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Oil glut stirs up sizable political problem

Nation's leaders find previously unthinkable dilemna in form of domestic oil

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — As a new year dawns in the nation's capital, the Obama administration and Congress find themselves grappling with a scenario that was unthinkable just a few years ago: What to do with the domestic oil flowing out of West Texas, North Dakota and other states?

The climb in domestic crude production has created a dilemma for both lawmakers and the White House, who are facing new pressure from oil companies to relax the nation's 38-year-old ban on exports of the unprocessed product.

The current restrictions — born in the aftermath of the oil embargo of the 1970s — benefit some domestic refiners, who are selling record amounts of gasoline and other refined products to foreign customers. But their gains are coming at the expense of oil producers who face the prospect of dropping domestic prices for the commodity, as the U.S. produces more light sweet crude than it can handle.

"If we wouldn't have had this massive, huge increase in the development of oil and natural gas, we wouldn't be having this discussion; we'd still be living in the shadows of the 1970s," said Charles Drevna, head of the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers. "This is a good problem to have."

Consider that the U.S. exported some 2.6 million barrels of gasoline and other finished petroleum products each day in 2012, according to the government's Energy Information Administration, more than double the 1.2 million barrels logged daily in 2007.

Meanwhile, there is a growing glut of light, sweet crude that is unearthed in the U.S., and barred from export. Many U.S. refineries, particularly along the Gulf Coast, were designed to process heavier supplies from Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Canada, and while some have adapted to handle more of the light sweet domestic product, bigger changes are unlikely soon.

"It's all about getting the oil to market," said Ed Hirs, an energy economist at the University of Houston. Where crude exports may be constrained, "a refinery manager in Beaumont has a choice: He can sell to a gas station here at the corner of 610 and Westheimer, or he can sell it to a

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Miss Rodeo Sandhills Avery Greene and Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen Kennady Johnson sign autographs during the Sandhills Rodeo on Friday at Ector County Coliseum. The rodeo took place over the past weekend and continues tonight. To see more photos, check out West Texas Living on Page 6B.

Midland doctor to run for U.S. Senate

By Joseph Basco
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A local doctor placed himself in the running for the U.S. Senate, citing the nation's socioeconomic disparity as his top issue.

Dr. Hyetae "Harry" Kim, a family doctor who lives in Midland but practices in Odessa, said he has complained for years about economic inequality and wondered if he should keep complaining all his life or do something and make a difference. Noting beforehand that he does not mean to sound dire or gloomy, Kim said he does not see a bright outlook for people in this country, even for some in the affluent Midland area.

"We've gone too far," Kim said. "We must right these wrongs."

And to fix the nationwide gap, Kim wishes to put himself in a role that can influence the entire nation. Kim believes that instead of starting off in local politics and moving upward to the national level, going straight for the Senate seat would bring change more immediately.

"U.S. senator, besides the presidency, is a position that has meaningful impact," Kim said. "There are few positions that can make positive change."

Kim will have four opponents in the Democratic primary in March. They are from the Houston, Dallas and El Paso areas.

Considering that Texas is primarily a red state, Kim said he was not concerned about his Democratic Party affiliation because he believes Texans are open-minded. He added that there is no such thing as a Texas that is fully committed to one political party.

Should he win the Democratic primary, Kim will then face the winner of the Republican primary, in which incumbent John Cornyn has been viewed as the favorite. He is being challenged by U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman, who has been grabbing attention with his anti-Cornyn remarks.

Kim said he has a few disagreements with the incumbent. He said it was "an embarrassment" for Cornyn to be unknown compared to Ted Cruz, the state's other senator.

"It's a waste of position," Kim said. "He's done nothing. You're there to work hard, and I'll be there to do my hard work, not be off the radar."

Kim was also critical of established, longtime politicians who haven't done anything else with their lives. He said it is fresh people, not professional politicians, who promote positive change in the country.

"We need to be a just society, a just nation," Kim said.

Honor Flight chapter seeks to send veterans to DC

By Rachael Gleason
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Sitting in a wheelchair atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C., 92-year-old Plainview veteran Doug Douglass struggled to hold himself up as tears streamed down his face. His only mission: Stand to honor the nameless veterans who rest at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Douglass was one of six Plainview veterans — and scores more from the South Plains area — to fly to Washington, D.C., in November to visit the World War II memorial as part of the South Plains Honor Flight.

Midlander Jeremy West, who is leading efforts to send WWII veterans from the Permian Basin on a similar trip, was there as an escort for his grandfather, U.J. King, who served in Normandy with the U.S. Army during the war.

West said it's hard not to tear up when he sees his grandfather and Douglass — who passed away shortly after returning — in videos of the trip.

"(Douglass) refused not to stand up — that sums up that generation to me," West said. "They are not going to be told they can't stand up for what they believe in. Now it's time to stand up for them."

Honor Flight aims to give the "greatest generation" a trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C., to visit the National World War II Memorial and other attractions.

"When they finished the World War II memorial in 2004, it became our duty to simply get them there," said Jack Barnes, who retired from the United States Navy and helped create America

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Federal appeals court reviews Texas abortion law

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court heard arguments Monday on whether the state of Texas can enforce a law that led to the closing of several abortion clinics, a case that ultimately appears bound for the U.S. Supreme Court.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans didn't indicate how soon it would rule on whether a district judge erred in declaring parts of the 2013 law unconstitutional.

Planned Parenthood and the Center for Reproductive Rights sued to block two of the law's provisions. One requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges within 30 miles of where the abortion is performed. The other restricts how doctors administer abortion-inducing drugs.

The groups said U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel correctly ruled in October that the provisions place an unconstitutional burden on women's access to abortion. But the state argues that the new requirements promote the health and safety of abortion patients and advance the state's "interest in protecting fetal life."

An Oct. 31 ruling by the 5th Circuit allowed Texas to enforce the law while it appealed the decision. Judges Jennifer Walker Elrod and Catharina Haynes, two of the three judges on the panel that stayed Yeakel's ruling, also heard Monday's arguments.

More than a dozen Texas abortion clinics closed after the law took effect, but some have since reopened, according to the groups opposed to the law.

Janet Crepps, a New York-based lawyer for the Center for Reproductive Rights, said the Rio Grande Valley had two abortion providers before the law took effect and currently has none.

"Women are now forced to travel 150 (miles) or a 300-mile-round trip," she said.

5th Circuit Judge Edith Jones, however, questioned whether a drive of that length truly places an undue burden on women seeking an abortion.

"Do you know how long that takes in Texas at 75 miles an hour?" she asked. "This is a peculiarly flat and not congested highway."

Texas Solicitor General Jonathan Mitchell said the groups had no way of knowing how clinics would be affected by the law before it took effect. Jones and Haynes also cast doubt on the groups' forecast that the privileges requirement would force at least one-third of the state's abortion clinics to close, denying more than 20,000 women access to an abortion annually.

"Predicting the future is hard," Haynes said. "Addressing the past is far more straightforward."

The law's supporters also accuse its opponents of overstating how many abortion providers are affected by the admitting-privileges provision.

"The Supreme Court allows states to regulate abortion to ensure women have all the information they need to make an informed decision and to make sure it's done in a safe manner," Joe Pojman, executive director of Texas Alliance for Life, said outside the courtroom after the hearing. "That's all this law does."

Haynes pressed Mitchell to explain why lawmakers settled on 30 miles as the "magic" distance in the admitting-privileges provision.

"In a state the size of Texas, 30 miles seems a little bit short," she said.

"Their burden is to show that that 30-mile radius is unconstitutionally burdensome everywhere through the state," Mitchell said of the law's opponents. "And they have not met that burden here."

ERCOT warns conservation measures necessary

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The operator of the electricity transmission grid for most of Texas said Monday that a power watch is in effect and that conservation measures are needed.

The alert by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas followed an earlier one in which ERCOT said that because of the risk of outages throughout Texas, rolling blackouts would be necessary unless consumers reduced their use of electricity.

ERCOT then modified its warning, saying the system was recovering and that blackouts were no longer being considered.

ERCOT spokeswoman Robbie Searcy said frigid temperatures across much of the state resulted in high electricity use. She said ERCOT was operating late Monday morning at an ideal level of just above 2,300 megawatts, which is the difference between what is being consumed and the amount that's being generated for deployment across the system.

But problems with high electricity use were compounded by the failure of two power plants.

Dan Woodfin, director of system operations for ERCOT, said the plants are in north-central Texas and were affected by temperatures that froze instrumentation. He declined to say where the plants are located.

Woodfin said if one other plant had shut down, rolling blackouts would have been necessary.

He compared the grid problems Monday to February 2011, when a wintry blast brought snow and ice to much of the state and crippled North Texas in the days leading up to the Super Bowl at Cowboys Stadium.

Woodfin said about 25 percent of power-generating plants went down at the time.

"The fact that we had only a couple of units go down (Monday) shows that we had considerable improvements," he said.

ERCOT imported about 800 megawatts of power from the eastern U.S. and another 180 megawatts from Mexico to augment the supply for Texas on Monday, he said.

ERCOT is telling power generators to avoid shutdowns for maintenance or other reasons so that the system can meet demand into today.

With low temperatures to remain through this morning, ERCOT is asking consumers "to stay mindful of those conditions," Searcy said, urging conservation measures that include keeping thermostats as low as possible.

National Weather Service meteorologist Gary Skwira, in Lubbock, said the cold snap is part of the same weather system that's brought severe cold to the upper Midwest and elsewhere.

Skwira said Lubbock was at 7 degrees early Monday while some Panhandle towns had temperatures hovering at zero. It was slightly warmer in North Texas with temperatures generally in the teens, while South Texas had lows in the 40s.

"For West Texas we get these types of cold outbreaks at least a couple times of year," he said.

Arrested officer remains in custody

Associated Press

McALLEN — A federal judge in South Texas refused to adjust the bond of a fired South Texas sheriff's commander who remained in custody Monday on drug trafficking charges.

A lawyer for former Hidalgo County sheriff's commander Jose "Joe" Padilla told the court Monday that Padilla could pay the required $5,000 cash deposit on his $100,000 bond, but asked that the balance be left unsecured. Padilla had not been able to find someone to co-sign and does not own any lien-free property.

"There's nothing else that this man can do," said Joe Cisneros, Padilla's attorney. Cisneros said he would co-sign himself if it weren't considered a conflict of interest. "I just can't believe this man will flee."

U.S. Magistrate Judge Dorina Ramos said Padilla must find someone to put up the collateral if he wants to be released pending trial and that she is required to set conditions to compel him to appear for trial. That means Padilla will likely spend his birthday Tuesday in jail.

The 53-year-old Padilla was the latest Hidalgo County lawman to come under federal indictment on drug trafficking counts.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KEMAH

Family given "Makeover" home trying to sell it

A Galveston County family given a house for free by the TV show "Extreme Makeover" is trying to sell the place because they said they no longer need such a big home.

Larry and Melissa Beach, who have taken in some 80 foster children and adopted some of them over 23 years, lost their home to Hurricane Ike in 2008. The network program provided them with a new 5,000-foot house two years later.

Melissa Beach tells The Galveston County Daily News she's grateful for the time spent in the home but the family of 13 is downsizing and only uses part of the eight-bedroom, 4 1/2 bathroom home in Kemah.

Online records show the home is listed for $535,000, down from $799,000 when it went on the market in July.

SNYDER

Couple, daughter all mark Jan. 13 birthdays

Birthdays are truly a family affair for a West Texas couple and one of their daughters.

All three have birthdays on Jan. 13.

The Abilene Reporter-News reported Willie and Irene Masters, of Snyder, will turn 80 on Monday. Their daughter, Charlotte Clifton of Snyder, will be 51. The three for years have celebrated their birthdays together, sometimes even sharing the same decorated cake.

Irene Masters said she thought her future husband was teasing when they were dating and realized both were born Jan. 13, 1934. She made him take out his driver's license to prove it. He was born in Fisher County. She was born in Goodland.

The couple celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in October.

Snyder is 70 miles northwest of Abilene.

CISCO

West Texas man accused of sexually assaulting girl

A 21-year-old West Texas man remains jailed after his arrest for allegedly kidnapping and sexually assaulting a young girl.

Clayton Lee Fought has been charged with attempted capital murder, aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping.

Sgt. Bryan Witt of the Texas Department of Public Safety said Monday that the 11-year-old girl's father called Eastland police about 1 p.m. Sunday to say his daughter was missing, along with his pickup.

A couple of hours later, authorities responding to a tip found the girl in a wooded area at Lake Cisco. She was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Fought, who Witt said knows the girl's father, was in Eastland County Jail on Monday with bond set at $3 million. He had no attorney as of Monday.

AUSTIN

Jury selection starts in police slaying

Jury selection has started in the capital murder trial of a 26-year-old former software engineer charged with fatally shooting an Austin police officer in 2012.

Hundreds of potential jurors filled out questionnaires Monday. The pool will be narrowed and then potential jurors will be questioned individually before a panel is picked to hear the case of Brandon Daniel. The process is likely to take weeks.

Daniel pleaded innocent last week.

Authorities have said Jaime Padron was killed in a struggle with Daniel at a Wal-Mart store after responding to a shoplifting call there. The Austin American-Statesman reported Daniel's lawyers tried unsuccessfully to reach a plea agreement to remove the death penalty.

DALLAS

Man pleads to mutiltating, eviscerating cat

A suburban Dallas man is facing up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to animal cruelty charges for beating a cat with a hammer and then beheading and eviscerating the animal.

Jurors will decide the sentence for 18-year-old Oscar Vega, of Grand Prairie, after he pleaded guilty to the charges as jury selection was beginning for his trial Monday.

The Dallas Morning News reported an animal services officer spotted the cat's remains in a pizza box near Vega's apartment. A knife found under Vega's bed was tied to the animal's death.

GUILTYPLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jorge Adan Cruz, 31, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for five years on probation, pay $1,000 fine and attend treatment program.

Jordan Niedecken, 21, attempted assault on a public servant, two years on probation and attend treatment program.

Cindy Annette Roberts, 32, possession of a controlled substance, two years on probation and attend treatment program.

Michelle Denise Thomas, 33, theft by repetition, three years on probation, and attend treatment program; theft by repetition, three years on probation and attend treatment program.

Wilson Nguon Tran, 28, assault on a public servant, two years on probation and attend treatment program.

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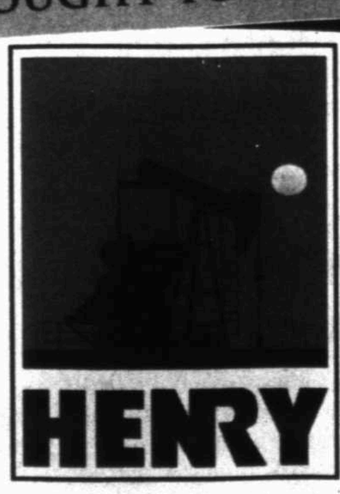
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Associated Press

Amanda Leigh Pulte, left, and Matthew Gage, right, pose with their daughter Zoey at their home in Austin on Dec. 2. No longer taboo, living together has become a more common arrangement for America's dating couples who unexpectedly become parents. It's a major cultural shift since the days of "shotgun weddings" to avoid family embarrassment over an unplanned pregnancy. Soon-to-be-released government research and analyses of marriage data provided to The Associated Press portray an ever-changing American family.

As cohabitation gains favor, shotgun weddings fade

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No longer taboo, living together has become a more common arrangement for America's couples who become pregnant while dating.

Soon-to-be-released government figures show a major cultural shift since the days of "shotgun weddings" aimed at avoiding family embarrassment. With marriage on the decline, the shift is helping redefine the traditional notion of family.

"The emergence of cohabitation as an acceptable context for childbearing has changed the family-formation landscape," said Christina Gibson-Davis, a sociology professor at Duke University. "Individuals still value the idea of a two-parent family but no longer consider it necessary for the parents to be married."

Still, she cautions that children in cohabiting households may face more difficulties growing up if their unmarried parents are at higher risk of breaking up.

In all, the share of unmarried couples who opted to have "shotgun cohabitations" — moving in together after a pregnancy — surpassed "shotgun marriages" for the first time over the last decade, according to a forthcoming paper from the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The trend was affirmed by three demographers who conducted separate research on the topic.

It's the latest demographic tipping point as cohabitations turn mainstream — a far cry from the days when the father of a pregnant daughter might use coercion, such as a shotgun, to make sure the boyfriend followed through on a wedding.

"I want to marry when I'm ready, not because I'm being forced into it. Whenever I see couples do that, things don't work out," said Amanda Leigh Pulte, 22, of Austin, as her 11-month-old daughter, Zoey, cooed in her arms. Pulte previously had delayed moving in with Matthew Gage, a 29-year-old shipping manager and her boyfriend for three years, wishing to wait until she could earn a bachelor's degree in film and start a full-time job.

An unplanned pregnancy quickly changed that. Completing an associate degree, she agreed to have Gage move in so the couple could work and save on rent while raising Zoey together. Even though they didn't see marriage as a serious option for now — in part to avoid the additional stress of planning and paying for a wedding, she says — neither was having Pulte live on her own as a single mother.

"For a while, my father was kind of shocked about the whole thing, but ultimately he was just excited to be a grandfather," she said with a chuckle. The couple is getting child care tips from the nonprofit Any Baby Can, which also helps them with physical therapy for Zoey, who was born with health ailments.

The numbers are based on the government's National Survey of Family Growth, typically issued every four years. It provides the only government data on cohabiting mothers by asking questions on a woman's relationship status before and after conception and childbirth. Women who say they were single before conception and then married before childbirth are counted as someone who had a post-conception, or "shotgun" marriage; those who moved in with their boyfriends after pregnancy had a post-conception or "shotgun" cohabitation.

Demographers say the cohabiting trend among new parents is likely to continue. Social stigma regarding out-of-wedlock births is loosening, and economic factors play a role. Many couples, especially those who lack a bachelor's degree, are postponing marriage until their finances are more stable. But because of globalization, automation and outsourcing, good-paying middle-income jobs are harder to come by.

"Because marriages are becoming more polarized by economic status, I don't see the trend of shotgun cohabitations reversing any time soon," said Casey Copen, a demographer at the government's National Center for Health Statistics, which administers the government survey.

About 18.1 percent of all single women who became pregnant opted to move in with their boyfriends before the child was born, according to 2006-2010 data from the government's National Survey of Family Growth, the latest available. That is compared to 5.3 percent who chose a post-conception marriage, according to calculations by Daniel Lichter, a Cornell sociologist.

As recently as the early 1990s, 25 percent of such couples got married.

Cohabiting mothers are spurring increases in out-of-wedlock births, now at a high of 41 percent. In all, about 60 percent of all births during the 2000s were to married mothers, compared to 24 percent to cohabiting mothers and 16 percent to non-cohabiting mothers. That was the first time that cohabiting births exceeded births from single mothers who weren't living with their child's father.

Since the early 1990s, the share of out-of-wedlock, cohabiting births has grown from 11 percent to 24 percent, while those to noncohabiting, single mothers has remained steady at 16 percent.

Sometimes referred to as the "poor person's marriage," cohabitation is growing fastest among high school graduates with children. Between the 1997-2001 and 2002-2009 periods, it grew from 23 percent to 32 percent, according to Sheela Kennedy, a researcher at the University of Minnesota. For mothers with some college attendance, it grew from 15 percent to 23 percent over that period. Among those with four-year college degrees, the share has changed little, from 3 percent to 5 percent.

Lichter, a past president of the Population Association of America, said the government needs to do more to reflect increasing cohabitation in statistics. Cohabitation status is not included on birth certificates, and that can skew policy debates over the government safety net for poor households. It also means a growing trend of fragile families in which cohabitating parents may be more likely to break up can be neglected, he said.

Researchers at Harvard and Cornell universities have found that only about half of mothers who were cohabiting when their child was born were still in relationships with the biological father five years later.

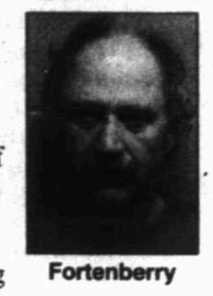
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland man allegedly assaults deputy

A Midland man assaulted a Midland County deputy and tried to grab his Taser Saturday during a drunken altercation, according to court documents.

Elmo Ray Fortenberry Jr., 50, is being held on a $11,404 bond for third-degree felony charges of assault on a public servant and taking a weapon from an officer, a class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest, search and transport, a class B misdemeanor charge of silent or abuse call to 911, and a class C misdemeanor charge of public intoxication.



Fortenberry

A Midland County deputy responded to an advise of rights call at about 5 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East County Road 97.

Fortenberry had called 911 and an operator told him to call the non-emergency number, but he refused to do so, according to the affidavit.

The deputy said he saw Fortenberry standing in the middle of the street. Fortenberry replied to the officer's inquiries by saying "'--- you; I want Sheriff Painter out here,'" and continued to yell at the deputy.

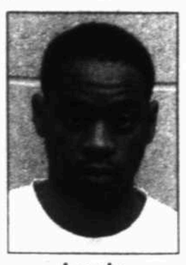
Fortenberry eventually pushed the officer and began hitting the officer. The deputy grabbed him and they both went to the ground, where Fortenberry tried to grab the deputy's Taser. The deputy struck Fortenberry three times in the face. Other deputies arrived at the scene to help detain the suspect, according to the arrest affidavit.

The deputy said Fortenberry smelled strongly of alcohol.

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

MPD: Man used rifle in New Year's Day shooting

A Midland man fired about 14 rounds from a rifle, injuring two men after he thought they were involved in a robbery on New Year's Day, according to new details obtained through court documents.



Lewis

Nathaniel Lamar Lewis, 21, is being held on a $400,000 bond for two second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

MPD officers found Lewis during a traffic stop on Thursday after he was identified as the suspect in the shootings, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The shooting occurred just after 1 a.m. Wednesday in the 1200 block of East Maple Avenue. Officers found the two men in front of a residence with gunshot wounds, according to previous reports.

One man had been shot multiple times in the torso area and right leg, while the other had been shot in both legs and near his spine, according to the arrest affidavit.

The two men were driving to their grandmother's residence when a black SUV drove up. Lewis got out of the vehicle and used a rifle to shoot at their vehicle, according to the affidavit.

One of the alleged victims told officers that his cousin tried to protect him by opening the front passenger door and pushing him out of the car. He then ran toward the house while Lewis continued to shoot at him.

Lewis had been robbed and he believed that one or both of the men had something to do with the robbery, according to the affidavit.

Both men were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. One man was discharged, while the other is in stable condition, according to previous reports.

If convicted, Lewis faces up to 20 years in prison for each felony charge.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Omar Aranda, 43, of Midland, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Melvin L. Clark, 33, of Pooregibson, Miss., was charged Sunday with being a fugitive from justice.

Vanessa K. Dalbert, 35, of Austin, was charged Sunday with theft.

Kyle R. Elliott, 30, of Midland, was charged Sunday with violation of probation.

Jesus Gonzales Jr., 34, of Midland, was charged Sunday with violation of parole.

Jennifer B. Lowe, 37, of Odessa, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Liz Cheney drops bid to unseat Wyoming Sen. Enzi

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Liz Cheney's sudden exit from her Wyoming Senate race brought a surprise end to a high-profile campaign that touched off a bitter fight within the Republican Party as well as a public spat with her lesbian sister over gay marriage.

The daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney cited unspecified "serious health issues" in her family rather than her uphill race to unseat three-term GOP Sen. Mike Enzi in her announcement on Monday.

"My children and their futures were the motivation for our campaign and they will always be my overriding priority," she said in a statement. One of Cheney's daughters has Type 1 diabetes.

Cheney, who moved with her husband and five children from Virginia to Wyoming to run for the seat, offered voters a familiar name — her father served as the state's congressman for 10 years — but faced solid opposition from mainstream Republicans who rallied around Enzi as he fought off her challenge from within the GOP.

The 47-year-old Cheney — a former State Department official, founder of a Washington nonprofit organization and onetime Fox News contributor — cast herself as an outsider and the 69-year-old Enzi as a lawmaker co-opted by his years in Washington.

Her campaign, however, failed to attract the backing of the major outside conservative groups such as the Senate Conservatives Fund and Club for Growth that have endorsed challengers from the right in some other Republican primaries.

So a clash between tea party activists and establishment Republicans never materialized against the conservative and popular Enzi. He had served as Gillette, Wyo., mayor for seven years and a state legislator for 10 before his election to the U.S. Senate, and he cruised to re-election with 76 percent of the vote in 2008.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee and Wyoming's other senator, John Barrasso, had loudly proclaimed their support for Enzi, and GOP senators from other states also stood behind their colleague. Although Cheney's fundraising has been robust, polls showed her trailing by double digits.

In November, Cheney said she opposed gay marriage, sparking a public feud with her sister, Mary, who is a lesbian and married to a longtime companion, Heather Poe.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Bad Santa Photo Contest Winners

We asked our readers to send us photos of children trying to get away from Old Saint Nick's clutches for a photo contest. Winners can come by the Reporter-Telegram's downtown Midland office at 201 E. Illinois Ave. anytime during business hours to claim prizes. We apologize for the delayed announcement of the winners.

Go online to see a slideshow of the winners.

Here is a list of the winner and runners-ups.

First place: Michelle Rogers

Runners-up:
Erica Gonzales
Michael Smith
Ashlee Raya
Kristyn Rose
Emma McKean
Lanae Lopez
Melanie Allen
Sydney Morgan
Yvonne Gonzales
John McPherson

Community calendar

■ Casa de Amigos and Midland Downtown Lions Club are sponsoring free vision screenings for kids 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at Casa, 1101 Garden Lane.

The screenings are for kids 6 months old through 5. For more information, call 682-9701.

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

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

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Large-item pickup

The city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances from residents at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place items next to the Dumpster. These collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division by calling 685-7278.

Source: City of Midland

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Daily 4 evening: 8-9-3-9
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All or Nothing morning: 3-8-9-11-13-14-15-17-18-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-4-8-9-10-11-13-17-20-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-6-7-8-9-10-13-15-18-19-20-24
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For Perry's administration, the end is beginning

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry's people are starting to burrow into nonpolitical jobs in other corners of government. A former chief of staff is now a public utility commissioner. A former spokeswoman is now with the Texas Department of Insurance, another is on his way to Parks and Wildlife. A former aide who heads the Transportation Department is off to one of the state's big river authorities, insulated by one step from state politics.

The end times are coming. The governor announced last summer that he would not seek re-election to the job he has held since December 2000. The campaigns to replace him are underway. Unless the Legislature has a special session, it will not meet again while he is in office.

Perry, the longest-serving governor in the history of the state, is slowly and surely becoming a lame duck. Why not wait for the next governor and see what he or she wants to do?

The governor's appointees are off the leash, too, if they feel like being off the leash. Perry recently lost a tug of war with Chancellor John Sharp of the Texas A&M University System over an interim president for that system's flagship university. The Board of Regents, 100 percent of whose members were appointed by Perry, voted 100 percent with Sharp. Another round is coming — that same board will vote for a permanent president after a search — but most of those regents will still be working with Sharp after Perry is gone. The power is shifting, there and all over state government.

This is normal, but Perry has been in office for so long that it doesn't seem normal. And as lame ducks go, he probably will retain more power for a longer period than most.

It takes six years for a Texas governor to cycle through all of the various appointments to boards and commissions and so on. Perry has cycled through it twice. The agencies headed by his appointees have hired steadily from his staff and from the ranks of people trained by and loyal to his people.

Nobody has had this much control over state government since Bob Bullock, the former comptroller and lieutenant governor, left office in 1999. Bullock's influence seeped into every facet of state government as people who worked for him steadily moved into other agencies and offices.

Perry, who started as a state legislator when Bullock was comptroller, and whose real understanding of state government was formed in part by his time on the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, watched and learned. As he moved through the agriculture commission, the lieutenant governorship and then his current office, he has replicated the network.

There are Perry people everywhere you turn in Texas government, from the appointees to the top two or three layers of government agency organization charts.

That network won't shrivel in a day — there are still functioning vestiges of Bullock's network around, and he's been dead for longer than Perry has been governor.

The appointees are still Perry people, even though he is leaving. They and the legion of former aides and sympathizers are still, well, sympathetic. Part of this appointment and employment arrangement is that a like-minded group of people end up running things. They're still in charge, and will be, for several years.

It will take the next governor four years — all of a first term — to replace two-thirds of Perry's appointees. If his successor is a Republican, the changes in philosophy could be minor.

At the staff level, as with Bullock's folks, Perry's influence could outlast a couple of future governors.

Politically, it's a different deal. The attention of the big supporters — donors and activists — is moving to others. Even Perry's political besties will transfer their affections as power shifts, and the start of his last year and the noise of the 2014 elections will mark the change.

This is normal. This transfer of power happens all the time in politics and government. If it seems weird, it's just because it hasn't happened in Texas for a long time.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MICHIGAN

Army Corps proposes alternatives to protect lakes

TRAVERSE CITY — A federal agency sent Congress a list of alternatives Monday for shielding the Great Lakes from an invasion by Asian carp that could devastate native fish, including construction projects in Chicago waterways that could cost more than $18 billion and take 25 years to complete.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers declined to endorse a single plan after studying the matter since 2009, disappointing sponsors of legislation that ordered the agency to move faster. Instead, the Corps provided a 232-page analysis with eight possible approaches.

Two would place dams in the Chicago waterway system to seal off Lake Michigan from the carp-infested Mississippi River watershed. Environmentalists and five states that unsuccessfully sued the Corps in federal court favor that approach, while Illinois, Indiana and local shipping interests oppose it.

HONOR FLIGHT

From 1A

Supports You Texas and honor flights in about 10 Texas regions.

Barnes met with Permian Basin residents, families and city and county officials Monday to get the local chapter off the ground.

West, chairman of the committee, is tasked with getting the community involved and creating a sense of urgency. More than 600 World War II veterans die each day, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"We're trying to get them there before we lose them," said West, noting the average age of veterans on the South Plains Honor Flight was 90, and about 75 percent were disabled.

Barnes expects to lose at least one Permian Basin applicant before the September trip; the South Plains Honor Flight lost three.

The three-day, two-night trip for between 70 to 100 veterans will cost about $237,000, according to committee documents. The veterans go for free, but each veteran requires an escort, who must pay $1,600 to attend.

In all, West expects about 150 people from the Permian Basin to participate, including three Gold Star families.



Rachael Gleason/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Permian Basin Honor Flight Director Jack Barnes, who is retired from the United States Navy and helped create America Supports You Texas, speaks to local residents, families and city and county officials Monday at the Atmos Energy building on Loop 40. The regional honor flight chapter aims to give the "greatest generation" a trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C., to visit the National World War II Memorial and other attractions.

The Texas Permian Basin Honor Flight chapter is currently looking for veterans — who can download an application online or call or email the chapter for one — corporate sponsorships and fundraising ideas.

"It's first-class from start to finish," said Barnes, noting the group hires baggage services and the best Washington, D.C., tour guides. "We don't miss anything."

The group of 10 is also looking for more committed members and volunteers to help at fundraising events. The committee will hold another meeting before a 10 a.m. Jan. 21 press conference at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

"They did this for us," said Barnes, who travels from Amarillo for Texas Permian Basin Honor Flight meetings and events. "Let's do it for them."

OIL GLUT

From 1A

gasoline station in Tokyo or Dubai."

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is to officially launch today the Capitol Hill debate over crude exports, with a white paper and speech touting the economic benefits of selling U.S. energy abroad.

But Obama administration officials, major oil company executives and newspaper editorial boards all have been addressing the issue recently. ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil did it first, with executives telling a Houston audience and the Wall Street Journal that it was time to end the export ban. Then, last month, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz suggested that the crude export ban deserves re-examination "in the context of ... an energy world that is no longer like the 1970s."

Changes soon unlikely

Changes could come from Congress, which could rewrite the underlying ban imposed in 1975, or the Obama administration's Commerce Department, which could opt to more liberally interpret an existing national interest exception in the governing statute. Existing exceptions include exports to Canada as well as foreign sales of oil produced in Alaska's Cook Inlet, some heavy crude produced in California and oil transported through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

But any major upheaval in U.S. oil export policy is unlikely anytime soon, especially in an election year, when voters' concerns about spiking gasoline prices — and lawmakers' fear of being held accountable for them at the ballot box — are likely to hold sway on Capitol Hill.

The issue is a political hot potato for the White House, which may be worried as much about straining relations with Saudi Arabia as populist backlash from motorists here at home. Saudi Arabia is both a major U.S. ally and a leading crude oil exporter.

"There's a lot of opportunity, but it's going to involve having a full discussion and a full debate about what laws are on the books from the '70s that no longer make sense," said Amy Myers Jaffe, executive director of energy and sustainability at the University of California-Davis. "We need to be thoughtful in how we reform those rules because there is a greater chance of upheaval in Saudi Arabia today than there has been in a long time."

As it is, U.S. lawmakers and policymakers still are working to come to grips with wider exports of natural gas, which have much higher physical and economic barriers, in the form of the multi-billion-dollar facilities that are required to super chill the fossil fuel until it is transformed into a liquid capable of being tanked around the world.

The Energy Department has issued five licenses to broadly export liquefied natural gas, but only one planned liquefaction facility has received other necessary approvals from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. More than 20 other broad gas export applications are pending at the Energy Department.

Concern for consumers

Critics said that allowing unchecked oil exports would be bad for U.S. consumers.

For instance, Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., said exports could boost domestic crude prices, narrowing the gap between U.S. and global oil. Where the price of the global benchmark, Brent crude, averaged $108 per barrel last year, the cost of a barrel of U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate was $10 less.

"Big Oil clearly wants to pad their record profits and fetch a higher price for their oil," Menendez said. "I believe we should be more worried about the bottom line for American families."

But export backers said more foreign sales of high-quality, coveted light sweet crude from the U.S. could help lower global oil prices, even as imported heavy crudes — including heavily discounted Canadian supplies — keep running through Gulf Coast refineries.

In the meantime, some oil companies are adapting by stepping up their minimal processing of both crude oil and the condensate flowing out of U.S. fields, so they qualify for export under existing laws.

Jaffe predicts that the first step in easing the export ban would be a change in the classification of field condensate so that it can easily be sold overseas without additional processing or possibly even waivers from the Commerce Department.

Logistical challenges

The oil industry casts the issue as a logistical challenge, as refiners have already pared imports of light sweet crude and now may be using as much as they can handle of the domestic supply.

Hirs noted the dynamic comes against declining oil consumption domestically, which has dropped some 3 million barrels per day since a peak in 2008.

"We still have the refining capacity of 20 million barrels a day and we are exporting 3 million barrels a day of refined product," the UH economist said.

"Really, it's in the national interest of the United States to effectively and economically advantage its processing capabilities," Hirs said. "With an influx of light sweet crude beyond what we can process — without retooling and rebuilding refining (facilities) — it's in our economic interest to go ahead and export that."

Unemployment bill first up in Senate for 2014

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate plunged into an election-year session Monday that promises to be long on political maneuvering and less so on accomplishment, beginning with a slow-motion struggle over legislation to renew lapsed jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed.

"I'm optimistic, cautiously optimistic, that the new year will bring a renewed spirit of cooperation to this chamber," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., in the first remarks of the year on the Senate floor.

Within moments, he pivoted, accusing Republicans of "never ending obstruction" to President Barack Obama's proposals over the past five years.

A test vote on the unemployment bill — the year's first showdown — was postponed at the last minute until this morning at the behest of Republicans, who noted that more than a dozen lawmakers had been unable to return to Washington because of bad weather.

Even then the rhetoric was heated. "It's transparent this is a political exercise," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, moments before Reid agreed to the delay.

Democratic supporters of the three-month extension of jobless benefits said they were close to the 60 votes needed to advance the White House-backed bill. Their chances hinged on securing backing from at least four Republicans in addition to Sen. Dean Heller of high-unemployment Nevada, a co-sponsor.

The bill would restore between 14 weeks and 47 weeks of benefits to an estimated 1.3 million long-term jobless affected when the program expired on Dec. 28. Payments, which average about $256 weekly, will be cut off to thousands more in the coming weeks as their initial 28 weeks' worth of unemployment benefits expire.

House and Senate lawmakers are negotiating privately over legislation to keep the government operating normally when current funding expires Jan. 15. Agreement is expected quickly, since the two sides and the White House reached agreement on an overall spending cap before adjourning for the holidays.

A separate set of talks is on legislation to replace expired farm and feeding programs. And just ahead is a requirement to raise the nation's debt limit.

The House is scheduled to return from its year-end break on today, and already, majority Republicans have served notice they will continue to challenge Democrats over the health care program known as "Obamacare."

In a memo to the rank and file last week, Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said there would be a vote quickly on legislation requiring "prompt notification in the event of a breach involving personal information."

Dolby unveils technology to improve TV brightness

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Dolby, long known for pristine sound, is now trying to improve what you see.

At the International CES gadget show on Monday, the company unveiled Dolby Vision, a technology that increases the brightness and contrast of TV sets. Prototype models will be on display from TV manufacturers such as Sharp and TCL.

Standard TV sets emit about 100 nits — a unit of brightness roughly equivalent to one candle per square meter. As a reference, a 100-watt lightbulb emits 18,000 nits. Dolby said its prototype monitor can put out 4,000 nits.

San Francisco-based Dolby Laboratories Inc. said the brightness isn't blinding because only the brightest parts of an image are rendered that way.

The company said it expects TVs featuring Dolby Vision to be available for purchase later this year.

Part of Dolby's solution is improving the signal that gets sent to TVs in the first place. Dolby said it is working with several video streaming partners including Microsoft's Xbox Video, Amazon Instant Video, Netflix and Vudu. Video streams using Dolby Vision will use 12 bits of data per pixel, up from today's standard 8 bits.

The higher data rate means more of what is captured by filmmakers in high-end digital cameras will end up on screen, even for sets not upgraded to handle the load, said Dolby's senior director of broadcast imaging, Roland Vlaicu. Software can trim the higher bit count for older sets.

Roku TV will stream video without set-top box

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Roku Inc. is launching a line of TVs that play video from services such as Netflix without requiring a set-top box. While similar to smart TVs on the market already, the company's Internet streaming platform offers some 1,200 apps and more comprehensive niche content choices.

The Saratoga, Calif.-based streaming set-top box pioneer is partnering with two of the biggest Chinese TV makers in the world, TCL Corp. and Hisense International Co. Ltd. on six models. It planned to showcase them on the sidelines of the annual International CES gadget show in Las Vegas, starting Monday.

The Roku TV will also provide users a way to access feeds from regular live TV providers and to connect to other devices such as Blu-ray disc players.

Roku launched its first streaming video player in May 2008, when the box only played content from Netflix. Since then, the company has sold nearly 8 million units and claims that its device is more widely used than Apple's Apple TV set-top box. Apps available on Roku's devices include everything from Amazon Instant Video to Karaoke Party on Demand.

Anthony Wood, the founder and CEO of Roku, said the TVs will be priced affordably. He expects the sets to be sold in the U.S. at large retailers such as Wal-Mart, Target and Best Buy starting in late 2014.

Wood said he would like the Roku platform to replace those offered by a variety of TV manufacturers.

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Southwest Floors offers soft start to the new year

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The entire Caress collection is crafted with soft Anso® nylon, a trusted name for over 40 years. Anso is not only soft as a kitten, it is durable enough to stand up to today's busy lifestyles.

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Buying flooring from Southwest Floors is always good. Travis Kendrick and Tebo Vaughn have the years of experience needed to answer any question you have about carpet, ceramic tile, laminate or wood flooring. They will give you all the information you need, then they will let you make the decision you'll be happy with for years and years.

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Southwest Floors was opened by Robert Burton in 1990. They carry a wide selection of carpet, tile, wood and vinyl tile flooring. The address is 1113 Andrews Highway, next to McDonald's. The phone number is 689-9312. Store hours are 9-5:30 Monday through Friday and 10-1 Saturday. They accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover.



Travis Kendrick and Tebo Vaughn can help you start the new year with soft carpet, hardwood, ceramic tile or laminate flooring. See them at Southwest Floors, 1113 Andrews Highway in Midland.

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More constructive spirit of governance is needed

■ It's time to green-light creative conservative policy ideas to strengthen civil society, private enterprise in places where the playing field of equal opportunity is tilted



MICHAEL GERSON
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One of the main problems with an unremittingly hostile view of government — held by many associated with the tea party, libertarianism and "constitutionalism". — is that it obscures and undermines the social contributions of a truly conservative vision of government.

Politics requires a guiding principle of public action. For popular liberalism, it is often the rule of good intentions: If it sounds good, do it. Social problems can be solved by compassionate, efficient regulation and bureaucratic management — which is seldom efficient and invites unintended consequences in complex, unmanageable systems (say, the one-sixth of the U.S. economy devoted to health care). The signal light for government intervention is stuck on green.

For libertarians and their ideological relatives, the guiding principle is the maximization of individual liberty. It is a theory of government consisting mainly of limits and boundaries. The light is almost always red.

Conservatism (as my co-author Peter Wehner and I explain in our recent National Affairs essay, "A Conservative Vision of Government") offers a different principle of public action — though a bit more difficult to explain than "go" or "stop." In the traditional conservative view, individual liberty is ennobled and ordered within social institutions — families, religious communities, neighborhoods, voluntary associations, local governments and nations. The success of individuals is tied to the health of these institutions, which prepare them for the responsible exercise of freedom and the duties of citizenship.

This is a limiting principle: Higher levels of government should show deference to private associations and local institutions. But this is also a guide to appropriate governmental action — needed when local and private institutions are enervated or insufficient in scale to achieve the public good.

So conservatism is a governing vision that allows for a yellow light: careful, measured public interventions to encourage the health of civil society. There are no simple rules here. Some communities — disproportionately affected by family breakdown, community chaos or damaging economic trends — will need more active help. But government should, as the first resort, set the table for private action and private institutions — creating a context in which civil society can flourish.

This goal has moral and cultural implications. Government has a necessary (if limited) role in reinforcing the social norms and expectations that make the work of civic institutions both possible and easier. Some forms of liberty — say, the freedom to destroy oneself with hard drugs or to exploit other men and women in the sex trade — not only degrade human nature but damage and undermine families and communities and ultimately deprive the nation of competent, self-governing citizens. (The principle applies, more mildly, to softer drugs. By what governing theory did the citizens of Colorado — surveying the challenges of global economic competition, educational mediocrity and unhealthy lifestyles — decide that the answer is the proliferation of stoners?)

But conservatives also need to take seriously the economic implications of this governing vision. Just as citizens must be prepared for the exercise of liberty, individuals must be given the skills and values — human capital — that will allow them to succeed in a free economy.

This is the essence of equal opportunity. But it is not a natural social condition. And many conservatives have failed to recognize the extent to which this defining American promise has been hollowed out.

Economic mobility is stalled for many poorer Americans, resulting in persistent, intergenerational inequality. This problem is more complex than an income gap. It involves wide disparities in parental time and investment, in community involvement and in academic accomplishment. These are traceable to a number of factors that defy easy ideological categorization, including the collapse of working-class families and the flight of decent blue-collar jobs.

Where are the creative conservative policy ideas to strengthen civil society and private enterprise in places where the playing field of equal opportunity is scandalously tilted? The project is not unprecedented. In the 1990s, a cadre of conservative reformers achieved success against three seemingly intractable problems: welfare dependency, drug use and violent crime.

This history highlights the current conservative divide. Many in the tea party and libertarian wings, if left to their own devices, would say almost nothing about these matters. Yet a number of Republican governors and members of Congress — see recent efforts by Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis. — promise a more constructive spirit of governance.

The appeal of conservatism as a governing vision now depends on the transformation of this nascent effort into a movement that is strong enough to redefine a party.

GUEST VIEW

Pipelines remain safest way to deliver crude across country

Houston Chronicle

Businesses across Casselton, N.D., locked their doors last week. It wasn't part of a New Year's Eve celebration, but a citywide shutdown after a series of massive explosions resulting from a collision involving a mile-long train carrying crude oil. The burning plumes of black smoke rained choking fumes throughout the town of 2,400 while the local sheriff's office recommended a total evacuation.

No one died, and for that we should be thankful. As the town returns to normal, it isn't likely that much will change for the booming energy economy. Despite this disaster, the oil will continue to flow.

It kept flowing in October after a train carrying crude oil derailed and exploded in Alberta, Canada. It kept flowing in July after a train carrying oil in Quebec derailed, causing a blast that killed at least 42 people and destroyed more than 30 buildings. After all, petroleum is still the lifeblood of the global economy, and the oil must flow.

Renewable sources of energy grow every year, and natural gas can be a bridge to that cleaner energy future. But until we're on the other side, safety and efficiency will have to temper the dangerous power we harness in crude oil. Part of that safety means encouraging pipelines, which are routinely the safest way to move oil and gas across our country.

Almost 500,000 miles of pipeline crisscross our country, doing their daily work with routine reliability. But as Houston Chronicle reporter Zain Shauk wrote for Fuelfix.com, a lack of pipelines near new oil and gas development have forced companies to rely on rail. So when those good-hearted but wrong-headed folks protest pipelines, they're not stopping the oil, they're just forcing it into riskier railcars. Pipelines are not without flaw prone to leaks and disasters of their own.

But after another year of Keystone debates, train disasters and predictions of 50 more years of petroleum dominance, environmentalists from the White House down should take a sober look at the numbers and contemplate just how many more train disasters they want to risk for want of new pipelines.

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GOP should present reality to public

■ Republicans should force the Democrats to show how their program is working



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French President Francois Hollande has been confronted by the glaring light of reality — sort of.

On New Year's Day, as his massive tax increases began taking effect, Hollande, a member of the Socialist Party, admitted that taxes in France have become "too heavy, much too heavy."

Indeed, as of Jan. 1, French households now must contend with a new value added tax on many goods and services and, writes International Business Times, "French companies will be required to pay 50 percent tax on all employee salaries in excess of 1 million euros. ... The effective tax rate will amount to 75 percent." Unemployment, which Hollande promised to reduce, has risen to nearly 11 percent. Some companies and wealthy people have left France in search of business-friendly environments. More will surely follow unless Hollande's rhetoric is followed by actual tax reductions.

Hollande's head-on collision with reality is reminiscent of President Bill Clinton's remarks in 1995 at a campaign fundraiser in Houston: "Probably there are people in this room still mad at me ... because you think I raised your taxes too much. It might surprise you to know that I think I raised them too much, too."

Neither Hollande (so far), nor Clinton, followed up on their remarks by cutting taxes. Like many other politicians, these men tried to have it both ways.

The next political leader who will be forced to adjust his left-wing ideology to reality is the new mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio, who has proposed a tax on the wealthy to fund universal pre-K education. He, too, thinks raising taxes on the successful is the way to prosperity for the poor. He should pick up the phone and ask Hollande how that is working for him, as Hollande's approval ratings are sinking faster than President Obama's. Even better, he might recall Calvin Coolidge's remark: "Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong."

Penalize success and prosperity and you get less of it. Subsidize bad decision-making by giving taxpayer money to the poor, and you may well undermine initiative and personal responsibility and create new generations of poor people.

The left in America and France have gained political power by appealing to voters' emotions, but when they achieve power their ideology harms the very people who voted for them when these well-intentioned programs prove unworkable. This presents conservatives and Republicans with an opportunity, as well as risks.

Liberals are allowed to be as ideological as they wish, and the major media and too many among the unfocused public will mostly support them. The left is never told they must compromise their ideology when reality proves them wrong, or "work with Republicans and conservatives" to achieve common goals. That is the trap liberals set for conservatives, who are repeatedly told they must compromise their principles if they hope to win elections, but whose squishy politics then become as unappealing as cold oatmeal.

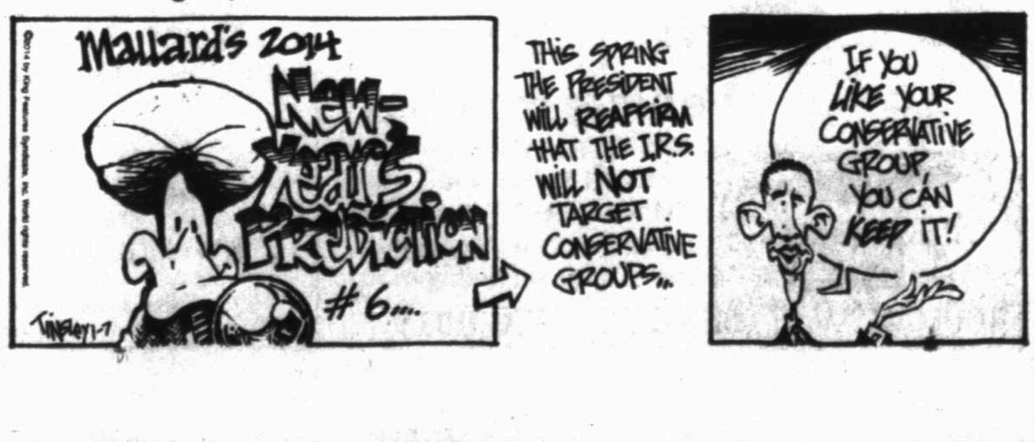
Here is the path Republicans and conservatives must take if they not only want to win, but bring positive change to the country. Instead of debating feelings and ideology with the left (territory on which they almost always lose — recall "compassionate conservative"), conservatives should hold their opponents accountable. Are their policies producing the results they claim? Is the record debt good for the country? Are agencies performing as their charter demands, and should their budgets be reduced or the agency eliminated if it can't show results? Every government agency and program should be regularly required to justify, not only its budget, but its very existence.

Americans typically hate waste. It is why as children most of us were told to clean our plates because somewhere in the world there were hungry people. Requiring the left to prove their programs and policies are producing outcomes at reasonable cost would shift the debate from ideology and good intentions to reality. This is where conservatives have a distinct advantage if they will embrace it.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





Associated Press

Matt Frame brushes off a car in Detroit, Monday. Michigan residents are preparing for diving temperatures as they dig out from more than 15 inches of snow in places. Snow wrapped up after starting during the weekend. Roads are slippery, with numerous crashes reported. In the southern Lower Peninsula, temperatures are to drop late Monday or early today to as low as minus 15.

Most dangerous temps in decades push across US

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The coldest, most dangerous blast of polar air in decades gripped the Midwest and pushed toward the East and South on Monday, closing schools and day care centers, grounding flights and forcing people to pull their hoods and scarves tight to protect exposed skin from nearly instant frostbite.

Many across the nation's midsection went into virtual hibernation, while others dared to venture out in temperatures that plunged well below zero.

"I'm going to try to make it two blocks without turning into crying man," said Brooks Grace, who was bundling up to do some banking and shopping in downtown Minneapolis, where temperatures reached 20 below, with wind chills of minus 50. "It's not cold — it's painful."

The mercury also dropped into negative territory in Milwaukee, St. Louis and Chicago, which set a record for the date at minus 16. Wind chills across the region were 40 below and lower. Records also fell in Oklahoma and Texas.

Forecasters said some 187 million people in all could feel the effects of the "polar vortex" by the time it spread across the country on Monday night and today.

Record lows were possible in the East and South, with highs in the single digits expected today in Georgia and Alabama. Below-zero wind chills were forecast up and down the coast, including minus 10 in Atlanta and minus 12 in Baltimore.

From the Dakotas to Maryland, schools and day care centers shut down.

"You definitely know when you are not wearing your thermal undergarments," said Staci Kalthoff, who raises cattle with her husband on a 260-acre farm in Albany, Minn., where the temperature hovered around 24 below zero and winds made it feel like minus 46. "You have to dress really, really warm and come in more often and thaw out everything."

Even with this nostril-freezing cold, the family still prefers winter over summer.

"You can always put on more layers," she said. "When it gets hot, you can only take off so much."

For a big swath of the Midwest, the subzero cold moved in behind another winter wallop: more than a foot of snow and high winds that made traveling treacherous.

Nearly 3,200 flights — one out of every 10 domestic departures — were canceled Monday morning, following a weekend of travel disruption across the U.S. Airline officials said de-icing fluid was freezing, fuel was pumping sluggishly, and ramp workers were having difficulty loading and unloading luggage.

Authorities in Indiana and Kentucky — where temperatures dropped into the single digits and below, with wind chills in the minus 20s and worse — warned people not to leave their homes at all unless they needed to go someplace safer.

Utility crews worked to restore power to more than 40,000 Indiana customers affected by the weekend storm and cautioned that some people could be in the cold and dark for days.

Ronald G. Smith Sr. took shelter at an Indianapolis Red Cross after waking up the previous night with the power out and his cat, Sweet Pea, agitated in the darkness.

"The screen door blew open and woke me up, and it was cold and dark. I got dressed and I was scared, thinking, 'What am I going to do? My cat knew something was wrong. He was jumping all over the place," Smith said. "This is brutal cold. The cold is what makes this so dangerous."

Even after Indianapolis lifted a travel ban, officials urged residents to stay home for their own safety and that of police and other emergency workers.

"It's still slick out there," said Marc Lotter, a spokesman for the mayor. "It's just not safe for people to be out on the streets."

Many other cities came to a virtual standstill. In St. Louis, where more than 10 inches of snow fell, the Gateway Arch, St. Louis Art Museum and St. Louis Zoo were closed, along with shopping malls and movie theaters. Even Hidden Valley Ski Resort, the region's only ski area, shut down.

Officials in Chicago and other cities checked on the homeless and shut-ins for fear they might freeze to death on the street or in their homes.

Between a heater that barely works and his drafty windows, Jeffery Davis decided he would be better off sitting in a downtown Chicago doughnut shop for three hours Monday until it was time to go to work.

He threw on two pairs of pants, two T-shirts, "at least three jackets," two hats, a pair of gloves, the "thickest socks you'd probably ever find" and boots, and trudged to the train stop in his South Side neighborhood that took him to within a few blocks of the library where he works.

"I never remember it ever being this cold," said Davis, 51. "I'm flabbergasted."

Elnur Toktombetov, a Chicago taxi driver, hit the road with hot tea and doughnuts, and an hour into his shift, his cab's windows were still coated with ice on the inside.

People are "really happy to catch the cab. And I notice they really tip well," he said.

Only a few hardy souls braved the cold on the Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, normally a busy pedestrian area. Many people downtown used the extensive heated skyway system, where it is warm enough to walk around in office attire. Nearly all stores on the skyway were open as usual.

Jersey Devil Pizza & Wings was not.

"Apologies ... We are East Coast wimps. Too cold! Stay safe, see you Tuesday," read a sign taped to the door.

5THINGSTOKNOW

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHICAGO — Much of the country grappled Monday with a historic freeze that shuttered schools and businesses at the start of the first full work week of 2014. Flights, trains and bus transportation were disrupted, thousands were left without power and even parts of the country used to fending off hypothermia and frostbite had to take extra precautions as temperatures and wind chills approached record levels.

Here are five things to know about the deep freeze.

1. COLD OUTSIDE? YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Nearly 187 million people, more than half of the nation's population, were under a wind chill warning or advisory Monday.

The winds made it feel like 55 below zero in International Falls, Minn., and parts of the Midwest accustomed to low temperatures — albeit seldom this low.

2. FLY AWAY FROM THE WEATHER? THINK AGAIN

Nearly 3,200 flights — one out of every 10 domestic departures — were canceled Monday morning, following a weekend of travel disruption across the country. The bulk of those cancellations were in Chicago, Cleveland, New York and Boston.

"It's been one weather system after another," said Delta Air Lines spokesman Morgan Durrant. "It's been a challenging 72 hours."

In recent years, airlines have cut the number of flights to ensure that most of their planes depart full. That's been great for their bottom line but leaves very few empty seats to rebook stranded travelers. Sometimes, it takes days to get everybody where they should be.

3. GROUND TRAVEL DISRUPTED, TOO

Planes weren't the only form of mass transpoltation disrupted by the historic freeze. There also were widespread delays and cancellations in ground transportation — including Amtrak, buses and commuter trains.

Officials with Chicago's commuter rail, Metra, said there were multiple accidents, including one in which 14 passengers reported injuries — and six were taken to the hospital with minor injuries — after a train hit a "bumping post" at a downtown station. Spokesman Michael Gillis said the cause of the collision was under investigation but was because of the weather.

4. STORM LEAVES THOUSANDS IN THE DARK

Widespread power outages were being blamed on the storm, including in Indiana, where crews worked to restore services for more than 40,000 customers. Utility officials cautioned some people could be in the cold and dark until Thursday.

"Due to the extreme conditions, damage is significant," Indianapolis Power & Light spokeswoman Katie Bunton said.

5. HEIGHTENED FEARS OF FROSTBITE, HYPOTHERMIA

In Chicago, hospital emergency rooms treated patients with frostbite, weather-related asthma and head injuries from falls on ice.

"It's pretty typical of what we see when it's this cold," said Dr. Paul Casey, an ER doctor at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. "Later in the day, the more people are outside working, we may see more cold-related injuries such as frostbite and hypothermia."

Cook County's health system encouraged patients to reschedule their non-emergency appointments. Cook County's Stroger Hospitals treated one homeless man with frostbite, said health system spokeswoman Marisa Kollias.

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FLYINGTIPS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK — A wave of snowstorms and extremely low temperatures have caused headaches for hundreds of thousands of passengers whose flights have been canceled. In the past three days, more than 8,000 flights in the United States have been canceled, according to flight tracking site FlightAware.com. On Monday alone, 1 out of every 10 domestic flights never took off.

In recent years, airlines have cut the number of flights to ensure that most of their planes depart full. That's been great for their bottom line but leaves very few empty seats to rebook stranded travelers. Passengers are pretty much at the mercy of the airlines. But there are a few things you can do to improve odds of getting home quickly:

■ If you miss your connection, the airlines will automatically rebook you on the next available flight. However, with flights at near capacity, the next open seat could be several days away.

■ If you're unhappy with your rebooked flight, get in line to speak to a customer service representative. But also, pick up the phone and call the airline directly, go onto the airline's website and even consider sending a Tweet. If the phone lines are jammed, try the airline's overseas numbers. You'll pay long-distance rates, but might not have to wait.

■ Consider buying a one-day pass to the airline lounge. It's a nice place to relax away from the crowd and there are usually free drinks and light snacks. But the real secret to the lounges is that the airline staffs them with some of its best — and friendliest — ticket agents. The lines inside will be much shorter and these agents are magically able to find empty seats where nobody else can. One-day passes typically cost $50.

■ Use apps such as HotelTonight and Priceline to find last-minute hotel discounts for that night. Warning: Many of the rooms are non-refundable when booked.

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WINDCHILL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MINNEAPOLIS — It's not the heat, it's the humidity, goes the old saying. For the tens of millions of Americans currently trapped in the deep freeze: It's not the cold, it's the wind.

Air temperatures plunging into the negative teens, 20s and even 30s Sunday into Monday are bad enough. But add wind speeds of even a few miles per hour, and what's already deeply unpleasant becomes downright dangerous.

"It's not so much the absolute cold, though that's certainly not pleasant either," said Mark Seeley, a climatologist for the University of Minnesota. "But what the wind does when it starts blowing it around is force the cold air onto whatever it touches. Whether it's human skin or a car engine, the wind pushes away the warmth being generated and replaces it with cold."

Thus the popular term "wind chill," which a couple of Polar explorers originated in 1945 to differentiate between the actual temperature, and the temperature that it feels like thanks to the wind. For instance: In International Falls, Minn., along the Canadian border, it was forecast to reach an air temperature of 30 below zero early Monday. But wind gusts will make it feel more like negative 60.

"Fighting a fire on a night like that, a lot of our guys would rather do recon in the burning structure than man the hoses," said Jim Hultman, a veteran firefighter in International Falls, frequently one of the coldest spots in the nation. "I'm not kidding. Because at least you're warm."

Hultman said cold winds ice up the nozzles, slow the water streams and blow an icy mist onto the firefighters. "It's just miserable," said Hultman, 59, adding in an interview Sunday that he's "nine shifts away from retirement and then I'm headed someplace warm for a few months."

Severely low wind chills are a serious threat to the human body. "Really, the best advice I can give is don't go outside at all unless you absolutely have to," said Douglas Brunette, an emergency room doctor at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. Skin exposed to such wind chills can develop frostbite within five minutes; hypothermia comes close behind.

"I have seen frostbite occur through clothing," Brunette said. "It's not enough just to be covered. You need clothes made for the elements. You need to repel the wind."

Right now, winds are blowing arctic air across large swaths of the United States. Temperatures were being suppressed by what meteorologists called a "polar vortex," a rotating pool of frigid air forecast to affect more than half the continental U.S. into today. Wind chill warnings were stretching from Montana to Alabama.

"I've lived in Minnesota or Wisconsin most of my life. You figure out how to be prepared," said Jesse Roehl, a 39-year-old marketing manager who ventured out Sunday to a Minneapolis grocery store for provisions. Swaddled in a parka, heavy boots, stocking cap, scarf, gloves and several layers underneath, Roehl said he was amused by the fashion choices forced by the wind chill factor.

"Function over fashion," he said. "Even teenagers are wearing stocking caps today."

In Columbus, Ohio, 43-year-old student and consultant Lorna West was worried for Ohioans and residents of other states not used to such frosty blasts.

West, a Chicago native, said she couldn't explain the exact science of wind chills, "but I understand the basic, which is it's going to be damn cold."

Few know the brutality of the winter wind more than lifelong Minnesotan Will Steger, an explorer who has traveled by dogsled to both poles. Steger said even with the lowest temperatures, a few miles per hour of wind make a huge difference.

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Supreme Court puts Utah same-sex marriage on hold

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Gay couples in Utah were thrown into legal limbo Monday as the U.S. Supreme Court put a halt to same-sex marriages in the state, turning jubilation to doubt just weeks after a judge's ruling sent more than a thousand couples rushing to get married.

The justices did not rule on the merits of the case or on same-sex marriage bans in general, leaving both sides confident they'll ultimately win. The decision stays in effect while the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considers the long-term question of whether gay couples have a right to wed in Utah.

For those couples who just got married — or were planning their nuptials — the latest twist in the legal battle clouds what was seen as a cause for celebration.

"It feels like we are second-class citizens during the stay," said Moudi Sbeity, who is waiting to get married until the legal process plays out. "There's also the fear of the unknown of what might come next."

Sbeity and partner Derek Kitchen are among three couples who brought the Utah lawsuit that led to the surprise Dec. 20 ruling by U.S. District Judge Robert Shelby, who said the state's ban on same-sex marriage violated gay and lesbian couples' constitutional rights.

State officials praised Monday's decision to put a hold on things, saying it should have come earlier. Two previous courts turned down their request for a stay.

"Clearly, the stay should have been granted with the original District Court decision in order to have avoided the uncertainty created by this unprecedented change," Gov. Gary Herbert said.

The Supreme Court's unsigned order did not indicate anyone dissented from the decision to halt same-sex marriages in Utah. Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who handles emergency appeals from Utah and the five other states in the 10th Circuit, turned the matter over to the entire court.

Many believe the Supreme Court will settle the issue for good. Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes said the court's decision indicates an interest in Utah's case, and he hopes the justices issue a final answer.

Others doubt the high court will step in any time soon. In June, the justices decided not to weigh in on the constitutionality of defining marriage as being between a man and woman, relying instead on a technical legal argument to resolve the issue in California and clear the way for same-sex marriage in the state.

The ruling Monday doesn't necessarily give any indication of how the justices would rule on the issue, said Douglas NeJaime, a professor of law at the University of California, Irvine. He believes justices want the issue to work its way through normal legal channels before they weigh in.



AP file photo

Chris Serrano, left, and Clifton Webb embrace after being married, as people wait in line to get licenses outside of the marriage division of the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office in Salt Lake City on Dec. 20. The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday put same-sex marriages on hold in Utah, at least while a federal appeals court more fully considers the issue.

Meanwhile, the state is trying to determine whether the marriages that have already taken place are still valid.

Marriage licenses issued in 2008 in California before the passage of the state's same-sex marriage ban were eventually upheld by the state supreme court. But marriages licenses issued in San Francisco in 2004 after mayor Gavin Newsom told city officials to grant them were later invalidated by the state supreme court.

That leads NeJaime to believe a court will need to rule on Utah's marriages. If the Utah attorney general challenges the validity of the licenses as expected, that might lead to several months of limbo for the couples, he said.

Jon Davidson, director of Lambda Legal, which pursues litigation on LGBT issues nationwide, said Utah may choose not to recognize the marriages in the interim, but predicted the federal government and other states will honor them since they were granted in accordance with the law at the time.

For 17 days, Utah was the 18th state to allow gay couples to wed.

More than a thousand couples flocked to county clerks offices, marrying on courthouse steps in darkness and celebrating a judge's decision that the 2004 voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage in the state was unconstitutional.

It was a surprising development in a state where nearly two-thirds of the 2.8 million residents are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Mormons dominate the state's legal and political circles. Though the church has softened its stance toward gays and lesbians in recent years, it still teaches that homosexual activity is a sin and stands by its support for "traditional marriage."

Shelby's ruling overturning the state's ban was the first by a federal judge to overturn a state marriage ban since the U.S. Supreme Court issued two decisions on same-sex marriage in June.

The justices at that time struck down a provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act that prevented legally married gay and lesbian couples from receiving a range of tax, health, pension and other federal benefits.

On the same day, the court left in place a trial court's decision that struck down California's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

The action now shifts to Denver, where the appeals court will consider arguments from the state against same-sex marriage as well as from the three gay and lesbian couples who challenged the ban in support of Shelby's ruling.

The 10th Circuit has set short deadlines for both sides to file their written arguments, with the state's first brief due on Jan. 27. No date for argument has been set yet.

Many of couples who have already tied the knot are choosing to move forward as planned, optimistic the ruling will be upheld by the appeals court. Alan Britton and his husband, Nathan London, have already updated their health insurance to show they are married and plan on filing taxes jointly. They are planning a wedding celebration in the next month.

"It makes me uncomfortable," said Britton about not knowing how things will turn out, "but it's not going to change the way I feel about my husband."

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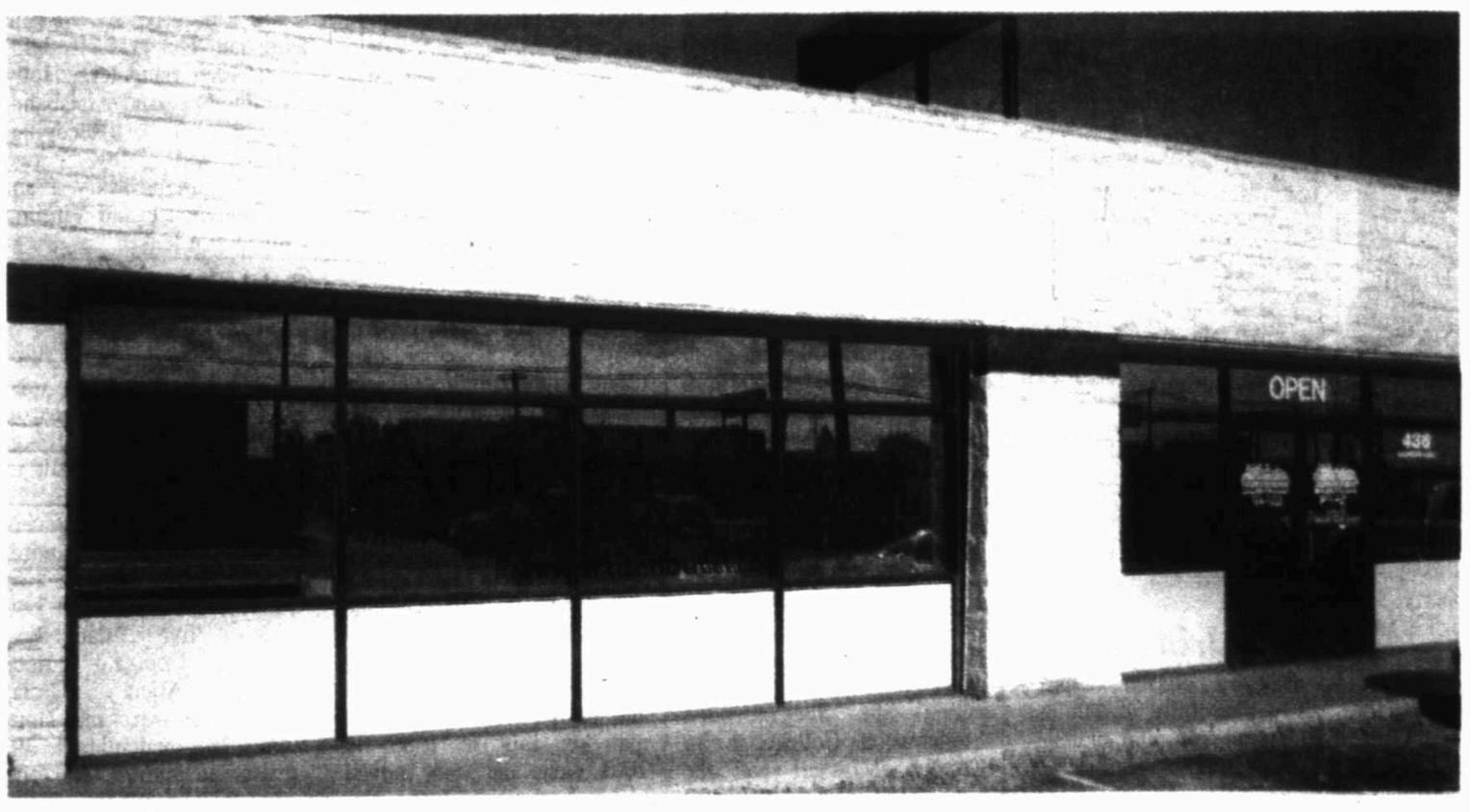
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ABOVE: Cheryl Roush works on a painting Tuesday in an area set up inside ArtiZen. **BELOW:** The new ArtiZen Outlet is located at 436 Andrews Highway.

ARTFUL DODGER



ArtiZen closes, moves to new location

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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ArtiZen Outlet will move to its new location in Midland on Feb. 1.

The local artists' co-op, which showcases art by Midland-area artists and craftspeople, closed its previous location Dec. 24. The business did not meet the building owner's needs, manager Connie Glinsmann said. The previous location was at West Loop 250 North.

The new building will open Feb. 1 at 436 Andrews Highway. Hours will change to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The new location will have a "totally different feel," Glinsmann said. The co-op will offer more classes and after-hours events, as well as "art block parties" with neighboring stores. The new location will also be available to rent for events.

ArtiZen, which opened in November 2012, features the work of about 26 artists and craftspeople, most of whom will move to the new location. Artwork includes jewelry, pottery, gifts, paintings, sculptures and paper art, among others. Artists also do commissioned portraits and other artwork on request.

In additon to offering artwork for purchase, ArtiZen holds open houses and offers workshops throughout the year with topics such as beading, watercolor painting, visual journaling, glass creations and more. For an updated list of workshops and events, visit www.artizenoutlet.com.

ArtiZen artists give back to the

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FOOD ETC.



Email Joan Huff at foodetcmrt@aol.com. See more recipes at mywesttexas.com.

Lighter recipes offer break after holiday foods

One thing we had way too much of over the holidays was food. I think I served a lot of our favorite recipes during a two-week period and we have been living on the leftovers. My freezer is full now, as well, but I'm sure with time we will look forward to enjoying these ready-made meals all over again.

After all the rich and calorie-filled foods we have enjoyed, I am ready for lighter meals. One of our favorites is the grilled chicken recipe. This can easily be grilled or baked in the oven. It's quick and easy and the chicken comes out tender, juicy and full of flavor from the marinade. It is delicious served as is or can be cut up and wrapped in tortillas, as tacos or a sandwich.

Recipes wanted

February is the "Great American Pie Month." Share your favorite pie recipe with our readers. Recipes can be sweet or savory. Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., 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. 24.

Maybe one of your New Year's resolutions is to lighten up your meals. Try one of these recipes to get you started. Most of them include the nutritional information so you can see exactly what you are consuming.

Grilled Chicken for Salads, Pizzas and Panini
From "California Pizza Kitchen"

Boneless, skinless chicken breasts
6 Tablespoons olive oil
2 Tablespoons finely chopped garlic
1 Tablespoon soy sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons Kosher salt

Place the chicken breast between layers of waxed paper or parchment paper and gently pound to an even thickness of 1/2-inch. Combine the olive oil and seasonings in a large mixing bowl. Stir to mix. Place chicken in zip-type bag and pour marinade over chicken to coat. Turn bag to coat chicken evenly. Place chicken in refrigerator for 3 to 4 hours.

If grill is available, grill chicken for 3 to 4 minutes on each side. If using oven, preheat oven to 350. Bake chicken in pan for about 30 minutes or until meat thermometer reaches 165 degrees. Use chicken immediately or cool and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

All in One Mexican Salad
From Mr. Food

1 pound lean ground turkey

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Big Spring storyteller

Andrews man serves huge hamburgers

Kenneth Tidwell has owned a restaurant in Andrews for 15 years.

"My dad had a restaurant years ago in Wink, Texas," said Kenneth. "I got to wash dishes there. I didn't get to be the boss, so I just decided I'd just put one in where I could be the boss." His place is called A Little Taste of Heaven. "We have good food and it tastes like what you're gonna get when you go up there."

He and his six employees serve a variety of food. "Chicken-fried and hamburger steaks, steak fingers, 10 different sandwiches, chicken strips and chicken nuggets. We've got fried pickle spears and they're our top sellers."

Kenneth is known for one special item. "I got the big 8-inch hamburger. Biggest hamburger in Andrews. I can say that because I'm the only one that handles it. We got started with that and I didn't think it would go, but man, that thing sells like hotcakes. I have the buns special made. It's an 8-inch bun and I put a pound of hamburger meat on it along with all the fixings you want. We have to cut in into fourths to serve it because a person can't pick up an 8-inch burger. Their hands aren't big enough. It's like four little hamburgers. It sells for $9.25. Lots of families come in with four kids and they just buy

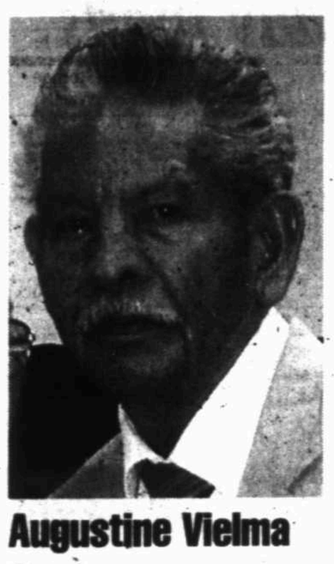
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Obituaries

Annie Laura Waddill

Annie Laura Waddill, 86, of Humble, Texas, passed away on Friday, January 3, 2014. She was born on October 17, 1927 in Goldthwaite, Texas, to John and Ollie Lee Manuel.

Annie is survived by her daughters, Lisa Ledbetter (Ronald) and Sharon Sanchez; grandchildren, Dwight Bryant, Alan Bryant, Chris Ledbetter, Robyn Ledbetter, Amber Cooke and Lauren Stratton; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and by two nieces, Betty Bishop (Gene) and Barbara Hurst.



Augustine Vielma Garces

Augustine Vielma Garces, 84, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2014 after a short hospital stay. He was a dedicated and baptized witness of Jehovah since May 4, 1974.

A service talk will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home, 2508 North Big Spring Street in Midland, with David Baca of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.

Augustine was born on August 28 1929, in Dewalt, Texas. He married Margarita Puente on October 3, 1953 in San Antonio, Coah. He was a devoted and wonderful husband for 60 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his brothers, Leonardo Alonzo and Eloy Garces.

Augustine was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great, great-grandfather. He loved to work at his job as a roofer until the day he retired. His passion in life was working in his ministry of preaching from door to door, encouraging all to read the Bible and draw close to Jehovah.

Survivors include his wife, Margarita P. Garces of Midland; two sisters, Maria Romano of Fontana, California; Julia Plowman of San Jose, California; and by one brother, Pedro Alonzo of Castaños, Coah.

He is also survived by four daughters and three sons, Noemi Eaton of Midland, Aracely Givens (Joey) of Kyle, Texas, Vicenta Castro (Roberto) of El Paso, Texas, Elizabeth Garcia (Eddie) of Banderas, Texas, Samuel Antonio Garces (Lisa), Augustine Garces, Jr.(Amy) and Alfredo Garces (Yolanda), all of Midland; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and three great, great-grandchildren; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

We would like to give a special thanks to the staff at Midland Memorial (8th Floor East Wing) for their care and attention to our loved one.

Funeral Services are under

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Fay Leeora Lennon McGuire

Fay Leeora Lennon McGuire, 90, of Round Rock, TX, formerly of Clovis, NM, died Friday, January 3, 2014 at Scott and White Hospice in Round Rock, TX.

She was born June 28, 1923 in Red River County, Texas to Luster and Daisy (Denjson) Lennon.

Fay met Allen McGuire, for the first time in 1939 and they eloped March 6, 1943. During WWII she worked in a munitions plant. After the war they spent 6 months as civilians before being recalled to active duty. They were part of the Air Force for 30 years until retirement in 1973 from Cannon Air Force Base to a civilian in Clovis New Mexico.

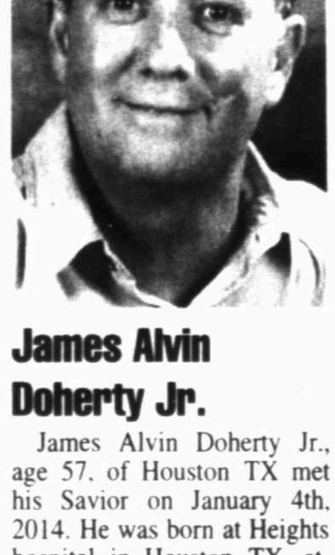
She was very active in the Clovis Women's Club as President, Bridge Club and bowling in retirement. Raising their seven children she was a Cub Scout & Brownie Mother, active PTA member and officer, and a Home Room MOM to name a few. Fay was the New Mexico Mother of the Year in 1982

She is survived by six children: Allen (Denna) McGuire, Jr. of Midland, TX; Mary Lively of Round Rock, TX; Patrick (Lynn) McGuire of Austin, TX; Martha (Roy Tambourine) McGuire of Chicago, Ill; Timothy McGuire of Austin, TX; and John (Nancy) McGuire of Dallas, TX; 8 grandchildren: Michael Lively, Edie McGuire, Jennifer Lively, Robert McGuire, Cody McGuire, Travis McGuire, Jack McGuire and Max McGuire; and 7 great grandchildren: Ava McGuire, Owen McGuire, Rebecca Lively, Kate Lively, Conner McGuire, Henry McGuire and Lucas McGuire. She was preceded in death by Allen Sr. and son Captain Michael Lennon McGuire (1981).

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church, 1501 Sycamore St. Clovis NM 88101 or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be 5PM-7PM January 9th at Muffley Funeral Home, 1430 Thornton, Clovis, NM. Services will be held 10:00AM Friday January 10, 2014 at The First United Methodist Church with Pastor Keath Baskett officiating. Burial will follow at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home 575-762-4435 www.muffleyfuneralhome.com.



James Alvin Doherty Jr.

James Alvin Doherty Jr., age 57, of Houston TX met his Savior on January 4th, 2014. He was born at Heights hospital in Houston TX, attended grade school and junior high in Midland TX, and graduated high school in Andrews TX. James faithfully attended Lakewood church in Houston and had a long and distinguished career as a draftsman.

He is survived by his wife Leticia, daughter Lia, mother Bobbie Stamps, stepmother Marianne Russell, sister Sheree King, brother Dennis Doherty, stepsisters Vicky Russell and Danna Garymartin, and several cousins, nieces, nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday January 7th at Leal Funeral Home, 2200 Wilcrest Drive, Houston TX 77042.



Kimberly Rae (Large) Carnes

Kimberly Rae (Large) Carnes of Midland, Texas passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 3, 2014. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Kimberly was born on July 29, 1964 in Big Spring, Texas to Kenneth Ray Large of Lenorah, TX and Hazel Mary (Large) Burgess of Cardiff, Wales, UK.

Kimberly was born the third child and only girl among three brothers. At age five, she and her family moved to Cardiff, Wales. After graduating from high school, she worked as a receptionist at a local hotel. She married Simon Humphries and later moved back to Midland with her two children in 1983.

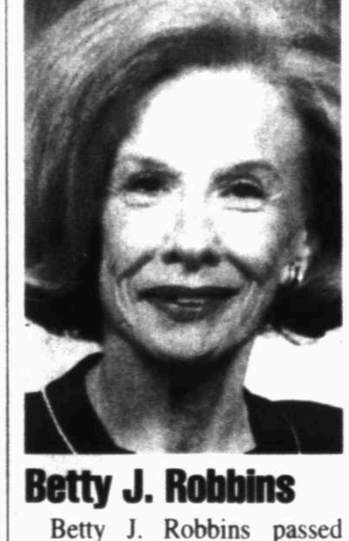
She worked at Ginghams Day Care, Kyotee Screenprinting and later at Riley's Bar and Grill. Kimberly loved to cook and participated innumerous Chili Cook Offs, along with her dad. Her heart was pure gold when it came to friends who needed help. She never let anyone go without food and shelter.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her mother and father; three brothers, Kyle Large and wife Kristina of Fort Worth, Texas, Kevin Large of Caerleon, Wales, UK, and Cody Large and partner Debbie Hemken of Midland, Texas; her two children, Rian Large and wife Cassie, and Kayleigh Large, all of Midland, Texas; a half-brother, Drew Large and partner Angie Follis of Midland, Texas; and by a step brother and sister, Doug and Develin Doss.

She is also survived by cousins, Pat High of Stanton, Texas, KC and Dodie Caulder of San Antonio, Texas, Stacy Stribling of Midland, Texas, Robert and Marla Scott of Schertz, Texas, Bill and Sheila Scott of Cibolo, Texas; her grandchildren, Hazel Marie and Londyn Grace; as well as a large group of friends, including special friend Mark Carnes.

A memorial service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, Wednesday January 8, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m., with a short visitation for family and friends afterward.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Betty J. Robbins

Betty J. Robbins passed away peacefully at Midland Memorial Hospital, January 3, 2014 following a brief illness.

She was born to Alton L. Payne and Laura B. Payne in Memphis, Tennessee on September 17, 1932. She grew up in rural Franklin Parish, Louisiana at Warsaw Landing on the Bayou Macon and graduated from Crowville High School, receiving the American Legion Award.

As a youth, she was active in FFA and raised beef calves for show in state shows. One was the state reserve champion at the Louisiana State Fair in Shreveport, Louisiana. She also took several calves to the national show at Chicago, Illinois.

Upon graduation from high school, she attended Louisiana State University where she met and married L. D. Robbins. They raised three children while living in Jackson, Mississippi; Mariana, Florida; Lubbock, Texas; West Germany; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Midland, Texas; Houston, Texas; Findlay, Ohio, and settled in Midland again in 1976.

She received a BA degree in Art at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, was a member of First Methodist Midland and loved shopping for fine things and apparel. She loved raising and working with horses with her beloved daughter, Audrey, and traveling to Midland College and UTPB college rodeo team events where Audrey competed as a barrel racer. She worked with her business, Robbins Investment, Inc. until near the end.

As a beloved mother, she is survived by her son, Robert S. Robbins, his wife Christina and his two daughters, Bethany Pettit and Kristin Robbins; daughter, Dr. Laura J. Robbins-West, and her husband David and son Michael of Chateaugay, New York; and daughter, Audrey L. Robbins of Midland, Texas.

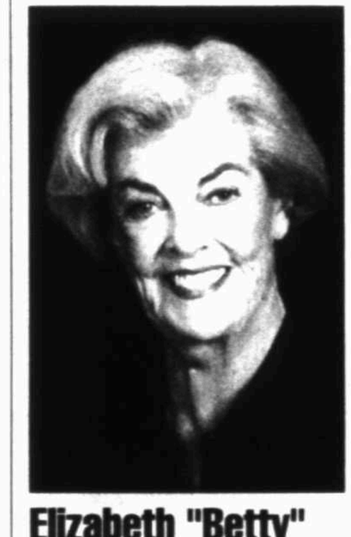
She is also survived by a sister, Beverly McMichael and husband Jim of Longview, Texas; sister-in-law, Betty J. Powell of Shreveport, and her two sons, Michael A. Powell and James D. Powell of Houston, and their families; and by her former husband and lifelong partner, L. D. Robbins.

Honorary pallbearers are James Rogers, Buddy Redden, Steve Castle and Woody Gregory.

The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all friends for their support and help, and to Kathy Whiteside, Tony and Ester Hernandez and Tori Napividad for all the things they did for Betty. Also, grateful appreciation for the care by Midland Memorial, Health South and Manor Park.

Chapel service will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Services are entrusted to Ellis Funeral Home.



Elizabeth "Betty" Casey Sappington

Betty Sappington, age 86, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2014. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating.

Betty was born December 28, 1927 to Gwendolyn Brickey Casey and William Henry Casey in Potosi, Missouri, where she spent her young life. She attended Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri and the University of Missouri, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. While at Missouri, she met Jack Sappington and they were married in 1949. They moved to Midland in 1952 where they reared their three daughters and spent many happy years.

Betty loved entertaining, golf and working in her yard. She and Jack enjoyed traveling and made many memorable trips. Music was a big part of her life and she played hand bells many years at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland. She was a charter member of the Midland Arts Association and the Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She volunteered for various organizations including the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by Jack, her husband of 51 years; her parents; a sister, Brickey Helmantoler; and by a brother, William "Buck" Casey.

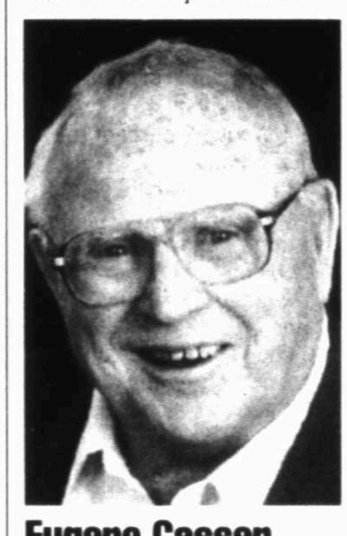
Betty is survived by her three daughters, Debra Rae Sappington, of Dallas; Carol and husband Lindsay Borden, of Midland, with grandchildren Casey and husband Brian Morrison and son Jack Russell Borden, and Kitty and husband, Bill Chalfant, with grandchildren Andrew Lawson and Matthew Chalfant and wife Amber; and by great grandchildren, William Wesley and Evelyn Chalfant, all of Midland.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Hospice of Midland, Wanda and the nursing staff at Helen Greathouse, and to the Poppy Flower sitters for the professional and thoughtful care given to our mother, and especially our thanks to Christiana V., whose loving care of our mother was so greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to The Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923, First Presbyterian Church Music Fund, 800 W. Texas Ave, Midland, Texas 79701, The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Midland, Texas 79701, or a charity of your choice.

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

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



Eugene Gasser, Jr.

Eugene Gasser, Jr. was born on January 11, 1926 in Riverton, Wyoming to Eugene Gasser, Sr. and Clara Vock Gasser.

He started school at Bar G Ranch, moved to Riverton and started second grade. He graduated from Riverton High School with the class of 1944. He played football for the Riverton Wolverines from 1942-1944 and was drafted into the Army on September 23, 1944. He landed in the Philippines, where he joined the 136th Infantry and was honorably discharged on September 14, 1945.

Eugene married the love of his life, Mary Cram, on August 3, 1952. Together, they raised eight children. Gene loved and adamantly supported all of his kids. He and Mary traveled thousands of miles to football, volleyball and basketball games and wrestling matches. There was seldom an event in which his kids participated that he wasn't in the stands verbally making his presence known.

He worked in the oil fields and retired as an area foreman on July 6, 1986. In 2001, Gene and Mary moved to Midland, Texas to be near their family.

Eugene is survived by four sons and two daughters, Gary and Tina Gasser of Casper, Wyoming, Daniel and Lacy Gasser of Midland, Ronald and Christe Gasser of Greenwood, Richard and Kim Gasser of Midland, Jeannie and Tim Kohn of Midland, and Penney and Dave Parker of Midland; and by 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his siblings, Ruth and Chris Pallas of San Bruno, California, and by Ralph and Judy Gasser, Jeanette and L.F. Tucker, and Nellie Raymond, all of Riverton, Wyoming; and by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Gasser; his parents, Eugene and Clara Vock Gasser; and by two sons, Timothy John and Michael Eugene.

Eugene was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Midland and made several good friends. He also was a life-time member of the VFW.

Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. A second rosary will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home in Riverton, Wyoming.

A service will be held at Davis Funeral Home on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. with graveside services to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

Condolences may be made at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

Arrangements are under the directions of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

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Death Notices

Juan Molina Garcia

Juan Molina Garcia, 58, of Big Spring died Thursday, January 2, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by one son, Juan Toma Garcia of Victoria; seven daughters, Isabel Garcia, Yolanda De Guevara, Gracie Romero, Crystol Garcia, Amanda Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, and Monico Garcia; and by several grandchildren.

Mary Frances "Frankie" Holzgraf

Mary Frances "Frankie" Holzgraf, 87 of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2014, in Midland, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the First United Methodist Chapel with Reverend Macky Pitts, officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Christian Holzgraf of Midland; one daughter, Holly Rittenhouse and husband, Dale Keyser, of Reedville, VA; and by two granddaughters, Mary Frances Rittenhouse and Virginia Rittenhouse Jensen.

Pablo Martinez Lujan

Pablo Martinez Lujan, age 87, passed from this life on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at Winkler County Hospital, in Kermit, Texas.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Hermenegilda Lujan; two sons, Alvaro Lujan and Leo Lujan; five daughters, Herminia Uranga, Carlota Burrola, Alicia Garcia, Elizama Tavarez, and Nora Villa; 28 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and one great, great-grandbaby on the way.

Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Kermit, Texas. Interment will follow at Kermit Cemetery.

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community through ArtiZen Outreach. The co-op will continue the program at its new location. ArtiZen Outreach is the co-op's charitable program of partnering with local charities or nonprofit organizations to become a donation site for items to benefit various causes. In the past, the co-op has served as a donation location for drives to benefit High Sky Children's Ranch, Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services.

ArtiZen is currently looking for artists of all different media to join the co-op. As part of the cooperative, artists pay to rent space in the building, work a certain number of hours at the store and attend meetings. To apply, email submissions to sara@artizenoutlet.com with a description of yourself, your art, your art education (if any) and why you do what you do. Selection will be by a juried process.

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FOOD ETC.

From 1B

1 (1-ounce) low-sodium package dry taco seasoning mix
1 head iceberg lettuce, shredded (about 8 cups)
3/4 cup reduced-fat shredded Cheddar cheese
1 (16-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1/4 cup black olives
4 Roma tomatoes, diced
1 (8-ounce) bag baked tortilla chips, crushed
1 cup low-fat salad dressing

In a medium skillet, brown ground turkey with taco seasoning, stirring to break up meat; drain and cool. In a large glass trifle or other serving bowl, layer half the lettuce, then half the cheese, beans, olives, ground turkey, and tomatoes. Repeat layers then top with crushed tortilla chips. Just before serving, drizzle with dressing and toss to coat ingredients well.

Serves 12. Nutritional Information: Calories: 317, Calories from fat: 175, Total Fat 19g, Sat Fat: 4 g, Trans Fat 0.0g, Protein 13g, Cholesterol 28mg, Sodium 610mg, Total Carb 23g, Dietary Fiber 3.7g, Sugars 1.3g.

Fettuccine Alfredo with Zucchini Ribbons

From Ellie Krieger, Food Network

2 Tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 medium zucchini (about 8 ounces each)
12 ounces Fettuccine pasta, preferably whole wheat
1 Tablespoon all purpose flour
1 cup cold 1% low-fat milk
1/2 cup evaporated skim milk (not condensed milk)
1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley leaves

Slice the ends off the zucchini and discard. Using a mandolin or sharp knife, carefully slice the zucchini lengthwise into very thin slices. Stack the slices and cut with a knife lengthwise into 1/4-inch thick ribbons.

Heat one tablespoon of the oil in large non-stick skillet over a medium heat. Add 1 clove of the garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add the zucchini ribbons, cover and cook until the zucchini is tender, stirring occasionally, about 6 minutes. Transfer the zucchini to a bowl.

Cook the pasta al dente according to the directions on the package. Ladle out a half cup of the pasta water and set aside. Drain the pasta and return it to the pasta pot.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. Stir the flour into the low fat milk until it is completely dissolved. Put the remaining tablespoon of olive oil in the skillet and heat over a medium-high heat. Add the remaining clove of garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add the flour-milk mixture and cook until the mixture begins to boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes more. Add the evaporated milk, salt and the cheese and cook, stirring, until the cheese is melted, about 1 minute. Season with additional salt to taste.

Add the sauce, the zucchini and 3 tablespoons of the parsley to the pasta in the pot and toss to combine. Add a little of the reserved pasta water as necessary to loosen.

To serve, place 2 cups of the pasta mixture on each plate and garnish with remaining parsley. Makes 4 servings. Per serving: Calories: 500, Total Fat: 13g, Sat Fat: 4.2g, Mono Fat: 6.6g, Poly Fat: 1.5g, Protein: 24g, Carb: 77g, Fiber: 12g, Chol: 20mg, Sodium: 600mg.

Lemon Pepper Shrimp Scampi

From Cooking Light, November 2012

1 cup uncooked orzo
2 Tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
7 teaspoons unsalted butter, divided
1 1/2 pounds peeled and deveined jumbo shrimp
2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Cook orzo according to package directions, omitting salt and fat. Drain. Place orzo in a medium bowl. Stir in parsley and 1/4 teaspoon salt; cover and keep warm. While orzo cooks, melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Sprinkle shrimp with remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Add half of shrimp to pan; sauté 2 minutes or until almost done. Transfer shrimp to a plate. Melt 1 teaspoon butter in pan. Add remaining shrimp to pan; sauté 2 minutes or until almost done. Transfer to plate.

Melt remaining 1 tablespoon butter in pan. Add garlic to pan; cook 30 seconds, stirring constantly. Stir in shrimp, juice and pepper; cook 1 minute or until shrimp are done.

Makes 4 servings: Calories 403, Calories from Fat 10.4g, Sat Fat 4.8g, Mono Fat 2.2g, Polyunsaturated fat 1.4g, Protein 40.1g, Carb 34.7g, Fiber 1.7g, Chol 276mg, Iron 4.3mg, Sodium 549mg, Calcium 97mg.

Baked Fish and Chips

From Food Network Magazine

For the Chips:
3 medium russet potatoes (1 1/4 pounds)
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Pinch of cayenne pepper
Kosher Salt
For the Fish:
Olive oil cooking spray
2 3/4 cups crispy rice cereal
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
3 large egg whites
1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless firm white fish, cut into 2 by 4-inch pieces
Tartar sauce and or malt vinegar, for serving, (optional)

Position racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven and preheat to 450 degrees. Place a baking sheet on one of the racks to preheat.

Prepare the chips: Cut the potatoes into 1/4-inch thick sticks. Toss with the olive oil and cayenne in a bowl. Carefully remove the hot baking sheet from the oven, add the potatoes and spread in an even layer. Use a rubber spatula to scrape any oil from the bowl over the potatoes. Bake on the top oven rack, turning once, until browned and crisp, 25 to 30 minutes. Season with salt.

Meanwhile, make the fish: Set a wire rack on a baking sheet and coat with cooking spray. Lightly crush the cereal in a bowl with your fingers. Add 2 teaspoons salt, and black pepper to taste. In another bowl, whisk the egg whites and a pinch of salt until frothy. Dip the fish in the egg whites, then roll in the cereal crumbs to coat. Place the fish pieces on the rack (position them on their sides so that the majority of the crust is exposed) and mist with cooking spray. Bake the fish on the bottom oven rack until crisp and just cooked through, about 12 minutes. Season with salt and black pepper. Serve the fish and chips with tartar sauce and or malt vinegar if desired.

Makes 4 servings: Per serving: Calories 442, Fat 15g, (Sat Fat 2g,) Chol 63mg, Sodium 1,015mg, Carb 37g, fiber 2g, Protein 37g.

Baked French Toast

From "Lighten Up America"

18 (1/2-ounce) slices diagonally cut French bread (about 1-inch thick)
2 1/2 cups 2 percent reduced fat milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 large eggs
1 large egg white
Cooking spray
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 cups sliced strawberries
1/2 cup pure maple syrup
2 Tablespoons powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 400. Place bread slices in a single layer in 2 (13x9-inch) glass baking dishes. Combine milk and next 3 ingredients (through egg white), stirring well with a whisk. Pour milk mixture over bread, turning slices until milk mixture is absorbed. Transfer bread slices to 2 large baking sheets coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 400 for 20 minutes or until browned and puffed, turning halfway through cooking time. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Place 3 French toast slices on each of 6 plates. Top with strawberries, syrup, and powdered sugar.

Six servings: Per serving: Calories 348, Fat 6.3g, Sat fat 2.1g, Mono sat fat 1.9g, Polyunsaturated fat 1.4g, Protein 12.2g, Carbs 60.5g, Fiber 3.3g, Chol 101mg, Iron 2.5mg, Sodium 455mg, Calcium 209mg.

Makeover Cheddar Biscuits

From Healthy Cooking, August/September 2012

1 cup all purpose flour
1 cup cake flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, divided
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
4 Tablespoons cold butter, divided
1/3 cup finely shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

In a large bowl, combine the flours, baking powder, salt, 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder and baking soda. Cut in 3 Tablespoons butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; add cheese. Stir in buttermilk just until moistened.

Drop by two tablespoonfuls 2-inches apart onto baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Bake at 425 for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Melt remaining butter; stir in parsley and remaining garlic powder. Brush over biscuits. Serve warm

TUESDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 7, 2014

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	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		American Experience "Poisoner's Handbook" (N)				Frontline "To Catch a Trader" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)	BBC News	Tavis Smiley	
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	SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ The Words		★ Lawless ('12, Cri) Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy.				★ Seven Psychopaths Colin Farrell.				★ Jungle Fever	
	TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ The Door in...		★★ The Iron Lady ('11, Bio) Meryl Streep.				★★★ W. ('08, Bio) Elizabeth Banks.				(:50) ★ Sling Blade	
CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
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	BET		58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★ Being Mary Jane Gabrielle Union.				Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane		Wendy Williams	
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	CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit	Car (N)	Mad Money		American Greed	
	CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
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	DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	Jessie	★ Geek Charming Sarah Hyland.			Mickey	GoodLuck	Austin	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Tennessee vs LSU (L)				NCAA Basketball Ohio St./Mich. St. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Baylor vs. Iowa State (L)				NBA Coast to Coast				The 700 Club		Ravens "Revival"	
	FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Ravens "Revival" (N)		Pretty Little Liars				Olbermann	
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	MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
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	SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) ★★★ Ghost Rider			★★ The Expendables ('10, Act) Eric Roberts, Jet Li.					★★ A Man Apart ('03, Act) Vin Diesel.			
	SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Stargate Kurt Russell.				★★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra					★★★ Repo Men Jude Law.		
	TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Cougar Town	Conan
	TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ From Here T...		★★★★ On the Waterfront				★★★★ The Way We Were				(:15) ★ Gandhi	
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Mindful eating lets you skip the diets, focus on yourself

By Addie Broyles
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Michelle May never saw her mom eat a baked potato.

When she was a kid, everyone else at the table got one, but not her mom, a slender woman who was always on a diet to stay that way.

"I believed that when I grew up, I wouldn't get to eat potatoes anymore, either."

It's a story she told in "Eat What You Love, Love What You Eat" (Am I Hungry? Publishing, $19.95), a 2011 book I discovered last summer at a nutrition conference hosted by the University of Texas that really helped put our modern American dieting culture into perspective.

In her keynote speech at the event, May, a family physician turned wellness coach, explained that there are three types of eaters: restrictive eaters, like her mom, overeaters and instinctive eaters.

Most of us who have struggled with our weight (and feelings about food and eating) oscillate between the first two, either consuming every chance we get (and feeling bad about it) or eating by strict sets of pre-determined rules (and feeling bad when we break them).

But it is that third category — instinctive eating — that May wants us to strive for, no matter if it's New Year's Day or any other day of the year when we feel trapped by what she calls the eat-repent-repeat cycle.

During the Austin conference, May asked the audience to think of someone we know who seems to have a healthy relationship with food. I immediately thought about my mom, who struggled with compulsive overeating in her 20s and 30s and finally broke her yo-yo dieting habits by the time I was in elementary school.

I always thought of her as a mindful eater, whose key to success was reasonable portion sizes and a regular, consistent exercise regimen.

I rarely saw her eat seconds, but I never saw her miss a meal. She was the kind of mom who could eat one, maybe two cookies, and feel satisfied. She enjoyed cooking, but food was only one of the ways she showed us her love.

And most admirably, when I came home from college weighing 30 pounds more than when I left, she didn't lecture me for not practicing what she preached. She simply continued her practice.

Instinctive eating helps us refocus on what food really is: fuel for our bodies.

Starting in our teen years, and increasingly earlier, unfortunately, we learn the latest (and ever-changing research) on "good" and "bad" food, drinks, eating habits and exercise. We obsess about calories consumed. We learn how to calculate a small bag of fries into minutes on a StairMaster.

But from birth, we learn something even harder to unlearn: eating habits and triggers. Parents tell children to "clean their plates" without realizing that they are also teaching children to ignore the natural signals in their bodies that tell them they are full.

We eat because the clock said it's time to eat. We fill our plates with too much food because the plates are large and that's what everybody else is do-

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SMITH

From 1B

one burger and give each one of them a fourth of it and that fills them up. My small hamburger comes on a 5 1/2-inch bun. It comes with french fries and a dessert for $7.25."

He said most people leave about 25 percent of the big burgers. But one man is the exception. "He came in and ordered a triple meat, triple cheese 8-inch hamburger and he ate every bite of it. I don't see how he walked out. Three pounds of meat on that thing and all that goes with it. But he did it. He paid more than $9.25."

Kenneth gets some big orders and caters to a number of schools. "I've had orders for 90 hamburgers at once. Big Spring brought two football teams over here one night and I fed them all. Lubbock Estacado came down and they ordered 65 orders of steak fingers. I cooked them and delivered them myself," he said.

The restaurant seats 40 people and has lots of repeat customers. It's open weekdays for lunch and supper. "I try to buy the top brand of everything," said Kenneth. "I try to serve what I want to eat. I come from a family of eight kids and my mother didn't want us to starve, so she taught us how to cook."

The restaurant has a complete line of desserts: banana pudding, chocolate cake, Dr Pepper cake, pecan pies, caramel apple pie, peach, blackberry and cherry cobblers, cherry cheese cake, pound cake, strawberry shortcake, Italian cream and German chocolate cakes. Kenneth does the baking. "I make a fresh strawberry cake and I usually have to eat half of it to make sure it's OK for the customers."

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Crape myrtles near pool can be moved

Dear Neil: I purchased a house with four mature crape myrtles along the fence in my backyard. They are about 15 feet tall, and their trunks are about 18 inches from the fence. My neighbor has a pool, and the petals are constantly falling into it. Can crape myrtles that tall be moved from clay soil to sandy loam. When is the best time, and how large should the root ball be?

Answer: If the crape myrtles are otherwise healthy and well-shaped, you bet they can be moved. They're among our most forgiving landscaping plants. I moved a 20-foot-tall crape myrtle that had been in the same spot for 30 years just last February. It survived the move and bloomed all summer. The size of the soil ball is related to the diameters of their trunks, not to the plants' height. Hopefully you can remove a panel of the fence long enough to do the digging. As a rough guess without seeing the plants, I would figure that the soil balls should be 30 to 34 inches in diameter and 24 to 30 inches deep. That may be more than you want to tackle yourself, but a landscape contracting crew could make quick work of it. Winter is the time for such a move, and you'll want to thin out the plants' top growth to compensate for the loss of roots they'll encounter. Do not, of course, top them. The clay soil will be great for forming soil balls. Stake the trees securely after the move, until they can anchor themselves into the sandy loam. That will probably take a year or two.

Dear Neil: We have several large pecan and oak trees and mostly St. Augustine. Is it helpful to the grass to leave the leaves on the ground in fall and winter, then mulch them in the spring? I don't worry so much about how neat my yard looks. I'm more concerned with what is best for the grass.

Answer: Good for you for worrying about the grass. However, you really need to get them off the lawn as quickly as you can. It's true that they can keep the grass a little greener if it turns really cold, but leaves trap moisture and warmth, and those two factors can combine with St. Augustine to lead to serious disease problems. I'm surprised you haven't encountered brown patch in previous falls. I have the very same situation in my own lawn (pecans, oaks and St. Augustine), and I try not to leave the fallen leaves on the grass more than a few days. Run the leaves through your mower and use them as mulch beneath shrubs and in perennial gardens. Or you can put them directly into the compost pile.

Dear Neil: My three-year-old mondograss leaves are turning brown. It started at the tips of the leaves, and now half of the plants are brown. What is causing this?

Answer: You really hit me on this one. As the pecans and oaks I just referred to have grown larger and larger, I have converted to more and more mondograss in my own landscape. I dig and divide my own, and I'd guess we have probably 7,500 square feet of it in our rural landscape. In answer to your question, the plants probably got too dry at some point late in the summer or early fall. I have seen that happen when sprinkler heads in my own landscape haven't functioned properly. I have never seen an insect or disease bother regular mondograss. I have seen leaf diseases attack dwarf mondo and the plants' cousin, liriope, in overly wet soils, but I've never seen that problem show up on regular mondo. If you think a disease might be involved, dig several tennis ball-sized clumps showing the damage. Pack them carefully (without adding water), and ship them one- or two-day delivery to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M. Include an explanation of what you've been seeing. They will culture the samples and tell you if they find any pathogens. You can find mailing information and payment instructions by searching for the lab online.

Dear Neil: I have a cottonwood tree that seems to be declining. It's quite large, and it shades our entire backyard, but it didn't have as many leaves this past year as usual. How long do they live, and how can I tell if it is having some kind of problem?

Answer: Average life expectancies with fast-growing trees like cottonwoods are hard to estimate, because many of them die young, in the case of cottonwoods and willows, from cottonwood borers. Cottonwoods that survive those first 15 or 20 years can often keep on growing for another 30 years. However, when a large cottonwood begins to thin out, and especially if it has dead branches in its canopy, it's time to call in a certified arborist — sooner rather than later. It may have a large hollow area within its trunk and it may be ready to split or fall. I don't mean to alarm you, but this sort of decline keeps progressing, even in winter, so you really need to get help soon.

EATING

From 3B

ing. "We confuse thirst for hunger and food for love," May said.

"We eat for every emotion in the book," she said. "When a craving doesn't come from hunger, eating will never satisfy it."

Americans face unprecedented access to food and food advertising. You can find ready-to-eat food at work, on the way home from work and at the grocery store, movie theaters and school functions, and food commercials and advertising bridge the gaps in between.

"It's no wonder you feel like eating all the time," May said.

She uses the analogy of a gas station: We are surrounded by gas stations, but we don't pull up to every one, or even every other one, to put gas in the car. "You have to ask yourself, do you really have a need for fuel, or are you experiencing another trigger?"

But reading our internal fuel gauge isn't as easy as looking down at the dash. For many of us, we've forgotten what healthy hunger and satiety feel like. Maybe we let ourselves get too hungry and then overeat as compensation. Or maybe we eat a full meal even though we weren't really that hungry at the start.

We can't eliminate the triggers, May said, but we can learn to recognize them and pause, which gives us time to think about how we really want to respond. This "respond-sability" becomes the backbone of mindfulness.

"Mindful eating means you eat with intention and attention," she said. It means setting a purpose for your meal and becoming aware of how you feel while you're eating, she said.

It starts not with deciding what you should or shouldn't eat, but with when, how and why.

"If you understand the why, the what doesn't matter," she said, pausing to acknowledge that that argument might not be popular at a nutrition conference. She compared restrictive eating to painting by numbers. "That's someone else's work that you are just filling in."

The key to figuring out what to eat is balancing what you want (mental) with what you need (physical) and what you have (environmental).

Re-learning how to listen to your body so you can determine whether it's telling you to eat more protein, greens, grains, dairy, vegetables, fiber, vitamins and even specific minerals can take years, but you have to be paying attention to how you feel before, during and after eating to start that process.

Houston pay phone provides a conduit to neighborhood's past

By Dane Schiller
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — With the advent of cellular phones and the changes that have come to the Magnolia Grove neighborhood, the glory days are gone for 713-862-9349.

The gritty pay phone that has been a conduit for tens of thousands of voices over the years rises from a stamp of concrete off Washington Avenue, standing as a silent witness to change.

It has withstood deviants, thieves and vandals since it was launched in 1998. Sixty thousand times someone has picked up its receiver and dialed another human being through its line.

But the street life that was its benefactor has faded. A nearby bar has been replaced by condominiums, and in yet another change to the neighborhood, the phone's traffic has trickled to just 1.5 calls a day.

Sometimes it's not even touched.

A neighboring taco restaurant's customers stream past for hours without even giving the defiant old telecommunications warrior a glance.

"It is funny, I've never heard of anyone using the thing," said Freddy Soto, as he worked the cash register at Laredo Taqueria.

Residents recall the phone was once a gathering point for prostitutes and johns in the shadow of the old El Gato Negro bar.

They plied their trade in an alley that is now cut off by a privacy fence and picnic tables for the condos.

The cantina was a place where customers could buy beer or wine, but had to bring their own booze.

El Gato Negro went out of business a decade ago and has been replaced by a three-story building of loft-style condos starting out at $225,000.

"That was the hub around that phone," recalled Fawn Richardson, who has lived in the neighborhood for years.

"A million people have used it," said Richardson, who herself used it for the first time last week when she lost her cellphone.

She said she's glad the phone is there, but concedes she had to yell loud enough for the entire neighborhood to hear and is still not sure it was working.

Still, the phone's historical statistics are impressive.

The phone is a workhorse, said Jeff Waters, owner of the Houston-based National Payphones, which he said owns most of this region's market.

His company has about 4,500 pay phones in Texas. That includes 2,000 in the Houston area, where thousands of calls a day are made, he told the Houston Chronicle.

Despite changing times, phones have proven to be a solid investment.

"We have phones from the early 1990s that are still out there," he said. "Unless somebody breaks the handset or there is a coin jam, it will work forever."

Calls are 50 cents whether reaching across the street or across the country.

As of Thursday, the last call made from the Houston phone came just before midnight on New Year's Eve.

It lasted 25 seconds.

Why keep the phone? Aside from maintenance, the phones cost next to nothing, said Waters, who added that there is money to be made with advertising.

Parts of the phone are scrawled with black graffiti, but the exterior is wrapped in a nearly spotless green and yellow advertisement for Jonathan Kellerman's thriller novel, "Guilt."

"We have very valuable real estate," Waters said of pay phones in general. A phone in New York City can bring in $2,000 a month in advertising, he said.

The phones remain more than small, lucrative pieces of real estate, he said, contending they are a vital backbone to the city when electricity or cell service crashes, such as during hurricanes.

The 2005 Hurricane Rita evacuation stands as the company's busiest day ever.

Despite the woes, the phone off Washington Avenue has done well, even on just coin calls.

It cost $1,000 to buy and install 15 years ago. Its total take so far: $19,540.30.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Growing fruit in the home landscape is an appealing prospect. Visions of vine-ripened fruit ready to pick and enjoy is hard for many of us to resist ... and why should we? Garden centers have a healthy supply of fruit right now, but before you buy, consider and prepare for the best fruit for your home garden.

Evaluate your home landscape to see where fruit may be a good fit. Fruit and nut trees can get quite large and consume any available space. All fruit require sunlight, no less than six hours but eight or more is much better. Some fruits require lots of water, like the favorite pecan tree. It does well in our climate and it yields a nutritious, delicious nut, but it requires plenty of water, zinc sprays, pest sprays and lots of room. It can make a good shade tree, if you do have the space, water and the dedication to care for it.

If you are short on space, consider grapes and other berries that can be trained up and along a trellis. Dwarf apples can be trained along a trellis or as an espalier (two-dimensional plane) that could save space. Before purchasing, study and plan where and how you are going to build your trellis or other plant support. Grapes can be trained onto an arbor or pergola.

Then there's the bug battle. There can be a variety of worms, scale and aphids making a pest free apple or peach quite frustrating. Is that a battle you want to fight? If not, consider some of the fruit that can be grown spray free, because they rarely have pest problems. Figs, persimmons and pomegranates fit this category quite well.

Another step to take before buying is to obtain a list of recommended fruit, nut and berry cultivars for Ector and Midland counties from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Find this and other helpful lists on the West Texas Gardening website, or at the Ector or Midland County Extension offices.

Growing fruit in the home landscape can be great fun, but plan first before planting.

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Area soil reports show nitrogen deficiency

JEFF FLOYD



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An expert analysis of your soil will arm you with facts about its nutrients, pH and amount of organic matter. A soil report may even help discern the quality of water you are using to irrigate your plants. Sending a soil sample to the Texas A&M University soil testing lab is simple and inexpensive. Your county extension office can help you by providing the necessary submittal forms and tips on collection methods.

Sounds easy, right? Believe it or not, after decades of pushing the benefits of soil testing, plant experts recognize that few people really do test their soil. A soil test performed every year or two may save you money and prevent many landscape problems.

Permian Basin soil reports that made their way into the extension office in 2013 indicated an obvious trend. Most Permian Basin soils are high in phosphorous and low in nitrogen, which is not rare for arid climates. There were strikingly high concentrations of salts in the soil reports.

Local nurseries have made an effort to provide suitable fertilizers but it is up to homeowners to determine which one, if any, to use on their lawn. The most logical place to begin is with a soil test. Let's take a look at the most common elements that a soil analysis examines.

First up is nitrogen. Of the three most commonly sold fertilizers, nitrogen is most frequently lacking in West Texas soils. Nitrogen dissolves easily and is sometimes deficient, particularly in landscape soils that are overwatered.

Plants use nitrogen to build the proteins necessary for growth. Symptoms of nitrogen deficiency in plants include stunted growth and leaf yellowing frequently seen first in older or lower foliage. Nitrogen deficiency is often noticed only after processes within the plant have been damaged. You may have heard how vital it is to select the right plant for the right place. Many of the plants that are native or adapted to West Texas require very little supplemental nitrogen.

Common nitrogen fertilizers are salts. When nitrogen is poorly watered into the soil, it may temporarily disturb the ability of plant roots to take in water sometimes even drawing moisture out of roots. This brief but intense water shortage may burn or even kill sensitive plants. Nitrogen fertilization should always be followed by a thorough soaking. If you are unable to water, avoid fertilizing with high-nitrogen fertilizers.

Nitrogen should not be applied before an expected rain. You have no control over the amount of rain your lawn may be blessed with. Your lawn may receive too little or worse, too much rain. West Texas gully washers will wash away nitrogen along with the dollars you spent to pay for it.

Next week we will take a look at phosphorous fertilizers. You can get the most out of the information if you get your soil tested. Contact the County Extension Office for help with a soil analysis.

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Orientation for Permian Basin Master Gardener training will be held 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Midland County Extension, 2445 E. Highway 80. For more information or to receive a registration packet, contact the Midland County Extension office at 686-4700.

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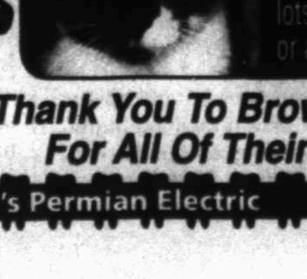
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The Midland Humane Coalition would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



Aubrey is an energetic and beautiful 1 year old Boxer mix. She would benefit from a family who would love on her and spend lots of time playing with her.



Solo is a very laid back 1 ½ yr. old male. His front claws were removed before he came to us, so he needs a very safe home where he can spend lots of time hanging out on the sofa or a warm lap!

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TODAY: Sunny High: 45 Low: 32

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 59 Low: 31

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 54 Low: 40

FRIDAY: Partly sunny High: 59 Low: 36

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 60 Low: 37

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 62 Low: 34

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 45, a low around 32 and south winds.

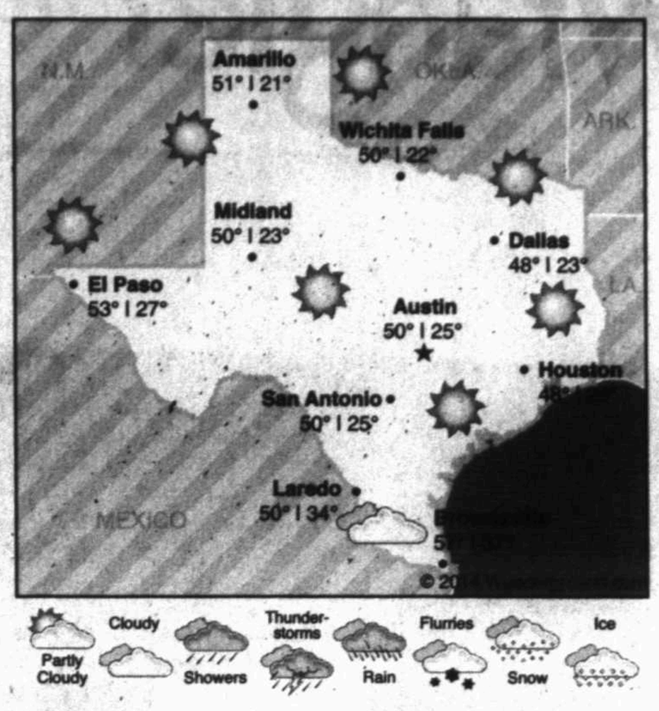
Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 59 and a low around 31. Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, a high around 54 and a low around 40. There is a 20 percent chance of showers after 7 p.m.

The high on Monday reached 31, while the low dropped to 14. The record high for Jan. 6 is 77 set in 2008. The record low is 13 set in 1970.

Weather why

Q: Why is it that ice always forms on bridges first?

A: The answer is heat — or a lack of it, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Roads and highways, even though they are made of asphalt and concrete, are protected by the ability of soil underneath to absorb heat. "But bridges and overpasses are suspended in the air, which means they do not have the means to absorb heat," McRoberts explained. "So when temperatures start dropping below freezing, it takes a while for the ground temperature to reach freezing."



Precipitation

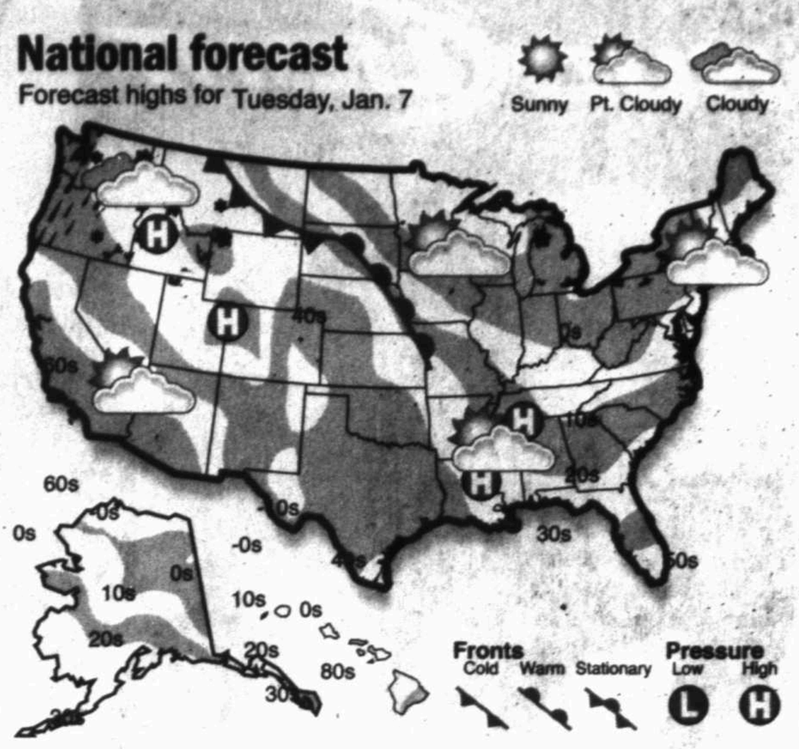
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.08 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	31
Low	14
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:00 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Jan. 7



Couple wonders if parenting is worth it second time around

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are happily married and will celebrate 15 years of marriage next year. We have a 5-year-old daughter. Our dilemma is whether or not we should have another child.

I'm 38 and my husband is 40. We have become comfortable with the fact that our daughter is getting more independent. We plan on doing a lot of traveling, and I will change jobs after I complete school. We are not sure about starting over with a baby.

We are doing OK financially, and if we have a second child, it would have to be within the next year, while I finish my classes and can be home to be with the baby. Our daughter is well-adjusted, and we plan on putting her in activities such as dance and gymnastics.

We would like your opinion, and also to hear from parents who had only one child, as well as people who were raised without a sibling. — MAYBE ONLY ONE IN GEORGIA

DEAR MAYBE ONLY ONE: If you are considering enlarging your family only so your daughter will have a sibling, I don't recommend it. What the six-year age difference means is that your children will not grow up "together." By the time the younger one is starting high school, the older one will be in college and gone. Even when they are closer in age, it's no guarantee that siblings will be close.

I cannot — and should not — decide this for you. I am throwing your question open to my readers and will share their opinions with you. However, I'm sure they will be varied.

DEAR ABBY: I am generally a conservative person. My 17-year-old son, "Leo," asked for an ear piercing when he was 13. I wasn't sure whether I liked the kind of impression it made, but because it was only one piercing, I agreed on the condition that he would stop at one hole.

When Leo was 15, he begged to have dreadlocks. Thinking it was a phase, I allowed it even though I wasn't thrilled. He has since cut off the dreads, but now says he wants an eyebrow piercing.

My son is a loving, wonderful, happy kid. He's active in school, well-liked, and an excellent student in an advanced academic program. I couldn't honestly think of a good reason to say no, even though this piercing freaks me out. I sense that Leo wants to do more piercings, but he's respectful enough to wait awhile.

My question is, what is a good reason to NOT agree to more piercings? Every argument I've thought of — unsightly, unsanitary, makes the wrong impression — is rather thin.

My 12-year-old daughter wants to dye her hair purple. I'm saying no, but still have no good reason for that, either. Am I just too old-fashioned? — NOT-WITH-IT MOM IN MACCABIM, ISRAEL

DEAR NOT-WITH-IT MOM: Tell your son he was born with a perfect body. When you agreed to the ear piercing, it was on the condition that there would be only one piercing, and you expect him to keep his part of the bargain. If he asks for a further explanation, tell him it's because he has enough holes in his head.

As to your daughter, remember it's only hair and it will grow out. If this is her only form of rebellion, consider yourself lucky.

As to your being "too old-fashioned," it's a mother's JOB to be old-fashioned. Keep up the good work.

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♢ A 6 5 2
♣ K 9 3 2

WEST
♠ 10 8
♡ K Q 10 7 5
♢ 10 7 3
♣ 8 5 4

EAST
♠ K Q 7 4 3
♡ Void
♢ K Q J 9 8
♣ Q 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A J 9 6 5
♡ A 9 8 6
♢ 4
♣ A J 10

(Hands rotated.) The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♢	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

This hand is from the World Championship Bermuda Bowl, played recently in Bali, Indonesia. South was Carlos Pellegrini of Argentina, playing against an all-star team from Poland.

South won the opening spade lead and immediately led a diamond to the ace in order to ruff a diamond in hand. A spade ruff in dummy was next, followed by another diamond ruff in hand. When South then led another spade, West found himself in a horrible position. Should he ruff high, he would have no good return. West was out of spades and diamonds, and a lead in either clubs or trumps would be costly, so he decided to ruff low.

South over-ruffed in dummy and then played a trump to his ace and another trump. West could cash his three trump tricks, but then had to lead a club. Pellegrini didn't even have to guess the location of the club queen to land his doubled contract. Well played!

In the replay, North-South never got into the auction and East ended up declaring the unhappy contract of two spades. This did not fare well, but it wasn't doubled, so Pellegrini's fine play earned his team a sizeable pick-up.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014:

This year you face a lot of strong feelings, especially when you experience disruption or a forced decision. There is no room for hemming and hawing. You tend to be passionate about what you believe in, but you also can be quite practical and discerning about your decisions. This combination often leaves people wondering who is the real you. This dichotomy also could be a source of mixed messages. If you are single, you will meet at least one person with whom you could become seriously involved. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, your tendency to send mixed messages often comes up in conversation. It will not take long for your sweetie to understand that both voices belong to you. ARIES can be a hothead!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You can't deny a volatile element that runs through your day. Pressure builds because someone in authority makes heavy demands. A new beginning might be plausible, though there could be some awkward and/or hard moments. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You might feel pressured and overwhelmed. A situation could become more out of control than you thought possible. Your sense of humor will come through, but perhaps a little too late. Express your true feelings. Tonight: Try to be unavailable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You usually flex well with the unexpected. You might get an opportunity to test out that ability today. A friend could feel threatened by your devotion to someone else. Remind this person that your feelings for him or her are not affected by this. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ You might decide that you can't depend on a higher-up to help you. This is an excellent decision, though it probably would be best not to announce it to the world. Your emotions could point you in one direction, while your intellect will suggest a different path. Tonight: Work late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture, especially as others seem to be reactive and difficult. You will understand where they are coming from, but convincing them to consider a different perspective could backfire. Tonight: Choose something that you don't normally do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. An argument regarding your spending might seem inevitable, but if you chill out, you could find a compromise. Friends surround you, but a child or loved one needs more of your time or attention. Tonight: Share with a trusted friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to defer to someone who seems much surer of his or her position than you do. Nevertheless, if you are not careful, a major disagreement still might ensue. Understand the effect that a loved one has on your moods and your reactions. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ In your situation, actions count more than words. You often push yourself very hard without thought to the implications. Stay focused and you will accomplish a lot more than you thought possible, especially if you maintain your distance. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish, and you will gain as a result. You might have come to a conclusion that you want to buy a certain item that will add to the quality of your life. Talk to others who have made a similar purchase before you act. Tonight: Ever playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Deal with a personal matter before it deals with you. Your sense of humor emerges with a contrary boss or older friend who challenges one of your loved ones. You might be questioning the outcome and the reason behind this person's behavior. Tonight: Happily at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Communication remains vigorous, but it could take an interesting twist or turn. Just when you thought you had a grasp on a situation, you will discover otherwise. You might not know the other parties involved as well as you think you do. Tonight: Let off some steam.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Be aware of the cost of being spontaneous. You might have set yourself back without intending to. You can stop what seems like a runaway train by opening up and expressing your deeper thoughts. As a result, you will be more comfortable with what occurs. Tonight: Be lively.

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BORN TODAY

Former U.S. president Millard Fillmore (1800), actor Nicolas Cage (1964), journalist Katie Couric (1957)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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15 Keyboard error
16 Be an omen of
17 Colorado Gold Rush motto
20 Jewelry fastener
21 "__ chic!"
22 Spelling contests
23 Too small, clothing-wise
25 Kwik-E-Mart owner on "The Simpsons"
27 Looks forward to
30 No strangers to the slopes
34 "How stupid do you think I am?!"
37 Crooner Cole
38 "Dies __": Latin hymn
39 Cooler in coolers
40 Zenith
41 Tuna catcher
42 Diet-busting ice cream treat
46 Complaining
48 Delhi money
49 Make a choice
50 __ minister
52 Give a high-five to
55 City near Santa Barbara
57 Sounded delighted
61 One who's not easily convinced
64 Results from, with "to"
65 Egyptian pyramid city
66 School on the Thames
67 Jockey's straps
68 Tofu beans
69 Claim to be untrue

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1 Offensive to some, for short
2 Gardener's purchase
3 Elderly caretaker in TV's "Hot in Cleveland"
4 Pays for one's crime
5 Octane Booster brand
6 "Christina's World" painter Andrew
7 Separated
8 Oxen neckwear
9 Dinghy driver
10 Clamor
11 Fever and chills
12 Sneaky tactic
13 Creative pursuits
18 Malice
19 Honshu metropolis
24 Fed. agency that supports other agencies
26 Dental brand suffix
27 Vintner's concern
28 Electrician, now and then
29 Italian violin maker
30 Observed
31 Cry of concession
32 Dwight's spouse
33 Undoes a dele
35 Crooner Crosby
36 Color TV pioneer
40 Became visible
42 Marcel Marceau character
43 Playwright Chekhov
44 D-backs, on scoreboards
45 "Poison" shrub
47 Toy weapon
50 Backyard party setting
51 Swanky
52 Hustle and bustle
53 Get licked
54 High-end German car
56 Hooch containers
58 Detest
59 Subj. for a business major
60 Fashion initials
62 "__ making a list ..."
63 Post-WWII alliance

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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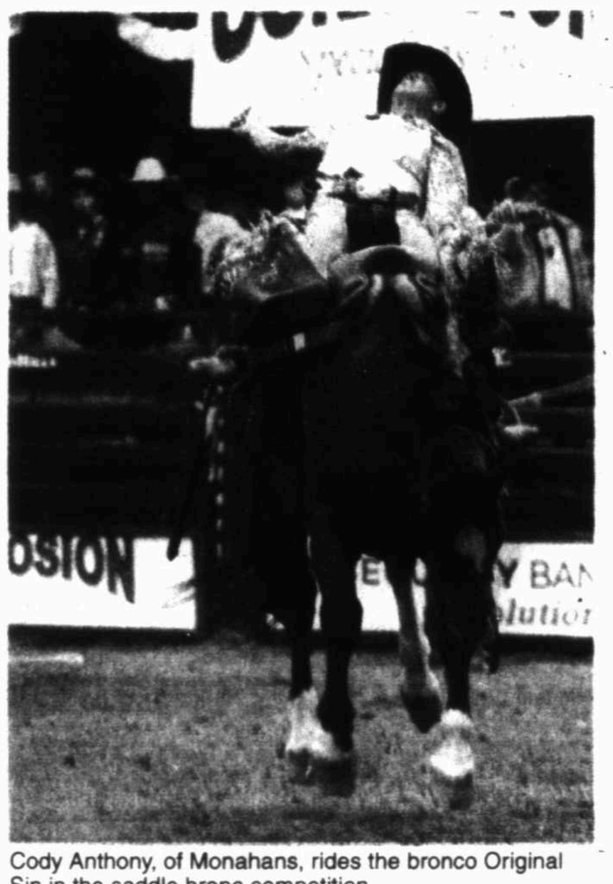
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FLYING DOGIES



Seth Mahaffey competes in the tie down roping event during the Sandhills Rodeo on Friday at Ector County Coliseum.

BUCKING BRONCOS



Cody Anthony, of Monahans, rides the bronco Original Sin in the saddle bronc competition.

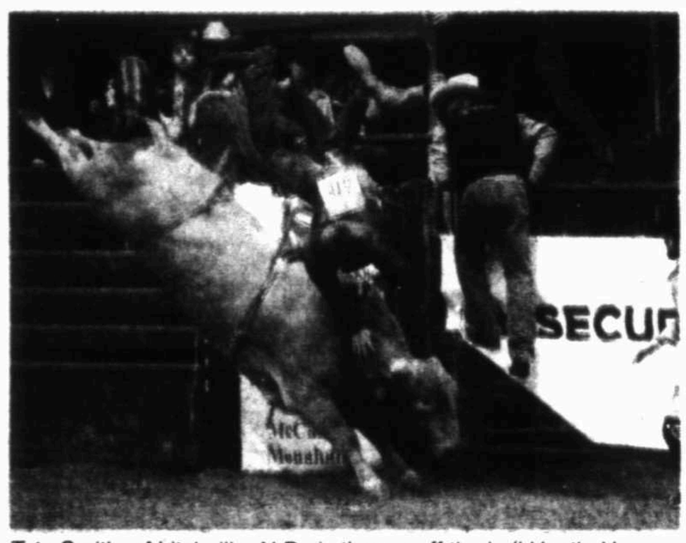


Taos Muncy, of Corona, N.M., rides the bronco Super Man.



Logan Hodson, of Telkwa, British Columbia, rides the bronco Eclipse.

BELLIGERENT BULLS



Tate Smith, of Litchville, N.D., is thrown off the bull Hustle Up.

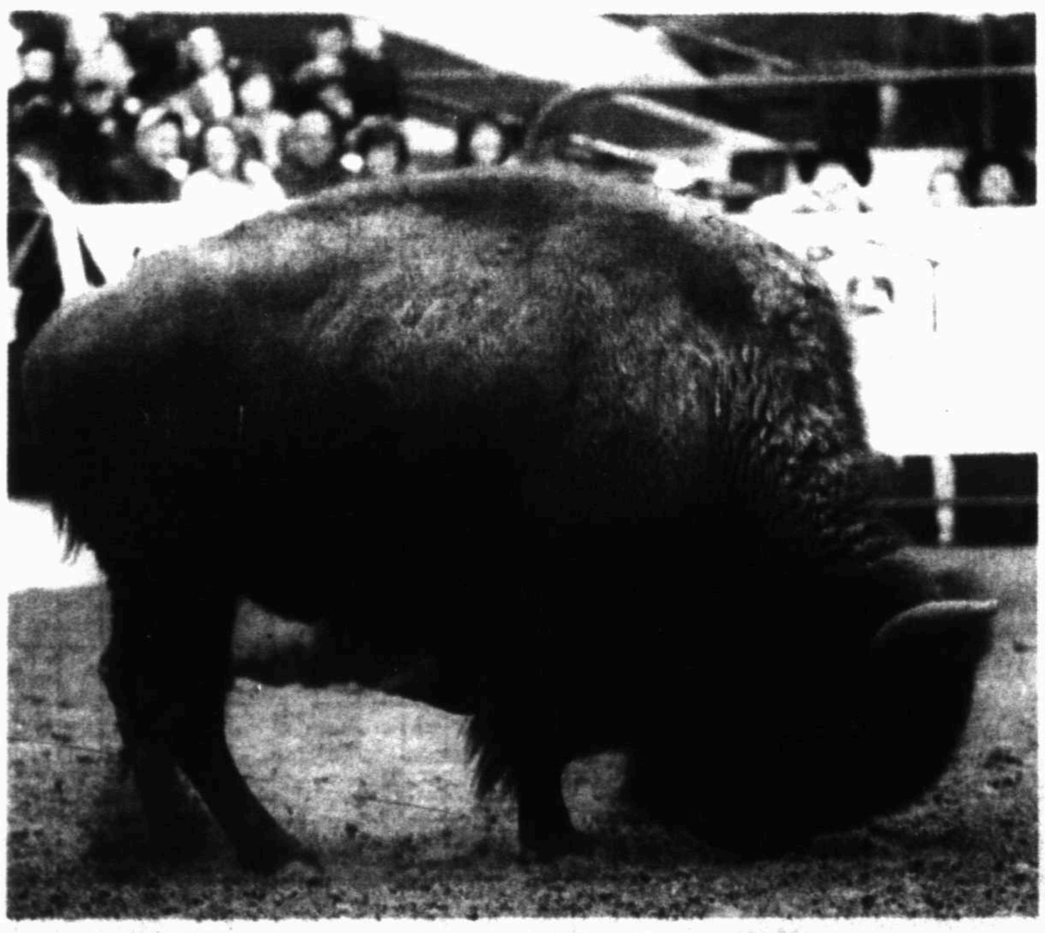


Sam Wyatt, of Fittstown, Okla., is dragged under the bull Paradise as rodeo clowns work to free his hand.



Tarryl Smith, of Litchville, N.D., rides the bull Fire Show.

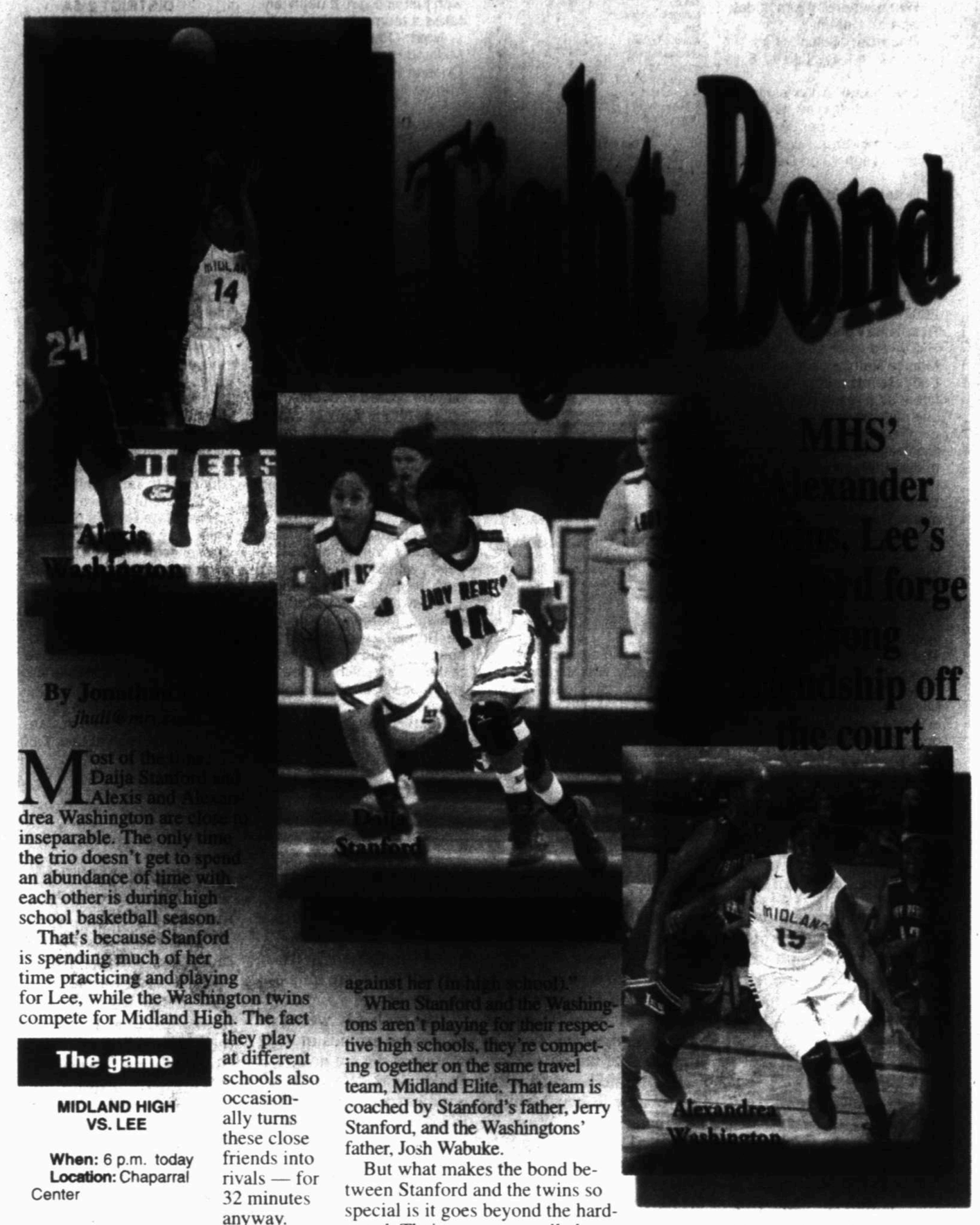
BISON AND BARREL RACERS





Tonya Parrish, of Odessa, competes in the barrel racing event.

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Bond

MHS' Alexander ... Lee's ... forge ... ship off the court

By Jonathan Hull
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Most of the ... Daija Stanford ... Alexis and Alexandrea Washington are close ... inseparable. The only time the trio doesn't get to spend an abundance of time with each other is during high school basketball season.

That's because Stanford is spending much of her time practicing and playing for Lee, while the Washington twins compete for Midland High. The fact they play at different schools also occasionally turns these close friends into rivals — for 32 minutes anyway.

The game

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

When: 6 p.m. today
Location: Chaparral Center

That will be the case at 6 p.m. today when Stanford leads the Lady Rebels (17-6, 6-2 in District 2-5A) into the Chaparral Center against the Lady Bulldogs (9-12, 5-3).

"We'd rather play with her than against her," said Alexis, who along with her twin sister Alexandrea is in her second varsity season as a sophomore at MHS. "We play really good together. But we're not leaving our school. We'll just have to play against her (in high school)."

When Stanford and the Washingtons aren't playing for their respective high schools, they're competing together on the same travel team, Midland Elite. That team is coached by Stanford's father, Jerry Stanford, and the Washingtons' father, Josh Wabuke.

But what makes the bond between Stanford and the twins so special is it goes beyond the hardwood. Their parents are all close friends as well and the two families attend the same church and often eat dinners with one another as well.

"We eat together almost every weekend," said Stanford, who is a third year letterwinner for Lee as a junior point guard. "We go to the same church. We're almost together 24-7 except when school is in."

The closeness of their relationship was put on display about a year ago when Stanford went down on the court with what looked like could be a potential knee injury during a game against Midland High. Both Washington sisters quickly moved to check on Stanford, who appeared to be in pain on the court.

It took then Midland High coach Ron Berry calling both of them over to the sideline several times before the Washingtons left Stanford's side.

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Frank Phillips' Rasheed Swanston (11) comes in to block Midland College's Herve Aholode on Monday at Chaparral Center.

Chaps lose second straight WJCAC home game

By Oscar LeRoy
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Plainsmen	**82**
Chaparrals	73

The last thing the Midland College men's basketball team wanted was to drop its second straight Western Junior College Athletic Conference home game to start the new year.

But Frank Phillips College had other plans.

The Plainsmen got a game-high 23 points from Chris Hall and the Chaparrals struggled to find any offensive rhythm in an 82-73 victory by the Plainsmen on a cold Monday night at Chaparral Center.

The Chaps (8-7, 0-2 in WJCAC) hope they're not frozen out of the postseason picture so early in league play as they dropped their second straight WJCAC home game.

MC shot 38.5 percent from the floor and was just 7 for 25 from 3-point range. They were also outrebounded 43-39 by the Plainsmen (12-4, 1-1).

"They ran the zone all game and we didn't shoot it well enough," MC coach Jordan Dreiling said. "We shot 38 percent from the field and that's not going to get it done. And then defensively, we just gave them too much confidence. We're not physical enough, we're not confident enough ourselves. We just have to work harder."

It also seemed that every time MC would get a shot to fall, the Plainsmen had

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Lee, MHS coaches share respect, friendship

By Jonathan Hull
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Most people don't realize how close Chris Packer and Charles Tatum came to being on the same coaching staff this past offseason.

Shortly after Packer had accepted the head coaching job at Lee, he called Tatum, who was the head coach at Trinity at the time, and offered him an opportunity to be his assistant. Tatum accepted and it looked like the Rebels' coaching staff would feature two former high school basketball standouts from the Tall City.

That was until Justin Hardin resigned as coach at Midland High in late April of last year. Almost immediately, Tatum became the favorite to land the head coaching job at his alma mater.

It only took a couple weeks for MISD to hire Tatum to lead the Bulldogs, and instead of sitting on the same bench when the Rebels (9-5, 4-3 in District 2-5A) and Bulldogs (6-10, 2-4) meet for the first time this season at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center, Tatum and Packer will be patrolling the sidelines on opposite ends of the scorer's table.

The game

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

When: 7:30 p.m. today
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"That was the plan, but it didn't quite work out the way I hoped it would," Packer said of trying to hire Tatum as his assistant. "I'm glad he's over there, though. What better way to get him back in the program than as the head coach.

"He can look up at the ceiling and see his name all over it with all his accolades and start trying to add to them."

There are times when a rivalry can be bitter, but that likely won't be the case for MHS-Lee in boys basketball as long as Tatum and Packer are leading the respective programs. The two coaches have known each other since Tatum was guiding the Bulldogs to a state championship and Packer was playing at Lee in the late 1990s, and they have a lot of respect for one another as a result.

"He's probably one of my closest and dearest friends and a man I admire a lot," Tatum said. "Not just as a coach, but as a person because of what he's

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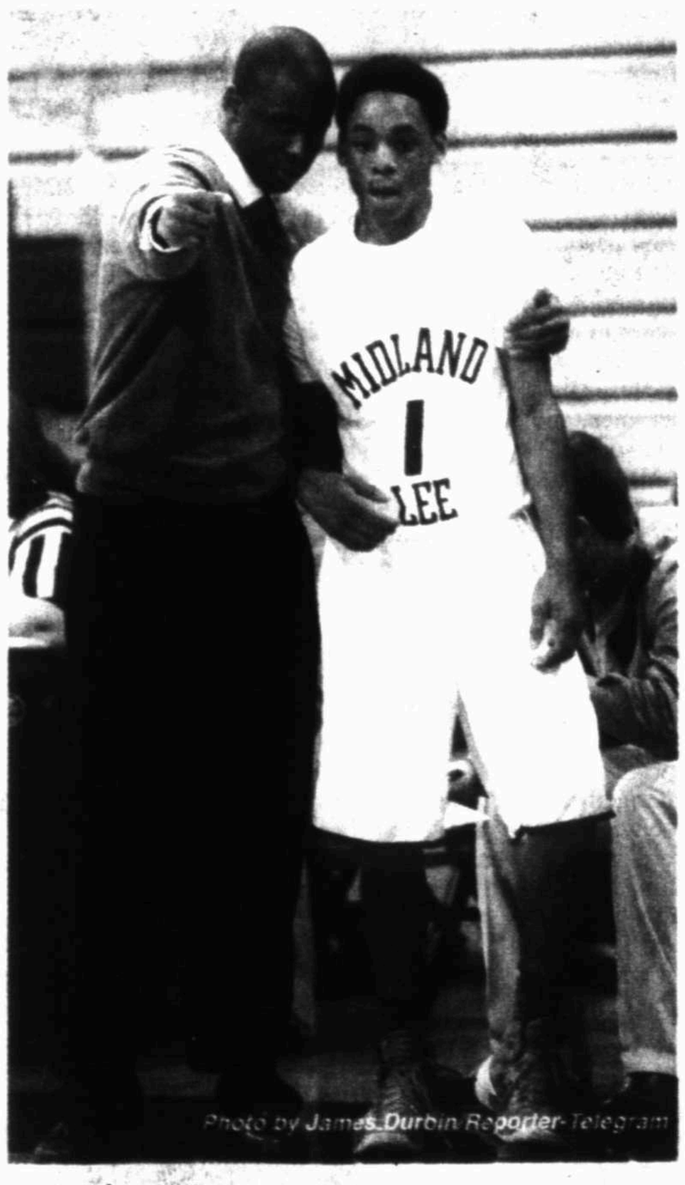
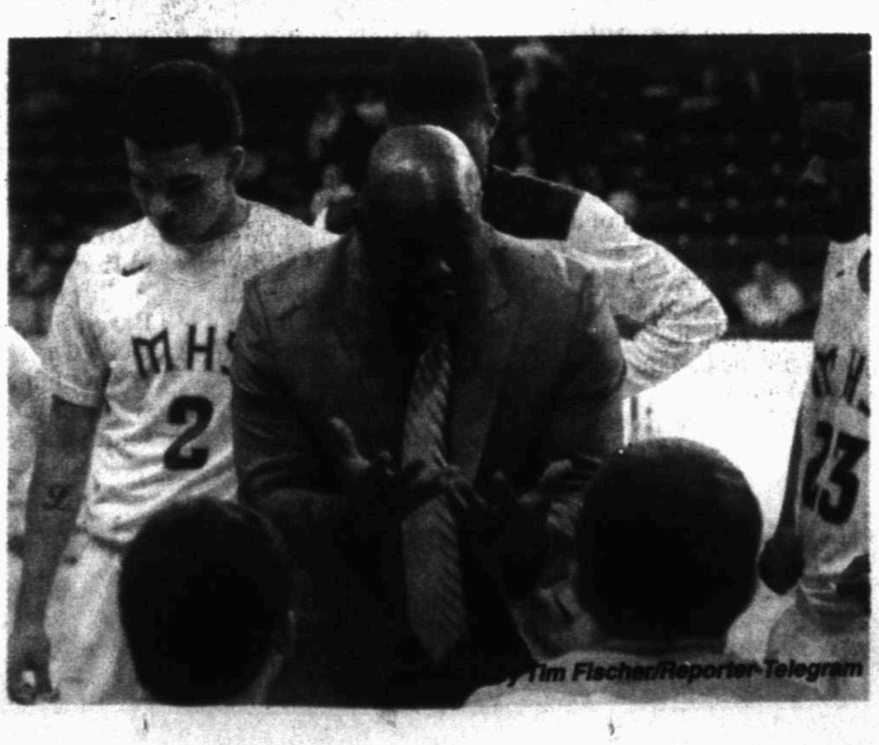
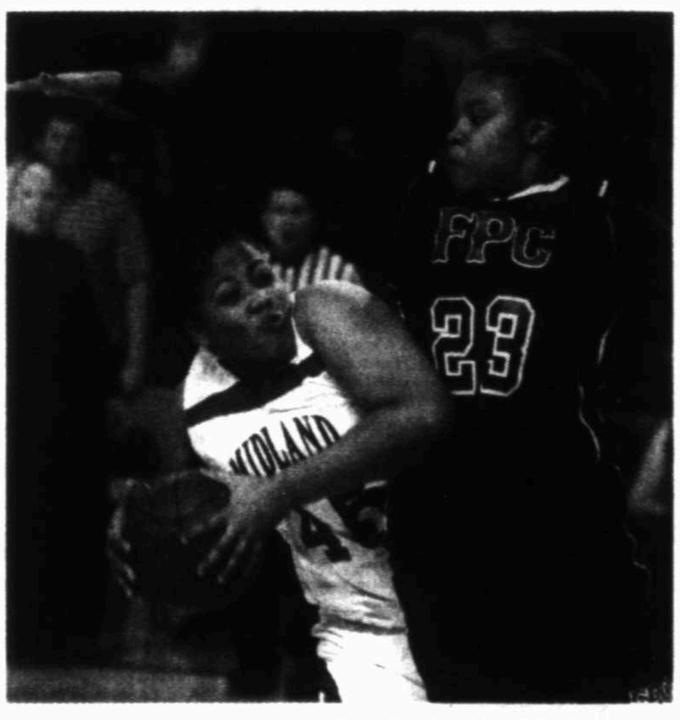


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LEFT PHOTO: Lee boys basketball head coach Chris Packer talks with Semaj Davis (1) during a Jan. 2 game at Lee High School. **BOTTOM PHOTO:** Midland High boys coach Charles Tatum talks to his players during a timeout on Jan. 2 during a game at Chaparral Center. Packer and Tatum were almost on the same sidelines instead of coaching against each other when Lee takes on Midland High tonight at Chaparral Center. Both coaches continue to have mutual respect and admiration for each other even though the two are coaching at rival schools. This is the first time the two teams have met this season. Lee comes in with a record of 9-5, 4-3 in District 2-5A. The Bulldogs are 6-10, 2-4.



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Midland College's Diamalises Rivera (45) ducks under the defense of Frank Phillips' Mesha Wade on Monday at Chaparral Center.

Frank Phillips upend Lady Chaps at home

By Oscar LeRoy
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Lady Plainsmen	**54**
Lady Chaparrals	50

It's a pretty rare occurrence when the Frank Phillips College women's basketball team beats Midland College. It's especially rare that the Lady Plainsmen get a win at Chaparral Center.

On a chilly Monday night at Chaparral Center, the No. 22-ranked Lady Chaparrals shot like the freezing temperatures outside the arena and Frank Phillips College took advantage for a 54-50 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Midland (10-6, 1-1 in WJCAC) shot just 29.3 percent for the game — including 0-for-12 from 3-point range — and turned the ball over 20 times.

"I'm not going to make excuses. We just didn't shoot the ball well," MC coach Ron Jones said. "You can't score 50 points and expect to win the game."

Frank Phillips (11-2, 1-1) didn't shoot lights out — only 32.8 percent — but the Lady Plainsmen made the shots when it counted, including a 3-pointer from the left side by Honesty Sullivan with 54 seconds left to give her team a 51-47 advantage.

"Our girls just come out and play hard, and they execute well," Frank Phillips coach Eric Rodewald said. "I think they're coming together as a team. Every night we have a new person step up. Honesty, the other night, scored five, and tonight she scored 21. We've been struggling to make shots today, and today we made shots."

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WHAT'S ON TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tennessee at LSU, 6 p.m., ESPN

Baylor at Iowa St., 6 p.m., ESPN2

Ohio St. at Michigan St., 8 p.m., ESPN

Creighton at DePaul, 8 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NBA

Phoenix at Chicago, 7 p.m., WGN

L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Stanton at Pecos, 6:30 p.m.

Midland High vs. Lee, 7:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Midland Christian at Alpine, 8 p.m.

Crane at Midland Classical, 8 p.m.

Robert Lee at Garden City, 8 p.m.

Loop at Grady, 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Midland High vs. Lee, 6 p.m.

Sweetwater at Greenwood, 6:15 p.m.

Odessa New Way at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Robert Lee at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado City at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

Snyder at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m.

Loop at Grady, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men, Arlington Baptist at UTPB, 6 p.m.

RODEO

Sandhills Rodeo Team Roping, 6:30 p.m. Ector County Coliseum

LOCAL SPORTS

GREENWOOD 8TH GRADER HELPS TEAM TO WIN IN ALL-STAR GAME

SAN ANTONIO — Greenwood eighth-grader Matthew Groeschel helped the West team to a 20-8 victory against the East team at the Eastbay Youth All-American Game in San Antonio on Sunday.

Groeschel played in a game that featured young football players from across the country. Groeschel finished second in the Most Valuable Player votiing, and his father, Steve, said he was invited back for the freshman game in 2014.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Atchison and OF Jeff Francoeur on minor league contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Promoted Kevin Goldstein to director of professional scouting. Stephanie Wilka to specialist of international operations and associate counsel and Paul Putila coordinator of baseball operations.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with C Humberto Quintero on a minor league contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with OF James Darnell and SS Ray Olmedo on minor league contracts.

National League

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with C Taylor Teagarden on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Chris Dickerson on a minor league contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Claimed OF Rafael Ortega off waivers from Texas.

Frontier League

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Placed INF Alex Guthrie on the retired list.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DALLAS MAVERICKS — Recalled G-F Ricky Ledo from Texas (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Recalled Gs Lorenzo Brown and Elliot Williams from Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed WR Cobi Hamilton, C T.J. Johnson, DE David King, CB Onterio McCalebb, LB Bruce Taylor and C Scott Wedige to reserve/future contracts.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed DE Fili Moala and CB Greg Toler on injured reserve. Agreed to terms with WR Donnie Branch. Signed WR Josh Lenz from the practice squad. Released DT Christian Tupou from the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Fired offensive coordinator Mike Sherman.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed LB Brandon Spikes on injured reserve.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed CBs Marc Anthony and Bobby Felder, OTs Emeh Cleary and Jace Daniels, DTs Everett Dawkins and David Hunter, G Jason Foster, K Patrick Murray, QB Jordan Rodgers, LS Patrick Scales, P Jacob Schum and WR Tommy Streeter.

Canadian Football League

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed SB Andre Durie to a contract extension through 2016.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Buffalo D Tyler Myers three games for an illegal check to the head of New Jersey F Dainius Zubrus during Saturday's game.

DALLAS STARS — Activated D Trevor Daley and Sergei Gonchar from injured reserve.

MINNESOTA WILD — Placed G Josh Harding and C Mikko Koivu on injured reserve. Recalled D Jonathon Blum and F Erik Haula from Iowa (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Patrik Elias on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 31. Recalled F Eric Gelinas from Albany (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled G Cedrick Desjardins from Syracuse (AHL).

American Hockey League

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled F Jack Combs from Cincinnati (ECHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Claimed F Kevin Walrod off waivers from Evansville.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

D.C. UNITED — Signed D Jahrin Robinson.

LOS ANGELES GALAXY — Named Kenny Arena assistant coach.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Signed M Lamar Neagle to a contract extension.

North American Soccer League

NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed G Jimmy Maurer to a contract extension.

COLLEGE

CLEMSON — Announced WR Sammy Watkins will enter the NFL draft.

FLORIDA — Announced LB Ronald Powell will enter the NFL draft.

MIAMI (OHIO) — Named Bill Brechin and Joe Palcic assistant football coaches, Corey Brown defensive line coach, Autry Denson running backs coach, John Hauser defensive backs coach, and Matt Palowski defensive coordinator.

NOTRE DAME — Announced DE Stephon Tuitt will enter the NFL draft.

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BOYS

Class 5A

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Class 4A

1. Beaumont Central, 17-2; 2. Beaumont Ozen, 16-4; 3. SA Alamo Heights, 20-1; 4. FW Dunbar, 11-3; 5. Lancaster, 14-4; 6. Dallas Kimball, 11-3; 7. EP Andress, 16-2; 8. Dallas Highland Park, 17-3; 9. Houston Wheatley, 16-4; 10. Frisco Heritage, 12-2; 11. Cedar Park, 15-4; 12. Schertz Clemens, 19-2; 13. Fort Bend Marshall, 13-7; 14. Humble Summer Creek, 10-2; 15. SA Brennan, 17-4; 16. Laredo Nixon, 15-3; 17. Friendswood, 14-4; 18. Smithson Valley, 13-3; 19. Northwest Nelson, 15-5; 20. Amarillo, 12-5; 21. Manor, 15-2; 22. Prosper, 14-2; 23. Dallas Wilson, 10-5; 24. Wolfforth Frenship, 16-4; 25. Mansfield, 21-1

Class 3A

1. Dallas Madison, 12-4; 2. Kennedale, 18-0; 3. Yates, 7-7; 4. Dallas Triple-A Academy, 11-5; 5. Abilene Wylie, 15-2; 6. SA Houston, 12-8; 7. West Orange-Stark, 15-7; 8. Houston Washington, 12-8; 9. Wilmer-Hutchins, 10-6; 10. Burkburnett, 14-5; 11. Argyle, 14-3; 12. Decatur, 14-5; 13. CC West Oso, 7-4; 14. Lubbock Estacado, 9-9; 15. Silsbee, 15-7; 16. Hardin-Jefferson, 22-3; 17. Frisco Lone Star, 14-5; 18. Athens, 16-1; 19. Mexia, 15-3; 20. WF Hirsch, 8-9; 21. Cleveland, 16-2; 22. Navasota, 14-2; 23. Pollack Central, 17-7; 24. LaVernia 15-2; 25. Fredericksburg, 16-7

Class 2A

1. Brock, 16-3; 2. Kountze, 16-5; 3. Abernathy, 17-1; 4. Ponder, 16-7; 5. Tatum, 16-4; 6. Pewter, 13-5; 7. Wall, 3-0; 8. Breckenridge, 14-0; 9. Franklin, 15-3; 10. Clarksville, 10-8; 11. Holiday, 16-4; 12. Chilton, 17-2; 13. Bushland, 11-7; 14. East Chambers, 12-9; 15. Brownfield, 10-5; 16. Idalou, 8-8; 17. Whitesboro, 15-3; 18. White Oak, 8-5; 19. Ingram Moore, 19-2; 20. Aransas Pass, 17-7; 21. Canadian, 6-2; 22. Salado, 17-3; 23. Kermit, 13-3; 24. Sunnyvale, 12-1; 25. Dallas Life Oak Cliff, 17-3

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Class A Division II

1. Oakwood, 14-2; 2. Tadine, 13-3; 3. Lanaville, 17-6; 4. Graford, 14-2; 5. Water Valley, 9-5; 6. Throckmorton, 16-1; 7. Douglass, 18-3; 8. Calvert, 10-4; 9. Lingleville, 13-2; 10. Huckabay, 9-5; 11. Iris, 8-1; 12. Eula, 12-6; 13. Coolidge, 11-2; 14. Roxton, 8-7; 15. Miller Grove, 14-8; 16. Comwell, 2-1; 17. Garden City, 9-3; 18. Grady, 19-4; 19. Lorenzo, 11-6; 20. Moulton, 12-4; 21. Nazareth, 11-8; 22. Happy, 4-6; 23. Avinger, 15-2; 24. Fort Elliott, 10-3; 25. San Isidro, 15-2

Large Private Schools

1. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 19-2; 2. Houston Kinkaid, 9-2; 3. Plano John Paul II, 16-3; 4. Houston St. Thomas, 18-8; 5. Houston Christian, 14-9; 6. Addison Trinity Christian Academy, 14-8; 7. Houston Westbury Christian, 10-8; 8. Houston Lutheran South, 15-7; 9. SA Central Catholic, 15-6; 10. Houston St. John's, 13-11; 11. Houston St. Pius X, 10-6; 12. Houston Second Baptist, 13-6; 13. Dallas Episcopal, 7-6; 14. Dallas Bishop Dunne, 11-4; 15. The Woodlands John Cooper, 10-7; 16. Bellaire Episcopal, 11-6; 17. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 11-12; 18. Fort Worth All Saints, 16-7; 19. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 10-9; 20. Dallas Greenhill, 11-6; 21. Irving Cistercian, 13-5; 22. Laredo St. Augustine, 19-10; 23. Midland Christian, 19-6; 24. SA Antonian, 18-9; 25. SA Christian, 22-9

Small Private Schools

1. Lubbock Christian School, 14-3; 2. Dallas Yavneh Academy, 14-3; 3. Waco Vanguard College Prep, 13-2; 4. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 18-4; 5. SA St. Gerard, 16-4; 6. Colleyville Covenant Christian, 15-3; 7. Abilene Christian High School, 7-6; 8. Dallas Lakehill Prep, 8-6; 9. Dallas Calvary Academy, 16-6; 10. Geneva School of Boerne, 13-6; 11. Arlington High Point Prep, 4-1; 12. Buffalo The Brook Hill School, 7-7; 13. Christian Academy of SA, 9-7; 14. League City Bay Area Christian, 9-9; 15. Austin Brentwood Christian, 10-6; 16. Bryan Brazos Christian, 8-4; 17. Austin Waldorf School, 11-6; 18. Universal City First Baptist, 16-2; 19. Dallas Cambridge School, 2-3; 20. FW Bethesda Christian, 8-5; 21. Conroe Covenant Christian, 12-6; 22. DeSoto The Canterbury School, 3-1; 23. Houston Cypress Christian, 10-5; 24. Keene Chisolm Trail, 9-1; 25. Fort Worth Lake Country Christian, 10-5

GIRLS

Class 5A

1. Duncanville, 20-0; 2. Manvel, 22-2; 3. Pflugerville, 23-2; 4. Round Rock Cedar Ridge, 21-1; 5. Lewisville Marcus, 16-2; 6. Arlington Bowie, 17-2; 7. Galena Park North Shore, 17-6; 8. Clear Springs, 14-4; 9. Southlake Carroll, 18-4; 10. League City Clear Springs, 18-5; 11. Plano West, 15-4; 12. Humble Atascocita, 15-4; 13. Round Rock Stony Point, 21-5; 14. SA Churchill, 23-2; 15. Cypress Woods, 20-4; 16. SA Reagan, 19-3; 17. Spring Dekaney, 20-2; 18. Pearland, 18-5; 19. Houston Bellaire, 13-4; 20. Richardson, 20-5; 21. Hurst Bell, 17-1; 22. Mansfield Timberview, 16-7; 23. SA Stevens, 16-4; 24. Dallas Skyline, 21-5; 25. Conroe Oak Ridge, 21-4

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Class A Division II

1. Oakwood, 14-2; 2. Tadine, 13-3; 3. Lanaville, 17-6; 4. Graford, 14-2; 5. Water Valley, 9-5; 6. Throckmorton, 16-1; 7. Douglass, 18-3; 8. Calvert, 10-4; 9. Lingleville, 13-2; 10. Huckabay, 9-5; 11. Iris, 8-1; 12. Eula, 12-6; 13. Coolidge, 11-2; 14. Roxton, 8-7; 15. Miller Grove, 14-8; 16. Comwell, 2-1; 17. Garden City, 9-3; 18. Grady, 19-4; 19. Lorenzo, 11-6; 20. Moulton, 12-4; 21. Nazareth, 11-8; 22. Happy, 4-6; 23. Avinger, 15-2; 24. Fort Elliott, 10-3; 25. San Isidro, 15-2

Large Private Schools

1. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 19-2; 2. Houston Kinkaid, 9-2; 3. Plano John Paul II, 16-3; 4. Houston St. Thomas, 18-8; 5. Houston Christian, 14-9; 6. Addison Trinity Christian Academy, 14-8; 7. Houston Westbury Christian, 10-8; 8. Houston Lutheran South, 15-7; 9. SA Central Catholic, 15-6; 10. Houston St. John's, 13-11; 11. Houston St. Pius X, 10-6; 12. Houston Second Baptist, 13-6; 13. Dallas Episcopal, 7-6; 14. Dallas Bishop Dunne, 11-4; 15. The Woodlands John Cooper, 10-7; 16. Bellaire Episcopal, 11-6; 17. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 11-12; 18. Fort Worth All Saints, 16-7; 19. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 10-9; 20. Dallas Greenhill, 11-6; 21. Irving Cistercian, 13-5; 22. Laredo St. Augustine, 19-10; 23. Midland Christian, 19-6; 24. SA Antonian, 18-9; 25. SA Christian, 22-9

Small Private Schools

1. Lubbock Christian School, 14-3; 2. Dallas Yavneh Academy, 14-3; 3. Waco Vanguard College Prep, 13-2; 4. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 18-4; 5. SA St. Gerard, 16-4; 6. Colleyville Covenant Christian, 15-3; 7. Abilene Christian High School, 7-6; 8. Dallas Lakehill Prep, 8-6; 9. Dallas Calvary Academy, 16-6; 10. Geneva School of Boerne, 13-6; 11. Arlington High Point Prep, 4-1; 12. Buffalo The Brook Hill School, 7-7; 13. Christian Academy of SA, 9-7; 14. League City Bay Area Christian, 9-9; 15. Austin Brentwood Christian, 10-6; 16. Bryan Brazos Christian, 8-4; 17. Austin Waldorf School, 11-6; 18. Universal City First Baptist, 16-2; 19. Dallas Cambridge School, 2-3; 20. FW Bethesda Christian, 8-5; 21. Conroe Covenant Christian, 12-6; 22. DeSoto The Canterbury School, 3-1; 23. Houston Cypress Christian, 10-5; 24. Keene Chisolm Trail, 9-1; 25. Fort Worth Lake Country Christian, 10-5

GIRLS

Class 5A

1. Duncanville, 20-0; 2. Manvel, 22-2; 3. Pflugerville, 23-2; 4. Round Rock Cedar Ridge, 21-1; 5. Lewisville Marcus, 16-2; 6. Arlington Bowie, 17-2; 7. Galena Park North Shore, 17-6; 8. Clear Springs, 14-4; 9. Southlake Carroll, 18-4; 10. League City Clear Springs, 18-5; 11. Plano West, 15-4; 12. Humble Atascocita, 15-4; 13. Round Rock Stony Point, 21-5; 14. SA Churchill, 23-2; 15. Cypress Woods, 20-4; 16. SA Reagan, 19-3; 17. Spring Dekaney, 20-2; 18. Pearland, 18-5; 19. Houston Bellaire, 13-4; 20. Richardson, 20-5; 21. Hurst Bell, 17-1; 22. Mansfield Timberview, 16-7; 23. SA Stevens, 16-4; 24. Dallas Skyline, 21-5; 25. Conroe Oak Ridge, 21-4

Class 4A

1. SA Brennan, 16-1; 2. Aledo, 15-1; 3. McKinney North, 14-4; 4. Mesquite Horn, 20-1; 5. Canyon, 18-4; 6. Barbers Hill, 21-2; 7. FW Trimble Tech, 19-3; 8. Amarillo, 15-6; 9. Houston Wheatley, 14-1; 10. Tomball Memorial, 16-4; 11. Aubrey Clarkson Lady Eagles coach. John Hauser defensive backs coach. and Matt Palowski defensive coordinator

NOTRE DAME — Announced DE Stephon Tuitt will enter the NFL draft.

UCF — Announced QB Blaike Bortles and RB Storm Johnson will enter the NFL draft.

HSBASKETBALLTODAY

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

DISTRICT 2-5A

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

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

Records: Midland High 9-12, 5-3 in 2-5A; Lee 17-6, 6-2

Last game: Abilene High 45, Midland High 42, OT; Lee 72, Abilene Cooper 36

Last meeting: Lee 44, Midland High 43 on Dec. 28, 2013

Notable: Midland High saw its 16-game win streak against Lee come to an end during the third-place game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic in late December. It was the first time since the 2007-08 season the Lady Rebels had defeated Midland High. And while Lee coach Monjca Ramirez admits the Lady Rebels are more confident as a result of that win, she says they're not dwelling on it, either. "We're definitely mentally tougher because of that win," Ramirez said. "But we aren't just expecting to go back out there and beat them again. This is a big district game." ... This is the third district game in six days for both teams. Lee went 2-0 during that time with wins against Abilene High and Abilene Cooper. Midland High defeated San Angelo Central on Thursday, but lost in overtime to Abilene High on Saturday. ... Perhaps the biggest loss for Midland High in the past week is losing starting sophomore guard Alexandrea Washington, who injured her knee during the win against Central on Thursday. Washington sat out Saturday's game and will not be available against Lee, either. Torres says it takes a team effort to replace Washington, who is one of the team's top scorers. "I think we do it with multiple girls," Torres said. "We don't replace her with just one girl. It definitely takes a team effort."

Next: Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m. Jan. 14; Odessa High at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday.

DISTRICT 4-3A

SWEETWATER AT GREENWOOD

When/where: 6:15 p.m. today, Greenwood High gymnasium

Records: Sweetwater 6-8, 1-0 in 4-3A; Greenwood 5-13, 1-0

Last game: Sweetwater 44, Big Spring 40; Greenwood 54, Monahans 32

Notable: Sweetwater is coming off a surprising win against No. 20 Big Spring to open district play. Three players scored in double figures for the Lady Mustangs in the win, including 13 from Shaneese Brown. ... Greenwood coasted by Monahans on Friday to open district play with junior forward Amanda Bell almost outscoring the Lady Loboes single-handedly. Bell had a game-high 28 points with Monahans managing just 32 points as a team. ... Friday also saw the return of senior Morgan McKee for the Rangerettes. McKee had been sidelined for a majority of the season with a knee injury. She scored four points in her return.

Next: Sweetwater at Monahans, 6:15 p.m. Friday; Greenwood at Snyder, 6:15 p.m. Friday

Boys

DISTRICT 2-5A

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

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

Records: Midland High 6-10, 2-4; Lee 9-5, 4-3

Last game: Abilene High 78, Midland High 60; Lee 53, Abilene Cooper 51

Last meeting: Lee 56, Midland High 38 on Jan. 18, 2013

Notable: This is the first meeting between the Bulldogs and Rebels this season after the two teams split the rivalry games last season. ... Lee coach Chris Packer said he is impressed with how Midland High appears to be coming together as a team this season. "I've seen those guys all summer," Packer said. "They've got the pieces and is sounds like they're putting it together. They've got some great athletes on that team." ... It's Lee's height that stands out most to Tatum, although he is grateful to have 6-8 center Nate Rogers back from injury to try and combat Lee's presence in the post. "They're big and aggressive and decisive in what they do," Tatum said. "They have Packer's identity really. We know when we play them we're going to get their best game because it's a rivalry and it means a lot to both teams."

Next: Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14; Odessa High at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

District 2-5A basketball

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	7	1	17	6
Lee	6	2	17	6
Amarillo Tascosa	6	2	9	11
Midland High	5	3	9	10
Abilene High	4	4	14	7
San Angelo Central	3	5	8	11
Odessa Permian	3	5	7	10
Abilene Cooper	2	7	6	12
Odessa High	1	8	7	16

Saturday's Scores
Lee 72, Abilene Cooper 36
Abilene High 45, Midland High 42, OT
Amarillo Tascosa 48, Odessa Permian 41
San Angelo Central 49, Odessa High 34
Today's Games
Midland High vs. Lee, Chaparral Center
Abilene Cooper at Odessa High
San Angelo Central at Lubbock Coronado
Abilene High at Odessa Permian
All games at 6 p.m.

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	7	0	16	0
Lubbock Coronado	5	1	16	3
Lee	4	3	9	8
Odessa Permian	4	3	7	5
San Angelo Central	3	3	7	5
Midland High	2	4	6	10
Odessa High	2	4	6	10
Abilene High	1	5	4	10
Abilene Cooper	1	5	3	10

Saturday's Scores
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Abilene High at Odessa Permian
All games at 7:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP

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going to do for the kids in his program. The kids in his program won't just become better coaches, but they'll also become better men once he's done with them."

Packer has similar feelings about Tatum.

"His knowledge of basketball and his basketball acumen speaks for itself," Packer said. "The big things to me is he loves kids and has the same passion for kids as I do. It's more than just basketball with Coach Tatum. That's the epitome of what I want to portray in my program. He's doing the same thing over there."

Both coaches can recall playing against each other during their high school playing days. Tatum's career at Midland High stands out a little more because of what he meant to the 1998 state championship team.

"He was a great player of course," Packer said. "He took a lot of shots. You had to guard him as soon as he crossed half court. Those teams he played on where so great. He was well deserved of every accolade he got, but it was a great team he played on that played a high level of basketball."

Tatum said he and Packer probably first met while playing at an open gym at either Lee or Midland High. He most remembers Packer's composure from his playing days, though.

"He was the most even-keeled player I think we ever faced. We never could rattle him," Tatum said. "I think he was a junior when he got his first taste of Midland High. I just remember him being tall and athletic, but we really couldn't rattle him and we felt like we could rattle anyone.

"That's the same way he is now. He's very composed."

Both coaches moved back to the Tall City about the same time in pursuit of their coaching careers. Packer believes their paths crossed once again during a pick-up game somewhere in town, and the two were quick to reconnect.

"We probably weren't as good as friends in high school as we are now," Packer said. "It was a competitive relationship in high school. It's a little different now."

Added Tatum: "We found out we had some mutual interests. We're both very involved with our churches. We began talking about church and religion and discovered we had some common philosophies about being coaches that put kids first."

Tatum said he remembers a conversation in December 2012 when Packer told him that God was going to make a way and both of them would be head coaches in Midland one day.

"Lo and behold, just a few months later it came true," Tatum said. "It's incredible really. We're both very blessed."

Now Tatum and Packer hope they can pass on their passion for basketball in their hometown on to not just their players, but also the community. Both long for the day when the Chaparral Center will be packed once again when the Tall City rivalry takes center stage. Just like it was when they played.

"This is a generation of kids that have missed out on the glory days of MHS and Lee," Tatum said. "Both have rich tradition in basketball. Every program is going to have its ups and downs. There's a lot of teams that have to go through rebuilding phases. We're both going to come out of this one and the community is going to want to be there to see it."

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competition, but when someone gets hurt — we're really good friends with a lot of the Lee players," Alexis said. "She's like a sister to me. I wanted to make sure she was OK because she was holding her knee, and knee injuries are so bad."

Alexandrea Washington is currently finding out how bothersome a knee injury can be. She injured her knee during Thursday's win against San Angelo Central and won't be able to play today against Lee. She's still listed as day-to-day with the injury for now.

"We've been together so long, it's like we're sisters," Stanford said. "When something happens to them, it's like I can feel it. I heard she got hurt. Like right when we got done playing (Thursday), I went to go see her."

On several occasions tonight, chances are Stanford will be guarded by Alexis and vice versa. It's a matchup neither girl finds too easy.

"When we play in the summer, Alexis is like our top defender," Stanford said. "She's our defensive stopper. It's tough when you know what she likes to do, but she also knows what I like to do. I just try to do what I have to get by her."

Added Alexis. "Daija is really good with her right hand and she's really good with her left hand. (Coach Berry) thought she was left-handed all last year. We also know she can shoot. It's pretty tough guarding her."

Today marks the seventh time the Washingtons have faced Stanford as members of rival high school teams. In the previous six meetings, the Lady Dawgs were victorious five times.

The only win of Stanford's varsity career at Lee against Midland High came during the third-place game of the Byron Johnston Tournament in late December. On that night, Stanford scored 12 points in a 44-43 victory for the Lady Rebels that ended a 16-game losing streak to their crosstown rival.

But there wasn't a lot of boasting or claiming of bragging rights after the game.

"We didn't even talk about it," Alexandrea said. "After the game was over we were right back to being friends. We never really talk about any of the times we play against each other. When we're against each other it's competitive at that point, but we're always going to be friends in the end."

As for the chances of Stanford ever being united with the Washingtons on the same high school team, the chances are slim.

"They can come to Lee," Stanford said. "I'm not going to Midland High."

The feeling was mutual for the Washingtons.

"Maybe if she came (to Midland High)," Alexandrea said. "I'm not changing schools."

Besides, Stanford and the twins have the spring and summer to play on the same team. Seeing them pitted against each other during the winter only adds life to the Midland High-Lee rivalry.

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Former NBA stars go with Rodman to N. Korea

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Say these things for Dennis Rodman: He likes going to North Korea, and likes bringing a bit of a side show with him.

Last year, it was the Harlem Globetrotters.

This year, it's, well, should we call them the Rodmaneers?

Some of the six former NBA players who accompanied Rodman on this trip with plans for a game against North Korean players on Wednesday — the day believed to be the birthday of the nation's leader, Kim Jong Un — have what might best be described as colorful pasts, often caused by some major financial difficulties.

There's a father of seven kids with five different women. The former high school coach who was fired after a DUI. The guy who once owned 10 cars and spent $75,000 a year on insurance alone before declaring bankruptcy.

And that's all referring to Kenny Anderson.

Cliff Robinson, Vin Baker, Sleepy Floyd, Doug Christie and Charles D. Smith have also joined Rodman for the trip, his fourth and from the way he's talking, probably not his last.

What they're making on this trip is a mystery: Expenses are covered, Smith said, but it's unknown if they'll be getting appearance fees or anything along those lines. And security is said to be provided by the North Korean Olympic Committee, which has guaranteed the Americans safe passage in and out of the nation.

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Charlie Strong promises Texas will be tough

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Charlie Strong talked about being tough and winning championships. That is exactly what Texas fans wanted to hear from their new football coach.

There's little doubt he can deliver the first. The second part will determine whether he can revive a dormant program back and push it back among the national elite where the Longhorns are desperately longing to be.

"It's time to put the program back on the national stage," Strong said Monday at his introductory news conference. "The mentality is always going to be mental and physical toughness ... We will be a hardnosed football team."

That's the reputation Strong brings to Texas, which has floundered since playing for the 2009 national championship. Four seasons of at least four losses and no Big 12 titles ended with Mack Brown exiting after 16 years, and Texas turning to the coach who led Louisville to a 23-3 mark and two bowl wins the last two seasons.

Strong also had a reputation of being uncomfortable with the media, but with his wife and two daughters sitting in the front row watching him, he breezed through his 45-minute news conference with smiles and jokes before ending with the trademark "Hook'em Horns" hand signal for the cameras.

"Let's go win football games," Strong said. "Let's go win championships."

The 53-year-old Strong clearly has some of the same pages from Brown's playbook. He embraced the legacy of Texas's football tradition when he entered the room and hugged Edith Royal, the widow of former Longhorns coach Darrell Royal who won national titles in 1963 and 1969 and a share of a third in 1970.



Eric Gay/AP

Charlie Strong holds up the "Hook'em Horns" hand signal during a news conference where he was introduced as the new Texas football coach Monday in Austin.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College men's basketball coach Jordan Dreiling talks with his players during a timeout Monday at Chaparral Center.

Baylor RB Seastrunk entering NFL draft

Associated Press

WACO — Big 12 rushing champ Lache Seastrunk is bypassing his senior season at Baylor to enter the NFL draft.

Seatrunk said in a statement Monday that he's fully prepared to take the next step toward realizing his goal of playing in the NFL.

Coach Art Briles says he appreciates "the dedication and energy" that Seastrunk brought to the team.

The Oregon transfer played two seasons at Baylor, and was the first player in school history with two 1,000-yard rushing seasons. He ran for 1,177 yards and 11 touchdowns in 11 games this season, missing nearly three full games because of a groin injury.

The Big 12 champion Bears return Shock Linwood, who ran for 881 yards and eight TDs as a freshman this season.

No. 1 Florida State ends SEC's streak

No. 1 Seminoles	34
No. 2 Tigers	31

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Jameis Winston and Florida State faced down adversity for the first time this season, and showed they could take a punch if that's what it took to win a national championship.

The Heisman Trophy winner threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Kelvin Benjamin with 13 seconds left and No. 1 Florida State beat No. 2 Auburn 34-31 to win the BCS championship game on Monday night.

"There's a lot of heart and guts down in Tallahassee, too," coach Jimbo Fisher said.

The Bowl Championship Series went out with a bang, with one of the best championship games in its 16-year history. And the Southeastern Conference's seven-year winning streak in college football's biggest game was snapped.

Winston struggled much of the night but was near perfect when the Seminoles (14-0) needed it most, going 6 for 7 for 77 yards on the game-winning 80 yard drive. A pass interference penalty on Auburn's Chris Davis gave Florida State a first-and-goal at the 2 and on the next play Winston hit his big receiver, Benjamin, for the touchdown in traffic.

There was no miracle finish this time for the turnaround Tigers. They tossed the ball around on one final play, but it ended with Florida State jumping on a fumble, and the Seminoles sprinting onto the field under a storm of garnet and gold confetti.

Tre Mason had given Auburn (12-2) a 31-27 lead with a 37-yard touchdown run with 1:19 left after Kermit Whitfield had put Florida State in the lead for the first time since the first quarter with a 100-yard kickoff return to make it 27-24 with 4:31 left.

Mason ran for 195 yards and Nick Marshall threw two touchdown passes for the Tigers.

Winston was 20 for 35 for 237 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdown passes. Florida State hadn't been challenged like this all season, winning by an average of 42 points. The Seminoles were down 21-3 in the first half, and wobbling, but never fell over.



Chris Carlson/AP

Florida State's Jameis Winston celebrates with teammates after the BCS National Championship game against Auburn on Monday in Pasadena, Calif. Florida State won, 34-31.

BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 21
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Colorado State 48, Washington State 45
Las Vegas Bowl
Southern Cal 45, Fresno State 20
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
San Diego State 49, Buffalo 24
New Orleans Bowl
Lousiana-Lafayette 24, Tulane 21

Monday, Dec. 23
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East Carolina 37, Ohio 20

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Oregon State 38, Boise State 23

Thursday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Pittsburgh 30, Bowling Green 27
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
Utah State 21, Northern Illinois 14

Friday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.
Marshall 31, Maryland 20
Texas Bowl
At Houston
Syracuse 21, Minnesota 17
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Washington 31, BYU 16

Saturday, Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Notre Dame 29, Rutgers 16
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina 39, Cincinnati 17

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Louisville 36, Miami 9
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State 31, Michigan 14

Monday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Navy 24, Middle Tennessee 6
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi 25, Georgia Tech 17
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oregon 30, Texas 7
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23

Tuesday, Dec. 31
AdvoCare V100 Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Arizona 42, Boston College 19
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
UCLA 42, Virginia Tech 12
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Mississippi State 44, Rice 7
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Texas A&M 52, Duke 48

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
North Texas 36, UNLV 14
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Nebraska 24, Georgia 19
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
South Carolina 34, Wisconsin 24
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
LSU 21, Iowa 14

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan State 24, Stanford 20
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
UCF 52, Baylor 42

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Oklahoma 45, Alabama 31

Friday, Jan. 3
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Missouri 41, Oklahoma State 31
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Clemson 40, Ohio State 35

Saturday, Jan. 4
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Vanderbilt 41, Houston 24

Sunday, Jan. 5
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State 23, Ball State 20

Monday
BCS National Championship
At Pasadena, Calif.
Florida State 34, Auburn 31

Saturday, Jan. 18
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Los Angeles
American vs. National, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 25
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

CHAPS

From 1C

an answer with a bucket or a stop on the defensive end.

Frank Phillips took a 42-35 lead at the half before MC cut it to 58-56 on a layup by Darren Williams midway through the second half. But once again, Frank Phillips had an answer and went on an 8-3 run that was capped off by a jumper by Hall to extend the lead back to 66-59.

Hall was a big key for the Plainsmen as he seemed to hit big shots for his team.

Dreiling admitted that the best chance for his team to win is for them to play as a team and as a solid collective unit.

"We have to have five guys on the floor all doing their jobs," Dreiling said. "How many times would we get a big bucket, then we come down guard it well but then we guard it late, they'd miss and get an offensive rebound? How many times did that happen? We'll watch the last eight minutes on film, and say, 'Guys you can't close out games this way. We can't finish games this way.'"

In addition to Hall's big night, Darrell Robinson had 18 points, Quame Edwards had 12, and Rasheed Swanston and Emmanuel Johnson each added 11.

For MC, Daniel Hernandez led the way with 16 points, Demetric Austin had a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds, Kevin Thomas had 15 points and Jason Francois added 12.

The Chaps are now in a deep hole to begin conference play and Dreiling said they must find a way to get wins, especially at home.

The Chaps next host New Mexico Institute on Thursday in hopes of breaking this home WJCAC slide.

"We just need a consistent effort," Dreiling said. "I think we'll give Military a heck of a game if we can do that. We've got to get home games. Now we've got to prepare to beat Frank Phillips at their place and play Howard (College) later in the year. You can't lose home games."

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WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	2	0	14	1
South Plains	2	0	15	1
Odessa College	2	0	14	1
Howard College	1	1	13	3
Western Texas	1	1	13	3
Frank Phillips	1	1	11	4
Clarendon College	0	1	4	9
Midland College	**0**	**2**	**8**	**7**
New Mexico Military	0	3	9	5

Monday's Scores
Frank Phillips College 82, Midland College 73; Odessa College 107, New Mexico Military Institute 81; South Plains College 83, Howard College 74; New Mexico JC at Western Texas College

Thursday's Games
New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College; Western Texas College at Odessa College; Clarendon College at Howard College; South Plains College at New Mexico JC; Midland College and Frank Phillips College is open

FRANK PHILLIPS 82, MIDLAND COLLEGE 73
Frank Phillips (12-4, 1-1) — Stan Whitaker 1-2 0-0 2, Quame Edwards 2-10 7-9 12, Rasheed Swanston 4-10 0-1 11, Darrell Robinson 6-9 5-7 18, Emmanuel Johnson 5-8 0-0 11, Chris Hall 9-17 2-3 23, Chris Tawiah 2-2 1-6 5, Rokos Paulauskas 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-59 15-26 82
Midland College (8-7, 0-2) — Demetric Austin 7-17 0-1 15, Daniel Hernandez 5-14 2-3 16, Domonique Bull 0-3 2-4 2, Darren Williams 2-7 3-4 7, Cory Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Hervei Ahodole 1-5 2-4 4, Kenan Guzonjic 1-1 0-1 2, Kevin Thomas 4-4 7-9 15, LeBrent Walker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-65 16-26 73
Halftime — FPC 42, MC 35. 3-point goals — FPC 9-21 (Swanston 3-5, Hall 3-7, Edwards 1-6, Robinson 1-1, Johnson 1-2), MC 7-25 (Hernandez 4-11, Austin 1-3, Francois 2-6, Scott 0-1, Williams 0-4). Total fouls — FPC 17, MC 19. Fouled out — Williams. Rebounds — FPC 43 (Tawiah 11), MC 39 (Austin 10). Assists — FPC 4 (four with 1), MC 9 (Williams 5). Turnovers — FPC 11, MC 8.
Next: New Mexico Military institute at Midland College, 7 p.m.; Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

The win by Frank Phillips over MC is only the second for Rodewald in his six years in Borger and first over the Lady Chaps at Chaparral Center

"This is probably one of my biggest wins in my college coaching career," said Rodewald, who was an assistant coach at Howard College before taking the FPC job.

The Lady Chaps dug themselves into a 24-20 halftime hole thanks to shooting just 19.4 percent.

"We had 14 turnovers in the first half," Jones said. "When you turn the ball over 14 times and shoot 19 percent from the field, that made it a grind to try to get back in it. We had a lot of missed shots."

MC shot the ball better in the second half (40.7 percent) but so did Frank Phillips as the Lady Plainsmen extended the lead to double digits twice and both times MC came back to cut into the lead.

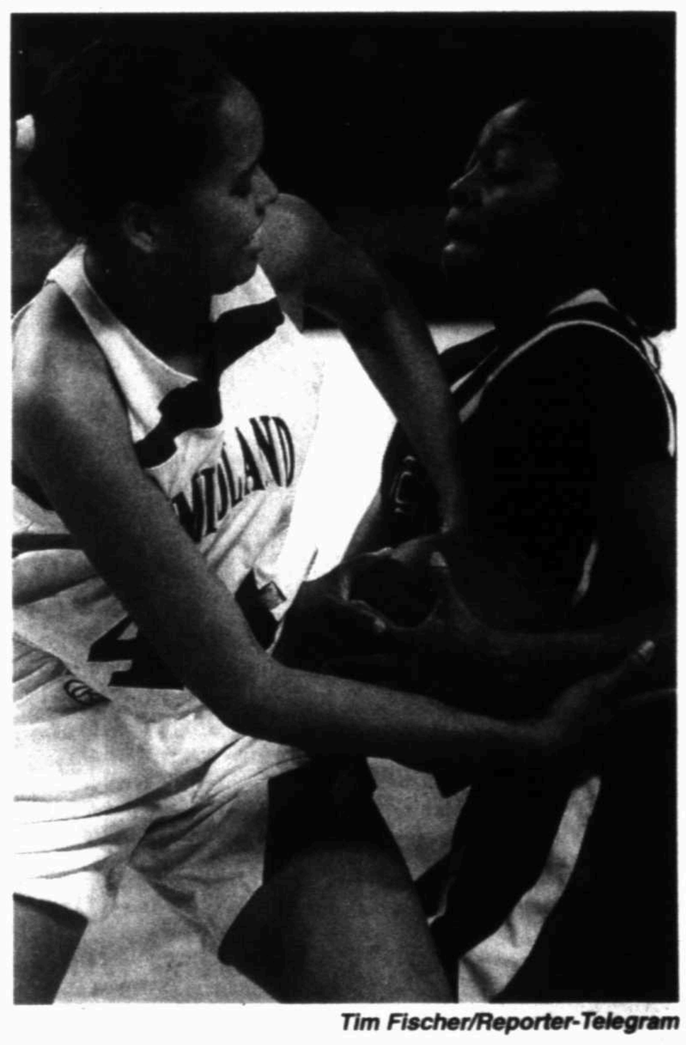
MC cut it to 48-47 on a layup by Diamalises Rivera (team-high 10 points) with 2:08 remaining in the game. But Sullivan answered with her 3 as part of her game-high 21 points, and then Permian grad and FPC sophomore point guard Cheyenne Swoopes added two free throws to seal the victory.

Swoopes had a good game for the Lady Plainsmen with 15 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

"Cheyenne is such a good leader," Rodewald said. "She knows when to go fast and when to go slow. She really makes our tempo go."

Midland College will take a break from WJCAC play on Thursday when it hosts Ranger College at 5 p.m. before going to Western Texas College for a conference game on Monday.

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Midland College's Marielka Garate, left, fights for a loose ball with Frank Phillips' Cheyenne Swoopes, an Odessa Permian grad, on Monday at Chaparral Center.

FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 54
NO. 22 MIDLAND COLLEGE 50
Frank Phillips (11-2, 1-1) — Brennon Lytle 0-1 0-0 0, Cheyenne Swoopes 4-10 7-9 15, Honesty Sullivan 8-9 2-4 21, Joslyn Smith 2-9 1-6 5, Mesha Wade 5-15 0-0 11, Shawenika Harvey 0-6 0-0 0, Allivah Richard 0-6 0-0 0, Taya Novokreschenova 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 19-58 12-21 54
Midland College (10-6, 1-1) — Gabriela Martins 0-6 2-4 2, Tanjanay Veiga 0-1 0-0 0, Mattie Turner 0-1 0-0 0, Tyler Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0, Mary Savoy 3-10 1-2 7, Catherine Kruschke 3-8 3-5 9, Natosha Saintvil 1-2 2-5 4, Ellyn Avery 0-6 2-3 2, Rose Sow 1-1 2-2 4, Marielka Garate 4-6 0-1 8, Diamalises Rivera 3-9 4-4 10. Totals 17-58 16-26 50
Halftime — FPC 24, MC 20. 3-point goals — FPC 4-12 (Sullivan 3-4, Wade 1-2, Lytle 0-1, Swoopes 0-2, Harvey 0-1, Novokreschchenova 0-2), MC 0-12 (Avery 0-4, Martins 0-3, Turner 0-1, Hamilton 0-1, Saintvil 0-1, Sparks 0-1, Rivera 0-1). Total fouls — FPC 21, MC 19. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — FPC 37 (Swoopes 8), MC 55 (Rivera 10). Assists — FPC 8 (Swoopes 6), MC 5 (Sparks 2). Turnovers — FPC 12, MC 20.
Next: Ranger College at Midland College, 5 p.m. Thursday. Frank Phillips College at Southwest Texas JC, 2 p.m. Wednesday

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	2	0	10	5
South Plains	2	0	9	7
Odessa College	1	0	11	3
Frank Phillips	1	1	11	2
Midland College	**1**	**1**	**10**	**6**
Clarendon College	0	1	7	6
Howard College	0	2	9	5
Western Texas	0	2	5	8

Monday's Games
Frank Phillips College 54, Midland College 50; South Plains College 71, Howard College 64; New Mexico JC 58, Western Texas College 24; Odessa College is open
Thursday's Games
Western Texas College at Odessa College; Clarendon College at Howard College; South Plains College at New Mexico JC; Ranger College at Midland College (non-conference); Frank Phillips at Victoria College (non-conference)

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Zach Johnson open new year with win in Hawaii

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press



Marco Garcia/AP

Zach Johnson claps after winning the Tournament of Champions on Monday in Kapalua, Hawaii. Johnson pulled away with three straight birdies on the back nine at Kapalua and closed with a 7-under 66 for a one-shot victory over Jordan Spieth.

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Zach Johnson started the new year the same way he ended the last one.

Johnson pulled away with three straight birdies on the back nine at Kapalua and closed with a 7-under 66 for a one-shot victory over Jordan Spieth in the Tournament of Champions on Monday.

Johnson didn't need any heroics, like holing out from a drop zone on the last hole when he beat Tiger Woods in the World Challenge last month in California. This was mainly about chipping and putting, and Johnson is among the best.

He hit a wedge to 8 feet for birdie on the 14th to take the outright lead for the first time. Facing a dangerous shot up a steep slope to a green with a false front, Johnson caught it perfectly on the 15th for an easy birdie. And he hit wedge to 5 feet for a third straight birdie that gave him control.

Spieth, who had a one-shot lead going to the back nine, birdied his last two holes for a 69.

"I just picked it apart," said Johnson, who finished at 19-under 273. "I didn't deviate from anything I typically do on a golf course."

Webb Simpson, tied with Spieth and defending champion Dustin Johnson to start the final round, never caught up and closed with a 70. He tied for third with Kevin Streelman, who had a 67.

Jason Dufner was four strokes back in fifth after a 69.

Dustin Johnson made three bogeys before making his first birdie. He shot 73 and tied for sixth.

Zach Johnson might finally get some of the credit he deserves as among the elite in golf, even though he doesn't have the raw power of his peers. This was the 11th win of his career. Since his rookie season in 2004, only Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh have won more PGA Tour events.

It also was his third win in his last six starts, dating to the BMW Championship north of Chicago in September that qualified him for the winners-only event in Kapalua.

Spieth was playing in the final group for the first time and looked poised as ever. With birdies on both par 5s on the front nine, he had the outright lead and looked as though he might become the youngest player with two PGA Tour wins since Ralph Guldahl in 1932. The signature shot was from a bunker short of the 14th green. He blasted out to 6 feet above the hole for a chance to match birdies with Zach Johnson, in the group ahead.

Except that he missed it.

And then he had to scramble for par on the 15th when what he thought was a perfect shot rolled down the slope 45 yards away. "Yes!" Spieth said when the ball was in flight. But when he saw it land softly and tumble down the hill, he followed that with, "You've got to be kidding me."

It took two chips to reach the green, and only a 10-foot par putt kept him in the game.

Spieth missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the 16th, and the two birdies at the end at least gave him a good start to his new year. He earned $665,000.

Dustin Johnson, trying to become the third back-to-back winner at Kapalua, fell back early and never quite caught up. He opened with a three-putt bogey. It took him three shots to reach the par-3 second, and he three-putted for par on No. 5.

Simpson, who received some encouraging news about the newborn of caddie Paul Tesori before starting his round, also found the wrong gear with consecutive bogeys early in the round and spent the rest of the day trying to catch up. He birdied three of his last five holes, but that wasn't enough to keep pace with the leader.

Five players had at least a share of the lead at some point in the final round, and mistakes were magnified.

Dufner holed a 60-foot eagle putt on the sixth hole and grabbed a share of the lead with a shot up the hill and into a stiff wind to 4 feet for birdie on the 13th. His mistake was making pars on the short 14th and the par-5 15th, three-putting from long range on the latter.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 91
HAWKS 86

NEW YORK — Joe Johnson snapped out of a slump with 23 points against his former team, and the Brooklyn Nets matched a season high with their third straight victory by beating the Atlanta Hawks 91-86 on Monday night.

Mirza Teletovic scored 16 points and Alan Anderson added 14 starting in place of the injured Deron Williams as the Nets moved to 2-0 on four-game homestand that finishes with visits from Golden State on Wednesday and Miami on Friday.

Despite yet another injury to a key player, the Nets look ready to test themselves against those powerful teams after matching their three consecutive victories from Dec. 7-12.

Paul Millsap scored 16 points for the Hawks, who lost their third in a row to equal their worst stretch of the season.

TIMBERWOLVES 126
76ERS 95

PHILADELPHIA — Kevin Love scored 16 of his 26 points in a dominant third quarter and Nikola Pekovic had 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Timberwolves to a win over the 76ers.

Kevin Martin scored 18 points and Corey Brewer had 15 to help the Timberwolves move back to .500 (17-17). Minnesota made 16 of 26 3-pointers.

Thaddeus Young scored 20 points for the Sixers, who snapped a four-game winning streak. The Sixers had won the final four games of a six-game road trip.

The Timberwolves ended any threat of Philadelphia extending its streak in a hurry. They led by 16 at the half and Love hit a pair of 3s in the third to build a 31-point lead.

The Timberwolves had seven players score in double figures.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	16	16	.500	—
Brooklyn	13	21	.382	4
Boston	13	21	.382	4
Philadelphia	12	22	.353	5
New York	11	22	.333	5 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	26	8	.765	—
Atlanta	18	17	.514	8 1/2
Washington	14	17	.452	10 1/2
Charlotte	15	20	.429	11 1/2
Orlando	10	23	.303	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	27	6	.818	—
Chicago	14	18	.438	12 1/2
Detroit	14	20	.412	13 1/2
Cleveland	11	23	.324	16 1/2
Milwaukee	7	26	.212	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	26	8	.765	—
Houston	22	13	.629	4 1/2
Dallas	19	15	.559	7
New Orleans	15	17	.469	10
Memphis	15	18	.455	10 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	7	.794	—
Portland	26	8	.765	1
Minnesota	17	17	.500	10
Denver	16	17	.485	10 1/2
Utah	11	25	.306	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	23	13	.639	—
L.A. Clippers	23	13	.639	—
Phoenix	20	12	.625	1
L.A. Lakers	14	20	.412	8
Sacramento	10	22	.313	11

Monday's Scores
Minnesota 126, Philadelphia 95
Brooklyn 91, Atlanta 86
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Toronto at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 8 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES

TIMBERWOLVES 126, 76ERS 95

MINNESOTA (126): Brewer 5-8 2-3 15, Love 7-12 8-10 26, Pekovic 7-15 2-2 16, Rubio 2-8 0-0 4, Martin 5-10 5-5 18, Cunningham 5-9 0-0 10, Shved 4-12 1-1 10, Hummel 1-5 0-0 3, Tuiasl 0-1 0-0 0, Baras 5-12 0-0 13, Dieng 1-2 0-2 2, Price 4-6 0-0 9. Totals 46-100 18-23 126.

PHILADELPHIA (95): Turner 5-9 3-4 13, Young 9-16 0-1 20, Hawes 3-6 0-0 7, Carter-Williams 6-13 0-1 13, Thompson 4-8 1-1 9, Anderson 5-6 2-2 14, Allen 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 2-5 3-4 8, Davies 1-4 0-0 2, Orton 2-4 1-1 5, Brown 1-7 1-2 4. Totals 38-80 11-16 95

Minnesota	32	38	35	21 — 126
Philadelphia	29	25	20	21 — 95

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 16-26 (Love 4-7, Brewer 3-3, Martin 3-4, Baras 3-4, Price 1-2, Hummel 1-3, Shved 1-3), Philadelphia 8-18 (Anderson 2-2, Young 2-4, Williams 1-1, Hawes 1-3, Carter-Williams 1-3, Brown 1-3, Turner 0-1, Thompson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 62 (Pekovic 14), Philadelphia 44 (Anderson 7). Assists—Minnesota 28 (Rubio 8), Philadelphia 26 (Carter-Williams 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 14, Philadelphia 22. A—10,736 (20,328).

NETS 91, HAWKS 86

ATLANTA (86): Carroll 4-9 2-2 10, Millsap 4-12 6-6 16, Antic 2-6 2-2 8, Teague 5-15 5-7 16, Korver 1-5 4-4 7, Brand 4-5 2-2 10, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, L.Williams 1-6 2-2 5, Mack 2-5 0-0 5, Scott 4-7 1-1 9. Totals 27-70 24-26 86.

BROOKLYN (91): Anderson 4-12 4-6 14, Pierce 3-9 2-3 9, Garnett 1-2 2-2 4, Livingston 6-11 0-0 12, Johnson 10-22 2-2 23, Blatche 1-3 1-1 3, Kirilenko 1-3 6-10 8, Teletovic 6-12 0-0 16, Terry 0-6 0-0 0, Evans 1-1 0-2 2. Totals 33-80 17-26 91.

Atlanta	21	31	15	19 — 86
Brooklyn	27	19	26	19 — 91

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 8-24 (Millsap 2-3, Antic 2-5, Mack 1-2, Korver 1-3, L.Williams 1-4, Teague 1-4, Scott 0-1, Carroll 0-2), Brooklyn 8-27 (Teletovic 4-9, Anderson 2-5, Pierce 1-4, Johnson 1-5, Terry 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 45 (Brand, Korver, Carroll 7), Brooklyn 56 (Garnett 10). Assists—Atlanta 21 (Korver 6), Brooklyn 17 (Kirilenko, Johnson 4). Total Fouls—Atlanta 23, Brooklyn 25. Technicals—Atlanta Coach Budenholzer, Brooklyn defensive three second. A—15,326 (17,732).

Staten, W. Virginia slip past Texas Tech

By Landon Wright
Associated Press

Mountaineers	89
Red Raiders	86 (OT)

LUBBOCK — Overtime wasn't enough for Texas Tech to slow down Juwan Staten and West Virginia. Staten played 44 minutes, scored 25 points and dished out five assists to help boost West Virginia to an 89-86 overtime win against Texas Tech Monday night.

"He's pretty much been doing it all year," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "He's playing with a lot of confidence and his understanding of what I want him to do is very, very good. He's playing at a high level."

Staten was consistent all game for the Mountaineers, scoring 11 points in the first half, 10 in the second half and four in overtime.

"Juwan Staten was having a field day in laying the ball up, then in the end when we did go to zone... He's just a good player." Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith said. "He crossed our guys over then shot right in their face a couple of times on tough shots. When the clock was going down he made some tough shots."

Eron Harris added 18 points and Terry Henderson scored 16 for the Mountaineers (10-5, 2-0 Big 12).

Jordan Tolbert led the Red Raiders with 18 points and 12 rebounds before fouling out with1:36 left in overtime.

Toddrick Gotcher added 17 points and five assists, Jaye Crockett scored 15 points and Dusty Hannahs added 14 for Texas Tech (8-7, 0-2).

"Everybody dreams about games like overtime and close games," Gotcher said. "We definitely don't like blowout games. This is the type of game we want to play in; we just want to come out on top next time."

The Red Raiders faced an 11-point deficit early in the second half, but Hannahs and Crockett came alive to regain the Red Raiders first lead since the opening minutes. Tech led 77-74 in the final minute of regulation, but Henderson hit a 3-pointer with 16 seconds left to force overtime.

Crockett missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have forced a second overtime.

"These hurt more than losing by 50, the games, these close games, because you just fight hard to the very last second and it just kills you," Crockett said.

Texas Tech got out to an early 5-0 lead, but Terry Henderson's 3-pointer with 16:39 left in the first half gave West Virginia the lead, which it kept for the next 32 minutes until Crockett hit a jumper to tie it 68-68 with 3:55 left in regulation.

Hannahs started a 7-point run of his own with a 3-pointer with 15:00 left in regulation. He went on to score 10 of his points in a 3-minute span, helping Texas Tech pull within 53-50 with 12:27 to go.

The Red Raiders finally closed off their 11-point deficit and took a lead of their own, 70-68, on a Crockett layup with 2:55 remaining, but then saw the lead change four times in the final three minutes of regulation.

Crockett found Tolbert for an alley-oop layup to make it 75-74 with 55 seconds left in regulation. Robert Turner hit on both free throw attempts with 26 seconds left to extend the lead to 77-74.

The Mountaineers answered on a Terry Henderson 3-pointer with 18 seconds left to tie it 77-77 and send it into overtime.

"That's what winning teams do, they make winning plays," Smith said. "They get winning stops and we just didn't do that, but I've got to give our guys a lot of credit, they battled back, they fought hard, they really rebounded the ball well."

GOLF SCORES

Hyundai Tournament of Champions Scores
Monday
At Kapalua Resort, The Plantation Course
Kapalua, Hawaii
Purse: $5.7 million
Yardage: 7,452; Par 73
Final

Zach Johnson (500), $1,140,000	66—273
Jordan Spieth (300), $665,000	69—274
Kevin Streelman (163), $382,000	67—275
Webb Simpson (163), $382,000	70—275
Jason Dufner (110), $276,000	69—277
Billy Horschel (89), $198,750	66—278
Matt Kuchar (89), $198,750	67—278
Adam Scott (89), $198,750	69—278
Dustin Johnson (89), $198,750	73—278
Ryan Moore (75), $170,000	69—279
Harris English (68), $155,000	69—280
Brandt Snedeker (68), $155,000	72—280
Brian Gay (58), $130,000	70—281
Woody Austin (58), $130,000	71—281
Gary Woodland (58), $130,000	73—281
Michael Thompson (54), $100,250	72—282
Ken Duke (54), $100,250	72—282
Patrick Reed (54), $100,250	73—282
Chris Kirk (54), $100,250	73—282
Martin Laird (51), $87,000	70—283
Jonas Blixt (49), $79,333	70—285
Sang-Moon Bae (49), $79,333	72—285
Jimmy Walker (49), $79,333	72—285
Bill Haas (47), $71,500	74—287
Scott Brown (47), $71,500	75—287
Boo Weekley (45), $68,000	73—288
Russell Henley (44), $66,000	75—289
D.A. Points (43), $63,000	73—292
John Merrick (43), $63,000	74—292
Derek Ernst (41), $61,000	70—301

Tavares hat trick lifts Isles to win over Stars

By Joe DePaolo
Associated Press

Islanders	7
Stars	3

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — New York Islanders center John Tavares scored a hat trick and added an assist to help propel his team to a 7-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Monday night.

In addition to a strong performance from their captain, highly touted rookie center Ryan Strome scored the first goal of his NHL career.

With the Islanders on the power play early in the second period trailing 2-0, Strome got his squad on the board by putting a wrist shot past Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen — one of four Islanders goals in the frame. That goal opened the floodgates for the Islanders, who went on to score six goals over a 24:38 span. Peter Regin, Brock Nelson, and Brian Strait also scored for New York.

Dallas built its lead on first period goals by Jamie Benn and Erik Cole. But Lehtonen couldn't make the margin stick. In total, he gave up seven goals on 43 shots.

After Strome opened the scoring for the Islanders, they evened the contest on a goal by Tavares at the 7:29 mark of the second. They took a 3-2 lead just 2 minutes later thanks to Regin, who notched just his second score of the season. Valeri Nichuskin then tied it for Dallas by scoring on the power play. But Brock Nelson capped off a frenetic second period by scoring with :28 left in the frame to put the Islanders back on top 4-3.

Tavares completed his hat trick by scoring at the 6:19 and 16:53 marks in the third period.

Jamie Benn opened the scoring for Dallas at the 5:01 mark of the first period, putting a backhander past Islanders goalie Evgeni Nabakov to put the Stars on the board. Shortly after, Nabakov was forced to leave the game after suffering what appeared to be a groin injury. Kevin Poulin replaced Nabakov, and yielded the Stars' second tally almost instantly when Erik Cole coaxed a soft backhander in from just shy of the blue line.

NOTES: Kyle Okposo missed the game due to the pending birth of his first child. ... Thomas Vanek had 2 assists to extend his point streak to nine consecutive games. ... The Stars activated defensemen Trevor Daley and Sergei Gonchar from injured reserve prior to the game. Daley had missed the last 14 games with a lower body injury, while Gonchar sat out the last five due to concussion-like symptoms.

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	42	28	12	2	58	124	89
Montreal	44	25	14	5	55	114	103
Tampa Bay	42	25	13	4	54	119	100
Detroit	43	19	14	10	48	114	121
Toronto	43	21	17	5	47	119	127
Ottawa	44	19	18	7	45	126	141
Florida	43	16	21	6	38	102	136
Buffalo	42	12	26	4	28	74	118

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	44	31	12	1	63	142	103
Philadelphia	42	21	17	4	46	111	116
Washington	42	20	16	6	46	128	128
Carolina	43	18	16	9	45	105	124
N.Y. Rangers	44	21	20	3	45	108	119
New Jersey	43	17	18	8	42	101	110
Columbus	43	19	20	4	42	117	126
N.Y. Islanders	44	15	22	7	37	119	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	45	29	7	9	67	167	124
St. Louis	41	29	7	5	63	150	95
Colorado	42	26	12	4	56	123	108
Minnesota	44	22	17	5	49	106	113
Dallas	42	20	15	7	47	123	131
Winnipeg	45	19	21	5	43	123	135
Nashville	43	18	19	6	42	102	129

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	44	31	8	5	67	146	111
San Jose	43	27	10	6	60	142	111
Los Angeles	43	26	13	4	56	113	89
Vancouver	44	23	13	8	54	117	108
Phoenix	41	20	12	9	49	123	127
Calgary	42	15	21	6	36	100	131
Edmonton	45	14	26	5	33	117	156

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

Monday's Scores
Columbus 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, SO
N.Y. Islanders 7, Dallas 3
Montreal 2, Florida 1
Calgary 4, Colorado 3

Today's Games
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Arizona (60)	15-0	1,620	1
2. Syracuse (5)	14-0	1,550	2
3. Ohio St	15-0	1,470	3
4. Wisconsin	15-0	1,427	4
5. Michigan St	13-1	1,378	5
6. Wichita St	15-0	1,203	8
7. Baylor	12-1	1,169	9
8. Villanova	13-1	1,141	11
9. Iowa St	13-0	1,076	13
10. Florida	11-2	1,052	12
11. Oklahoma St	12-2	934	6
12. Louisville	13-2	825	14
13. San Diego St	12-1	823	21
14. Kentucky	10-3	808	15
15. Colorado	13-2	752	20
16. Duke	11-3	745	7
17. Oregon	13-1	715	10
18. Kansas	9-4	367	16
19. UMass	12-1	364	23
20. Iowa	12-3	261	22
21. Missouri	12-1	247	25
22. Gonzaga	14-2	241	24
23. Illinois	13-2	178	—
24. Memphis	10-3	126	18
25. Kansas St	11-3	112	—

Others receiving votes: Cincinnati 103, Creighton 82, North Carolina 79, UCLA 79, Pittsburgh 44, Harvard 41, UConn 41, Saint Louis 31, Oklahoma 15, Michigan 11, George Washington 9, **SMU 9**, Notre Dame 3, Xavier 3, Toledo 2, Arkansas

USA TODAY TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Arizona (30)	15-0	798	1
2. Syracuse (1)	14-0	761	2
3. Ohio State (1)	15-0	741	3
4. Michigan State	13-1	687	4
5. Wisconsin	15-0	687	5
6. Wichita State	15-0	550	7
7. Iowa State	13-0	543	12
8. Louisville	13-2	503	10
9. Baylor	12-1	488	11
10. Villanova	13-1	476	14
11. Florida	11-2	473	13
12. Oklahoma State	12-2	446	6
13. Duke	11-3	399	8
13. Oregon	13-1	399	9
15. San Diego State	12-1	379	19
16. Kentucky	10-3	362	16
17. Colorado	13-2	272	24
18. Gonzaga	14-2	253	21
19. UMass	12-1	225	22
20. Kansas	9-4	151	17
21. Missouri	12-1	113	25
22. Memphis	10-3	108	18
23. Iowa	12-3	90	23
23. Creighton	12-2	90	—
25. UCLA	12-2	66	—

Others receiving votes: Pittsburgh 65, North Carolina 40, UConn 35, Saint Louis 25, Oklahoma 17, Southern Miss 15, Illinois 14, Cincinnati 13, George Washington 11, Kansas State 5, Michigan 5, Toledo 5, New Mexico 3, **Texas 3**, Harvard 2

SOUTHWEST
Prairie View 70, Alcorn St 67, OT
Southern U. 79, Texas Southern 71
West Virginia 89, Texas Tech 86, OT

SOUTH
Alabama A&M 70, Grambling St. 58
Chattanooga 82, The Citadel 78
Elon 75, Appalachian St. 66
Jackson St. 70, Alabama St. 68
Jacksonville 88, Lipscomb 85
Kennesaw St. 68, SC-Upstate 58
Mercer 73, ETSU 63
N. Kentucky 70, North Florida 64
Savannah St. 66, Md.-Eastern Shore 42
UNC Greensboro 90, Furman 82

EAST
Marist 65, Canisius 62
Pittsburgh 79, Maryland 59
Quinnipiac 86, Iona 74

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
Kansas St at TCU, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8 p.m.

SOUTH
James Madison at Col. of Charleston, 6 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Duke, 6 p.m.
Tennessee at LSU, 6 p.m.
Hampton at NC Central, 6 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Tennessee St., 7 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Alabama, 8 p.m.
Syracuse at Virginia Tech, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST
Baylor at Iowa St., 6 p.m.
Youngstown St. at Ill.-Chicago, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago St., 7:05 p.m.
Creighton at DePaul, 8 p.m.
Ohio St. at Michigan St., 8 p.m.
NC State at Notre Dame, 8 p.m.

EAST
Navy at Boston U., 6 p.m.
New Hampshire at Brown, 6 p.m.
Hartford at Dartmouth, 6 p.m.
Saint Louis at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.

Women

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (36)	15-0	900	1
2. Notre Dame	13-0	842	2
3. Duke	14-1	826	3
4. Stanford	13-1	810	4
5. Louisville	15-1	737	7
6. Maryland	13-1	722	8
7. Baylor	12-1	671	9
8. Tennessee	12-2	641	5
9. Kentucky	13-2	602	6
10. South Carolina	14-1	538	13
11. Iowa St.	13-0	525	14
12. LSU	12-2	505	16
13. North Carolina	12-3	464	10
14. Penn St.	10-3	411	15
15. Oklahoma St	12-1	385	11
16. Nebraska	11-2	328	18
17. Colorado	11-2	307	12
18. Florida St	13-1	281	21
19. California	10-3	186	23
20. NC State	14-1	164	—
21. Purdue	10-3	145	17
22. Indiana	14-0	140	—
23. Arizona St	12-2	103	24
24. San Diego	15-0	91	—
25. Georgia	12-3	88	19

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 74, Oklahoma 51, Syracuse 39, Rutgers 32, Arkansas 29, Iowa 17, Georgia Tech 11, Gonzaga 10, Middle Tennessee 7, Vanderbilt 7, Florida 4, **UTEP 4, Texas 2**, Ohio St. 1.

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Prairie View 71, Alcorn St. 68
Southern U. 70, Texas Southern 68, OT

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 63, Wofford 43
Belmont 92, Jacksonville St. 50
Chattanooga 72, Davidson 64
Cornell 59, Morgan St. 42
Furman 76, W. Carolina 69
Georgia Southern 64, Samford 61
Grambling St. 90, Alabama A&M 77
Jackson St. 71, Alabama St. 64, OT
NC A&T 62, Campbell 47
SC State 104, Southern Wesleyan 69
Savannah St. 109, Trinity Baptist 33
UT-Martin 95, Austin Peay 81

MIDWEST
Morehead St. 57, SIU-Edwardsville 53

EAST
Brown 61, Vermont 51
Bryant 80, Wagner 69
Mount St. Mary's 63, LIU Brooklyn 62
Sacred Heart 71, Robert Morris 57
St. Francis (NY) 57, Fairleigh Dickinson 55
St. Francis (Pa.) 106, CCSU 97, OT

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
Memphis at SMU, 7 p.m.

SOUTH
NJIT at Delaware St., 4:30 p.m.
Temple at South Florida, 6 p.m.
N.C. Central at Winthrop, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST
Rutgers at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Ill.) at W. Illinois, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST
Washington at Washington St., 9 p.m.

EAST
Siena at Marist, 6 p.m.
Yale at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Houston at UConn, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at UMass-Lowell, 6 p.m.

Wozniacki, Kerber advance at Sydney International

Associated Press

SYDNEY — Only days after her New Year's Eve engagement to golfer Rory McIlroy, Caroline Wozniacki opened her 2014 season on Monday with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 win over Julia Goerges of Germany in the first round of the Sydney International.

Wozniacki withdrew from the Brisbane International last week after hurting her right shoulder in practice and struggled early against Goerges, who was replacing the injured Sloane Stephens in the draw.

Another former No. 1, Jelena Jankovic, lost 6-4, 6-2 to Ekaterina Makarova of Russia in the first round earlier Monday.

Fifth-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany beat Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 7-6 (5), 7-5 to move into the second round at the Sydney International, one of the last warm-up tournaments for the Australian Open.

Kerber will next play Kaia Kanepi of Estonia, who beat American qualifier Victoria Duval 6-1, 6-3.

In other first-round matches, Lucie Safarova beat 2010 French Open champion Francesca Schiavone 6-4, 6-4 and Bethanie Mattek-Sands defeated Eugenie Bouchard 6-4, 6-3.



Wozniacki



Kerber

Also advancing was Lauren Davis, Varvara Lepchenko and Tsvetana Pironkova.

On the comeback from a long layoff with a knee injury, Mattek-Sands had a first-round loss in Brisbane last week and went through three rounds of qualifying for Sydney. She next faces defending champion and No. 1-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska.

"She reads the ball so early so it's going to be a great battle," Mattek-Sands said of her second-round match. "But I'm looking forward to it. This is why you train - it's to play the best players in the world. So why not play the No. 1 seed?"

The Hobart International had another injury setback Monday when fifth-seeded Flavia Pennetta withdrew citing a wrist injury, a day after Venus Williams pulled out following her run to the final at the ASB Classic in Auckland, New Zealand.

Top-seeded Samantha Stosur needed five match points before beating American qualifier Madison Brengle of the United States 6-7 (4), 6-1, 7-6 (5) in a match interrupted twice by rain, eighth-seeded Bojana Jovanovski of Serbia had a 7-5, 6-3 win over Annika Beck of Germany, and Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium advanced when Laura Robson retired in the second set. Robson won the first set 6-4, but was down a break at 2-0 when she retired in the second.

In other first-round matches in Hobart, Spanish qualifier Estrella Cabeza Candela beat Karin Knapp of Italy 7-5, 6-4, Australian wild-card entry Casey Dellacqua beat Belgian qualifier Alison Van Uytvanck 6-4, 6-4 and Zhang Shuai had a 6-3, 6-1 win in an all-Chinese match against Zheng Jie.

In Auckland, 21-year-old American Jack Sock, ranked 100, advanced to the second round of the ATP's Heineken Open with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Adrian Mannarino of France.

Sock, who won the 2011 U.S. Open mixed doubles title with Melanie Oudin, served 11 aces in the match.

Also, Santiago Giraldo of Colombia beat Albert Montanes of Spain 6-1, 7-6 (3).

NFL ROUNDUP

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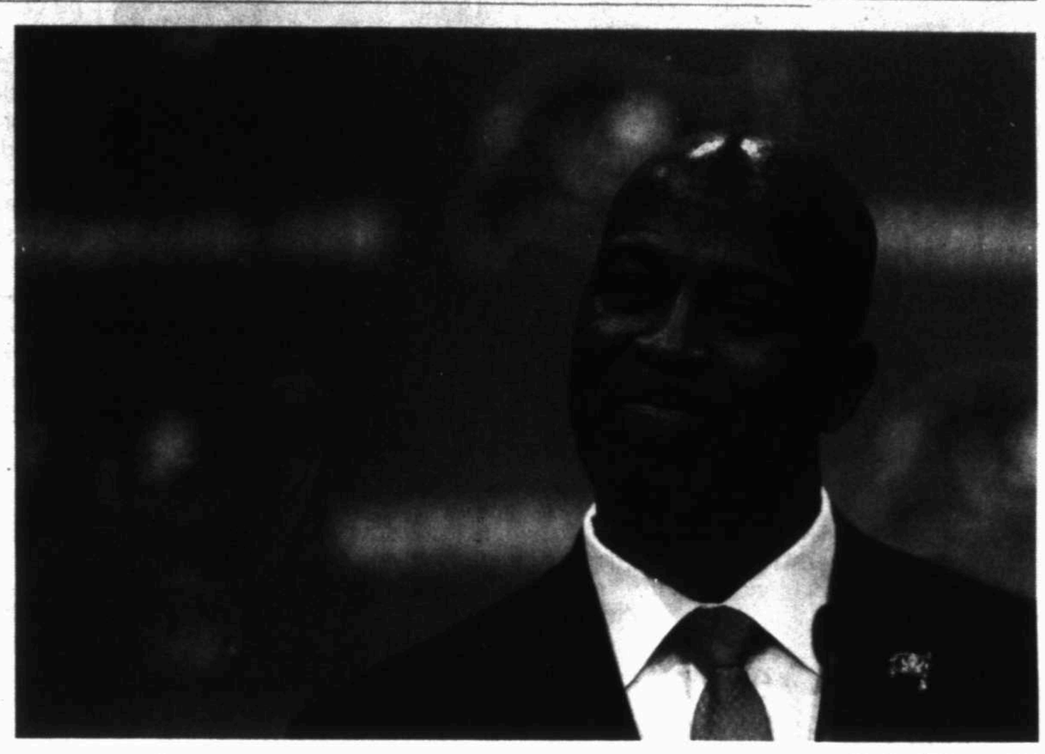
SMITH EXPECTS TO TRANSFORM BUCCANEERS INTO WINNERS: At Tampa, Fla., the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are counting on Lovie Smith to transform them into a championship contender.

The Bucs haven't made the playoffs in six years and haven't won a postseason game since a Super Bowl run in 2002 produced the franchise's only NFL title.

The Glazer family that owns the team expects the drought to end with the hiring of Smith, a one-time Bucs assistant who was formally introduced Monday as the 10th head coach in club history.

Smith coached the Chicago Bears for nine seasons from 2004 to 2012, winning 81 games, three division championships, two NFC title game appearances and one Super Bowl berth.

And, he's confident he can lead the Bucs back among the league's elite.



Chris O'Meara/AP

New Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Lovie Smith smiles during a news conference Monday in Tampa, Fla. Smith replaces Greg Schiano, who was fired at the end of the season.

DOLPHINS OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR MIKE SHERMAN FIRED: At Miami, Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Mike Sherman has been fired, marking the first offseason change for a team that missed the playoffs because of a late-season collapse.

Owner Stephen Ross was expected to demand some sort of shakeup following the team's dismal finish. Sherman joined the Dolphins when Joe Philbin was hired as head coach two years ago.

Philbin announced the move in a statement Monday.

Sherman's unit ranked 27th this season in the NFL in yards, allowed a franchise-record 58 sacks and scored once in its final 24 possessions. The Dolphins (8-8) would have made the playoffs if they had won one of their final two games against the Bills and Jets. Instead, they were beaten by a combined score of 39-7.

GRUDEN, FRANKLIN AMONG NEW REDSKINS CANDIDATES: At Ashburn, Va., Cincinnati offensive coordinator Jay Gruden and Vanderbilt coach James Franklin are among the latest candidates for the Washington Redskins coaching job.

Gruden said Monday that the Redskins were among several teams to request permission from the Bengals for an interview.

Franklin is expected to interview with the Redskins this week. The team's interest in him was confirmed by John Wooten of the Fritz Pollard Alliance, a group that encourages the hiring of minorities in the NFL.

Others expected to draw interest from the Redskins include San Diego offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt, San Francisco offensive coordinator Greg Roman and Cincinnati defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer.

The Redskins were scheduled to host New York Giants defensive coordinator Perry Fewell on Monday, making him the fifth known candidate to interview for the job.

VIKINGS ASK ABOUT BENGALS OC JAY GRUDEN: At Minneapolis, A person with knowledge of the process tells The Associated Press that the Minnesota Vikings have asked to interview Cincinnati offensive coordinator Jay Gruden for their head coach vacancy.

The person spoke Monday on condition of anonymity because the team has not made information about the search public.

The Vikings fired Leslie Frazier last week and will be making their third head coach hire in eight years. They have competition for Gruden, though. He's the younger brother of former NFL head coach and current ESPN game analyst Jon Gruden. The person said Detroit, Tennessee and Washington have also requested permission to speak to Gruden.

BROWNS NOT INTERESTED IN BOB STOOPS: At Cleveland, A person with direct knowledge of Cleveland's coaching search has told The Associated Press that the Browns will not interview Oklahoma's Bob Stoops.

Stoops did nothing to dispel a report last week that said he had the "inside track" for the job, but the person who spoke to the AP on Monday said the team is not pursuing him. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the search.

Stoops said "you never know" last week when asked about the possibility of one day coaching in the NFL. His vague remarks fueled speculation about Cleveland. Stoops is from Youngstown, Ohio, and has been linked to the Browns in the past.

Browns owner Jimmy Haslam and CEO Joe Banner are in the second week of their search after firing Rob Chudzinski. The team has conducted several interviews and is expected to meet other candidates this week.

Lions' coaching search hit a week with some clues: At Detroit, the Detroit Lions have been officially looking for a coach for a week.

The candidates to replace Jim Schwartz include: San Diego Chargers offensive Ken Whisenhunt, Baltimore Ravens offensive coordinator Jim Caldwell and Cincinnati Bengals offensive coordinator Jay Gruden.

A person with knowledge of the process tells The Associated Press that the Lions asked for permission to interview Gruden. The person — who spoke Monday on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't made information about the search public — says Minnesota, Tennessee and Washington also asked to speak with Gruden.

The Lions interviewed Caldwell last week and have expressed in Whisenhunt to replace Schwartz, who was 29-51 in five years.

LAWYERS DETAIL $765M PLAN FOR NFL CONCUSSIONS: At Philadelphia, lawyers representing former NFL players in the proposed $765 million settlement of concussion-related claims have detailed how the money would be distributed.

The awards could reach $5 million for athletes with Lou Gehrig's disease, $4 million for suicides, and $3 million for dementia cases.

Senior U.S. District Judge Anita Brody of Philadelphia must still approve the plan.

Under the formula, men under 45 would get the most money because of their lifetime needs. The money decreases with age and the severity of the cognitive problem.

A 60-year-old with Alzheimer's disease would get $950,000; an 80-year-old with early dementia $25,000.

The former players include Kevin Turner of the Philadelphia Eagles, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease. Now 44, he says he hopes the settlement helps future players avoid concussion-related brain injuries.

Blatter: Brazil far behind in WCup preparations

Associated Press

GENEVA — FIFA President Sepp Blatter criticized Brazil's slow preparations for the World Cup, calling the country further behind than any other hosting the international event during his tenure.

Brazil has completed only six of the 12 World Cup stadiums despite a FIFA deadline to finish by the end of 2013.

"Brazil has just realized what it means to organize a World Cup," Blatter said in an interview with Swiss newspaper 24 Heures. "They started a lot too late. It is the country which is the furthest behind since I've been at FIFA and moreover, it's the only one that had so much time — seven years — to prepare itself."

Six of the stadiums were ready for last year's Confederations Cup. One of the remaining six was symbolically delivered on New Year's Eve, although it won't be fully ready until the end of the month.

Delays have included financial problems, worker safety issues and construction-site accidents. Three construction workers died at stadiums late last year.

"The information arriving at the Ministry of Sports, information sent by the authorities in the host cities, and details gathered by the minister himself — who visits the sites every three months — shows that the country will be ready on time," Brazil Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo said. "Brazil has worked to prepare the World Cup since it was chosen to host the tournament."

Blatter said he believes there will be more of the protests, similar to those that marred the Confederations Cup. But he doesn't think they will impact the World Cup.

"I'm an optimist, not someone who worries," the 77-year-old Blatter said. "So I'm not worried. But we know that there will be more demonstrations, more protests.

"The last ones, during the Confederations Cup in this same country, stemmed from social networks. There was no goal, no real demands, but during the World Cup they will maybe be more concrete, more structured. But the (soccer) will be protected, I believe the Brazilians won't attack the (soccer) directly. Because for them, it's a religion."



Hannah Dreier/AP

A new all-electric race car, the Spark-Renault SRT 01E Formula E, is taken on a demonstration drive by Brazilian Formula One driver Lucas di Grassi on the grounds of the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino in Las Vegas on Monday.

Elliott to run for Nationwide title with NAPA

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Budding star Chase Elliott has landed a full-time NASCAR ride for 2014 with JR Motorsports, with surprise sponsorship from NAPA Auto Parts.

Elliott, the son of 1988 NASCAR champion Bill Elliott, will race for the Nationwide Series title at JRM driving the No. 9 Chevrolet in a nod to his father's longtime number.

The ride became possible when NAPA reversed its decision to leave NASCAR following the scandal surrounding Michael Waltrip Racing's attempt to manipulate a September race to get Martin Truex Jr. into the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.



Elliott

NAPA issued a harsh rebuke of MWR and ended its multimillion-dollar sponsorship of Truex one year into a three-year contract extension with MWR. That cost Truex his ride at MWR and forced the organization to lay off about a third of its workforce.

But the Atlanta-based company had a change of heart, deciding to return for a 19th season in NASCAR to back the up-and-coming Elliott. The Elliotts are from Dawsonville, Georgia, roughly an hour from NAPA headquarters, and Chase didn't become eligible to compete full-time in NASCAR until he turned 18 at the end of November.

"NAPA is pleased to continue its long standing involvement in NASCAR, the most popular form of motorsports in the United States supported by its many loyal and passionate fans," said Dan Askey, president of NAPA. "Chase Elliott is a young and talented, future star in the sport and will represent NAPA well both on and off the track."

NAPA representatives declined interviews.

Elliott will make his Nationwide debut at the Feb. 22 season opening race at Daytona. He will report for testing this weekend and be paired with crew chief Greg Ives, who led Regan Smith to a pair of wins and a third-place finish in the standings at JRM last season.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime for me, a chance to make a career of this," Elliott said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I couldn't ask for anything more than a chance with JR Motorsports, the backing of Rick Hendrick, and the support of NAPA. I think to have that connection with NAPA is really, really neat. The headquarters is not far from our house, and to me, that goes a lot further than you think. For both of us to come from Georgia, my home state, is special."

Electric race car makes debut on Las Vegas Strip

By Hannah Dreier
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A new kind of race car made its debut Monday with cartoonishly loud revving, the smell of burning rubber, and not a trace of exhaust.

That's because the new FIA Formula E Championship car is all electric. The championship is the first series exclusively for electric cars.

Organizers gave racing aficionados their first glimpse of the car in action at a makeshift racetrack behind the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

A setting sun illuminated the towering casino's gold-tinted windows as Brazilian driver Lucas di Grassi showed off the capabilities of the Spark-Renault SRT—01E, pulling off tight turns, breathtaking accelerations and sudden stops.

The car, designed by Spark Racing Technologies, can reach more than 150 mph.

"We are a championship on a mission, and the mission is to have more electric cars on the streets all around the world," said Formula E CEO Alejandro Agag, looking sleek among the nerdy tech crowd in an elegant blue sports coat and slightly unbuttoned white dress shirt. "People love motorsport, but now they also care very much about the environment. So together, it's a great combination."

The unveiling of the high-tech car was timed to coincide with the annual Consumer Electronics Show, a giant gadget expo that began in Las Vegas on Monday.

Organizers took the car on a trip down the Strip at dawn Sunday to capture the first footage of it in motion, surprising the few tourists who happened to be staggering out of casinos at 4 a.m.

Formula E is slated to begin next September and run through June 2015 on street courses that cut through major world cities, including Beijing, London and Los Angeles.

Hornish to drive 7 Nationwide races for Gibbs

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Sam Hornish Jr. will drive seven Nationwide Series races for Joe Gibbs Racing this season.

Hornish will share the No. 54 Toyota with Kyle Busch, who will drive the car in 26 races.

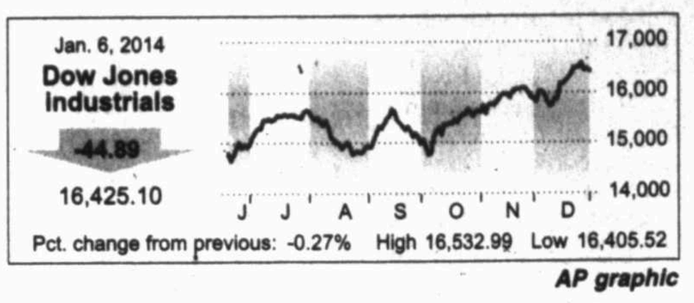
He moves to Gibbs after 10 years with Penske Racing. Hornish finished second in the Nationwide series championship race last season.

But Penske decided not to bring Hornish back this year, partly because of sponsorship issues and partly because the organization believed it was time for Hornish to move on to a Sprint Cup Series ride.

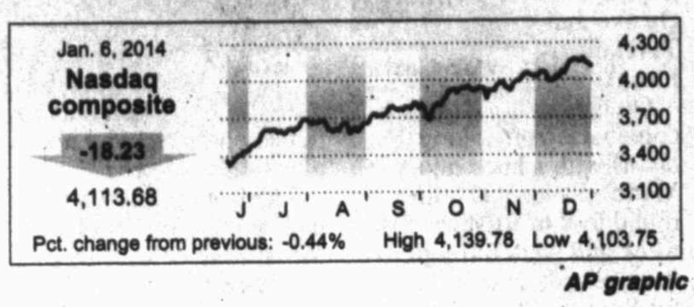
With very few open seats available, Hornish landed at JGR in the shared seat.

Hornish will drive at Talladega in May, both Iowa events, at Road America, Chicagoland, Mid-Ohio, and Kentucky in September.

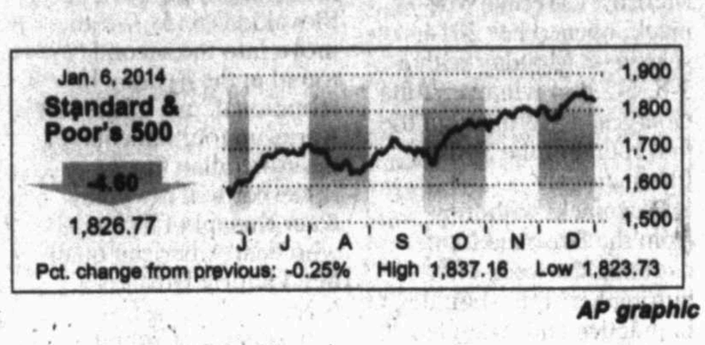
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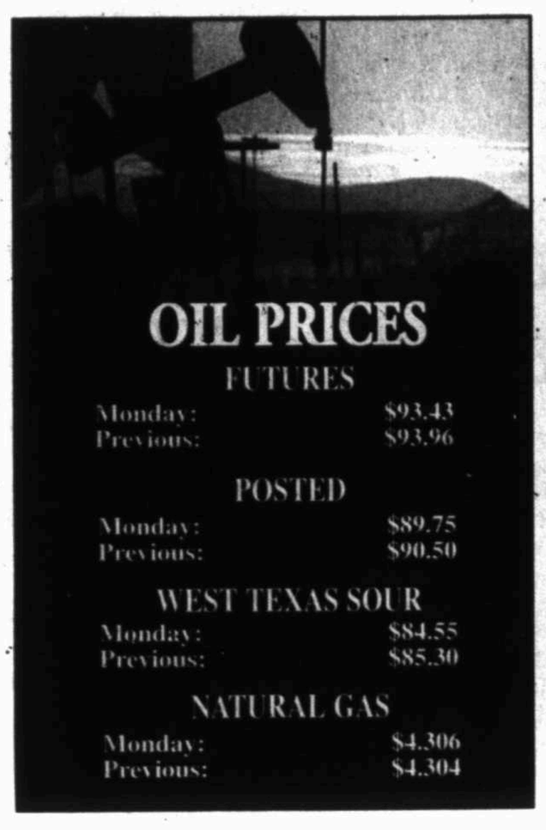
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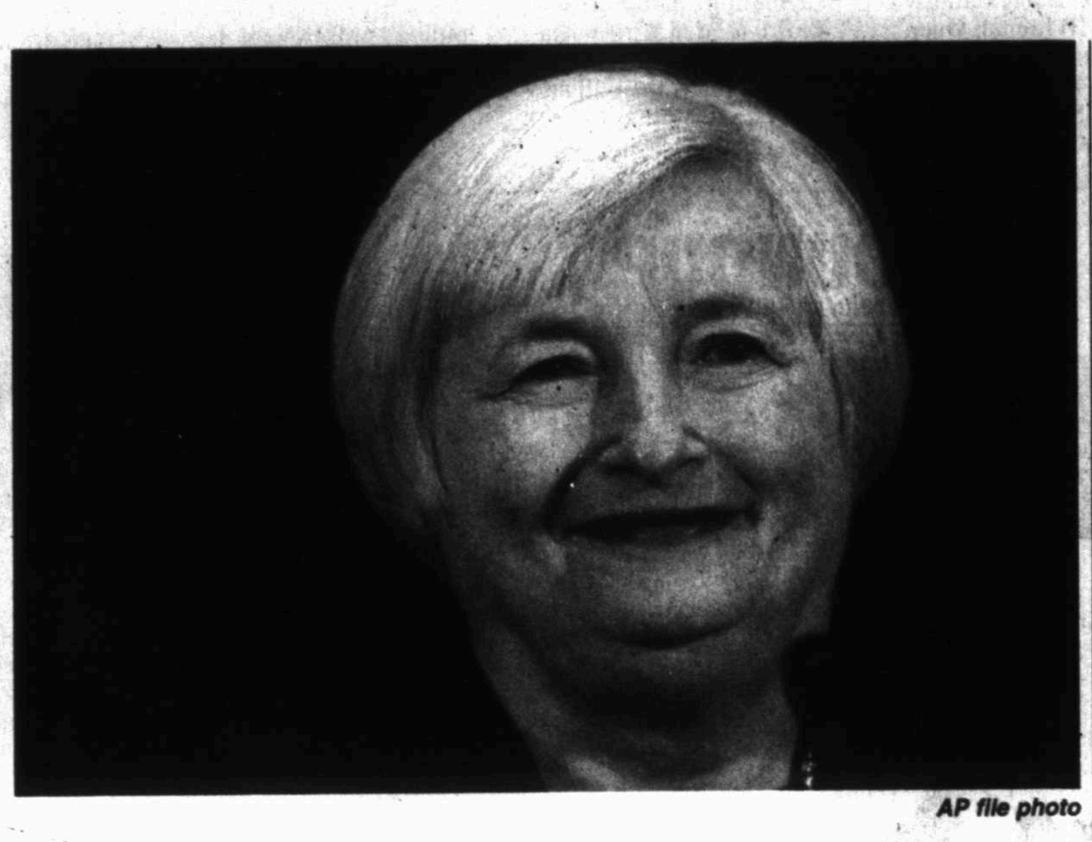


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In this Nov. 14 photo, Janet Yellen, of California, smiles as she is introduced as being the first female to be nominated as Federal Reserve Board chair, before testifying on Capitol Hill. Yellen was approved by the Senate on Monday as the first woman to head the Federal Reserve in its 100-year history.

Senate confirms Yellen to chair Federal Reserve

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate confirmed Janet Yellen on Monday as the first woman to lead the Federal Reserve, elevating an advocate of fighting unemployment and a backer of the central bank's efforts to spur the economy with low interest rates and massive bond purchases.

Yellen, 67, will replace Ben Bernanke, who is stepping down after serving as chairman for eight years dominated by the Great Recession and the Fed's efforts to combat it.

Senators confirmed her by 56-26, with numerous absences caused by airline flight delays forced by arctic temperatures around much of the country. All 45 voting Democrats were joined by 11 Republicans in supporting Yellen, while 26 Republicans voted "no."

Vice chair of the Fed since 2010, Yellen begins her four-year term as leader of the century-old bank on Feb. 1. With the economy rebounding from the depths of the recession but only modestly so far, many economists expect her to focus on how to nurture growth without putting it into overdrive, which could risk fueling inflation.

"The big debate will be when the Fed should tighten and how much, rather than when to step on the gas pedal and how hard," predicted Bill Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock Financial Services, who envisions a growing economy this year.

Under Bernanke, the Fed has driven short-term interest rates down to near zero and flushed money into the economy with huge bond purchases, which it has just started to ease. Yellen, a strong Bernanke ally, has supported those policies and is expected to continue them until concrete signs emerge of sustained improvement of the economy and job market.

In a written statement, President Barack Obama said Yellen's approval means "the American people will have a fierce champion" who will protect them.

"I am confident that Janet will stand up for American workers, protect consumers, foster the stability of our financial system and help keep our economy growing for years to come," Obama said.

Lobbyists for the banking and financial services sectors issued statements pledging to work with Yellen. Both industries have led a fight to water down restrictions imposed by Obama's 2010 law overhauling how the nation's financial system is regulated.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Yellen previously headed the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, chaired President Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers and has been an economics professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

Yellen, who as an academic has focused on unemployment and its causes, is considered a "dove" who wants the Fed more focused on creating jobs because unemployment is high and inflation is low. "Hawks" on these issues prefer a stronger emphasis on preventing inflation.

In brief debate on her nomination, Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, lauded Yellen, who was one of the first to warn in 2007 of a housing bubble that could burst and damage the entire economy.

"She understands how risky financial practices deep inside the largest Wall Street banks can have a terrible and terrifying impact on American families," Brown said.

But Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, criticized Yellen for supporting the Fed's "easy money" policies of low interest rates and bond purchases.

Crude oil price dips slightly

The price of oil slipped again Monday following a weeklong plunge.

Benchmark U.S. oil for February delivery fell 53 cents to close at $93.43 Monday in New York. On Friday, the contract fell $1.48, a decline that pushed the price 6.4 percent lower for the week. Brent crude, used to price international crude processed by many U.S. refineries, fell 16 cents to $106.73 in London.

Crude prices are falling because global supplies appear strong enough to meet growing demand in the U.S., the world's biggest consumer.

Also, an improving economy in the U.S. has prompted the Federal Reserve to begin winding down its stimulus program, which had propped up oil prices. The tapering of the stimulus program is leading to a stronger dollar, which makes commodities such as oil that are priced in dollars less attractive to buyers using other currencies.

Now that prices have fallen to account for ample supplies and a stronger dollar, they will be influenced in the coming weeks mainly by events in the Middle East, energy analyst Jim Ritterbusch predicted.

Protests at one of Libya's largest oil fields reportedly ended last week, which could allow the field to restart production and deliver more than 300,000 barrels of daily production to the global market.

Gold, silver falls

February gold fell 60 cents to $1,238 an ounce.

March silver fell 10.8 cents, or 0.5 percent, to $20.103 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1106119	16.66	+.25
S&P500ETF	930281	182.36	-.53
iShEMkts	535723	39.74	-.38
iShJapan	528787	11.97	-.04
AMD	419375	4.13	+.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VeraxPap	3.21	+2.56	+393.8
LightBox n	3.81	+1.66	+20.4
Taomee	7.50	+1.16	+18.3
Pandora	31.49	+3.90	+14.1
EKodk wtA	17.60	+1.85	+11.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GNIron	35.70	-31.37	-46.8
WSP Hldgs	2.15	-.31	-12.6
RubyTues	6.37	-.63	-9.0
TremorV n	5.02	-.47	-8.6
OfficeDpt	4.84	-.42	-8.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,443
Declined	1,670
Unchanged	74
Total issues	3,187
New Highs	137
New Lows	13
Volume	3,178,406,172

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Organovo	43501	10.18	-.72
InovioPhm	41690	2.50	...
AlldNevG	38534	3.93	-.53
ChenIereEn	35738	43.30	+.94
Neuralstem	22572	3.22	+.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnFuel grs	6.83	+.68	+11.1
DeltaApri	17.70	+1.49	+9.2
Neuralstem	3.22	+.25	+8.4
IncOpR	5.53	+.41	+8.0
Medgen wt	3.00	+.15	+5.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Electrmed	2.33	-.24	-9.3
Organovo	10.18	-.72	-6.6
Metalico	2.40	-.16	-6.3
OrionEngy	6.43	-.41	-6.0
Barnwell	2.92	-.16	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	244
Declined	161
Unchanged	25
Total issues	430
New Highs	14
New Lows	1
Volume	114,025,735

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	3197473	3.83	+.26
Facebook	658145	57.20	+2.64
Microsoft	418896	36.13	-.78
MicronT	372693	20.67	-.30
BlackBerry	367236	8.01	+.40

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OriginAg	2.56	+.72	+39.2
SupcndT rs	3.12	+.87	+38.7
AltairNano	5.16	+.91	+21.4
Fonar	23.99	+4.03	+20.2
LiveDeal	5.70	+.82	+16.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrDvrsty n	3.44	-1.28	-27.2
Gyrodyne	7.90	-2.89	-26.8
Brightcove	11.59	-2.98	-20.5
SelCmfrt	17.28	-4.07	-19.1
ChinaNRes	9.45	-1.35	-12.5

DIARY

Advanced	937
Declined	1,629
Unchanged	127
Total issues	2,693
New Highs	133
New Lows	14
Volume	2,147,145,224

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $74.80 Down 0.19

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $100.40 Down 2.22

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $33.73 Down 0.17

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $48.57 Down 0.61

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.13 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.66 Down 0.29

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.27 Up 0.03

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.24 Down 0.14

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	26	34.96	+.16	-.6
AbbVie	1.60	18	50.39	-1.91	-4.6
Abraxas	...	**35**	**3.18**	**-.06**	**-2.5**
AdamsEx	**.84e**	...	**12.91**	**-.02**	**-1.2**
AMD			4.13	+.13	+6.7
Alcoa	.12	30	10.53	-.04	.9
AlonUSA	.24a	20	16.49	+.07	.3
Amgen	**2.44f**	**18**	**113.48**	**-.99**	**-.5**
Anadarko	**.72**	**22**	**78.34**	**+.03**	**-1.2**
Apache	**.80**	**13**	**86.31**	**+.77**	**+.4**
Apple Inc	12.20	14	543.93	+2.95	+3.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**82**	**17.29**	**-.22**	**-2.2**
AriadP			6.82	.33	
ATMOS	**1.48f**	**17**	**44.19**	**-.55**	**-2.7**
AutoData	1.92f	27	79.81	-.92	-1.2
BP PLC	**2.28f**	**11**	**48.00**	**+.13**	**-1.3**
BabeCCInv	1.20		15.02	+.10	+.6
BakrHu	.60	22	53.40	-.19	-3.4
BcoBrad pf	.23e		11.99	-.04	-4.3
BkofAm	.04	22	16.66	+.25	+7.0
B iPVix rs			42.73	-.43	+.4
BasicEnSv			15.70	.08	.5
BerkHa A	...	**1617**	**460,00-1836.00**		**-1.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**20**	**51.95**	**+.18**	**-1.1**
BlackBerry			8.01	+.40	+7.7
BostonSci		24	12.33	+.40	+2.6
BrMySq	**1.44f**	**32**	**52.64**	**-.21**	**-1.0**
BrownFA	**1.16f**	**27**	**73.00**	**-.62**	**-1.0**
BrownFB	**1.16f**	**26**	**74.28**	**-.65**	**-1.7**
CVS Care	1.10f	19	69.31	-1.24	-3.2
Cameron	...	20	58.56	+.21	-1.6
Caterpillar	2.40	18	88.64	-1.18	-2.4
Celestic g	...	23	10.60	+.15	+1.9
CelThera	...	...	**2.48**	**+.28**	**+29.8**
CntryLink	2.16	...	31.67	+.07	-.6
ChesEng	.35	20	20.20	-.22	-3.5
Chevron	**4.00**	**10**	**124.02**	**-.33**	**-.7**
Chicos	.30f	19	19.17	-.17	+1.8
Cimarex	.56	22	99.19	-2.06	-5.5
Cisco	.68	12	22.01	+.03	-1.1
Citigroup	.04	14	53.81	+.41	+3.3
ClayEng	...	...	**74.80**	**-.19**	**-0.7**
CocaCola	**1.12**	**21**	**40.27**	**-.19**	**-2.5**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**27**	**64.14**	**-.04**	**-1.8**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	**1.00**	**18**	**33.33**	**-.16**	**-1.1**
ConchoRes	...	**48**	**100.40**	**-2.22**	**-7.0**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**11**	**70.26**	**+.30**	**-.6**
Corning	.40	14	17.73	-.16	.5
CrackerB	3.00	22	109.29	-1.30	.7
CrosTim	**2.32e**	**13**	**29.27**	**-.06**	**-.5**
DCP Mid	2.88f	23	49.99	+.01	.7
DTE	2.62	18	65.19	+.06	1.8
Datarm rs			2.61	.16	+.4
Dawson	...	**17**	**33.73**	**-.17**	**-.3**
DeltaAir	.24	11	29.29	+.06	+6.6
DevonE	**.88**	...	**60.25**	**-.78**	**-2.6**
DrSCBr rs			17.67	+.40	+4.1
Disney	**.80f**	**22**	**75.82**	**-.29**	**-.8**
DowChm	**1.28**	**44**	**43.59**	**-.08**	**-1.8**
DryShips			4.04	.23	-14.0
eBay		25	51.78	-1.48	-5.6
EMC Cp	40	20	24.86	.11	-1.2
EOG Res	**.75**	**40**	**164.02**	**-.54**	**-2.3**
EmpDist	**1.02f**	**16**	**22.17**	**-.04**	**-2.3**
Energen	.58	25	67.90	-.29	-4.0
EngyTsfr	3.62f	10	55.18	-.25	-3.6
EnPro	...	**36**	**56.64**	**-.58**	**-1.8**
EntPrPt	2.78f	23	64.51	-.52	-2.7
Ericsson	.43e		11.84	.02	-3.3
ExterranH	...	**24**	**34.41**	**+.48**	**+.6**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**10**	**99.66**	**+.15**	**-1.5**
Facebook			57.20	+2.64	+4.7
FordM	.40	12	15.58	+.07	+1.0
ForestOil		12	3.55	-.14	-1.7
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**51.64**	**-.12**	**-1.0**
GabMutRT	**.80**	...	**11.12**	**-.70**	**-10.4**
GAInv	**2.10e**	...	**34.63**	**+.02**	**-1.6**
GenElec	**.88f**	**20**	**27.26**	**-.22**	**-2.7**
GenMotors		17	40.40	+.83	-1.1
GtPlainEn	**.92f**	**15**	**23.85**	**-.04**	**-1.6**
Groupon			17.89	-.19	+1.1
HalconRes		18	3.45	-.22	-10.6
Halliburtn	**.60f**	**17**	**50.32**	**+.19**	**-.8**
Hertz		41	28.19	-.31	-1.5
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.97	-.04	-1.4
iShSilver			19.42		+3.8
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	36.01	-.65	-6.2
iShEMkts	.87e	...	39.74	-.38	-4.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e		65.90	-.08	-1.8
iShR2K	1.41e		113.76	-.93	-1.4
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.25	-.07	-2.1
Intel	**.90**	**14**	**25.46**	**-.32**	**-1.9**
InterDig	.40	31	29.11	-.19	-1.3
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	59.00	+.34	+1.5
JohnsJn	**2.64**	**21**	**92.33**	**+.48**	**+.8**
Keycorp	.22	15	13.44	+.12	+.1
KimbCllk	**3.24**	**22**	**104.36**	**+.01**	**-.1**
KindME	5.40f	30	80.44	+.15	-.3
KindMM	5.40f	48	75.09	+.06	-.8
LSI Corp	.12	61	11.05	+.02	+.1
LegacyRes	2.34f		28.13	+.01	-.1
Lubys	...	**52**	**7.27**	**-.21**	**-5.8**
MGM Rsts			23.48	+.03	-.2
MannKd			5.60	+.20	+7.7
MktVGold	.19e		21.93	+.10	+3.8
MastThera			.58	+.08	+24.5
McDnlds	3.24f	17	95.85	-.69	-1.2
Merck	1.76f	30	49.74	+.01	-.6
MerltMed	...	**59**	**14.67**	**-.32**	**-8.8**
MexcoEn			6.66	-.29	-3.5
MicronT		21	20.67	-.30	-5.0
Microsoft	1.12	13	36.13	-.78	-3.4
Molycorp			5.77	-.24	+2.7
Nabors	.16	39	16.95	+.14	-.2
NatGrid	**3.17e**	...	**64.33**	**-.38**	**-1.5**
NOilVarco	1.04	15	79.49	+.74	-.1
NokiaCp			8.02	-.01	-1.1
NvMAd	**.80a**	...	**12.34**	**+.10**	**+1.5**
NvPMI	**.88**	...	**12.77**	**+.19**	**+3.2**
NuvPI	**.86**	...	**13.57**	**+.14**	**+1.8**
NSTF3	**.63a**	...	**13.08**	**+.08**	**+1.8**
NTXQI	**.70a**	...	**13.11**	**+.18**	**+2.0**
OcciPet	**2.56**	**17**	**93.80**	**+.28**	**-1.4**
OfficeDpt	...	37	4.84	-.42	-8.5
Oracle	.48	16	37.47	-.15	-2.1
Pandora	...	...	31.49	+3.90	+18.4
ParTech	...	...	**5.31**	**-.06**	**-2.6**
ParkDri	...	...	**8.38**	**+.29**	**+3.1**
PattUTI	**.20**	**16**	**24.89**	**-.41**	**-1.7**
Penney	...	...	8.67	-.07	-5.2
PennaRE	**.80f**	...	**19.30**	**-.02**	**+1.7**
PeregrinP	...	...	1.66	+.21	+19.4
Pmian	.87e	16	13.26	+.15	+3.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Petrobras	.27e	...	13.16	+.04	-4.5
Pfizer	**1.04f**	**16**	**30.55**	**+.03**	**-.3**
PioNtrl	.08	43	174.06	-1.99	-5.4
PlainsAAP	**2.40f**	**18**	**50.83**	**-.38**	**-1.8**
PlugPowr h			2.77	+.16	+78.7
PwShs QQQ	.88e		86.32	-.32	-1.9
Praxair	**2.40**	**23**	**120.49**	**-.19**	**-.4**
PrmEgy	...	**10**	**50.00**	**+1.54**	**-1.0**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**20**	**80.64**	**+.19**	**-.9**
RangeRs	.16	95	81.05	+.52	-3.9
RegionsFn	.12	13	10.07	+.20	+1.8
RiteAid			5.37	-.10	+6.1
Rowan		18	34.39	-.08	-2.7
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	70.31	-.47	-1.3
SpdrDJIA	3.53e	...	163.89	-.50	-1.0
S&P500ETF	**3.35e**	...	**182.36**	**-.53**	**-1.3**
SabnR	4.01e	13	50.98	+.57	+.8
SanderFn	**.80f**	**13**	**72.31**	**-1.02**	...
SandRidge	...	...	**5.82**	**-.12**	**-4.1**
Sealant	...	**31**	**17.00**	**-.16**	**-2.1**
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	88.02	-.33	-2.3
SigmaAld	**.86**	**23**	**91.70**	**-.87**	**-2.5**
SiriusXM	...	55	3.83	+.26	+9.7
Smucker	2.32	19	100.90	-.61	-2.6
Sprint n			9.77	-.17	-9.1
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	21.91	+.02	+.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SunocoLog	2.52f	20	73.47	+.27	-2.7
TelefEsp	**.47e**	...	**15.88**	**+.04**	**-2.8**
Tesoro	1.00	17	57.57	+.43	-1.6
3M Co	3.42f	21	137.63	-.82	-1.9
Torchmark	**.68**	**14**	**77.30**	**-.28**	**-1.1**
TowerGp rl	.66	...	2.96	+.02	-12.4
TriContl	**.70e**	...	**19.83**	**+.01**	**-.8**
Twitter n			66.29	-2.71	+4.1
TylerTech	...	**92**	**101.73**	**-.56**	**-.4**
UBWV	**1.28f**	**18**	**30.54**	**-.58**	**-2.9**
Vale SA	.78e	...	14.29	-.04	-6.3
ValeroE	.90	18	49.83	+.48	-1.1
VangEmg	1.15e	...	39.27	-.38	-4.5
VerizonCm	2.12	69	48.69	+.27	-.9
VulcanM	**.04**	...	**58.06**	**-.53**	**-2.3**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**20**	**57.14**	**+.32**	**-.5**
WellsFargo	1.20	12	45.42	+.06	
WstnRefin	.88f	9	42.51	+.09	+.2
WhitingPet	...	13	58.95	-.10	-4.7
WmsCos	1.52f	43	38.40	+.37	-.4
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**14**	**27.35**	**-.15**	**-2.1**
Xerox	**.23**	**13**	**12.09**	**+.10**	**-.7**
Yahoo	...	34	39.93	-.19	-1.3
YingliGrn	...	...	6.53	-.08	+29.3
Zynga	...	...	4.04	+.07	+6.3

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16,588.25	12,883.89	Dow Jones Industrials	16,425.10	-44.89	-.27	-.91	+22.72
7,410.25	5,210.30	Dow Jones Transportation	7,234.03	-93.34	-1.27	-2.25	+31.21
537.86	443.69	Dow Jones Utilities	482.30	+.90	+.19	-1.69	+4.99
10,406.77	8,298.36	NYSE Composite	10,270.05	-26.72	-.26	-1.25	+18.91
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,351.83	-5.79	-.24	-1.42	-.30
4,177.73	2,883.52	Nasdaq Composite	4,113.68	-18.23	-.44	-1.51	+32.75
1,849.44	1,398.11	S&P 500	1,826.77	-4.60	-.25	-1.17	+24.96
19,719.24	14,700.70	Wilshire 5000	19,481.35	-60.38	-.31	-1.14	+26.44
1,167.97	831.16	Russell 2000	1,147.13	-8.77	-.76	-1.42	+30.98

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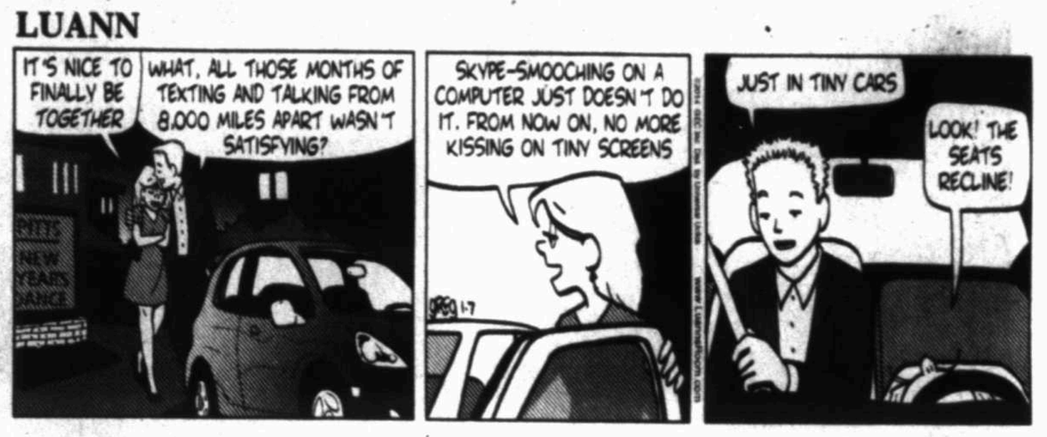
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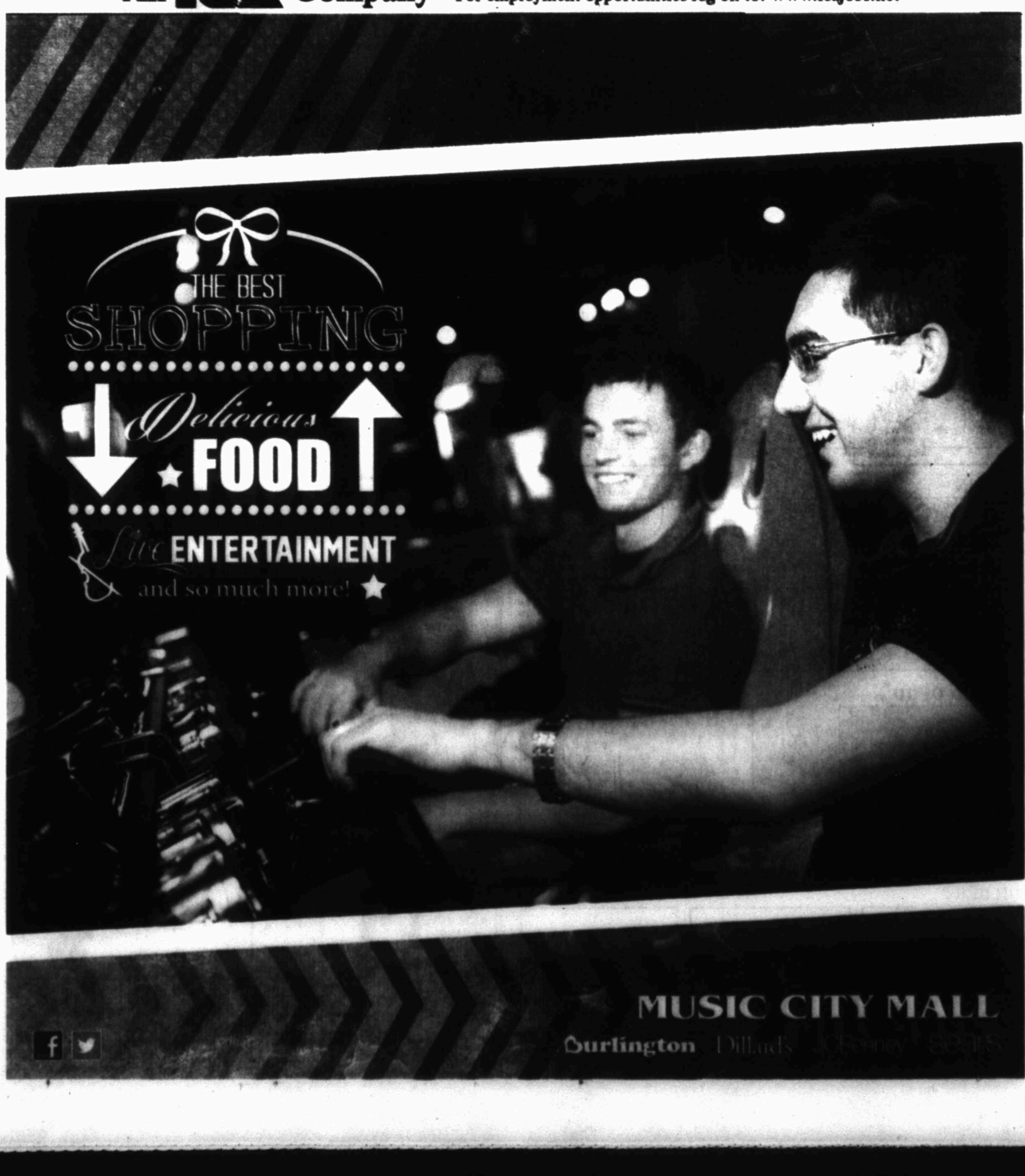
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0285490
Status/Permit No. 772170

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the RECOMPLETION permit in Sec. 48, Blk. 39, T&P RR CO. Survey, A-<N/A>, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN) Fields, MIDLAND County, being 8.5 miles SE 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 Jan 21, 2014 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.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	TEXAS TEN 'V'	
Lease/Unit Well No.	18	
Lease/Unit Acres	653.3	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1320.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	933.0	
Lease Lines:	1320.0 F SOUTH L.	1369.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines:	1320.0 F SOUTH L.	1320.0 F WEST L.

FIELD: BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN)

Lease/Unit Name:	TEXAS TEN 'V'	
Lease/Unit Well No.	18	
Lease/Unit Acres	653.3	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1320.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	933.0	
Lease Lines:	1320.0 F SOUTH L.	1369.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines:	1320.0 F SOUTH L.	1320.0 F WEST L.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) AZALEA (BEND). 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 467/0, 80.0 acres.

BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

AZALEA (BEND): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, NORMA BONOVAN, at (972) 969-3643.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jeanne Logan Smith, Deceased, were issued on January 2, 2014, in Cause No. P17696, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Jane Ann Smith Southard.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **Gary Southard**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 8185
1101 Scott Street, Suite 17
Wichita Falls, TX 76307-8185

DATED the 2nd day of January, 2014.

Gary Southard
Attorney for Jeanne Logan Smith
State Bar No. 18859500
P.O. Box 8185
1101 Scott Street, Suite 17
Wichita Falls, TX 76307-8185
Telephone: (940) 761-3344
Facsimile: (940) 723-7700

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JUANA M. GALLOWAY, Deceased, were issued on January 2, 2014, in Cause No. P-17,708, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to GLENDA GALLOWAY, Independent Executor, whose residence address is 4124 Springfield Ct., Midland, Texas 79707.

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 Executor.

Dated the 6th day of January, 2014.

COTTON, BLEDSOE, TIGHE & DAWSON
A Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 2776
Midland, Texas 79702
(432) 684-5782
(432) 682-3672 (FAX)

By: /s/ Robert H. Dawson
State Bar No. 05606000

ATTORNEYS FOR
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Business Opportunity

TRUCKING COMPANY for sale with end dumps & vacuum trailers, one winch truck. With Texas Waste Hauler Permit to transport waste. Established business in operation for 18 years 337-652-6325.

ATTN: READERS
Re: Advertising
It is against City ordinance to attach any notices or advertising matter to any utility pole. Please contact City of Midland Code Enforcement Office, 685-7410, for additional information.

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2004 VOLVO S60 R, 7 speed, silver w/tan & black leather, 109K miles, 1 owner, all service records by Volvo dealers, New tires & front brakes, excellent, AWD Turbo 4 dr. Sedan. $10,500 432-230-2680.

2006 MAZDA 6, 70K miles, serviced only at Mazda dealership, very clean. Good car for a student. Selling for $6700. Call 432-557-0996.

2008 MAZDA 6, 52K miles, garaged kept, new tires, 1 owner, sunroof. Great condition. $10,000 OBO 432-661-0224.

2010 MUSTANG Runs Great! $15K (432) 631-7202

Fax R... 682-6999

Passenger Cars

MAZDA 2004 RX8 Bright blue, 6 speed automatic, 4 door, sun roof, 97K miles, new engine at 49K miles. As is, no warranty $5,800.00 Call 432-557-8170

NICE & clean 2005 Lexus 430, 81,500, $18,500 OBO can be seen at Jorge's Cafe on Big Spring St. Midland, Texas or call 432-528-1905.

NISSAN 1987 Mitsubishi 300ZX red sport car low mileage automatic $2,000 OBO. 432-262-2685

PONTIAC 2009 G8 GT White 95,800 Miles, new tires, Great Car, Loaded, $19,500 OBO 432-288-8018

NEW TODAY!

TOYOTA 2007 Camry XLE, 113,200 miles, runs great, 1 owner, $9900. 432-894-6015.

TOYOTA 2010 Camry LE, Gold, 30k miles, $13,500. Call 432-634-3420

WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs FREE pick-up 432-685-4078

Pickup Trucks

DODGE 2001 Ram 1500, white in color vin#:3B7HC13Y91G772379, 114,571 mileage $3,500. If interested call (432)661-1809

DODGE 2002 Ram 1500 4X4, Large Mud Tires, Dark Blue, 172000 miles, Newer Engine $5750 OBO 432-528-8994

Passenger Cars

BMW of the Permian Basin
3173 Andrews Hwy - Midland
432-377-5900

2009 BMW 528i
Alpine/ Cream Beige Prem , Xenon, Assist & Bluetooth, 98k miles

2011 BMW X5 50i
Jet Black / Blk Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare seat, Head up Avtive seats 13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Blk/Blk Conv. Prem, Nav, SaT Though Loading System heated seats 4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk M sport , Tech, Prem , heated , head up display 6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera , Nav, 4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Grey/blk Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125K Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster Prem sound, Sport , Prem, 11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CL550
Blu/blu Harman Kardon, Nav, 20k miles

2012 BMW 328i Coupe
Mineral Wht/Oyster M sport , Prem , hi- fi, nav.,12k miles

2013 BMW 328i
White-Red Blk racing Stripe Sport line, Sport Trans, Nav, Heated seats, 3k miles, Unique

Legal & Public Notices

Public Notice of Midland Field Office Communications Facility — FCC TCNS Identification No. 99685

This announcement provides public notice by EOG Resources, Inc. ("EOG") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that a wireless telecommunications project ("Project") is planned for Midland County, Texas.

The purpose of this announcement is to provide public notice of the Project and invite public input on: (1) whether any Historic Property may exist in the area of the Project; and (2) if so, whether the Project may cause any effects to such property. "Historic Property" includes any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register maintained by the Secretary of the Interior.

EOG has undertaken a review of potential effects to Historic Properties within the area of the Project as required by federal law, including consultation with local and/or tribal governments. In its role as project applicant, EOG is authorized to assist the FCC in facilitating the participation of the public in this review.

This review of potential effects to Historic Properties is required by federal law, including Sections 106 and 101(d)(6) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 ("NHPA") (16 U.S.C. §§ 470f and 470a(d)(6)), and the FCC's rules, including the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (the "NPA") (47 C.F.R. Part 1, Appendix C).

The Project involves installation of an FCC-licensed wireless radio system on an existing telecommunications tower located at 5023 Princeton, Suite 12, in Midland, Texas, called the Midland Field Office Facility, TCNS Identification No. 99685. The tower is 30 feet high and is a free-standing tower that will support communications for EOG's oil and gas operations in Midland County. The Project is located in Midland, Texas; its coordinates are: Latitude: 31 deg 59 min 36.6 sec N; Longitude: 102 deg 9 min 2.8 sec W (NAD83).

Public participation and input will help both the FCC and the Texas SHPO discharge their duties under federal law. The FCC provides information about the National Historic Preservation Act requirements for wireless towers online at http://wireless.fcc.gov/siting/npa.html.

Any interested member of the public is invited to promptly submit written comments about any Historic Property or potential effect(s) the Project may have on a Historic Property. Please identify the Project as the Midland Field Office Communications Facility. Written comments should be submitted to:

Dwayne Garnett
EOG Resources, Inc.
5509 Champions Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

Comments may also be submitted by email to: dwayne_garnett@eogresources.com

Phone: (432) 686-3624

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http://www.mywesttexas.com/jobs

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Producer Accounting Position

Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, Texas is looking to fill a Producer Accounting position. Duties will include data preparation and settlement of Gas Processing plants on a monthly basis. Must have excellent computer and communication skills. Accounting degree required. Benefits include 401K, and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Producer Accountant; 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Independent Oil & Gas Company seeking a Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm. Duties include: front desk reception, answering phones, sorting mail, making travel arrangements, and other administrative duties. Candidate must be dependable, a team player, and proficient in both Word and Excel. Full-time benefits offered. Interested parties should send resumes with references to: 432-682-4325 (Fax) spresley@naguss.com (Email)

Receptionist

Dr. Wilbur Lineback FT

Extremely busy Doctor's office is looking for full time receptionist. Must be dependable, trustworthy and self motivated great people skills and organization skills, able to multitask. Job duties would include but not limited to answering phones, faxing, pulling charts, scheduling patient appointments, and closing duties.
CONFIDENTIALITY IS A MUST!

Hours from 9:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday.
*Bring Resume from 9am - 3pm Monday-Friday Only!

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Nine

817-945-1051 • 817-945-1065 (fax) • 8101 Boat Club Road, Suite 330 • Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Nine Energy Service, Inc. seeks an Administrative Assistant for our Midland, Texas facility.

This position requires an applicant to sort and data-enter information for daily statistical reports, maintain electronic file system, assist in on-boarding of employees, arrange travel and route phones, visitors and mail.

Qualified applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, able to operate a multiline phone system, possess strong Customer Service skills, sound judgment, attention to detail and effective use of time.

He/She would react well under pressure; manage competing demands; deal with frequent change, delays or unexpected events; commit to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals.

Competitive pay and full benefits. Qualified candidates may e-mail cover letter and resume to angela.jordan@nineenergyservice.com no later than January 15, 2014.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Available Positions

Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions Clerical, Sales Person, Service Technician, Shop Hand, & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Bill Keller at 432-699-7744 for interview or email resume to bill@lighthouseenergy.org.

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER

Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

HEALTHCARE

Experienced Registered Dental Assitant

Family dental office seeks **registered dental assistant** to join our team. Must be currently licensed, energetic, and personable. Prefer at least 2 years of experience. Submit resume with references by fax **432-570-6028.** Mail or drop by: **A. Andrew Wilson III, DDS, 4410 N Midkiff RD Ste D217, Midland TX 79705**

In-Home Nurse

CNS is looking for a caring and compassionate in-home health care RN or LPN in Midland, Texas, that is interested in working flexible hours, caring for an elderly patient. Qualified applicants must hold a valid state RN or LPN license and have a stable work history. Provide a continuously appropriate, comprehensive and responsive plan of care for each patient and has the ability to travel when required. Critical Nurse Staffing, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer, M/F/V/D and a drug free workplace. Apply online at: www.cnscares.com or call 1-877-259-9001

Interim Healthcare

HOME CARE AND HOSPICE

Interim Hospice
is looking for hard working and team oriented individuals for our growing company

Full Time, Part Time and PRN C.N.A's

Please contact Diana Leslie at (806) 535-7835 if interested.

OTHER JOBS

Housekeeper

Villa Chateau Apartments FT

Full time Housekeeper needed. Physical/Drug screen & Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts. 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstrp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE (
coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

OTHER JOBS

Janitor/General Cleaners

ABM Janitorial PT

Part time Janitorial positions available. Work Monday-Friday, 5:30-9:30pm no weekends. Apply at 201 W. Wall Ste 105, Midland, TX 79701.

Janitorial Help

Part-time Janitorial work in the evening. Apply at: 2311 Elizabeth Ave or call 432-570-9903

JANITORIAL

PT

Now accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Hours worked 5:30pm-8:30pm, Monday-Friday. Apply at 1307 N. Big Spring.

mywesttexas jobs

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

STRAWBERRY FIELDS Café has openings for motivated individuals with a great attitude and self starters. Great work environment, great management, pleasant customers. Part time and full time positions are available. Apply in person at 2311 W Wadley Ave., Midland. Hours of operation are 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday / 9:30 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday. We are closed on Sundays!

SALES JOBS

APPRENTICE

Peerless Tyre Company FT

Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting **$12/hour** or depending on experience. Apply **2804 W. Wall, Midland** or **3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa**

Sales Associate

Wood's Boots FT/PT

Start the New Year off right! Wood's Boots is adding to our sales team at both Midland locations. It is a good environment with great customers, the best hours in retail, room for advancement, and benefits. Stop in at 4803 Andrews Hwy or 812 W I-20 for an application

Salesperson

Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for part time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians needed. Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355, Attn: H.R. Dept.

Field Tech

Biotech, inc. is needing a Field technician to treat oil wells in the Midland area. Good pay, insurance, benefits. Must have current drivers' license with good driving record and pass drug screen. CDL not required. Send resumes to tjones@biotechinc.org

Journeyman Electrician/Line Crew Foreman

Tessco - Energy Division FT

Excellent Pay, Journeyman Electrician - Line Crew Foreman - Electical Apprentice - Linemen - Equipment Operator. 401K, Paid Vacation, Holiday Pay, etc. Valid Drivers License/Drug Screen Required. Apply in Person: TESSCO-Energy Division, 2201 N. HWY137 Stanton, TX 432-756-2201.

Journeyman Electricians & Exp. Apprentice Electricians

Electrical Maintenance Construction is looking for **Journeyman Electricians** and **experienced Apprentice Electricians**. Pay DOE. Excellent benefits including 401(k), dental, vision, paid holidays and free medical for employee. Please send resumes to **sbarr@eeronline.com** or call **432-563-5000**.

Long time respected drilling fluids company needs Experienced Drilling Mud Technician in the Permian Basin. Applicant needs to have 2+ years experience in the Permian or equivalent area and be versed in water based and oil based systems. Company offers insurance, 401K, scheduled days off, vacations and FRC clothing reimbursement and other incentives. Please send resume to c/o MRT Box M34 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX, 79701

Multiple Positions

Confidential FT/
Midland, TX **0-1 Years Exp.**

Wood production facility has immediate openings for production laborers, in Midland. Please call 806-773-2520 to schedule an interview.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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OTHER JOBS

Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager - this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package - flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

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HEARST media services

Vincent Cone, V.P. of Circulation
email to: vcone@hearstnp.com
Please come by the Midland Reporter-Telegram,
201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701 to complete an application.
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SKILLED LABOR

Now Hiring
Mattlock Drilling FT
Are you needing a change? Want to work close to home?
Have at least 6 months experience working as a actual hand on a drilling rig and have never worked for us. Then Mattlock Drilling is the place for you. We offer insurance after 90 days and vacation after a year.The schedule is 12 days on and 4 off. NO CAMP JOBS.
Hiring for
- Drillers

Top Wages. If interested come in and apply at 12505 WCR 124, Odessa Texas, 79765. Off of business 20 and the coors road. NO PHONE CALLS. Drug and Alcohol Testing. EOE

Oilfield Solutions, Inc.
EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY. Need Blenders/ Reactor Operators. We offer health insurance, vacation pay and ability to advance within growing company. Must pass pre-employment drug screen. Apply in person at 2614 S. County Rd 1257 Midland, TX 79706 or call 432-561-5071

Shop/Field Mechanics
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to felicia@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at: 1914 South County Rd 1083, Midland, TX

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL and Non CDL Drivers
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL** and **Non CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**.

CDL Drivers WANTED!!!
Bad Boy Express LLC is looking for motivated CDL Drivers. 2 years Experience and a Clean driving record required! Great pay and Assigned Trucks. For more information please call 432-230-5597

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers
AES Drilling Fluids Permian, LLC needs drivers for our yards in Midland, Ozona and Pecos. Must have class A CDL with Hazmat Endorsement. Tanker and flatbed drivers are needed, call Farrell at 432-853-4884

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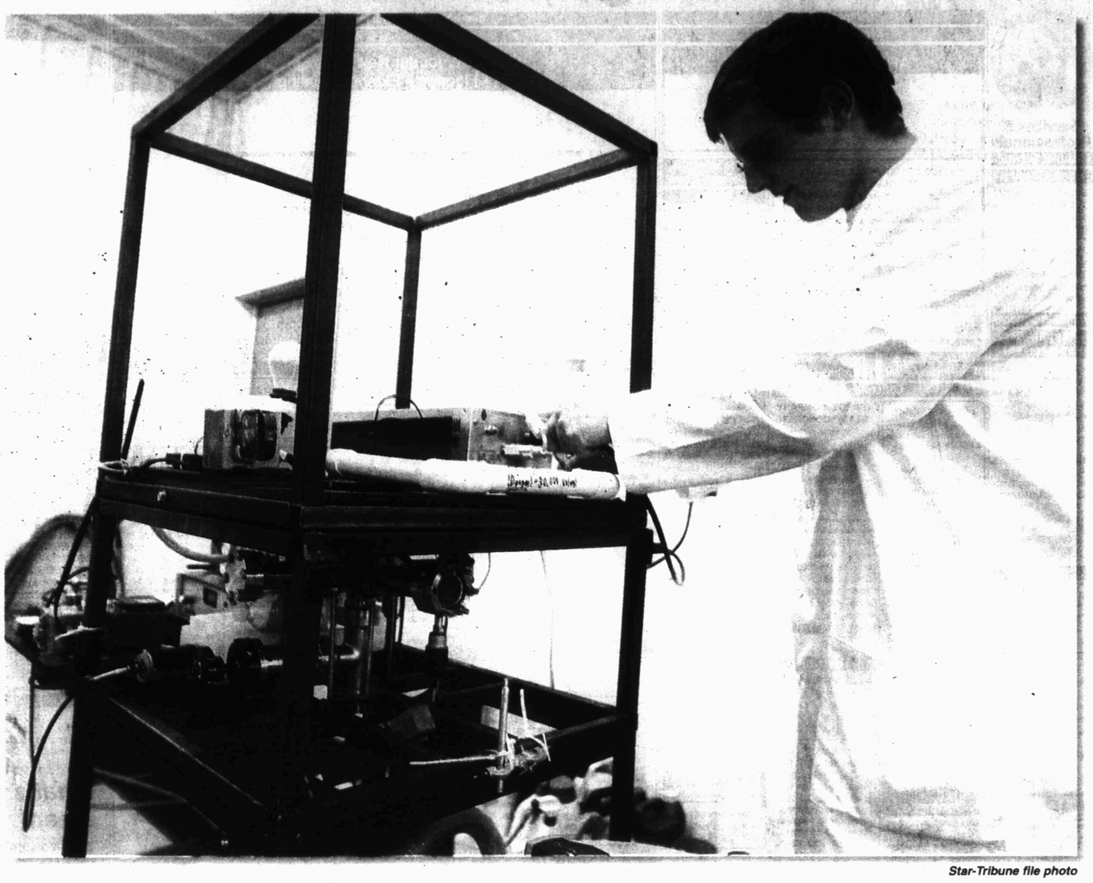
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Conrad Farnsworth, 18, demonstrates the fusion reactor he hand-built in his garage in Newcastle, Wyo., in this file photo from Jan. 17, 2013. Farnsworth is the only person in Wyoming to achieve nuclear fusion and one of only about 15 people in the world to do it while still in high school.

NUCLEAR TEEN

Wyoming teen who built fusion reactor goes to college, continues research

By Christine Peterson
Associated Press

Few people outside of Conrad Farnsworth's small, northeast Wyoming town knew about his science. Fewer than 200 people had watched a video proving he was one of only 15 high school students in the world to successfully create a nuclear fusion reactor.

Then a classmate told a reporter about his feat. A story ran in the Casper Star-Tribune in February detailing Farnsworth's reactor and his penchant for making everything from automatic potato guns to glow-in-the-dark ties.

His YouTube views soared. His story ran on Fox News, The Huffington Post and Business Insider. State Rep. Hans Hunt, R-Newcastle, lauded Conrad's achievement on the floor of the state House of Representatives.

Then the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair kicked him out for a rules violation. He was devastated, and his story grew larger.

Almost 74,000 page views. Another story in The Huffington Post and on Fox News. The Colbert Report even called Farnsworth to talk about a possible appearance.

Reflecting on the past year from outside his lab at South Dakota School of Mines, Farnsworth said the fame was unexpected and the outcome exactly what was meant to be.

About one year ago, Farnsworth hoped to go to Massachusetts Institute of Technology and achieve honors at the international science fair with his reactor.

He didn't make it into MIT, and on May 14, one day into the Intel science fair in Arizona, he was disqualified. He had participated in too many science fairs in the wrong order.

Students are only allowed to go to one qualifying regional fair and then one qualifying state fair. The rule keeps students from jumping from one fair to another until he or she qualifies. Newcastle competitors went to the Wyoming State Science Fair in Laramie, then went to South Dakota's regional science fair, since it was less than 100 miles away. Conrad qualified in South Dakota but not in Laramie.

His teachers said they didn't know about the rule.

Since May, the International Science Fair has not changed its stance on order or number of fairs, said Michele Glidden, director of science and education programs for the Society for Science and the Public, the organization that runs the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

But it gave the Wyoming State Science Fair more spots for students to use to qualify for the international fair.

"We granted those extra spots so they can better represent the students from Wyoming," Glidden said.

Any change is too late for Farnsworth's science fair future. He graduated from high school shortly after the disqualification. It was his last fair competition.

He's not bitter or disappointed anymore.

"I've been thinking on it a lot and praying on it, and the more I do the more I realize this is where I was supposed to be," he said. "I've come to terms and the main theme I've taken away is let it be."

His passion for science hasn't changed. His fusion reactor, the one he built in his dad's shed on a hill outside of Newcastle, is now resting in a formal lab at the School of Mines.

He has his permits from health and safety, but still needs a radiation permit from the university before he can start working on it again. It's no longer just a potential hazard for him.

He's also looking at nondestructive evaluation with ultrasound machines and doing "a little fractal research."

He built a collapsible drone on a 3-D printer recently. It didn't fly, but it collapsed. He will pursue a working prototype in 2014.

And when he's done, Farnsworth has dozens of other projects waiting.

2013 provided a lot of viral entertainment

What? No question? So what are we going to talk about this week kiddies? How about the viral entertainment of the past year?

Let's start with videos. According to YouTube, the most watched video that was published this year was Psy's Gentleman, which garnered an impressive 600 million views. I have no idea how because this was Boring (yes, with a capital 'B').

I was much more impressed with What Does the Fox Say? by Ylvis, which caused a spike in the number of fox Halloween costumes this year. Even more impressive was Saturday Night Live's sendup of the video, What Does my Girl Say?

Staying in the realm of video, apparently the Harlem Shake was trying to be the next...something. What, is not entirely clear. More shakeworthy is Jeff Gordon's incognito test drive for Pepsi Max. And I don't even particularly like him as I'm more of a Kenseth guy myself.

Finally, 2013 was the year of the bat, Batman that is. Whether it was the obnoxious Bat Dad or, get the hankies out and watch Miles Scott save Gotham as Batkid, possibly Make-A-Wish Foundation's most high-profile wish granted ever.

Speaking of wishes, a lot of American families got their prayers answered this year when their loved ones returned from service overseas. Just search for "soldiers coming home" and make sure you have a few boxes of tissues handy.

How about memes? Don't know what a meme is? Don't worry; neither did I. Official definition is "an idea, behavior, or style that spreads from person to person within a culture." Well that's helpful. When did lawyers start writing dictionary definitions?

Digging a little further, a meme is "a concept that spreads rapidly from person to person via the Internet." Mmmm, not much better. How about "catchy pictures." I'm OK with it but some purist will probably go all goat whiny on me.

Let's start with Grumpy Cat (www.grumpycats.com). I'm not sure if he technically started in 2013, but his reign of grumpiness is too impressive to ignore.

Hadouken is another meme that has literally exploded onto the scene this year (hadoukening.net). Hadouken, also known as Makankosappo (say that five times fast) and made famous by the original Street Fighter games, is a photo where it appears a person possesses a "magic penetrating killing ray" causing people around them to be thrown back with great force. It started with Japanese schoolgirls and hasn't stopped since.

Another spin on this is called Vadering (knowyourmeme.com/memes/vadering), where people recreate the infamous 'air-choke' move that Darth Vader performed in Star Wars.

Staying with the mystical forces theme, there is Invisible Spaghetti (www.memecenter.com/fun/573666/invisible-spaghetti). This meme mocks the hordes of young girls who apparently have no better moves than making duck faces during selfies. The duck face look is strikingly similar to a person slurping up spaghetti and so the meme adds a plate of spaghetti to the picture and voila, comic gold!

Another favorite of mine was Where will you be when diarrhea hits?, but that is a little crass to give you a link for, so I'll make you hunt for that one yourselves.

Finally, if you don't like any of my ideas, there is nothing stopping you from publishing your own brand of humor. Check out memegenerator.net. Find a quirky picture, add a sarcastic comment and boom goes the dynamite, you may have the meme of the year for 2014!

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