Thursday and Saturday right out

Please see MISD/2C

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High girls basketball head coach Wes Torres reacts to a call during the game against Permian on Dec. 13 at Chaparral Center.

UNDERDOGS SHINE



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Central Florida wide receiver Jeff Godfrey (2) is tackled by, from left, Baylor's Terrell Burt, Eddie Lackey and Sam Holl during the first half of the Fiesta Bowl on Wednesday in Glendale, Ariz.

Knights knock off Bears in Fiesta Bowl

Knights	52
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By John Marshall
Associated Press

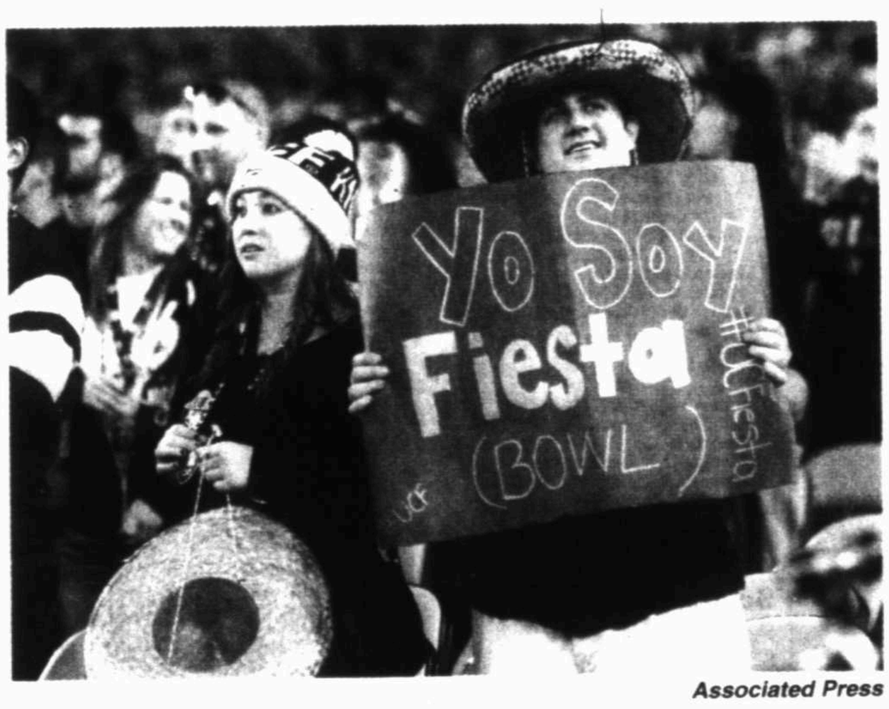
GLENDALE, Ariz. — Blake Bortles threw for 301 yards and accounted for four touchdowns, Storm Johnson ran for three more scores, and No. 15 Central Florida pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the bowl season by outlasting No. 6 Baylor 52-42 in the Fiesta Bowl on Wednesday night.

A 17-point underdog, Central Florida (12-1) didn't back down from the big, bad Bears, racing past the nation's top offensive team with an array of big plays.

The jumped out to an early 14-point and kept rolling, piling up 556 total yards in the highest-scoring game in Fiesta Bowl history.

Rannell Hall had four catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns, and Johnson ran for 124 yards to give the Knights a rousing BCS bowl debut.

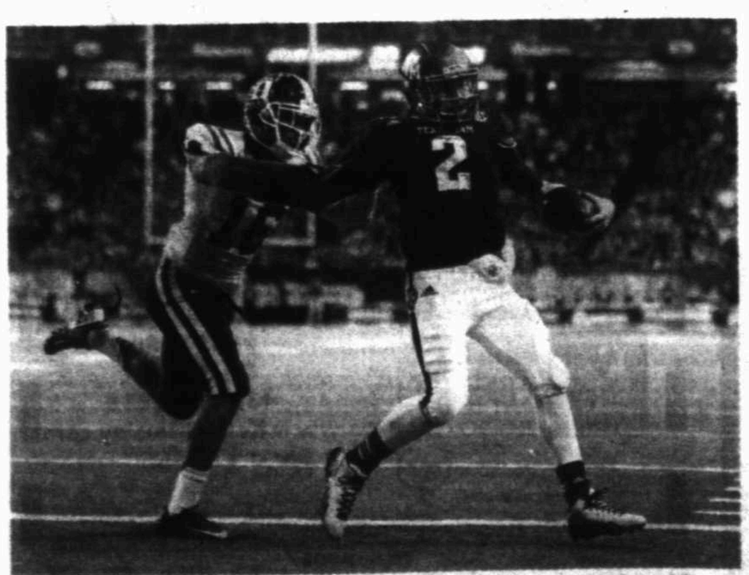
Baylor (11-2) had a hard time keeping up with the Knights, gaining 550 total yards but losing 135 on 17 penalties.



Associated Press

Fans watch Baylor and Central Florida compete during the first half of the Fiesta Bowl on Wednesday in Glendale, Ariz.

Duke blows sizable lead, falls to Texas A&M



Associated Press

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) scores a touchdown as Duke safety Jeremy Cash (16) defends in the second half of the Chick-fil-A Bowl on Tuesday in Atlanta.

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

Aggies	52
Blue Devils	48

ATLANTA — The Duke Blue Devils believe they won over some doubters even when they couldn't win the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Anthony Boone passed for 427 yards and three touchdowns but threw two interceptions in the final 4 minutes, including one Toney Hurd Jr. returned 55 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in Texas A&M's 52-48 comeback victory Tuesday night in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Johnny Manziel threw four touchdown passes for the No. 20 Aggies (9-4) and the No. 22 Blue Devils (10-4) couldn't hold a 38-17 half-time lead.

Boone also had a big game but was left to regret the two interceptions, especially Hurd's.

"It hurt," Boone said. "It was a very unfortunate play on my part."

Manziel, playing in what might be his final college game, completed 30 of 38 passes for 382 yards and ran for 73 yards and a touchdown. Hurd's interception return gave the Aggies their first lead with 3:33 remaining.

Until that point, Duke

Please see A&M/3C

O'Brien known for work with QBs

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Bill O'Brien worked closely with Tom Brady when he was a Patriots assistant.

He's now set to return to the NFL to coach Houston, and he's a long way from Brady. The Texans have the No. 1 draft pick, and O'Brien might well find himself having to groom a rookie quarterback.

O'Brien

Two people familiar with the negotiations, speaking to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because an official announcement hadn't been made, said Tuesday night that O'Brien reached an agreement to coach the Texans. He is expected to be introduced Thursday.

He inherits a team filled with talent, but whose biggest problem is at quarterback. Veteran Matt Schaub, Houston's starter since 2007, was benched after six games. Case Keenum took over after that, but his lack of success showed he wasn't the answer either, and the team finished on a 14-game skid.

A number of talented quarterbacks could be available in May's draft. Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater, 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M, and Fresno State's Derek Carr, younger brother of Houston's first-ever draft pick, David Carr, are among the top-rated quarterbacks expected to be in the draft.

O'Brien spent 2007-12 as offensive assistant under Bill Belichick at New England. O'Brien was the team's quarterbacks coach from 2009-11, and Brady threw for 5,235 yards and 39 touchdowns in the 2011 regular season, when the Patriots went to the Super Bowl.

But his success with quarterbacks didn't begin or end with Brady.

In 2001 he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Georgia Tech and worked with George Godsey. Godsey broke school records for yards passing (3,085) and completions (249) and led the ACC with 257.1 yards passing a game.

His success in grooming quarterbacks continued at Penn State in 2012. Under O'Brien's tutelage, senior Matt McGloin made remarkable improvement. He led the Big 10 in yards passing (3,271), completions (270) and touchdown passes (24). McGloin increased his completion percentage from 54.1 to 60.5 percent from 2011 to 2012.

McGloin won the Burlsworth Trophy as the nation's best player who began his career as a walk-on, and signed the Oakland Raiders, for whom he started six games in 2013.

He talked to CBS Sports Radio earlier this year about what O'Brien meant to his development.

"I have no problem saying it," McGloin said "If it wasn't for coach O'Brien I wouldn't be in the NFL today. I wouldn't have got a look."

In 2013, O'Brien began his work with freshman quarterback Christian Hackenberg. He won Big 10 freshman of the year honors after throwing for 2,955 yards, which was second most in the league and third in Penn State history.

He had 20 touchdown passes with 10 interceptions and ran for four more scores in leading the Nittany Lions to a 7-5 record.

O'Brien will become the third coach in Texans history, following Dom Capers, who led the team from its expansion season in 2002, and Gary Kubiak.

Kubiak took over after Capers was fired following Houston's 2-14 season in 2005.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Sugar Bowl, Oklahoma vs. Alabama, at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wisconsin at Northwestern, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Penn at George Mason, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Saint Mary's (Cal) at Gonzaga, 8 p.m., ESPN2
California at Stanford, 8 p.m., FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Baylor at Kansas St., 7 p.m., ESPN

NHL
Montreal Canadiens at Dallas Stars, 7 p.m., FSSW

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
All-America Game, Team Highlight-Red vs. Team Nitro-Green, at St. Petersburg, Fla., 3 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Coahoma at Ira, 3:30 p.m.
Abilene High at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Lubbock Cooper, 7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL
Abilene High at Lee, 6 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Midland High, 6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Texas A&M-International at UTPB, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
St. Mary's at UTPB, 5:30 p.m.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

TODAY

		Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans	
Alabama	14½	15 (51½)	Oklahoma
		Jan. 3 Cotton Bowl At Arlington, Texas	
Missouri	Pk	1 (60½)	OklahomaSt.
		Orange Bowl At Miami	
Ohio St.	5	2½ (68½)	Clemson

Off Key
La.-Lafayette QB questionable

NFL PLAYOFFS

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY O/U	UNDERDOG
		SATURDAY	
at Indianapolis	1	2½ (46½)	Kansas City
at Philadelphia	2½	2½ (54½)	New Orleans
		SUNDAY	
at Cincinnati	5	7 (46½)	San Diego
San Francisco	1	2½ (48½)	at Green Bay

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7:10 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday
San Diego at Cincinnati, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
San Francisco at Green Bay, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Jan. 11
Green Bay, San Francisco or New Orleans at Seattle, 3:35 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati, Indianapolis or Kansas City at New England, 7:15 p.m. (CBS)
Jan. 12
Philadelphia, Green Bay or San Francisco at Carolina, 12:05 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis, Kansas City or San Diego at Denver, 3:40 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Jan. 19
AFC, 2 p.m. (CBS)
NFC, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Jan. 26
At Honolulu
TBD, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
Feb. 2
At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS — Assigned G CJ McCollum to Idaho (NBADL).
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled D Brayden McNabb and LW Johan Larsson from Rochester (AHL). Placed C Cody Hodgson on injured reserve.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Acquired D Tim Gleason the rights to D Dennis Robertson from Carolina for D John-Michael Liles.
American Hockey League
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Announced F Jonathan Marchessault was recalled by Columbus (NHL).
ECHL
GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Traded F Jeremie Malouin to Cincinnati to complete a previous trade.
COLLEGE
LOUISVILLE — Announced QB Teddy Bridgewater will enter the NFL draft.
OHIO STATE — Announced DE Noah Spence was three games for violating an undisclosed Big Ten rule.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Announced DE Jadeveon Clowney will enter the NFL draft.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Wed 6:36 am packed powder machine groomed 26 - 26 base 60 of 78 trails, 77% open, 505 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-8p; Sat/Sun: 9a-8p.

Pajarito — Wed 5:36 am loose granular machine groomed 19 - 19 base 2 of 44 trails, 5% open, 2 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Jan 01-02: 9a-4p.

Red River — Wed 8:25 am packed powder machine groomed 21 - 24 base 51 of 57 trails, 90% open, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Sandia Peak — Wed 10:39 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 25 base 34 of 39 trails, 95% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun.

Sipapu — Wed 6:21 am packed powder machine groomed 18 - 26 base 29 of 41 trails, 71% open; 156 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Apache — Wed 7:36 am packed powder machine groomed 15 - 20 base 47 of 55 trails, 86% open, 525 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Santa Fe — Wed 10:40 am packed powder machine groomed 37 - 37 base 72 of 77 trails, 96% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Taos — Wed 5:53 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 37 base 99 of 113 trails, 88% open; 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Angel Fire Resort XC — Opening Soon for Snow Sports

Enchanted Forest XC — Mon 7:00 pm powder machine groomed 14 - 30 base 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Wed 5:36 am 4 new packed powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 53 of 109 trails, 49% open, 425 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Aspen Highlands — Wed 7:46 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 40 - 51 base 118 of 124 trails, 98% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.

Aspen Mountain — Wed 7:47 am 2 new powder machine groomed 30 - 33 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open, 675 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Wed 7:47 am 2 new powder machine groomed 34 - 35 base 140 of 150 trails, 90% open, 1641 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Wed 7:50 am 7 new packed powder machine groomed 41 - 47 base 122 of 155 trails, 79% open, 2068 acres, 31 of 34 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Wed 7:49 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 26 - 27 base 41 of 44 trails, 94% open, 452 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Wed 5:19 am 6 new powder machine groomed 40 - 40 base 126 of 140 trails, 90% open, 1737 acres, 22 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Wed 5:58 am 2 new powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 92 of 121 trails, 78% open, 813 acres, 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat-Sun: 9a-4p;

Eldora — Wed 9:50 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 27 - 27 base 36 of 53 trails, 68% open, 11 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Irwin — Operating, no details

Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details

Keystone — Wed 7:48 am 4 new packed powder machine groomed 32 - 35 base 97 of 135 trails; 72% open; 2010 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Loveland — Wed 7:13 am 5 new powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 81 of 93 trails; 66% open, 926 acres, 8 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Monarch — Tue 7:16 am packed powder machine groomed 41 - 41 base 61 of 62 trails, 100% open; 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Powderhorn — Wed 8:04 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 33 of 44 trails; 90% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Purgatory at Durango — Wed 6:57 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 36 base 88 of 88 trails, 100% open, 1360 acres, 9 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Silverton Mountain — Tue 7:25 am powder 40 - 100 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open Thu/Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p; Open Thu-Sun;

Ski Cooper — Wed 7:25 am 5 new powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 35 of 35 trails; 100% open, 400 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Ski Granby Ranch — Wed 7:17 am 4 new powder machine groomed 20 - 22 base 28 of 41 trails, 85% open, 325 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Hesperus — Operating, no details

Snowmass — Wed 7:48 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 30 - 44 base 90 of 94 trails; 96% open; 3012 acres; 15 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Steamboat — Wed 5:29 am 7 new powder machine groomed 46 - 56 base 164 of 165 trails; 99% open, 2941 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Thu: 8:30a-4p; Fri: 5:30p-8:30p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p; 5:30p-8:30p; Jan 01-Jan 05: 8:30a-4p; 5:30p-8:30p;

Sunlight — Wed 7:01 am 4 new powder machine groomed 27 - 33 base 67 of 67 trails, 100% open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Telluride — Wed 6:06 am 1 new powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 87 of 93 trails, 94% open; 18 of 18 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Vail — Wed 7:45 am 4 new packed powder machine groomed 34 - 35 base 185 of 193 trails; 86% open, 4526 acres, 30 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Winter Park — Wed 5:53 am 8 new powder machine groomed 46 - 49 base 130 of 143 trails, 91% open, 2225 acres, 22 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Wolf Creek — Wed 6:56 am packed powder machine groomed 58 - 61 base 77 of 77 trails, 100% open, 42 miles, 1600 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30-4p;

Ajancroft XC — Tue 9:39 pm powder machine groomed 24 - 26 base 12 of 20 trails; 24 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Aspen/Snowmass XC — Wed 6:55 am 2 - 3 new packed powder machine groomed 7 - 10 base 14 of 15 trails, 85 miles Mon-Fri: 7a-5p; Sat/Sun: 7a-5p;

Crested Butte XC — Operating, no details

Devil's Thumb XC — Operating, no details

Gold Run XC — Operating, no details Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Grand Lake XC — Operating, no details

Snow Mountain XC — Thu No Recent information hard packen machine groomed 6 - 48 base 26 of 28 trails, 55 miles Mon-Fri: 8:30a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-5p;

Steamboat XC — Operating, no details

Tennessee Pass XC — Operating, no details

Vail Nordic Center — Tue 9:37 am packed powder machine groomed 12 - 40 base 7 of 7 trails; 17 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-5p; Sat/Sun: 9a-5p;

Vail Resorts Nordic — Operating, no details

Vista Verde Ranch XC — Operating, no details

Utah

Alta — Wed 9:11 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 46 - 46 base 106 of 116 trails, 92% open, 1000 acres, 9 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:15a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:15a-4:30p;

Beaver Mountain — Wed 9:13 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 25 - 25 base 48 of 48 trails, 100% open, 4 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Brian Head — Wed 9:16 am packed powder machine groomed 27 - 27 base 64 of 71 trails; 91% open, 9 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p;

Brighton — Wed 9:18 am packed powder machine groomed 43 - 43 base 28 of 66 trails, 43% open; 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Canyons — Wed 6:57 am MG machine groomed 25 - 36 base 125 of 182 trails; 69% open, 18 of 19 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Deer Valley — Wed 5:23 am 1 new MG machine groomed 37 - 37 base 88 of 100 trails, 88% open, 20 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4:15p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:15p;

Eagle Point — Wed 9:19 am packed powder machine groomed 31 - 31 base 33 of 40 trails; 83% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Thu-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p; Jan 01: 9:30a-4:30p; Open Thu-Sun;

Park City — Wed 5:27 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 25 - 25 base 102 of 116 trails; 88% open, 16 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-8p; Sat/Sun: 9a-8p;

Powder Mountain — Wed 9:21 am packed powder machine groomed 29 - 29 base 26 of 144 trails; 19% open, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-8p; Sat/Sun: 9a-9p;

Snowbasin — Wed 7:51 am packed powder machine groomed 40 - 40 base 86 of 104 trails; 83% open, 8 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Snowbird — Wed 9:22 am packed powder machine groomed 45 - 45 base 76 of 100 trails; 76% open, 13 of 13 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-5p; Sat/Sun: 9a-5p;

Solitude — Wed 9:23 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 39 - 39 base 58 of 65 trails; 90% open, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

HSBASKETBALLCAPSULES

BY JONATHAN HULL

Girls

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Lee High School gymnasium

Records: Abilene High 13-8, 3-3 in 2-5A; Lee 15-6, 4-2

Last district game: Abilene High 68, Abilene Cooper 50; Lee 79, San Angelo Central 31

Notable: Lee is coming off a huge victory against crosstown rival Midland High in the third-place game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic on Saturday. The Lady Rebels held on for a 43-42 victory against Midland High, allowing them to end a 16-game losing streak to the Lady Bulldogs. ... Abilene High also picked up a third-place plaque last week, defeating Keller Fossil Ridge, 60-49, in the Saginaw Boswell Tournament. ... Abilene High is led by senior point guard Shambriel Hunter, who is averaging 13.2 points, 7.1 rebounds, 4.3 steals and 2.8 assists per game this season. "They're a decent team," Lee coach Monica Ramirez said. "They have a kiddo (Hunter) who can really handle the ball. I'm not really sure how strong their inside play is, but they've got a very good point guard." ... Lee's junior point guard Daija Stanford injured her ankle in the fourth quarter of the Lady Rebels' win against Midland High and has been limited in practice since, despite returning to the court to finish that game. Ramirez believes Stanford should be able to play today, but will likely be hampered by the injury for the rest of the season.

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 4 p.m. Saturday; Lee at Abilene Cooper, 3:30 p.m. Saturday

2-5A Girls Basketball Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Lubbock Coronado	6	1	16	0
Lee	4	2	15	1
Midland High	4	2	5	11
Amarillo Tascosa	4	2	7	11
Abilene High	3	3	13	3
San Angelo Central	3	3	8	8
Odessa Permian	3	3	7	8
Abilene Cooper	1	6	6	10
Odessa High	0	6	1	14

Today's Games
Abilene High at Lee
San Angelo Central at Midland High
Lubbock Coronado at Odessa Permian
All games at 6 p.m.

Friday's Game
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Lee at Abilene Cooper, 3:30 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 4 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.
Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Central 8-9, 3-3 in 2-5A; Midland High 8-11, 4-2

Last district game: Lee 79, Central 31; Amarillo Tascosa 63, Midland High 58

Notable: Midland High saw its 16-game win streak against crosstown rival Lee come to an end Saturday with a 43-42 loss during the third-place game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic. The Lady Bulldogs ended up 2-2 during the BJHC and will look to get back on a winning note today against Central. ... MHS coach Wes Torres called Central "a tough team" and noted the Lady Bobcats have a victory against Amarillo Tascosa, which defeated MHS just before the break on Dec. 20. ... Central is led by senior post Emily Hurst, who has signed a national letter of intent to play at West Texas A&M University next season. "She's a big girl who can play inside and outside," Torres said of Hurst. "She's really tough to defend because of that."

Next: Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m. Saturday; Midland High at Abilene High, 4 p.m. Saturday.

2-5A Boys Basketball Standings

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

Tuesday's Scores
Abilene High at Lee
San Angelo Central at Midland High
Lubbock Coronado at Odessa Permian
All games at 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Game
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Lee at Abilene Cooper, 5 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 5:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

Boys

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Lee High gymnasium

Records: Abilene High 3-9, 0-4 in 2-5A; Lee 7-5, 2-3

Last district game: Abilene Cooper 66, Abilene High 58; San Angelo Central 46, Lee 44

Notable: Lee is coming off a championship run in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic last weekend, and feeling like it might have finally found its stride as a team. ... Abilene High went 1-3 at the Moritz Dealership Holiday Classic in Aledo last weekend, losing to Mansfield Lake Ridge, Lufkin, Hurst L.D. Bell and defeating Keller Central. ... The Eagles are still looking for their first district win of the season after starting the year 0-4 in 2-5A play. "They're well coached, even though they're struggling right now," Lee coach Chris Packer said. "We've got to stay locked in and engaged as a team to win."

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 5:30 p.m. Saturday; Lee at Abilene Coooper, 5 p.m. Saturday

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Central 7-3, 3-1 in 2-5A; Midland High 5-9, 1-3

Last district game: Central 46, Lee 44; Amarillo Tascosa 85, Midland High 57

Notable: Midland High placed fifth in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic, but coach Charles Tatum said after the tournament he felt the Bulldogs had grown as a unit. One of the most promising facets of the Bulldogs' game shown during the tournament was the development of their full court press with athletes such as senior forward Mazelle Justice after to cause a lot of disruption defensively. ... This is the second straight district game in Midland for San Angelo Central, which rallied to knock off Lee in the fourth quarter on Dec. 20 prior to the Christmas break. ... Midland High needs to find a win in order to not fall into a deeper hole in regards to staying in the thick of the hunt for a playoff spot this season.

Next: Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m. Saturday; Midland High at Abilene High, 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

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of the break," Torres said. "It's tough, but everyone is the district is having to do it. All I know is we've had three of the best practices we've had all year leading up to it."

Both Midland High teams are looking to regain some momentum after the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic last weekend. The Midland High boys finished fifth in their host tournament, while the Lady Bulldogs were fourth in their own division, but finished with a loss to crosstown rival Lee. That defeat marked the first time since the 2006-07 season the Lady Dawgs had lost to Lee.

But Torres said Lady Dawgs have been quick to put the loss behind them.

"We moved on in the locker room after the game," Torres said. "We don't like losing but we treat it like any other loss. It's just like losing to Lubbock Coronado and Amarillo Tascosa. We're refocused and ready to play."

Both Lee teams are on the other end of the spectrum. Ramirez says it was important for the Lady Rebels to finally get over the hump and pick up a win against their crosstown rival.

"I know we got two other wins in the tournament, but that win against Midland High was the best thing that happened for us during the break," said Ramirez, whose Lady Rebels face Midland High again Jan. 7 in a district game. "Granted it wasn't a district game and we've only got two more games before we play them again, but it was a very important win for these girls."

The Lee boys are playing with their own high level of momentum after winning all four games they played last weekend and claiming the BJHC title. Coach Chris Packer hopes it's only the beginning of a good run for the Rebels.

"I can't really tell until (today) if that momentum is going to carry over, but I know we came out of that tournament on a high," Packer said. "I think the guys experienced what it takes to come together and win tough games. Now we've got to continue to play with the same mindset and same intensity as we had during the tournament."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Scores

Men
MIDWEST
Cincinnati 65, SMU 57
Dayton 81, Winthrop 47
Drake 94, Evansville 66
Indiana St. 70, Loyola of Chicago 58
N. Iowa 80, Bradley 46
SOUTH
Coll. of Charleston 76, Davidson 64
FAU 81, Warner 47
Florida Gulf Coast 75, Lipscomb 62
Jacksonville 86, Kennesaw St. 66
N. Kentucky 67, Stetson 65 OT
North Florida 89, Mercer 83
William & Mary 74, Old Dominion 68
EAST
Delaware 77, Liberty 64
Harvard 73, Boston College 58
Rutgers 71, Temple 66
FAR WEST
Air Force 73, Utah St. 72
San Diego St. 71, Colorado St. 61
UNLV 75, Fresno St. 62

Women
MIDWEST
DePaul 87, Xavier 60
Green Bay 72, Maine 49
SMU 54, Cincinnati 43
Wis.-Stout 60, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 57
SOUTH
Georgia St. 85, Troy 77
Hampton 70, Virginia Tech 60
Jacksonville St. 60, Samford 54
Penn 67, Miami 66
South Alabama 74, W. Kentucky 65
UConn 77, UCF 49
EAST
Boston College 81, Mount St. Mary's 67
Butler 68, Providence 65
Creighton 65, Georgetown 63, OT
Duquesne 73, St. Bonaventure 65
Hofstra 60, Albany (NY) 56
Louisville 77, Temple 68
FAR WEST
Fresno St. 79, UNLV 63
Utah St. 88, Air Force 78

Schedule

Men
THURSDAY
SOUTHWEST
Texas A&M-CC at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Oral Roberts, 7:30 p.m.
UALR at Texas St., 8:30 p.m.
Arkansas St. at Texas-Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Lamar at Stephen F. Austin, 8 p.m.
EAST
Holy Cross at Boston U., 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Brown, 6 p.m.
American U. at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Lehigh at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
Army at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Fairfield at Marist, 6 p.m.
Siena at Monmouth (NJ), 6 p.m.
Niagara at Rider, 6 p.m.
Manhattan at St. Peter's, 6 p.m.
Navy at Loyola (Md.), 6:30 p.m.
Iona at Quinnipiac, 7:30 p.m.
SOUTH
Hofstra at Tulane, 1 p.m.
The Citadel at Radford, 4:30 p.m.
W. Kentucky at South Alabama, 5:05 p.m.
East Carolina at Campbell, 6 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Delaware St., 6 p.m.
FIU at Florida A&M, 6 p.m.
Troy at Georgia St., 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
Penn at George Mason, 6:30 p.m.
UT-Martin at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at Belmont, 7 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at Mississippi St., 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at Murray St., 7 p.m.
Wofford at Samford, 7 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Tennessee St., 7 p.m.
SE Louisiana at McNeese St., 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Nicholls St., 7:30 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Northwestern St., 7:30 p.m.
MIDWEST
Marshall at Akron, 6 p.m.
IPFW at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Judson at IUPU, 6 p.m.
Michigan at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Northwestern, 6 p.m.
Siena Heights at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Oakland at Wright St., 6 p.m.
E. Kentucky at E. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Youngstown St. at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Morehead St. at SIU-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.
CS Northridge at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
Illinois St. at Missouri St., 7:05 p.m.
Wichita St. at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.
Ill.-Chicago at Valparaiso, 7:05 p.m.
S. Utah at North Dakota, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
Washington at Arizona St., 7 p.m.
Oregon at Utah, 7 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.
Texas-San American at Grand Canyon, 8 p.m.
N. Arizona at Montana, 8 p.m.
California at Stanford, 8 p.m.
E. Washington at Weber St., 8 p.m.
Portland St. at Idaho St., 8:05 p.m.
Sacramento St. at Montana St., 8:05 p.m.
Washington St. at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Oregon St. at Colorado, 9 p.m.
UMKC at Idaho, 9 p.m.
Pacific at Portland, 9 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Pepperdine at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.
Simpson (Cal.) at UC Davis, 9 p.m.
Waldorf at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.
Morgan St. at UC Irvine, 9:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
SOUTHWEST
Savannah St. at Baylor, 7 p.m.
EAST
S. Dakota St. at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Georgia at George Washington, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
CCSU at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Lees-McRae at High Point, 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Norfolk St., 6 p.m.
SC State at South Carolina, 6 p.m.
Drexel at Southern Miss., 7 p.m.
Stony Brook at VCU, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
Oakland City at Ball St., 6 p.m.
Marygrove at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Nebraska-Omaha at Hawaii, 11 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) at Portland, 10 p.m.
UMKC at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Diego Christian at UC Irvine, 10 p.m.
Air Force at UNLV, 10 p.m.

Women
THURSDAY
SOUTHWEST
Houston Baptist at Oral Roberts, 5 p.m.
Arkansas St. at UT Arlington, 5 p.m.
UALR at Texas St., 5 p.m.
Texas A&M-CC at Cent. Arkansas, 5:30 p.m.
Lamar at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.
UTEP at Texas A&M, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Iowa St. at TCU, 7 p.m.
Grand Canyon at Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m.
South Carolina at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Texas at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
EAST
Florida St. at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Bucknell at American, 6 p.m.
Vermont at Cornell, 6 p.m.
Saint Louis at Fordham, 7 p.m.
George Mason at George Washington, 6 p.m.
La Salle at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.
Clemson at NJIT, 6 p.m.
Lafayette at Army, 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Navy, 6 p.m.
Colgate at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
Boston U. at Holy Cross, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
James Madison at North Carolina, 1 p.m.
Kentucky at Alabama, 2 p.m.
Bluefield St. at N.C. Central, 3 p.m.
Delaware St. at Howard, 4:30 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Northwestern St., 5:30 p.m.
Old Dominion at Duke, 5:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at McNeese St., 5:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Nicholls St., 5:30 p.m.
High Point at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Liberty at Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Florida, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kennesaw St., 6 p.m.
Marcotte at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Longwood at Presbyterian, 6 p.m.
N. Kentucky at S.C.-Upstate, 6 p.m.
Belmont at Florida Atlantic, 6 p.m.
UMass at VCU, 6 p.m.
North Florida at Mercer, 6 p.m.
Radford at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
Missouri at Mississippi, 6 p.m.
LSU at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
East Carolina at Coll. of Charleston, 6 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Winthrop at UNC Asheville, 6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Georgia at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
Bradley at S. Illinois, 2:05 p.m.
Culver-Stockton at W. Illinois, 5:30 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Wright St. at Dayton, 6 p.m.
Iowa at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Purdue at Ohio St., 6 p.m.
S. Utah at North Dakota, 6 p.m.
N. Colorado at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Idaho at UMKC, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago St., 7 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Evansville, 7 p.m.
Baylor at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
West Virginia at Kansas, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Simpson at UC Davis, 6:45 p.m.
La Verne at UC Irvine, 7 p.m.
Montana at N. Arizona, 7:30 p.m.
Northwestern at Nebraska, 8 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal.) at San Diego, 8 p.m.
Colorado St. at San Diego St., 8 p.m.
Pacific at BYU, 8 p.m.
Weber St. at E. Washington, 8 p.m.
Idaho St. at Portland St., 9 p.m.
CSU Bakersfield at CS Northridge, 9 p.m.
Santa Clara at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at Loyola Marymount, 9 p.m.
Montana St. at Sacramento St., 9 p.m.
FRIDAY
SOUTHWEST
Incarnate Word at Rice, 7 p.m.
EAST
Saint Peter's at Niagara, 11 a.m.
Rider at Quinnipiac, 3 p.m.
New Hampshire at Brown, 6 p.m.
Iona at Canisius, 6 p.m.
Fairfield at Monmouth (N.J.), 6 p.m.
Manhattan at Marist, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
UNC Wilmington at Charlotte, 11 a.m.
N.C. A&T at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
MIDWEST
N. Iowa at Indiana St., 6:05 p.m.
Wisconsin at Illinois, 7 p.m.
Roosevelt at Ill.-Chicago, 7 p.m.
Drake at Illinois St., 8:05 p.m.
FAR WEST
Oregon at Stanford, 8 p.m.
Utah at UCLA, 8 p.m.
Denver at Cal State Fullerton, 9 p.m.
Gonzaga at Portland, 9 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 9 p.m.
Arizona St. at Washington St., 9 p.m.
Colorado at Southern Cal, 10 p.m.
Oregon St. at California, 10 p.m.

LATE HS BASKETBALL

GRADY 75, SEAGRAVES 62

Seagraves — Tanner Rodriguez 32, Kolton Davila 1, Robby Pinon 12, Uriel Martinez 2, Jose Longoria 1, Quashas Williams 2, Alexis Gonzalez 6

Grady (9-5) — Kyle Garza 13, Aaron Perez 6, Joseph Briseno 8, EJ Rodriguez 12, Taylor Pollron 14, Alejandro Jimenez 1, Beau Lucas 7, Cole Avery 12, Bryce Blocker 2

Seagraves	23	14	9	16—62
Grady	19	24	20	12—75

Free throws — SHS 7-21, Grady 5-8. 3-point goals — SHS (Rodriguez), Grady 6 (Garza, Perez 2, Rodriguez 2, Lucas). Total fouls — SHS 10, Grady 12. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Grady at Wellman-Union, 8 p.m. Friday

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North Texas tops UNLV in Heart of Dallas Bowl

Mean Green 36
Rebels 14

Associated Press

DALLAS — Derek Thompson and Brelan Chancellor were among the seniors who wanted North Texas' first bowl game in nine years to be close to family and friends.

They made a lot of green-clad fans very happy.

Thompson threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns, Chancellor scored twice and the Mean Green dominated the second half of a 36-14 victory over UNLV in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on Wednesday.

North Texas (9-4) pulled away from a 7-7 halftime tie for its first bowl win since New Orleans in 2002. The school's third postseason victory came in front of a strong turnout of 38,380 on a sunny day at the Cotton Bowl, just 45 miles from the Denton campus.

"It was so exciting running on the field and seeing a sea of green," said Thompson, who was 21 of 30 without an interception and voted the game's MVP. "We love our fans."

UNLV (7-6) drove 95 yards for a touchdown on its opening possession but didn't score again until the Mean Green were up 28-7 in the fourth quarter.

The Rebels lost in the postseason for the first time in the school's fourth bowl game and first since 2000 after coach Bobby Hauck won two games in each of his first three seasons.

"I told them I was proud of them and in particular our seniors for having turned the ship around," Hauck said. "We were not good when we all came together a few years ago."

Both of Chancellor's touchdown runs came in the fourth quarter. He also keyed the go-ahead scoring drive in the third with some nifty footwork on a first-down catch.

Chancellor had 121 yards combined — 74 receiving and 47 rushing, including the scoring runs of 3 and 15 yards — as the Mean Green finished with more wins in 2013 than the five years combined before coach Dan McCarney arrived last season.

"We sent a message that this is a program on the rise," said McCarney, a 36-year veteran coaching in the historic Fair Park venue for the first time. "I think we're a good example for other football teams that if you do things the right way, it can pay off."

Thompson threw a tiebreaking 7-yard touchdown pass to Drew Miller in the third quarter and put the Mean Green up 28-7 with a 34-yard scoring toss to Darnell Smith.

Chancellor kept the go-ahead drive alive by slipping past UNLV's Peni Vea along the sideline and staying inbounds for a 17-yard catch on third-and-16. The first of four third-down conversions on the drive came one play after North Texas was backed up by a late-hit penalty on guard Mason Y'Barbo.

"We're a second-half football team," Thompson said. "We've been that all year. We knew if we picked up the tempo that we could do some things and move the football."

Tim Cornett, UNLV's career rushing leader, was held to 33 yards — 71 below his average and the same total as quarterback Caleb Herring, who threw for 196 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our yards per carry just weren't good enough and defensively, we weren't good enough on third down," Hauck said. "We got into some third-down situations where we had the upper hand and they converted."

Herring's second scoring toss was a 13-yarder to Jerry Rice Jr., the first career touchdown for the son of Hall of Famer Jerry Rice in his final college game.

UNT came in with one of the nation's top scoring defenses and forced seven straight scoreless UNLV possessions. The Rebels punted the first three times they had the ball after halftime, and the Mean Green scored after each one.

The Mean Green, playing in their first bowl game since a 2004 New Orleans Bowl loss to Southern Miss, sacked Herring five times.

UNLV jumped in front in the first quarter on Marcus Sullivan's 9-yard TD reception. Devante Davis set up the score with a 29-yard grab, and finished with 10 catches for 96 yards.

The Rebels then had a chance to grab control, but Keith Whitely muffed a punt and Zed Evans recovered for North Texas at the UNLV 42. Antoinne Jimmerson had the tying score on a run from inside the 1.

Associated Press

North Texas offensive lineman Mason Y'Barbo, left, and wide receiver Darnell Smith (80) celebrate Smith's touchdown catch as UNLV defensive back Mike Horsey (32) watches during the second half of the Heart of Dallas Bowl, on Wednesday in Dallas.

NORTH TEXAS 36, UNLV 14

UNLV	7	0	0	7	—14
North Texas	7	0	7	22	—36

First Quarter

UNLV—Sullivan 9 pass from Herring (Kohorst kick), 7:31.

NT—Jimmerson 1 run (Paul kick), 1:47.

Third Quarter

NT—Miller 7 pass from D.Thompson (Paul kick), 6:07.

Fourth Quarter

NT—Chancellor 3 run (Paul kick), 14:56.

NT—D.Smith 34 pass from D.Thompson (Paul kick), 6:59.

UNLV—Rice Jr. 13 pass from Herring (Kohorst kick), 4:56.

NT—Chancellor 15 run (Miller run), 2:24.

A—38,380.

	UNLV	NT
First downs	19	21
Rushes-yards	27-66	45-141
Passing	196	256
Comp-Att-Int	22-41-1	21-30-0
Return Yards	1	27
Punts-Avg.	6-39.3	6-44.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	2-20	6-60
Time of Possession	24:44	35:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—UNLV, Cornett 12-33, Herring 15-33. North Texas, Byrd 20-52, Chancellor 7-47, Jimmerson 7-18, Harris 2-17, Montroe 2-8, D.Thompson 6-2, Teegarden 1-(minus 3).

PASSING—UNLV, Herring 22-41-1-196. North Texas, D.Thompson 21-30-0-256.

RECEIVING—UNLV, Davis 10-96, Sullivan 4-36, Cornett 2-22, A.Williams 2-10, Rice Jr. 1-13, Smith 1-9, Mataele 1-8, Barnhill 1-2. North Texas, Chancellor 6-74, D.Smith 5-75, Harris 3-34, Terrell 2-17, Miller 2-16, M.Smith 1-27, Pleasant 1-8, Jimmerson 1-5.

Sugar Bowl expected to be heated

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Whatever Bob Stoops may have said about the overall strength of the Southeastern Conference, that apparently doesn't apply when it comes to the challenge he sees before 11th-ranked Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl.

The Sooners' coach made that clear on the eve of Thursday night's matchup with No. 3 Alabama.

"In my eyes, they're still the best team in the country," Stoops said about the 2011 and 2012 national champs Wednesday. "They've been the best team in the country for three years, up to the very last play of the regular season."

Last spring, Stoops challenged the notion that the SEC — home of the last seven national champions — is the strongest league in the nation, calling some stories about SEC supremacy "propaganda."

His Sooners (10-2) have a chance to back that up in a big way by beating 'Bama (11-1), but Stoops knows that won't be easy.

Here are five things to know about the Sugar Bowl:

FAMILY FRIENDS: When Saban and Stoops talk about the mutual respect they have for one another, they're not just being polite. Stoops' father, Ron, was a high school coach in Youngstown, Ohio, where Saban often made recruiting visits as a college assistant and played cards with Ron Stoops' brother, Bob, for whom Oklahoma's coach is named. Saban used to invite Ron and the elder Bob Stoops to observe his practices, and the families have even dined in each other's homes.

"This is a relationship that goes way back for many, many years, and I think it's because of the respect that I had for the family and the quality of people that they were," Saban said. "And I certainly have the same respect for the coaching fraternity that comes from that family."

FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS: Alabama is playing in its 14th Sugar Bowl, having won eight. Before the BCS era, the Sugar Bowl was a game in which the Crimson Tide could win national titles, doing so for the last time in 1993. Many current Alabama players won a national title in the Superdome two seasons ago. Oklahoma, meanwhile, has been to six Sugar Bowls, winning four.

QB MYSTERY: Oklahoma has used two quarterbacks this season, freshman Trevor Knight and junior Blake Bell. Stoops has declined to discuss who would start now or much he expected either to play.

"When you watch these two quarterbacks, we kind of go to some plays a little bit more with one guy than we do another, so why give someone the advantage of practicing those plays more than another set of plays?" Stoops said. "It hopefully has made them have to work a bigger package on what we like to do with each guy."

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Alabama's seniors include C.J. Mosely, who won the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker, and quarterback A.J. McCarron, the Heisman Trophy runner up. Those seniors who've redshirted have been with the program for three national titles and they've never closed a season with a loss.

"We've had a great run and left a great legacy here," Mosely said. "It would be a shame if we didn't finish it off winning a game like this in the Sugar Bowl."

GETTING DEFENSIVE: The matchup features two of the highest-rated defenses in the country. Alabama is ranked fifth, allowing 274.7 yards per game, while Oklahoma ranks 13th, allowing 336.3.

Rice falls to Miss. State in Liberty Bowl

Associated Press

Bulldogs 44
Owls 7

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rice didn't show its best side in the Liberty Bowl and failed to reach a team goal for one of the few times this season.

The Owls (10-4) saw their four-game winning streak come to a crashing halt Tuesday, falling 44-7 to Mississippi State in the most one-sided game in the Liberty Bowl's 55-year history. Rice, which won the Armed Forces Bowl last year, was seeking to earn bowl victories in back-to-back seasons for the first time.

"We knew coming into this game we were going to have to play our best to win it," Rice coach David Bailiff said. "We didn't."

Rice scored the opening touchdown on a 1-yard run by Charles Ross in the first quarter, but the Owls fell apart after that. Offensively, Rice managed a mere 145 yards of offense in the game, including only 32 yards and one first down in the second half.

Rice gained only 61 yards rushing — 179 below its season average — on 32 carries. Ross, who averaged 113.8 yards rushing per game during the regular season, finished with 28 yards on 10 carries.

"We knew coming in their 'D' line was pretty big, and we were going to have trouble moving them," Ross said. "We were going to try and do some things to get some movement. Their game plan, whatever they had, worked better than ours."

Rice also couldn't contain Mississippi State's passing game and couldn't stop the Bulldogs on third down.

Defensively, Rice surrendered 283 yards passing by Bulldog quarterback Dak Prescott, who accounted for a Liberty Bowl record five touchdowns — two rushing and three passing. Prescott delivered arguably the finest performance of his career less than two months after his mother, Peggy, died of cancer.

"It's really just been about Mississippi State University and this football team comforting me, being there for me and just helping me and making what I would say is the hardest thing in my life easier," Prescott said.

Although Prescott and senior Tyler Russell had shared Mississippi State's quarterback duties throughout the regular season, Prescott had the job to himself in the Liberty Bowl while Russell recovered from surgery to repair a torn labrum in his throwing shoulder. Prescott responded better than anyone could have reasonably imagined.

Prescott's main target was Jameon Lewis, who caught nine passes for 220 yards to break the Liberty Bowl receiving record. Lewis also set the school single-game record.

"He's a great player," Bailiff said about Lewis. "We tried covering him, we tried doubling him. He caught 'em anyway."Mississippi State finished with 533 yards of total offense.

The Bulldogs were 8 of 12 in third-down situations, including 7 of 9 through three quarters. In several cases, Rice failed to execute, allowing Prescott to escape a potential sack and scramble for first downs.

The loss of containment, Bailiff said, was one of Rice's downfalls.

"This one falls on me," Bailiff said. "If you're not ready to play, it's the head coach's responsibility. We didn't play well offensively or defensively."

Bailiff said the Liberty Bowl loss was not the defining moment of Rice's season. Rice won the Conference USA championship for its first outright league title of any kind since 1957. The Owls had one of the top graduation rates of any Football Bowl Subdivision program and reached 10 wins this season, part of changing the perception of Rice football.

"We were dreaming big," Bailiff said. "We were dreaming big all year. We came here wanting to win the Liberty Bowl. That was the only goal we didn't achieve this season."

MISSISSIPPI ST. 44, RICE 7

Rice	7	0	0	0	—7
Mississippi St.	7	20	14	3	—44

First Quarter

Rice—Ross 1 run (Boswell kick), 6:41.

MSSI—Perkins 10 pass from Prescott (Sobiesk kick), 2:01.

Second Quarter

MSSI—Shumpert 1 run (Sobiesk kick), 9:49.

MSSI—M.Johnson 13 pass from Prescott (kick blocked), 4:32.

MSSI—Samuel 4 pass from Prescott (Sobiesk kick), :10.

Third Quarter

MSSI—Prescott 5 run (Sobiesk kick), 7:25.

MSSI—Prescott 11 run (Sobiesk kick), 1:42.

Fourth Quarter

MSSI—FG Earhart 19, 4:45.

A—57,846.

	Rice	MSSI
First downs	11	27
Rushes-yards	32-61	46-239
Passing	84	294
Comp-Att-Int	8-16-0	18-30-0
Return Yards	0	33
Punts-Avg.	7-39.4	1-31.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-18	2-30
Time of Possession	24:42	35:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Rice, Ross 10-28, Davis 7-21, Turner 4-17, Parks 1-2, Team 1-(minus 1). McHargue 6-(minus 2), D.Jackson 3-(minus 4). Mississippi St., Prescott 14-78, Perkins 13-47, J.Robinson 3-45, Shumpert 1-29, Griffin 4-18, Williams 3-11, Cowart 1-6, Hand 1-5.

PASSING—Rice, McHargue 8-15-0-84. D.Jackson 0-1-0-0. Mississippi St., Prescott 17-28-0-283, Williams 1-2-0-11.

RECEIVING—Rice, Parks 3-38, Celia 1-19, Kubiak 1-15, Moore 1-6, Gautreaux 1-4, Taylor 1-2. Mississippi St., Lewis 9-220, Wilson 3-37, M.Johnson 1-13, R.Johnson 1-10, Perkins 1-10, Samuel 1-4, J.Robinson 1-3, Shumpert 1-(minus 3).

BOWL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROSE BOWL
NO. 4 MICHIGAN STATE 24
NO. 5 STANFORD 10

PASADENA, Calif. — Connor Cook passed for a career-high 332 yards and hit Tony Lippett with a tiebreaking 25-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, leading No. 4 Michigan State to a 24-20 victory over No. 5 Stanford on Wednesday night in the 100th Rose Bowl.

Cook also threw a TD pass to Trevon Pendleton, and Jeremy Langford rushed for 84 yards and a score in the first Rose Bowl victory in 26 years for the Big Ten champion Spartans (13-1), who finished the season with 10 straight wins.

CAPITAL ONE BOWL
NO. 8 SOUTH CAROLINA 34
NO. 19 WISCONSIN 24

ORLANDO, Fla. — Connor Shaw was responsible for five touchdowns, including three passing, and South Carolina outlasted Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl.

The senior was selected the game MVP after picking apart the Badgers' defense, completing 22 of 25 passes for 312 yards. Shaw also had rushing and receiving scores.

OUTBACK BOWL
NO. 14 LSU 21
IOWA 14

TAMPA, Fla. — Jeremy Hill ran for 216 yards and two touchdowns, helping LSU and inexperienced quarterback Anthony Jennings hold off Iowa in the Outback Bowl.

Craig Loston's fourth-quarter interception stopped a potential tying drive, giving Hill a chance to put the game out of reach by carrying four times for 87 yards on a 92-yard march that gave LSU (10-3) a 21-7 lead.

GATOR BOWL
NEBRASKA 24
NO. 23 GEORGIA 19

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Tommy Armstrong Jr. connected with Quincy Enunwa for two touchdowns, including a 99-yarder in the third quarter, and Nebraska held on to beat No. 23 Georgia 24-19 in the rain-soaked Gator Bowl on Wednesday.

Playing in their 50th bowl, the Cornhuskers (9-4) ended a four-game losing streak against teams from the Southeastern Conference.

SUN BOWL
NO. 17 UCLA 42
VIRGINIA TECH 12

EL PASO — Brett Hundley threw two touchdown passes and ran for two more scores to help UCLA rout Virginia Tech Sun Bowl.

The UCLA quarterback had 86- and 7-yard touchdown runs and finished with 161 yards on 10 carries. Hundley also completed 16 of 29 passes for 226 yards and two scores.

Hundley and UCLA linebacker Jordan Zumwalt shared MVP honors. Zumwalt had 10 tackles and returned an interception 43 yards to set up a touchdown.

BOWL GLANCE

Monday,
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Navy 24, Middle Tennessee 6
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi 25, Georgia Tech 17
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oregon 30, Texas 7
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23

Tuesday
AdvoCare V100 Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Arizona 42, Boston College 19
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
UCLA 42, Virginia Tech 12
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Mississippi State 44, Rice 7
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Texas A&M 52, Duke 48

TODAY
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
North Texas 36, UNLV 14
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Nebraska 24, Georgia 19
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
South Carolina 34, Wisconsin 24
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
LSU 21, Iowa 14
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan State 24, Stanford 10
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
UCF 52, Baylor 42

Today
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Alabama (11-1) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Ohio State (12-1) vs. Clemson (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Missouri (11-2) vs. Oklahoma State (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. Houston (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 5
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (7-5) vs. Ball State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 6
BCS National Championship
At Pasadena, Calif.
Florida State (13-0) vs. Auburn (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 25
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 4 p.m. (NFLN)

A&M

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appeared set to pull off the upset over Texas A&M, the favorite by 12½ points.

"I hope people saw that we're Duke football and we're not backing down from anyone," Duke linebacker Kelby Brown said.

Duke led 41-31 entering the fourth quarter. The Blue Devils couldn't hold off the comeback and are still looking for their first bowl win since beating Arkansas 7-6 in the 1961 Cotton Bowl.

Wide receiver Jamison Crowder, who had 12 receptions for 163 yards and a touchdown, said it was "definitely devastating" to lose the big lead.

No. 20 TEXAS A&M 52, No. 22 DUKE 48

Duke	14	24	3	7	—48
Texas A&M	3	14	14	21	—52

First Quarter

Duke—Snead 11 pass from Boone (Martin kick), 8:50.

TAM—FG Lambo 45, 5:31.

Duke—Connette 3 run (Martin kick), 4:12.

Second Quarter

Duke—Boone 11 run (Martin kick), 14:21.

TAM—Labhart 23 pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 13:04.

Duke—Crowder 59 pass from Boone (Martin kick), 11:48.

TAM—Labhart 9 pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 6:45.

Duke—Snead 25 run (Martin kick), 2:31.

Duke—FG Martin 18, :00.

Third Quarter

TAM—Labhart 19 pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 9:55.

TAM—Carson 21 run (Lambo kick), 5:05.

Duke—FG Martin 20, :43.

Fourth Quarter

TAM—Manziel 3 run (Lambo kick), 12:48.

Duke—Reeves 21 pass from Boone (Martin kick), 6:46.

TAM—D.Walker 44 pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 5:44.

TAM—Hurd Jr. 55 interception return (Lambo kick), 3:33.

A—67,946.

	Duke	TAM
First downs	29	30
Rushes-yards	37-234	30-159
Passing	427	382
Comp-Att-Int	29-45-2	30-38-0
Return Yards	15	58
Punts-Avg.	0-0.0	1-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	4-40
Time of Possession	35:02	24:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Duke, Snead 17-104, Thompson 11-92, Boone 5-27, Powell 2-7, Connette 2-4. Texas A&M, Manziel 11-73, Malena 8-45, T.Williams 4-23, Carson 4-21, Team 3-(minus 3).

PASSING—Duke, Boone 29-45-2-427. Texas A&M, Manziel 30-38-0-382.

RECEIVING—Duke, Crowder 12-163, Deaver 6-116, Snead 3-21, Braxton 3-17, Barnes 2-48, Blakeney 1-23, Reeves 1-21, Thompson 1-18. Texas A&M, Labhart 7-76, D.Walker 6-113, Kennedy 5-52, Evans 4-72, Gonzalez 3-18, Clear 2-38, Malena 1-6, J.Williams 1-6, T.Williams 1-1.

Texas A&M Bowl History
Record: 18-19

Dec. 31, 2013 Chick-fil-A Bowl—Texas A&M 52, Duke 48

Jan. 4, 2013 Cotton Bowl—Texas A&M 41, Oklahoma 13

Dec. 31, 2011 Meineke Car Care Bowl—Texas A&M 33, Northwestern 22

Jan. 7, 2011 Cotton Bowl—LSU 41, Texas A&M 24

Dec. 28, 2009 Independence Bowl—Georgia 44, Texas A&M 20

Dec. 29, 2007 Alamo Bowl—Penn State 24, Texas A&M 17

Dec. 28, 2006 Holiday Bowl—California 45, Texas A&M 10

Jan. 1, 2005 Cotton Bowl—Tennessee 38, Texas A&M 7

Dec. 28, 2001 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl—Texas A&M 28, TCU 9

Dec. 31, 2000 Independence Bowl—Mississippi State 43, Texas A&M 41, OT

Dec. 28, 1999 Alamo Bowl—Penn State 24, Texas A&M 0

Jan. 1, 1999 Sugar Bowl—Ohio State 24, Texas A&M 14

Jan. 1, 1998 Cotton Bowl—UCLA 29, Texas A&M 23

Dec. 28, 1995 Alamo Bowl—Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20

Jan. 1, 1994 Cotton Bowl—Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21

Jan. 1, 1993 Cotton Bowl—Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3

Jan. 1, 1992 Cotton Bowl—Florida State 10, Texas A&M 2

Dec. 29, 1990 Holiday Bowl—Texas A&M 65, Brigham Young 14

Dec. 30, 1989 John Hancock Bowl—Pittsburgh 31, Texas A&M 28

Jan. 1, 1988 Cotton Bowl—Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10

Jan. 1, 1987 Cotton Bowl—Ohio State 28, Texas A&M 12

Jan. 1, 1986 Cotton Bowl—Texas A&M 36, Auburn 16

Dec. 12, 1981 Independence Bowl—Texas A&M 33, Oklahoma State 16

Dec. 26, 1978 Hall of Fame Bowl—Texas A&M 28, Iowa State 12

Dec. 31, 1977 Bluebonnet Bowl—Southern Cal 47, Texas A&M 28

Jan. 2, 1977 Sun Bowl—Texas A&M 37, Florida 14

Dec. 22, 1975 Liberty Bowl—Southern Cal 20, Texas A&M 0

Jan. 1, 1968 Cotton Bowl—Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16

Dec. 28, 1957 Gator Bowl—Tennessee 3, Texas A&M 0

Dec. 9, 1950 Presidential Cup—Texas A&M 40, Georgia 20

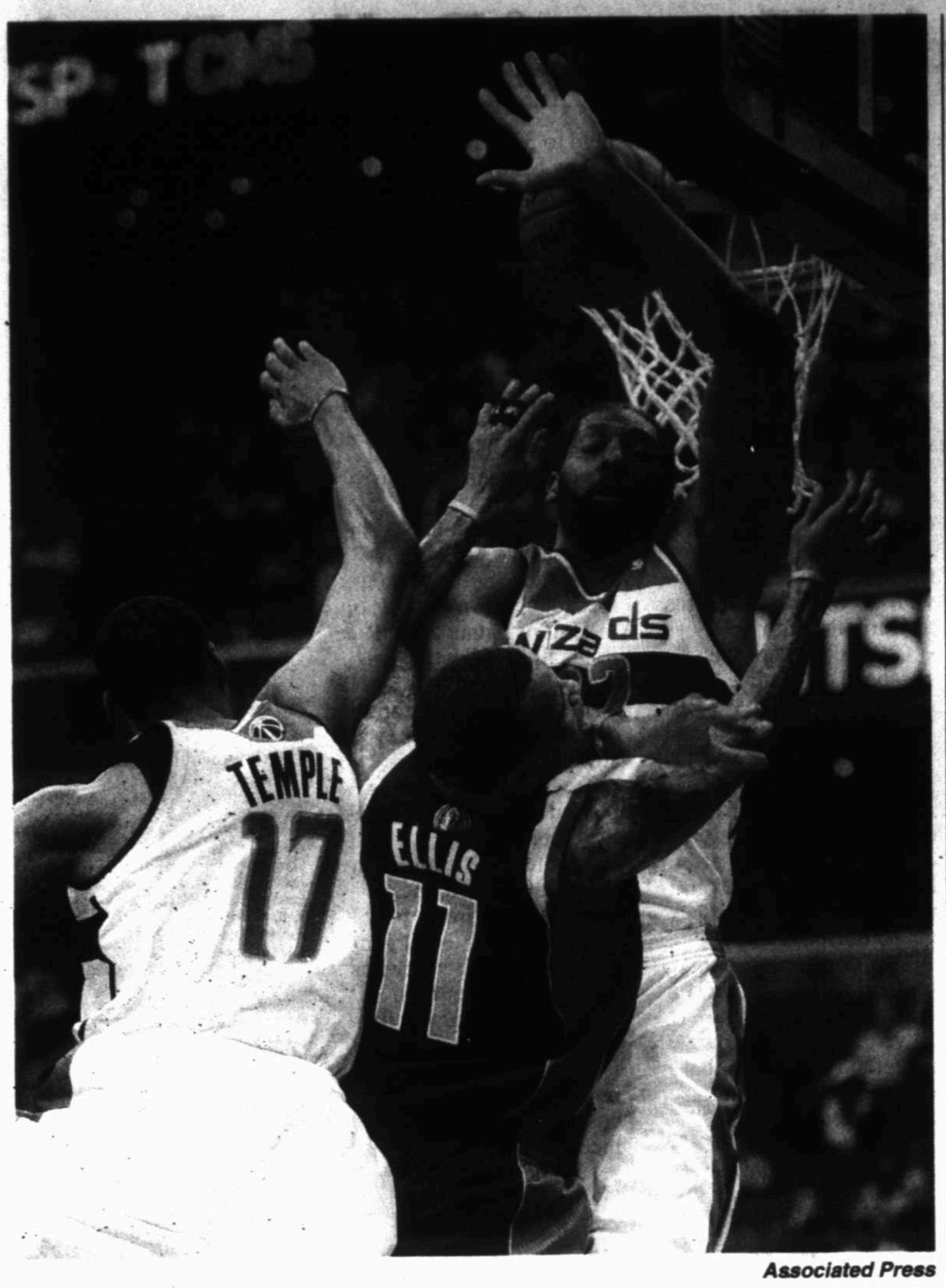
Jan. 1, 1944 Orange Bowl—LSU 19, Texas A&M 14

Jan. 1, 1942 Cotton Bowl—Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21

Jan. 1, 1941 Cotton Bowl—Texas A&M 13, Fordham 12

Jan. 1, 1940 Sugar Bowl—Texas A&M 14, Tulane 13

Jan. 2, 1922 Dixie Classic—Texas A&M 22, Centre 14.



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Dallas Mavericks guard Monta Ellis (11) goes to the basket against Washington Wizards forward Nene, top right, and Garrett Temple (17) during the first half on Wednesday in Washington.

Mavericks prevail over Wizards thanks to Ellis

Associated Press

Mavericks **87**
Wizards 78

WASHINGTON — Monta Ellis scored 23 points, Vince Carter had 13 and the Dallas Mavericks held the Washington Wizards scoreless for more than 4 minutes late in the fourth quarter of an 87-78 victory Wednesday night.

The Wizards led 74-70 with 4:58 to play, but the Mavericks scored nine straight points on a 3-pointer by Carter, a hook shoot by Brandan Wright, two free throws by Carter and a jumper by Ellis to give Dallas a 79-74 lead with 2:14 to play.

Washington didn't score again until John Wall, who led the Wizards with 22 points, made two free throws with 46 seconds to play.

Trevor Booker had 10 points and a career-high 19 rebounds for Washington.

It was Dallas' fourth straight win on the road and their eighth straight over the Wizards (14-15), who failed in their attempt to rise above .500 for the first time since Oct. 31, 2009.

Dirk Nowitzki, averaging 21.3 points, had a season-low nine, shooting 3 for 14. In the game's first minute, Nowitzki left to have his left ankle re-taped.

Wizards coach Randy Wittman said he didn't want his team consumed by the quest for an over .500 record.

"I don't want the focus to be on that," Wittman said. "Let's continue to do the things we're doing, then the record takes care of itself."

In its last game, Dallas escaped with a win at Minnesota on Monday. On Tuesday, the NBA released a statement saying that the Timberwolves' Kevin Love should have been awarded two free throws late in a two-point Mavericks' win. Shawn Marion should have been assessed a foul, the NBA said.

The Mavericks finished the first quarter Wednesday on a 15-5 run to take a 25-20 lead.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RAPTORS 95
PACERS 82

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points, Kyle Lowry had 13 points and a season-high 14 assists and the Toronto Raptors extended their season-best winning streak to four games, beating the Indiana Pacers 95-82 on Wednesday night.

Terrence Ross scored 18 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 13 points and nine rebounds as the Raptors (15-15) snapped Indiana's five-game winning streak and improved to .500 after 30 games for the first time since Jan. 6, 2010.

TIMBERWOLVES 124
PELICANS 112

MINNEAPOLIS — Nikola Pekovic had 22 points and seven rebounds and the Minnesota Timberwolves led by as many as 30 points in cruising to a 124-112 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Wednesday night.

76ERS 114
NUGGETS 102

DENVER — Evan Turner scored 23 points and Thaddeus Young added 17, helping the Philadelphia 76ers beat the slumping Denver Nuggets 114-102 on Wednesday night.

CLIPPERS 112
BOBCATS 85

LOS ANGELES — Blake Griffin scored 13 of his 31 points in the final 7:05 and Jared Dudley got 11 of his 20 points in the third quarter, leading the Los Angeles Clippers to a 112-85 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night.

Dudley faced his second former team in two games, making seven of 10 shots.

WEDNESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	15	15	500	—
Boston	13	18	419	2½
Brooklyn	10	21	323	5½
Philadelphia	10	21	323	5½
New York	9	21	300	6

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	7	774	—
Atlanta	18	14	563	6½
Washington	14	15	483	9
Charlotte	14	19	424	11
Orlando	10	21	323	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	25	6	806	—
Detroit	14	19	424	12
Chicago	12	18	400	12½
Cleveland	10	21	323	15
Milwaukee	7	24	226	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	7	781	—
Houston	21	13	618	5
Dallas	19	13	594	6
New Orleans	14	16	467	10
Memphis	13	17	433	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	25	6	806	—
Portland	25	7	781	½
Minnesota	16	16	500	9½
Denver	14	17	452	11
Utah	10	24	294	16½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	22	12	647	—
Phoenix	19	11	633	1
Golden State	20	13	606	1½
L.A. Lakers	13	19	406	8
Sacramento	10	20	333	10

Wednesday's Scores
Dallas 87, Washington 78
Toronto 95, Indiana 82
Minnesota 124, New Orleans 112
Philadelphia 114, Denver 102
L.A. Clippers 112, Charlotte 85

Today's Games
Orlando at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

MAVERICKS 87, WIZARDS 78

DALLAS (87): Marion 4-7 1-2 9, Nowitzki 3-14 3-3 9, Dalembert 1-3 0-0 2, Calderon 3-14 2-2 11, Ellis 7-19 9-10 23, Carter 4-10 2-2 13, Wright 5-7 0-0 10, Crowder 1-2 2-2 4, Larkin 1-2 0-0 2, Blair 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 30-78 21-23 87.

WASHINGTON (78): Anza 3-14 1-1 8, Booker 5-9 0-0 10, Gortat 6-11 0-0 12, Wall 8-18 5-5 22, Beal 4-13 0-1 10, Seraphin 1-5 0-0 2, Webster 3-9 1-1 8, Temple 0-0 0-0 0, Nene 2-7 2-2 4, Porter Jr. 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-88 7-10 78.

Dallas	25	14	20	28	— 87
Washington	20	22	19	17	— 78

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-24 (Carter 3-7, Calderon 3-10, Marion 0-1, Ellis 0-2, Nowitzki 0-4), Washington 5-24 (Beal 2-5, Webster 1-6, Wall 1-6, Anza 1-7). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 51 (Marion 9), Washington 57 (Booker 19). Assists—Dallas 18 (Marion, Nowitzki 4), Washington 17 (Wall 5). Total Fouls—Dallas 12, Washington 21. Technicals—Dallas Coach Carlisle, Dallas defensive three second, Washington defensive three second. A—15,713 (20,308).

RAPTORS 95, PACERS 82

INDIANA (82): George 5-14 2-2 12, West 3-9 3-4 9, Hibbert 6-10 4-5 16, G Hill 2-6 0-0 6, Stephenson 4-9 0-1 8, Granger 4-7 2-2 11, Scola 3-10 1-2 7, Mahinmi 2-2 1-4 5, Watson 3-7 0-0 8, O.Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 0-0 0-0 0, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-74 13-20 82.

TORONTO (95): Ross 6-12 4-4 18, A.Johnson 3-5 0-0 6, Valanciunas 5-10 3-4 13, Lowry 4-9 4-4 13, DeRozan 9-24 8-9 26, Salmons 2-6 0-0 5, Patterson 1-4 0-0 3, Hansbrough 2-2 1-2 5, Vasquez 2-6 0-0 6. Totals 34-78 20-23 95.

Indiana	18	26	19	19	— 82
Toronto	26	14	26	29	— 95

3-Point Goals—Indiana 5-14 (Watson 2-3, G.Hill 2-4, Granger 1-2, Stephenson 0-1, West 0-1, George 0-3), Toronto 7-19 (Vasquez 2-4, Ross 2-5, Patterson 1-1, Lowry 1-4, Salmons 1-4, DeRozan 0-1). Fouled Out—Hibbert. Rebounds—Indiana 47 (George 8), Toronto 49 (Valanciunas, DeRozan 9). Assists—Indiana 16 (Stephenson 4), Toronto 27 (Lowry 14). Total Fouls—Indiana 27, Toronto 18. Technicals—Mahinmi, Hansbrough. A—18,271 (19,800).

TIMBERWOLVES 124, PELICANS 112

NEW ORLEANS (112): Aminu 2-6 0-0 4, Anderson 10-17 3-3 25, Davis 5-9 3-6 13, Holiday 8-14 2-4 19, Gordon 5-12 2-2 12, Evans 6-14 3-4 16, Stiemsma 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 1-3 0-0 3, Morrow 3-4 0-0 7, Ajinca 1-3 0-0 2, Rivers 2-3 0-0 4, Miller 1-1 1-1 3, Withey 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 45-87 16-22 112.

MINNESOTA (124): Brewer 2-4 0-0 5, Love 7-19 6-8 21, Pekovic 7-12 8-11 22, Rubio 4-6 5-6 14, Martin 8-14 4-5 20, Cunningham 5-8 0-0 10, Barea 7-9 0-0 17, Shved 2-4 4-10, Mbah a Moute 1-1 1-1 3, Hummel 0-2 0-0 0, Dieng 0-1 0-0 0, Muhammad 1-1 0-0 2, Price 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-79 28-35 124.

New Orleans	28	19	26	39	— 112
Minnesota	33	28	36	27	— 124

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 6-20 (Anderson 2-6, Roberts 1-1, Evans 4-1, Morrow 1-2, Holiday 1-2, Rivers 0-1, Aminu 0-1, Gordon 0-4), Minnesota 8-22 (Barea 3-5, Shved 2-4, Rubio 1-1, Brewer 1-1, Love 1-7, Hummel 0-4, Martin 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 48 (Evans 7), Minnesota 42 (Rubio 8). Assists—New Orleans 20 (Holiday 5), Minnesota 26 (Rubio 9). Total Fouls—New Orleans 25, Minnesota 20. Technicals—Davis, Evans, Brewer. A—14,002 (19,356).

76ERS 114, NUGGETS 102

PHILADELPHIA (114): Turner 8-17 6-8 23, Young 7-17 2-3 17, Hawes 4-11 3-4 13, Carter-Williams 5-15 6-8 16, Thompson 5-6 0-0 11, Anderson 4-7 2-2 12, Allen 6-9 0-0 13, Wroten 3-6 0-3 7, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Davies 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 43-92 19-28 114.

DENVER (102): Chandler 5-13 2-2 16, Faried 6-9 0-3 12, Hickson 7-14 5-9 19, Lawson 4-13 6-7 15, Foye 6-17 2-2 14, Q.Miller 1-5 0-0 2, Robinson 0-3 0-0 0, Mozgov 1-2 2-2 4, Fournier 3-6 1-2 7, Arthur 2-6 4-4 8, Randolph 0-1 3-4 3, Hamilton 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-91 25-35 102.

Philadelphia	24	44	27	19	— 114
Denver	30	26	25	21	— 102

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 9-23 (Anderson 2-3, Hawes 2-4, Allen 1-1, Thompson 1-1, Turner 1-3, Wroten 1-3, Young 1-6, Williams 0-2), Denver 5-25 (Chandler 4-7, Lawson 1-5, Arthur 0-1, Hamilton 0-1, Q.Miller 0-1, Robinson 0-1, Fournier 0-3, Foye 0-6). Fouled Out—Chandler. Rebounds—Philadelphia 66 (Young 10), Denver 57 (Hickson 11). Assists—Philadelphia 23 (Carter-Williams, Turner 6), Denver 23 (Lawson 11). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 25, Denver 28. Technicals—Hawes, Faried. A—16,006 (19,155).

CLIPPERS 112, BOBCATS 85

CHARLOTTE (85): Tolliver 4-11 0-0 11, McRoberts 4-8 0-0 10, Jefferson 7-15 0-0 14, Walker 4-10 5-5 14, Henderson 3-11 6-6 12, Zeller 0-6 6-6 6, Douglas-Roberts 1-1 0-0 2, Sessions 3-9 2-2 8, Biyombo 3-5 2-3 8, Pargo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-76 21-22 85.

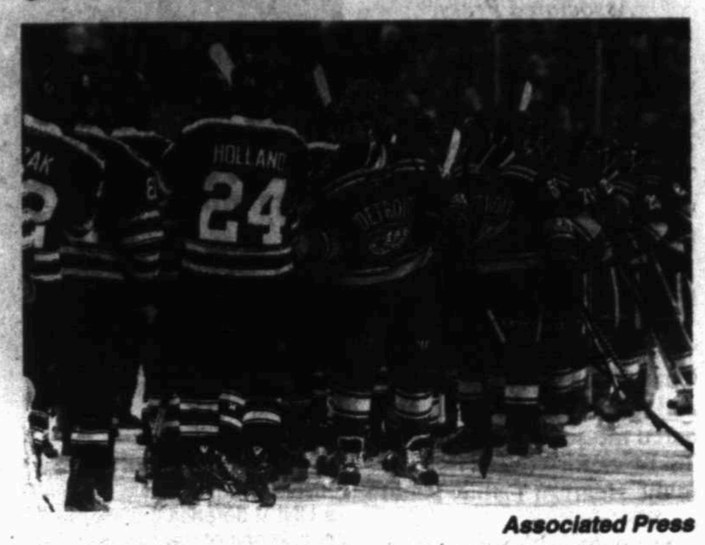
L.A. CLIPPERS (112): Dudley 7-10 0-0 20, Griffin 14-20 2-4 31, Jordan 3-4 0-0 6, Paul 7-14 2-2 17, Crawford 5-14 0-0 11, Collison 3-3 2-2 8, Barnes 2-10 0-0 4, Green 2-3 0-0 4, Hollins 2-3 1-2 5, Jamison 0-2 0-0 0, Mullens 2-2 0-0 6. Totals 47-85 7-10 112.

Charlotte	27	29	13	16	— 85
L.A. Clippers	25	31	25	31	— 112

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 6-21 (Tolliver 3-10, McRoberts 2-4, Walker 1-4, Henderson 0-1, Sessions 0-2), L.A. Clippers 11-34 (Dudley 6-9, Mullens 2-2, Griffin 1-2, Paul 1-4, Crawford 1-8, Green 0-1, Jamison 0-2, Barnes 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 42 (Jefferson 12), L.A. Clippers 47 (Jordan, Griffin 12). Assists—Charlotte 19 (McRoberts, Sessions, Jefferson 4), L.A. Clippers 36 (Paul 14). Total Fouls—Charlotte 13, L.A. Clippers 20. Technicals—Charlotte Coach Clifford, Jordan. A—19,180 (19,060).

Maple Leafs beat Red Wings in snowy Winter Classic

Associated Press



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Detroit Red Wings left wing Henrik Zetterberg leads his team as they shake the hands of the Toronto Maple Leafs after the Winter Classic outdoor hockey game at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Wednesday. The Maple Leafs won 3-2.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A lot of winter. Very little classic hockey.

Light snow swirled down in the Big House, making it tough to push the puck through piles of the white stuff on a sheet of ice where football is usually played.

Teeth-chattering temperatures and a brisk wind were factors, too, that made the NHL's Winter Classic much more of an event than a game.

Tyler Bozak scored the winning shootout goal and Jonathan Bernier made two saves in the heart-pounding final moments, lifting Toronto to a 3-2 victory over Detroit on Wednesday in front of 105,591 fans — the largest crowd to watch a hockey game.

"I was just lucky to get a stick on it and keep it low enough," Bozak acknowledged.

The Red Wings were not as fortunate in the closely contested spectacle that was altered in a lot of ways because of the conditions.

Detroit captain Henrik Zetterberg appeared to have good chance in overtime with the puck in the Maple Leafs' end and defenseman Cody Franson on his left side. The horn, however, sounded to stop play at the 2:30 mark of the extra period so that both teams played into a 10-plus mph wind for an equal amount of time.

"I think I would have had a clear breakaway," Zetterberg said.

The game also was halted midway through the third period so that the teams could switch sides. In the shootout, skaters for both teams attempted shots with the wind in their face toward the same net — or end zone.

After a slew of skaters with shovels cleared the ice following overtime, Pavel Datsyuk scored Detroit's only goal in the shootout and teammate Tomas Tatar was foiled on his team's third and final attempt because he couldn't control the puck on the snow-covered surface and didn't even get a shot off.

"The conditions made it so some of the skill in the game was eliminated," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said.

Bernier, with a knit hat over his helmet, made 41 saves — the most in an outdoor regular- season game.

The crowd surpassed the 104,173 who saw Michigan and Michigan State skate in the same football stadium known as the Big House in 2010.

The game-time temperature was 13 degrees with a wind chill of zero and steady snow that didn't stop on a windy afternoon.

At the previous five Winter Classics, the average temperature was 39 degrees and the average attendance was 53,045.

This one was bigger, colder and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman loved every minute of it.

"This has been a terrific day, terrific way to start the new year and a terrific way to embark upon the part of the season that's going to see five more outdoor games at the Olympic break," Bettman said. "We couldn't be any more pleased with the way things went."

The struggling yet storied franchises did their best to put on show in the snow.

"I don't know if you would call it a gem from a pace standpoint," Maple Leafs coach Randy Carlyle said. "There was a lot of snow and a lot of things to deal with."

Joffrey Lupul, who might face discipline from the NHL for a cross-check that knocked Patrick Eaves out of the game in the first period, scored the first of two goals for the Maple Leafs in the shootout.

Jimmy Howard had 24 saves for Detroit. After leaving the ice and the snow-covered football field, he returned minutes later when he was introduced as one of the members of the U.S. Olympic team that will go for gold next month in Sochi.

Detroit's Justin Abdelkader tied it 2 with 5:32 left in regulation after Bozak scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period. Daniel Alfredsson opened the scoring for the Red Wings at 13:14 of the second and James van Riemsdyk tied in on a power play with 37 seconds left in the period.

And in the end, the Maple Leafs moved a point ahead of the Red Wings in the Atlantic Division toward the bottom of the Eastern Conference playoff picture with about half of the regular season remaining.

"The points were really big for us," Toronto captain Dion Phaneuf said.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	40	26	12	2	54	117	86
Tampa Bay	39	23	12	4	50	110	93
Montreal	41	23	14	4	50	103	94
Toronto	42	21	16	5	47	118	120
Detroit	42	18	14	10	46	109	120
Ottawa	42	17	18	7	41	118	135
Florida	41	15	20	6	36	96	130
Buffalo	40	11	25	4	26	71	113

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	42	29	12	1	59	131	96
Washington	40	20	15	5	45	122	119
Philadelphia	40	20	16	4	44	105	111
New Jersey	41	17	16	8	42	97	103
N.Y. Rangers	41	20	19	2	42	96	109
Carolina	40	15	16	9	39	96	118
Columbus	40	17	19	4	38	109	117
N.Y. Islanders	41	13	21	7	33	107	138

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	42	28	7	7	63	158	115
St. Louis	39	27	7	5	59	139	93
Colorado	39	24	11	4	52	114	100
Dallas	39	20	12	7	47	115	113
Minnesota	42	20	17	5	45	97	109
Winnipeg	42	19	18	5	43	114	121
Nashville	40	18	18	4	40	95	119

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	42	29	8	5	63	137	106
San Jose	40	25	9	6	56	131	104
Los Angeles	41	25	12	4	54	110	83
Vancouver	41	23	11	7	53	111	97
Phoenix	39	20	10	9	49	120	120
Calgary	40	14	20	6	34	96	126
Edmonton	42	13	24	5	31	109	143

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

Wednesday's Scores
Toronto 3, Detroit 2, SO
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, late

Today's Games
Nashville at Boston, 6 p.m.
Chicago at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Ryan doesn't make cut for US men's hockey team

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — USA Hockey used to have it relatively easy picking players for the Olympics.

Bobby Ryan helped the United States earn a silver medal in 2010 in Vancouver and only 10 NHL players — from all countries — have more goals than he does this season for the Ottawa Senators. But unless Ryan gets a spot in place of an injured player, he won't have a chance to help the Americans go for gold in Sochi.

"We did not pick the best 25 players," general manager David Poile said Wednesday after the roster was announced.

And with goaltending and grit, the Americans might have some assets to help them compete with the defending champion Canadians along with the talented and extremely motivated Russians on their home soil.

In Sochi, the U.S. forwards will be: David Backes, Dustin Brown, Ryan Callahan, Patrick Kane, Ryan Kesler, Phil Kessel, T.J. Oshie, Max Pacioretty, Zach Parise, Joe Pavelski, Paul Stastny, Derek Stepan, James van Riemsdyk and Blake Wheeler. John Carlson, Justin Faulk, Cam Fowler, Paul Martin, Ryan McDonagh, Brooks Orpik, Kevin Shattenkirk and Ryan Suter will be on defense for the Americans.

2 Kessels named to US Olympic hockey teams

Associated Press

It was a big day for the Kessel family.

Right after Amanda Kessel was named to the women's hockey team that will represent the United States at the Sochi Olympics, her brother Phil — a forward for the Toronto Maple Leafs — earned a place on the U.S. men's team.

"It's a neat experience," said Phil Kessel, whose Maple Leafs beat the Detroit Red Wings in the Winter Classic at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, where the Olympic teams were announced. "We'll see how it goes over there."

Phil Kessel, 26, was a first-round draft pick by the Boston Bruins in 2006 who was traded to Toronto in 2009 and now leads the Maple Leafs in scoring with 38 points in 42 games. He also played for the American team that won a silver medal at the Vancouver Olympics in 2010.

Amanda Kessel, 21, will be heading to her first Olympics. She was the top scorer in the NCAA last season with 101 points in 37 games while leading the Minnesota Golden Gophers to the national championship and earning the Patty Kazmaier award as the top player in NCAA women's hockey. She is one of five members of Team USA to have won the women's hockey Heisman.

"We'd like to play a very up-tempo game, so that's really what the profile of our roster looks like," coach Katey Stone said. "Amanda fits into that style very well."

Schumacher stable but brain injury still critical

Associated Press

GRENOBLE, France — Formula One great Michael Schumacher's condition was stable but still critical overnight as he remained unconscious following a brain injury suffered in a skiing accident, his manager said Wednesday.

Sabine Kehm told reporters that his condition has not changed since doctors said he showed small signs of improvement on Tuesday, following his second operation.

Schumacher, who turns 45 on Friday, suffered critical head injuries when he fell and struck a rock while skiing Sunday morning during a family vacation at Meribel in the French Alps. His 14-year-old son, Mick, was with him in a group of friends when the accident happened in a small, rock-strewn area of open ground between two groomed pistes.

The seven-time F1 champion has since undergone two brain operations and remains in a medically induced coma.

"The good news for today is ... there's no significant changes," Kehm told reporters gathered outside the Grenoble hospital where he is being treated.

"However, it is still very early, and the situation overall is critical. Everything can change immediately," she added.

Doctors have refused to give a prognosis for Schumacher, saying they are focused on his immediate care. They are trying to reduce swelling in his brain by keeping him in a coma and lowering his body temperature to between 34 and 35 degrees Celsius (93.2 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit).

Kehm said Schumacher was surrounded by his family — including his wife, daughter and son — and that there is always somebody with him.

"They are trying to support him by being by his side," Kehm said.

One visitor returning to the hospital Wednesday was Jean Todt, president of the FIA motor racing governing body and team principal at Ferrari when Schumacher won five straight F1 titles from 2000 to 2004.

Schumacher is the most successful F1 driver in history, racking up a record 91 race wins. He retired from Formula One in 2012 after garnering an unmatched seven world titles.

His accident has drawn immense media attention, and Kehm confirmed Wednesday that earlier in the week security at the hospital stopped a journalist who was posing as a priest from approaching Schumacher.

"Security got him before he got close," she said.

Schumi, as his fans affectionately call him, was famously aggressive on the track and no less intense off-hours. In retirement, he remained an avid skier, skydiver and horseback rider.

Kehm said the Schumacher family traditionally spends Christmas and New Year holidays at Meribel, where they own a chalet, and to celebrate the German racer's birthday.

17-year-old Lehman earns another Olympic race

Associated Press

KEARNS, Utah — With a powerful finishing kick, 17-year-old Emery Lehman claimed a second race at the Sochi Olympics by knocking off Jonathan Kuck in a thrilling 10,000 meters at the U.S. speedskating trials Wednesday.

Lehman was about 4 seconds behind with three laps to go, but he turned on the speed and began closing the gap. As the bell rang for the final lap, Lehman surged to the lead from the inside lane.

The skaters switched over on the backstretch and Kuck surged to the front coming off the final turn. But Lehman, with a hand on one knee and the other arm swinging furiously, chased down Kuck and stuck his right blade over the line, winning by 0.07 seconds in a grueling race that took more than 13 minutes.

Wednesday
Utah Olympic Oval
Kearns, Utah
Results Wednesday from the U.S. Olympic speedskating trials.

Men
10,000
(Top finisher nominated to U.S. Olympic team)
1. Emery Lehman, Oak Park, Ill., 13 minutes, 22.77 seconds
2. Jonathan Kuck, Champaign, Ill., 13:22.84
3. Patrick Meek, St. Louis, Mo., 13:23.16
4. Edwin Park, Federal Way, Wash., 13:58.93
5. Josh Wood, Sacramento, Calif., 14:25.94
6. Justin Stelly, Lafayette, La., 14:33.65
7. Isaiah Oliver, Kent, Wash., 14:34.56
8. Steven Hartman, Falcon Heights, Minn., 14:38.62
9. Liam Ortega, Menomonee Falls, Wis., 14:46.04
10. Alex Hopp, Salt Lake City, Utah, 14:46.98
11. Chris Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah, 15:47.64
Michael Hubbs, Milwaukee, Wis., DQ
Chase Reichman, Gilbert, Ariz., DQ

Women
5,000
(Top finisher nominated to U.S. Olympic team)
1. Maria Lamb, River Falls, Wis., 7:13.31
2. Petra Acker, Clifton Park, N.Y., 7:20.54
3. Jaclyn Rowe, Wheaton, Ill., 7:28.58
4. Anna Ringsred, Duluth, Minn., 7:28.68
5. Rebekah Dyrud, Plymouth, Minn., 7:33.57
6. Claire Jeong, Tacoma, Wash., 7:33.91
7. Jacqueline Munzel, Long Beach, N.Y., 7:36.78
8. Danielle O'Neil, Clinton Township, Mich., 7:37.84
9. Briana Kramer, Salt Lake City, Utah, 7:38.50
10. Danielle Barrett, North St. Paul, Minn., 7:41.14
11. Sara Rehkiau, Menomonee Falls, Wis., 8:22.96

SPORTSBRIEF
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SAO PAULO

World Cup stadium symbolically delivered in Brazil

One of six Brazilian World Cup stadiums that had to be completed before the end of 2013 was symbolically delivered on New Year's Eve, although it won't be fully ready until the end of the month.

Local World Cup organizers in the northeastern city of Natal turned on the lights at the Arena das Dunas stadium for the first time on Tuesday to symbolize the venue's completion. The official inauguration, however, will only happen "probably" on Jan. 20, organizers said in a statement Wednesday.

Brazil starts the year without six of the 12 World Cup stadiums ready even though FIFA had set the end of 2013 as the final deadline. Six venues had been built for the Confederations Cup this year.

Soccer's world governing body usually wants all venues ready at least six months before the tournament starts so local organizers can host enough test events.

Brazilian organizers announced during the World Cup draw in December that none of the remaining six venues was expected to be delivered by the FIFA deadline. Delays have included financial problems, worker safety issues and construction-site accidents.

Three construction workers died at stadiums late last year: one fell about 115 feet at the Arena Amazonia in the jungle city of Manaus, and two who were killed when a crane collapsed while hoisting a roofing structure at the stadium that will host the World Cup opener in Sao Paulo on June 12.

The Arena Amazonia is expected to be completed by the end of the month, but the stadium in Sao Paulo won't be ready until April.

THURSDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 2, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "The Auditions" (SP) (N)				Assets "My Name Is Aldrich Ames" (P) (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Millers (N)	The Crazy Ones (N)	Two and Half (N)	Elementary "The Diabolical Kind" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	Ian McKellen	(:35) Late Late
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seln. "The Betrayal"	Rules of Engage.	The Vampire Diaries "The Cell"		Reign "Kissed"		Rules of Engage.	Seln. "The Contest"	Commu-nity	Commu-nity	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sleepy Hollow "John Doe"		Bones "El Carnicero el el coche"		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Mother "I Heart NJ"	Mother "Karma"
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Zola Levitt Ministries	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Commu-nity (N)	Commu-nity (N)	Sean Saves (N)	Michael J Fox (N)	Parenthood "Promises" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateNight
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Parks and Wildlife	Arts in "Lights"	Masterpiece Mystery! A Scandal in Belgravia"		"Sherlock:	Antiques Roadshow "Phoenix (Hour Two)"		Downton Abbey (N)	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mentir Para Vivir		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo				Noticias-Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	House "Saviors"		House		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	OMG!
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) Outside Pr...		Next Stop Wonderland			(:40) ★★★ Mumford Loren Dean.				(:35) Your Friends & Neigh...		
	HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	Fight	Get On	Broken City (12, Cri) Mark Wahlberg.				Ja'mie	Sex//Now	Katie	Warrior	Movie
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	The Apparition Ashley Greene.			★★★★ Warm Bodies			(:45) Detect	Pussy Riot - A Punk Prayer			Movie
	HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:20) Life Accord...		Sopranos "Bust Out"		★★ Life of Pi (12, Fant) Suraj Sharma.				(:15) GetOn (:45) Behind the Candelabra			
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Cloud Atlas (12, Adventure) Halle Berry, Jim Broadbent, Tom Hanks.						★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brad Pitt.			(:05) Sexy Wives ...		
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Go ('99, Com) Sarah Polley.				★★ Magic Mike			(:50) ★★ Me, Myself and Irene				Movie
	PLEX			96			(5:50) The Imaginarium of Doctor Parna...				★★ Crazy in Alabama Melanie Griffith.				★★★ House of Flying Daggers			
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:25) DeadHeads		Seven Psychopaths Colin Farrell.				TBD		Lawless (12, Cri) Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy.			Movie
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) Love & Honor		★★★ Stage Beauty Billy Crudup.				Legally Blonde 2: Red, Wh...		(:35) ★★★ Heathers			
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Rodeo Girls "Hot to Trot" (N)		Rodeo Girls "Hot to Trot"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) The Scorpi...		★★★ X-Men ('00, Sci-Fi) Hugh Jackman.						★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Mark Wahlberg.			
	BET	58	26		40		106&P		★★ Feel the Noise Rosa Arredondo.			★ Honey 2 ('11, Comedy) Randy Wayne, Katerina Graham.					Wendy "Scandal"	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:00) To Be Announced								Toned Up (P) (N)		To Be Announced	
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Shake Up	A.N.T.	To Be Announced				GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Gameday (L)		Pre-game	NCAA Football Sugar Bowl Oklahoma vs. Alabama (L)							Post-gam /(:10) SprtC	
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Wisc./N.West. (L)				NCAA Basketball St. Mary's vs. Gonzaga (L)				SportsCenter		NFL Live	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ Twilight			★★★ The Goonies ('85, Adv) Sean Astin.					The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Donut	Donut	Chopped: All Stars		Chopped		Chopped		Diners....	Diners...	Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Cowboys Insider	SportsDay OnAir	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Montréal Canadiens vs. Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	SportsD-ay OnAir	WPT Poker Bellagio 5 Diamond Classic	
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Moneyball		★★ The Curious Case of Benjamin Button ('08, Dra) Cate Blanchett.								★ The Curious Case of Benja...	
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Good Wife		Good Wife "Fixed"		Good Wife "Crash"		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Rehab	Rehab	Dawgs	Dawgs	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	HouseH	House	RentBuy	RentBuy	Rehab	Rehab
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pawn (N)	Pwn Star	Pawn (N)	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway: All Stars "As Sewn on TV"		Project Runway "#Nina's Trending"		Project Runway "Fashion Cents" (N)		Kim of Queens "Hillbilly in Heels"		Dance Moms		Project Runway "#Nina's Trending"	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	39				P.World	NCAA Basketball Pennsylvania vs. George Mason (L)						To Be Announced		Match	NFL Turning Point	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	Hathaway	Hathaway	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Paul ('11, Com) Simon Pegg, Nick Frost.				★★ The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen					★ Witchslayer Gretl		
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Ground Floor	Big Bang Theory	Conan Guests Jessie Ware, Ron Burgundy		Ground Floor	Conan
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Stage Mother		★ The Unknown		★ Our Dancing Daughters			★★★ Our Modern Maidens			★ Our Blushing Br...	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Marido en Alquiler		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Amer. Gypsy Wedd "Loud Proud Gypsies"		Gypsy Sisters "A Newborn King"		Gypsy Sisters (N)		Outrag. 911 "Locked Inside My Car"		Gypsy Sisters		Outrag. 911 "Locked Inside My Car"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Once Upon a Crime"		Castle "A Dance With Death"		Castle "47 Seconds"		Castle "The Limey"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ha'alele"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ha'alele"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fallacy"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Popular"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Guilt"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Silence"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Resilence"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Protection"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec

Federer opens 2014 with a steady win

Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia — Roger Federer showed shreds of Stefan Edberg's influence as he got his 2014 season underway, advancing to the Brisbane International quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Jarkko Nieminen on Wednesday.

Federer worked briefly with Edberg in the offseason and will again use the six-time major winner as a coach in Melbourne as he tries to end his Grand Slam drought at the Australian Open this month.

The 32-year-old Swiss star is not suddenly turning to a serve-volley mindset, but he did venture to the net with good effect in his second-round match against Nieminen as he honed certain parts of his game.

"I've been serving OK, my forehand is going well, my movement is OK, I'm seeing the ball OK," said Federer, who won the last of his 17 Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon in 2012. "I expect to play a bit better in the next match, even though today was already very good for a first match in so many weeks."

After a day of injury withdrawals in the women's draw, No. 2-ranked Victoria Azarenka finished off the night session with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Casey Dellacqua.

The reigning two-time Australian Open champion followed Federer's match on center court.

Federer, in the decisive game of the first set, rallied from 40-0 down and won the next five points to break for a 3-2 lead. He started with a pinpoint lob that caught the baseline and followed it up with a sharp, angled volley that turned the momentum.

He broke serve twice in the first three games of the second set and cruised to a comfortable win.

Awaiting top-seeded Federer in the quarterfinals is Australia's Marinko Matosevic, who beat American Sam Querrey 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4. Second-seeded Kei Nishikori of Japan had a 6-2, 6-2 win over Matthew Ebden to set up a quarterfinal against Marin Cilic of Croatia.

Cilic, in his second tournament following a four-month doping ban, had a 7-5, 7-5 win over fifth-seeded Grigor Dimitrov, a Brisbane finalist last year.

Cilic, who reached a career-high No. 9 in 2010 but finished last season at No. 37, said playing again "feels like a new beginning for me."

"I'm thinking about everything around myself in a different perspective," he said.

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A-B-C			
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AES Corp		13.41	+.05
AK Steel		5.20	+.02
AT&T Inc	1.84	35.16	-.04
AbbLab s		38.38	.33
AbbVie n		50.21	-.18
AberFit		80.32	+1.[illegible]
Accenture	1.74	80.25	+.16
AdamsEx	.84	13.07	+.01
AMD		1.61	.03
AdvSemi	.16	4.80	+.06
Aegon		7.04	+.02
Aeropost		9.09	-.09
Aetna		70.68	+.44
Agnico g		28.26	+.45
AirProdLac	.1[illegible]	10.[illegible]	-.07
Alcoa		12.10	.63
AllBerm		1.59	+.01
Allstate		1.00	+.54
AllianBrn		24.10	+.40
AlphaRes		7.14	+.04
AlpTotDv		32.4[illegible]	+.18
AlpAlerMLP		17.67	+.79
Altria		1.92	+.39
Ambev n		7.35	-.02
AMCOL		30.33	+.07
Ameren		1.60	+.16
AmerAir		34.23	.37
AEagleOut	.50	14.40	-.07
AEP		2.00	+.74
AmExp		92.90	+.73
AmInt Grp		40.51	.06
AmTower		1.16	+.82
Ameriprise		2.08	+.15
AmerBrd		72.79	.32
AngloGold		17.[illegible]	+.18
Anheuser		1.52	+.97
Apache		80.85	.94
Apollo Gl		20.17	.84
ArbnCoal		12.	.45
ArchDan		9943.40	-.29
ArmourRed		8.01	+.07
AstraZen		3442.37	-.14
ATMOS		1.48	+.22
AuRico g		16.	+.02
Avon		24.17	.22
BBAT Cp		92.37	.22
BP PLC		2.28	+.61
BakerHu		60.56	+.61
BocoBrad pf		23.12	.53
BankofAm		19.07	-.06
BkofAm		14.15	.03
BkNYMel		30.24	+.40
B iPRx rs		42.55	-.02
BasicEnSh		15.78	+.30
Baxter		1.96	+.55
BerkHa A		177900.00	
BerkH B		118.56	+.52
BestBuy		68.39	.88
BiMedSrgp		1,529.51	+1.19
BkDebtSr		30a 3.39	
Blackstone		1.18	+31.50
Boeing		2.92	+1.36
BrkfldSg		1.44	+.15
BrownFA		1.18	+.77
BrownFB		1.18	+.77
Brunswick		1.04	.06
CBL Assoc		.98	+.17
CBRE Grp		.u26	.30
CBS B		48.63	+.74
CMS Eng		1.02	+.77
CSX		30.27	+.73
CVS Caremk		1.19	+.71
CVR Energy		1.28	+.47
Caterpillar		2.40	.81
Celanese		45.11	+.83
CenterPnt		83.23	+.18

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
Abraxas		3.26	-.03
AcadiaRt		47.33	-.43
AcadiaPh		24.99	-.39
AceRx		11.31	+.79
Achillion		3.32	+.06
ActivsBliz		19.17	.83
AdobeSy		59.88	-.33
AirMedia		2.03	-.13
AkamaiT		47.18	-.24
Allscripts		15.46	-.08
AlteraCp f		60.32	-.51
AmTstFin		56b 32.69	-.07
Amarin		.97	-.03
Amazon		398.79	
+5.42			
Ambarella		u33.89	
+1.81			
AmKarr n		25.25	-.47
AcadAqg	3.75e	19.29	-.16
AmCapLtd		u15.64	+.17
AcadMtg	3.05e	17.46	-.03
AlrCapPr	.94	12.86	+.11
AmSupr		1.64	+.12
Amgen	2.44	114.08	-1.41
AmkorTch		u6.13	-.03
Amyris		5.29	-.40
AnalogDev	1.36	u50.93	-.08
AngiesList		15.15	+.92
ApolloEdu		27.32	-.11
Apollolrv		80.	+.48
Apple Inc	12.20	561.02	
+6.50			
ApidMatl	.40	17.68	-.19
ArenaPhm		5.85	.03
AresCap	1.52a	17.77	-.08
AriadP		6.82	-.27
ArmHld	.23e	54.73	-.29
ArrayBio		5.01	-.13
Arris		u24.34	-.23
ArubaNet		17.90	-.13
AscenaRet		21.16	.29
AsialnfoL		11.96	
Atmel		7.83	-.05
Autodesk		u50.32	-.74
AutoData	1.92	80.80	-.28
AvagoTech	1.00	52.88	-.18
AvianPhm		3.36	-.07
AVEO Ph		1.83	-.08
AvisBudg		u40.42	-.91
BG Med h		2.09	-.04
BGC Prts	.48	6.05	-.05
Baidu		177.88	
+3.89			
BallardPw		1.52	.04
BioScrip		7.40	-.13
BlackBerry		7.44	-.18
BrestBurn	1.95	20.34	.07
Broadcom	.44	29.65	-.41
BrodeCn		8.87	-.10
CA Inc	1.00	u33.65	-.01
CH Robinn	1.40	58.35	-.39
CME Grp	1.80a	78.46	-.02
Cadence		14.02	-.03
Caesars		21.54	
CalAmp		27.97	-.49
Camtek h		4.05	.04
CanSolar		29.80	.12
CapinTorb		1.29	-.01
CareerEd		5.70	-.05
Catamaran		47.46	-.24
Cavium		34.51	
+1.17			
Celgene		168.97	-.02
CeldexTh		24.21	-.81
CEuMed		3.84	-.15
CernuCo		6.45	-.34
ChemoCntrx		5.79	-.31
ChiFnOnl		u6.29	-.78
Chimerix		20.43	-.11
Cisco		68.22	.43
CitrixSys		63.25	-.31
ClearwCp		12.88	.08
CognizTech		u100.98	
+.89			
Comcast		78u51.97	+.10
Comc spcl		78u49.88	-.15
Compuware		50.11	.21
Costco		1.24	+.72
CrackerB		3.00	110.07
Cree Inc		62.52	-.98
Crocs		15.92	-.22
Ctrip.com		49.62	-1.60
CumMed		u7.73	-.12
CypSem		44.10	50

Name	Div	Last	Chg
D-E-F			
Datarm rs		2.60	-.18
Dawson		33.82	+.14
dELiAs		68.	.03
Dndreon		2.99	.06
DirecTV		u59.06	+.66
DiscCom4		u90.42	.04
DishNetw h		1.00a	u57.92
DollarTree		56.42	-.07
DonlleyRR		1.04u	20.28
DoorMkt n		74s	25.98
DryShips		4.70	+.32
DyaxCp		7.54	-.13
E-Trade		u19.64	-.27
eBay		54.87	+.86
EagleBulk		4.59	-.43
EagleRxEn	.60e	5.95	+.21
EarthLink	.20	5.07	-.03

Name	Div	Last	Chg
D-E-F			
Dexcom		36.20	-.48
EchoStar		2.50	+.02
EnerNOC		17.71	-.10
EnerSys		1.40	-.05
Entropic		4.29	+.01
EpiqSys		13.53	-.02
ExpressScr		1.04	+.17
FalconStor		1.53	
FamilyDlr		1.60	-.01
FedNatHld		1.20	-.01
FedSignal		1.29	+.02
FirstCash		1.00	+.02
FirstEnrg		1.00	+.02
FirstMerit		1.00	+.02
FirstNbgn		32.10	-.06
FlowrsFd s		45.21	+.47
FordM		40.13	+.95
ForesOil		3.61	
FortuneBr		1.29a	37.74
Fusion-io		8.91	+.01

Name	Div	Last	Chg
G-H-I			
GATX		1.24	-.50
GaylordEn		1.00	+.02
GameStop		1.10	+.26

Name	Div	Last	Chg
G-H-I			
GT AdvTc		8.72	-.09
G-III		u73.96	-.22
GaPacific		4.74	-.03
Genco		1.43	-.01
GileadSci s		75.10	-.02
GlaxoSm		3.88	+.05
Google		24.82	.77
Goodyear		20u23.85	+.20
GoPro		1.[illegible]	
+11.25			
GreenMtC		100.75	-.54
Groupon		11.77	-.44
GulfportE		63.13	+1.88
HD Supply n		24.01	.12
HanwhaSol		2.[illegible]	
Hasbro		1.60	u55.01
HawkNtwk		u9.63	+.13
HeartWare		49.38	+.05
HercOffsh		6.52	-.13
HerbalLife		25.[illegible]	+.71
Hologic		22.35	-.03
HmeLnSvc	1.80	22.97	-.43
HomeAway		32.[illegible]	-.[illegible]
HudsCity	.16	9.43	-.04
HuntBnshs	.30	9.65	-.07
HuntJB		40.58	65
iShACWI		1.09u	57.62
IdenxPh		5.98	.28
Illumina		110.59	-.36
Imunomd		4.60	-.43
Infinera		9.78	-.05
Informat		10.18	-.05
Intel		90u25.96	+.11
InterDig		40.29	49
Intersil		11.45	-.11
Intuit		76.76	32
IndiumCn		6.25	.04
IntuitSy		39.84	.50
Ivanhoe rsh		.62	.04

Name	Div	Last	Chg
J-K-L			
JA Solar		9.17	-.21
JDS Uniph		12.98	.05
JetBlue		8.54	-.07
JoseABank		54.77	.80
KandTech		11.79	.16
KraftFdg		2.10	53.91
KratosDef		7.68	
LSI Corp		12.11	.04
LaSalleH		u42.25	-.07
Lattice		5.49	-.04
LegacyRes		34f 28.16	.03
LeapWkl		1.80	.03
LibGlobA		.u89.00	-.41
LibtyInt A		29.35	-.01
LibtyVenA		75.80	-.03
LinearTch		1.04u	45.55
LinnEnrgy		2.90	30.79
LionsGate		29.30	81.[illegible]
lululemn gs		59.03	.08

Name	Div	Last	Chg
M-N-O			
MannKd		5.20	-.13
MarinLs		68.49	35.[illegible]
MarketVect		u9.18	-.63
Matrix		1.44	47.58
Maximntg		1.04	27.90
MedivFac		18.91	.02
MeritMed		15.74	+.13
MermarkF		3.33	-.18
MetLife		1.42u	54.75
Micrel		11.75	-.45
Microsoft		1.12	37.41
Mondelez		56u30.76	+.17
Mylan		43.40	-.49
MyriadG		20.98	-.19
NII Hldg		2.75	.01
NPS Phrm		30.36	-.33
NXP Sem		u45.93	.02
Nathlnstr		56.32	50
NetApp		60.41	-.14
Netflix		368.17	-.18
Neurtrine		9.34	.06
NewsCpA n		u18.02	-.11
Novavax		5.12	.04
NuanceCm		15.20	-.19
Nvidia		34f 16.02	-.05
Oclaro		7.49	+.03
OmniCom		17.20	-.1[illegible]
OnSmicnd		8.24	.02

Name	Div	Last	Chg
O-P-Q-R			
PDL Bio	.60	8.44	-.03
PGT Inc		10.32	.49
PMC Sra		6.43	
PTC Inc		u35.39	+1.09
Paccar	.80a	57.17	-.33
PacBiosci		5.23	
PanASv		50.11	70
Patterson		44.41	-.20
PattUTI		20.25	32
Paychex		140.45	53
PeopUtdF		13.[illegible]	
Pharmacyc		105.78	1.57
Polycom		11.42	.04
PwShs QQQ		88u87.96	+.57
Pozen		1.75e	u8.04
PrecCast		1.52b	212.[illegible]
QlkTech		26.63	-.06
Qualcom		1.40u	74.25
Questcor		20	54.45
RF MicD		5.16	.04
RenewEn		11.46	-.5
Regeln		13.84	+.85
RepubAir		10.69	.19
Responsys		27.41	
Rexnord		28.[illegible]	
RiverbedT		18.08	-.04
RockwMl		10.44	-.49
RossStrs		68.74	93
RuthsHosp		16.14	21

Name	Div	Last	Chg
S-T-U			
SLM Cp		60.26	28
SanderFm	.80f	72.33	-.11
SanDisk		90.70	54
Sanofi rt		.34	+.02
Santarus		31.96	.01
Sapient		17.13	.24
SareptaTh		20.37	.41
SeagateT	1.72u	56.16	-.37
Seattlgen		49.04	-.11
Sequenom		2.34	-.07
SilvStd g		6.96	-.20
Sina		67.[illegible]	
Sinclair	60	35.73	+1.02
SirusXM	.05e	3.49	-.02
SkyworkSol		u28.56	-.24
SmithWes		13.49	-.03
SodaStrm		49.64	-.49
SolarCity		56.82	-.11
Solazyme		10.89	-.25
SolitaMed		2.95	.04
Sonus		3.[illegible]	
SpeedCmce		u4.67	-.10
Splunk		68.67	.26
Staples		14.[illegible]	
StarScient		d1.16	.09
Starbucks	1.04f	78.39	.16
StlDynam		44.19	54
Stericycle		116.17	-.39
Stratasys		u134.70	
+1.47			
SunPower		29.81	41
SusqBnc		32.12	.84
Symantec		60.23	54
SynrgyPh		5.63	.01
SyntaPhm		5.24	+.17
Tekmira		2.[illegible]	
TesloMot		150.43	2.01
TexInst		1.20u	43.91
TibcoSft		22.48	.41
Tivo Inc		13.12	-.01
TowerGrp	f.66	23.[illegible]	
TractSup s		52u77.[illegible]	
TrimbleN s		u34.70	-.13
TripAdvis		82.83	-.16
TriQuint		8.34	-.04
21stCFoxA		25.35	+.17
21stCFoxB		25.34	-.16
UltaSalon		102.52	+2.15
Umpqua	.60a	19.14	
Unisys		4.40	-.06
UBWV	1.28f	145.	+.10
UrbanOut		37.10	-.22

Name	Div	Last	Chg
V-W-X-Y-Z			
ValVis A		u6.99	-.47
Verasip		59.78	-.52
VertexPh		74.30	-.41
ViacomB		1.20u	87.34
Vical		1.18	
VisnChina		23.80	
Vitran g		6.48	-.02
Vivus		9.08	.08
Vodafone		1.61u	39.31
WendysCo		.20	6.[illegible]
WDigital		1.20f	83.90
Wstptfrn g		9.61	
WetSeal		2.73	-.09
WhleFds s		4f	57.83
Windstrm		1.00	7.98
Wisdom Tr		17.71	-.10
XOMA		6.73	.22
Xilinx		1.00	45.92
Yahoo		40.44	-.24
Yandex		43.15	+.98
ZoomTech		16.29	96
Zogenix		3.44	-.02
Zynga		3.80	.08

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg
AbdAsPac	.42	d5.76	-.03
AbdAusEq1		01e8.44	
AbercCr		1.26	-.04
AldNevG		3.55	+15
AmApparel		1.23	+.03
CFCrp g		21.04	-.17
AvalonRare		.55	-.13
B2gold g		2.02	
Banro g		.58	+.00
BarcUBS36		36.75	-.40
BioTime		3.60	+.12
BklnvestL6Ba		8.91	.02
BrigusG g		.78	-.00
CamBank n		.83	+.05
CastleBr		.76	-.01
CelSci rs		.59	-.01
CFCrp g		21.04	-.17
ChenieraEn		43.12	+.02
ChenierE n		18.75	-.03
ComstProg		10.54	-.14
CornerstDt		11.15	6.80
CrSuisHY		29.	3.07
DejourE g		12.	
DiversHg g		1.20	-.04
DocuSec		2.07	-.06
ERBA Diag		2.73	+.53
EV LtdDurt		22	15.30
EVMuniBd		11.30	-.20
Electrnedt		u3.46	+1.31
ElephTalk		1.23	-.06
Emersdv		1.68	-.01
EnteroPh gs		.53	-.01

Name	Div	Last	Chg
GamGold ADR		4.12	-.03
GastarExp		u6.92	+.54
GenMoly		1.34	-.05
GigaOptics		2.00	-.07
GoldResources.12m		4.53	-.03
GoldenMin		.47	+.02
GoldStrg g		.44	-.01
GranTrg g		7.31	-.09
GtPanSilv g		.73	+.03
Hemispherx		.26	+.01
HstnAEn		.25	
IGI Labs		3.05	+.09
Elio		.34	-.01
ImmunoCP		.93	-.06
IntlShipHld		2.00	-.04
IntvMuMuZ		10.52	+.02
LiberMtnl		4.17	+.12
LucasEnrgy		.97	-.01
MadCatz g		.52	+.04
MedThera		.46	+.01
MeetMe		1.83	+.04
MexBasMet		1.29	-.02
MexcoEn		6.90	+.50
NavidesBc		2.07	-.04
NBRSPEn		24.34	-.14
Neuralstem		u2.91	-.03
Nevsun g		u3.32	-.01
NwGold g		5.24	+.23
NthAm Pal g		.85	-.02
NDynMin g		1.28	+.02
NthnDbG		15.07	+.16
NthPal g		.65	-.01
NovaGold g		2.54	+.10

Name	Div	Last	Chg
NCgAMTFr.84a		12.17	-.03
NuvDvd .70a		12.35	-.07
NYMuniFr.82a		13.28	-.09
NuvAmtFr.82a		12.04	-.02
NuvPrFd.68a		12.[illegible]	-.02
NMuHOp.68a		12.00	-.05
Organovo		11.87	+1.26
PaloDur g		d.93	-.04
PaxSwGld		.94	-.02
Quaterra g		.09	+.00
RareEle g		1.55	-.02
Reeds		u7.98	+.19
ReshnPh		.51	+.01
Richmnt g		1.00	
Rubicon g		.86	+.02
SamCrbl g		1.20	-.02
SandstG g		4.27	+.13
SantoraRs		1.14	-.01
Synergy		5.04	-.04
SyntbBil		1.53	
Taseko		2.12	+.04
TigerMed		1.51	-.03
TitanMet g		1.39	-.02
TmstPet		.85	+.04
TriplePt		8.32	-.24
UrtStrEn		.31	-.02
Uranerz		1.28	+.03
UranIumEn		2.00	.04
VangTotWl		34u59.40	-.24
VantageDrl		1.84	+.03
VirnetX		19.41	-.32
VisteGold		.38	-.04
WaterChef		1.[illegible]	
WidePoint		1.64	-.01

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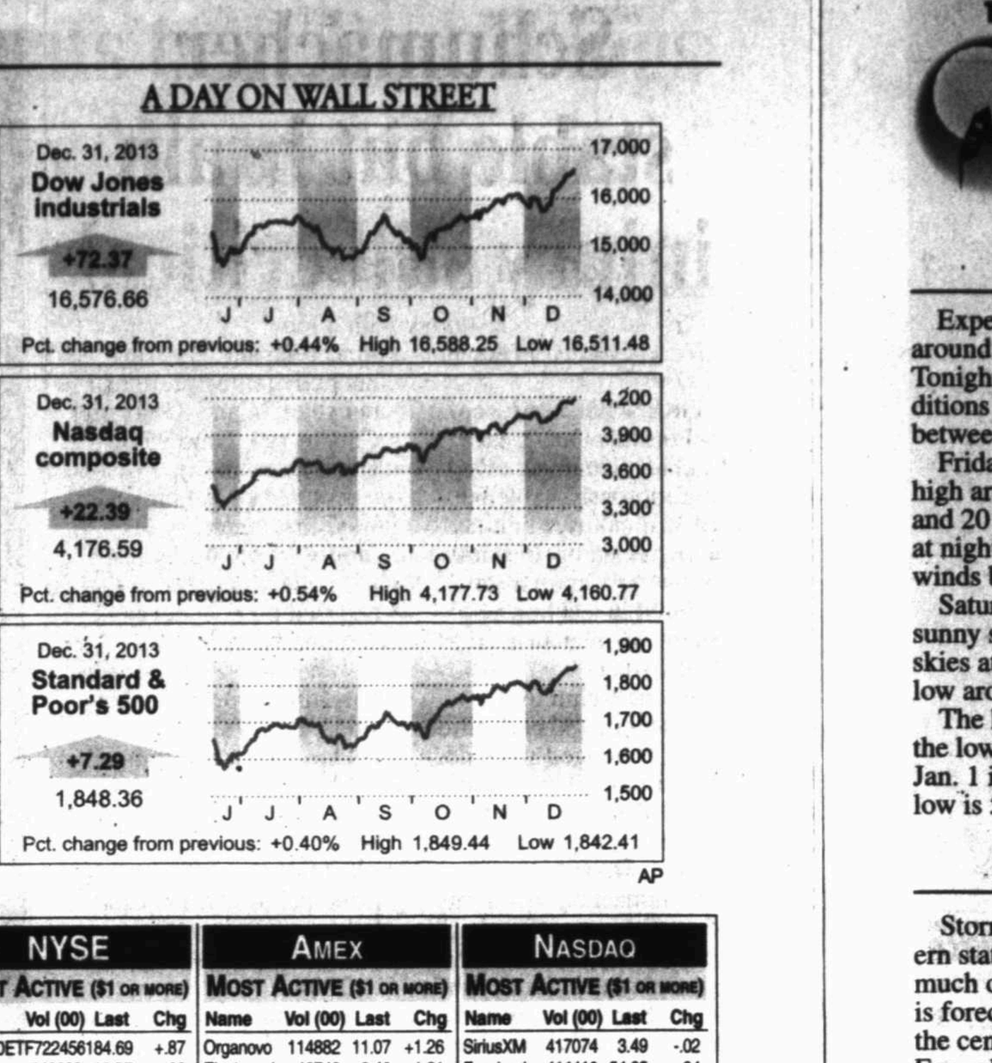

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Most Active ($1 or more)

	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	722456	184.69	+.87
BkofAm	546628	15.57	+.03
MktVGold	396332	21.13	+.49
iShEMkts	372031	41.80	+.92
iShR2K	347891	115.36	+.27

Gainers ($2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg
Valhi	17.58	+2.35	+15.4
USEC rs	6.62	+.71	+12.0
CSVlvwNG	8.84	+.93	+11.8
TremorV n	5.80	+.57	+10.9
Hertz	28.62	+2.71	+10.5

Losers ($2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg
Navistr pfD	12.25	-3.30	-21.2
CSVLgNGs	21.38	-2.97	-12.2
ChnNBorun	2.50	-.30	-10.7
DrGMBear	64.22	-6.42	-9.1
ProSlltNG	39.28	-3.24	-7.6

Diary

Advanced	2,027
Declined	1,079
Unchanged	92
Total issues	3,198
New Highs	273
New Lows	30
Volume	2,257,277,139

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Organovo	114882	11.07	+1.26
Electrmed	43749	3.40	+1.31
InvivoPhm	40789	2.90	+.06
AldNevG	29664	3.55	+.15
NwGold g	26824	5.24	+.23

Gainers ($2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg
Electrmed	3.40	+1.31	+62.7
ERBA Diag	2.73	+.53	+24.1
Organovo	11.07	+1.26	+12.8
Metalico	2.07	+.21	+11.3
Reeds	7.98	+.78	+10.8

Losers ($2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg
Arrhythm	3.17	-.53	-14.3
LGL Grp	5.41	-.39	-6.7
TelinstEl	5.55	-.25	-4.3
Alcoa pf	76.00	-2.95	-3.7
ChenereE	28.65	-1.00	-3.4

Diary

Advanced	241
Declined	170
Unchanged	32
Total issues	443
New Highs	23
New Lows	4
Volume	126,989,484

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	417074	3.49	-.02
Facebook	414410	54.65	+.94
Cisco	320852	22.43	+.18
DryShips	238473	4.70	+.32
MicronT	234573	21.75	+.45

Gainers ($2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg
NwstBio wt	2.77	+.57	+25.9
AxoGen	4.49	+.90	+25.1
ChinaHGS	5.95	+1.17	+24.5
Fonar	21.21	+3.52	+19.9
ZoomTch rs	4.79	+.78	+19.5

Losers ($2 or more)

	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gyrodyne	12.71	-4.80	-27.4
BostPrv wt	5.75	-1.24	-17.7
RelOpp un	15.57	-2.96	-16.0
UniPhse	10.01	-1.78	-15.1
NV5 wt	3.28	-.47	-12.6

Diary

Advanced	1,497
Declined	1,093
Unchanged	134
Total issues	2,724
New Highs	220
New Lows	18
Volume	1,348,301,796

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52-Week High	Low		Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,529.01	12,883.89	Dow Jones Industrials	16,576.66	+72.37	+.44	+26.50	+26.50
7,373.57	5,210.30	Dow Jones Transportation	7,400.57	+49.37	+.67	+39.46	+39.46
537.86	443.69	Dow Jones Utilities	490.57	+1.29	+.26	+8.27	+8.27
10,361.37	8,298.36	NYSE Composite	10,400.32	+42.49	+.41	+23.18	+23.18
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,426.20	+20.46	+.85	+2.99	+2.99
4,175.36	2,953.52	Nasdaq Composite	4,176.59	+22.39	+.54	+38.32	+38.32
1,844.89	1,344.70	S&P 500	1,848.36	+7.29	+.40	+29.60	+29.60
19,667.72	14,700.70	Wilshire 5000	19,706.03	+82.57	+.42	+31.42	+31.42
1,167.97	831.18	Russell 2000	1,163.64	+3.12	+.26	+37.00	+37.00

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	26	35.16	-.04	+4.3
Abraxas		36	3.26	-.03	+48.9
AdamsEx	.84e		13.07	+.01	+23.4
AMD			3.87	+.02	+61.3
Alcoa	12	30	10.63	+.10	+22.5
AlonUSA	24a	20	16.54	+.40	-8.6
Amgen	2.44f	18	114.08	-1.41	+32.3
Anadarko	.72	23	79.32	+.23	+6.7
Annaly	1.50e	3	9.97	+.20	-29.0
Apache	.80	13	85.94	-.22	+9.8
ApidMatl	.40	84	17.68	+.19	+54.5
ArchCoal	12		4.45	-.01	-39.2
AriadP			6.82	+.27	-64.4
ArmourResd	.60	3	4.01	+.07	-38.0
ATMOS	1.48f	17	45.42	+.22	+29.3
AutoData	1.92f	27	80.80	-.28	+41.9
BP PLC	2.28f	11	48.61	+.61	+16.7
BabsCCInv	1.20		14.93	-.20	-2.3
BakrHu	60	22	55.26	+.81	+35.3
BkofAm	.04	21	15.57	+.03	+34.1
B iPrix rs			42.55	-.02	-66.6
BarrickG	20		17.63	+.52	-16.9
BasicEnSv			15.78	+.30	-38.0
BerkHa A		17177900.00	+831.00	+32.7	
BlkHillsCp	1.52	21	52.51	+.10	+44.5
BlackBerry			7.44	-.18	-37.3
BrMySq	1.44f	32	53.15	+.09	+54.5
BrownFA	1.16f	23	73.77	+.07	+20.0
BrownFB	1.16f	26	75.57	+.02	+19.5
CVS Care	1.10f	20	71.57	-.01	+48.0
Cameron		20	59.53	+.32	+5.4
Caterpillar	2.40	18	90.81	-.06	+1.3
Celestic g		22	10.40	+.02	+27.6
Chevron	2.16		31.85	-.11	-18.6
ChesEng	.35	21	27.14	+.09	+63.3
Chevron	4.00	10	124.91	+.68	+15.5
Chicos	30f	19	18.84	+.01	+2.1
Cimarex	.56	23	104.91	+2.80	+81.7
Cisco	.92	12	22.43	+.18	+14.2
Citigroup	.04	13	52.11	+.19	+31.7
ClayEng			11.85	-.58	+104.9
CocaCola	1.12	22	41.31	+.22	+14.0
ColgPalm	1.36	27	65.21	-.22	+24.8
Comcast	.78	22	51.97	+.10	+39.1
ConAgra	1.00	18	33.70	+.02	+14.2
ConchoRes		51	108.00	+1.54	+34.1
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	70.65	+.74	+21.8
CrackerB	3.00	22	110.07	-.13	+71.3
CrosTim	2.32e	13	29.41	+.31	+9.9
DCP Mid	2.88f	23	50.35	+.58	+20.6
DTE	2.62	19	66.39	+.07	+10.6
Datarm rs			2.60	-.18	+31.3
Dawson		17	33.82	+.14	+28.2
DeltaAir	24	10	27.47	+.28	+131.4
DevonE	.88		61.87	+.07	+18.9
Disney	.86f	22	76.40	+.17	+53.4
DowChm	1.28	45	44.40	-.20	+37.3
DryShips			4.70	+.32	+193.8
EMC Cp	40	20	25.15	+.09	-.6
EOG Res	.75	41	167.84	+.49	+39.0
EmpDist	1.02f	17	22.69	-.04	+11.3
Energen	.58	26	70.75	+.70	+56.9
EngyTsfr	3.62f	11	57.25	+.85	+33.4
EnPro		37	57.65	-.09	+41.0
EntPrPt	2.76f	24	66.30	+.35	+32.4
Ericsson	.43e		12.24	+.14	+21.2
ExtranNt		24	34.20	+.14	+56.0
ExxonMbl	2.52	11	101.20	+.89	+16.9
Facebook			54.65	+.94	+105.3
FordM	.40	12	15.43	+.15	+19.2
ForesOil		12	3.61		-46.0
GATX	1.24	17	52.17	-.50	+20.5
GaMbMtT	.80

TODAY: Sunny High: 50 Low: 28

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 58 Low: 37

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 70 Low: 27

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 44 Low: 24

MONDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 41 Low: 17

TUESDAY: Partly sunny High: 34 Low: 24

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 50 and north winds around 5 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 28 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

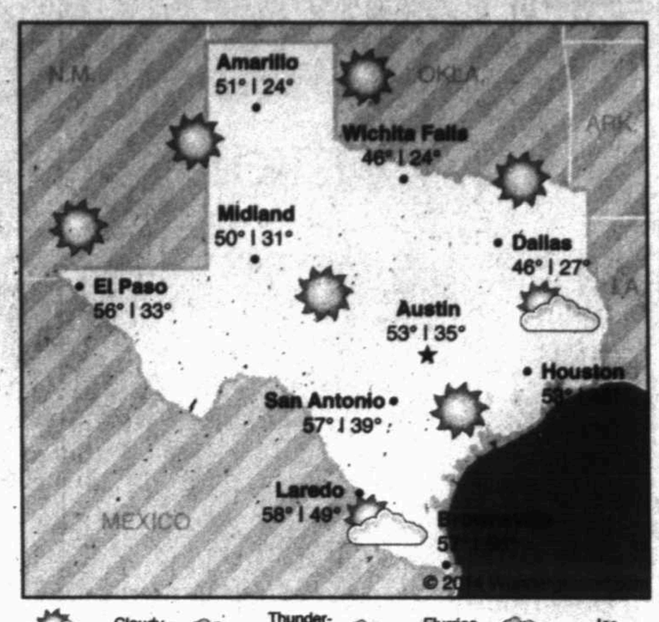
Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 58 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 37 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 70 and a low around 27.

The high on Wednesday reached 69, while the low dropped to 34. The record high for Jan. 1 is 76 set in 2000 and 2006. The record low is 5 set in 1979.

National forecast

Storms will converge over the northeastern states today, but precipitation will affect much of the eastern third of the nation. Snow is forecast to reach from the Ohio Valley to the central Appalachians and New England. Enough snow will fall in this swath during the day to accumulate and cover road surfaces.



Precipitation

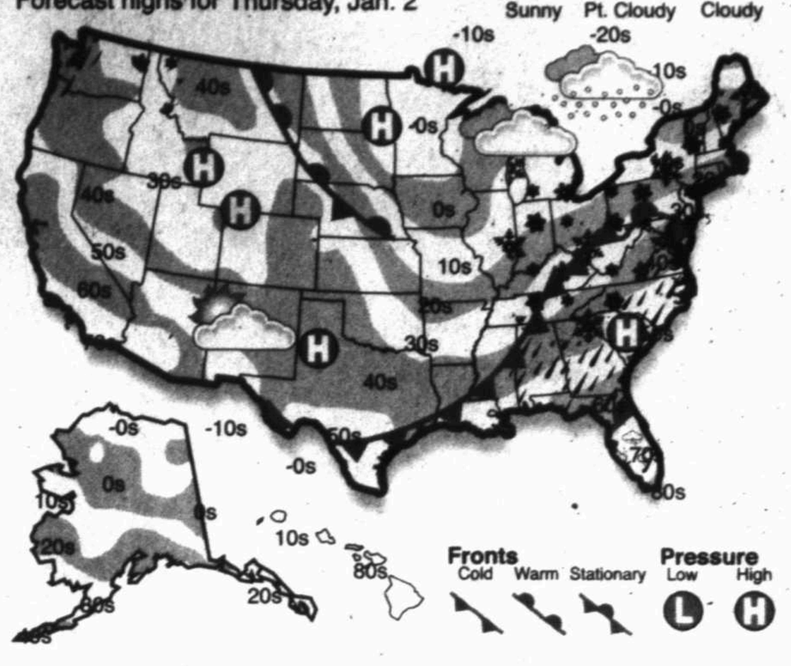
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.00 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	69
Low	34
Normal high	52
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:49 a.m.
Sunset	5:56 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 2



Family feuds over child of woman facing jail time

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 sister "Nicole" faked several pregnancies to keep her boyfriends around until they wised up. She is now really pregnant by a married man.

Nicole has a long criminal history and has been in and out of jail for various offenses. She's now facing drug charges that could land her in jail for the next 10 or 15 years. If she's found guilty, my mother will get custody of the baby so it won't have to stay in foster care.

My parents are in their late 50s and financially capable, but they're not in the best of health. Mom plans to raise the child until Nicole gets out of prison because my sister "always wanted to be a mom."

My husband and I have been discussing adopting a child and would love to adopt Nicole's baby. If we did, we'd get a child and could provide the love, safety and security my sister cannot. And the child would get a stable home. Mom feels Nicole "deserves" to be a mom, despite the fact that she's going to jail and flits from man to man searching for someone to love her.

How can I get my mother to see that the needs of this baby HAVE to come first? She should be more concerned with this innocent baby than her drugged-out daughter. Am I wrong to feel hurt and think my mother is choosing her over me? — HEARTBROKEN IN ALABAMA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Stop personalizing this as a choice your mother is making between you and your sister. Try instead to make her understand how traumatic it will be to a child who could be as old as 10 or 15 to be handed over to a virtual stranger who has no job, no money and a long uphill climb to try and build a future.

Your sister may have always dreamed of motherhood, but the most important part of being a parent — aside from loving a child — is being PRESENT. If your sister is found guilty, she will be absent long after her child's primary attachments will have formed.

If this doesn't convince your mother to change her mind, you will have no choice but to accept her decision and consider adopting another child.

P.S. Perhaps your father will understand that what you're proposing makes sense and will speak on your behalf.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my late 20s, single and have no children. I have lived on my own since I was 18. I own my home, my car and have no credit card debt, but my mother refuses to acknowledge me as an adult.

When I do simple chores or cook meals, she acts surprised. She constantly pleads with me to move back home because she insists I can't take care of myself and refuses to discuss it any further than belittling me.

My friends say what she's doing constitutes abuse. I'm not sure I agree, but I do think it is rude and manipulative. How can I deal with her condescending attitude when I'm with her? — AT MY WIT'S END

DEAR WIT'S END: Most parents strive to make their children independent. Your mother may want you home not because you can't take care of yourself but because she doesn't want to live alone. I wouldn't call that abuse but I do consider it to be selfish and self-serving.

You should not sacrifice your lifestyle to live with someone as manipulative as your mother. When she attacks, laugh and deflect her with humor. Assure her that as incompetent as she thinks you are, you're "muddling through." And if she persists, point out that if she doesn't ease up, she'll be seeing less of you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Trump problem

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8
♡ A 10 8 7
♢ 7 3
♣ Q 10 6 2

WEST
♠ A 7 4 3
♡ Q 4
♢ 10 8 6
♣ K 8 5 3

EAST
♠ Q 6 2
♡ K 9 5
♢ 9 5 4 2
♣ 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 5
♡ J 6 3 2
♢ A K Q J
♣ A J

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♡

South won the opening lead in hand and stopped to consider the trump position. The eight and seven in dummy muddied the waters. Without them, South might well have found the winning play of low to the 10, losing to the king, and laying down the ace on the next round of the suit. The extra spot cards allowed for the possibility of leading to dummy's seven on the first round of the suit. It was a complicated card combination and South didn't want to tackle it right away.

Declarer started cashing his diamonds, discarding a spade on the third round. West ruffed the fourth round low. Dummy over-ruffed, then played a club to South's jack. West won and returned the suit to declarer's ace.

South now led a trump. When the queen appeared from West, the trump position seemed clear — West was either out of trumps or down to the singleton king — but the spade position was not. South next started cashing dummy's clubs, discarding a spade from hand on the queen. East ruffed the 10 of clubs low. South over-ruffed and played a trump to East's now bare king. Next came a low spade from East and the key moment had arrived. Our hero guessed correctly, playing the jack, and scored up his game when that forced the ace. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014:

This year you jump into the limelight. You also have good money sense. Try not to become too adventuresome and cause yourself a problem. Someone of the opposite sex finds you very charismatic. If you are single, you could develop an intriguing tie with this person. Others are unusually clear about their interest in you. If you are attached, the two of you could choose to indulge a little more than in past years. Be careful with a higher-up, especially if he or she is an AQUARIUS. You might assume that you are on cruise control when you really aren't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You or a key person in your life could become hot-tempered when dealing with an interpersonal issue. The presence of your friends might clear up who is doing what to whom. Remember, it takes two to tango. Tonight: A dream's realization could be on the horizon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Tension builds. As much as you might like to diffuse a situation, any action you take could prove to be problematic. Tune in to your higher self, and attempt to see the big picture. Good will could come through. Tonight: A possibility will become a reality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for new ideas. Consider planning a vacation for you and a friend or loved one. Your ability to touch someone and calm him or her down will be more appreciated than you know. Continue being a good listener. Tonight: Surf the Web.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might be more in touch with what you need than you realize. Sometimes you feel as if you give too much away, but your need to give feels good in many ways. Perhaps consider establishing stronger boundaries. Tonight: Share with a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ A gentle, kind attitude will be appreciated. News could surprise many people, including you. Your ability to adapt will emerge. You'll see the total perspective, whereas many people won't. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Be careful with your funds and count your change. Make sure your wallet is nicely tucked away. You might want to indulge a child or loved one. Recognize that there are other ways that do not cost much or are free. Tonight: Get into the pace of a normal week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You seem to be releasing pent-up feelings. You easily could snap at a family member over a domestic issue. A close associate might be unpredictable, which is one of the reasons you are disgruntled. Recognize where the problem comes from. Tonight: Let off some steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could be tense over a domestic matter or a misunderstanding with a roommate or family member. Express your concern about what is happening without expectations of a response. Be patient. Tonight: At home with a good book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ A friend easily could lose his or her cool. Your ability to communicate can and will make a difference here. Don't allow this person to intimidate you. A close friend or loved one could point you toward a new venture or interest. Tonight: Hang out with a family member.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have. You might not be comfortable with everything that is going down. Your finances demand attention and precision. A family member once more could make demands that you might feel you can't meet. Tonight: Pay bills first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Many thoughts might be going through your mind. You would be wise not to discuss all of them, as you tend to go back and forth between ideas. Someone from a distance could be irritable. Use caution with this person. Tonight: Someone wants to court you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Defer to someone else, and know full well how this person will approach what you deem a difficult situation. Once this individual walks in your shoes, he or she will have great respect for you, your decisions and how you handle challenges. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. (1968), politician Dennis Hastert (1942), actress Kate Bosworth (1983)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Towering
4 Give quite the earful
11 Woody Allen asset
14 Soul, in Somme
15 City that was the source of the marble for Michelangelo's "David"
16 Squeeze (out)
17 *Sweet melons
19 Taylor of fashion
20 Behind
21 CD return
22 Princess provoker
23 Agile deer
24 *Ramshackle community
28 Forest mom
29 Kublai __
30 Hand or foot
31 *The Prairie State
33 Some words in baby books?
35 Kitten cry
36 Warm-water shark
37 Smooth moves
40 *Horror film shapeshifter
44 *Rag Mop" singing brothers
45 Burden
46 Go (for)
47 *Chinese restaurant staple
51 Broad bean
52 Brief writer: Abbr.
53 Pal of Piglet
54 One with a muzzle, maybe
55 Movement-sensing game console
56 Beginning of labor, and, in another sense, the beginning of each answer to a starred clue
60 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
61 Like some elephants
62 Musician Sean Taro __ Lennon
63 Intense hunger
64 Sand dollar habitats
65 Web

DOWN

1 Company that now owns Dewar's, Bombay Sapphire and Grey Goose
2 "Stupid me!"
3 Well-mannered
4 Swordplay memento
5 "2001" computer
6 Galeón cargo
7 Braz. neighbor
8 Easy putt
9 "__ you ready yet?"
10 Lip-smacking
11 Some Clue cards
12 "My suspicions are confirmed!"
13 Building group
18 Your, to Pierre
24 Broadway attractions
25 It comes down hard
26 "Jeopardy!" monitor display: Abbr.
27 "One L" author
29 Often-torn trouser part
32 "__ down to the seas again": Masefield
33 At a great height
34 Turner and others
36 Remote button
37 Figured out how
38 Producing intense feeling
39 Blue-flowering plant used in herbal medicine
40 Try to persuade
41 Show of hands?
42 Potential dupe
43 Biblical words of comfort
48 SeaWorld swimmers
49 Lariat loop
50 Colleague of Elena and Antonin
51 Hale and hearty
54 Secretly keeps in the email loop, briefly
57 Computer key
58 Short shortcut?
59 Samaritan's offering

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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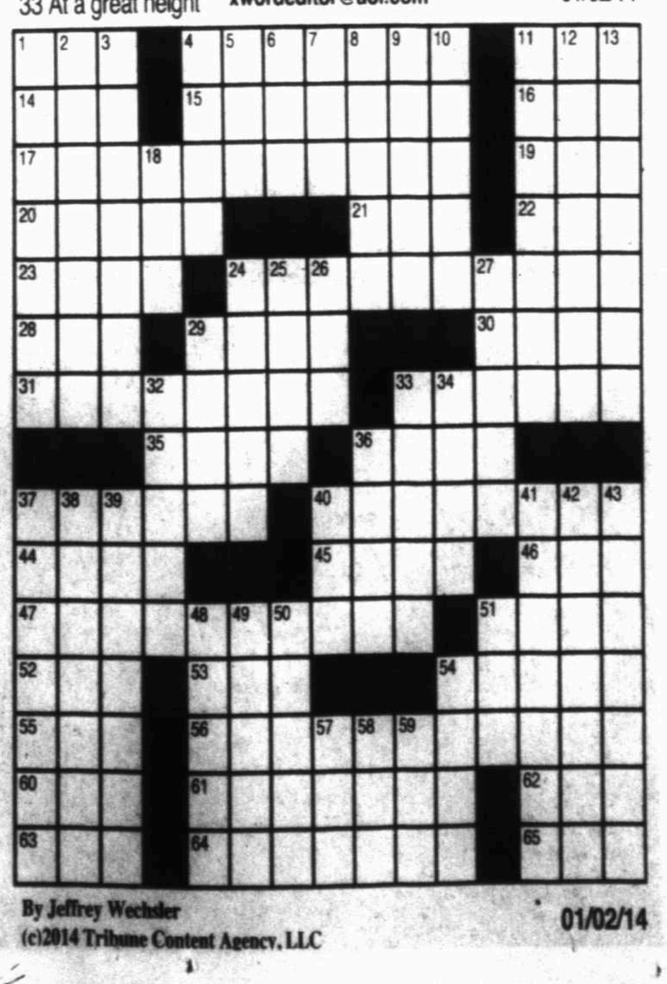

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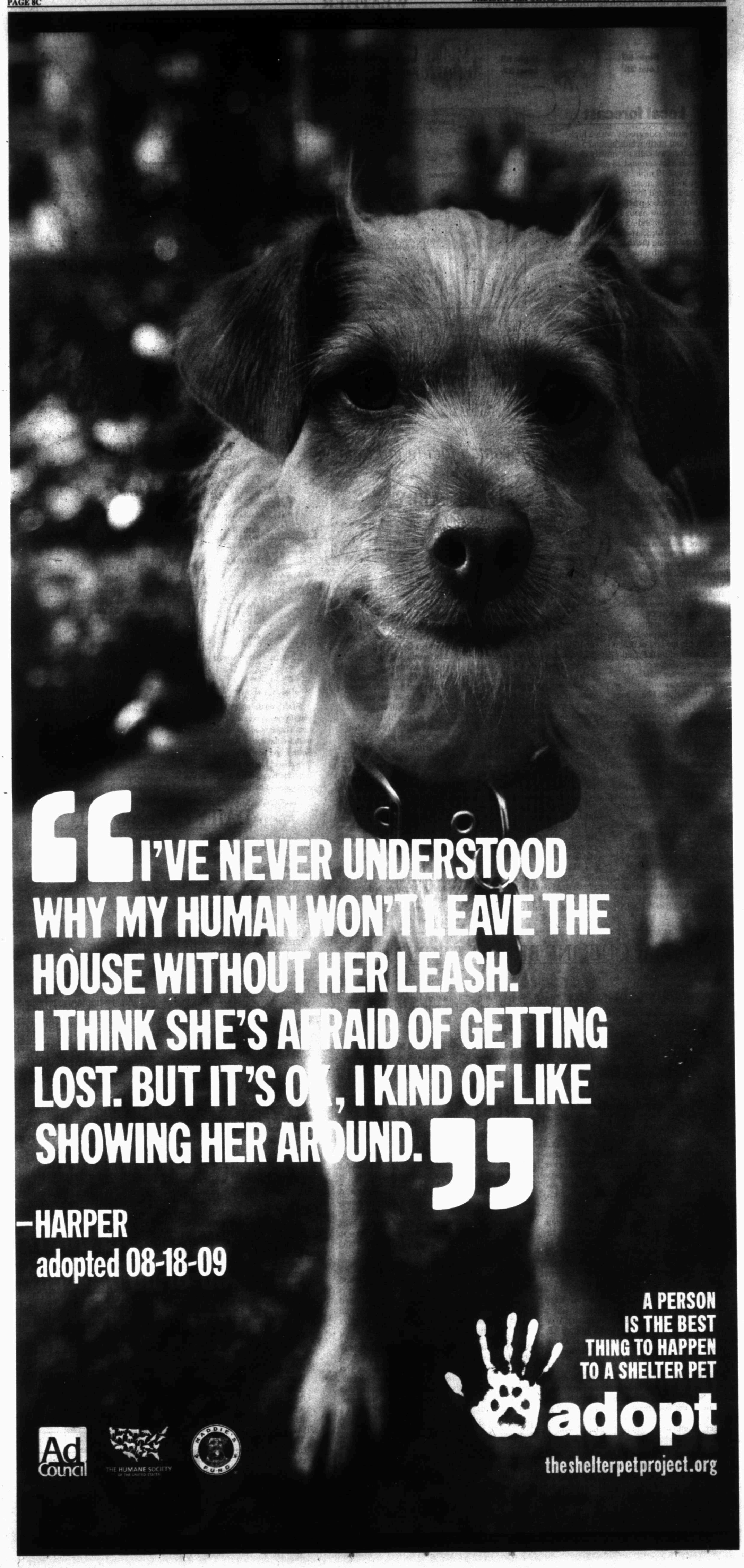
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Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

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Lost & Found

LOST DOG she is a female Schnauzer. She is salt and pepper color and shaggy. Answers to the name Pinball. She has a red collar with no tags. Last seen on Edgewood and Storey. Owner-Dana McBride. Address 311 Edgewood. 432-770-0710 or 432-770-6798. REWARD

LOST DOGS two Schnauzers, males, one silver, one salt & pepper. 1300 block of East Jax. Reward 432-661-2712

LRG REWARD offered for return of silver bracelet, picked up at MM Hospital at 11:15 on Thursday Dec. 26. 505-699-8381

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

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Passenger Cars

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Passenger Cars

BMW of the Permian Basin
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432-577-5900

2009 BMW 528i
Alpine/ Cream Beige Prem., Xenon, Assist & Bluetooth. 98k miles

2011 BMW X5 50i
Jet Black / Blk Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Avtive seats 13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Blk/Blk Conv, Prem, Nav, SaT, Though Loading System heated seats 4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535I
Dark Graphite / Blk M sport, Tech, Prem, heated, head up display 6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster Prem. Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav. 4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Blk Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster Prem sound, Sport, Prem. 11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CLS550
Blk/Blk Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

2012 BMW 328i Coupe
Mineral Wht/Oyster M sport, Prem., hi- fi, nav., 12k miles

2013 BMW 328i
Wht/Blk-Red Blk racing Stripe Sport line, Sport Trans, Nav, Heated seats, 3k miles, Unique

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

EXPERIENCED TAX ACCOUNTANT

Johnson, Miller & Co., CPAs FT

Immediate openings for experienced tax accountants in our Odessa and Midland tax offices. Competitive salary and benefits. Come join our team of professionals at Johnson, Miller & Co., CPAs. Submit your resume to jobs@jmcotexas.com.

AUTOMOTIVE

Applicants for various positions

Stanley Ford - Andrews FT

Stanley Ford- Andrews is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:
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Cetified Diesel Techs
Experienced Techs
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We are willing to offer top pay depending on experience. Benefits include: vacation and medical benefits.
Qualified individuals may send resumes by fax to: 432-524-9112 or via email at: pplunkett@stanleyautogroup.com

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Financial Literacy Specialist

Tax experience preferred. Please apply M-F, 9am-5pm at Casa de Amigos. 1101 Garden Ln. Midland. For more info. Contact HR at 432-682-9701

ENERGY & UTILITIES

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER

Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

HEALTHCARE

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Hampton Inn FT/PT
5011 North Loop 250 W.
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Immediate Openings

Plaza Inn Midland has immediate openings for:
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Please apply in person to Midland Plaza Inn
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OTHER JOBS

Focus Group

KP Recruiting & Data Collecting PT
Earn $150 participating in a focus group. Saturday, January 4th from 8am-1pm or 1:30pm - 6:30pm in Crane, TX. Call 1-877-591-7530 or 773-256-9411

Janitorial Help

Part-time Janitorial work in the evening. Apply at: 2311 Elizabeth Ave or call 432-570-9903.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5- 6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/ weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Pump Down Supervisors and Operators

O-Tex FT/PT
Midland, TX
O-Tex Pumping is currently hiring experienced pump down supervisors and pump down operators. We offer competitive pay, job bonuses, matching 401K, full medical benefits, and life insurance. Please come by 2611 E. I-20 or go to www.otexpumping.com and fill out an application. Must be able to pass a MVR and drug screen. O-Tex Pumping is an EOE.

PURCHASING / WAREHOUSE CLERK

Purchasing from vendors, maintaining stock, inventory count. Requires Microsoft Excel, communication skills and Team player. FT. Benefits. Send Resume to **info@blazinsafety.com**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Oilfield Construction Manager

Minimum 5 years experience with bidding, invoicing and job cost tracking. Oversee building locations, roads, and containment pads. Please send resume to M-31 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!

•Drivers: Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. **•CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! **•Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $10 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume **dominos@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

Now Hiring

Lori's Cafe hiring dishwashers & cooks. Experience required. Apply on site 2201 W. Wall

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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SALES JOBS

APPRENTICE

Peerless Tyre Company FT
Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting **$12/hour** or depending on experience. Apply **2804 W. Wall, Midland** or **3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa**

Salesperson

Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for full time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. Compensation includes full commission (no tiers, minimums or holdbacks), plus spiffs, vacation, and 401k. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

2 Backhoe Operators

FirstShot Production Services, LLC FT
2 Backhoe Operators with CDL needed. 3 yrs exp required. contact Harvey at 432-853-4932 or apply in person at 1601 Idlewilde Dr.

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians needed. Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355. Attn: H.R. Dept

Document Preppers

Kelly Services now hiring Document Preppers, Drug & background screen required. $11.75/hour. Must be flexible and willing to work occasional Saturdays. Both Full Time and Part Time positions available. Apply in person at 4800 E. 42nd, Suite 205, Odessa. Or call 432-363-0123 for more information. Equal Opportunity Employer; Never an applicant fee.

Electrician

Apple Electrical Contractors FT
Odessa, TX
Apple Electrical Contractors, Inc. has immediate openings for experienced and/or licensed Journeyman and Apprentice Electricians. Pre-employment drug test required. Fill out an application at 7540 Andrews Hwy, Odessa, TX 79765 or fax a resume to 432-363-0192 or email alan@appleelectric.com. No phone calls please.

Electricians

Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701
Experienced Electricians needed. Please call 432-413-9344.

Long time respected drilling fluids company needs Experienced Drilling Mud Technician in the Permian Basin. Applicant needs to have 2+ years experience in the Permian or equivalent area and be versed in water based and oil based systems. Company offers insurance, 401K, scheduled days off, vacations and FRC clothing reimbursement and other incentives. Please send resume to c/o MRT Box M34 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX, 79701

Multiple Positions

Confidential FT/
Midland, TX **0-1 Years Exp.**
Wood production facility has immediate openings for production laborers, in Midland. Please call 806-773-2520 to schedule an interview.

Multiple Positions

Nolan H. Brunson is looking for experienced **Tandem Operators, Haul Truck Drivers, Swampers,** and **Pumping Unit Inspectors** for its Midland yard. **Nolan H. Brunson** has been serving the Permian Basin for over 65 yrs, we offer top competitive wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan and paid holidays and vacations. **Nolan H. Brunson** is the premiere Pumping Unit Service company in the Permian Basin, with yards in Midland-Hobbs-Andrews, please call Yard Mgr. **Trey Aguilar @ (432)-557-4636** or come by in person **@ 2306 N. FM 1788.**

Now Hiring

Mattlock Drilling FT
Are you needing a change? Want to work close to home?
Have at least 6 months experience working as a actual hand on a drilling rig and have never worked for us. Then Mattlock Drilling is the place for you. We offer insurance after 90 days and vacation after a year.The schedule is 12 days on and 4 off. NO CAMP JOBS.
Hiring for
• Drillers
Top Wages. If interested come in and apply at 12505 WCR 124, Odessa Texas, 79765. Off of business 20 and the coors road. NO PHONE CALLS. Drug and Alcohol Testing. EOE

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PRESSMAN

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John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Rocker A Cementers

Rocker A Cementers is currently hiring Pump Operators, Bulk Equipment Operators, P&A Supervisors, and Wireline Operators. All positions are in the Lubbock area. Must have a Class A CDL, and be able to pass regular DOT drug testing. Fax resumes arld contact information to 806-495-0066, or email to mtmccalli@gmail.com

Shop/Field Mechanics

Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to felicia@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at: 1914 South County Rd 1083, Midland, TX

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL and Non CDL Drivers

B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL** and **Non CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

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Average up to $1,100.00 to $1,500.00/wk! 5 Day Work Week, Dedicated STX & WTX runs in Assigned Trucks! Excellent Benefits. CDL-A, X 1yr Exp & TWIC Req. **1-866-823-0286**

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DRIVERS WANTED!

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Experienced Driver

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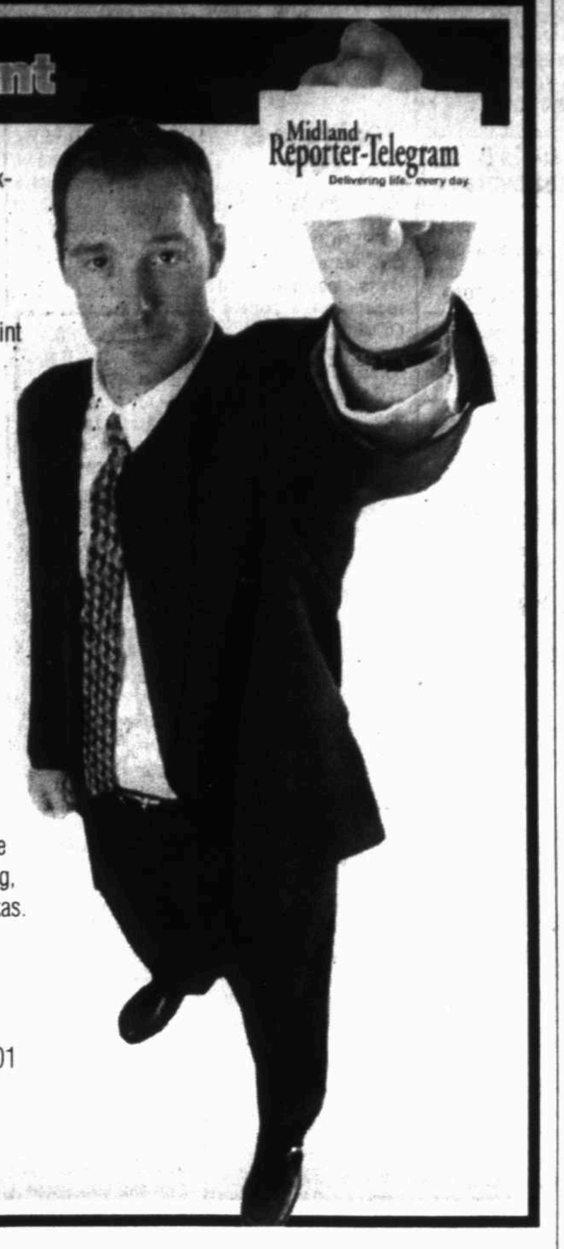
SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
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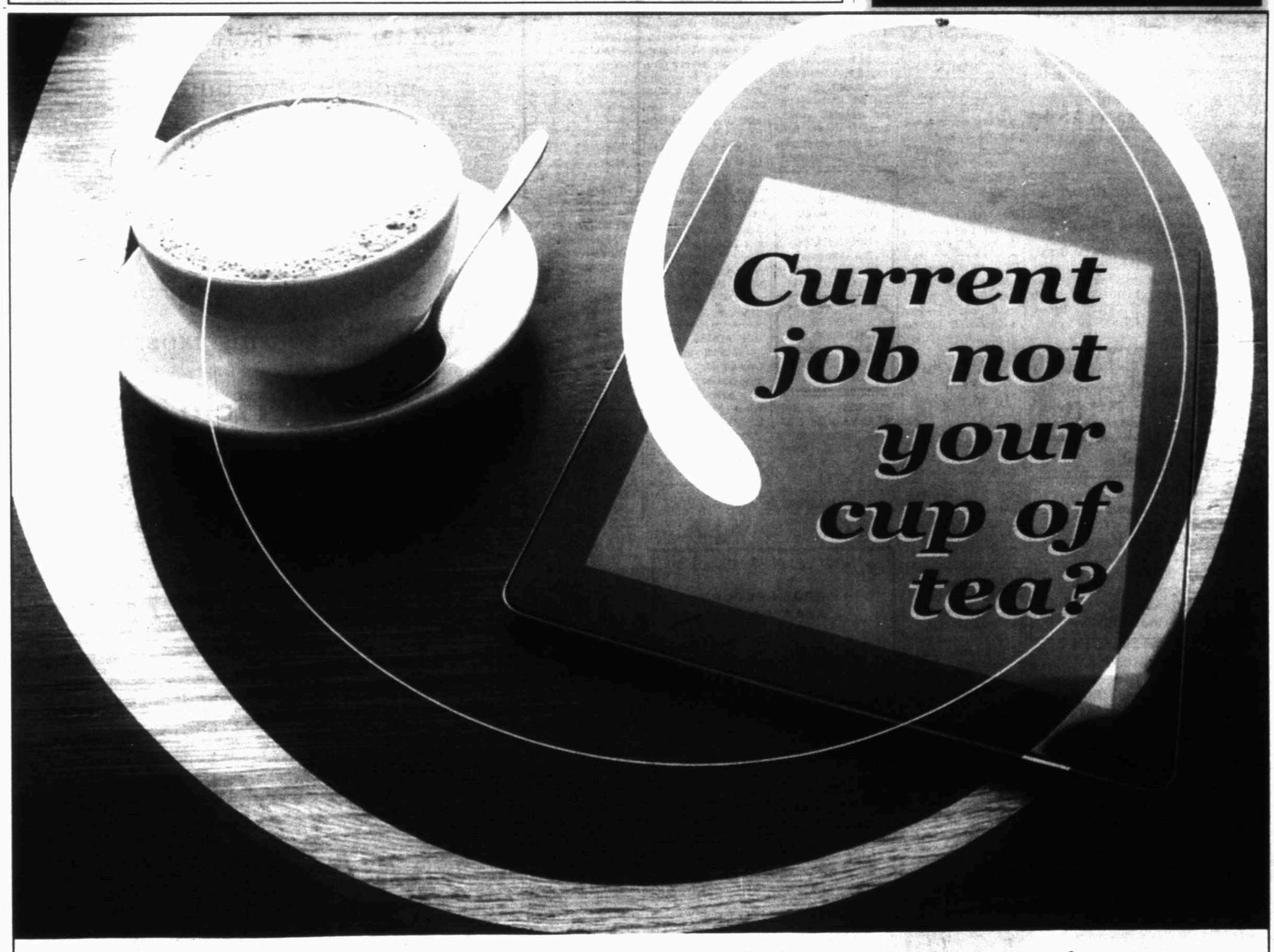

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Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

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Miscellaneous for Sale

RESTHAVEN GARDEN Of Hope. Lot 43, space 1 & 2. $2,000 each. Call 432-634-4733.

SEASONED OAK firewood, $350 for 1 cord, $190 for 1/2 cord. Delivered & stacked. 325-648-2818 or 512-913-7406.

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VINTAGE BEER Can Collection purchased at estate sale in Nebraska. Selling entire lot of 3000+ cans for $6000 or best offer. Available for local pickup in Midland, Texas. I am not a collector and planned on selling individually or using as decor in mancave, but ran out of time. They take up a lot of space. Contains cans from all over the world and range in ages from 20-60+ years. Have not even gone through 10% of the inventory. Text or email offers or for more information. vipertanatic@hotmail.com or 4324258559

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Sporting Goods

BOWFLEX CLASSIC home gym, $400. Call 432-238-7079

BOW FLEX XLT, exercise equipment. $300. 432-894-8234

Tools & Hardware

32 FT. LOUISVILLE Heavy Duty Fiberglass Extension Ladder $250. 432-238-7079

FIREWOOD FOR sale $85 per truck load. Call 432-296-9040

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Pets

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SCHNAUZER AKC register 2 males left, $350. Please call 432-889-4044.

Pets

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SCOTTISH TERRIER puppies. Adorable AKC register. Black beauties. Born 10/04/13. Current on shots . Call 325-207-0042.

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HARLEY Davidson 2012, 1200 Sportster 72, stage 1 upgrade, Open air Willie G breather, Basanni pipes, Burly lowering kit. Leather side saddle bag. Only 3,600 miles. Garage kept. $9,500 or best offer 432-559-2508.

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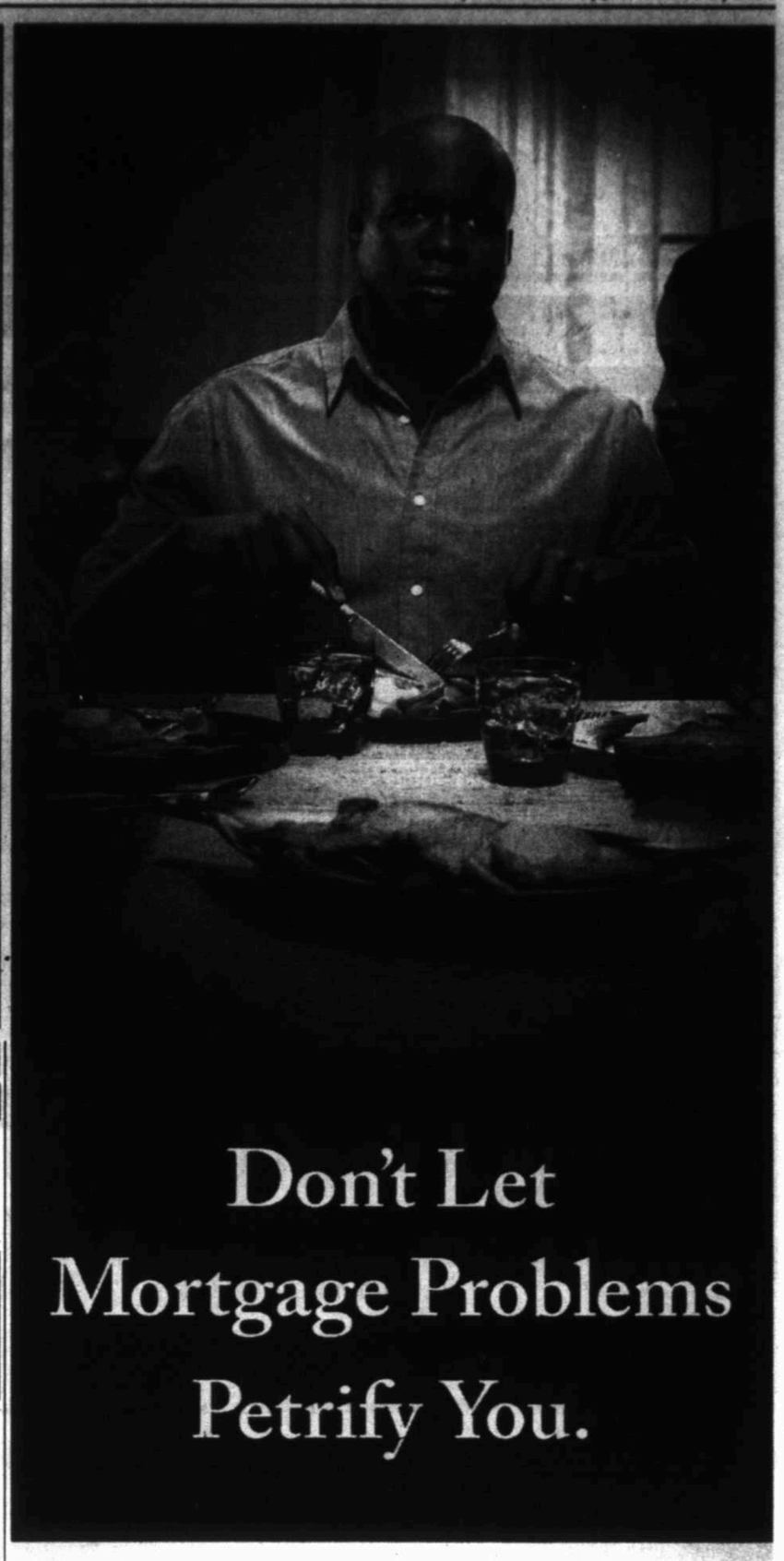

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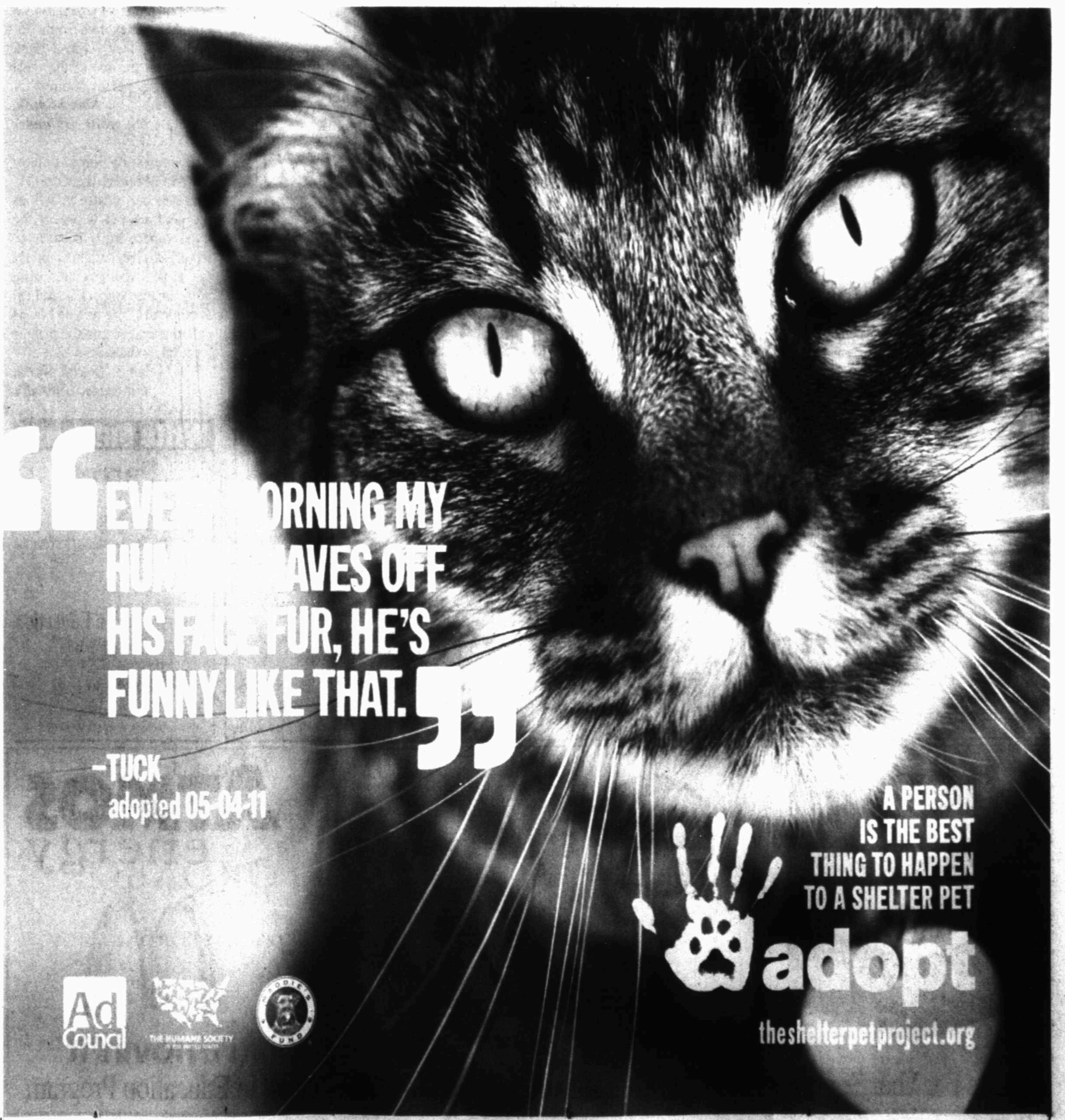

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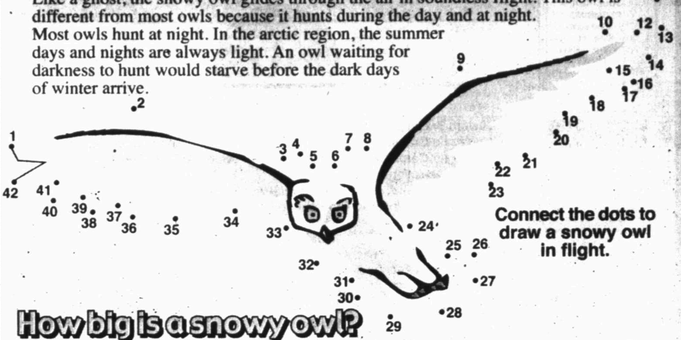
The Snowy Owl

Like a ghost, the snowy owl glides through the air in soundless flight. This owl is different from most owls because it hunts during the day and at night. Most owls hunt at night. In the arctic region, the summer days and nights are always light. An owl waiting for darkness to hunt would starve before the dark days of winter arrive.



Connect the dots to draw a snowy owl in flight.

Why White?

Many animals can blend into their environment. This is called camouflage. There are few trees on the tundra, so the snowy owl's white plumage blends with the snowy world of the northern arctic.

In the spring, when the snowy owl makes a nest, the snow has started to melt and the brown earth shows through patches of white snow. The female snowy owl's soft white feathers are streaked with brown so she cannot be seen as she nests on the ground.

Here are three other animals that blend into their habitats, or homes. Can you unscramble their names?

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Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in the different environments they inhabit.

How big is a snowy owl?

The snowy owl is one of the largest owls, with a height of about 27 inches (69 cm) and a wingspan of up to 60 inches (152 cm). Wingspan is the measurement from wing tip to wing tip, when the wings are fully stretched.

How many of the things in this chart could fit into a snowy owl's wingspan?

Microwave oven	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Teacher's desk	40 inches (102 cm)
House cat	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Baseball bat	33 inches (84 cm)
Tennis Racket	27 inches (69 cm)
Small car (width)	67 inches (170 cm)

Measure 60 inches (152 cm) on the floor. Now lie down with your arms outstretched along the line. Measure your outstretched arms. How do you compare?

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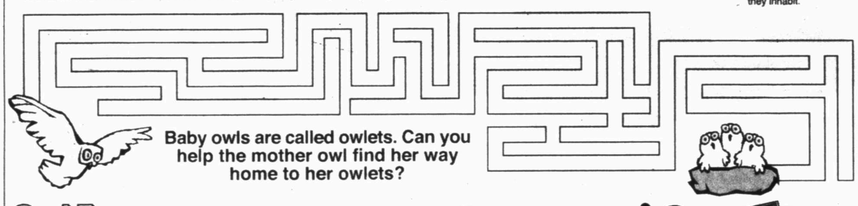


Baby owls are called owlets. Can you help the mother owl find her way home to her owlets?

Owl Eyes

All owls have excellent sight so that they can spot creatures like mice that run fast along the ground. Owls' eyes are not the same as human eyes. We move our eyes in their sockets to see from side to side. The owl must turn his head to see in different directions. Owls also have a third eyelid, which protects the eye. It is a milky white eyelid that comes up from the bottom of the eye. Its purpose is to clean and refresh the owl's eyes. This third eyelid is called a ***nictitating membrane***.

Standards Link: Life Science: Adaptations in physical structures improve an animal's chance for survival.

The Eyes Have It

The snowy owl has round, yellow eyes. Can you find the pairs of eyes that match?

Standard Links: Visual Discrimination; students compare and sort common objects.

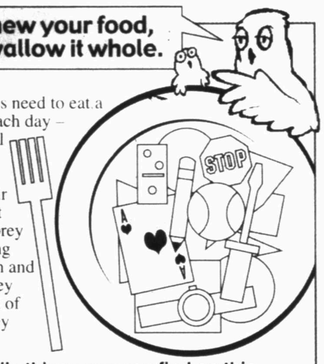
Extra! Extra! Count the Eyes

Look through the newspaper and count the number of eyes that you find. How many are human eyes? How many are the eyes of other animals?

Standards Link: Number Sense; count and name a number of objects.

Don't chew your food, dear. Swallow it whole.

The snowy owls need to eat a huge amount each day – enough to equal their own body weight. They don't chew their food – they just swallow their prey whole, including fur, claws, teeth and bones. Then they spit out a pellet of all the parts they can't digest.



What silly things can you find on this owl's dinner plate?

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals need food for survival and have physical structures to help them survive.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

SNOWY
OWL
WINGSPAN
MEMBRANE
DIGEST
BONES
COUNT
TUNDRA
SPOT
SIGHT
CHEW
PREY
BLEND
GHOST
PLUMAGE

Y	L	O	W	G	P	S	A	B	P
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G	T	O	B	L	E	N	D	Y	M
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M	U	P	O	S	B	L	G	O	R
U	O	C	H	E	W	R	E	N	A
L	C	T	S	O	H	G	S	S	N
P	C	A	R	D	N	U	T	W	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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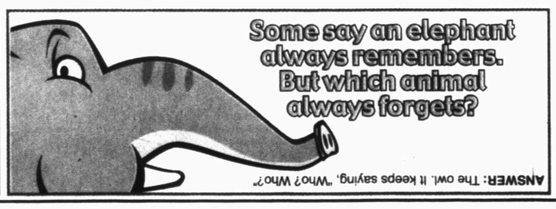
Create Camouflage

Choose a picture in the newspaper. Cut out a circle of white paper that fits over one-third of the picture. Color the white circle to match the picture underneath. This is camouflage.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step directions.



Some say an elephant always remembers. But which animal always forgets?

ANSWER: The owl. It keeps saying, "Who? Who?"

Weekly Writing Corner

Bird Report

The Condor is a very interesting bird. There are two types of Condors, one is the California condor and the other is the Andreas Condor. The Condor can live 50 years or more. The California condor is the largest flying bird in the U.S. with a wing span of 3.5 meters.

Zack Heller,
6th grade, Hillander

One strange bird is the Greater-Prairie Chicken. It is different from other chickens because of the gold feathers on its head resembling a crown. This bird lives in the central and western plains of the United States. The Greater Prairie Chicken is about 18 inches long and weighs about 2 pounds.

Nicholas Forbus,
6th grade, Hillander

The mockingbird is one bird that is interesting. The reason it is called the mockingbird is because of its ability to imitate the sounds of other birds. It has brown feathers with a gray chest. It lives in the United States, Mexico, and some places in Canada. It is also the state bird of Texas.

Riggs McDonald,
6th grade, Hillander

Flamingos are one of the most exciting types of animals out there. They are different from other birds because of their long legs. Often, flamingos in zoos don't fly because they employees or trainers cut off these little black feathers under their wings that help them fly. When flamingos are born, they're white, but when they grow older they become pink from eating foods high in beta carotene. One thing that researchers have learned is that flamingos don't do well without many other flamingos around. They live from 25-30 years. That's why I think flamingos are one of the most interesting species of birds.

Karlie Smith,
6th grade, Hillander

An interesting bird I have learned about is the Peacock. The peacock is also known as the peafowl. It is one of the most superb birds because of its great size and how pretty the male's feathers are. The color of the peacock's feathers is colorful. The female bird is called a peahen and the male is a called a peacock.

Sarah Matta,
6th grade, Hillander

Write On!

Parrots

Why did the parrot cross the road?

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