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Explosives found at airport were C-4

Atwater previously had been stopped in North Carolina with smoke grenade

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A 30-year-old serviceman accused of trying to bring explosives through a security checkpoint at Midland International Airport on Saturday was traveling with C-4 in his bag, according to federal court documents.

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced Tuesday that Trey Scott Atwater, of Hope Mills, N.C., opted to waive his initial appearance. He was scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts.

Atwater remained in federal custody at press time. The Associated Press reported that Jason Leach, of Odessa, is his attorney and would not comment on the case.

Trey Atwater: Lee High School graduate is accused of trying to bring explosives through a security checkpoint at Midland International Airport. The explosives were indentified as grade C-4, according to federal court documents.

No new motions had been filed Tuesday afternoon with the U.S. District Clerk's Office and no new hearing date had been scheduled, officials said.

A criminal complaint released Tuesday morning states that Transportation Safety Administration personnel found possible explosives in Atwater's carry-on bag and alerted law enforcement.

Atwater waived his Miranda rights and told FBI special agents that he had been deployed with the 7th Special Forces Group and had returned from his third deployment in Afghanistan in April. His specialty was as a demolitions expert, the criminal complaint states.

Atwater told authorities his special forces team had a Special Operating Procedure and was to carry two blocks of C-4 on any operation. When he left Afghanistan, he said that he packed his bags and did not remember there being any C-4 inside.

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COLLEAGUES REMEMBER JUDGE HYDE

Photos by Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: A flag, outside the Midland County Courthouse, flies at half staff to honor the memory of 238th District Judge John Hyde. RIGHT: A gavel and other items sit on Hyde's bench Tuesday at the courthouse.

Courthouse mourns, but carries on

By Shanna Sissom
City Editor

Everyone went through the motions, but Tuesday was a somber day no one at the Midland County Courthouse ever will forget. They spoke of an emptiness and a void as colleagues of Judge John Hyde struggled to cope with his passing after a two-year battle with cancer.

Someone placed a floral spray outside the darkened 238th District courtroom, and a steady string of courthouse employees and visitors stopped by for solemn moments, oftentimes accompanied by hugs and tears.

"It kind of makes it all too real," said District Attorney Teresa Clingman, when she first saw the memorial, struggling to maintain composure, just as those who had been there before her.

Many wanted to express their feelings of gratitude for knowing the judge and local historian who's given so much to the community.

"We're dealing with the emptiness and void," a

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Funeral services set for Judge Hyde

Services for Judge John Hyde have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, 4616 N. Big Spring St.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St.

Hyde died Monday after battling cancer for more than two years.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Whitney Hyde and Hillary Lovell; son-in-law, Ryan Lovell; and grandchildren, Katie and John Lovell.

Stonegate Fellowship, according to its website, can accommodate up to 1,300 people. The funeral also will be streamed live on Stonegate's website.

The Rev. Randel Everett, of First Baptist Church where Hyde was a member, will officiate the services.

— Staff reports

4th murder suspect arrested; court orders records sealed

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Midland police have arrested a fourth suspect in connection with the Dec. 23 murder of a 25-year-old former Midland High School football player.

Fowler

Anders

Brazell

Smith

The District Attorney's Office also requested all records, evidence and warrants be sealed to the public.

Grant Fowler, 18, is being held on capital murder charges at the Midland County Central Detention Center. Fowler joins Ashton Patrice Brazell, 17; Edwin Ledell Smith, 20; and Reginald Omar Anders, 21, all of Midland, who were arrested over the holiday weekend on charges of murder/terroristic threat in connection with Torvorian Carter's death.

Smith and Anders are no longer listed as being in custody with the county detention center while Brazell reportedly still is in custody Tuesday night on a $250,000 bond. No bond information was available, as of press time Tuesday, concerning Fowler's bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office inmate lists.

Court officials filed a motion to seal affidavits pertaining to the search and arrest warrants issued. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace George Zimmerman granted the

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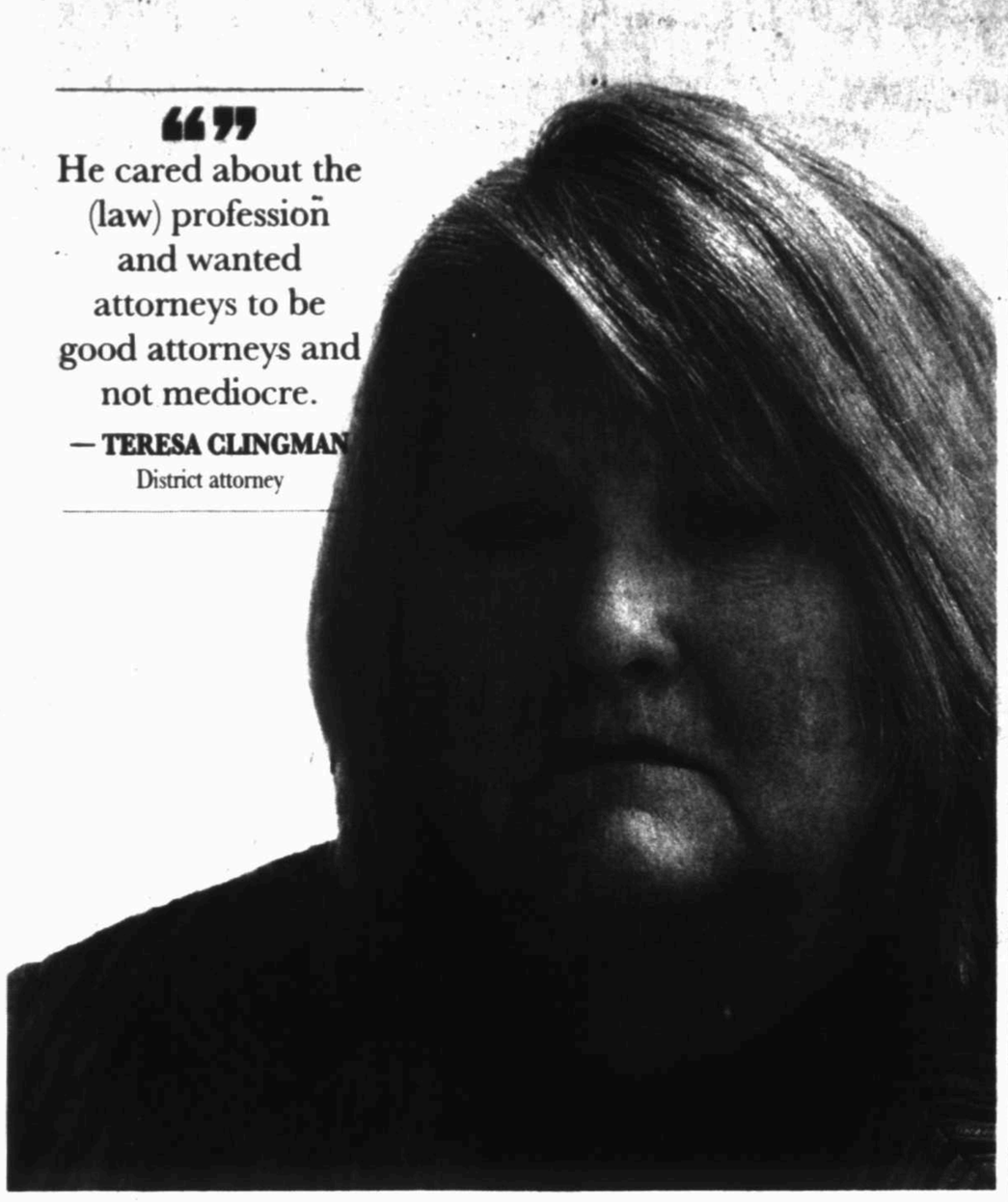

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District attorney

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— JUDGE JODY GILLES

photos by Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

HYDE

From 1A

watery-eyed Judge Jody Gilles said with a strained voice. "I had every expectation over the holiday of coming back and we would all be here."

As those who worked alongside Hyde, and clearly loved him, expressed their thoughts, several agreed his final two years were filled with joy despite the cancer.

When diagnosed in 2009, Hyde didn't know then if he would be around for Christmas. But initially for his family, and later for himself as Hyde explained last year, he fought the cancer and rallied. Throughout treatments he continued his judiciary duties at a pace that astounded everyone, and he also eagerly continued to accept speaking engagements to share his vast research on the history of Midland.

In his personal life, Hyde saw the birth of a grandson named after him, as his granddaughter started growing up. Until very recently, it seemed he had beaten the cancer against all odds.

"John Hyde was an exemplary man who lived an exemplary life," Presiding Judge Dean Rucker shared. "His work is done, but his legacy lives on."

Rucker and Hyde worked together in various capacities for 31 years, and shared coffee and conversation nearly every day at 7:30 a.m.

"My buddy's gone," Rucker said. "I can't imagine that I'm not going to be able to talk to him, and I'm having difficulty coming to terms with that."

Rucker recalled when Hyde first was diagnosed.

"When he came to me he was concerned what it meant for his family, coworkers and ability to fulfill his duties to the citizens of Midland County," Rucker said. "As we know he did all of those so well, all the time fighting cancer."

Among those in the courthouse hit hardest is Cindy Hall, Hyde's loyal assistant of 28 years. She dutifully carried on Monday, as visitors and callers kept her busy.

"He was a blessing to me and a joy to work for," the soft-spoken Hall said.

Hall and Hyde's bailiff, Larry Benningfield, fondly remembered their boss.

"Even some people he sent to the penitentiary, they respected him for the man he was," Benningfield said. "In fact, there's people who have come out of the pen and come back and told him that."

As the courthouse managed to function as normal as possible, the atmosphere was remarkably subdued.

"We're doing what we have to do to carry on the business of the courts," said Judge Robin Darr. "That's what Judge Hyde would want."

Darr said she was comforted by knowing Hyde was a man of Christian faith.

Clingman credits Hyde not only with making her a better lawyer, but also a better person.

"He cared about the (law) profession and wanted attorneys to be good attorneys and not mediocre," Clingman said.

Many remembered that just a few months ago, Hyde worked hard in fundraising efforts for other cancer patients at the courthouse. He always was looking out for his fellow man, some said.

Josie Aguirre, who worked as the courthouse janitor for 17 years, was among former coworkers also coping.

"He's a man I trust and I talked to him every day," she said. Even though she hasn't worked there in a year, she still checked on Hyde daily, and he always let her know how much he appreciated her kindness and prayers. "When he started having cancer I would tell him don't be afraid, God is with you but he already knew that."

"What was once said by President George W. Bush about our late President Ronald Reagan upon learning the news of his death is equally true about John Hyde," Rucker said. "He had the confidence that comes with conviction, the strength that comes with character, the grace that comes with humility, and the humor that comes with wisdom."

Rucker's words summed up the thoughts of many, as the courthouse carried on, if even through a few tears.

"It is a story we all envisioned would have to be written someday, but not today, not now," Rucker said.

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Select reader comments on the death of John Hyde will appear in Thursday's edition. Share your thoughts on Judge Hyde in the comment section to this story, or on Facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram

What happens to the 238th bench?

The governor can appoint a judge until the next general election in November. Because of the court order with regard to redistricting, the period for filing for this and all elected positions will be reopened sometime this month and will close Feb. 1, according to Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman.

MPD charges man with drunken driving, threatening officers

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

The driver of the vehicle involved in a one-car crash on Monday afternoon has been arrested on several charges, including a felony count of retaliation against peace officers.

Bruno Santiago is being held on a third-degree felony charge of retaliation and two misdemeanor counts of driving while intoxicated and possession of a dangerous drug.

Santiago Guitierrez Bruno, 63, of Midland, is being held on a third-degree felony charge of retaliation and two misdemeanor counts of driving while intoxicated and possession of a dangerous drug.

Police were dispatched to the intersection of Wall and Williams streets about 12:30 p.m. Monday after the driver of a black Cadillac DeVille struck a pole and wrapped the vehicle around a second pole. The driver, later identified as Bruno, lost control of the vehicle traveling west on Wall Street at speeds in excess of 80 mph, according to officers investigating the crash.

Bruno was taken to the Midland Memorial Hospital for non-life threatening injuries, police said.

While Bruno was awaiting transportation to the hospital, he allegedly told an officer he had consumed several quarts of beer before driving. He also allegedly admitted to hospital staff that he had "shot up cocaine, smoked marijuana and drank two quarts of beer," according to the arrest report obtained by the Reporter-Telegram Tuesday afternoon.

Officers found Xanax when they searched Bruno's wallet at the hospital.

Bruno allegedly became hostile with police during transport to the Midland County Central Detention Center. He allegedly threatened to assault one of the officers and then allegedly threatened to use a firearm in response to an officer stating that he would not hesitate to use lethal force if Bruno attempted him bodily harm, records stated.

Bruno remained in custody Tuesday night on a $36,000 bond. He could be ordered to serve up to 10 years in prison if convicted of retaliation against a peace officer.

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Online:
Read the arrest affidavit at www.mywesttexas.com

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Santiago G. Bruno, 63, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of retaliation.

Jesus R. Castaneda, 20, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Brent J. Graves, 25, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Toni L. Lopez, 34, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Jo Etta C. Simmons, 26, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of credit card abuse.

Kelly G. Warren, 50, of Dallas, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Natural Food Market donates to area nonprofits

From staff reports

If shoppers at Natural Foods Market bring their own recyclable bags during 2012, it could result in more than $20,000 in donations to area nonprofits.

Larry Satterfield, Natural Foods Market owner, began in late 2011 donating 5 cents to four different Midland nonprofits whenever a shopper brought in their own recyclable bag to carry home groceries.

"It's growing," Satterfield said. "If every single customer would do it, we could contribute over $5,000 to each organization every year."

Midland Fair Havens, Community and Senior Services' Meals-on-Wheels program, Midland SPCA and the Life Center will be the recipients of the donations.

The organizations were selected for various reasons. Satterfield said his mother has friends who benefit from Meals-on-Wheels, the Life Center's director is a regular shopper, Satterfield has a love of animals and Midland Fair Havens was suggested by others.

So far, Satterfield said, shoppers have been receptive to the idea and have been bringing recyclable bags with them.

"It makes them feel good knowing some of their money is going to that," he said.

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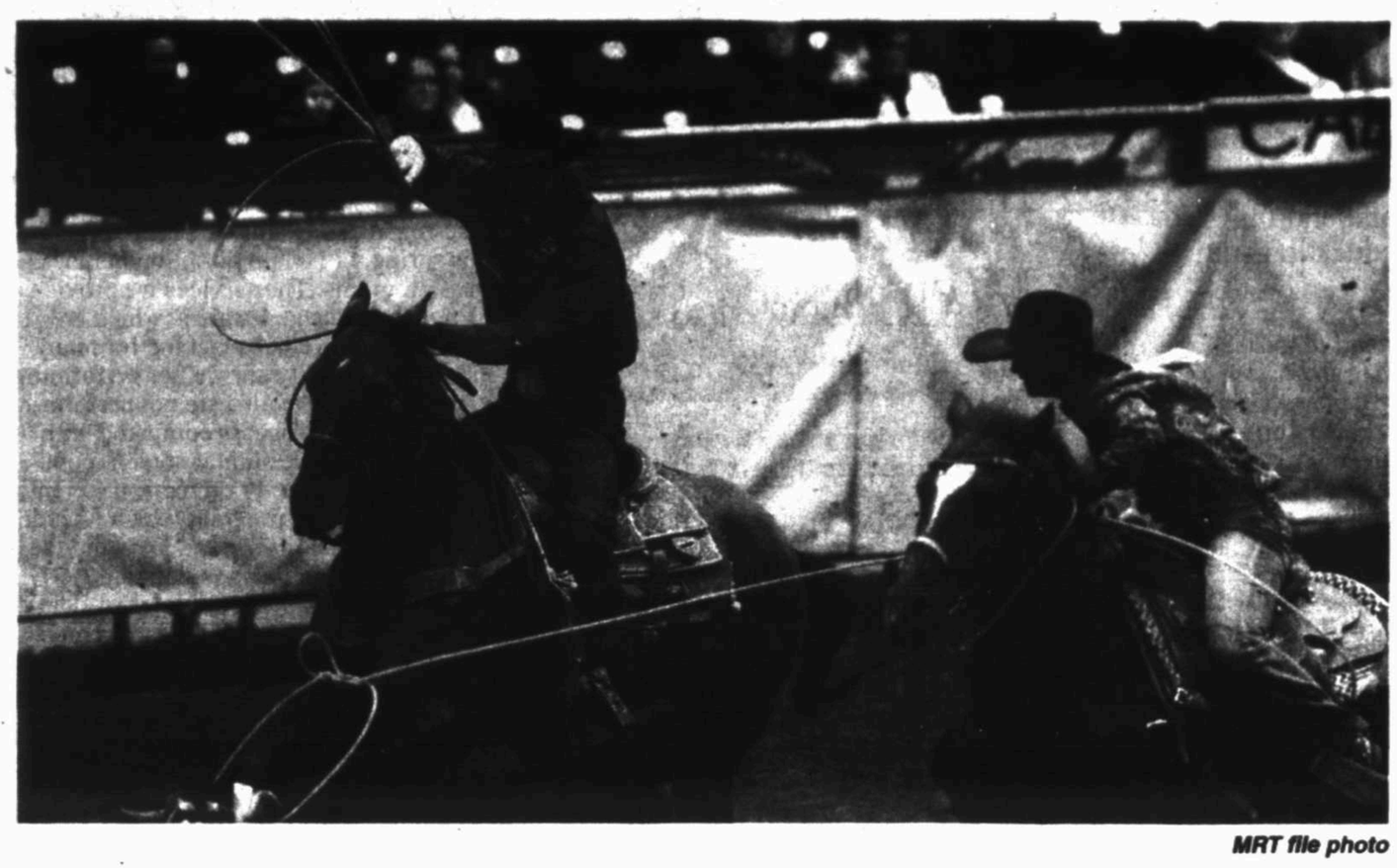

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Permian Basin local Patrick Smith works with teammate, and Odessa native, Katelyn Lide during a Sandhills Roping Pro-Am in 2009 at the Ector County Colliseum.

79th annual SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo to kick off today

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

They started Sunday, shoveling in dirt and transforming the Ector County Coliseum. Two hundred volunteers set up pens for the animals that are to be brought in today.

At 8 a.m., security will go into place and the 79th annual SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo will kick off in Odessa.

Approximately 918 contestants will embark on the event, that'll last through Saturday, Jan. 14, and compete as ropers, riders and as bull fighters. About 100 personnel will come in to help run the event, said media coordinator Brooke Turner.

The first rodeo performance will take place Friday at 7 p.m. in the coliseum and the first 500 in attendance will receive a gift from the event's sponsors. A second performance will follow Saturday night also at 7 p.m.

From Wednesday, Jan. 11, Saturday, Jan. 14, rodeo performances will take place also at 7 p.m.

It's those last performances, Turner said, that she expects all 4,000 seats to sell out.

While a few performers will be those locally from the Permian Basin, some will be attending from across the United States and as far away as Australia, officials said.

The rodeo is the first event of the year for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The season will finish with the finals event in Las Vegas in December.

Participants will accumulate earnings from the event to get them to the finals, said Turner.

Turner said the event not only gives those an opportunity to see the animals and events but also gives back to the community in the form of more than $200,000 in scholarships for local youth.

There will be two concerts available, one at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday featuring Brandon Jenkins and Brandon Rhyder in Barn G and another on Friday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 p.m. also in Barn G with Jake Hooker.

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, the event will sponsor the Christian Youth Night for local churches and youth groups and will have a worship and service in Building G starting at 5:30 p.m., Turner said. All attendees will also receive a ticket to the rodeo for that evening.

Trick riders and a specialty performance from a prior Cirque du Soleil performer will show every night, Turner said.

For ticket information, go to Cavender's Boot City, the Ector County Coliseum box office or visit online at www.centralticketoffice.com.

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Schedule of events

Friday
- 8 a.m.: Lamb show in Barn E; Heifer/steer show in the arena.
- 5 p.m.: Junior livestock sale in Barn G.
- 7 p.m.: First rodeo performance in the Coliseum.

Saturday
- 7 a.m.: Horse show in the coliseum.
- 8 a.m.: Goat show in Barn E.
- 12 p.m.: Kids Rodeo at Music City Mall.
- 7 p.m.: Second rodeo performance in the coliseum.
- 8:30 p.m.: Rodeo dance with Brandon Jenkins and Brandon Rhyder in Barn G.

Sunday
- 7 a.m.: Quarter horse show in the coliseum.

Monday
- 7 a.m.: Slack in the coliseum.

Tuesday
- 10:30 a.m.: Super Tuesday roping in the coliseum.
- 6:30 p.m.: Team and match roping in the coliseum.

Jan. 11
- 7 a.m.: Slack in the coliseum.
- 5:30 p.m.: Christian Youth Night program in Building G.
- 7 p.m.: Third rodeo performance in the coliseum.

Jan. 12
- 7 a.m.: Slack in the coliseum.
- 7 p.m.: Fourth rodeo performance in the coliseum.

Jan. 13
- 9 a.m.: Slack in the coliseum; steer roping slack in the arena.
- 7 p.m.: Fifth rodeo performance in the coliseum.
- 8:30 p.m.: Rodeo dance with Jake Hooker in Building G.

Jan. 14
- 9 a.m.: Special Kids Rodeo in the coliseum; steer roping slack in the arena.
- 7 p.m.: Sixth rodeo performance in the coliseum.

MC extends student services hours to Tuesday evenings

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

To provide students with as many options as possible and accommodate those with busy schedules, Midland College began extended student services hours Tuesday.

Through at least August, students will have access to the testing center, admissions, registrar, student advising and financial aid until 8 p.m. Tuesdays in the Scharbauer Student Center.

Having those offices open at night was a top priority for Dean of Enrollment Management Michael Chavez. He said he'd heard from many students who couldn't make it to the offices during normal business hours.

"I think we need to provide the access for students and make it possible for those who work until five to still get their business done," Chavez said. "We need to do whatever we can to help them."

The extended Tuesday hours are in addition to regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On Tuesday, many students were still waiting to talk with advisors and enroll in classes after 5 p.m., when the offices normally would be closed.

Chase Lindsey, 18, said he thinks it's helpful they'll be open on a weeknight and provide students with other options to get things taken care of.

Rebecca Bell, dean of community relations & special events, said it may take awhile for students to learn about the services, but is hopeful they will use the services to their advantage.

Staff members from each department were asked to work Tuesday nights, Chavez said.

"Because we can flex our hours, this means some people can leave Friday afternoon, if they already have all 40 hours in," Chavez said.

Bell said offices will be open through August and then the college will evaluate the effectiveness of having them open and determine if they should continue or increase evening services.

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Docs: NM lawyer broke into client's husband's home

Associated Press

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. — A New Mexico divorce lawyer is facing charges after authorities said he broke into his client's estranged husband's house.

The Alamogordo Daily Times reported that Raymond Van Arnam was arrested Wednesday for fourth-degree felony breaking and entering and fourth-degree criminal damage to property over $1,000.

Van Arnam's client, Melissa Stonecipher, also was charged with fourth-degree felony conspiracy.

According to court records, Van Arnam broke into Stonecipher's husband's residence and allowed two other men inside to remove numerous baby furniture and baby accessories.

Records said that when the husband arrived to the residence, Van Arnam charged the husband's car.

Van Arnam was jailed at the Otero County Detention Center in lieu of bond to appear in court.

It was unclear if he or Melissa Stonecipher had attorneys.

Backers of millionaire tax target Kardashian

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Kim Kardashian, the model who has parlayed reality TV fame into a personal fortune for her family and herself, is the target of a new online advertising campaign asking Californians to support a proposed ballot initiative to raise taxes on its wealthiest residents.

An online video from the Courage Campaign flashes images of Kardashian living the good life and proclaiming that "being on TV has changed my life, because you get lots of free stuff."

The video says Kardashian made $12 million in 2010 but paid just 1 percentage point more in California income taxes than someone making $47,000 — 10.3 percent vs. 9.3 percent.

The video ad, which is posted at www.Taxkimk.com , urges Kardashian to support the proposal for a tax increase.

"Not everyone was born a Kardashian, but we all need to pay our fair share," it says.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

TCTA honors Midland educators

The Texas Classroom Teachers Association has named three Midland ISD educators as statewide award recipients. They are:

■ Leann Maxwell-Dumas, principal of Alamo Junior High School, has been named the 2011-12 administrator of the year in the middle/secondary school category;

■ Shelley Reep, seventh-grade math teacher at Alamo Junior High School, has been named the 2011-12 leader of the year;

■ Melissa Wright, world geography teacher at Early College High School, has been named the 2011-12 faculty representative of the year.

Award winners will be honored at a banquet on Feb. 9 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston.

Source: Texas Classroom Teachers Association

Lake levels report

Representing totals from early January.

	2010	2011	2012
O.H. Ivie	42.24	32.51	17.91
Thomas	5.05	5.85	1.41
Spence	4.80	2.96	0.42

Delivery
(in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 9.652 million
Midland: daily average last week 10.789 million
Odessa: daily average this week 13.212 million
Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

City's watering schedule

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Community calendar

■ Midland Quilters Guild is to meet 7 p.m. Jan. 10 and 1 p.m. Jan. 11 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Cynthia England is to give a presentation on making pictorial quilts.

■ Midland County Republican Women are to meet 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the Petroleum Club. Guest speakers are candidates for Senate.

Lunch tickets are $16. For more information or to make a reservation, call 697-1313.

Christmas tree disposal locations

The city of Midland currently has two drop-off areas designated for Christmas tree disposal.

Residents are encouraged to take their trees to the following areas:

■ Citizen Collection Station, north of ClayOesta Post Office off Airpark, 4100 Smith Road.

■ Hogan Park behind the armory, enter off Lamesa Road.

Parks and sanitation crews will pick up the trees from the Hogan Park location and haul them to the city landfill for mulching. The mulching saves landfill space and can be used later as fertilizer.

The city reminds its citizens disposing of trees in places besides the listed sites is considered illegal dumping.

Source: City of Midland

Tell us what you think

The Reporter–Telegram provides multiple avenues for your online participation in the conversation happening in our community.

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Lottery

Pick 3 day: 9-3-5
Pick 3 night: 2-2-3
Daily 4 day: 5-1-5-4
Daily 4 night: 5-4-0-7
Cash Five: 7-16-21-26-29
Mega Millions: 2-3-15-22-36 MB: 23 Megaplier: 2

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2012. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 4, 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces recaptured the city of Seoul.

On this date:

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, called for legislation to provide assistance for the jobless, elderly, impoverished children and the handicapped.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI began a visit to the Holy Land, the first papal pilgrimage of its kind, as he arrived in Jerusalem.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address.

In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

Five years ago: Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female speaker of the House as Democrats took control of Congress.

One year ago: President Barack Obama signed a $1.4 billion overhaul of the nation's food safety system.

Today's birthdays: Football Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula is 82. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 69. Rock singer Michael Stipe is 52. Country singer Deana Carter is 46.

Associated Press

Four 'imperatives' top list of spring challenges

■ Those challenges needing to be addressed are total instructional programs, STAAR tests and end-of-course exams, bilingual education and facility initiative.

RYDER WARREN
MISD Superintendent

On behalf of the MISD board of trustees and the faculty and staff of the school district, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are gearing up for what we are expecting to be one of the most successful spring semesters MISD has seen. Our kids, our staff (especially our teachers) and our district in general face many new challenges this spring, but we are ready to take on each of these challenges as they come.

Before I start the main purpose of my article, I need to communicate a change to the MISD calendar. We do have one change to our school calendar of which parents and caregivers need to be aware. Because of the recent snowstorm, we had to call off a day of school. Our bad weather make-up day is Feb. 3.

I know parents plan ahead according to our published district calendar, so I want to give as much lead time as I can to make sure everyone knows that we will be in school on the first Friday in February to make up for that bad weather day.

I want to start my article this week with a very sincere thank you to our community. Quite honestly, our first semester was one of the most challenging that many of us in the school district have experienced. We know one of the most important responsibilities the school district has for our students is the pursuit of academic excellence, but even this responsibility takes a back seat to our children's health and safety. Still being relatively new to Midland, I do want to make a point to say how proud I am of this community as we are in the process of coming together for our children to make sure they understand we are here for them.

Our campus leadership — led by our principals, our counselors, our classroom teachers and the rest of us in the district who are in supporting roles — are developing specific plans for the support of our students. We also are combining our efforts with community assets, including our churches, service organizations, business groups, led by our Partners in Education, and our Chamber of Commerce to develop and maintain safety nets for all who need the support. Working together, we are going to commit ourselves to making sure no more young people make such horrible decisions.

After expressing this appreciation to the community, I want to make everyone aware of some specific challenges we are facing this spring. Many of these I have alluded to in past articles, but I do not feel I have gone into suitable detail for our stakeholders. As we start the second semester, the leadership of the district — our school board, central office leaders, campus leaders and classroom teachers — will be discussing many "imperatives" for the school district, and it will be these imperatives I want to explain.

Total instructional programs: As we return from our Christmas break, specific conversations will be held on the changes we have made on our campuses and in our classrooms for this school year. As a school district, we have to achieve at higher levels, and this is our No. 1 academic priority as we start our second semester District-level instructional leaders have completed interviews with every one of our 35 building principals. These interviews consisted of two questions: (1) What has changed this school year in our classrooms, and (2) What has changed about your leadership this school year? Both questions are very important for the success of our students, our schools and for our entire school district. As the state of Texas has increased testing requirements, curriculum mandates and graduation requirements, we must make sure we are putting in place specific instructional programs — from our youngest elementary students to our impending graduates — that are challenging them to succeed under these new mandates.

STAAR tests and end-of-course exams: The most significant state mandate in which we are dealing right now is the advent of the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Every student in the school district from third grade through 11th grade eventually will take (and must master) the STAAR test. For this first year of STAAR implementation, the Texas Education Agency is starting with grades three through nine — our 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-graders (or at least the ones who have not mastered the test yet) will continue with the old exam, the TAKS. The STAAR is a comprehensive exam that will test third- through eighth-graders in the four core disciplines – language arts, mathematics, social studies and science. For our high school courses, and in Midland these begin with some selected seventh-graders, students must master end-of-course (EOC) exams in selected classes. In our math courses, students will have to master an EOC in Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry. In our language arts courses, students will have to master EOCs in English I, English II and English III. In our science courses, EOC requirements include biology, chemistry and physics, and in our social studies classes, the required EOCs include world geography, world history and U.S. history. I emphasize the words "must pass," because, by legislative mandate, these exams directly influence the final grades our students make in our classes, which influence the credits they earn for graduation.

Bilingual education: In addition to mastering these state-mandated exams, a special area of focus this spring will be on our bilingual instructional programs. The services we provide for our English language learners, which are mandated by law, have been lacking for many years in MISD. Not only are we not performing to state expectations, we also are not performing to a level of equal success compared with other districts who serve similar student populations. We will be focusing on many different aspects of our bilingual program which include the following: (1) identifying and knowing the needs of all students in this population, (2) pushing our students to high levels of academic achievement, (3) expecting 100 percent commitment from all district leadership (central office and campus) to these students, and (4) expecting the highest level of instruction from our classroom teachers to these students. As a school district, we are going to make sure all students in our schools are equipped to succeed.

Facility initiative: In previous articles, I have reported to everyone that the school district is undertaking an analysis of our facilities. During our regular December school board meeting, I reported to the MISD board of trustees that there are four major goals for this analysis of our facilities. The first goal is the creation of learning environments that will support academic excellence. The second goal is to ascertain the impact that our student enrollment growth has had on our facilities to be able to plan for the future. Addressing many facility maintenance issues is the third goal of the facility study. These issues include roof repair, electrical updates, plumbing updates and overall infrastructure improvements. The last goal of the initiative is comprehensive improvements to the district's technology systems, creating 21st century learning environments utilizing current technology. I already have started working with many community members to ascertain a broad spectrum of attitudes about our facilities and about the future of our school district. The recommendation to our school board will be forthcoming, and I look forward to talking to many more community members about this in the coming months.

I am very much looking forward to beginning the second semester. Most especially, I'm looking forward to seeing our faculty and staff again, but I am most excited about getting our kids back to watch their successes. As I have alluded to above, we do face many challenges both during this upcoming semester and in the future, but with these kids, this staff, and this community, we will meet and exceed every expectation set for us. If anyone has questions about the issues in this article, or about anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me at our central office (689-1002), or email me at ryder.warren@midlandisd.net. Thank you for supporting our schools and our children.

EXPLOSIVES

From 1A

The complaint states he said he had not used the bag since returning from his deployment, and it had been in his garage.

As he got ready to leave his home in North Carolina to travel to Midland, he told officers he grabbed the bag to use as a carry-on and put children's items in it. He said he did not notice any explosives and was "surprised" that the C-4 was in the bag when he was stopped in Midland.

The complaint states that Atwater had been stopped by TSA officials in the Fayetteville, N.C., airport on Dec. 24 before he left for Midland. FBI investigators wrote that TSA officials had confiscated a military smoke grenade from his bag and "admonished" Atwater before he was allowed to continue on his trip.

Atwater is a 1999 Lee High School graduate. He and his family were visiting relatives in Midland and were on the way to their home near Fort Bragg, N.C., when the incident occurred, officials said.

According to an announcement sent by the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee in 2010, Atwater has two sons and his mother lives in Midland.

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Online:
Read the criminal complaint www.mywesttexas.com

ARREST

From 1A

motion Sunday.

When asked why the motion to seal the records was issued, District Attorney Teresa Clingman said Tuesday the records were sealed because of "public safety purposes."

A Freedom of Information Act request will be delivered to Clingman today asking for relevant documents or a detailed explanation for the secrecy of this investigation.

The quartet is suspected of the Dec. 23 murder at the Park at Caldera apartments around 12:59 a.m. Neighbors of the victim said they heard gunshots while watching TV and came downstairs to find Carter lying on the ground bleeding. His girlfriend had jumped out of the first-floor window of his apartment when she heard the gunshots, they said. His two young daughters were sleeping in a back bedroom at the time of the incident, neighbors said.

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They wish they were in the land of cotton

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of the Lee High School Dixie Dolls dance team practice in the Youth Center Tuesday after school. The 50-plus member team will perform Friday at the 76th annual AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. The team will join other high school dance teams in a pre-game contemporary pom routine and halftime salsa-like jazz dance at the Arkansas-Kansas State game. The Dixie Dolls left for Arlington on Wednesday morning and will have rehearsals all day Thursday and Friday before the game. Capt. Alisha Robledo said she is excited for the trip because it's something they have never done before. Director Misti Tytanic said she wanted to do something different with the team, so that's why she started exploring different performance venues. Senior Samantha Robledo said she's incredibly excited and nervous to perform on the field at Cowboys Stadium.

Idaho spud truck rolls on side, mashing potatoes

Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — A spud-hauling truck has rolled onto its side in Idaho, dropping its cargo like a hot potato.

The Idaho State Police said the truck, driven by 23-year-old Newman Giles of Rigby, crashed Tuesday in Idaho Falls, spilling the potatoes across two Interstate 15 exit ramps. It was hauling a 48-foot farm-bed trailer with the spuds at the time.

A spokesman at Eagle Farms said the potatoes were being brought to a plant when the trailer's tires caught the edge of the road, causing the truck to tip on its side in slow motion.

The state police said Giles and a passenger were wearing seat belts and were not injured.

Conservative group targets moderates, including Dewhurst

By Henry C. Jackson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Political committees tied to the conservative Club for Growth are launching television ads targeting moderate Republicans in Texas, Michigan and Pennsylvania beginning Tuesday.

Club for Growth Action and Club for Growth PAC collectively will spend more than $500,000 on the ads.

In Texas, two 15-second advertisements are aimed at Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a frontrunner in the GOP primary for an open Senate seat. Dewhurst is running in a crowded Republican primary, where the Club for Growth has endorsed former Texas solicitor general Ted Cruz. The ads target Dewhurst's past support for business and sales tax increases, among other issues.

The Michigan spot targets Rep. Fred Upton, the chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The ad focuses on Upton's votes for the Wall Street bailout and congressional earmarks.

In Pennsylvania, two 15-second advertisements will focus on Rep. Tim Murphy, including his past support for earmarks.

In each race, a conservative opponent has entered or is considering entering the Republican primary. The Club for Growth has so far only endorsed in the Texas Senate primary.

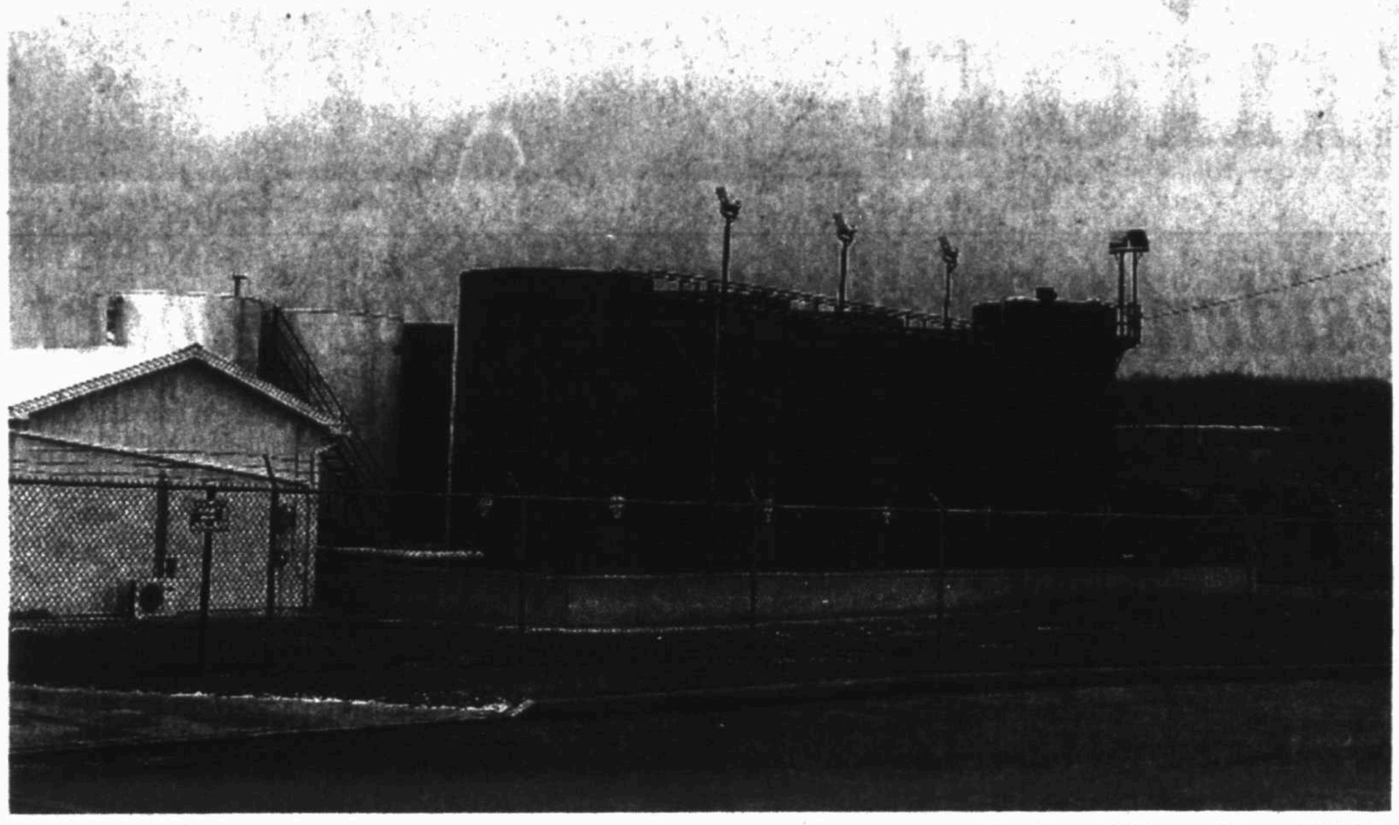
The offices of Upton and Murphy did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

Dewhurst spokesman Matt Hirsch dismissed the ad in statement.

"The negative attacks against David Dewhurst by Washington insider groups hoping to influence Texans and handpick Texas' next U.S. Senator are outrageous," Hirsch said. "Facts are stubborn things, and they show that David Dewhurst is the only candidate in this race who has fought repeatedly for Texans to cut taxes, reduce spending and balance the budget."

Club for Growth spokesman Barney Keller said the group and its political arms are likely to run more ads going forward. He called Tuesday's announcement "only the beginning" of the group's efforts. The ads are expected to run for about two weeks each.

The Club for Growth is a conservative group focused on tax and economic policy issues. The group previously has targeted incumbent Republicans it views as insufficiently conservative.



Dan Pompili/Warren Tribune Chrinicle

The site of a brine injection well owned by Northstar Disposal Services LLC in Youngstown, Ohio, is shown Monday. The company has halted operations at the well, which disposes of brine used in gas and oil drilling, after a series of small earthquakes in the Youngstown area.

Ohio quakes could incite fracking policy shift

By Julie Carr Smyth
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In Ohio, geographically and politically positioned to become a leading importer of wastewater from gas drilling, environmentalists and lawmakers opposed to the technique known as fracking are seizing on a series of small earthquakes as a signal to proceed with caution.

Earthquakes caused by the injection of wastewater that's a byproduct of high-pressure hydraulic fracture drilling, aren't new. Yet earthquakes have a special ability to grab public attention.

That's especially true after Saturday's quake near Youngstown, at magnitude 4.0 strong enough to be felt across hundreds of square miles. Gov. John Kasich, a drilling proponent, has shut down the wastewater well on which the quake has been blamed, along with others in the area, as the seismic activity is reviewed.

"Drilling's very important for our economy and to help us progress as a state, but every single person in the Mahoning Valley felt this earthquake," said state Sen. Joe Schiavoni, a Youngstown Democrat who on Tuesday called for a public hearing.

"I wouldn't deem it as an emergency, but when you live in a place that you're not used to earthquakes and you have 11 earthquakes, you're concerned," he said. "We need to give them some sort of confidence or security that this is going to be OK."

Fracking involves blasting millions of gallons of water, laced with chemicals and sand, deep into the ground to unlock vast reserves of natural gas, a boon both for energy companies and a public hungry for cheap sources of fuel.

That process, though, leaves behind toxic wastewater that must be expensively treated or else pumped deep into the earth. The wastewater is extremely briny and can contain toxic chemicals from the drilling process — and sometimes radioactivity from deep underground.

The practice of dumping underground has been controversial in light of scant research done on potential environmental dangers, highlighted by reports of contamination of aquifers in some communities in Pennsylvania and Wyoming. Some states are reconsidering it.

A coalition of environmental groups is preparing a protest for next week's return of the Ohio Legislature. Activists opposed to increased oil and gas drilling activity across Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia — where the Utica and Marcellus Shale formations are believed to hold vast quantities of gas — see trouble with the Ohio injection well. It took wastewater from fracking, as well as other forms of drilling.

"What other business or industry isn't held accountable for its full cradle-to-grave processes?" said Deborah Nardone, director of the Sierra Club's Natural Gas Campaign. "They need to be responsible for the waste stream that they've created."

Ohio's closure of the well will have little to no impact on drilling, said Travis Windle, a spokesman for the Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry group based in Pennsylvania. Four of the five wells that Ohio shut down were not operational, Windle said.

Pennsylvania's drillers have turned in recent months to deep-well injection of millions of gallons of wastewater because of a voluntary state moratorium last year on dumping of waste at treatment plants where the partially treated liquids are discharged into rivers and streams that drinking water is taken from.

Most drillers in Pennsylvania accepted a voluntary state moratorium last year on dumping of waste at treatment plants, which had discharged the partially treated mix into rivers and streams that supply drinking water. Many drillers now recycle the drilling fluid, and some turned to deep-well injection of millions of gallons of the wastewater.

Pennsylvania has six deep injection wells that currently accept fracking fluid, said Amanda Witman, a spokeswoman for the Department of Environmental Protection. But some of its waste is trucked into Ohio, where the geology allows for more injection wells.

Ohio's willingness to accept the fracking leftovers amid a drilling boom in states to the east, south and west worries some residents and environmental advocates who say the science isn't proven — and point to the earthquakes as evidence.

The Ohio Petroleum Council, an industry group, says any public anxiety is misplaced.

"Injection wells have worked well to protect public safety for decades, and a situation like the one in question near Youngstown is very rare," executive director Terry Fleming said in a statement.

Kasich told reporters over the weekend that he doesn't believe the energy industry should be blamed for issues arising from disposal of their byproducts. That would be like blaming the auto industry for improper disposal of old tires, the first-term Republican said.

Scientists have known for decades that drilling or injecting water into areas where a fault exists can cause earthquakes, said Paul Hsieh, a research hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif.

"That's widely documented and accepted within the science community," he said. "It's seen all over the world."

Injection wells have also been suspected in quakes in Arkansas, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Oklahoma's sharpest earthquake on record, of magnitude 5.8 on Nov. 5, was centered on a county that has 181 such wells, according to Matt Skinner, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, which oversees oil and gas production in the state and intrastate transportation pipelines.

ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SEATTLE

Mount Rainier remains closed after ranger shooting

Staff at Mount Rainier National Park gathered Tuesday to grieve the loss of a ranger fatally shot on New Year's Day — and to wonder what led the gunman, heavily armed and carrying a bulletproof vest, to that rugged, remote spot as he fled another shooting 100 miles away.

Ranger Margaret Anderson, a 34-year-old mother of two who was married to another park ranger, was shot and killed Sunday by Benjamin Colton Barnes, a 24-year-old Iraq war veteran. After searching by plane and snowshoe, investigators found Barnes dead, apparently from the cold, in a snowy creek Monday. A handgun and a rifle were near his body.

The national park, which receives 1.5 million visitors a year, remained closed Tuesday and was not expected to reopen until at least Friday.

CALIFORNIA

Woman sues Honda in unlikely place: small claims

TORRANCE — A Los Angeles woman who expected her hybrid Honda Civic to be a high-mileage machine wants the automaker to pay for not delivering the 50 mpg it promised. But rather than being one of thousands in a class-action lawsuit, she took her case Tuesday to small claims court.

Experts said Heather Peters has a better chance of winning her case in a court with more relaxed standards and could get a payout many times higher than the few hundred dollars offered to class-action plaintiffs.

Peters said she's been contacted by hundreds of owners who also want to take their chances with small-claims, where there are no attorneys' fees and cases are decided quickly.

MIAMI

Decided by a nose? Court ponders drug dog's sniff

Franky the drug dog's super-sensitive nose is at the heart of a question being put to the U.S. Supreme Court: Does a police K-9's sniff outside a house give officers the right to get a search warrant for illegal drugs, or is the sniff itself an unconstitutional search?

Florida's highest state court said Franky's ability to detect marijuana growing inside a Miami-area house from outside a closed front door crossed the constitutional line. State Attorney General Pam Bondi, an elected Republican, wants the nation's justices to reverse that ruling.

The Supreme Court could decide this month whether to take the case.

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U8	8/1/2003 - 7/31/2004	
U9	8/1/2002 - 7/31/2003	
U10	8/1/2001 - 7/31/2002	
U11	8/1/2000 - 7/31/2001	$65.00
U12	8/1/1999 - 7/31/2000	
U13	8/1/1998 - 7/31/1999	
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Opinion

Rubio for vice president? That will have an impact

■ Mitt Romney as the nominee will have his options for vice president, but few Republicans can match Rubio's message for substance and delivery.

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

The great thing about Iowa is that no matter whom the voters select in their neighborhood huddles, it doesn't really matter. Placing in Iowa might land one a talk show (see Mike Huckabee), but the preferences of a handful of Americans belonging to a committed, ideological subset of a committed, ideological party do not a national trend suggest. The presumptive candidate proceeds apace.

Which raises the question none too soon: Whom will Mitt Romney select as his running mate?

Several names have been suggested, including Condoleezza Rice and Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio. Rice's interest isn't clear and Portman, despite his personal qualities and swing-state bona fides, merely would add a snooze button to Romney's campaign.

Latest to the list is the young and junior senator from Florida, Marco Rubio. His political resume includes: nine years as a state legislator, including two as speaker of the Florida House; enormous popularity with tea partyers who sent him to the U.S. Senate over Republican Gov. Charlie Crist; a Cuban heritage and, thus, his presumed appeal to Hispanic voters; he's young at just 40 and, it never hurts, attractive.

Add to the above the fact that Florida is a crucial swing state, the population of which is 22.5 percent Hispanic.

No one is ever perfect, of course, and Rubio critics will cite his chronologically challenged rendition of his parents' exile from Cuba. Rubio claimed they were driven out by Castro when, in fact, they left Cuba before Castro took over the island nation. Rubio later explained that his mother had returned to Cuba and, for some period of time after Castro came to power, was not allowed to return to the U.S.

For Cubans who had to leave their homeland with empty pockets and broken hearts, their homes ravaged and their belongings confiscated by revolutionary rebels, Rubio's exaggeration no doubt stung. But fatal for Rubio? Not likely. It is possible to imagine that growing up in south Florida, where Spanish is a first language and displacement is the Cuban community's core identity, Rubio can be understood to have embraced the larger cultural narrative as his own. In any case, it is certainly true that his family left Cuba during a time of upheaval and uncertainty, and that his mother experienced the tyranny of the new dictator.

Rubio will survive the controversy.

Of perhaps greater value to Democrats is Rubio's attractiveness to tea partyers. Thanks to media portraits of tea party members as tantrum-throwing ignoramuses with racist tendencies, the argument would be that Rubio can't appeal to a broader spectrum of voters. This argument has some merit, but only if you haven't heard Rubio speak or paid attention to his message. Rubio isn't just a poster boy for the shrink-government contingent. Much like Barack Obama, he's a monument to the American Dream. Like Obama, he speaks often about the privilege of being an American and of possessing a birthright that allows the son of a bartender and a maid to become a U.S. senator. Only in America.

But unlike Obama, Rubio condemns rhetoric that seeks to divide the American people against each other. He shuns the idea that some are worse off because others are doing better. In a year-end address to the Senate about his first year in office (http://bit.ly/vWN5L5), Rubio articulated a conservative road map that is equal parts tough love and compassion and that combines the conservatism of Ronald Reagan with the conciliatory charm of Bill Clinton. He is a human composite of sunny optimism and urgent realism. If it wasn't a stump speech, it should be.

Saying we're not a nation of haves and have-nots, but a nation of haves and soon-to-haves, Rubio pointed out three obstacles to prosperity: a "crazy" tax code; complicated regulations that kill small businesses; and a national debt that exceeds the economy.

Obama inherited a bad economy, Rubio conceded, but, mathematically speaking, the country now is in worse shape with higher debt, unemployment and poverty. Rubio said clearing these obstacles and creating a realistic plan to reduce the debt and deficit would lead to greater prosperity, which would lead to more jobs, which would mean more taxpayers and therefore more revenue for, among other things, Medicare funding and infrastructure repairs.

You won't find a Republican who doesn't agree with this assessment, but you also won't find any who can deliver the argument with greater passion or less-divisive rhetoric. This is the Rubio that Democrats should fear, and to whom Romney no doubt is well attuned.

OUR VIEW

Federal cellphone ban not the solution

San Antonio Express-News

The National Transportation Safety Board's recommendation to ban the use of all cellphones — including hands-free devices — while driving may sound wonderful to those who have witnessed erratic driving at the hands of distracted drivers.

It, however, does not offer a practical solution to the problem.

Motorists face many distractions while on the road, including noisy passengers, radios, CD players, navigational devices and cellphones. Laws aimed at limiting the use of cellphones with an all-out ban is not the answer.

Driver education is the key along with limiting what drivers can do with their phones and when they can do it. Texting, for instance, is a distraction that makes driving demonstrably more dangerous in all situations.

Nine states currently have bans on the use of hand-held phones, the Governors Highway Safety Association reports. Some 35 states have bans on texting while driving.

Texas doesn't have statewide bans on texting or the use of cellphones. But many communities, including San Antonio, have local laws that ban texting while driving and prohibit the use of cellphones in school zones.

Limiting the use of mobile communication to hands-free devices, especially in high-traffic areas, also has its merits.

Everyone is well aware of the danger of distracted drivers. But lawmakers and regulators should not come in with heavy-handed efforts to fix the problem.

Driving is a privilege. Along with that privilege comes the responsibility to behave in a manner that does not endanger the lives of others on the road while trying to multitask on the roadway.

In the words of NTS chairwoman Deborah Hersman, "No email, no text, no update, no call is worth a human life."

States and municipalities are well on their way to addressing this problem. At this point, a total federal ban on cellphone usage is unwarranted.

EDITORIAL CORRECTION

In Tuesday's Our View editorial we wrote that the machine that allegedly detected the explosives in a carry-on bag has caused controversy. That is inaccurate. That machine has been in use for years and has not created the controversy of the newer scanners and TSA search processes. An edited version of the editorial on mywesttexas.com will reflect that change.

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Obama's immigration policy has no heart

■ Hispanics overwhelmingly disapprove of the president's handling of deportations. One in particular is bothersome.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

"We have to ask, 'Is removal the only remedy?' No. And it might not be the best remedy in all cases. ... When you start removing people who have been here for 25 years, it isn't so simple. There is a whole life wrapped up in this person, much of it lawful and positive, having kids born in the U.S. for instance. ... This is someone's parent, someone's grandparent."

Question: Who do you think said this to me during an interview in 2010?

Newt Gingrich? Not a bad guess. The GOP presidential hopeful has staked out a position that is to the left of the Obama administration on deporting illegal immigrants. Gingrich says we should not divide families, something the White House does with ease.

The correct answer: John Morton, director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He is the person assigned the dirty job of carrying out record numbers of deportations to show President Obama is tough on illegal immigration. To prove it, since Obama's inauguration, ICE has deported more than 1.2 million illegal immigrants, more than any administration in six decades. It has done so by bending the rules, using local police as a force multiplier through a sinister program called Secure Communities and reportedly setting monthly quotas for the number of removals.

More and more Latinos finally are catching on to the idea that Obama is not their amigo. According to a recent survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, Latinos — both citizens and noncitizens — disapprove of how Obama is handing deportations by 59 percent to 27 percent.

Interestingly enough, Morton currently is trying to deport "someone's grandparent," someone with a whole bunch of lives "wrapped up" in him, someone who has "kids born in the U.S.," and who has spent four decades in the United States "much of it lawful and positive."

ICE has targeted Jorge Aguilar. The 62-year-old California resident is not an illegal immigrant. In fact, he is a legal immigrant with a valid green card. He followed the rules to enter this country when he came as a young man to pick fruits and vegetables in the San Joaquin Valley. And he followed the rules to stay here by renewing his green card every 10 years as required by law. He and his wife raised four successful children and now they're doting on six grandchildren. Every member of the family is a U.S. citizen, except for Aguilar.

Yet, in April 2009, Aguilar was arrested by ICE agents at his home, shackled and flown to a holding facility. With all the fanfare, you'd have thought the G-men were transporting Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, international law enforcement's most wanted person.

Aguilar did two things wrong in the 40 years he's lived on this side of the border: He was convicted of a felony drug charge in 1989, for which he served time, and he never became a U.S. citizen. Because of the conviction, which he voluntarily confirmed on his application to renew his green card, he is eligible to be deported. And because he is not a U.S. citizen, he can't fight the charge. He could soon be on a bus to Mexico, and a family devastated.

Those are the rules. The average American naively thinks in terms of "legal" and "illegal" immigrants, and assumes one can stay and the other must go. But the federal government thinks in terms of "U.S. citizen" and everyone else. U.S. citizens have a full platter of rights in our legal system; "everyone else" doesn't.

Let me be clear. I don't condone drug offenses, and I think it was a mistake for Aguilar not to become a U.S. citizen when he had the chance. But we live in a country where people who commit crimes and pay their debt to society are allowed to start over, and where people can choose not to become citizens without being punished for it.

We get it: Obama is a tough guy on immigration. Now how about some decency and common sense?

Short of that, what if the administration simply lived up to its own public relations-generated smoke screen of supposedly not deporting people with roots in this country?

A 62-year-old father and grandfather who migrated legally, worked all his adult life, paid taxes and otherwise contributed for decades is not someone who should be forcibly removed from the United States — especially in the name of preserving "homeland security."

Deporting someone like Jorge Aguilar does nothing to protect this country. But it does quite a bit to diminish it.

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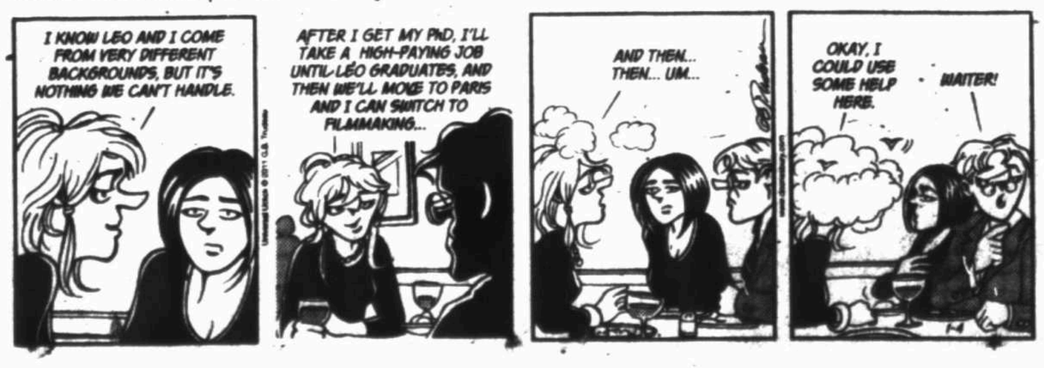

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES — IOWA RESULTS

ELECTION 2012

Iowa GOP voters see Romney as best Obama opponent

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney was winning strong support from Republicans seeking a candidate who can topple President Barack Obama in November's elections, according to an entrance poll of GOP voters attending Iowa's presidential caucuses on Tuesday.

Rick Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator, was countering with solid backing from tea party supporters, religious voters and other conservatives. And Texas Rep. Ron Paul was scoring highly with young voters, independents and people concerned about huge federal budget deficits.

The divisions helped explain a night in which Romney, Santorum and Paul were running neck and neck — and ahead of their three other competitors — in the year's first votes to be cast as Republicans start selecting their presidential nominee.

Given a choice of four qualities they were seeking in their party's nominee, about 3 in 10 said they wanted someone who could defeat Obama this fall. About half of that group said they were backing Romney, more than twice as many as cited any other candidate.

Santorum was leading among those seeking a candidate with strong moral character, with about 4 in 10 picking him. Santorum and Paul were running about even among those who said they wanted a true conservative as their standard bearer.

Nearly 3 in 10 supporters of the conservative tea party movement were supporting Santorum, and about the same proportion of born-again or evangelical voters were also backing him. That gave Santorum a clear lead among both groups, which are important because each account for about 6 in 10 Iowa GOP caucus goers.

Paul had the backing of about half of voters under age 30 and more than 4 in 10 independents, giving him large leads in both categories. That could be good news for Paul in New Hampshire, where independents represented almost 4 in 10 voters in that state's 2008 GOP presidential primary.

Asked the campaign's top issue, about 4 in 10 named the economy. Romney led among that group with support from about a third of them, underscoring the appeal of his background running an investment company before entering politics and his emphasis during the campaign on his business experience.

About a third of GOP caucus goers said they were most concerned about budget deficits, and 3 in 10 of them picked Paul, more than any of his rivals.

The survey was conducted for AP and the television networks by Edison Research as voters arrived at 40 randomly selected caucus sites in Iowa. The survey involved interviews with 1,737 caucus-goers and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points

Romney, Santorum seesaw in narrow vote

By David Espo and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Rick Santorum and Mitt Romney waged a seesaw battle for supremacy in Iowa's Republican presidential caucuses late Tuesday night, a dramatic opening round for the campaign to pick a challenger to President Barack Obama.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul ran third.

Returns from 99 percent of the state's precincts showed Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, and Romney, a former governor of Massachusetts, in a near dead heat, a fitting conclusion to a race as jumbled as any since Iowa gained the lead-off position in presidential campaigns four decades ago.

Regardless of the outcome, there was room for both to claim victory — Romney as the man to beat for the party's nomination and Santorum as the leader among those struggling to emerge as the former governor's unvarnished conservative rival in the primaries yet to come.

"Game on," Santorum said, jaw clenched, in a late-night appearance before supporters in the Iowa capital city.

New Hampshire votes next, and Romney is heavily favored in the first-in-the-nation primary on Jan. 10. South Carolina on Jan. 21 figures to be a tougher test, the first contest in the South and a state that is part of the Republican political base.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich finished in fourth place and vowed to fight on.

He was followed by Gov. Rick Perry, who somberly told supporters he was headed back home to Texas to reassess a candidacy that bloomed early, then faded.

Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann was far behind. Her campaign manager, Keith Nahigian, suggested she might drop out, but she seemed to signal otherwise a short while later. "I believe that I am the true conservative who can and who will defeat Barack Obama in 2012," she declared.

Returns from 1,749 of 1,774 precincts showed both Romney and Santorum with 24.6 percent and Paul with 21.5. Romney had 29,683 votes, Santorum had 29,673 and Paul 25,976.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich had 13 percent, followed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry, 10 percent, and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann with 5 percent.

No matter how close the final results in Iowa, there were no plans for a recount.

Doug Heye, a spokesman for the state party, said the ballots were counted under the supervision of campaign representatives who certified the totals. He said the numbers were double-checked when they were reported to state officials and there was no reason to check them again.

"On to New Hampshire," Gingrich said to the cheers of his supporters, vowing to carry on his campaign no matter the Iowa outcome.

The former speaker led in the pre-caucus polls as recently as a few weeks ago, only to fall under the weight of attack ads run by a super PAC run by allies of Romney.

Paul, too, said he was looking forward to the nation's first primary in a week's time, telling supporters his was one of two campaigns with the resources to do the distance. "There's going to be an election up in New Hampshire, and believe me this momentum is going to continue and this movement is going to continue and we are going to keep scoring," he told supporters.

The Texas lawmaker didn't say so, but the other campaign already built for a long campaign was Romney's. The former Massachusetts governor was closeted with aides and his family as he sweated out the caucus count in a state that humbled him four years ago.

This time, win or lose, he appeared destined to draw a smaller share of the vote than the 25.2 percent he did then.

Each of the three in the top tier strove to create a distinct identity and brought a different style to the race.

Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator, ran the old-fashioned way, spending parts or all of 250 days campaigning in the state in hopes of emerging as the preferred conservative alternative to Romney.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, brought organization and money to the table.

Iowa GOP caucus a mixed bag for Romney

By Charles Babington
Associated Press

Analysis

WASHINGTON — It didn't take a final tally in the Iowa GOP caucus to conclude that two good things, and one bad thing, happened to Mitt Romney.

The former Massachusetts governor was assured late Tuesday of nothing worse than a close second-place finish, with a first spot possible, once all votes are counted.

Romney said from the start that Iowa was a bad political fit for him, and he focused his early campaign efforts on New Hampshire. While he made a big Iowa push at the end, his campaign can argue that he beat expectations.

Meanwhile Tuesday, Iowa was unkind to the two rivals that many GOP strategists saw as having the best backgrounds to sustain a long-term threat to Romney: former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Gov. Rick Perry.

That's the good news for Romney. He now heads to the friendly turf of New Hampshire, which votes next Tuesday, with no opponent who clearly can match his fundraising and organizing prowess.

But even if Romney edges out former Sen. Rick Santorum in the final Iowa count, it's easy to argue his showing was unimpressive. Romney was drawing one-quarter of the vote. That's precisely the lackluster level he has pulled month after month, in poll after poll of Republicans.

It's also the same percentage Romney got when he finished a deeply disappointing second in the 2008 Iowa caucus. Campaign veterans say Romney must find a way to excite more conservatives if he is to beat President Barack Obama in November.

"If Romney was unable to move the needle even an inch from four years ago," despite heavy spending on his behalf, "it is hard to argue he has brought new people in or expanded the base of support," said former Obama campaign and White House aide Jen Psaki.

Some Republican consultants, however, see the glass as half full for Romney.

"Romney is in the driver's seat in New Hampshire," said Terry Nelson, who advised Tim Pawlenty before he left the presidential race. "Iowa produced no serious candidate to derail him."

Nelson said it "will be very hard" for Santorum, who languished at the back of the pack until the final days, to raise the money and build the organization he will need to compete in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida and beyond.

Another GOP consultant, Matt Mackowiak, said Santorum and third-place finisher Ron Paul of Paul cannot match Romney's resources. "Romney had a great night," he said.

Democrats were less impressed. Matt Bennett of the group Third Way called it a mixed bag for Romney. Santorum and Paul, he said, are "the two demonstrably least-electable candidates in this field since Donald Trump fired himself."

But Romney's inability to build a big plurality is problem, Bennett said. "Challengers to incumbent presidents cannot get merely polite applause or grudging support from their own base if they hope to win general elections," he said.

Santorum now must show whether he can be the long-sought conservative alternative to Romney. It won't be easy.

Santorum, 53, badly lost his 2006 bid for a third Senate term from Pennsylvania. Despite his impressive closing kick in Iowa, he's largely unknown beyond circles that closely follow politics.

Paul, 76, is seen more as a libertarian crusader than a potential president. He recently said he doesn't envision himself as president.

Democrats were hoping for a slow and difficult start for Romney. They want to see him battered, and bled of money, for as long as possible before the summer nominating conventions.

Iowa's result will leave both parties with plenty of disappointments.

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BODY & MIND

Rebecca Speight, in top photo, teaches a Pilates Reformer class Dec. 22, at Pilates Reformer and Namaste Yoga Studios. ABOVE: Yoga instructor Dana White teaches a class Dec. 22, at Pilates Reformer and Namaste Yoga Studio.

Yoga, Pilates instructors go to work to unwind

When Dana White and Rebecca Speight need relaxation for their bodies and minds, they go to work. The two yoga and Pilates instructors leave their Pilates Reformer and Namaste Yoga Studios feeling refreshed after a full day of fitness and providing clients a retreat from their busy lives.

The co-owners, who each have 25 years of experience in teaching fitness, began teaching yoga and Pilates together in their own studio more than seven years ago, and moved to the San Miguel Square atrium in March 2007. The studio offers a variety of yoga classes, Pilates classes using mats, and seven Balanced Body Allegro Reformers and Towers, which help align their students' bodies and provide resistance for a tougher workout.

Yoga and Pilates provide a necessary balance for each other, White and Speight said. The sculpting workout of Pilates helps tone muscles and provides a boost in energy, while yoga promotes a release of muscular tension and postural imbalances through breathing exercises and mindful stretching movements.

"Pilates doesn't replace yoga, and yoga doesn't replace Pilates," Speight said. "They complement each other. It's the glue that holds our whole body together."

The workday starts at 7:30 a.m. for the instructors and ends at 6:30 p.m. They say the benefits on their own bodies were so great from participating in yoga and Pilates they found it to be a worthwhile venture to train others. They leave a full day of teaching classes feeling energized, not depleted.

"I feel so great doing classes with the people who come," White said. "It's a great way to reconnect and get your mind untangled."

The fitness and goals of their students are widely varied, and clients range in age from 14 to 80. Seeing their students leave the studios feeling refreshed is what keeps both the instructors enjoying their job.

"It's just the idea that we're providing a good service and helping others enjoy their health," White said.

Speight and White maintain their certifications to teach yoga and Pilates through continuing education, which takes them to retreats in places like La Jolla, Calif. The ideas they learn from nationally known instructors help them to update their routines constantly. Their own studios in Midland are an evolving adult playground, with weighted hula-hoops, flex bands and exercise balls in a variety of sizes.

Both of the teachers have a background in dance, and Speight used to teach high-impact fitness like step aerobics and kick boxing. As early as seventh grade, Speight remembers cutting pictures of floor exercises out of magazines and working out in her bedroom. The instructors both have degrees in marketing, but can't imagine working behind a desk.

"We don't know any different," Speight said. "We just kind of keep moving, and we look forward to coming to work. We both love to teach."

For more information on group classes or private lessons at the studios, visit www.pilatesreformeryogamidland.com.

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Joan Huff may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com. For more recipes, visit www.mywesttexas.com.

New Year's resolution: Share recipes with readers

Happy new year! Today's column is dedicated to the readers who have made Food Etc. successful, informative and fun for everyone by submitting their treasured recipes. Listed are just a few of the many that have been shared and enjoyed through the years.

We will be starting our question for the month again and are looking for your most requested recipes. I am sure with the many dishes you prepared during the holidays, someone asked for the recipe. The recipe can be from any category of food — we just want you to share it with our readers. Results will appear the first Wednesday of the following month.

Readers also are welcome to submit ideas for questions you would like answered here; and share your tips and ideas you to make cooking quicker, easier and efficient. Maybe you have some tried and true shortcuts that save time in the kitchen. Send them in! We have a lot of young, new cooks out there looking for good recipes. This year, make a resolution not only to try new recipes, but also share them with our readers and take the time to e-mail or mail your recipes in to the Food Etc. column.

For February's column, send your recipe to: foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 East Illinois Aven., Midland, 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is Jan. 25.

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TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Balmorhea man brought mountain lion hunters to Texas

Jim Moore of Balmorhea rodeoed for 20 years then started taking people from the East Coast mountain lion hunting in the Texas mountain country.

"I had a good business," said Moore. "I hunted with dogs. My hunters got about 30 lions a year. I made a good living off of the lions for 20 years."

Most of his hunts were in the Davis Mountains, an area he knows well and says he's been to every nook and cranny either on horseback or riding a mule. The breed of dogs he used is known as Running Walker Hounds.

"These dogs don't bark much. They could be on a lion even before he knew it. We call them 'silent trailers.' If you heard them yappin' they'd have a lion cornered somewhere. I'd train them, but that ability to get a lion was bred into them also."

Please see **TUMBLEWEED**/3B

Mexico's Copper Canyon is safe, gorgeous tourist destination

Lisa J. Adams
Associated Press

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico — I won't lie: I had some qualms about traveling alone to the Copper Canyon, a series of awe-inspiring gorges bigger than the Grand Canyon that happen to be in the same northwestern region of Mexico consumed by drug-trafficking violence.

At the same time, I knew from being in the news business tourists are seldom, if ever, the target of such violence. I also was aware of the tendency to paint an entire region with a bleak brush when only small pockets actually are affected.

I'm glad I shrugged off the doubts. My trip to Las Barrancas del Cobre, as they are known in Spanish, was a great adventure. And I can confidently say traveling here is safe — especially if you stick to the route of el Chepe, the government-run train that last year celebrated its 50th anniversary depositing tourists and commuters along a 400-mile stretch from Los Mochis in the Pacific coast state of Sinaloa to Chihuahua city, capital of Chihuahua state. The canyons themselves are all located within Chihuahua state's borders.

There were moments off the train that gave me pause, such as when a native in the old silver mining town of Batopilas remarked, "Here, we see nothing, we hear nothing and we say nothing if we want to wake up alive each morning." In that same town, where the drug-fighting military keep a high profile, I took pictures of attractive colonial-style building facades before realizing at least two of them bore more than a dozen deep holes that only have could been rendered by the bullets of a high-powered weapon, the kind favored by Mexican drug traffickers.

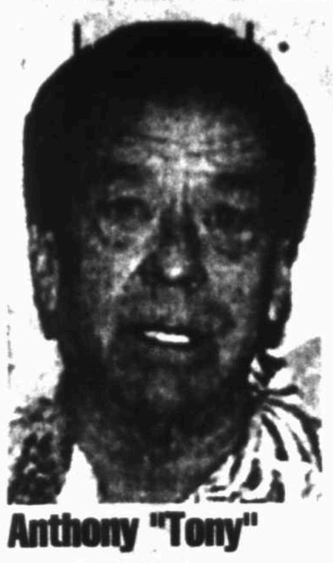
And yet, during my brief

Please see **MEXICO**/5B

Lisa J. Adams/AP

Associated Press reporter Lisa J. Adams is seen zip lining over a canyon Nov. 10, 2011 in Divisadero, Mexico. Copper Canyon is a series of awe-inspiring gorges bigger than the Grand Canyon.

Obituaries



Anthony "Tony" Keith DeBerry

Anthony "Tony" Keith DeBerry, 67, of Midland, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 31, 2011. He was born in Odessa, Texas, on May 12, 1944, to the late Vernon and Ruth DeBerry. He attended Odessa High School and Odessa College. Tony served in the Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW of Midland. For the past thirty-seven years, Tony spent his professional career in the oil and gas industry, as a mud engineer, which took him to many parts of the country, but he regarded the Permian Basin - Midland/Odessa - as home.

Tony is survived by his loving family: wife, Lynda Diane DeBerry of Midland; and three stepsons, for whom he exhibited much affection; and most significantly, his four children, who were his special pride and joy and the loves of his life: son, Anthony Clark DeBerry and daughter-in-law, Marisela DeBerry of Frisco, TX; daughters, Jennifer Culbertson, Allison DeBerry, and Amanda Dain and son-in-law, Jack Dain Jr., all of Albuquerque, NM; His nine grandchildren: five grandsons, Joby Baeza, Tevin Baeza, James Argo, Kevin Argo, and Gage Dain; and his four granddaughters, Kenzie DeBerry, Rachel Culbertson, Tatum Dain, And Zoey Brandt. He is also survived by his two sisters and one brother-in-law, with all of whom he shared the deepest of affection: sister, Lavonne Kay DeBerry of Eden Texas, formerly of Midland; and sister, Julia D. Shaver and husband, Billy Ed Shaver of China Spring, Texas, and their children, Kristi Kwan and Jeremy Shaver and their respective spouses, Aaron and Becky; along with one great niece and three great nephews.

Tony cherished above all else, his immediate and extended family and cared deeply for his friends and close business associates. He had a loving nature and a true heart and rarely ever met a stranger.

A memorial service for Tony will be held Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Chris Kutin officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that all who are so inclined make a contribution to the Wounded Warriors Project, (www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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Brian Schwamkrug

Brian Schwamkrug, 76, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2012. Brian was born on September 14, 1935, to Erhardt Helmuth Schwamkrug and Lucilla Martha Reeh Schwamkrug in Edinburg, Texas. He graduated from Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas. He married the love of his life, Marilyn Terry Mason on July 24, 1966, in Abilene, Texas. Together, they moved to Midland in 1975. Brian loved fishing and creating wood carving sculptures of Texas native birds and fish.

Brian is preceded in death by both of his parents.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Marilyn Schwamkrug of Midland; his son, Kyle Schwamkrug of Austin; his daughter, Lisa Schwamkrug, and husband, Nigel Holloway of Dallas, Texas; his brother, Keith Schwamkrug and wife, Susan of Sunnyvale, California and their children Lydia and Alison.

A funeral service is planned for Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to The Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation or an animal rescue foundation of your choice.

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Dignity
801 Andrews Hwy.
(432) 683-5555

Eduardo Moncado, Jr.

Eduardo Moncado, Jr., 60, of Midland, went home to be with his Heavenly Father, on Monday, January 2, 2012. He was born on May 28, 1951, in Hondo, TX to Ramona and Pedro Morales. He graduated high school in 1970 and attended 2 years of college. He was a good man with a great sense of humor. He had many interests, including attending baseball games, listening to Tejano music, and going on long motorcycle rides. He had two passions, which was his motorcycle and his 1979 Corvette. He will be greatly missed and always be in our hearts.

Eduardo is survived by his loving family; parents, Ramona and Pedro Morales; daughters: Irma Linda and husband, Carlos Barron, Monica and husband, Patrick Cellar, Esmeralda Moncada and husband, Josue Olivan, and Joanna Moncada; two stepdaughters, Melissa and husband, Tony Chandler, and Elizabeth and husband, Mike Fuentes; one stepson, Robert and wife, Susana Paiz; three brothers; three sisters; fifteen grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephew, uncles, and aunts.

A rosary will be held Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral mass will take place on Friday, January 6, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Father Edward de Leon officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Judge John G. Hyde

Judge John Hyde, of Midland, died on January 2, 2012. Born on May 30, 1942, in Abilene, Hyde earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Hardin-Simmons University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of Texas. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, having served in Vietnam in 1969. He served as a District Judge of the 238th District Court for twenty-two years. He taught Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Midland for many years. John always put others before himself. He was kind, thoughtful, witty, humorous, and worked tirelessly for the community. Not only was he a model of dignity and respect in the community, he was the strength and foundation for his family. By his actions he showed the true meaning of living a Christian life. He was an example of self-discipline; always following through with whatever endeavor he began. John was a very self-sacrificing and humble person.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; their daughter, Hillary Lovell and husband, Ryan, their children, Katie Lovell and John Ryan Lovell; also by their daughter, Whitney Hyde; stepmother, Marie Hyde; and brother, Billy Mack Hyde; and sister, Darla Martin and husband, Harvey. He is also survived by four brother and sister-in-laws; Gregor Smith and wife, Sue, Lanny Smith and wife, Clem, Alan Smith and wife, Exa, and Steve Smith and wife, Kaye; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to the First Baptist Church 'Arise & Build' Campaign, or the First Baptist Church Foundation, at 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79701, or the Dr. Richard Kim Scholarship Fund, Hardin Simmons University, 2200 Hickory Street, Abilene, TX 79601-2345.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave., with Dr. Randel Everett, Pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, 4616 N. Big Spring. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Judge Dean Rucker, Judge Robert Moore, Judge Robin Darr, Judge Rodney Satterwhite, Judge Jody Gillis, Judge Willie DuBose, Jon Standifer, and Larry Benningfield. Honorary pallbearers will be John's Sunday School Class from First Baptist Church and the staff of the 238th District Court.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Kathy Ferron

Kathy Ferron passed away early on the morning of January 1, 2012. Kathy spent the majority of her life as a Registered Nurse and long time caregiver at Midland Memorial Hospital and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring.

To those that knew her, she was a vivacious and caring woman, to each person she met, as well as her many beloved animals.

Kathy is preceded in death by her son, Will Ferron and brother, Kenneth Cauble.

She is survived by her brother, Fred Cauble of Fort Worth; cousins, Rick Cauble of Midland, Ron Cauble of San Marcos, Rachel Stewart of Midland, and Mayola Lasiter of Aledo; and many close friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be directed to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701, or The American Society of the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128.

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

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Maria de Jesus Rivera Romero

Maria de Jesus Rivera Romero died January 2, 2012, at the age of 74. She was born in Las Cruces, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Baleriano and Luz Quintana Rivera. In 1961, she met the love of her life, Joe V. Romero, in Midland, TX. They were married 50 years ago, on July 1, 1962. She committed her life to the Lord and was baptized April 8, 1973, in El Paso, by Pastor Manuel Zurita. She, along with her husband as pastor, served the Church of God 7th Day, in Midland, for 32 years. She was the cornerstone of the women's ministry, as well as many other ministerial positions. She loved tending to her garden and her love for cooking was used not only to express her love to her family, but also to serve hundreds of people at youth camps, retreats, and church functions. However, one of her greatest accomplishments came in 2011, when she was sworn in as an American citizen.

She is survived by one brother, Blas Rivera; and six children: Leticia Mancha and husband, Ray Mancha of Midland, Joe Cruz Iglesias and wife, Delma Iglesias of Midland, Ishmael Romero and wife, Michelle Romero of Midland, Cecilia Baker and husband, Geoffrey Baker of Jung, Victoria, Australia, Rose Romero and Emilio Guerrero of Midland, and Isabel Hernandez and husband, Benny Hernandez of San Antonio. In addition she leaves behind 16 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Heavenly Gate Funeral Home (405 N. Terrell St.) on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, and Wednesday January 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., and departing to Serenity Memorial Gardens at 11:30 a.m. A special memorial service will be held Saturday, January 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Church of God 7th Day, 609 N. Dallas, in Midland.

Arrangements were made with Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: heavenlygate@suddenlinkmail.com.

Heavenly Gate
Funeral Home & Chapel
405 N. Terrell Midland, TX · (432) 687-1927

Ruth Martha Raymer Cole

Ruth Martha Raymer Cole was born April 23, 1920 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to Mr. And Mrs. E. Eugene Raymer. She was reared and educated in Fond du Lac, and employed by The J. E. Burke Company and Western Inspection & Adjustment Company.

In 1943 she came to Midland, Texas, to marry Art Cole who was at that time stationed at Midland Army Air Field. They were married in the home of Naomi Lancaster, a longtime supporter of the arts in Midland. During the war years she worked for Fire Companies Adjustment Bureau and Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy & Laughlin.

After overseas duty for Art and at the request of several Midlanders, they returned to Midland and Midland Community Theatre, Inc. was then founded. The theatre eventually had a phenomenal growth, two innovative buildings were built, MCT and Art became nationally and internationally recognized. He was elected President of the International Amateur Theatre Association, a position which "necessitated" their attending theatrical festivities and meetings in Europe for many years. They retired after thirty-five years. In their honor, the theatre building was named "Cole Theatre".

She then became employed by Cibolo Gas, Inc., for seven years.

During her sixty plus years in Midland, she was involved with many organizations as a volunteer, some of which were First Presbyterian Church, Midland County Republican Women, Playreaders Club, West Texas Jazz Society, Midland County Library, Museum of the Southwest, Midland Symphony and Guild, League of Women Voters, Children's Service League, and Elementary school tutoring.

Mrs. Cole died Sunday, January 1, 2012. A memorial service will be scheduled for late January or early February this year. Details for the service and reception will be published when known. [Note that a bottle of Wild Turkey will be present in her honor.]

Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Peg and brother Gene. She is survived by her son, Michael A. Cole of Houston, her daughter, Martha Runkle and husband James D. Runkle of Albuquerque, NM, granddaughter Jennifer Somuk of Albuquerque, granddaughter Claire Cole and her husband Dan Mirsky of Boston, Mass., great granddaughter, Bailey Somuk of Albuquerque and several nieces and nephews.

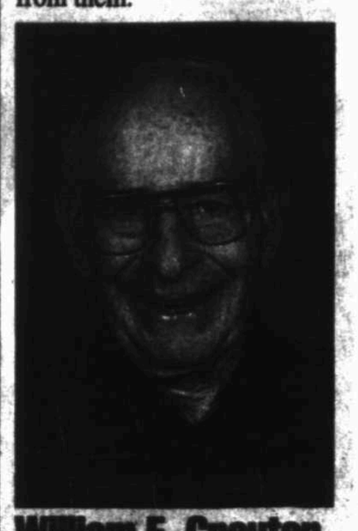
Memorials may be directed to Midland Community Theatre, Inc., Permian Basin Area Foundation, Hospice of Midland, Museum of the Southwest, and Midland College.

The foregoing was penned by Ruth a few years ago, a bit dry, self-effacing and modest. As her children we knew her as anything but dry. She could cry at the drop of a hat, laugh with abandon and tears of delight, revel in the magic of jazz, take an editor to task for grammatical errors while having him over for cocktails, sell a man a car that didn't run, chat up a President's wife to her granddaughter's astonishment, converse with the Dorsey brothers at the Rainbow Room in New York while her shy and reticent husband stayed behind at his table (that's the story we heard), and always serve as the foremost booster of the city she loved without reservation, Midland. Her contributions to MCT, seen and unseen, were invaluable in its evolution and the acclaim which came to it here and abroad. For years and years people would drop in her home for drinks and conversation after 5, our home was always open. You would never think her shy as she so readily engaged visitors in conversation and found delight in sharing a story of Midland or in extending an invitation to "come over afterwards and I'll make us Brandy Alexanders."

An intrepid gardener, even in to her 90th year, she would venture out into 100 degree heat to tend her roses which greeted people as they drove past her West Golf Course home. Whether it was roses, her children, the Theatre, or friends and the children of friends she always took care to nurture, support and encourage them. In equal or greater measure she joyously relished their accomplishments and delighted in their appreciation of her. Her many friends -- who assisted her in chores she could not easily manage and were a constant source of support and kindness -- sustained her in love and her affinity for the community. For all of this she had a grateful heart.

A life long Republican she took delight in conversing with Log Cabin Republican delegates at State conventions and could not understand the intolerance of gays or opposition to a woman's right to choose. At the same time she was not without intolerance for what she perceived as mediocrity, bad grammar, and behavior of which she did not approve, a paradox evidenced in humanity. Behind it at all there was a ferocity about her that sustained great and consistent effort and the achievement of excellence. The light of that ferocity was not easily dimmed, and now may its example live on. Oops, the sentence ended with a preposition. Sorry Mother, we could not resist the temptation.

Fond thanks to Tudy Lambdin in Midland and Lana Hutchinson and the wonderful ladies of Andrew House in Albuquerque, NM., who made all the difference to Ruth in the loving and attentive care she received from them.



William F. Grauten

William F. Grauten, 85, of Bloomington, Illinois, and formerly of Midland, died peacefully at 2:40 a.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011, at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Normal, Illinois.

In accordance with his wishes, he will be cremated. There will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Helping Hands at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Midland.

He was born March 31, 1926, in Evanston, Illinois, the son of Sylvester and Yolande Grauten. He married Gloria Dorband on September 10, 1949, and she preceded him in death on October 17, 1982. He later married Jean D. Urquhart Dunham on February 2, 2002, and she survives in Bloomington.

Also surviving are his children, Linda (Jerry) Doran of Greendale, WI, Kathleen Spindle of Denver, CO, Claudia (Steve) Jantzer of Grand Junction, CO, Laura (Tom) Moore of Indianapolis, IN, and Jeanette (Greg) Paris; eight grandchildren, Patrick and Robert Doran, Vanessa Spindle, Amber Streweler, Ethan Jantzer, Julian and Rachel Paris and William Moore; 6 great-grandchildren; two step-sons, John Handy (Tammy) Dunham, III, deceased and James Urquhart (Peggy) Dunham; five step-grandchildren, Sarah, Kristy, John and Shawn Dunham, and Elizabeth Dunham; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Bill served in the U.S. Navy during WW II and graduated from Northwestern University as a geologist. He was recognized as an authority on fluid relationships in Delaware Mountain sandstone. He began his career in Midland in 1951, where he worked and raised his family until 1969, when he moved to Denver, Colorado. Bill remained in Denver until 1984, at which time he returned to Midland following Gloria's death. After his marriage to Jean, they lived in Midland until December 2011, when they moved to Bloomington, Illinois. He was a member of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists and St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Midland. Bill enjoyed helping people and was active in Helping Hands in Midland.

Death Notices

Francisco Borunda

Francisco Borunda, 85, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Ernestina Borunda; sons, Ricardo Borunda, Efrain Borunda, Martin Borunda, and Jesus Borunda; daughters, Carmen Lydia Sigala and Maria Millan; brothers, Adan Borunda, Carlos Borunda and Filberto Borunda; his sister, Sabina B. Ortega; seventeen grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held today, at 10:00 a.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Guillermo Vazquez

Guillermo Vazquez, 88, of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, January 2, 2012.

He is survived by his wife,

Death Notices

Maria Aguirre Vazquez; sons, Porfirio Vazquez, Guillermo Vazquez, Omar Vazquez, Homero Vazquez and Sergio Vazquez; daughters, Socorro Vazquez and Maria Monseratt Vazquez; eighteen grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held yesterday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment followed at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were made with Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

Louie L. Bell

Louie L. Bell, 83, of Odessa, formerly of Andrews, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2012, at Parks Methodist Care Center in Odessa.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2012, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Lavern Bell; four sons, Steven E. Bell, Kenneth E. Bell , Lewis D. Bell, and Wayman D. Bell; one brother, Douglas Bell; one sister, Alma Clark; six grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

Robert H. "Bob" Long

Robert H. "Bob" Long, 87, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2012, in a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2012, at the Nalley-Plckle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include one son, Russell Long (Jo Anne); one daughter, Russlene Waukechon (John); and five grandchildren.

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

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Coming Sunday

IN WEST TEXAS LIVING

- Managing Editor Mary Dearen hopes 2012 is a year of change for the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- Jim May weighs in on whether it's a good idea to make New Year's resolutions.
- Burr Williams takes readers back to the Llano Estacado of 1860.

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	C	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
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Suburgatory (N)	Modern Family (N)	Happy End. (N)	Revenge "Duress" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	I Get That a Lot		Criminal Minds "25 to Life"		CSI: Crime Scene "Bittersweet"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Brian Williams (N)	(:35) Letterman	(:35) Late.
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Kiss Hello"	The Secret Circle "Beneath"		The Secret Circle "Balcoin"		Cops	"Til Death	King of Queens	South Park	South Park	Roseanne "Girl Talk"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Glee "Purple Piano Project"		Mobbed (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	T1	12	11	11	Dr. Diana Dye	CCM Ministries	Update News	Baruch Ben	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Cardoza Moore	NewBeginning	Dr. Denis Otero
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Up All Night	Whitney	Harry's Law "American Girl"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Lost Traveler"		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Birds of the Gods"		Nova "Deadliest Volcanoes" (SP) (N)		Nova "Deadliest Earthquakes"		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	65			165	(6:30) The Way Ho...		★★ Billy Bathgate Dustin Hoffman.				★★★ Dogville ('03, Thril) Lauren Bacall, Nicole Kidman.					
HBO	300	68	14	14		Real Sports		Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rod...			Bill Maher	Boys	Boys	★★ Red Riding Hood		(:45) Tim	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) The Kids A...		Aunt Diane			1stLook	Cinema Verite Thomas Dekker. (:35)				Dinner for Schmucks	
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:30) ★★★ The Phantom of the Opera				★★★ Unstoppable			Making	★★ Conviction Hilary Swank.		Movie	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:10) The League ...		★★ Knight and Day ('10, Act) Tom Cruise.				★★★ X2: X-Men United Patrick Stewart.				Femme	Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ The Rage: Carrie 2 Emily Bergl.				★★★ Megamind Will Ferrell.				(:40) ★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Act) Martin Lawrence.			
PLEX			96			(:20) Taking Chances ('09, Com) Justin Long.				★ Stroker Ace Burt Reynolds.		(:35) Switching Channels				(:20) To Gillian ...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★★★★ Red ('10, Act) Bruce Willis.				Inside the NFL		Patton Oswalt Finest		Inside the NFL		★★★★ Red	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) Rosencrantz...		Three and Out Mackenzie Crook.				★★★ Relative Strangers				Suck ('10, Com) Alice Cooper.	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Bounty Hunter "Cap and Gown"		Bounty Hunter "And Baby Makes Three"		Bounty "Welcome to the Jungle"		Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI: Miami		★★ Eraser ('96, Act) Arnold Schwarzenegger.						★★ Eraser ('96, Act) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★★★ Ray (2004, Biography) Kerry Washington, Regina King, Jamie Fox.							Game	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Top Chef "Game On"		Chef "Tribute Dinner"		Top Chef (N)		(:15) Top Chef "BBQ Pitt Wars"		Top Chef	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Supermarkets Inc		60 Minutes		American Greed		Mad Money		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Moonshiners		Sons of Guns		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	★★★ The Game Plan				Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Gameday	O. Bowl	Orange	NCAA Football Orange Bowl West Virginia vs. Clemson Site: Sun Life Stadium (L)							Post-gam /(:10) SportC	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Duke vs. Temple (L)				FB Skills Challenge		NFL Live		SportsCenter		NFL Live	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Hairspray			★★ Mamma Mia! ('08, Mus) Meryl Streep.					The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Dodge City"		Restaurant "Villari's"		Rest. "Country Fare"		Rest. "Sullivan's" (N)		Rachael vs. Guy		Rest. "Country Fare"	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Cowboys Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns vs. Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)			Mavs Post (L)		Big 12 Showcase	Cowboys Insider	The After Party	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★★ Hancock ('08, Act) Will Smith.						★★ Hancock ('08, Act) Will Smith.		★ Deuce Bigalow:...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	HouseH	Income	Income	Cousins	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Income	Cousins
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Meltzer/ Decoded (N)		Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		America's Supernanny		Wife Swap	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost "Stage Fright"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		The Office	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) The Great ...		★★★ Gaslight ('44, Thril) Ingrid Bergman.				★★★★ National Velvet Elizabeth Taylor.				(:15) The Picture ...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Flor salvaje		La casa de al lado		Noticiero	Sin senos	no paraiso	Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Extreme Coupon	Couponing All-Stars	Hoarding: Buried Alive "Tiny Monsters"		Toddlers & Tiaras "Storybook Pageant"		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras "Storybook Pageant"		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Chattel"		Law & Order "Damaged"		Law & Order "Access Nation"		Leverage "The Gold Job"		CSI: NY "Yahrzeit"		CSI: NY "Greater Good"	
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Reading local: 2011 titles with strong Texas connection

By Maggie Galehouse
Houston Chronicle

We are encouraged to buy local and regional in grocery stores and farmers' markets. Why not buy books with the same philosophy — to support Texas authors, stories and presses? All the 2011 books listed below have a strong Texas connection. Happy reading!

■ "Before Versailles" by Karleen Koen. (Crown Publishing Group) Meet Louis XIV as a young man, before Versailles. Houston writer Karleen Koen explores the forces that shaped the iconic king and determined the fate of an empire.

■ "Black Like Me 50th Anniversary Edition" by John Howard Griffin. (Wings Press).White Texan John Howard Griffin dyed his skin black and set off on a life-changing journey through the Deep South in 1959. Over several weeks, he searched for work, made friends, suffered physical threats and rode in the back of the bus as a black man. Griffin described his journey in "Black Like Me" (1961), a book that stands apart as a singular project on race.

■ "The Bush Legacy" by David Elliot Cohen. (Sterling) The story of a political dynasty in photographs, from privileged childhood to the Oval Office.

■ "The Captain Asks for a Show of Hands" by Nick Flynn. (Graywolf Press) Poets long have testified the world's problems are also problems for language. The relationship between world and word becomes a need to find language and forms fit for experience. This need is at the heart of Nick Flynn's third collection. A professor in the University of Houston Creative Writing Program, Flynn offers poetry appropriate to our time, an era of sanctioned torture and protracted wars.

■ "Crazy From the Heat: A Chronicle of Twenty Years in the Big Bend" by James H. Evans. (University of Texas Press). This photography book offers landscapes and panoramas — in both black and white, and color — of the biggest state park in Texas. People, plants, animals, objects, even an "exploded view" of 'Shirley's Fried Pie'.make this collection personal and universal.

■ "David & Lee Roy: A Vietnam Story" by David L. Nelson and Randolph B. Schiffer. (Texas Tech University Press) This is a story about two pals from West Texas whose lives took different paths in the turbulent 1960s. A poignant memoir that describes war, friendship, choices and regret.

■ "Diplomacy and Diamonds: My Wars From the Ballroom to the Battlefield" by Joanne King Herring. (Center Street) The subtitle of this new book from Herring — who was played by Julia Roberts in the film Charlie Wilson's War — elaborates on its theme. Herring describes her three marriages, her ups and downs with money and her role in persuading the U.S. government to give covert aid to Afghanistan during the Cold War.

■ "Feathering Deep" by Dave Parsons. (Texas Review Press) The third collection from the current Texas Poet Laureate takes readers to Austin in the turbulent 1960s; to sublime Hill Country streams; to Montana's Mystic Lake and Indian battle grounds; and to the cerebral landscape between reality and the possible.

■ "For the Love of Texas" (Washington on the Brazos State Park Association) More than 30 former presidents, first ladies, sports stars and other Texas celebrities write about their love for the Lone Star state to accompany photos taken in Washington County. Tim Wolcott took photos for the book commemorating the 175th anniversary of Texas. Copies can be ordered at www.loveoftexas175.com.

■ "The Gap Year" by Sarah Bird. (Knopf) In one corner, Cam Lightsey, a divorced suburban mother of one whose fight skills include loaded questions, hurt looks and an alternate ego, Zen Mama. In the opposing corner stands her 17-year-old daughter, Aubrey, whose sparring technique relies on eye-rolling, sarcasm and sullen silences. The prize: Aubrey's future. This is the latest from Austin writer Sarah Bird.

TUMBLEWEED

From 1B

Mostly he rode mules to hunt the mountain lions.

"I had about a dozen head of really top mules I trained them myself. I put on a good hunt. My hunters didn't leave here without a lion. Those hunters would fly into Midland or El Paso and rent a car. They'd come into Balmorhea and get a room. I'd pick them up in my pickup pulling a trailer with the mules and dogs in it. We'd go to where we were going to hunt, turn the dogs loose and away we would go. The largest lion I ever got was seven feet, six inches," he said.

Moore had a way of knowing where the lions would be.

"I kept goats in pens around and those lions would come kill a goat. They always come back to a kill. When they'd get a goat, I'd be there the next morning with my hunters and dogs," he said.

Jim used a booking agent in Chicago to get hunters to come to West Texas.

"The hunts didn't last long, maybe a day or two, because the hunters were pretty high powered people and didn't have time to come out here and fool around, ride around these mountains for a week. We'd skin the lions because all the hunters wanted was the hide so they could hang it on a wall or put it on a floor. We shot a lot of them in a tree or on a bluff. A lion will go to the roughest place he can get to."

Moore had a camera man along to video all the hunts. He says that's what really sold the hunts. He used a .22 pistol to shoot the lions, saying it was light and besides that, it doesn't take much to kill a lion if you shoot it right behind the foreleg. His hunters used bigger guns.

"Lot of them would bring these great big cannons. I was getting big bucks so I didn't care what kind of gun they had. Both my ears are still ringing. Some of these guys would get excited while they were right behind me and fire those big things," he said.

Moore says the best time to hunt mountain lions is during cold weather.

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FOOD

From 1B

Leslie's Favorite Chicken and Wild Rice Casserole

Submitted by Judy Daily

2 (6.2 ounce) packages fast-cooking long grain and wild rice mix (Uncles Ben's brand)
1/4 cup butter or margarine
4 celery ribs, chopped
2 medium onions, chopped
2 (8 oz.) cans sliced water chestnuts, drained
5 cups chopped cooked chicken
4 cups (1 lb.) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
2 cans cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
2 (8 oz.) containers sour cream
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 (2.25 oz.) package sliced almonds, toasted

Prepare rice mixes according to package directions. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat; add celery and onion. Cook for 10 minutes or until tender. Stir in water chestnuts, rice, chicken, 3 cups cheese, and next 5 ingredients.

Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 15 x 10-inch baking dish or a 4-quart dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese and almonds; bake 5 more minutes. Makes over 12 servings.

You can divide this casserole evenly between 2 (11 x 7-inch) baking dishes. Bake as directed or freeze up to 1 month. Remove from freezer, and let stand at room temperature 1 hour. Bake, covered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 55 more minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese and almonds, and bake 5 more minutes.

Beef and Potato Casserole

Submitted by Pat Hayes

4 cups frozen Tater Tots
1 pound ground beef
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped broccoli (thawed)
1 can (2.8 ounce) French fried onions
1 medium tomato, chopped (optional)
1 can cream of celery soup
1/3 cup milk
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Place potatoes on the bottom and up sides of a 9 x 13 casserole. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Brown beef. Drain. Place beef, broccoli, 1/2 can onions and tomatoes in potato shell. Combine soup and milk, 1/2 cup cheese and seasonings. Pour over beef mixture. Bake covered at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Top with remaining cheese and onions. Bake uncovered 2 to 3 minutes longer.

Vanilla Wafer Cake

Submitted by Jerrye Jackson

Cake:
1 cup oleo or butter
2 cups sugar
6 eggs
1 12-ounce box vanilla wafers, crushed
1 7-ounce can flaked coconut
1 cup chopped nuts

Cream Cheese Icing:
1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 stick oleo or butter
1 box powdered sugar, sifted
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup nuts

To make cake, cream butter or oleo, and sugar; add well-beaten eggs. Add crushed vanilla wafers; fold in coconut and chopped pecans (or other nuts). Pour into a greased and floured stem pan. Bake at 275 for one hour and 30 minutes. Cool before icing.

For icing, cream package of cream cheese and butter or oleo thoroughly, add powdered sugar and vanilla. Cream until smooth. Add nuts. Spread over cake.

Jerrye's daughter, Bonita Clark, won 1st place in the 4H Food Show in Haskell in 1971 with this cake recipe.

Favorite Blueberry Muffins

Submitted by Carmen Edwards

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup reduced fat milk
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 large egg, slightly beaten
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray muffin pan with no-stick cooking spray. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, allspice and salt in medium bowl. Make a well in the center. In small bowl, combine and mix the milk, oil, lemon and orange peel, vanilla and egg. Pour into dry ingredients and mix just until moist. Gently fold in the blueberries. Divide batter evenly among 12 muffin cups and bake for 18-20 minutes or until brown. Let cool a few minutes in pan before removing.

Banana Pudding Supreme

Submitted by Gloria Hernandez

1 package (8-ounces) cream cheese
1 can 14-ounces Sweetened Condensed Milk
1 package (5 1/2 ounces) Instant vanilla pudding mix
1-2 cups milk
1 carton (16-ounces) non-dairy whipped topping
4 to 6 large bananas (sliced)
1 12-ounce box vanilla wafers

In blender, cream cheese until smooth. Stir in condensed milk, pudding and gradually stir in milk 1/2 cup at a time. For thicker mixture, use less milk. Fold in half carton of whipped topping. In large glass casserole pan, start with layers of pudding, and then top with wafers, then sliced bananas. Repeat layers and top with remaining whipped topping. Chill before serving.

Banana Cream Pie

Submitted by Clara McGrath

1 (9-inch) deep dish baked pastry shell
3 medium bananas
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice and zest
Sweetened whipped cream

Slice three bananas, arrange in the pie shell. Beat cream cheese in small mixer bowl on medium speed until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in milk until well blended. Beat in lemon juice and zest. Pour into pie shell. Freeze until firm. Serve with whipped cream or Cool Whip.

Jalapeno Poppers

Submitted by Valerie Brewer

22 jalapenos sliced and seeded
2 to 3 8-ounce cream cheese
a little chili powder to color cream cheese
bacon, slicing each piece into fourths

Mix cream cheese with chili powder. Use spatula and fill peppers with cheese mix. Place bacon slice around this with a toothpick inserted at an angle to hold and use as a handle on appetizer trays. Place on aluminum foil covered cookie sheets and bake in a 425 degree oven for 45 minutes.

Bohemian Coffee Cake

Submitted by Beverly McClatchy

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon soda
1 cup pecans
1 cup coconut

Mix sugars, oil, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Mix dry ingredients and add to batter. Add pecans and coconut. Blend well. Cook in a greased and floured Bundt pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Submitted by Therma Defer

4 boneless chicken breasts, cooked and cubed
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 cup milk
1 (10 1/2-ounce) package tortilla chips
1 (4-ounce) can green chilies, drained
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

In mixing bowl, combine chicken, soup and milk together. In ungreased 13x9-inch dish, layer tortilla chips, half of chicken mixture, green chilies and cheese; repeat layers ending with cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 for 25 minutes. (Cut ingredients in half for two people).

Some Texans search for Bigfoot while others dismiss possibility

Popular Animal Planet series 'Finding Bigfoot' begins new season

By Lana Berkowitz
Houston Chronicle

Bigfoot. Sasquatch. Skunk Ape. Yowie. Yeti. Abominable Snowman. In Texas you may have heard of the Caddo Creature, the Lake Worth Monster/Goat-Man or the Liberty County Monkey Man.

There are many names for the hairy humanlike creature that walks on two legs and has eluded searchers for decades. Even Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot" series has been unable to find the ape-man typically described as being 6 to 8 feet tall, with a massive, bulky build.

The "Finding Bigfoot" crew has not visited Texas yet, but something is out there deep in the Big Thicket, say members of Texas groups dedicated to hunting the beast.

Ken Gerhard of the Gulf Coast Bigfoot Research Organization hasn't ever seen one, but he thinks technology will help solve the mystery.

"I have been immersed in Sasquatch research for a number of years, and I can tell you in my mind a mountain of evidence supports the existence of these creatures," Gerhard said. When hunting season ends, he will return to the woods to look for tracks, hair and habitations and to listen for vocalizations at night.

There have been sightings along the Trinity River corridor, and a cast of a suspected Bigfoot track was made in Sam Houston National Forest, said Gerhard, a San Antonio cryptozoologist who co-wrote "Monsters of Texas" (CFZ, $16.99) with Nick Redfern.

Texas is in the top 10 states for Bigfoot sightings, Gerhard said, outranked only by Washington, California, Oregon, Ohio and Florida.

"Eventually someone is going to come up with some evidence, although it is very frustrating that we have not found a body yet," he said. "And it is a very good argument against Bigfoot's existence."

Exactly, said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which discounts the idea of Bigfoot running around the woods. Someone would have found some verifiable piece of evidence by now, TPWD biologists contend.

"The theory is that with as much traffic as there is in East Texas that sooner or later a Bigfoot would not stop, look and listen and make the mistake of walking out into traffic and become the victim of a hit-and-run," Cox said. Or a hunter would shoot one mistakenly.

Search for Bigfoot

Finding Bigfoot

Finding Bigfoot's first season averaged 1.2 million viewers, making it cable channel Animal Planet's third most popular series behind River Monsters and Whale Wars, but still ahead of Hillbilly Handfishin'.
When: New season begins at 9 p.m. Jan. 1.
Channel: Animal Planet

Texas Bigfoot Hunters

Join the search. Texas Bigfoot Research Conservancy: Conducts research mainly in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. TBRC also hosts the annual fall Texas Bigfoot Conference in Tyler. www.texasbigfoot.com.
Gulf Coast Bigfoot Research Organization: Investigates Bigfoot findings in the Southern region. gcbro.com

Texas has 180 known mammals ranging from bats to white tail deer, Cox said. Bigfoot is lumped with the cryptids, legendary creatures.

Bigfoot makes TPWD's top 3 cryptid list. The department gets more calls about chupacabra, which biologists think are mangy coyotes, Cox said. Bigfoot, which they call pure folklore, ranks No. 2. Then there are sightings of lechuzas, usually along the border and generally thought to be swooping owls in the night sky, not swooping witches.

As a student of Texas history and mythology and a hunter, Cox appreciates the intrigue of the Bigfoot story.

"I've been out in some pretty desolate places in the pursuit of game, so it has crossed my mind: What would I do if I was sitting up in a deer blind and ... waiting to see a big buck come out of the brush and instead I saw another creature come out. But it hasn't happened yet to me," he said. "It's fun to imagine what might be there."

Biological sciences professor Jeffrey Meldrum of Idaho State University is convinced Sasquatch is not a myth.

Meldrum, who dislikes the tabloid connotations of the name Bigfoot, studies primate comparative anatomy, especially footprint evidence. From tracks he has analyzed, Meldrum leans toward the hypothesis Sasquatch is a species of large ape. Yet the creature does not exhibit evidence of material culture or use of tools, fire or home bases.

The author of Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science (Forge Books, $16.99) says the popularity of the Finding Bigfoot TV series makes researchers more skeptical of Bigfoot reports.

"You have to be careful. I have been out with people for whom every overturned rock, every bent twig, every bump in the night is attributed to Bigfoot," he said.

Vaughn M. Bryant, professor of anthropology at Texas A&M University, became involved in Bigfoot research in the early 1970s at Washington State University, an area where Bigfoot is a tourist attraction.

Although he is open to possibilities, Bryant said he can't be a Bigfoot believer without physical evidence. "Photos and footprints are not enough. They can and have been faked fairly effectively," Bryant said.

His specialty is paleo nutrition and the study of coprolites, or fossilized feces.

"Quite frankly, I have tried to get out of the Bigfoot-poop business because it is very time consuming and didn't really lead anywhere productive," Bryant said. At A&M he is studying excrement found in the Paisley Caves of Oregon that is 12,000 years or older.

Plus, he noted, most universities don't encourage their professors to publicly ponder Sasquatch.

"If you are in academia, if you start talking about Bigfoot, people start to wonder: Has this guy lost his mind or what?" Bryant said.

Lyle Blackburn, a member of the Texas Bigfoot Research Conservancy, has heard snickers when he is asked: "Do you believe in Bigfoot?"

It is a question that provokes the author of the upcoming "The Beast of Boggy Creek: True Story of the Fouke Monster." "Belief implies some sort of faith. Either the animal exists or it doesn't. There's no faith to it," Blackburn said.

The Bedford resident described Bigfoot as one of the larger mysteries of the world. "The point is, I like camping and I like hunting and I like mysteries, and it sort of combines all that," he said.

"It's not about the end goal always. It's about meeting people, having fun and hearing some really cool stories. So if you look at it that way, it's an interesting subject, and if turns out to be true, all the better."

Zoo keepers look for love for Patrick the gorilla

By David Flick
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — After a lonely bachelor existence, a long-term relationship may finally be in Patrick's future.

But first he has to learn some manners.

Patrick, the Dallas Zoo's 21-year-old lowland gorilla, does not have a good track record for courting the ladies.

A few years ago, two females — Tufani from the Cincinnati Zoo and Makena from Disney's Animal Kingdom — were brought in as prospective partners.

The first time Patrick was introduced to Makena, he bit her on the leg.

It was boorish, even for a gorilla, but not entirely Patrick's fault, said Lynn Kramer, the zoo's deputy director. "Makena was partly raised by humans and wasn't familiar with gorilla etiquette."

Normally, females will stay out of the way of a mature male, known as a silverback. She didn't.

"Patrick overreacted," Kramer said. "In any case, it clearly wasn't working out."

It wasn't the first time Patrick had exhibited antisocial behavior.

When zoo staffers gave Patrick toys to play with, he would tear them up and eat them. He was known to throw rocks at the observation glass.

"I'm told he has a thing for women with toenail polish. If visitors stand outside the exhibit with painted toenails, he'll tap the glass and point," Kramer said. "I've never seen that myself."

In any case, Tufani and Makena were shipped to the Kansas City Zoo in Missouri. In the years that followed, Patrick spent much of his time alone or, more recently, as part of a bachelor gorilla troop zoo officials are putting together.

Now, zoo officials are trying once again to improve Patrick's social skills.

Earlier this year, Kramer received approval from the Species Survival Commission, which oversees the placement of endangered animals, to temporarily acquire two new female gorillas.

Madge, 30, and Shanta, 15, arrived in Dallas from the Cincinnati Zoo last month and are in temporary quarantine.

Maria Ross, a Dallas Zoo mammal keeper, spent time at the Cincinnati Zoo observing their behavior before bringing them down to meet Patrick.

Unlike Dallas, the Cincinnati Zoo has a large troop, where the two females were well-schooled in proper primate behavior. Ross said.

"They're used to silverbacks; they'll know how to act," she said. "They'll be nonconfrontational, but they'll stand their ground."

Kramer said he believes like a lot of troublesome young males, Patrick is a product of a poor upbringing.

Born in the Bronx Zoo, he was hand-raised by humans, Kramer said. Once in Dallas, he was partnered with Jabari, another young male gorilla. After Jabari was killed by Dallas police during an escape in 2004 that injured three zoo visitors, Patrick spent years largely by himself.

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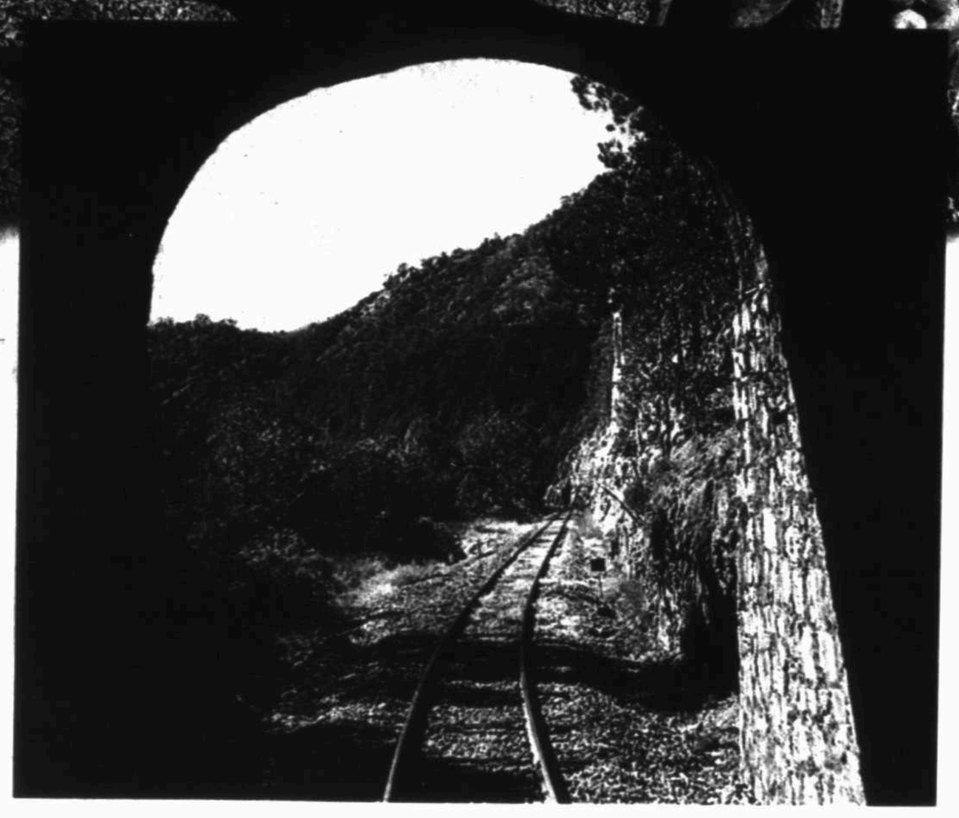

Tarahumara women, in top photo, peddle goods to passengers of El Chepe, Nov. 9, 2011, along the railway that connects Los Mochis to Chihuahua, Mexico. ABOVE: A track is seen from the caboose of El Chepe. LEFT: A Tarahumara woman poses Nov. 10, while selling goods in front of the Posada Barrancas Mirador hotel in Divisadero, Mexico.

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MEXICO

From 1B

stay, Batopilas was peaceful to the point of being comatose.

As I wandered through the narrow streets, men tipped their cowboy hats in deference, young couples and children posed amiably for photographs, and museum guides and hotel owners alike were eager to educate me on the town's rich mining and Indian cultural history.

Frankly, the scariest part of my trip was getting there, in a small van that for much of the 4 1/2-hour trip swerved, bounced and braked as it made a precipitous descent from nearly 7,900 feet to 1,840 feet on unpaved, switchback roads with no guardrails.

Then there was a different type of scare, one that I chose: I zip lined at heights of up to nearly 1,500 feet over the Copper Canyon and tap-danced across two wobbly hanging bridges, albeit while wearing a helmet and being firmly attached to a steel cable that would prevent me from catapulting over the edge and into the depths below.

The scenery was thrilling too: The cliffs of the 5,900-foot-deep Batopilas Canyon glowed red in the sun, sharp-edged mountain peaks repeated themselves in a visual bluish echo far into the distance, and a brown river that from above looked to be the width of a thread twisted its way across the canyon floor.

During my one-night stay at the Copper Canyon, a gorge named for the entire range, a full white, button-size moon rose above cliffs darkening into silhouettes of themselves as a dying sun infused horizontal cloud strips with pink and orange blush.

The Posada Barrancas Mirador hotel literally is built on the rim of the canyon. In the past, it was jammed with tourists, but I was one of only 17 guests on a night in early November. That meant the Mirador's "happy hour with a view" felt less like a money-making diversion for tourists and more like a small, pleasant gathering of friends. As I sat in a comfy leather chair sipping a local grain alcohol known as Sotol in front of a fireplace, I could fantasize that this was my own private lodge to which I had invited a few guests for a quiet evening.

"Usually this time of year, we'd have about 120 people here," said the hotel's client services manager, David Varela, referring to the large groups of U.S. tourists who have always been the region's biggest clients. Back in the good days, Varela noted, every season was "high season," with the exception of August and September.

But the global economic crisis, the 2009 swine flu scare, and a steady increase in and attention to Mexico's drug-related violence have devastated tourism throughout the entire Copper Canyon. Now Americans stay away while Mexicans, who never had much interest in visiting the region, are starting to respond to a nationwide campaign urging citizens to explore their country, Varela said. Still, he says this isn't nearly enough to make up for the overall loss.

To those who stay away out of fear, I would simply say: Don't.

First of all, el Chepe (the train) is patrolled by heavily armed state police officers who are there to stop any potential robberies or assaults. You take one look at them and you know they mean business. One of them, Hugo Sergio Guerrero Lazo ("guerrero" means warrior, by the way), told me he hasn't seen any problems during the 2 1/2 years he's been on the job.

Second, if you decide to take one of the hundreds of hiking trails or to camp in canyon sites far from the train tracks, hire a guide who knows the area. There are plenty of them and they are all looking for work.

In the lovely colonial city of El Fuerte in the Pacific state of Sinaloa, a guide led me down the El Rio in a small wooden boat he rowed himself while rattling off the names of myriad winged species — egrets, blue herons, hawks, cardinals, ospreys and cranes among them — that literally flock to this internationally known bird sanctuary.

He tied the boat to a tree overhanging a riverbank and led me traipsing through bush and bramble until we reached hilltop boulders marked by petroglyphs, symbolic drawings of sun gods, plumed serpents, mystical coyotes and shamans believed to have to have been etched by the Nahautl Indians hundreds of years ago.

For my zip line tour, I and a half-dozen others took transportation arranged by the Mirador hotel to a state-run park, where we were met and escorted by guides.

In the town of Creel, The 3 Amigos tour company connected me with a guide descended from the Tarahumara Indians, who live in large numbers throughout the Copper Canyon. He took me to see giant stones sculpted by nature into whimsical shapes in the aptly named Valley of the Mushrooms and Frogs and Valley of the Monks.

If you're feeling adventurous, The 3 Amigos and other outlets rent bikes, scooters and four-wheel drives and provide maps for self-guided trips. I met a U.S. and Australian man, each traveling separately, who'd run into each other the day before and decided to ride mountain bikes together down the dusty switchbacks into the Batopilas Canyon. They arrived hours later than expected due to multiple punctured tires, but agreed the trip was amazing.

As a woman traveling alone, however, I found the best way to explore the Copper Canyon was to jump on and off el Chepe and stay in hotels built specifically along the route for train travelers.

Nearly every day of the journey, I met people from all over the world who agreed with me: This trip is worth taking.

If You Go ...

Copper Canyon: http://www.visitmexico.com/en-us/copper-canyon

El Chepe: http://www.chepe.com.mx/english/index.html. In late fall and early winter, take the route that starts in Los Mochis and ends in Chihuahua; otherwise it will be too dark to see some of the best canyon views.

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- Posada Barrancas Mirador in Posada Barrancas, http://hotelesbalderrama.com/mirador.htm
- Casa Real de Minas in Batopilas: http://www.sierramadrelodges.com/Real_de_Minas_Hotel.html
- Best Western The Lodge at Creel http://www.thelodgeatcreel.com/
- Quality Inn San Francisco in Chihuahua: http://www.qualityinnchihuahua.com/

Batopilas: http://www.visitbatopilas.com/

Tips: Because of the Copper Canyon's wide range of altitudes, weather varies dramatically, from hot summerlike temperatures to near freezing. Some tour groups only accept cash, so be sure to get it in Chihuahua, Los Mochis or El Fuerte; don't count on ATMs.

Road trip tips to keep you moving in the right direction

By Helen Anders
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — If you're planning a road trip, here are five quick ideas to help make getting there half the fun, or at least not an exercise in agony:

1. Consider renting a car for your road trip. It's a good option if you don't trust your car to get you there, if your car's a gas guzzler and you want to save on fuel, or if you just want to avoid wear and tear on your personal car. Call around and look online at various rental companies. Often, one quote will mysteriously be hundreds of dollars less than the others.

2. If you're driving your own car, get it serviced before you go. Make sure your oil's good, your tires are roadworthy (and properly inflated), your windshield wiper fluid's full. If there's one thing worse than "I'm booooored" on the road, it's the same chorus in the waiting room of an auto repair shop. Make sure you have a spare tire and the tools to change it with. And, um, do you know how to use those?

3. You know to bring along activities — card games, an iPad, a portable DVD player and other distractions — for the back seat crowd. But also consider board games for those nights in a hotel along the way. And do pack bathing suits, just in case you run into a pool you want to enjoy. (One of the advantages of taking the car is you can take pretty much anything you want to take.)

4. If you don't have a GPS device, remember to take maps. Even if you've driven to your destination a thousand times, construction could make you want to hunt down a new route.

5. Take along water and healthy snacks so you won't be tempted to stop at Dairy Queen for a Blizzard. Don't think you'll be in the car long enough to need snacks? Think again. You never know when children will get hungry.

6. Keep a camera in the car at all times. The one time you don't have it is when you'll want it. (Hey, isn't that Willie Nelson walking his dog on the side of Interstate 35?)

SELFLESS SERVICE

Sandra Rybicki, far left, and other volunteers load boxes with food items Dec. 19, 2011, to be delivered to area families as part of First Baptist Church's White Christmas. LEFT: Diana Persons loads boxes as part of First Baptist Church's White Christmas.

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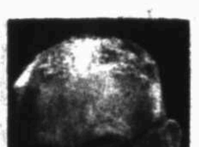
NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS



"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

New year allows time to plant variety of vegetables

Dear Neil: What are some good, heat-tolerant vegetables I can grow here? It gets so hot in the summer. I know about black-eyed peas and okra.

Answer: Those certainly are two of the very best crops for the middle of a Texas summer. But, owing to the fact we are just beginning a new gardening year, I'd really encourage you to plant any vegetable you want to grow (very few exceptions). All you have to do is hit their proper planting time, and they'll all mature before temperatures get too hot. Granted, you may not have peak production in the middle of the summer, but you'll have good spring and fall crops. For starters, onions and snap peas are planted six to eight weeks before the last killing freeze date. Broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower and Irish potatoes are planted four to six weeks ahead. Leafy and root vegetables are planted two to four weeks ahead of that date in your area. Corn, tomatoes, squash, melons, beans and peppers can be planted on the average date of the final killing frost in your area and up to two or three weeks later. Eggplants, southern peas, okra and sweet potatoes are generally planted four weeks after the average date of the last killing freeze.

Dear Neil: What is this weed that is taking over my bermuda lawn? More importantly, what can I use to eliminate it?

Answer: It was difficult to tell specifically from your photos, but that really isn't important. To answer you, I needed to know if it is a grassy weed, or if it's a broadleafed weed. It's a textbook example of a broadleafed weed, and therefore, a broadleafed weedkiller containing 2,4-D will eliminate it. You'll need to spray on a still day, when temperatures are at or above 70 degrees, and when no rain is expected for at least 48 hours. Don't mow for a week before or after you treat. Use a sprayer that applies the herbicide in a fairly fine size of droplets, and be patient. It will take 10 or 15 days for it to have maximum effect on the weeds.

Dear Neil: My daughter turns seven in January, and she would like to have a tree planted on her birthday. It would be in our very sunny back yard, and she wants one with pretty flowers. She wants a desert willow. Any thoughts?

Answer: Many people do like desert willows, although they're more shrubs than they are shade trees. They also tend to be a bit unpredictable in their growth habits. You might also show her Little Gem or Teddy Bear magnolias. They're both evergreen trees, and each is a dwarf version of the standard southern magnolia. Little Gem grows to 30 feet tall and 20 feet wide. Teddy Bear, although its leaves are larger, grows to about half the size of Little Gem. A tall tree-form crape myrtle also could be pretty. However, like the desert willow, it would be bare at this time of year. With my own grandkids, I use tree-planting as a time of teaching. I like to encourage them to plant for permanence, and nothing outlasts lovely oaks like Shumard red oak, chinquapin oak or bur oak. But, oaks' flowers aren't at all showy. You'll have to follow your heart in helping her choose. Hopefully, that will give you some things to work on. Please tell her "Happy Birthday!"

Dear Neil: We can't get our persimmon tree to bear fruit. It's 5 years old and a neighbor's tree next door is loaded every year. What might the remedies be?

Answer: There are several possibilities. Your tree may just be much younger. Fruit trees often grow vegetatively for several years before they bear their first fruits. Your tree may be in a different amount of sunlight, perhaps less, or you may have a different variety altogether. Make sure your tree blooms at the same time as your neighbor's, and be certain you have lots of bee activity to pollinate it. Keep it moist at all times. Persimmons will abort fruit when they're allowed to get too dry.

Dear Neil: How many times will I need to plan to fertilize my yard this summer? It's been neglected for several years while our house was being rented.

Answer: St. Augustine and common bermuda should be fertilized every eight to 10 weeks with a quality slow-release lawn food. Hybrid bermudas are fertilized more often, but with less food at a time. Your first feeding should come two to four weeks after the average date of your last killing freeze. Avoid feeding St. Augustine in the middle of the summer.

Dear Neil: When and how should I transplant my lantana? Also, where can I get a schedule for spraying my fruit trees? I know it's rather involved.

Answer: Lantana can be dug and divided just as it starts its spring growth. Don't try to get too many plants from each crown, however. It's easier just to root cuttings in May or June if you want many new plants. Look online for the Texas A&M fruit and pecan spray schedule. The Horticulture Department's website is www.aggiehorticulture.com.

On branches 1 inch and larger safety pre-cuts can be made to keep the pruner and tree safer. Start by making the first cut on the bottom side of the branch several inches away from the final target cut. Cut about one third of the way through the branch. The second cut should be made just about an inch outside the first cut on top of the branch. The weight of the branch will cause the branch to break off between these two cuts. This way the pruner is not having to hold the weight of the branch and concentrate on making a good cut. After the weight of the branch is removed, the pruner can make a good target cut without having to hold the branch or accidently dropping the branch and peeling the bark off.

The branch bark ridge on the top and bottom of the branch have been enhanced with a marker for visibility. Another line has been drawn on the limb just outside the branch collar. These two areas are essential for wound closure and shouldn't be cut into.

The final target cut will result in quick closure and less chance of decay.

Size, shape of cuts matter when pruning

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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The focus of this column lately has been pruning education and how important it is whether you do it yourself or hire a professional. This week, let's focus on size.

Size and shape of tree

Start pruning trees when they are young. Young trees trained through pruning cuts will be stronger and have fewer structural problems once they reach maturity. Young trees grow faster, recover quicker and can tolerate heavier pruning than a middle or mature age tree.

When training a young tree, always keep the bottom third of the tree in trunk or stem tissue and the top two thirds of the tree in leafy branches. Maintaining this ratio will keep a healthy leaf crop per tree and a visually aesthetic balance.

Size and shape of cuts

Pruning cuts should be kept at about 2 inches or smaller in diameter. Properly made 2-inch cuts are less subject to decay and failure than 4-inch and larger cuts.

When a cut is made it should be round, not oval. An oval cut means you've cut too close to the tree and created a larger wound, removed the branch collar (BC) and damaged the branch bark ridge (BBR). The BC and BBR are essential for quick and proper wound closure and prevention of decay.

Make your cut outside the BBR and just outside the BC. The resulting would should be round, not oval. Because you are cutting just outside the BC there will be a slight stub. Never leave true stubs or lob off a branch in random manner. Always remove branches and side branches at the trunk or the parent branch. This type of cut is very help for thinning and crown reduction pruning.

Size of pruning equipment

A good pair of hand pruners can easily make 1/2-inch and smaller diameter cuts. Loppers can make 3/4-inch cuts and smaller. Pole pruners make poor quality cuts, so use them with care. A good pruning saw can be used to cut branches 3 inches and smaller in diameter. Larger cuts can be made with pruning saws, but may take some time and muscle. Cuts 1 inch and larger in diameter should be removed with the three cut safety method. A chain saw is dangerous and should be avoided unless you have extensive experience with one. Accidents are most likely when the pruner is a novice, standing on a ladder or any unsteady platform and holding the chainsaw above the head. As the blade goes through the limb, it kicks back.

If you would like to learn more about pruning, consider the Permian Basin Master Gardener Program. You'll learn much more about pruning as well as trees, botany, entomology, soils, landscape design, Earth-Kind Gardening, irrigation, rainwater harvesting, vegetable gardening and more.

Master Gardeners are citizens who complete the intensive and rewarding Master Gardener Training. They work with Texas AgriLife Extension Service by volunteering to help with the Extension Horticulture Program in Ector/Midland and surrounding areas.

The Permian Basin Master Gardener Program orientation is 9 a.m. Jan. 11, at the Permian Basin Readiness Center at Air Terminal. Classes are held on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 18 and concluding April 18. Cost is $225. Master Card and Visa are accepted. Applications are due the day of the orientation. If you cannot attend the orientation, be sure to contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 432-498-4071 or visit www.westtexasgardening.org.

Back at the tree, before you cut or before you let anyone else cut, do your pruning homework.

Perseverance pays off in Bulldogs' win

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

ODESSA — Midland High coach Justin Hardin saw a quality in the Bulldogs on Tuesday he's been aching to see this season.

After surrendering a substantial halftime lead in the third period to Odessa High, the Bulldogs proved they could persevere long enough to rally, retake the lead and eventually win their first District 3-5A game of the season 61-50 at Odessa High Field House.

"That was the first time we've showed perseverance all year," Hardin said. "It's a trait my team last season had. My guys showed that (Tuesday). It's a big deal for me and my staff because we've been striving for them to have that perseverance, fighting through adversity."

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Midland High held a 28-17 lead at halftime, but watched the Bronchos whittle away at the 11-point advantage throughout the third period. Odessa High embarked on a 19-1 run over a 3:40 span in the third, pulling out to a 38-31 lead with 1:13 left in the period.

Aaron McMaryion started the rally with an old-fashioned three-point play at the 4:53 mark, pulling the Bronchos within 30-22. Jacob Herndon then got a floater to fall, which was followed by back-to-back buckets by Brian Brewster, cutting Midland High's lead to 30-28.

McMaryion, who led Odessa High with 18 points, gave the Bronchos their first lead, 31-30, since early in the first period at the 2:31 mark of the third, converting his second old-fashioned three-point play of the frame. The play started with McMaryion stealing the ball on Midland High's end, then going end to end and making a contested layup during which he drew a foul.

Isaiah Deary followed with a 3-pointer for a 34-30 Odessa High advantage. After Midland High senior T.J. Brown managed to make just 1-of-3 free throw attempts, the Bronchos continued to rally when Jori Brannon scored. McMaryion capped the run with a putback bucket for a 38-31 Odessa High advantage with 1:13 left in the third.

The Bulldogs countered with a 5-0 run in the final 43 seconds of the third, which included a 3-pointer by Brown and field goal by Austin Watson after Donavon Lee found him open with a nice

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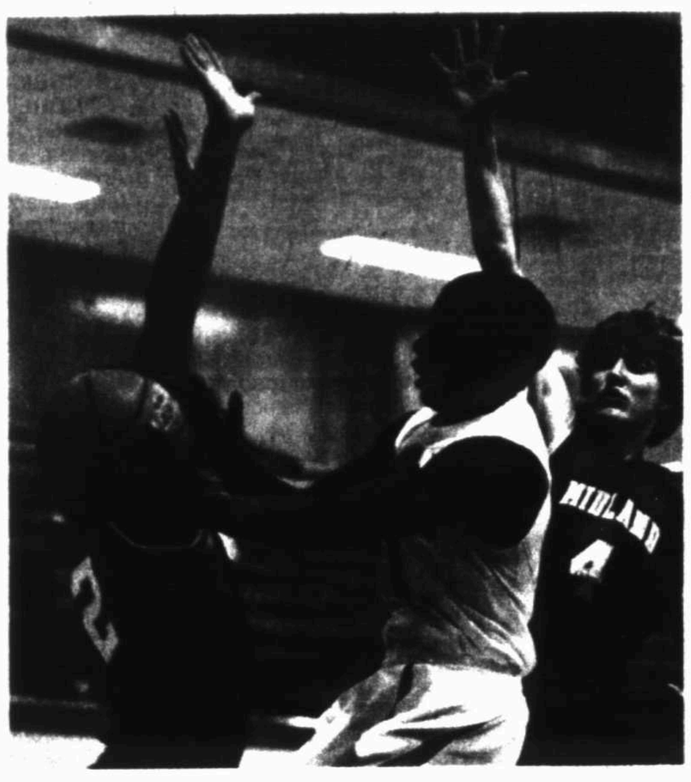

Odessa High's Isaiah Deary (1) passes the ball as Midland High's Jacob Makowsky (4) and TJ Brown (12) guard him during the game Tuesday at the Odessa High Field House.

Courtesy of Odessa American

Free throws sink Rebels

Lee couldn't land shots to erase Permian's lead

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

In its 61-50 loss to Odessa Permian — a game where Lee trailed by as many as 15 points in the fourth quarter — it wasn't the 12 boards that Lee didn't grab that Permian did that bothered the Rebels after the game.

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It wasn't even the contested shots that just didn't fall all night that didn't sit well with the Rebels.

It was the shots with no one guarding them that bothered Lee after the game — mainly, the fact that they missed 17 of them.

"Free throws," Jarrod Johnson said of the difference in the game. "We missed 17 free throws — we lost by 11."

Lee (6-15, 1-1 in District 3-5A) stood toe to toe with Permian at halftime Tuesday, trailing by five points despite going 8 for 20 from the field and grabbing just nine rebounds in the first half.

The Rebels seemed poised to make amends for the slow start when they pulled within 30-29 at the 5:20 mark in the third quarter on a Johnson putback following a steal.

But Permian (15-3, 2-0) immediately responded with a 6-0 run of its own to gain breathing room before Keouvion McCalop single-handedly pushed the lead into double figures.

The 6-foot-6 junior came alive late in the third quarter going on a 7-2 run by himself in a 1:20, including a corner 3-pointer that stretched the Permian lead to 10.

Robert Thomas, who assisted McCalop

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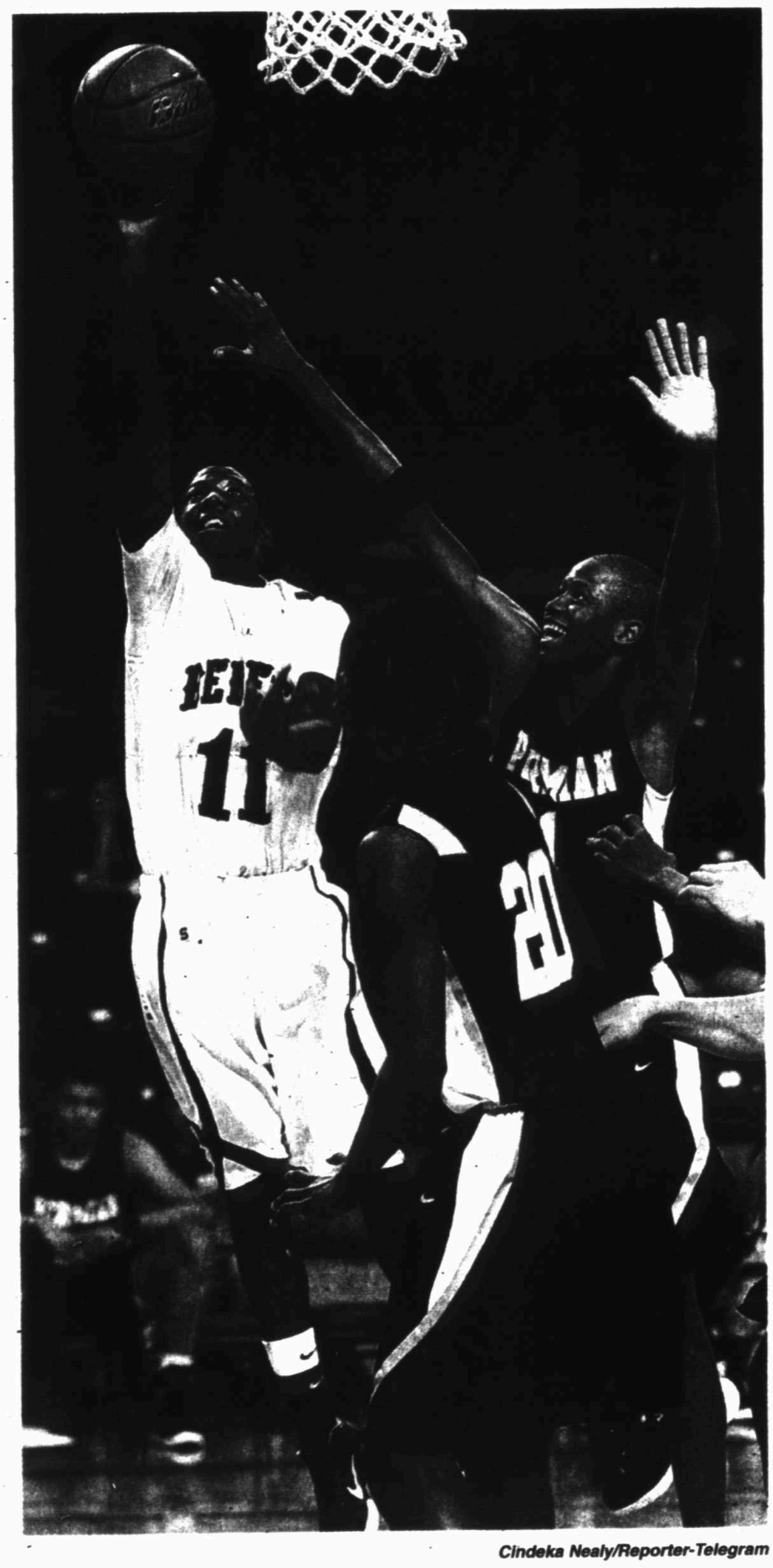

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Jarrod Johnson (11) takes the shot as he's guarded by Permian's Keouvion McCalop (1) Tuesday during their game at Chaparral Center.

Herrara shines in Lady Dawgs' win

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

ODESSA — Elaine Herrera was an all-district guard at Laredo United South last season. But, it was at another position the senior transfer shined for Midland High on Tuesday.

Because of foul trouble, Lady Bulldogs coach Ron Berry asked Herrera to play some minutes at post. Her presence at the position ignited a key run for Midland High in the third period, allowing the Lady Dawgs to pull away for a 61-37 victory at Odessa High Field House.

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"We went small ball in the third quarter," Berry said. "We knew they only had one real post, and that seemed to give us more of a presence outside. We knew coming in Elaine had played some post at her old school. She jumps well, catches the ball well and sees the floor well."

Herrera entered the game at post early in the third period with the Lady Dawgs clinging to a 25-22 lead. Quickly, Herrera picked up an offensive rebound and got the putback, giving MHS a 27-22 advantage with 4:47 left in the third.

LaTanya McMaryion answered for Odessa High with a 3-pointer, but Herrera struck again, scoring near the basket after receiving a nifty pass from freshman point guard Tana Driver.

MHS senior Krystal Valdez, who had a game-high 20 points, gave the Lady Dawgs a 32-25 advantage with 3:36 left in the third after drilling her third 3-pointer of the evening. Herrera then deflected a pass, grabbed the ball and quickly got it out ahead to Valdez, who finished with a layup for a 34-26 lead.

Odessa High's Jasmine DeChant ended Midland High's 7-0 run with a putback, but Herrera ignited a second 7-0 run when she banked in a shot while drawing a foul, The Midland High senior sank the ensuing free throw for the old-fashioned three-point play for a 37-27

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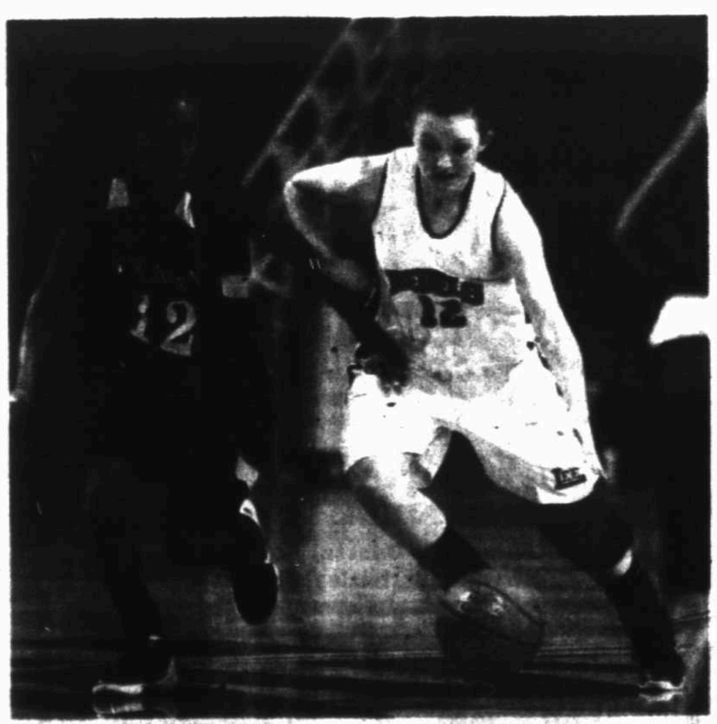
Turnovers derail Lady Rebels in loss to Permian



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Permian's Cheyenne Swoopes (12) guards Lee's Kortni Edwards (12) as she moves the ball down the court Tuesday during their game at Chaparral Center.

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Lady Panthers	52
Lady Rebels	34

Lee had chances to make up a 10-point, first-quarter deficit.

But, turnovers derailed every shot the Lady Rebels had at pulling even with Odessa Permian as the Lady Panthers won Tuesday going away, 52-34.

"I think our offense was all right," Lee coach Rosalind Lawrence said. "It was the turnovers."

Lee (6-15, 0-3 in District 3-5A) was unable to take advantage of 15 turnovers by Permian because it turned the ball over 21 times itself. Permian (13-7, 3-1) had a lot to do with that, nabbing 13 steals in the game, but for Lee, it was hard to get over what it considered self-inflicted wounds after the game.

"We couldn't get the ball down (the floor)," Lawrence said. "Once we got the ball in the quarter court, we scored."

Forward Lindry Johnson's team-high 16 points demonstrated Lee's effectiveness in the paint. In fact, Johnson had all but six of Lee's points and all but one of its field goals in the first half, when she scored 14.

Yet, Permian went into the half up 28-18 thanks to a run that stretched from late in the first quarter to early in the second quarter and ended with a Tenesia Pointer layup following an Elizabeth Aguilar steal.

Permian maintained that 10-point lead for most of the second half until Lee crawled within eight points before a Permian timeout with 6:17 remaining in the game.

That's when Permian's Cheyenne Swoopes sprung into action, fueling a 6-0 spurt with an assist on a Pointer layup and a steal and layup of her own to

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Courtesy of Odessa American

Midland High's Desare Allen (30) shoots a layup as Odessa High's LaTanya McMaryion (22) defends her during the game Tuesday at the Odessa High Field House.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

STANTON 62, COAHOMA 48

STANTON — The Stanton girls basketball team won for the first time in District 3-2A play with an impressive victory over rival Coahoma.

Stanton took control of the game with a 25-4 run in the second quarter to take a 35-12 lead at the half.

Tera Patterson had a game-high 19 points, Jennifer Beasley added 11 and Selah Ramsey chipped in with 10 for Coahoma (6-15, 1-3).

STANTON 62, COAHOMA 48

Coahoma (0-4 in district) — Neff 15, Castilaw 14, Goodblanket 11, Pace 4, Clanton 2, Martin 2

Stanton (6-15, 1-3) — Tera Patterson 19, Jennifer Beasley 11, Selah Ramsey 10, Whitney Brantley 7, Kedra Graham 7, Jennifer Henley 3, Blair Barnhill 3, Mackenzie Alfred 2

Coahoma	8	4	20	16	—48
Stanton	10	25	15	12	—62

Free throws — CHS 11-16, SHS 16-34. 3-point goals — CHS 7 (Goodblanket 2, Neff 3, Castilaw 2), SHS 4 (Patterson, Ramsey, Beasley, Barnhill). Total fouls — CHS 22, SHS 11. Fouled out — Pace.

Next game: Stanton at Post, 6:30 p.m. Friday; Slaton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD 37, LEVELLAND 27

Greenwood got a victory over Levelland in its last tune-up before beginning District 4-3A play on Friday.

The Rangerettes (9-14) jumped out to a 9-2 first quarter lead and had a 19-12 halftime advantage.

Peyton Pyle had a game-high 17 points and Alyssa Anthony added eight for Greenwood (9-14).

GREENWOOD 37, LEVELLAND 27

Levelland — Himango 3, Alexander 6, Shakespeare 2, Herrera 2, Durham 2, Munthree 12

Greenwood (9-14) — Alyssa Anthony 8, Peyton Pyle 17, Amanda Bell 4, Morgan McKee 6, Courtney Waters 2

Levelland	2	10	9	6—27
Greenwood	9	10	4	14—37

Free throws — LHS 2-4, GHS 18-25. 3-point goals — LHS 1 (Himango), GHS 1 (Anthony). Total fouls — LHS 19, GHS 11. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Seminole at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m. Friday

NO. 8 MID. CHRISTIAN 56, MONAHANS 27

No. 8-ranked Midland Christian had no trouble against Monahans in its final tuneup before beginning district play.

After MCS took a 16-13 lead after the opening quarter, the Lady Mustangs went on a 15-4 run in the second to take a 31-17 halftime lead.

Morgan Ashton led a balanced attack for Midland Christian (15-4) with 12 points.

Midland Christian begins TAPPS 1-4A play at home Friday against Grapevine Faith.

NO. 8 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 56, MONAHANS 27

Monahans — Phillips 3, Rodriguez 1, Slade 2, Hyman 11, Wolfe 4, Jernigan 6

Midland Christian (15-4) — Morgan Ashton 12, Rachaelle Miller 2, Kim Vannaman 8, Morgan Lowery 2, Whitney Rogers 8, Lindsey Roach 8, Tori Watson 2, Cheyenne Ledford 6, Mara Bland 2, Emma Thompson 6.

Monahans	13	4	2	8	—27
Midland Christian	16	15	13	12	—56

Free throws — MHS 8-15, MCS 5-13. 3-point goals — MHS 1 (Phillips), MCS 3 (Vannaman 2, Ledford). Total fouls — MHS 14, MCS 12. Fouled out — Wolfe.

Next game: Grapevine Faith at Midland Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 69, VERIBEST 15

VERIBEST — Garden City rolled to a blowout road victory over Veribest in District 12-A, Division II action.

Garden City jumped out to a 33-3 first quarter lead and was never threatened.

Holly Halfmann had 14 points and Cassie Hirt and Hannah Halfmann each added 12 for the Lady Kats (17-4, 4-0).

GARDEN CITY 69, VERIBEST 15

Garden City (17-4, 4-0) — Holly Halfmann 14, Cassie Hirt 12, Hannah Halfmann 12, Lexie Schaefer 8, Briley Schaefer 8, Taylor Hughes 5, Kamie Halfmann 4, Ashley Halfmann 4, Maggie Huerta 2

Veribest (0-4) — Ruble 7, Tharp 2, Thomas 2, Brown 2, Oliver 2

Garden City	33	19	16	1	—69
Veribest	3	4	2	6	—15

Free throws — GC 14-33, VHS 1-6. 3-point goals — GC 9 (Ha. Halfmann 4, L. Schaefer 2, B. Schaefer 2, Ho. Halfmann). Total fouls — GC 12, VHS 22. Fouled out — VHS, Hollik.

Next game: Blackwell at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Friday

BIG SPRING 58, ABILENE HIGH 49

ABILENE — Big Spring used a big second quarter to beat Class 5A Abilene High on the road on Tuesday.

Abilene had a 13-10 lead after the opening period before Big Spring went on an 18-5 run in the second to take a 28-15 halftime advantage.

Bridgette Tuitt had 13 points and Mackenzie Stone added 11 to lead the Lady Steers (15-5).

BIG SPRING 58, ABILENE HIGH 49

Big Spring (15-5) — Diamond Mayes 4, Ambra Hill 2, Logan Harber 3, Dyrshaw Hillderbilt 4, Venecia Tuitt 7, Mackenzie Stone 11, Bridgette Tuitt 13, Cerbi Ritchey 14.

Abilene High — S. Hunter 4, Welch 4, Williams 6, Reeves 8, Evans 9, Goodman 16

Big Spring	10	18	10	14	—58
Abilene	13	5	16	15	—49

Free throws — BSHS 11-18, AHS 14-20. 3-point goals — BSHS 3 (Stone 3), AHS 4 (Reeves 2, Goodman 2). Total fouls — BSHS 18, AHS 15. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — Mayes.

Next game: Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 6 p.m. Friday

ANDREWS 46, MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY 35

ANDREWS — Kayla Beattie's 26 points and five 3-pointers was not enough as Andrews built on a first quarter lead and took a non-district victory against Midland Classical Academy on Tuesday.

The Lady Mustangs began the night by opening a 25-14 halftime lead and held on from there for the victory.

ANDREWS 46, MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY 35

Midland Classical (12-6) — Kara Johnson 5, Kayla Beattie 26, Hannah Bailey 2, Amy Hinton 2

Andrews — Steele 14, Diaz 14, Badgett 11, Villa 5, Cuevara 2

MCA	4	10	12	9	—35
Andrews	10	15	15	6	—46

Free throws — MCA 4-7, Andrews 7-9. 3-point goals — MCA 5 (Beattie 5), Andrews 5 (Steele 2, Badgett 3). Total fouls — MCA 10, Andrews 13. Fouled out — none.

Next: Midland Classical at Lubbock Titans, 6 p.m. Friday

GRADY 45, O'DONNELL 35

O'DONNELL — Grady used a big fourth quarter to pull away from O'Donnell and take a District 8-A, Division II victory on Tuesday.

The Lady Wildcats were ahead of the Eagles 29-26 entering the fourth quarter, and then Grady (10-10, 3-1 in district) outscored O'Donnell 16-9 in the final quarter to clinch the victory.

Sarah Clay led Grady with 12 points.

GRADY 45, O'DONNELL 35

Grady (10-10, 3-1 in 8-A, Division III) — Kristen Blocker 2, Ariel Arnold 2, Sarah Clay 12, Lupita Jimenez 8, Charmynee Arnold 4, Viviana Perez 2, M.J. Price 6, Faith Hunt 4, Laura Ramirez 5

O'Donnell — Barrioz 3, Bano 3, Ramirez 11, Collins 1, Hancock 8, Proctor 9

Grady	8	16	5	16	—45
O'Donnell	10	12	4	9	—35

Free throws — Grady 7-16, O'Donnell 19-28. 3-point goals — Grady 2 (Jimenez, Price), O'Donnell 0. Total fouls — Grady 20, O'Donnell 20. Fouled out — none.

Next: Dawson at Grady, 6:30 p.m. Friday

FORSAN 45, POST 38

FORSAN — The Lady Buffaloes used a 23-point fourth quarter to clinch a District 3-2A victory against Post on Tuesday night.

Forsan was down 27-22 entering the final period but then outscored the Antelopes 23-11 in the final period for the victory. Brittney Hergert and Cheyenne Galloway each scored 14 points in the win.

FORSAN 45, POST 38

Post (1-3 in District 3-2A) — Haly Berry 8, Shirley Araiza 6, Matti Smith 8, Skylar Jones 6, Madison Cash 2, Jaycee Johnson 2, Sarah Greer 4, Kelbie Oden 2

Forsan (12-7, 2-2 in 3-2A) — Brittney Hergert 14, Ali Knight 7, Reagan Haggard 1, Maria Ortiz 9, Cheyenne Galloway 14

Post	10	7	10	11	—38
Forsan	8	6	8	23	—45

Free throws — Post 6-10, Forsan 12-20. 3-point goals — Post 2 (Berry 2), Forsan 3 (Hergert 2, Knight). Total fouls — Post 18, Forsan 11. Fouled out — Post, Araiza.

Next: Forsan at Denver City, 6:30 p.m. Friday

IRA 60, HERMILEIGH 58, 2OT

Ira (6-13, 2-2 in 11A, Division II) — Jaramillo 2, Dunn 7, Claxton 16, Bloom 11, Barbee 3, Taylor 3, DeLuna 6, McCowen 1, Mitchell 11

Hermleigh (0-4 in district) — Rankin 10, Terraves 10, Dacus 21, Nobles 3, House 5, Lopez 2, Gill 7

Ira	5	3	18	16	9	—60
Hermleigh	11	8	9	14	9	—58

Free throws — Ira 18-34, HHS 21-50. 3-point goals — Ira 6 (Dunn 2, Claxton 2, Bloom 2), HHS 3 (Dacus). Total fouls — Ira 35, Hermleigh 23. Fouled out — Dunn, Bloom, Barbee, Taylor, Mitchell, Rankin, Nobles, House.

Next game: Roby at Ira, 6:30 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD 68, LEVELLAND 47

Jody Lively and Edgar Urias each scored 13 points as the Rangers rolled to a victory against Levelland on Tuesday at Greenwood High School.

Greenwood used a 26-point second quarter to take a 34-21 lead en route to the blowout.

The Rangers (15-6) will continue non-district play on Friday with a trip to Shallowater for an 8 p.m. game.

GREENWOOD 68, LEVELLAND 47

Levelland (7-11) — Salazar 3, Gerber 8, Woodard 4, Kelly 9, Diaz 15, Taylor 4, Parrish 4

Greenwood (15-6) — Jody Lively 13, Edgar Urias 13, Grant Franklin 9, Hugo Arenas 3, Taylor Hollingsworth 8, Kyle Harasaed 6, Dustin Meyers 9, Timmy Murphy 7, Jacob Armitage 1

Levelland	9	12	11	15	—47
Greenwood	9	26	14	20	—68

Free throws — Levelland 3-10, Greenwood 17-29. 3-point goals — Levelland 4 (Kelly 3, Salazar), Greenwood 3 (Franklin, Mayers, Murphy). Total fouls — Levelland 20, Greenwood 10. Fouled out — none.

Next: Greenwood at Shallowater, 8 p.m. Friday

ANDREWS 68, MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY 27

ANDREWS — Andrews held the Knights to single digit points in the first half and rolled to a non-district victory on Tuesday night.

The Mustangs built a 31-8 lead after the first half.

Shane Dolgener scored 19 points to lead Andrews, while Blaine Chavez scored 17 points, including four 3-pointers.

John Stallings and Rett Taylor each had eight points in the loss for the Knights.

ANDREWS 68, MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY 27

Midland Classical — Grey Sparks 1, Rett Taylor 8, Kade Wilkins 3, Jared Nelson 1, Dylan Barker 2, John Stallings 8, Haydon Rogers 4

Andrews — Austin Luna 4, Sid Baiza 8, Blaine Chavez 18, Bryce Pace 6, Tanner Eggleston 13, Shane Dolgener 19

MCA	2	6	4	15	—27
Andrews	21	10	17	20	—68

Free throws — MCA 7-19. Andrews 6-14. 3-point goals — MCA 2 (Taylor 2), Andrews 9 (Chavez 4, Eggleston, Dolgener 2). Total fouls — MCA 12, Andrews 13. Fouled out — none

Next: Midland Classical at Seminole, 8 p.m. Friday

RANKIN 69, ODESSA NEW WAY ACADEMY 35

RANKIN — Four different Red Devil players scored in double figures as they rolled to a non-district victory against Odessa New Way Academy on Tuesday.

Rankin's Dalton Michum led the way with 17 points as Nathan Braden added 13, Ty Self 12 and Pate Teague 11 in the victory.

Rankin (14-3) will begin District 8-A, Division II play at 8 p.m. Friday against Buena Vista.

RANKIN 69, ODESSA NEW WAY ACADEMY 35

New Way — Alex 23, Elijah 5, Genuwine 3, Dez 3, Cola 1

Rankin (14-3) — Dalton Michum 18, Nathan Braden 13, Ty Self 12, Pate Teague 11, Tanner Thompson 6, Taylor Thompson 4, Damian Ramirez 4, Aaron Castillo 1

New Way	9	11	8	7	—35
Rankin	17	14	13	25	—69

Free throws — New Way 4-8, Rankin 9-16. 3-point goals — New Way 5 (Alex 2, Genuwine, Elijah, Dez), Rankin 4 (Michum, Self 2, T.Thompson). Total fouls — New Way 10, Rankin 7. Fouled out — none.

Next: Rankin at Buena Vista, 8 p.m. Friday

STANTON 34, COAHOMA 23

STANTON — Nathan Koonce scored 11 points as the Buffaloes took a District 3-2A victory against Coahoma on Tuesday night.

The Buffaloes (10-8 overall, 1-1 in 3-2A) held a 20-9 lead at halftime and then outscored the Bullogs (0-2 in 3-2A) 14-12 in the second half to clinch the victory. Scott Smith had six points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

Pete Echavarria led the Bulldogs with eight points.

STANTON 34, COAHOMA 23

Coahoma (0-2 in District 3-2A) — C. Miller 6, Tanner Ruiz 2, Molina 4, Cravens 2, Hill 1, Pete Echavarria 8

Stanton (10-8, 1-1) — Drew Snellgrove 3, Andres Chavez 4, Ethan Mauldin 3, Nathan Koonce 11, Blake Evans 2, Scott Smith 6, K.J. Glasse 5

Coahoma	2	9	6	6	—23
Stanton	7	13	4	10	—34

Free throws — Coahoma 2-7, Stanton 10-17. 3-point goals — Coahoma 0, Stanton 2 (Snellgrove, Glasspie). Total fouls — Coahoma 13, Stanton 11. Fouled out — none

Next: Stanton at Post, 6:30 p.m. Friday

LAMESA 58, FORT STOCKTON 45

Lamesa (13-7) — Eric Cox 12, Ryan Garza 11, Brody Alexander 10, Colt Mowdee 6, Roman Rendon 6, Vincent Enriquez 6, Daunte Lopez 3, Kendrick Hunter 2, Adrian Contreras 1, Derrick Hereford 1

Fort Stockton — Chavez 10, Acosta 11, Gonzalez 7, Card 5, Martinez 4, Martinez 2, Gamboa 1, Fuentes 5

Lamesa	11	22	10	15	—58
Fort Stockton	12	9	5	19	—45

Free throws — Lamesa 12-20, Fort Stockton 11-26. 3-point goals — Lamesa 4 (Rendon 2, Alexander, Enriquez), FS 2 (Chavez, Fuentes). Total fouls — Lamesa 26, Fort Stockton 16. Fouled out — Lamesa, Galiza, Cox, FS, Martinez. Technical fouls — Lamesa, Alexander.

Next: Lamesa at Greenwood, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10

Boys

TRINITY 72, GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 25

The Trinity boys basketball team rolled to a non-district victory over Grandfalls-Royalty at Trinity School.

The Chargers (13-5) held Granfalls-Royalty to single digits in each quarter and had a 32-12 halftime lead.

Harley Davis had a game-high 19 points and Brett Womack added nine for Trinity.

TRINITY 72, GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 25

Grandfalls — Nunez 5, Davis 2, Marquez 4, B. Marquez 1, Burns 13

Trinity (13-5) — Harley Davis 19, Sammy Hajar 6, Alex Young 2, Keith Stroup 5, Thomas Schorff 8, Brett Womack 9, Zach Meyers 5, Taylor Cory 14, Alex Veal 2, Brantley Harrington 3

Grandfalls	4	8	6	7	—25
Trinity	15	17	24	17	—72

Free throws — GR 4-24, Trinity 5-14. 3-point goals — GR 1 (Nunez), Trinity 1 (Stroup). Total fouls — GR 11, Trinity 20. Fouled out — Meyers.

Next game: Rankin at Trinity, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13

LEE

From 1C

on two baskets during the span, capped the run by going coast to coast for a layup with 34 seconds left in the third quarter to put Permian up 47-34.

"We just knew we had to finish the game out," McCalop said of the run.

Yet Lee had its chances to pull closer in the fourth, but an uncharacteristically poor night at the free throw line killed any chance for a late rally.

"We just didn't have that edge tonight," Lee coach Mark Coffman said. "Our shooters didn't shoot, we didn't do a real good job of boxing them out, and we gave a lot of second shots.

"We did a good job of getting to the line, we just couldn't finish."

A late 4-0 spurt, punctuated by a Tavi Hubbard steal and layup pulled Lee within 11 with 26 seconds to play, but by then it was too late.

Lee finished the game 12 for 29 from the free throw line and was outrebounded 33-21.

McCalop notched a double-double with a team-high 15 points and 13 rebounds as his team moved to the top of the district with a 2-0 record early in district play.

"It feels pretty good," McCalop said. "We're a lot more confident than we were coming into that game."

Johnson had a double-double himself with 11 points and 10 rebounds but was the only Rebel to score in double figures.

After nailing six 3-pointers in its last game, the Rebels hit just two shots from downtown against Permian.

And after the uncharacteristic night of shooting from the charity stripe and the field, Lee is hoping it can rediscover the type of play that allowed it to win three straight before Tuesday.

"We just didn't have the same game that we've had the last three games," Coffman said. "We've got to get back to that."

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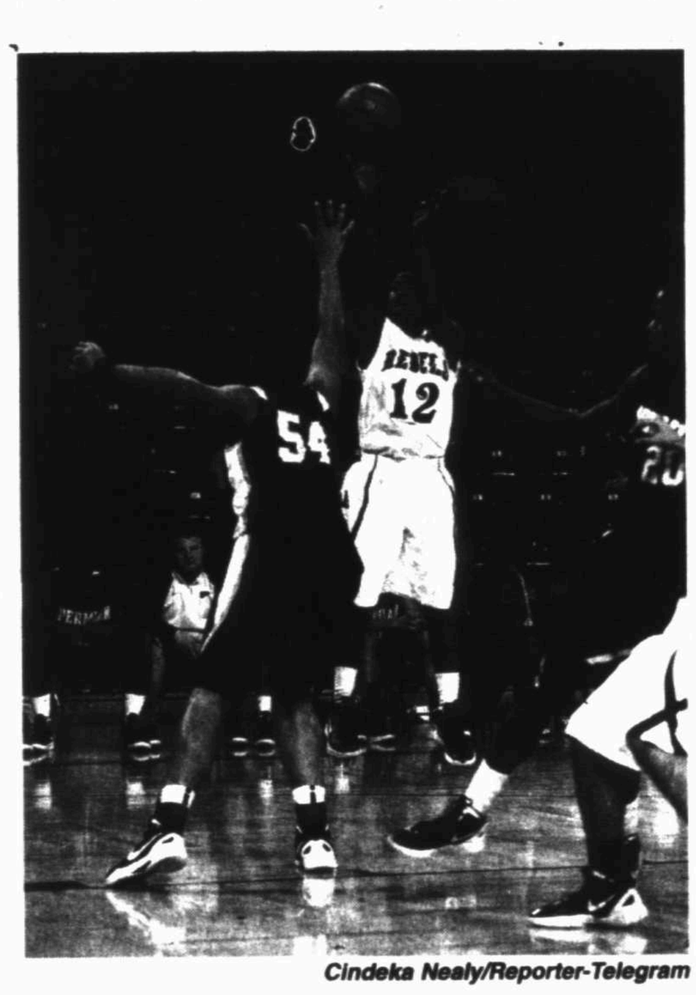

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Lee's Chili Hubbard (12) takes the shot as Permian's Devin Jones (54) guards him Tuesday.

ODESSA PERMIAN 61, LEE 50

Permian (15-3, 2-0 in District 3-5A) — Keouvion McCalop 15, Jomon Wilson 9, Robert Thomas 12, Kris Miller 10, Tori Loud 2, Dominique Krummow 4, Xavier Jones 4, Devin Jones 6

Lee (6-15, 1-1) — Anthony McCoy, Grant Coffman 2, Ray Douglas 7, Jarrod Johnson 11, Chili Hubbard 5, Tavi Hubbard 7, Tailor Nunez 4, Jordan Williams 5

Permian	9	19	19	14	—61
Lee	8	15	11	16	—50

Free throws — Permian 11-20, Lee 12-29. 3-point goals — Permian 2 (McCalop, Thomas), Lee 2 (Douglas, C. Hubbard). Total fouls — Permian 26, Lee 16. Fouled out — Permian, Wilson, D. Jones. Technical fouls — none. Assists — Permian 7 (Thomas 3), Lee 2 (Coffman, T. Hubbard). Rebounds — Permian 33, Lee 21. Turnovers — Permian 17, Lee 18.

Next: Lee at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Friday; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

MHS

From 1C

pass. That short rally left MHS down just 38-36 heading into the fourth period.

"We didn't want to lose our composure. We just had to hang on at the defensive end and start getting some stops," said Brown, who had a game-high 21 points. "We had to start getting more aggressive on the offensive end and stop settling for so many 3-pointers."

Trailing 43-39 with 7:17 remaining in the game, the Bulldogs finally embarked on a long rally of its own. Jacob Makowsky scored the rally's first four points with a pair of free throws and a floater, tying the game, 43-43

Brown then scored the next six points, draining a 3-pointer, then getting into the lane for a bucket and a foul. Brown converted the three-point play and put MHS up 49-43 with 4:36 left to play.

A free throw by Deary and 3-pointer by McMaryion got Odessa High back within 49-47, but that's as close as the Bronchos got. Midland High outscored the Bronchos 12-3 in the final 3:19 to secure the win.

3-5A Boys Standings

	Dist.	Overall
Permian	2-0	15-3
Abilene High	1-0	8-6
San Angelo Central	1-0	15-3
Lee	1-1	6-15
Midland High	1-1	3-16
Odessa High	0-2	9-10
Abilene Cooper	0-2	6-10

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 61, Odessa High 50; Odessa Permian 61, Lee 50; San Angelo Central 61, Abilene Cooper 53

Friday's Games

Abilene High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.; Friday; Lee at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Friday; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

"It's huge," Hardin said of the win. "We needed one. I think this was a big hump for our guys to get over. We had to have this game to save the season."

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MIDLAND HIGH 61, ODESSA HIGH 50

Midland High (3-16, 1-1 in District 3-5A) — T.J. Brown 21, Donavon Lee 15, Jacob Makowsky 14, Mazelle Justice 3, Sean Matochus 2, Stevie Rhodes 2, Austin Watson 2, Wesley Don Juan 2

Odessa High (9-10, 0-2) — Aaron McMaryion 18, Brian Brewster 12, Jon Brannon 8, Jacob Herndon 5, Isaiah Deary 4, Dion Williams 3, Emilio Carrasco 2

Midland High	15	13	8	26	—61
Odessa High	9	8	21	12	—50

Free throws — MHS 15-21, OHS 11-19. 3-point goals — MHS 5 (Brown 3, Makowsky 2), OHS 3 (Deary, McMaryion, Williams). Total fouls — MHS 16, OHS 20. Fouled out — OHS, Carrasco. Rebounds — MHS 33 (Lee 12), OHS 34 (Brewster 10). Assists — MHS 5 (Lee 3), OHS 3 (McMaryion 2). Turnovers — MHS 24, OHS 14.

Next: Abilene High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10.

LADY REBELS

From 1C

make it 44-30 with 4:04 to play.

Swoopes had eight points on the night to go with a team-high six assists, and the 5-foot-6 senior even pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

Swoopes personified Permian's sharing mood on offense, accounting for half of her team's assists, with most going to Pointer and April Williams, who scored 10 points and 15 points, respectively.

"We just pushed the ball," Swoopes said. "They would crash in, and we would be able to pass it to our posts."

Lee pulled within 10 one last time on a baseline jumper by Jackie Rivas with 2:22 to play, but turnovers allowed Permian to score eight unanswered to end the game and keep the Lady Rebels winless in district play.

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ODESSA PERMIAN 52, LEE 34

Permian (13-7, 3-1 in District 3-5A) — Jamie Graham 9, Tailor Dominguez 3, Elizabeth Aguilar 4, Cheyenne Swoopes 8, Latasha Griffin 2, April Williams 15, Tenesia Pointer 10, Shodoniah Rand 1.

Lee (6-15, 0-3) — Laodry Johnson 16, Shanesa Raij 2, Daija Stanford 1, Kortni Edwards 3, Jackie Rivas 6, Shauna Standard 6.

Permian	16	12	10	14	—52
Lee	6	12	10	6	—34

Free throws — Permian 7-13, Lee 7-8. 3-point goals: Permian 3 (Graham 2, Williams), Lee 1 (Edwards). Total fouls — Permian 10, Lee 11. Fouled out — Lee, Johnson. Technical fouls — none. Assists — Permian 12 (Swoopes 6), Lee 6 (Edwards 3). Rebounds — Permian 29 (Swoopes 8), Lee 33 (Standard 7). Turnovers — Permian 15, Lee 21.

Next: Lee at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m. Friday

LADY DAWGS

From 1C

MHS advantage.

On Odessa High's ensuing possession, Sabrina Banks blocked a shot and Megan Hoppel picked up the loose ball, drove it the length of the floor and finished with a layup. The second 7-0 run was capped when Herrera found Valdez for an easy bucket, giving MHS a 41-27 lead with 1:26 left in the period.

Herrera scored seven points and had two assists in a 3:31 span in the third, all while playing a position that was pretty much foreign to her.

"I've never really played (post) before. I played it once in a while, but it's never been my starting position. I've always been a guard," Herrera admitted. "I knew I needed to do this for my team. Our other posts were in foul trouble. I've seen my teammates play it in practice, so I was just trying to do what they do and go hard."

3-5A Girls Standings

	Dist.	Overall
Midland High	4-0	12-12
Odessa Permian	3-1	13-7
San Angelo Central	2-1	11-8
Odessa High	1-3	11-12
Abilene Cooper	1-3	9-12
Abilene High	1-2	7-12
Lee	0-3	7-12

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 61, Odessa High 39; Odessa Permian 52, Lee 34, Chaparral Center; San Angelo Central 45, Abilene Cooper 26

Friday's Games

San Angelo Central at Permian; Abilene High at Midland High, Chaparral Center; Lee at Abilene Cooper, All games at 6 p.m.

The Lady Dawgs led just 23-17 at halftime after they committed 11 first-half fouls and sent Odessa High to the line 12 times. The Lady Bronchos made nine of those free throws, allowing them to hang in the game.

"We were giving them way too many free throws," Berry said. "When they've got 17 points and nine of them are free throws, then we're fouling way too much. We kind of eased off that a bit (in the second half)."

Odessa High was just 3 of 8 from the free-throw line in the second half — another key in Midland High sustaining its multiple runs in the third and fourth periods.

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MIDLAND HIGH 61, ODESSA HIGH 37

Midland High (12-12, 4-0 in District 3-5A) — Krystal Valdez 20, Desare Allen 9, Tana Driver 8, Elaine Herrera 7, Sabrina Banks 6, Megan Hoppel 4, Catarina Rendon 3, Andrea Sadler 2, Kristyn Wilbanks 2

Odessa High (11-12, 1-3) — Alex Carpio 11, LaTanya McMaryion 11, Corrisha Williams 7, Mikayla Bellew 4, Jasmine DeChant 2, Jasmine Watkins 2

Midland High	11	12	23	15	—61
Odessa High	9	8	11	9	—37

Free throws — MHS 7-12, OHS 12-20. 3-point goals — MHS 4 (Valdez 3, Driver), OHS 3 (McMaryion 3). Total fouls — MHS 18, OHS 14. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — MHS 39 (Allen 9), OHS 19 (Bellew 5). Assists — MHS 10 (Driver 4), OHS 0. Turnovers — MHS 16, OHS 13.

Next: Abilene High at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10

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College Football

BOWLS
Tuesday's Score
Super Bowl
At New Orleans
Michigan 23, Virginia Tech 20, OT

Today
Orange Bowl
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-4) vs. SMU (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 8
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
● LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

TUESDAY'S BOX
No. 13 MICHIGAN 23,
No. 17 VIRGINIA TECH 20, OT

Michigan	0	10	7	3	– 23
Virginia Tech	3	3	11	0	– 20

First Quarter
VT—FG Myer 37, 7:04.
Second Quarter
VT—FG Myer 43, 14:10.
Mich—Hemingway 45 pass from D.Robinson (Gibbons kick), 4:49.
Mich—FG Gibbons 24, :00.
Third Quarter
Mich—Hemingway 18 pass from D.Robinson (Gibbons kick), 9:43.
VT—FG Myer 36, 4:48.
Fourth Quarter
VT—Thomas 1 run (M.Davis pass from Thomas), 10:22.
Mich—FG Gibbons 39, 4:00.
VT—FG Myer 25, :02.
Overtime
Mich—FG Gibbons 37.
A—64,512.

	Mich	VT
First downs	12	22
Rushes-yards	30-56	48-163
Passing	128	214
Comp-Att-Int	10-22-1	19-28-1
Return Yards	7	6
Punts-Avg.	5-36.2	1-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-26	7-68
Time of Possession	23:10	36:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Michigan, Toussaint 13-30, D.Robinson 13-13, Gallon 1-7, Odoms 1-5, V.Smith 1-2, Team 1-(minus 1). Virginia Tech, D.Wilson 24-82, Thomas 16-53, Oglesby 7-35, Coale 1-(minus 7).
PASSING—Michigan, D.Robinson 9-21-1-111, Dileo 1-1-0-17. Virginia Tech, Thomas 19-28-1-214.
RECEIVING—Michigan, Hemingway 2-63, Koger 2-9, Toussaint 1-14, Glanda 1-11, Grady 1-11, Roundtree 1-10, V.Smith 1-7, Gallon 1-3. Virginia Tech, Coale 8-117, Boykin 4-30, Coles 2-31, Drager 1-15, M.Davis 1-11, Martin 1-5, D.Wilson 1-3, Phillips 1-2.

LATE MONDAY
FIESTA BOWL
No. 3 OKLAHOMA ST. 41,
No. 4 STANFORD 38, OT

Stanford	7	14	7	10	0	– 38
Oklahoma St.	0	21	3	14	3	– 41

First Quarter
Stan—Montgomery 53 pass from Luck (Williamson kick), 4:16.
Second Quarter
Stan—Stewart 24 run (Williamson kick), 10:21.
OkSt—Blackmon 43 pass from Weeden (Sharp kick), 8:50.
OkSt—Blackmon 67 pass from Weeden (Sharp kick), 6:19.
Stan—Taylor 4 run (Williamson kick), 2:25.
OkSt—Weeden 2 run (Sharp kick), :27.
Third Quarter
Stan—Ertz 16 pass from Luck (Williamson kick), 8:22.
OkSt—FG Sharp 19, 5:21.
Fourth Quarter
Stan—FG Williamson 30, 14:16.
OkSt—Blackmon 17 pass from Weeden (Sharp kick), 11:53.
Stan—Taylor 1 run (Williamson kick), 4:34.
OkSt—Randle 4 run (Sharp kick), 2:35.
Overtime
OkSt—FG Sharp 22.
A—69,927.

	Stan	OkSt
First downs	27	25
Rushes-yards	50-243	15-13
Passing	347	399
Comp-Att-int	27-31-1	29-42-1
Return Yards	26	14
Punts-Avg.	2-41.5	5-43.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-35	1-5
Time of Possession	34:17	25:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Stanford, Taylor 35-177, Stewart 3-65, Gaffney 4-4, Meinken 2-2, Team 1-(minus 1), Wilkerson 1-(minus 1), Luck 4-(minus 3). Oklahoma St., Randle 10-23, J.Smith 1-1, Blackmon 1-0, Team 1-(minus 4).
Weeden 2-(minus 7).
PASSING—Stanford, Luck 27-31-1-347. Oklahoma St., Weeden 29-42-1-399.
RECEIVING—Stanford, Montgomery 7-120, Whalen 7-85, Ertz 4-38, Taylor 3-21, Fleener 2-19, Stewart 1-25, Toilolo 1-18, Gaffney 1-16, Hewitt 1-5. Oklahoma St., Blackmon 8-186, J.Cooper 7-55, Cu.Cheff 5-97, Randle 5-28, Anderson 2-10, Harrison 1-16, J.Smith 1-7.

Tennis

ATP World Tour
Qatar ExxonMobil Open
Tuesday
At The Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $1,11 million (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Denis Gremelmayr, Germany, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
Matthias Bachinger, Germany, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (3), France, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (5), 6-1.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
Grega Zemlja, Slovenia, def. Sergiy Bubka, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-7 (1), 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Mikhail Youzhny (7), Russia, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2.
Gaël Monfils, France, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 7-5, 6-3.
-Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Alex Bogomolov Jr. and Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Frank Moser, Germany, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 10-8.
Flavio Cipolla and Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-4, 5-7, 10-6 tiebreak.
Marc Lopez and Albert Ramos, Spain, def. Jabor Al Mulawa, Qatar, and Mohammad Ghareib, Kuwait, 6-2, 6-1.
Filip Polasek, Slovakia, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Sherif Sabry and Mohamed Safwat, Egypt, 7-6 (6), 7-5.

Aircel Chennai Open
Tuesday
At SDAT Tennis Stadium
Chennai, India
Purse: $450,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Eric Prodon, France, 6-4, 6-3.
Yuichi Sugita, Japan, def. Olivier Rochus (8), Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Andreas Beck, Germany, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 6-3, 7-6 (8).
Yen-Hsun Lu, Taiwan, def. Thiemo De Bakker, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-3.
David Goffin, Belgium, def. Xavier Malisse (7), Belgium, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Go Soeda, Japan, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

WTA
ASB Classic
Tuesday
At ASB Bank Tennis Centre
Auckland, New Zealand
Purse: $220,000 (Int.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Yaroslava Shvedova (7), Belgium, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.
Nadia Petrova (5), Russia, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Monica Niculescu (8), Romania, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-1.
Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, def. Rebecca Marino, Canada, 7-6, 6-4.
Peng Shuai (3), China, def. Arvene Rossi, France, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	—
Boston	2	2	.500	—
Toronto	2	3	.400	1/2
New York	2	3	.400	1/2
New Jersey	1	3	.167	2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	5	1	.833	—
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1
Orlando	4	2	.667	1
Charlotte	1	4	.200	3 1/2
Washington	0	5	.000	4 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	1	.833	—
Indiana	4	1	.800	1/2
Cleveland	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Milwaukee	2	2	.500	2
Detroit	2	3	.400	2 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	3	2	.600	—
Houston	2	2	.500	1/2
Memphis	2	3	.400	1
New Orleans	2	3	.400	1
Dallas	2	3	.333	1 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	4	1	.800	—
Oklahoma City	5	2	.714	—
Denver	4	2	.667	1/2
Minnesota	2	3	.400	2
Utah	2	3	.400	2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	2	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	3	3	.500	—
Phoenix	2	3	.400	1/2
Golden State	2	3	.400	1/2
Sacramento	2	4	.333	1

Tuesday's Scores
Cleveland 115, Charlotte 101
Chicago 76, Atlanta 71
Portland 103, Oklahoma City 93
Memphis 113, Sacramento 96
Milwaukee at Utah, late
Houston at L.A. Lakers, late
Today's Games
Cleveland at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 8 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES
CAVALIERS 115, BOBCATS 101
CHARLOTTE (101): Maggette 4-12 13-14 21, White 5-8 0-0 10, Diaw 0-5 0-0 0, Augustin 7-18 2-2 26, Henderson 8-15 0-0 16, Mullens 7-13 0-0 14, Diop 0-1 0-0 0, Carroll 0-2 0-0 0, Biyombo 3-8 2-3 8, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Walker 1-6 0-2 2, Higgins 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 40-90 17-19 101.
CLEVELAND (115): Cassipi 2-3 0-2 5, Jamison 7-16 5-5 19, Varejao 4-6 1-2 9, Irving 8-10 2-2 20, Parker 4-14 0-0 11, Gee 4-8 0-0 8, Gibson 3-8 0-0 6, Sessions 3-8 5-7 11, T.Thompson 7-16 2-6 16, Samuels 1-3 2-2 4, Hollins 1-3 0-0 2, Harangody 1-1 0-0 2, Eyenga 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-90 15-26 115.
Charlotte 34 17 29 21 – 101
Cleveland 27 30 30 28 – 115
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 4-14 (Augustin 4-7, Walker 0-1, Higgins 0-1, Maggette 0-2, Diaw 0-3), Cleveland 10-21 (Parker 3-5, Irving 2-2, Jamison 2-5, Gibson 2-5, Cassipi 1-2, Gee 0-1, Sessions 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 57 (Maggette 8), Cleveland 51 (T.Thompson 9). Assists—Charlotte 20 (Augustin 9), Cleveland 25 (Sessions 9). Total Fouls—Charlotte 22, Cleveland 19. Technicals—Charlotte Coach Silas. A—14,173 (20,562).

GRIZZLIES 113, KINGS 96
SACRAMENTO (96): Salmons 1-4 0-0 2, Hickson 3-9 6-6 12, Hayes 3-4 2-2 8, Evans 4-11 2-9, Thornton 2-7 0-0 5, Thompson 4-7 0-0 8, Fredette 6-12 1-2 17, Cousins 1-5 2-2 4, Outlaw 4-7 1-3 11, Thomas 4-10 5-5 15, Greene 1-3 0-0 2, Garcia 1-4 1-1 3. Totals 34-93 19-23 96.
MEMPHIS (113): Gay 10-16 3-5 23, Cunningham 3-9 1-2 7, Gasol 7-10 0-1 14, Pargo 2-5 0-0 5, Randolph 5-12 0-1 10, Conley 5-8 3-5 14, Young 8-13 4-4 20, Mayo 8-11 0-0 16, Pondexter 2-5 0-4 4. Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Selby 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 51-91 11-18 113.
Sacramento 17 33 18 28 – 96
Memphis 31 21 35 26 – 113
3-Point Goals—Sacramento 9-24 (Fredette 4-6, Outlaw 2-4, Thomas 2-5, Thornton 1-2, Hayes 0-1, Evans 0-1, Greene 0-2, Garcia 0-3), Memphis 2-8 (Pargo 1-1, Conley 1-2, Mayo 0-1, Pondexter 0-1, Gay 0-1, Davis 0-1, Young 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 45 (Hickson 10), Memphis 54 (Gasol 15). Assists—Sacramento 13 (Evans 4), Memphis 20 (Conley 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 18, Memphis 17. Technicals—Mayo. A—12,391 (18,119).

TRAIL BLAZERS 103, THUNDER 93
PORTLAND (103): Wallace 4-14 4-4 13, Aldridge 10-19 10-12 30, Camby 2-3 3-4 7, Felton 4-11 3-4 12, Matthews 7-12 2-3 18, Crawford 2-8 3-3 8, Thomas 1-3 1-2 3, Batum 4-8 1-2 12, C.Smith 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 34-78 29-36 103.
OKLAHOMA CITY (93): Durant 8-26 2-4 19, Ibaka 4-4 0-0 8, Perkins 3-5 1-2 7, Westbrook 8-18 5-7 22, Harden 7-13 6-6 23, Collison 3-5 0-0 6, Mohammed 1-4 0-0 2, Cook 1-5 0-0 2, Maynor 1-3 2-2 4, Hayward 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-83 19-21 93.
Portland 21 30 27 25 – 103
Oklahoma City 28 27 21 17 – 93
3-Point Goals—Portland 7-15 (Batum 3-4, Crawford 1-1, Felton 1-3, Wallace 1-5, Matthews 0-2), Oklahoma City 5-20 (Harden 3-7, Westbrook 1-3, Durant 1-7, Cook 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 54 (Wallace 10), Oklahoma City 47 (Collison 9). Assists—Portland 20 (Felton 7), Oklahoma City 22 (Westbrook 8). Total Fouls—Portland 16, Oklahoma City 22. Technicals—Aldridge, Portland defensive three second, Oklahoma City Coach Brooks, Perkins. A—18,203 (18,203).

BULLS 76, HAWKS 74
ATLANTA (74): Williams 5-10 4-7 14, Smith 6-13 3-8 15, Horford 7-14 2-4 16, Teague 2-8 3-6 7, Johnson 3-17 2-2 10, McGrady 1-4 0-2 2, Bazemore 1-4 0-0 3, Pachulia 0-3 0-0 0, Pargo 1-3 0-0 3, Green 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 28-80 14-25 74.
CHICAGO (76): Deng 7-15 6-8 21, Boozer 5-13 1-2 11, Noah 0-4 2-2 2, Rose 8-22 11-13 30, Brewer 2-8 0-0 4, Gibson 2-7 0-0 4, Korver 1-4 0-0 3, Asik 1-3 0-0 2, Lucas 0-1 0-0 0, Butler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-77 20-26 76.
Atlanta 23 15 18 18 – 74
Chicago 15 11 16 34 – 76
3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-15 (Johnson 2-5, Pargo 1-1, Radmanovic 1-2, Teague 0-1, Smith 0-1, Horford 0-1), Chicago 4-17 (Rose 3-8, Deng 1-4, Brewer 0-1, Lucas 0-1, Korver 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 62 (Smith 14), Chicago 58 (Boozer, Asik 9). Assists—Atlanta 19 (Johnson, Teague 4), Chicago 18 (Rose 7). Total Fouls—Atlanta 17, Chicago 21. Technicals—Atlanta defensive three second, Deng, Chicago defensive three second 2. A—22,186 (20,917).

NFL

Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Cincinnati at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 8
Atlanta at New York Giants, noon
Pittsburgh at Denver, 3:30 p.m.
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
Atlanta, N.Y.Giants or New Orleans at San Francisco, 3:30 p.m.
Cincinnati, Pittsburgh or Denver at New England, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15
Pittsburgh, Denver or Houston at Baltimore, noon
Detroit, Atlanta or N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 3:30 p.m.
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22
TBD

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
at Honolulu
NFC vs. AFC

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
at Indianapolis

Team Statistics

Final
TOTAL YARDAGE
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	6848	1764	5084
San Diego	6290	1864	4426
Oakland	6072	2110	3962
Pittsburgh	5957	1903	4054
Houston	5864	2448	3506
Buffalo	5624	1921	3703
Baltimore	5419	1996	3423
Tennessee	5361	1438	3923
Cincinnati	5118	1778	3340
Miami	5078	1987	3091
Denver	5066	2632	2434
N.Y. Jets	4989	1682	3297
Kansas City	4973	1893	3080
Cleveland	4621	1531	3090
Indianapolis	4589	1594	2995
Jacksonville	4149	1970	2179

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Pittsburgh	4348	1597	2751
Houston	4571	1536	3035
Baltimore	4622	1482	3140
N.Y. Jets	4992	1777	3216
Jacksonville	5008	1667	3341
Cincinnati	5060	1675	3385
Cleveland	5318	2359	2959
Kansas City	5333	2112	3221
Miami	5522	1530	3992
San Diego	5546	1955	3591
Tennessee	5682	2053	3629
Denver	5725	2021	3704
Indianapolis	5935	2253	3682
Buffalo	5938	2224	3714
Oakland	6201	2178	4023
New England	6537	1874	4663

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	7474	2127	5347
Green Bay	6482	1558	4924
Philadelphia	6386	2276	4110
Detroit	6337	1523	4814
Carolina	6237	2408	3829
N.Y. Giants	6161	1427	4734
Atlanta	6026	1834	4192
Dallas	6008	1807	4201
Washington	5387	1614	3773
Minnesota	5275	2218	3057
Arizona	5192	1925	3567
Tampa Bay	5108	1458	3650
Chicago	5026	2015	3011
San Francisco	4974	2036	2938
Seattle	4861	1756	3105
St. Louis	4537	1667	2870

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
San Francisco	4931	1236	3695
Philadelphia	5198	1801	3397
Seattle	5315	1797	3518
Atlanta	5338	1552	3786
Washington	5437	1884	3553
Dallas	5491	1585	3906
Chicago	5607	1542	4065
Arizona	5682	1986	3696
Minnesota	5731	1712	4019
St. Louis	5734	2427	3307
Detroit	5881	2050	3831
New Orleans	5895	1738	4157
N.Y. Giants	6022	1940	4082
Carolina	6042	2093	3949
Tampa Bay	6311	2497	3814
Green Bay	6585	1789	4796

Individuals

AFC Leaders
Final
Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, NWE	611	401	5235	39	12
Schaub, HOU	292	178	2479	15	6
Roethlisberger, PITS13	324	4077	21	14	
Rivers, SND	582	366	4624	27	20
Mat Moore, MIA	347	203	2577	16	9
Hasselbeck, TEN	518	319	3571	18	14
Flacco, BAL	542	312	3610	20	12
C.Palmer, OAK	328	199	2753	16	15
Dalton, CIN	516	300	3398	20	13
Fitzpatrick, BUF	569	353	3832	24	23

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Jones-Drew, JAC	343	1606	4.68	56	8
R.Rice, BAL	291	1364	4.69	70	12
A.Foster, HOU	278	1224	4.40	43	10
McGahee, DEN	249	1199	4.82	60t	4
Ry Mathews, SND	222	1091	4.91	39	6
M.Bush, MIA	216	1086	5.03	78t	6
M.Bush, OAK	256	977	3.82	44	7

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Welker, NWE	122	1569	12.9	99t	9
R.Gronkowski, NWE	90	1327	14.7	52t	17
M.Marshall, MIA	81	1214	15.0	85t	6
Bowe, KAN	81	1159	14.3	52t	5
Hernandez, NWE	79	910	11.5	46	7
St.Johnson, BUF	76	1004	13.2	55	7
R.Rice, BAL	78	704	9.0	52	3
Wayne, IND	75	960	12.8	56t	4
N.Washington, TEN	74	1023	13.8	57	7
M.Wallace, PIT	72	1193	16.6	95t	8

Punters

	No	Yds	Avg
Lechler, OAK	78	3960	50
Fields, MIA	78	3810	70
Moorman, BUF	72	3472	66
Schitko, SND	47	2234	71
B.Colquitt, DEN	101	4783	66
McAfee, IND	88	4102	64

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Arenas, KAN	32	410	12.8	37	0
Bess, MIA	31	442	11.9	25	0
Cribbs, CLE	34	388	11.4	84t	1
Kerley, NYJ	29	317	10.9	53	0
A.Brown, PIT	30	325	10.8	60t	1
Edelman, NWE	28	300	10.7	70	0
Manning, TEN	46	490	10.7	79t	1
Br.Tate, CIN	51	543	10.6	56t	1
Jac. Jones, HOU	49	518	10.6	79t	1
L.Webb, BAL	30	301	10.0	68t	1

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McKnight, NYJ	34	1073	31.6	101t	1
R.Goodman, SND	34	936	27.5	105t	1
A.Brown, PIT	27	737	27.3	52	0
Cribbs, CLE	39	974	25.0	61	0
C.Gates, MIA	34	843	24.8	77	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TDRush	TDRec	Ret	Pts
R.Gronkowski, NWE	18	17	0	108
R.Rice, BAL	15	12	3	90
Jones-Drew, JAC	12	10	2	72
Green-Ellis, NWE	11	11	0	66
Jones-Drew, JAC	11	8	-3	66
Tolbert, SND	10	8	2	60
Decker, DEN	9	0	8	54

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	37	24	9	4	52	110	79
Philadelphia	37	22	11	4	48	125	109
Pittsburgh	39	21	13	4	46	121	100
New Jersey	36	21	15	2	44	105	108
N.Y. Islanders	37	14	17	6	34	88	116

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	35	24	10	1	49	123	88
Ottawa	40	20	15	5	45	123	135
Toronto	39	19	15	5	43	125	128
Buffalo	39	18	17	4	40	104	115
Montreal	39	14	18	7	35	99	110

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	39	20	12	7	47	103	107
Washington	40	20	14	6	46	114	110
Winnipeg	38	19	14	5	43	104	107
Tampa Bay	38	17	18	3	37	107	129
Carolina	41	12	21	8	32	106	139

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	39	24	11	4	52	128	111
Detroit	39	25	13	1	51	128	98
St. Louis	39	22	12	5	49	99	86
Nashville	39	21	14	4	46	105	106
Columbus	38	10	23	5	25	93	128

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	40	24	13	3	51	131	99
Minnesota	40	21	13	6	48	95	95
Colorado	41	22	18	1	45	110	116
Calgary	41	18	18	5	41	100	114
Edmonton	39	16	20	3	35	107	111

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	40	19	14	7	45	87	92
San Jose	35	20	11	4	44	102	85
Dallas	38	21	16	1	43	104	112
Phoenix	40	19	17	4	42	103	107
Anaheim	37	10	21	6	26	87	124

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

Tuesday's Scores
N.Y. Islanders 1, Carolina 3, SO
Buffalo 4, Edmonton 3
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 3
Washington 3, Calgary 1
St. Louis 4, Phoenix 1
Detroit 5, Dallas 4

Today's Games
Winnipeg at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SUMMARIES
RED WINGS 5, STARS 4

Detroit	3	2	0	– 5
Dallas	2	1	–	4

First Period—1, Detroit, V.Filppula 13 (Zetterberg, White), 8:02. 2, Detroit, Hudler 10 (Zetterberg, V.Filppula), 17:06. 3, Dallas, Eriksson 14 (Lee, Benn), 17:56. 4, Detroit, Hudler 11 (V.Filppula, Zetterberg), 19:00.
Second Period—5, Dallas, Ja.Benn 10 (Goligoski, Ryder), 1:04. 6, Detroit, Emmerton 4 (Nyquist, Stuart), 3:51. 7, Dallas, Ryder 16 (Ja.Benn, Eriksson), 7:25. 8, Detroit, Franzen 16 (Datsyuk), 11:46.
Third Period—9, Dallas, Ryder 17 (Wandell, Daley), 14:07.
Shots on Goal—Detroit 15-8-8—31. Dallas 14-7-6—28.
Goalies—Detroit, Howard. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—15,182 (18,532). T—2:23.

CAPITALS 3, FLAMES 1

Calgary	0	1	0	– 1
Washington	1	1	1	– 3

First Period—1, Washington, Ovechkin 17 (Johansson, Backstrom), 1:11 (pp).
Second Period—2, Washington, Brouwer 11 (Ovechkin, Backstrom), 8:49 (pp). 3, Calgary, Glencross 16 (Iginla, Brodie), 13:51. 4, Washington, Wideman 7 (Backstrom, Johansson), 17:01.
Third Period—None.
Shots on Goal—Calgary 4-8-7—19. Washington 8-9-4—21.
Goalies—Calgary, Kiprusoff. Washington, Vokoun. A—18,506 (18,398). T—2:20.

SABRES 4, OILERS 3

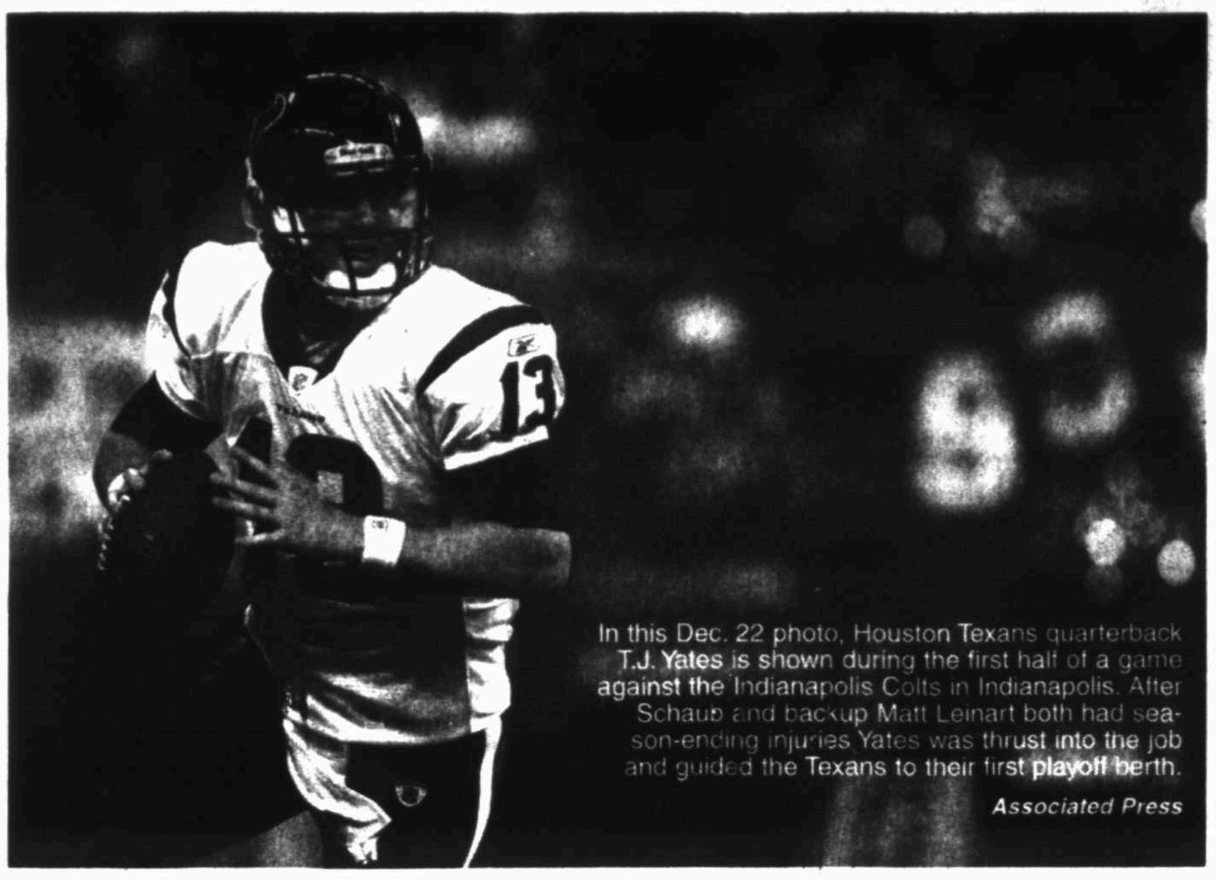
Edmonton	1	1	1	– 3
Buffalo	1	2	1	– 4

First Period—1, Edmonton, Hall 12 (Hemsky, Gagner), 10:33. 2, Buffalo, Pominville 13 (Hecht, McNabb), 14:23.
Second Period—3, Buffalo, Leopold 7 (Stafford, McNabb), 5:10. 4, Edmonton, Gagner 5 (Petry, Hemsky), 9:24 (pp).
Third Period—5, Buffalo, Stafford 7 (Gerbe, D.Roy), 14:34. 6, Buffalo, Gerbe 4 (Stafford), 16:38. 7, Edmonton, Potter 3 (Eberle, Lander), 18:10.
Shots on Goal—Edmonton 14-5-7—26. Buffalo 8-12-13—33.
Goalies—Edmonton, Khabibulin. Buffalo, Miller. A—18,690 (18,690). T—2:15.

MAPLE LEAFS 7, LIGHTNING 3

Tampa Bay	1	2	0	– 3
Toronto	2	3	2	– 7

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 14 (Wyman, Moore), :58. 2, Toronto, Lupul 18 (T.Connolly, Gardiner), 3:25. 3, Toronto, Gunnarsson 2 (T.Connolly, Lupul), 8:40.
Second Period—4, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 27 (St. Louis), 11:55. 5, Toronto, Grabovski 11 (Lupul, Schenn), 12:28. 6, Tampa Bay, Kubina 3 (Brewer), 13:26. 7, Toronto, Bozak 1 (Frattin, Aulie), 13:43. 8, Toronto, Frattin 5 (Kadri, Lombardi), 19:22.
Third Period—9, Toronto, Phaneuf 6 (Grabovski, MacArthur), 1:23 (pp). 10, Toronto, Kessel 22 (Lupul, Phaneuf), 12:28 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 11-7-6—24. Toronto 13-16-13—42.
Goalies—Tampa Bay, Garon, Roloson. Toronto, Gustavsson. A—19,425 (18,819). T—2:35.



In this Dec. 22 photo, Houston Texans quarterback T.J. Yates is shown during the first half of a game against the Indianapolis Colts in Indianapolis. After Schaub and backup Matt Leinart both had season-ending injuries Yates was thrust into the job and guided the Texans to their first playoff berth.

Associated Press

Yates prepared to lead

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HOUSTON — As a fifth-round draft pick T.J. Yates figured he'd spend his rookie year on the sideline learning from Houston Texans veteran quarterback Matt Schaub.

After Schaub and backup Matt Leinart both had season-ending injuries, Yates was thrust into the job and guided the Texans to their first playoff berth.

Now the 24-year-old will lead the franchise in the biggest game of its 10-year history on Saturday in the first round of the playoffs against Cincinnati.

He bruised his left shoulder on a sack on Houston's first series last week against Tennessee and didn't play after that, but said he's fine and will be ready to play on Saturday.

Though he's played just six NFL games, Yates said he's been through so much that he feels he's been playing for a lot longer.

"It's been a long season," he said. "Even though I haven't been playing the entire season, I don't really feel like a rookie anymore. I've had a long time to get comfortable with this offense and comfortable with the teammates around me. Hopefully going into this playoff game, I don't have those rookie feelings anymore."

Star receiver Andre Johnson said Yates never behaved like a rookie and has been impressed with the quarterback's confidence. Yates already had that confidence when he entered the huddle prior to his first NFL snap after Leinart broke his collarbone in the second quarter against Jacksonville.

"He came in the huddle at Jacksonville with a smile on his face," Johnson said shaking his head. "He was just like: 'Hey guys, let's go.' Most rookies would come in nervous and that's something you don't see in him. If he is nervous, he does a great job hiding it. I have a lot of confidence in his ability and what he can do."

Yates helped the Texans win that game at Jacksonville and one the next week against Atlanta, before rallying Houston from a 9-point deficit in the last six minutes for a 20-19 win over the Bengals. He found Kevin Walter on a 6-yard touchdown pass with two seconds left to give the Texans that thrilling win.

Mediocre showing won't force Jones to relinquish GM title

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — In the wake of another disappointing season, disgusted Dallas Cowboys fans have turned their wrath toward a familiar target.

"Jerry Jones is a selfish man," one fan in a north Dallas neighborhood said with conviction Tuesday. "He's selfish because he won't let someone else run the football end of it."

But, Jones made it clear Tuesday such vitriol won't result in him giving up his title as general manger.

"The facts are I've spent, what, 22 years (actually 23) doing this exactly the same way," the owner said. "I've made a lot of changes from year to year as time goes along, but, frankly, I know that when we do not have the kind of success, when we don't have expectations lived up to, the one that should get the most heat is the one that ultimately makes the decisions, period, with the Dallas Cowboys. And that's me."

Jones' record as GM is under scrutiny again after Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay fired vice chairman Bill Polian. In an interview with Dallas' KRLD-FM, Jones said he has no interest in hiring Polian to run the Cowboys' football operation.

"The thing you've got to realize is that when you have an owner that is full time as the owner, then you create a situation where you have as much turnover at GM as you do at coaching level," Jones said. "And, I think that just deters from the mix."

Dallas limps into the offseason after losing four of their last five games and beating only one team that finished .500 or better. The Cowboys finished 8-8 after losing 31-14 to the New York Giants on Sunday with the NFC East title and a berth in the playoffs as the conference's No. 4 seed on the line.

Since the start of the 1997 season, the Cowboys have been nothing special, going 120-120 in the regular season. During that mediocre 15-season span, they've won only one playoff game in six trips to the postseason — an embarrassing showing that likely would cause any other owner to fire his GM.

But Jones, who won three Super Bowls in four seasons during the 1990s, said he's pleased with the progress the club made after going 6-10 in 2010. He sees good days ahead under Jason Garrett, who is 13-11 since replacing Wade Phillips at mid-season last year.

"More often than not, when you're in the kind of shape we are statistically, you're doing better in the playoffs," Jones said.

Still, Jones can't help but think of what could have been had the Cowboys beaten the Giants. He also lamented how the club wasted an outstanding season from Tony Romo, who completed 66.3 percent of his passes for 4,184 yards with 31 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions. His passer rating was a career-best 102.5.

"It's a shame," Jones said of the loss. "It's so disappointing to have Romo be the fourth-rated passer (in the NFL) and not be in the playoffs. It's terribly disappointing."

Michigan wins Sugar Bowl in OT

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Brendan Gibbons drilled a 37-yard field goal down the middle in overtime to lift No. 13 Michigan to a 23-20 victory over 17th-ranked Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl on Tuesday night.

The victory capped an impressive debut season for head coach Brady Hoke, who has led the Wolverines (11-2) back to prominence with a BCS bowl victory. Denard Robinson highlighted an otherwise unspectacular night with touchdown passes of 45 and 18 yards to Junior Hemingway.

Virginia Tech (11-3) had more than double Michigan's total yards, 377-184, and had 22 first downs to Michigan's 12 but settled for four field goals in regulation by third-string kicker Justin Myer.

However, Myer was unable to connect on his fifth try from 37 yards away in the opening possession of overtime.

Robinson finished 9 for 21 for 117 yards passing and threw an interception. He rushed 13 times for a season-low 13 yards.

Virginia Tech first-year start Logan Thomas was 19 of 28 of 214 yards with one interception.

Thomas scored Tech's only touchdown on a 1-yard keeper that tied the game at 17 — after a 2-point conversion — early in the fourth quarter.

Associated Press

Virginia Tech cornerback Kyle Fuller (17) intercepts a pass intended for Michigan wide receiver Junior Hemingway (21) during the first quarter of the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Tuesday.

ORANGE BOWL

CLEMSON (10-3) VS. WEST VIRGINIA (9-3)
7 p.m. today (ESPN)
Line: Clemson by 3.
Series record: Clemson leads 1-0, beating West Virginia 27-7 in the 1989 Gator Bowl.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

The Tigers are making their first appearance in a major bowl since January 1982, when they beat Nebraska in the Orange Bowl for their lone national title. The Mountaineers will try to improve to 3-0 in three Bowl Championship Series games.

KEY MATCHUP

Clemson's passing attack against the Mountaineers, who ranked 15th in the nation in pass efficiency defense. Tajh Boyd threw for 3,541 yards and 30 scores and ranked 18th in total offense. His targets include first-team All-Americans Sammy Watkins and Dwayne Allen. The Mountaineers' defense is led by Bruce Irvin (7 1/2 sacks), Justin Miller (six sacks) and Keith Tandy (12 career interceptions).

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Clemson: True freshman Watkins set a school record with 1,153 yards receiving. He ranked fourth in the nation in average all-purpose yards (173.1). Allen caught eight touchdown passes and won the John Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end. Andre Ellington rushed for 1,062 yards and 10 scores. Boyd set school records for yards passing, passing touchdowns and total offense.

West Virginia: Third-team All-American Tavon Austin set a school record with 89 receptions, ranked No. 2 nationally in all-purpose yards (191.2) and was fifth in punt returns (14.1 per return). Geno Smith has thrown for 3,978 yards and 25 touchdowns, and he ranked ninth in the nation in total offense. Stedman Bailey set a school record with 1,197 yards receiving.

FACTS & FIGURES

The Tigers climbed to sixth in the rankings by winning their first eight games. The Mountaineers were ranked as high as 11th. ... Clemson scored at least 35 points eight times. ... The Tigers won their first Atlantic Coast Conference title in 20 years, and they won 10 games for the first time in a decade. ... Three times Clemson overcame a deficit of at least 14 points to win. ... The Tigers ranked only 80th in run defense. ... Clemson QB Boyd planned to enroll at West Virginia before changing his mind. ... West Virginia rushing leader Dustin Garrison will miss the game with a left knee injury. ... The Mountaineers are making their 10th consecutive bowl appearance. ... The Mountaineers have 18 Floridians on their roster.

BOWL SCHEDULE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Saturday, Dec. 17
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Temple 37, Wyoming 15
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Ohio 24, Utah State 23
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 32, San Diego State 30

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall 20, FIU 10

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
TCU 31, Louisiana Tech 24

Thursday, Dec. 22
MAACO Bowl
At Las Vegas
Boise State 56, Arizona State 24

Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Southern Mississippi 24, Nevada 17

Monday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Missouri 41, North Carolina 24

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Purdue 37, Western Michigan 32
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina State 31, Louisville 24

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Military Bowl
At Washington
Toledo 42, Air Force 41
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas 21, California 10

Thursday, Dec. 29
Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Florida State 18, Notre Dame 14
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Baylor 67, Washington 56

Friday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Dallas
BYU 24, Tulsa 21
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Rutgers 27, Iowa State 13
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi State 23, Wake Forest 17
Insight Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma 31, Iowa 14

Saturday, Dec. 31
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas A&M 33, Northwestern 22
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Utah 30, Georgia Tech 27, OT
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Cincinnati 31, Vanderbilt 24
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Illinois 20, UCLA 14
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Auburn 43, Virginia 24

Monday, Jan. 2
TicketCity Bowl
At Dallas
Houston 30, Penn State 14
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
South Carolina 30, Nebraska 13
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan State 33, Georgia 30, 3OT
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida 24, Ohio State 17
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon 45, Wisconsin 38
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Oklahoma State 41, Stanford 38, OT

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Michigan 23, Virginia Tech 20

Today
Orange Bowl
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 8 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. SMU (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 8
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m., (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Feb. 5
Texas vs. Nation At San Antonio
Texas vs. Nation, 1 p.m. (CBSSN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 59, OSWEGO STATE 54

EDINBURG — Aaron Urbanus scored 12 points and Texas-Pan American held on to beat Oswego State 59-54 Tuesday night.

Jared Maree added 10 points for the Broncs (5-12), who snapped a four-game losing streak. UTPA led 33-23 at halftime before Oswego State mounted a comeback, tying it at 53 on Hayden Ward's free throws with 4:21 left.

Nick Weiermiller's layup 15 seconds later restored the Broncs' lead, and Maree and Weiermiller each made two free throws in the final minute to preserve the win.

Ward led Oswego State (9-2) with 18 points. Conor Morlaghan scored 12 points and Chad Burridge had nine points and 10 rebounds.

The Lakers, a Division III program from upstate New York, had won nine straight. It was their first game against a Division I program since 1972.

MISSISSIPPI 50, SMU 48

OXFORD, Miss. — Terrance Henry scored 13 points, including four points in the final two minutes, to lead Mississippi over Southern Methodist 50-48 on Tuesday night.

Ole Miss (10-4) struggled all night to put away the Mustangs, trailing 48-46 with less than two minutes remaining. But Henry scored on a driving layup to tie the game and then hit two free throws with 28.3 seconds remaining to give the Rebels the lead.

Ole Miss snapped a three-game losing streak. Reggie Buckner added eight points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots. Maurice Aniefiok scored eight points off the bench.

SOUTHERN 73, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 65

PRAIRIE VIEW — Jameel Grace scored 21 points and Michael Celestin added 18 to lead Southern to a 73-65 victory against Prairie View A&M in the Southwestern Athletic Conference opener for both teams on Tuesday night.

Derick Beltran had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Jaguars (5-9, 1-0).

Ronald Wright, with 14 points, was the only player to score in double figures for the Panthers (4-10, 0-1), who shot just 37.1 percent (23 of 62) from the floor.

A 23-5 run over an 8:03 stretch of the second half gave Southern control. Celestin had 10 points and made two 3-pointers while Grace added seven points during the surge, which gave the Jaguars a 64-47 lead with 9:56 remaining.

TEXAS SOUTHERN 87, ALCORN STATE 52

HOUSTON — Dexter Ellington scored 17 points and Texas Southern beat Alcorn State 87-52 Tuesday night in the Southwestern Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

Lawrence Johnson-Danner scored 13 and Omar Strong had 12, all on 3-pointers, for Texas Southern (2-11). The Tigers were 10 of 19 from 3-point range, led by Strong who was 4 for 5. Texas Southern led 43-21 at halftime.

Twann Oakley scored 14 points and Kendrick McDonald added 13 to lead the Braves (3-10). All three of Alcorn State's wins have come at home.

NEW MEXICO 98, HOUSTON BAPTIST 61

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Tony Snell scored 18 points, leading five New Mexico players who scored in double figures in a 98-61 victory against Houston Baptist on Tuesday night, the Lobos' 11th straight win.

Drew Gordon had 13 points and 10 rebounds for New Mexico (13-2). Reserve Demetrius Walker had eight assists.

Dustin Hobaugh came off the bench to score 12 points to lead the Huskies (5-9).

Hudler, Filppula lead Red Wings over Stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jiri Hudler scored twice, linemate Valtteri Filppula added a goal and two assists, and the Detroit Red Wings hung on to beat the Dallas Stars 5-4 on Tuesday night.

Henrik Zetterberg, the third member of the line, had three assists.

Johan Franzen and Cory Emmerton also connected for the Red Wings, an NHL-best 15-2-1 at home but only 10-11-0 on the road.

Michael Ryder had two goals, Jamie Benn added a goal and two assists, and Loui Eriksson also scored for the Stars.

Dallas is short-handed on defense, missing regulars Sheldon Souray (ankle), Stephane Robidas (foot) and Philip Larsen (concussion-like symptoms), and it showed against the speedy, skilled Wings.

Injuries forced the callup of rookies Jordie Benn, older brother of Jamie Benn, and Brenden Dillon from the Texas Stars of the AHL.

Jordie Benn made his NHL debut, collecting his first assist in the opening period, while Dillon was a healthy scratch.

Filppula fired a loose puck into an open net for his 13th goal of the season at 8:02 of the first period.

Zetterberg's shot went in off Hudler's skate to make it 2-0 at 17:06 of the first. The goal was upheld after a brief video review.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GRIZZLIES 113, KINGS 96

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rudy Gay scored 23 points, Sam Young added 20 and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Sacramento Kings 113-96 on Tuesday night.

O.J. Mayo had 16 points, and Mike Conley — returning from an ankle injury — and Marc Gasol scored 14 points each. Tony Allen added 10 points. Gasol also had 15 rebounds as Memphis outrebounded Sacramento 49-41. Tony Allen had 10 points.

With Memphis holding a double-digit lead for a bulk of the second half, the Kings' reserves got extended minutes.

Jimmer Fredette scored 17 points and fellow rookie Isaiah Thomas had 15 to lead Sacramento as the Kings' reserves got extended minutes with Memphis leading by double digits for a bulk of the second half.

TRAIL BLAZERS 103, THUNDER 93

OKLAHOMA CITY — LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points and eight rebounds to help the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 103-93 on Tuesday night.

Wesley Matthews added 16 points for the Blazers, who held Oklahoma City to 34 percent shooting in the second half to push ahead on an off night for All-Stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook.

Westbrook scored 22 points on 8-for-18 shooting and Durant finished with 19 points while hitting 8 of 26 shots. James Harden made his sixth career start in place of Thabo Sefolosha (flulike symptoms), and led the way for the Thunder with 23 points.

BULLS 76, HAWKS 74

CHICAGO — Luol Deng's layup with 3.7 seconds to play lifted the Chicago Bulls to a 76-74 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

Derrick Rose scored 17 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Bulls from a 19-point deficit. Coming out of a timeout with the score tied in the final seconds, Deng cut along the baseline and took a feed from Joakim Noah to put Chicago ahead.

Atlanta's Joe Johnson shot an airball at the buzzer, giving the Bulls the win.

CAVILERS 115, BOBCATS 101

CLEVELAND — The future of the Cleveland Cavaliers looked good in the present on Tuesday night.

Rookies Kyrie Irving and Tristan Thompson, selected No. 1 and No. 4 respectively in last year's draft, led Cleveland to a 115-101 win over the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday night.

Irving tied a season high with 20 points and had six assists with no turnovers, and Thompson had season highs with 16 points and nine rebounds.

"Kyrie makes everyone around him better," Cavaliers coach Byron Scott said. "He gets more and more comfortable with each game. Tristan's in that same boat. He's starting to really understand his role and what he can do in this league."

Veteran Antawn Jamison had 19 points as Cleveland moved over .500 for he first time since Nov. 9, 2010, when it was 4-3.

Mavs, NBA differ on who set up White House trip

Associated Press

Cuban

NEW YORK — The Mavericks are getting their White House trip, though Mark Cuban and the NBA disagree on how it was arranged.

And Cuban insists the league still messed up by not giving the champions a game in Washington.

"It doesn't change the fact that they didn't (schedule) a game in DC for us," the Mavericks owner wrote Tuesday in an email. "Given the compressed schedule it should have been more of a priority because they knew better than any of us how few days off we would have to do something."

Cuban said Monday night in Dallas that "the league office was stupid or dumb or worse" to not schedule the defending champions in Washington so they could have the traditional trip to meet the president. But the NBA noted that scheduling that game wouldn't have necessarily meant seeing President Barack Obama.

"Our jurisdiction doesn't extend to scheduling the president, and scheduling the Mavericks against the Wizards would have been no guarantee that the president would be in town and available," league spokesman Mike Bass said.

But, Bass said, the league did find a suitable solution.

"We learned that he would be available on Jan. 9 and began working with the Mavericks to accommodate that availability and the Mavericks' schedule. Fortunately, we were able to make it work," Bass said.

The Mavericks will meet Obama on Monday, at the start of a road trip to Detroit and Boston.

But Cuban insisted the Mavs did their own work on this one.

"We took the lead," he wrote. "Obviously, we have to include the NBA in our plans."

A cast of stars is missing from PGA Tour opener

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The list of who's not at the season-opening Tournament of Champions reads more like a "Who's Who."

Missing are three of the four major champions — Charl Schwartzel, Darren Clarke and Rory McIlroy, who at 22 already is on the short list of golfers capable of moving the needle no matter where they play.

If that's not enough, three of the four World Golf Championship winners from last year are not at Kapalua, either.

Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world, recently returned home from a year-end journey that took him from South Africa to Dubai to Australia. Adam Scott was home in Australia watching his girlfriend, Ana Ivanovic, win her opening match in the Brisbane International as she gets ready for her first Grand Slam of the year. Martin Kaymer, of Germany, is gearing up for his title defense in Abu Dhabi.

So who's left?

A 28-man field of PGA Tour winners, tying the record for the smallest field to start the PGA Tour season on the shores of Maui.

With apologies to PGA champion Keegan Bradley, WGC winner Nick Watney and FedEx Cup champion Bill Haas, the biggest stars at Kapalua might be found in the broadcast booth. Johnny Miller and Nick Faldo have agreed to be co-analysts for the first time.

A year ago, the winners-only field at Kapalua had 19 of the top 40 in the world. Now, there are 19 of the top 100. The only two players from the top 10 are Steve Stricker and Webb Simpson.

The PGA Tour no longer starts with trumpets blaring. It's more like a solo on the ukulele.

Then again, this is nothing new.

Phil Mickelson caused a ripple when he stopped coming to Kapalua in 2002. Tiger Woods caused more of a tidal wave when he decided not to play in 2006, and he hasn't been back since (although he hasn't been eligible the past two years).

The tour has toyed with the idea of expanding the field, either by inviting all past winners at Kapalua (Ernie Els, Sergio Garcia, Jim Furyk and Geoff Ogilvy) or by offering a two-year exemption to the Tournament of Champions for PGA Tour winners.

That wouldn't solve the problem. Some would argue that golf has too many exclusive, limited-field tournaments already. This one is worth keeping because there's only one way to stand on the first tee with such splendid, sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. Winning should still mean something.

It would be easy to suggest these guys are spoiled. How hard is it to fly to a tropical paradise at the start of the year, be treated to a free room at a Ritz-Carlton that hugs the Maui coastline, play in a small field with no cut for a $5.6 million purse and play a course carved out of a mountain that is different from anything they play all year?

But, there's more to it than that.

Of the 11 players who aren't at Kapalua, most have a valid reason. Brandt Snedeker, Fredrik Jacobson and Dustin Johnson are recovering from injuries. Kaymer and Clarke aren't even PGA Tour members, and might want to save their starts for later in the year, perhaps closer to the majors or when they can put a couple of tournaments together.

Justin Rose's wife just gave birth to their second child.

And with winners coming from all over the world, respect must be shown to the worldwide game. Padraig Harrington never played in the Tournament of Champions because this is when he traditionally takes his break from a long season. That's the case for McIlroy and Donald. Schwartzel has tournaments in his native South Africa this month.

Darvish visits Texas Rangers, where he could be pitching

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish is visiting Texas for the first time during a 30-day window the AL champion Rangers have to negotiate a contract with the Japanese pitcher.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels confirmed reports from Japanese media that Darvish was in the Dallas-Fort Worth area Tuesday. Daniels wouldn't discuss the state of negotiations with Darvish or any plans for meetings during the visit by the 25-year-old right-hander.

The Rangers put out a statement later Tuesday that said Darvish was visiting Texas for the first time and was with his representatives. The team said it was releasing no details about the visit and not commenting during the negotiation process.

"He felt it was appropriate to make the trip at this time," the Rangers said.

The Rangers, who have won consecutive AL pennants, put in a record bid of about $51.7 million for the right to negotiate with Japan's best pitcher. A 30-day negotiating window began when their bid was accepted Dec. 20 by the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters of Japan's Pacific League. They only pay the fee if they sign the player.

Darvish, the son of an Iranian father and a Japanese mother, went 18-6 with a 1.44 ERA last season. He had 276 strikeouts to lead the Pacific League.

The 6-foot-5 Darvish pitched in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and was a member of the Japanese team that won the 2009 World Baseball Classic. Darvish, who turned pro in 2005 at age 18, has superb control and throws seven effective pitches.

Texas has lost its No. 1 pitcher in free agency after each of the last two World Series.

Cliff Lee left after the 2010 season to return to Philadelphia, and left-hander C.J. Wilson agreed to a $77.5 million, five-year contract with the AL West rival Los Angeles Angels last month.

Source: Barfield will be new IndyCar race director

Associated Press

A person familiar with the hiring says the IndyCar Series has selected Beaux Barfield as its new director for racing.

Barfield will be introduced during a news conference Wednesday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the person told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the formal announcement has yet to be made.

Barfield spent the last four years as race director of ALMS sports car series. He replaces Brian Barnhart, who lost race control responsibilities last month after a controversial 16th season.

Barfield will oversee a reworking of IndyCar's rule book. Although Barnhart was criticized by drivers for alleged arbitrary calls, the relaxed rule book contributed to the inconsistencies.

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TODAY Mostly sunny high 57 low 27

THURSDAY Sunny high 62 low 34

FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 69 low 33

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 57 and north winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 27 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 62, a low around 34 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 69 and a low around 33.

The high on Tuesday reached 65 while the low dropped to 29. The record high for Jan. 3 is 83 set in 2006. The record low is 8 set in 1983.

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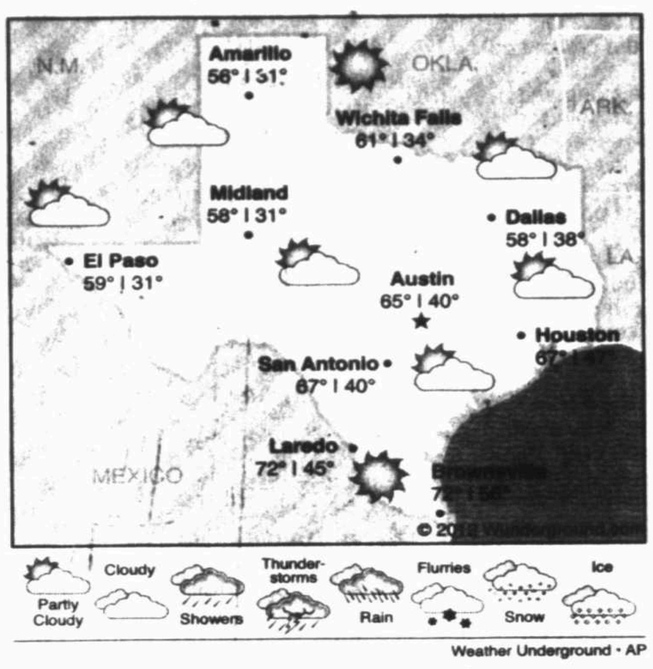
The mass of cold air in the Eastern States will shrink today. After a freeze in parts of Florida and a frigid start in other parts of the South, temperatures will rebound to less extreme levels, but the cold will linger from around the Great Lakes to the Northeast. A cold front will push into the Northeast from central Canada. As this feature moves in, flurries and snow squalls will occur in the interior areas of the Northeast. Although the cold will not depart the Northeast soon, temperatures will continue to rise into the weekend.



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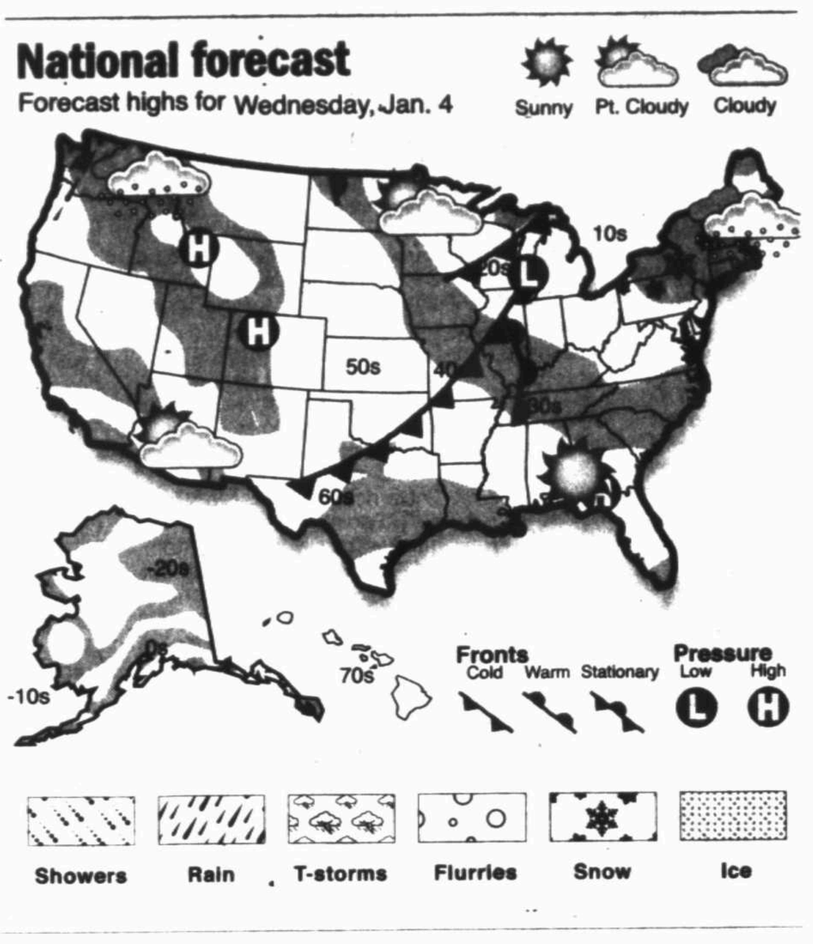
Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.04 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	65
Low	29
Normal high	57
Normal low	30

Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:58 p.m.



Sister's affair with boss costs boyfriend his job

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 long-distance boyfriend, "Wayne," moved here two years ago to take a job working for my twin sister "Kim's" mentor. After five months on the job, Wayne was terminated and was replaced by — my sister! To say there are hurt feelings is an understatement.

Wayne and I were unaware that Kim had been having an affair with this much-older married father of two. He has now left his wife and kids and is living with my sister. Kim is enjoying her job as his assistant and reaping all the benefits of his long-established business.

I'm devastated by the betrayal. It frustrates me that after months of deception, my twin is benefitting from a massive indiscretion that ended a marriage and destroyed a family. We were always close, but I don't want to include her lover in any upcoming events in my life. She says they're a "package deal." How do I move past this — or should I? — DECEIVED BY MY EVIL TWIN

DEAR DECEIVED: I'm not sure what "upcoming events in your life" you're referring to, but if they include Wayne, his feelings should also be taken into consideration. How angry and resentful will he feel if he's forced to interact with the man who fired him so he could be replaced by your sister?

I can't decide for you how you will work this out, but I will offer this advice: For the present, make no hard and fast decisions. This could play out in any number of ways. Her boss could marry her, or he could return to his wife and family. Wait and see what the future brings. It's often full of surprises.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single adult female. I have a neighbor and friend I'll call Kurt. He has been terrific to me. He has given me things, taken me out a few times and seems very caring. I enjoy the time we spend together, and I have developed romantic feelings for him. My problem is Kurt is gay.

I know I can't have the kind of relationship with him that I'd like to. Once, we spent the whole day together, and I spent the whole time wishing it had been a real date. It seems like whenever we go out together I don't know how to handle the situation. Because he's a neighbor, I run into him a lot. I could use some advice on this. — SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR IN TEXAS

DEAR NEAR AND FAR: You and Kurt appear to be compatible on many levels, but you must accept that as wonderful a person as he is — he cannot give you the romantic love you're looking for. He isn't "wired" that way. Wishing, hoping and dreaming won't change that — but it WILL waste your time and prevent you from looking for eligible men.

You need to put the brakes on this friendship until you have regained your balance and/or have met someone else. And tell Kurt why, so his feelings won't be hurt. I'm betting it won't be the first time he's heard it.

DEAR ABBY: Is a grandmother being disrespectful when she purposely continues to misspell her 12-year-old grandson's name on cards and gifts? — HIS NAME IS JOE!

DEAR H.N.I.J.!: Not knowing the grandmother, I can't say for certain. She may be letting you know she's disappointed you didn't name the boy after his grandfather "Morris." She could also be illiterate or somewhat demented, but I'm betting she's letting you know she's not happy with the name you chose.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

What a difference a lead makes

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 8 4
♡ A J 7
♢ Q 7
♣ K Q 9 5 4

WEST
♠ K 6 3
♡ K 10 9 2
♢ K 10 9 5
♣ 10 8

EAST
♠ Q 9 5
♡ 5
♢ J 8 6 4 2
♣ J 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ J 10 7 2
♡ Q 8 6 4 3
♢ A 3
♣ A 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

This deal is from the Gold Cup final, Britain's premier team event. In both rooms the final contract was four hearts. In the other room, the opening lead was a diamond and, after the queen of diamonds won, careful play by declarer landed the contract

Here, declarer won the lead in hand and led a heart to the jack, which won.

Declarer continued with the ace and discovered the bad break. The contract can still be made. Declarer must cash the king of clubs and exit with a trump. West can take fiis other trump but is then endplayed. Try it.

Instead, declarer cashed both dummy's top clubs, discarding a diamond from hand. West ruffed the queen with his remaining trump winner and exited safely with a diamond club, cashed his remaining trump winner and exited safely with a diamond. That stranded declarer with two spade losers to go along with the two trump losers.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012:

You easily could go overboard this year. This behavior might shake you up as you let your normal self-discipline melt away. Look at this period as a phase: You haven't lost the ability to rein yourself in; you simply choose not to, as you are enjoying yourself. You have a lot of vigor and excitement. If you are single, many people are drawn to you. So many choices lie ahead. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other more and more. You enjoy being with TAURUS.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You could have a disagreement with someone you are dealing with financially. At times, you need to — and must — say "no." A discussion about what is practical has the decision tumbling into your space. Tonight: Out to dinner with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ A morning tiff might set you off, but let it ride right on by. What is at the base is a misunderstanding. Be gracious, and you'll discover the situation works itself out. You magnetize others right now. Be specific in your interactions. Tonight: Let love in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You are able to do more than many people once you pick yourself up from a little stumble this morning. Understand that your effectiveness comes from thought and research. Ask for opinions before solidifying plans. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Zero in on your priorities in a meeting. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Play it like you don't know, and keep discussions flowing. You will enlist many supporters in your cause. If you relax and work with others, your popularity will flourish. Tonight: Only where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Others look to you to take the lead. You might not be in the mood, and you let others know it in no uncertain terms. You are tired and drained. Perhaps you need to take better care of yourself. Be careful with your funds — you could make an error or overspend. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Break past your normal thinking. Try walking in another person's shoes. You might be confused by everything that happens. Your anger comes out in being judgmental rather than addressing the issue. Tonight: Opt for something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn from dealing with a partner. Part of the fatigue is the result of employing unusual self-discipline. You could be reading more into a situation than exists. Others are not as clear as you would like. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Defer and make it a little easier on yourself. A friend who generally is easygoing drives a hard bargain. In fact, this person is nothing less than pushy. Be willing to ni.: what doesn't seem like a good idea. Tonight: Sort through your options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You work well with others and get to the bottom of problems quickly and effectively. The problem lies in the fact that a boss isn't getting your message and confusion surrounding the instrumenting of an idea. You have a strong sense of direction when you relax. Tonight: Off to the gym.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Sometimes you might seem stern to others. Tap into your imagination, and understand what is happening with a co-worker or a friend you see nearly every day. Trust yourself to choose the right direction in which to head. Tonight: Make it fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might not want to stay focused on a personal matter, but until it is resolved in some form, it could prevent you from tossing yourself into anything else. A partner gives you strong feedback, whether you like it or not. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You can and will make the needed difference. Though you might not be sure of yourself or able to get past an important detail because you aren't hearing all the facts, let go of the issue for now. Make calls; clean up a project; do what you do well. Tonight: Hang out with some friends.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Jane Wyman (1914) inventor Louis Braille (1809), German folklorist Jacob Grimm (1785)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Times to call, in ads
5 Graduate school degs.
9 Zippo
14 The first Mrs. Copperfield
15 Kathryn of "Law & Order: C.I."
16 Diplôme issuer
17 Scratchy symptom of nerves
19 Place to get eats
20 Woman in a "Paint Your Wagon" song
21 22-Downs, e.g.
23 Shoot the breeze
24 "We are __ amused"
25 Agitated symptom of nerves
29 Hive denizens
31 Shoe part
32 Meara of comedy
33 First name in Japanese golf
37 Parkinson's treatment
38 Unstable symptom of nerves
41 Fictional neatnik
44 Treated, as a bump on the head
45 Bank statement abbr.
49 Hardly skilled in
51 Mailer or Miller
53 Moist symptom of nerves
57 60 minutes, in Florence
58 "Tain't" rebuttal
59 Prego competitor
60 Like cornstalks
62 Comparable, distance-wise
65 Situation in which this puzzle's symptoms may appear
67 Crystalline stone
68 Emulate the 18-Down
69 High: Pref.
70 Made a blooper
71 Had chits to pay
72 Bad-tempered

DOWN
1 Riders, e.g.
2 Woebegone
3 "I wonder if this will fit" response
4 H.S. seniors' concerns
5 La Méditerranée, e.g.
6 Hard-to-ride horse
7 Ancient calculators
8 New Jersey's __ Hall University
9 British series ender
10 Henri's here
11 Way back when
12 Become cloudless
13 Chamomile soother, e.g.
18 Overconfident critter of fable
22 Mil. rank
26 Gobi Desert locale
27 Boring result?
28 Concludes by
30 Period to usher in
34 Enjoy Telluride, say
35 "Best in Show" org.
36 Small bill
39 Part of Q.E.D.
40 Red-coated wheel
41 Steal the spotlight from
42 Still clueless
43 Likes a lot
46 Bach work
47 Civil rights leader __ Scott King
48 Common car sale component
50 Norse god of heroic glory
52 Employed
54 Cellist Casals
55 Softly lit
56 Rainer who was the first to win consecutive Oscars
61 Grandfather of Enos
63 Soft drink suffix
64 Roulette bet
66 Outlaw Kelly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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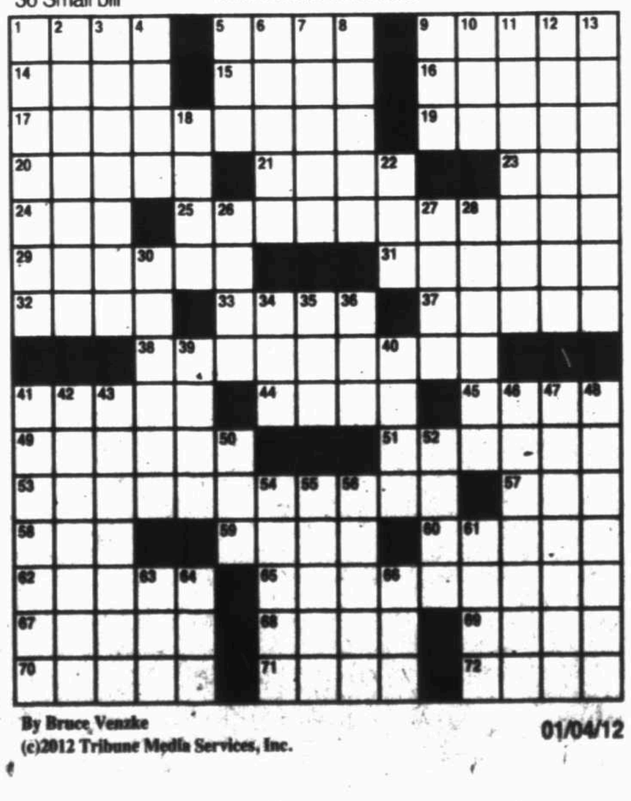

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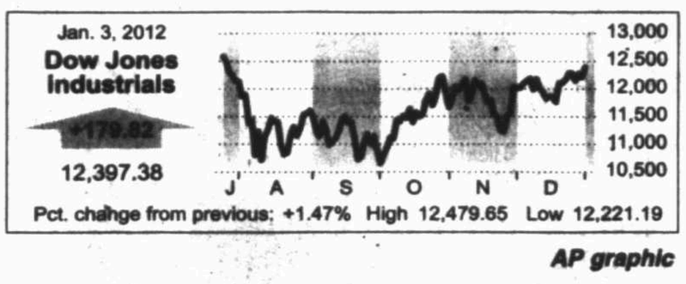

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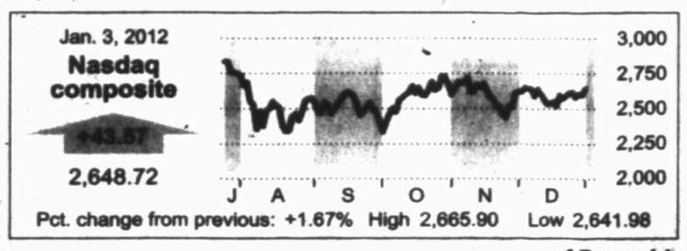

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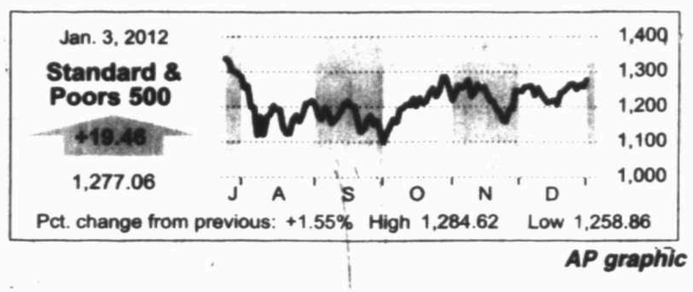

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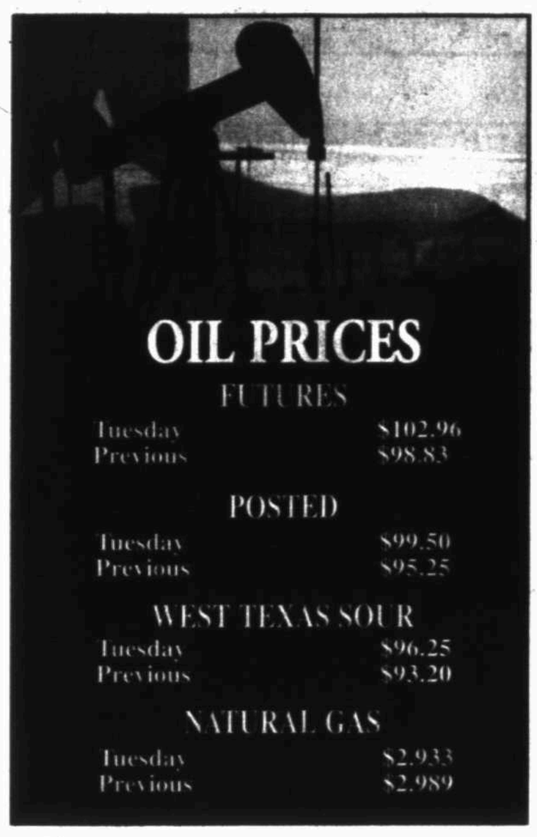

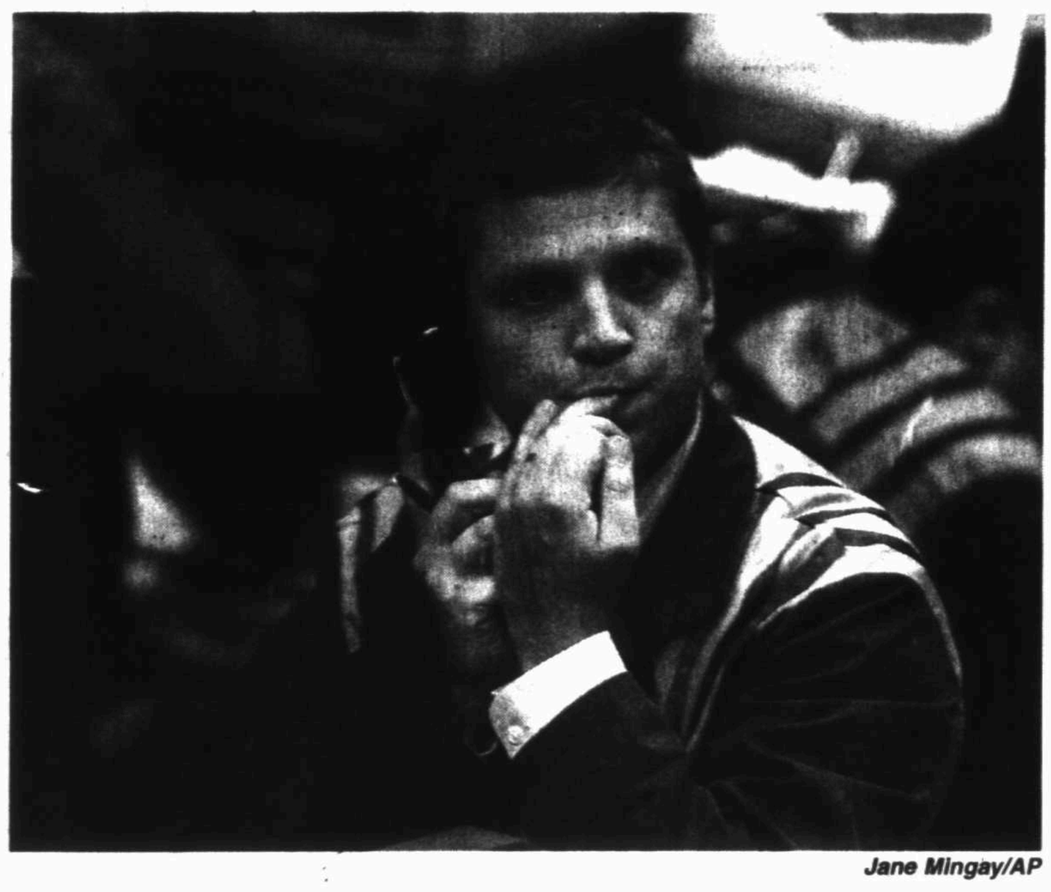

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A trader at the London International Petrolium Exchange in London reacts as he trades crude oil futures Oct. 5, 2004. Benchmark crude jumped by $4.13, or 4.2 percent, to end the day at $102.96 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price foreign oil varieties that are imported by U.S. refineries, rose by $4.75, or 4.4 percent, to finish at $112.13 per barrel in London.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2537367	5.80	+.24
S&P500ETF	1636287	127.50	+2.00
SPDR Fncl	784844	13.34	+.34
iShEMkts	692693	39.10	+1.16
Citigrp rs	569482	28.33	+2.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iPLEEafe	93.52	+21.91	+30.6
QuantMom	26.98	+5.01	+22.8
CS VS3xSlv	33.33	+5.87	+21.4
AmrRlty	2.20	+.33	+17.6
SunTr wtA	3.83	+.53	+16.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVS3xInSlv	48.48	-12.64	-20.7
DrDGldBr	36.79	-5.81	-13.6
ProUSSlv rs	13.79	-2.08	-13.1
DnxIndaBr	38.21	-5.50	-12.6
DnxBRICBr	27.45	-3.58	-11.5

DIARY

Advanced	2,369
Declined	716
Unchanged	66
Total issues	3,151
New Highs	201
New Lows	5
Volume	3,801,332,172

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VantageDrl	35205	1.10	-.06
NwGold g	31986	10.62	+.54
GrtBasG g	30053	1.03	+.12
ChesnerEn	27054	8.75	+.06
Rentech	26543	1.31	...

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HKN	2.54	+.41	+19.2
WellsGard	2.39	+.37	+18.3
QuestPfM g	2.49	+.29	+13.2
GoldenMin	6.53	+.72	+12.4
Banro g	4.12	+.42	+11.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bacterin	2.58	-.28	-9.8
NewConcEn	2.12	-.13	-5.8
HMG	3.65	-.22	-5.7
InvCapHld	3.91	-.19	-4.7
FieldPnt	4.12	-.20	-4.6

DIARY

Advanced	344
Declined	133
Unchanged	30
Total issues	507
New Highs	23
New Lows	2
Volume	86,782,978

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	627034	26.77	+.81
Intel	432732	24.54	+.29
SiriusXM	432349	1.86	+.04
MicronT	389437	6.76	+.47
Oracle	370097	25.87	+.22

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Novogen rs	2.75	+.75	+37.2
GlobusMar	3.90	+.59	+17.8
FstPacTrst	11.97	+1.72	+16.8
Elbitmg	2.68	+.38	+16.5
FstSecur rs	2.72	+.37	+15.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AVEO Ph	13.83	-3.37	-19.6
Telestone	3.52	-.64	-15.4
LiveDeal	3.39	-.60	-15.0
NeptuneT g	2.49	-.43	-14.7
IBC Cap pf	11.24	-1.51	-11.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,917
Declined	689
Unchanged	74
Total issues	2,680
New Highs	75
New Lows	31
Volume	1,601,896,536

Oil prices start 2012 up more than 4 percent

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil prices soared Tuesday as tensions grew over key Persian Gulf oil shipments.

Benchmark crude jumped by $4.13, or 4.2 percent, to end the day at $102.96 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price foreign oil varieties that are imported by U.S. refineries, rose by $4.75, or 4.4 percent, to finish at $112.13 per barrel in London.

Prices climbed as soon as exchanges opened for the first day of 2012 trading. Commodity prices tend to rise at the beginning of January as investors start the new year with a fresh round of trading. This year prices were driven up by heightened concerns that Iran might try to close the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf to oil tankers if Western nations impose new sanctions.

Iran warned the U.S. to stay out of the strategic waterway, where one-sixth of the world's oil shipments pass every day. On Monday its navy fired a cruise missile as part of a military exercise.

Military experts say Iran's navy is too small to pose a serious challenge to the United States, but the missile exercise showed that it still has the ability to frustrate the international oil trade.

The U.S. and European nations are mulling further economic sanctions against Iran because of its nuclear program. Doing that comes with some major economic risks, however. A standoff with Iran could hurt the global economy, slowing oil supplies at a time when the world needs every drop. Global oil demand is expected to rise to a record 89.5 million barrels per day in 2012.

Oil producers are expected to meet that demand, but a prolonged conflict could lead to shortages and fuel price spikes that stifle economic growth. Recent reports that the world's factories continue to ramp up underscored the growing demand for crude. Manufacturers ended 2011 on a high note, increasing activity in December in the U.S., China and India, according to separate surveys.

U.S. manufacturing, which was one of the first areas to grow after the recession, continued to gain ground in December. Factories hired more workers and boosted production to accommodate the biggest growth in orders since April. A private trade group said that U.S. manufacturing expanded last month at the fastest pace in six months.

The Commerce Department said that U.S. construction spending jumped in November on a spate of new projects for single-family homes and apartments.

Gasoline prices on Tuesday were at a national average of $3.28 per gallon — the highest level ever at the start of the year — and analysts say the average could again flirt with $4 per gallon by spring, if oil prices keep rising.

In other energy trading Tuesday, heating oil rose 12.4 cents, or 4.3 percent, to end the day at $3.0382 per gallon, while gasoline futures rose by 9.12 cents, or 3.4 percent, to finish at $2.7486 per gallon. Natural gas was virtually unchanged, ending at $2.9930 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dow up almost 180

The stock market got a big jump on a better year.

After a flat 2011, stocks rose sharply Tuesday in the first trading of 2012 after investors returned from the holiday and found encouraging economic reports from the United States and around the world.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 179.82 points, or 1.4 percent, to 12,397.38, its highest close in more than five months.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, a broader gauge than the Dow, finished up almost 20 points at 1,277. The S&P finished 2011 almost exactly where it started — down a sliver, 0.04 of a point.

The market may have gotten an extra boost from what's known as the January effect: Investors sell stocks at the end of the year to lock in losses for tax purposes, then come back in January and buy stocks again.

The effect could be more pronounced this year because the stock market was so volatile in 2011 and more investors had losses to take, said Sam Stovall, chief equity strategist at Standard & Poor's Capital IQ.

Money managers also usually get a fresh infusion of cash at the beginning of the year because workers who maxed out their contributions to retirement accounts well before the previous year ended start contributing again.

These investors are back hunting for bargains, he said: "Investors are a lot like dieters and look to January as a new beginning."

January is a fairly good predictor of the year for U.S. stocks. Only seven times since 1950 has January turned out to be a "major error" in predicting the year to come, according to the Stock Trader's Almanac.

In other words, whichever direction the market has gone in January, the rest of the year has usually followed.

The "major errors" are usually extraordinary events, the almanac points out. In 2001, for example, the S&P 500 rose 3.5 percent in January, but the market was rocked by the Sept. 11 attacks and finished the year down 13 percent.

The first day of the year is less useful for fortune-telling than the first month. If you were to bet on whether the market would finish the year up or down based on how it performed the first day, you would be right only about half the time.

And there's no special power to January. A strong market in any single month makes it more likely that the market will be higher over the 12 months to come, Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG, pointed out in a note to clients.

"As goes any month, so goes any 12-month period," he said. "This is not the exclusive province of January."

Predictive ability aside, the Dow's 179-point gain was its third-biggest for the first trading day of the year and its biggest gain on the first day since 2009, when the Dow climbed 258 points.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
vAMR	...	...	.29	-.06	-18.3
AT&T Inc	1.76f	16	30.38	+.14	+.5
Abraxas	...	13	3.57	**+.26**	**+8.0**
AdamsEx	**.65e**	...	**9.79**	**+.15**	**+1.6**
Alcoa	.12	9	9.23	+.58	+6.7
AlonUSA	.16	21	9.04	+.33	+3.8
Altria	1.64	17	28.56	-1.09	-3.7
Amgen	**1.44f**	**16**	**64.11**	**-.10**	**-.2**
Anadarko	**.36**	...	**78.65**	**+2.32**	**+3.0**
Apache	**.60**	**9**	**95.93**	**+5.35**	**+5.9**
ApldMatl	**.32**	**7**	**10.70**	**-.01**	**-.1**
ATMOS	**1.38f**	**15**	**33.15**	**-.20**	**-.6**
AutoData	1.58f	21	54.46	+.45	+.8
BP PLC	**1.68**	**7**	**44.14**	**+1.40**	**+3.3**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.66	-.33	-1.8
BakrHu	.60	14	51.02	+2.38	+4.9
BkofAm	.04	...	5.80	+.24	+4.3
BasicEnSv	...	38	20.51	+.81	+4.1
BerkHa A	**...**	**1711**	**6320.00**	**+1565.00**	**+1.4**
BerryPet	**.32**	**16**	**43.28**	**+1.26**	**+3.0**
BldHillsCp	**1.46**	**23**	**33.13**	**-.45**	**-1.3**
BostonSci	...	15	5.36	+.02	+.4
BrillySq	**1.36f**	**18**	**35.01**	**-.23**	**-.7**
BrownFA	**1.40f**	**20**	**79.20**	**-.07**	**-.1**
BrownFB	**1.40f**	**20**	**80.61**	**+.10**	**+.1**
CVS Care	.65f	16	41.52	+.74	+1.8
Cameron	...	21	50.62	+1.43	+2.9
Caterpillar	1.84	14	93.98	+3.38	+3.7
Celestic g	...	7	7.65	+.32	+4.4
Cemex	...	...	5.60	+.21	+3.9
CntryLink	2.90	17	37.33	+.13	+.3
ChesEng	.35	7	23.60	+1.31	+5.9
Chevron	**3.24f**	**8**	**110.37**	**+3.97**	**+3.7**
Chicos	.20	14	11.17	+.03	+.3
Cimarex	.40	11	65.84	+3.94	+6.4
Cisco	.24	16	18.63	+.61	+3.4
Citigrp rs	.04	8	28.33	+2.02	+7.7
ClayEng	**...**	**9**	**80.65**	**+4.77**	**+6.3**
CocaCola	**1.88**	**13**	**70.14**	**+.17**	**+.2**
ColgPal	**2.32**	**18**	**91.08**	**-1.31**	**-1.4**
Comcast	.45	17	24.50	+.79	+3.3
CompPrdS	...	15	35.29	+1.73	+5.2
ConAgra	**.96**	**15**	**26.29**	**-.11**	**-.4**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**97.48**	**+3.73**	**+4.0**
ConocPhil	**2.64**	**10**	**74.17**	**+1.30**	**+1.8**
Corning	.30f	6	13.04	+.06	+.5
CrackerB	1.00	14	51.34	+.93	+1.8
CrosTim	**2.92e**	**17**	**49.46**	**+.59**	**+1.2**
DCP Mid	2.56f	37	47.89	+.42	+.9
DTE	2.35	13	53.87	-.58	-1.1
Dataram h	...	...	.89	+.08	+9.9
Dawson	**...**	**...**	**39.62**	**+.09**	**+.2**
Dell Inc	...	8	14.98	+.35	+2.4
DevonE	**.68**	**6**	**66.11**	**+4.11**	**+6.6**
DrSCBr rs	...	...	25.22	-1.26	-4.8
DirFnBr rs	...	...	34.79	-2.56	-6.8
DirxSCBull	...	...	47.00	+2.16	+4.8
Disney	**.60f**	**15**	**38.31**	**+.81**	**+2.2**
DowChm	**1.00**	**13**	**29.79**	**+1.03**	**+3.6**
EMC Cp	...	22	21.72	+.18	+.8
EOG Res	**.64**	**25**	**101.45**	**+2.94**	**+3.0**
EmpDist	**...**	**17**	**21.06**	**-.03**	**-.1**
Energen	.54	13	51.58	+1.58	+3.2
EngyTsfr	3.58	35	46.25	+.40	+.9
EnPro	**...**	**15**	**33.84**	**+.86**	**+2.6**
EntPrPt	2.45f	37	46.67	+.29	+.6
EricsnTel	.37e	...	10.39	+.26	+2.6
ExterranH	**...**	**...**	**9.79**	**+.69**	**+7.6**
ExxonMbl	**1.88**	**10**	**86.00**	**+1.24**	**+1.5**
FifthThird	.32	11	13.08	+.36	+2.8
FordM	.20	5	11.13	+.37	+3.4
ForestOil s	...	13	14.24	+.69	+5.1
FMCG s	1.00	7	39.50	+2.71	+7.4
FrontierCm	.75	36	5.33	+.18	+3.5
FrozenFd	**...**	**...**	**1.32**	**+.03**	**+2.3**
GATX	**1.16**	**23**	**43.67**	**+.01**	**...**
GabGloM	**1.08f**	**...**	**6.41**	**+.18**	**+2.9**
GAInv	**.50e**	**...**	**25.37**	**+.46**	**+1.8**
GenElec	**.68f**	**15**	**18.36**	**+.45**	**+2.5**
GenOn En	...	...	2.61	...	...
Golfsmith	...	...	3.20	...	...
Goodrich	**1.16**	**26**	**123.44**	**-.26**	**-.2**
GtPlainEn	**.85f**	**17**	**21.53**	**-.25**	**-1.1**
Hallibrtn	.36	12	34.15	-.36	-1.0
Heinz	**1.92**	**18**	**53.49**	**-.55**	**-1.0**
Hitachi	**...**	**...**	**53.39**	**+1.25**	**+2.4**
iShBraz	1.50e	...	59.70	+2.31	+4.0
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.29	+.18	+2.0
iShSilver	...	...	28.83	+1.89	+7.0
iShChina25	.77e	...	35.98	+1.11	+3.2
iShEMkts	.81e	...	39.10	+1.16	+3.1
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	50.89	+1.36	+2.7
iShR2K	1.02e	...	74.98	+1.23	+1.7
IntegrysE	2.72	16	53.58	-.60	-1.1
Intel	**.84**	**10**	**24.54**	**+.29**	**+1.2**
InterDig	.40	20	43.73	+.16	+.4
JPMorgCh	1.00	7	34.98	+1.73	+5.2
JohnJn	**2.28**	**16**	**65.88**	**+.30**	**+.5**
KimbClk	**2.80**	**18**	**73.22**	**-.34**	**-.5**
KindME	4.64f	...	84.46	-.49	-.6
KindMM	4.64f	...	78.55	+.03	...
LegacyRes	2.18f	11	28.82	+.58	+2.0
Lowes	.56	18	25.52	+.14	+.6
Lubys	**...**	**25**	**5.05**	**+.54**	**+12.0**
MGM Rsts	...	...	11.11	+.68	+6.5
McDnlds	2.80f	19	98.84	-1.49	-1.5
Merck	1.68f	14	38.30	+.60	+1.6
MeritMed s	**...**	**23**	**13.61**	**+.23**	**+1.7**
MexcoEn	...	62	7.46	+.46	+6.6
MicronT	...	...	6.76	+.47	+7.4
Microsft	.80	10	26.77	+.81	+3.1
MorgStan	.20	10	16.08	+.95	+6.3
Nabors	...	14	19.02	+1.68	+9.7
NatGrid	**3.00e**	**...**	**49.12**	**+.64**	**+1.3**
NOilVarco	.48f	16	70.87	+2.88	+4.2
NewsCpA	.19f	16	18.35	+.51	+2.9
NokiaCp	.55e	...	5.14	+.32	+6.6
NvMAd	**.99e**	**...**	**14.71**	**+.03**	**+.2**
NvPMI	**.94**	**...**	**14.75**	**-.06**	**-.4**
NuvPI	**.92**	**...**	**14.45**	**-.02**	**-.1**
NSTFI3	**.66e**	**...**	**14.28**	**-.03**	**-.2**
NTXQI	**.86**	**...**	**16.39**	**+.05**	**+.3**
OcciPet	**1.84**	**12**	**96.63**	**+2.93**	**+3.1**
Oracle	.24	14	25.87	+.22	+.8
PerTech	**...**	**15**	**3.98**	**+.04**	**+1.0**
ParkDrl	**...**	**34**	**7.42**	**+.25**	**+3.5**
PattUTI	**.20**	**11**	**21.46**	**+1.48**	**+7.4**
PenRE	**.60**	**...**	**10.68**	**+.24**	**+2.3**
Prmian	1.36e	15	20.27	-.10	-.5
Pfizer	**.88f**	**14**	**21.97**	**+.33**	**+1.5**
PioNtrl	.08	11	92.63	+3.15	+3.5
PlainsAA	**3.98f**	**18**	**73.38**	**-.07**	**-.1**
Popular	...	...	1.43	+.04	+2.9
PwShs QQQ	.46e	...	56.90	+1.07	+1.9
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PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**22.07**	**-.52**	**-2.3**
PrUShS&P	...	...	18.70	-.59	-3.1
ProctGam	**2.10**	**17**	**66.83**	**+.12**	**+.2**
RAM En h	...	39	3.08	-.05	-1.6
RangeRs	.16	...	61.18	-.76	-1.2
RegionsFn	.04	26	4.35	+.05	+1.2
RschMotn	...	3	15.51	+1.01	+7.0
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RoyDShltA	3.36	15	74.22	+1.13	+1.5
SpdrDJIA	3.26e	...	123.63	+1.78	+1.5
S&P500ETF	2.58e	...	127.50	+2.00	+1.6
SabnR	3.97e	16	63.80	+.75	+1.2
SanderFm	**.68**	**...**	**48.25**	**-1.88**	**-3.8**
SandRdge	**...**	**12**	**8.35**	**+.19**	**+2.3**
Sapient	**.35e**	**29**	**12.69**	**+.09**	**+.7**
Schlmbrg	1.00	21	70.09	+1.78	+2.6
SigmaAld	**.72**	**18**	**63.47**	**+1.01**	**+1.6**
SiriusXM	...	47	1.86	+.04	+2.2
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SprintNex	...	...	2.34	...	...
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TelefEsp s	**2.14e**	**...**	**17.73**	**+.54**	**+3.1**
Tesoro	...	5	24.07	+.71	+3.0
3M Co	2.20	14	83.49	+1.76	+2.2
Trchmrk s	**.48**	**9**	**43.74**	**+.35**	**+.8**
TriContl	**.39e**	**...**	**14.41**	**+.18**	**+1.3**
TylerTech	**...**	**39**	**30.34**	**+.23**	**+.8**
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VangEmg	.91e	...	39.33	+1.12	+2.9
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VulcanM	**.04m**	**...**	**39.68**	**+.33**	**+.8**
Waigrn	**.90**	**11**	**33.06**	**...**	**...**
WellsFargo	.48	11	28.43	+.87	+3.2
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12,876.00	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,397.38	+179.82	+1.47	+1.47	+6.04
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,065.71	+46.02	+.92	+.92	-1.43
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	455.72	-8.96	-1.93	-1.93	+11.55
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,624.33	+147.30	+1.97	+1.97	-4.96
2,490.51	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,322.71	+44.37	+1.95	+1.96	+5.65
2,887.75	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,648.72	+43.57	+1.67	+1.67	-1.21
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,277.06	+19.46	+1.55	+1.55	+.54
14,562.01	11,206.42	Wilshire 5000	13,386.45	+196.52	+1.49	+1.49	-.85
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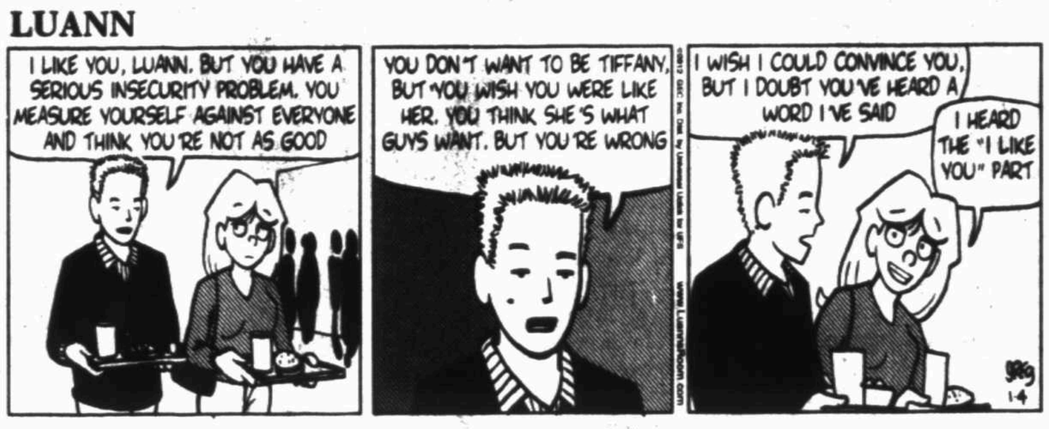

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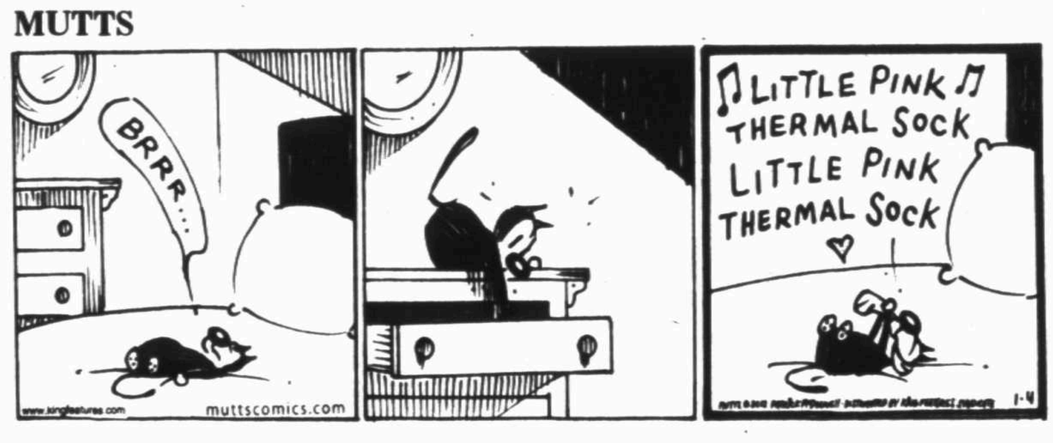

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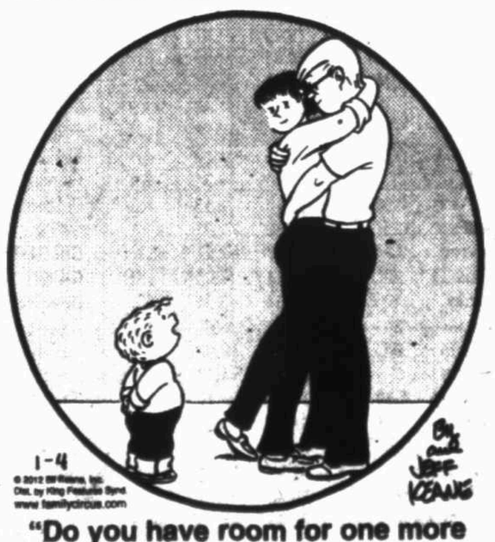

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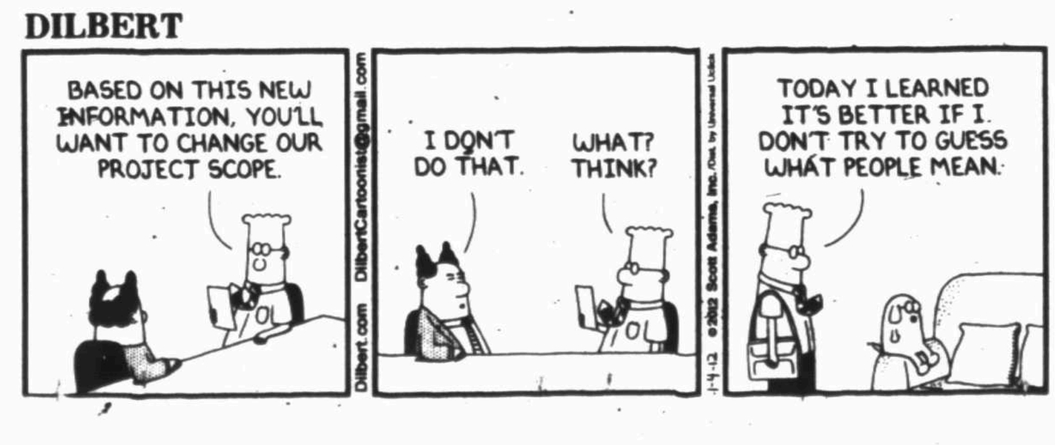

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All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Independent Executor.

Dated the 2nd day of January, 2012

Bill Kelton
Attorney for Independent Executor

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 16, 2012. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0274042
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 23, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 729910
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 3, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk. 39 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-322, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6.6 miles S direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Feb 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	HOLZGRAF 'A'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2	
Lease/Unit Acres :	81.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1285.0	
Lease Lines :	710.0 F NORTH L,	467.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	710.0 F NORTH L,	467.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, TAMMY SMITH, at (972) 444-9001.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0274002
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 23, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 729837
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 3, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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Lease/Unit Name :	WILSON 'A'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3	
Lease/Unit Acres :	161.1	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	657.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1293.0	
Lease Lines :	687.0 F SOUTH L,	657.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	687.0 F SOUTH L,	1980.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, TAMMY SMITH, at (972) 444-9001.

Passenger Cars

BMW of the Permian Basin
3715 Andrews Hwy. • Midland
432 527 5900

2004 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA
Silver/Black - 26K miles

2008 BMW 750Li
Alpine White/Beige, Luxury Seat Pkg., Convenience Pkg., Prem Sound Pkg., 19" Wheels - 43k Miles

2008 Mercedes Benz C300
Sand Beige/Cashmere
Prem Pkg II, Multimedia Pkg., Fold Down Rear Seats, Heated Seats, 73k Miles

2010 MERCEDES BENZ C300
White/Black
AMG Sport Pkg., Sunroof, 25k Miles

Convertible, Blk/Blk, Performance Pkg., Heated Seats, CPO Expires 6 yrs. or 100k, 57k Miles

2009 BMW 750i
Alpine White/Oyster, Nappa Lx Seating Pkg., Conv. Pkg., Prem. Sound Pkg. - 26k Miles
bmwpermianbasin.com

CADILLAC 2007 SRX, all leather. We finance W.A.C, 36 mo warranty. 683-6222.

CHEVROLET 1972 Cheville drag race car. Complete body and drive tran. $9,000. 556-9945.

CHEVROLET 2002 Z28 convertible, 24K, looks and drives new, garaged, non smoker. $12,900. 685-4013.

DODGE 2007 Caliber, 4dr, auto, $19,999, 24mo warranty, 683-6222.

FORD 2008 Focus SE, 4 Door, 4 Cylinder. We finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-6222.

FORD 2010 Fusion SE. Charcoal, 4 dr, pwr, 44k. Great car! $13,500. 262-2024

NEW TODAY!

HONDA 2000 Prelude with 114k, silver, super nice. $6,275. Call 432-682-1706.

LINCOLN 1998 Continental. V8, leather, loaded, 127k miles, $1900. 432-664-4690.

NISSAN 2009 Altima, 4 dr, with warranty, we finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-6222.

PONTIAC 2001 Grand AM GT. V6, very sporty. $1900. Call 432-664-4690.

SATURN 1998 SL2. 4 door, automatic. 30+ mpg, $1300. Call 432-664-4690

SATURN 2004 ION, 4 dr Sedan, 193,995 mi. Engine runs well, needs transmission and other work, interior poor/exterior good. Great car for parts. AS IS, $900. Call 432-528-7024 if no answer leave message.

TOYOTA 1986 Celica GT, nds motor. Make offer. 432-889-8513

TOYOTA 1998 Corolla, nice car, 105k mi. 35+ mpg, $2300. Call 432-664-4690

TOYOTA 2002 AVALON SLX, loaded, Desert Sand, 1 owner, garage kept, $9000. 349-6254, 934-4610.

TOYOTA 2006 Prius Hybrid. 35k miles, navigation, leather, rear back up camera, garaged, new tires, 1 owner, $14,975. 432-978-9335.

WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars & pickups. 432-685-4078

Hybrid

FORD 2008 ESCAPE HYBRID, 30MPG city, We finance W.A.C, B&B Auto 683-6222.

Exotic Cars

230" R.E.D. Dragster, rave ready, $25,000 obo. 28' tag along enclosed pace trailer, $22,500. 559-0600.

Antique & Vintage

FORD 1966 Thunderbird, perfect condition, reducted price, $11000 obo, 432-694-1429.

FORD 1978 150 Pickup XLT interior and race flatck trim. Call for info, 432-889-4413.

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 2004 Silverado Super Cab LS. V6, 84k miles, bedliner, new tires, $9500. Call 432-889-9374.

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant & Processors
Select Energy Services FT
Looking for a career, not just a job! Join our fast-growing company. We have current openings for an administrative assistant and processors. Must be detail-oriented, able to multi-task, proficient in Microsoft Office (qualified candidates will be tested), and effective communicators. Please submit resumes to mcalderon@selectenergyservices.com.

Administrative Assistant
Secorp Industries FT
Oilfield Service Company located in Odessa, TX. has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant. Duties include: answering telephone, processing new employees, invoicing, purchase orders and payroll. Proficient in use of Microsoft Office. Mail or fax resume and salary requirements to: PO Box 53912, Lafayette, LA 70505-3912 Phone: 337-237-3471 Fax – 337-235-6278 Email – brandon.hebert@secorpindustries.com.

A/P Clerk
Endura Products Corp. FT
Immediate opening. Qualified applicant must have experience with A/P and the use of Microsoft Office. Must be detail oriented and able to meet deadlines in a multi-task environment. Competitive salary and a benefits package including company paid medical/dental insurance and 401(k) retirement plan with 100% matching. Forward resume including references and salary experience to: NovaStar LP. P.O. BOX 252, Midland, TX 79702 or nlpmtx@novastarlp.com. EOE

General Office
Levinge Freight Lines FT
Levinge Freight Lines is now hiring someone to perform general office and accounting duties at our Midland Terminal. Must have office/clerical experience, transportation experience a plus.
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Quail Tools is looking for an enthusiastic, team oriented individual. Must have good organizational and computer skills. Must be able to handle high volume of billing.

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Apply in person @ 400 Alabama St, Odessa, TX 79764, Fax resume to: 432-366-1304 or e-mail resume to apply@quailtools.com
EOE. Drug Screen Required.

Office Clerical
Bobbye Cheryl Smith CPA P/T
CPA office looking for part time clerical help. Position entails receptionist and secretarial duties as well as computer data entry. Experience with word and Excel a plus. Call to schedule interview at 432-697-7588 or send resume to PO Box 8110, Midland, TX. 79708. Will work with school schedule.

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• LAND FILE CLERK • DEGREED ACCOUNTANT
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Veterinary Kennel Technician needed. Experience with animals preferred. Call Lynn 432-687-4118 to schedule an interview.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Commercial Workers Needed
L & L Construction FT
Drywall mechanics, hangers, trim carpenters and labors. Must be dependable with a neat appearance. Pay based on experience. Apply in person M-F 10-2, 619 W Texas, Ste 106, 570-4879.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

H2S Safety Technicians
Secorp Industries FT
Established Oilfield Service Company located in Odessa, TX. has immediate openings for H2S Safety Technicians. Oilfield experience a plus. Mechanical abilities and medical certification helpful. Job consists of both shop and field work, must be able to work extended hitches on locations. Good Driving Record and Reliable transportation recommended. Include references and salary requirements on resume. Send Resume and Salary Requirements to PO Box 53912, Lafayette, LA 70505-3912 Phone: 337-237-3471 Fax – 337-235-6278 Email – brandon.hebert@secorpindustries.com

Journeyman Electrician
Confidential FT
Looking for career minded Journeyman electricians. Oilfield experience is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must have valid Texas Journeyman Electrician License and hold a valid driver license with a clean record. Full drug screening and background check will be required. We are a strong, well established Company with an excellent benefit package and competitive compensation. Benefits include paid vacation and holidays. Health, dental, vision and life insurance packages as well as 401k plan. We are looking for individuals that are team oriented and self motivated, ready to learn and teach. Send resume to jwaltrip@eeronline.com or call 432-563-5000.

Oil Field Cable Spooler
Horizon Cable FT
Willing to train the right person. Must have or be able to obtain a Class B CDL. Uniforms and benefits available after 90 days of employment. Please apply in person: Horizon Cable 12215 WCR 129, Odessa, TX. 79765 Between 8am - 4pm or call 432-563-5552.

Well Planner
Precision Directional Services FT
Looking for a well planner in a Midland office. Top Pay with benefits. Please contact 432-425-3141.

HEALTHCARE

Attendants
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. PT
Nurses Unlimited, Inc is seeking enthusiastic Attendants to assist children in the home for Wed's & Sundays. Call: Ruth Ann orTerry H. @ 1-800-458-3257. E.O.E.

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EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT and LVN
Midland Community Healthcare Services is hiring. Qualified candidates are well-rounded, detail oriented, able to multi-task in a fast paced environment, and possess excellent phone and customer service skills. Cross training with the other departments, computer skills, competency in Microsoft Office, and adaptability to technological changes are required. Complete Benefits Package Offered. Interested applicants can print an application at www.midlandchs.org and fax it to 432-699-3815, or come by our office at 600 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 1090, Midland.

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808 West Indiana
Midland, Texas 79701
Fax: (432) 686-3960

LVN
Confidential FT
Dr's office seeking LVN. Fax resume to 432-684-7049 or email: appointment@askdranna.com along with work experience & work references.

MEDICAL RECORDS CLERK
Busy medical facility needs a responsible Medical Records Clerk(PP-5276). Responsibilities include data transfer of medical records to electronic health records. Applicant should be detailed oriented. Will train the right person. Growth opportunities with employer. Fax or mail resume to 432-682-2284 or mail to P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 Attn: Alesha McCoy. NO WALK-IN'S PLEASE OR PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

MEDICATION AIDE
Full time position for small assisted living facility. Assist with medications for elderly ladies. Please Call 432-687-2503.

Office Help
Busy medical practice looking for Office Help. Experience required. Please mail resume to: PO BOX 8729, Midland, TX 79708.

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Is needed for the Midland and Odessa area. Apply in person at 1311 West Florida, 79701.

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Midland, TX 79705
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Resident Assistants and Medication Aides for all shifts needed at Saddleridge Lodge. We provide great opportunities plus Health Ins/Dental/401K. Please apply in person and become a part of our great team at 1808 W. Loop 250 N. in Midland or on line at www.emeritus.com E.O.E

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Nurses Unlimited, INC FT
Nurses Unlimited, INC seeking experienced Sitters/CNA'S to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. Call 432-522-5080. All shifts available. E.O.E.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Various Positions
Travel Lodge #10082 FT/PT
Immediate opening for Housekeepers and Laundry for Day shifts and Front Desk Clerks for rotating shifts. Apply at: 2500 Commerce Dr, Midland, TX.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Operations Manager
Operations Manager needed for heavy equipment maintenance rental and sales. Equipment knowledge a must. Applicant should have good communication skills, leadership experience and clean driving record. This is a drug free working environment. Salary D.O.E. Please call 432-694-4530 to apply.

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Operator
Excel FT
Excel is currently seeking an Operator for a full time position for our Odessa/Midland location. Operator is responsible for operating, blending, material handling, and packaging equipment in a blend process chemical plant. Must have previous chemical handling and manufacturing experience. Knowledge of control systems, lift trucks, packaging line and pumps. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. High School Diploma or GED. Associates Degree in Process Technology is preferred. Please contact Lisa Williams at 979-285-9572 or email at lwilliams@excelusa.com. Must be able to pass a background and drug screen. EOE

OTHER JOBS

ASSISTANT MANAGER
Fast Freddy's is seeking an experienced **Assistant Manager** with a minimum of 1-2 years experience. Position is salary plus cash daily, 30-40 hours a week. Please send resumes to **fastfreddysmid@gmail.com**.

DATA COLLECTORS
Field Interviewers Aspen of DC/ICF International is seeking **Data Collectors** for a 5-6 month survey of HUD-assisted households in Brewster, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler, and Yoakum counties in TX. Collect data and conduct in-person, computer-assisted interviews. Local travel required (costs will be reimbursed). Some weekend and evening hours likely. Flexibility and ability to work independently a must. Computer proficiency required. College degree or 2-3 years experience preferred. Background check will be conducted. Hourly rate $12.75. Must attend 10-day paid training this February in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. You must indicate Cluster 50 in "SUBJECT" line of email, or in cover of fax. Send resume to: E-Mail: HUD@aspenofdc.com Fax: 1-800-883-7023.

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Detailers needed for Local new car dealership. Used experience is helpful. Good pay. Please call 832-499-9574

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Immediate Openings
Hilton Midland Plaza has immediate openings for:
• Maintenance Engineer • Restaurant Staff (AM)
Apply to Human Resources, 117 W. Wall

Janitor
Day and evening Janitorial positions available Part-time & Full-time. Please call 432-570-9903 or come by 805 S. Midkiff, 79701.

LAND Gaugers & Production Clerks
ISLAND OPERATING COMPANY is seeking LAND Gaugers with a minimal experience of 3 years, and also production clerks with clerical experience, some knowledge of Excel to be responsible for daily production reporting. These positions will require the candidates to work in the Big Lake, Texas area. Island Operating offers great benefits and pay. All interested parties should contact Kim Istre @ 337-852-2516 for more information on this position. Island Operating Company is an EqualOpportunity Employer.

Landman
Hilliard Companies FT
Hilliard energy has an opening for an oil and gas landman. Candidate must have a minimum of 5 years title and negotiations experience (running mineral, lease hold and surface title: acquiring leases and surface agreements), willingness to travel, and a clean driving record. To apply, send resume to **sterlingh@mmbc.com** or for more info call 432-683-9100

MAINTENANCE MAN
Needs experience in electrical, plumbing, and construction repairs. Please send resume with references to: **P-120** c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES
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Route Person Needed
Jordan Amusements FT
Route Person Needed - Must have valid driver's license, communication skills, trustworthy and pass drug test. Apply in person or fax resume to Jordan Amusement Co. 10100 W. Hwy 80 432-563-2740

Seasonal Sales Position & Parts Head Position
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Cancun Grill PT
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Midland, TX 79701
Cancun Grill is looking for a Part-time Busser, up to 30 hours. Top pay. No phone calls. Apply Monday thru Thursday 5:45 pm to 6:00 pm.

Cook, Dish Washer, Server Prep Cook
Great Western Dining at Midland College FT/PT
Experienced Cook, Dish Washer and Server Prep Cook needed. Must pass background check etc. Pay according to experience. Apply in person M-F 8:00am to 3:30pm at: Jack E Brown Dining Hall at Midland College.

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Now hiring kitchen helpers.
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Chemical Blender/Reactor Operators
NovaStar, LP FT
NovaStar LP is now hiring for Chemical Blenders and Chemical Reactor Operators. Experience with chemical manufacturing and production is a plus, but will train the right candidate. Shift work will be required. Benefits to include a generous 401K, accrued vacation, medical and dental insurance. Salary DOE. Forward resume to: NovaStar LP, P.O. BOX 252, Midland, TX 79702 or nlpmtx@novastarlp.com. EOE.

Chemist
Environmental Laboratory FT
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Midland, TX Bachelor's Degree
Science or Science related field. Fax or email: agomez@traceanalysis.com

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Now hiring! Email resume with references & salary requirements to: **journeymanelectrican-resume@yahoo.com.**

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Apply in person at **1101 W. Florida** or fax resume to **682-2939**. Salary DOE. We offer benefits, paid holidays, paid vacation & 401k.

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Wireline company now hiring! Call **432-894-0712** for an excellent opportunity. We offer top pay, job bonus, insurance, 401k and uniforms. Must have CDL, Haz-Mat a plus, pass drug screen & background check.

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Shop Mechanic
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop/Field Mechanic Needed for an Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools, Uniforms provided. Benefits package, Pay DOE. Please call Shawn 432/570-1114, fax resume 432/570-1115 or email shawn@basinengine.com.

Technician Needed
Jordan Amusements FT
Must have Electronics experience, have valid driver's license, communication skills, trustworthy and pass drug test. Apply in person or fax resume to Jordan Amusement Co. 10100 W. Hwy 80 432-563-2740 fax

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Energy Fabrication FT
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL A Drivers
Select Energy Services FT
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CDL/VAC Tank Drivers
Texas Freight Relocators
Must have valid Class A CDL with endorsement. $17/hour-Dayshift. $18/hour-Nightshift. Health, dental and vision benefits after 60 days of employment. Call (432) 684-6000.

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New Company looking for drivers with pneumatic experience (willing to train right candidate). Clean MVR and Drug and Alcohol testing required. ALSO LOOKING FOR HOT SHOT DRIVERS AND CLASS A CDL WITH HAZMAT. Please apply at 3510 N. "A" Street, suite 269, Midland, Texas or call 432-770-8225.

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Drivers
Drivers wanted asap. Class A with Tanker required. Competitive wages. Call 719-859-1569 or 719-859-8449.

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Reagent Chemical & Research. Inc FT
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KITCHEN TABLE with 4 swivel chairs $350, dining table, 2 arm chairs & 6 straight back chairs, all padded $600, wrought iron lawn table & 4 chairs $200, entertainment center $300, elliptical trainer $200, office swivel chair $20, 432-262-0873.

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