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Demolition of city buildings estimated at $6 million

Mechanical demolition to take six months for old courthouse

By Joseph Basco
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One local architectural firm has estimated $5.99 million as the cost for the city of Midland to remove asbestos and demolish three vacant downtown buildings, including the former Midland County Courthouse, a potential site for downtown development.

On Tuesday, Gary Vandergriff of Vandergriff Group Architects presented to the City Council the cost estimate, timeline and means of demolition. Other than the multi-million dollar estimate, Vandergriff revealed an project timeline that involves nine to 10 weeks of asbestos abatement, six months of mechanical demolition of the courthouse, three months of mechanical demolition of the Mid-America Building and Midland Executive Center and one month of site reclamation.

So if the project follows the timeline, the sites will be cleared out by late December or early January 2016. The new timeline replaced previous estimates made by the city that had demolition completion for March.

Vandergriff said implosions for demolition, as opposed to the mechanical method listed in the cost estimate, is not suitable because of the small size of the buildings. He added that implosion for demolition would be better for buildings with 10 or more stories.

During the demolition, the areas will be fenced off and streets around the sites will remain open.

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GO CRAZY FOR COOKIES

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Girl Scout Kynlee Tatsch, 7, of Troop 230, sells cookies on the corner of Neely Avenue and Midland Drive on Tuesday.

Girl scout cookie guide

Four ways to get your cookies

■ **Order from a Girl Scout:** Sales run until March 1 for Scouts selling in their neighborhoods and to family and friends. If you don't know a Girl Scout, call the council at 915-566-9433 to get in touch with a troop in your area.

■ **Booth sales:** Troops run cookie booth sales at various locations around Midland until March 1. Sales generally run from 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Locations include the Town and Country shopping center, 1000 North Midkiff Road; Garfield Plaza, at the corner of Garfield Street and Loop 250; Sherwin Williams, at the corner of Midland Drive and Neely Avenue; and both Wal-Mart locations, 200 West Interstate 20 and 4517 North Midland Drive (limited sales dates). Cookies are $4 a box.

■ **Find sales locations online:** Visit www.girlscoutcookies.org to find locations of booth sales online. Never miss a sale with the free Cookie Finder application, which lists the time, date and location of all cookie booth sales in the country.

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Cookie flavors

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■ **Thin Mints:** Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a mint chocolaty coating. Vegan.

■ **Peanut Butter Patties/Tagalongs:** Crispy vanilla cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolaty coating. Vegan.

■ **Caramel deLites/Samoas:** Vanilla cookies topped with caramel, sprinkled with toasted coconut and laced with chocolaty stripes.

■ **Peanut Butter Sandwich/Do-si-dos:** Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling.

■ **Shortbread/Trefoils:** Traditional shortbread cookies.

■ **Lemonades:** Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon-flavored icing. Vegan.

■ **Thanks-A-Lot:** Shortbread cookies dipped in rich fudge and topped with an embossed thank-you message in one of five languages. Vegan.

■ **Cranberry Citrus Crisps:** A crispy cookie made with whole grain and full of tangy cranberry bits and zesty citrus flavor.

■ **Trios:** The newest flavor, a peanut butter oatmeal cookie with chocolate chips. Gluten free.

Different names

Cookie lovers who have lived all over the country might notice different names for some flavors. That's because cookies are produced by two bakeries that use slightly different recipes and ingredients.

Source: Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest

MOTRAN: Long list of projects, not enough money

■ Half of $140 million earmarked for area is set aside for interstate maintenance

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Only half of the available $140 million for road infrastructure work will be available for work on local road infrastructure projects with the other half dedicated to maintenance and other projects on Interstate 20, according to James Beauchamp, the President of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, or MOTRAN.

The startling fact came to light at a MOTRAN luncheon that featured a visit from Al Alonzi, the Texas Division administrator for the Federal Highway Administration, who spoke of the Lone Star State's nearly 50 percent growth in both population and vehicle traffic since 1990.

"That's a lot of people; that's a lot of strain on the existing system in order to just maintain what we have, not to mention trying and put some more options out there so we can more efficiently and effectively move people and goods safely," Alonzi said of the challenges that Austin has in improving the state's road infrastructure.

The recently passed Proposition 1, which allocated over $1.7 billion from the state's rainy day fund, has been seen by some as a chance to get much-needed road work completed. But Alonzi tempered expectations of what the new money could accomplish.

"Even with ... $1.74 billion, it doesn't come close to the needs to simply maintain what it is we have," he said. "I remember when a billion dollars seemed like a lot of money. It's just not a lot of money."

In an area where oilfield traffic coupled with the increase in local traffic from residents has left some roads crumbling, the lack of funding is a problem for Beauchamp, who wants to see big projects such as the completion of the loops in Odessa and Midland.

"If you look at other cities like San Angelo, Lubbock, Abilene, Amarillo, all of those that have these more built out, fully functioning loops ... having that takes a lot of pressure off a lot of the other local roads that we have here," he said. "In Midland those are huge projects that are long-term commitments, but we can't even start pieces or parts of them today because so much of the local funds that were going to be available are siphoned off into interstate maintenance and projects like that."

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Jury picked for train crash trial

■ Jury consists of six men, six women; attorney expects trial to produce commentary on city's role

By Joseph Basco
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Jury selection for the Nov. 15, 2012, veterans' train crash concluded Tuesday evening, ending the two-day-long process.

Six men and six women were chosen for the trial. Two alternate jurors — one man and one woman — also were picked.

Opening remarks will begin today at 9 a.m. in the 441st District Courtroom in the Midland County Courthouse.

On Monday, as jury selection was ongoing, a Midland attorney who was once part of the lawsuit assessed the trial, discussing the parties involved and the complexity of the trial.

Camden Chancellor of Chancellor Law Firm was once on the defense team for Smith Industries and Dale Hayden, the driver of the parade float — carrying veterans and their wives — that was struck by a train at the Garfield Street railroad crossing. He is now observing the trial as it unfolds, not representing any parties.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged for allegedly stabbing two others

A Midland man was arrested Sunday for allegedly stabbing two other men after a dispute, according to court documents.

Randy Gutierrez, 19, was charged with two second-degree felonies of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was held Tuesday on a $150,000 bond.

Gutierrez

Midland police officers were called out to the 1900 block of Garden City Highway around 11:45 a.m. Sunday. The officers saw a large amount of blood and were notified that two men had been transported to the emergency room, according to the arrest affidavit.

One man had a knife wound to his abdomen and required surgery; the other man had a knife wound to the center of his neck, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit did not indicate what led officers to Gutierrez, who told a detective that he stabbed the two men after they began attacking one of his friends, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the two second-degree felonies, Gutierrez faces up to 40 years in prison.

Man allegedly kicks officer in the face

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly kicking a police officer in the chest and face, according to court documents.

Juan Hernandez, 18, was charged with a third-degree felony of assault on a public servant. He was held Tuesday on a $20,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Hernandez

The arrest affidavit stated that Midland police officers were dispatched to the 3100 block of West Loop 250 at 3:20 a.m. in response to a single vehicle accident. The officers found the driver, later identified as Hernandez, acting very strangely and that there was a strong smell of marijuana. The officers took Hernandez to one of their vehicles, but he attempted to run away.

An officer took Hernandez to the ground, at which point he began to struggle and kicked the officer in the chest and the face, allegedly causing swelling under one of the officer's eyes. Hernandez was then arrested, and the officers found a small bag with marijuana in the ashtray of Hernandez's truck, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony Hernandez faces up to 10 years in prison.

Man allegedly points gun at restaurant employees

A 21-year-old man was arrested Sunday after allegedly pulling up to a restaurant drive-through window with a gun and threatening employees, according to court documents.

Christopher Taing of Midland was charged with a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a third-degree felony of obstruction or retaliation. He was being held Tuesday on a $50,000 bond.

Taing

Midland police officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Andrews Highway at about 4 p.m. Sunday in response to an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. A man — later identified as Taing — drove to the drive-through and appeared to be either drunk or "high," according to the arrest affidavit.

He became irate when he was refused service and then pointed a gun at employees, according to the affidavit. He allegedly said he was going to "lay everyone out" before driving away.

Police officers who found Taing's vehicle in the 2800 block of Roosevelt Avenue saw him get out of his vehicle in an aggressive manner, according to the affidavit. He ignored the officers' commands and, while they tried to take Taing into custody, he continued to try to move his hands away from officers, according to the affidavit.

The officers saw a black handgun on the floorboard of the vehicle. Taing claimed that he did not shoot anyone and that the gun had been in his lap, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second- and third-degree felonies Taing faces up to 30 years in prison.

Inmate set to die today wins reprieve

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Texas' top criminal court called off today's scheduled execution of a death-row inmate linked to five killings in Houston, though attorneys said the court didn't immediately explain its decision.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals issued a reprieve Tuesday afternoon to inmate Garcia White, who was sentenced to death after being convicted of fatally stabbing twin 16-year-old girls at a Houston apartment where their mother also was killed. White also was tied to the deaths of a grocery store owner and a prostitute.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys said the court didn't immediately explain its decision. Another inmate is scheduled for execution Thursday for a separate crime in the nation's busiest death-penalty state.

In their appeal, White's attorneys argued that he may have been mentally impaired because of longtime cocaine use when he waived his right to an attorney during interrogations. They also said DNA evidence suggests a second person may have been involved in the triple slaying.

The bodies of Bonita Edwards, 35, and her 16-year-old daughters Annette and Bernette were found at their Houston apartment a few days after they were last seen in December 1989. But his confession came only after he was arrested six years later, for the July 1995 death of 55-year-old Hai Van Pham, who was fatally beaten during a robbery at his Houston store.

White told police he went to Edwards' home to smoke crack cocaine and killed her during an argument, then attacked one of her daughters when she came out of her room. Evidence shows the attacker also broke down the locked door of the girls' bedroom.

"I stabbed one in the bedroom and one in the living room," White told detectives, who said both girls' throats were slit.

White was convicted of killing the teenagers and charged but not tried for the deaths of Bonita Edwards and Pham. Authorities also linked but never charged White to the slaying of a prostitute.

STATECRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

3 men among Texas most-wanted sex offenders arrested

Three men on the state's list of 10 most-wanted sex offenders have been taken into custody over a two-day period.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Tuesday announced that one of the men, 57-year-old Charles Leon Carr, was found in Vera Cruz, Mexico, by authorities acting on a tip. He was deported to Texas on Thursday. Carr was wanted on charges that include failure to register as a sex offender.

Fifty-three-year-old Paul Ray Bass was arrested Friday by U.S. marshals in Houston. DPS says Bass was wanted for failing to comply with sex offender registration requirements.

The third suspect, 29-year-old Derrick Garton, was arrested following a traffic stop Friday in the East Texas town of New Boston. DPS says he also failed to comply with sex offender registration requirements.

DALLAS

Owner of mortuary where decaying bodies found enters plea

An owner of a Fort Worth mortuary business where decaying bodies were left unattended last summer has pleaded guilty to an unrelated charge of illegally receiving federal benefits.

Federal prosecutors say 35-year-old Rachel Hardy pleaded Tuesday to food stamp benefit fraud. She faces up to 20 years in prison.

Authorities say she claimed on federal applications that she was a single parent with no income. But they say during that time she purchased three high-end vehicles, one of them a $53,000 Range Rover.

Hardy at the time was an owner of two businesses. One of them, Johnson Family Mortuary, closed in July due to nonpayment of rent. Seven of the eight bodies found there were in advanced stages of decomposition.

GEORGETOWN

Man charged after police say he burned toddler in hot bath

A 26-year-old man is facing criminal charges after Georgetown police say he burned his girlfriend's toddler with hot water in a bathtub.

According to a police affidavit released Monday, Christopher Caldwell has been charged with injury to a child.

Police in December received a report about a medical emergency involving a child at a home. When officers arrived, they found a 2 1/2-year-old who appeared to have burns on the lower half of his body.

The child was taken to a hospital, where doctors determined he had first-degree burns. The affidavit says Caldwell allegedly told officers he was bathing the boy because the child had urinated on himself.

It wasn't immediately clear if Caldwell had an attorney yet.

HOUSTON

18 charged in crime ring, armed bank robberies

Police say 18 people have been charged in a Houston-area crime ring linked to stolen vehicles and armed bank robberies.

Houston police announced the arrests Tuesday and the search for additional robbery suspects.

Several law enforcement agencies last March began the investigation after a series of bank robberies.

The 16 men and two female defendants have been charged with bank robbery or bank "jugging" during incidents since last April. Jugging is when bank customers complete their transactions and are then followed and robbed.

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Judge refuses to toss Perry case on constitutional grounds

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A judge on Tuesday refused to dismiss a felony abuse-of-power case against former Gov. Rick Perry on constitutional grounds, ruling that criminal charges against the possible 2016 presidential candidate should stand.

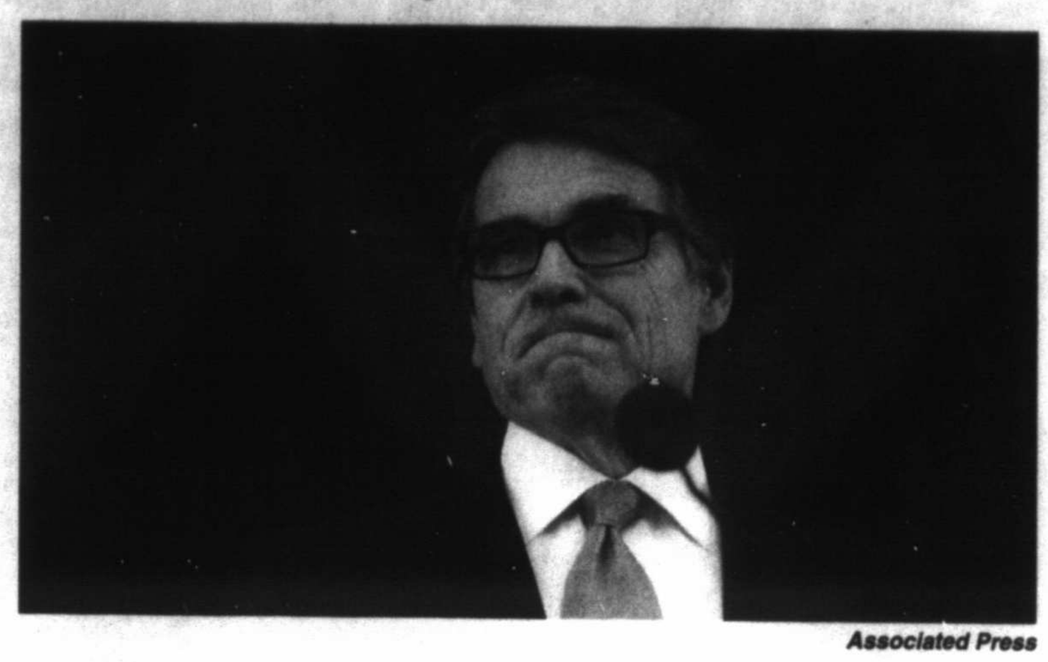
In 44 pages of decisions and orders, District Judge Bert Richardson, who like Perry is a Republican, rejected calls from Perry's pricy defense team to toss the case because its client was acting within his rights as chief executive of America's second-most populous state when he publicly threatened, then carried out, a 2013 veto of state funding for public corruption prosecutors.

Richardson wrote that, "Texas law clearly precludes a trial court from making a pretrial determination regarding the constitutionality of a state penal or criminal procedural statute as the statue applies to a particular defendant."

Perry was the longest-serving governor in Texas history but chose not to seek re-election last year and left office Jan. 20. He is seriously considering a second run for president after his 2012 White House bid flamed out in a series of public gaffes, however, and says he may announce a final decision as soon as May.

Perry has spent more than $1.1 million of his campaign funds on his defense — and Richard's ruling means it will likely continue for several more months at least.

David Botsford, one of Perry's defense attorneys, said the legal team had filed a notice of appeal. Another attorney, Tony Buzbee, issued a statement saying that the former governor "acted lawfully and properly exercised his power under the law" and that his continued prosecution "is an outrage and sets a dangerous precedent in our Democracy."



Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry addresses a joint session of the Texas Legislature on Jan. 15 in Austin. A judge on Tuesday refused to throw out a felony abuse-of-power case against former Gov. Perry on constitutional grounds, ruling that the case against the possible 2016 presidential hopeful should continue.

Perry was indicted in August on charges of abuse of official power and coercion of a public servant. He is accused of publicly threatening — then making good on — the veto of $7.5 million in state funding for a public corruption division within the office of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg. That came after Lehmberg, a Democrat whose county includes Austin, rebuffed Perry's calls to resign following a conviction and jail time for drunken driving.

Texans for Public Justice, a left-leaning watchdog group based in Austin, raised concerns that gave rise to the criminal case. The group's executive director, Craig McDonald, released a statement Tuesday saying, "The prosecutor and a grand jury have said there's compelling evidence against Perry. That evidence should be presented in court for all to see. The chances of that happening improved today."

In a 60-page motion filed in August, Perry's attorneys had said the law being used to prosecute him is unconstitutionally vague and decried "attempts to convert inescapably political disputes into criminal complaints."

Richardson did rule Tuesday that one of the charges against Perry was vague, but he gave the state time to correct it.

A grand jury in Austin — a liberal enclave in otherwise largely conservative Texas — indicted Perry. If convicted, the former governor faces a maximum 109 years in prison. Perry calls the matter a political witch hunt and says he would issue the veto again if given the chance. When he was booked and fingerprinted, Perry smirked in his mug shot — then tweeted about going for ice cream.

Top national Republicans initially lined up to praise Perry and decry the criminal charges against him — but they've been less vocal about their support as the case drags on.

An exception was fellow Texan and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who's also mulling a presidential run. The tea party favorite on Tuesday night called Perry "a good man, a man of integrity, and a friend."

"The district court's decision to allow this case to proceed is both unfortunate and wrong, and it profoundly undermines the rule of law," Cruz said in a statement.

Richardson had previously refused to toss the case on a series of technicalities Perry's lawyers raised, including questioning whether the special prosecutor assigned to the case, San Antonio attorney Michael McCrum, was properly sworn in.

McCrum has said from the start that the case is stronger than it may outwardly appear, and that it should be heard by a jury.

STATEPOLITICS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Lt. Gov. Patrick: Open carry not a top Senate priority

After pledging in his campaign to fight for open carry of handguns in Texas, Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick now says it's not a priority and doesn't have the votes to pass.

The issue seemed to be gaining strong momentum for the 2015 session with support from Gov. Greg Abbott, Patrick and other top Republicans who swept into office in November. But Patrick doused the hopes of gun rights advocates with his remarks Tuesday at a forum hosted by the Texas Tribune.

Patrick, who has supported expanding gun rights in previous votes as a state senator, said "open carry doesn't reach the level" of the Republican-dominated chamber's other priorities, such as the state budget and public education.

Texas hasn't allowed open carry of handguns since immediately after the Civil War. Several bills had been filed this session to allow open carry, ranging from requiring a license to letting anyone carry a handgun in public, also known as "constitutional carry." While most have been filed in the House, at least two have been filed in the Senate.

Patrick's campaign website, which is still online, notes he will "fight for open carry."

But now that he occupies one of the most powerful offices in the state, Patrick walked back from that promise Tuesday.

"I don't think there's support in the Legislature to pass it," Patrick said. "I haven't had anyone bring it up to me."

Patrick's comments came a day after a small rally by open carry advocates at the Capitol, the second in as many weeks.

"I'm pretty disappointed in Dan Patrick," said C.J. Grisham, president of Open Carry Texas and founder of Monday's rally. "It's lack of leadership from a guy who says he supports gun rights but won't try to rally his own troops. If we don't have the votes, prove it. Let's hold them accountable."

Patrick later posted a statement on his Facebook page that said he'll let the Senate vote on an open carry bill if it has enough support. But it didn't address his comment about the issue not being a priority.

One gun issue that does have broad support in the Senate is a measure to allow concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into college buildings and classrooms. The issue sparked fierce debate in previous sessions but never became law.

The new campus carry bill has 19 co-sponsors, precisely the number needed under Senate rules to bring a bill up for a vote. The House would still need to take up the measure.

AUSTIN

Senate GOP unveils budget with $3B in property tax cuts

Tax cuts promises from Republicans began taking firmer shape Tuesday when Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick unveiled a draft Senate budget that would deliver $3 billion in property relief to Texas homeowners.

Still missing are the details on how the Senate would pull that off — and how much it might actually knock off the average property tax bill. When the Legislature last made sweeping tax cuts in 2006, about $7 billion in annual property tax relief was passed, which experts say shaved about 20 percent off the average bill.

Those cuts blew a massive hole in the budget and property taxes in economically booming Texas have kept ballooning. That has made tax relief a priority from Republican Gov. Greg Abbott on down, including among some Democrats.

The House didn't include tax relief in its first spending plan, but a surplus of $7.5 billion has left lawmakers with spending flexibility.

"I believe the House wants tax relief. We just spelled it out very clearly," Patrick said.

Despite falling oil prices in a state heavily dependent on energy production, Texas' comptroller has predicted economic growth will continue and offered a relatively sanguine estimate of state revenues over the next two years, which is the basis for both the Senate and House budgets.

Both the Senate and House budgets are mere starting points for negotiations over the next five months. A two-year budget is the only bill that the Texas Legislature is constitutionally required to pass.

Patrick is also running up a big border security tab in his first session presiding over the Senate. His budget calls for $815 million in spending on everything from SWAT team expansions to a $10 million high-altitude plane with infrared cameras.

Conspicuously missing from the Senate budget: money for anti-public corruption prosecutors in the state's Public Integrity Unit. Former Gov. Rick Perry vetoed state funding for the unit in 2013 when Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg refused to resign following a drunken driving arrest.

Perry was indicted on abuse of power charges last summer for carrying out his veto threat. A judge is expected to rule soon whether that criminal case will continue.

The House budget proposed $6 billion for the unit, but that money is contingent on lawmakers passing reforms.

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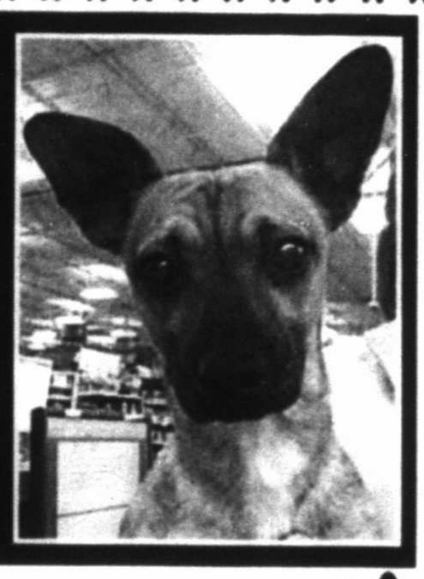
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytima for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

■ Harlem Globetrotters' "Washington Generals' Revenge" tour, 7 p.m., Chaparral Center. harlemglobetrotters.com.

Meeting this week

Midland Development Corp.
8:30 a.m. Friday
City Hall basement,
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m, First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St. (old Hodge Theater).

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

Community calendar

■ Casa de Amigos is hosting an informational session at 1:30 p.m. today on earned income tax credit. Speaking at the session will be Maria Bustamante with the IRS office in El Paso.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 682-9701.

■ Keep Midland Beautiful and Midland TreeKeepers are hosting "After the Storm: Tree Care 911" 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

■ Midland ISD is hosting St. Paddy's Day Dash March 21 at Central Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the race through historic Midland begins at 9:30 a.m.

Entrance fee is $10 for MISD employees with an employee ID, $20 for teens and adults and $10 for children 12 and younger.

Participants may register at www.raceplanner.com/register/index/St-Paddys-Day-Fun-Run.

■ ODESSA — Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show is set for Feb. 6-8 at the Ecor County Coliseum. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 6-7 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb.

The event is sponsored by the Boating Trades Association of Texas. Admission is $6 for adults and $5 for senior citizens. For more information, call 512-479-0425.

Correction

There are more than two companies building homes in Midland-Odessa. A story in Sunday's edition about the housing industry indicated otherwise.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just at home.

Tree limb disposal

The temporary drop-off location for disposal of tree limbs at the Scharbauer Sports Complex has been reopened through Sunday due to high demand.

The temporary drop-off site, located at 5514 Champions Drive, will remain open to residents 24 hours per day. Drop-off locations at Beal and Hogan Parks are no longer open, and contractors can no longer use the temporary drop-off sites. Residents and contractors can drop off storm debris during regular business hours at the Citizens Collection Station, located at 4100 Smith Road or the city of Midland Landfill, 7901 Garden City Highway.

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 2-3-6
Pick 3 night: 1-4-5
Daily 4 morning: 3-4-2-9
Daily 4 day: 7-7-4-4
Daily 4 evening: 7-6-4-0
Daily 4 night: 1-5-9-6
Cash Five: 3-9-16-21-31
Mega Millions: 5-26-27-44-57 MB: 7 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-5-6-11-12-15-18-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-6-7-8-9-12-13-15-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-5-7-9-12-13-18-20-21-22
All or Nothing night: 1-3-5-7-12-13-14-15-17-22-23-24

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2015. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 28, 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.

On this date:

In 1956, Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on "Stage Show," a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

Associated Press

Protesters wave placards as activists head into a meeting on Tuesday with officials from the office of the Denver District Attorney about the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old girl who allegedly hit and injured a Denver Police Department officer while driving a stolen vehicle early Monday in a northeast Denver alleyway.

Prosecutors promise thorough probe of police killing of teen, ask protesters for patience

By Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

DENVER — Prosecutors on Tuesday promised a thorough investigation and asked angry protesters for patience after police shot and killed a 17-year-old girl who authorities said struck an officer with a stolen car.

The request came after about 20 people rallied outside District Attorney Mitch Morrissey's office and called for a special prosecutor to investigate the Monday death of Jessica Hernandez.

The shooting occurred amid a national debate about police use of force fueled by racially charged episodes in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City.

Denver police say two officers opened fire after Hernandez struck one of them with the vehicle, but a passenger who was in the car at the time of the shooting disputed that account late Tuesday. The witness, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of safety concerns, said Hernandez hit the officer only after she was shot because she was unconscious and lost control of the car.

The shooting was the fourth time in seven months that a Denver police officer fired into a moving vehicle after perceiving it as a threat, and the city's independent police monitor now says he will investigate the department's policies and practices related to shooting at moving vehicles, which he said poses unique safety risks.

Morrissey wasn't there during the tense confrontation at his office, where chief deputy district attorneys Doug Jackson and Lamar Sims spoke over shouts and obscenities from some of the protesters.

Jackson said he could not discuss the case but assured the group that the findings of his office's investigation will be made public when it's finished. "You can decide whether we made the right decision or not," Jackson said.

The girl's cousin, Jose Casteneda, said he was frustrated and didn't want to wait months to find out what happened. "Let me ask you one question, how would you feel if it was your kid?" he yelled before storming away.

Protesters said they don't trust Morrissey's office to handle the case because the last time a Denver police officer faced charges in a shooting was 1992.

"We are sick and tired of these kinds of things happening, and there seems to be no true objective investigation," said the Rev. Patrick Demmer of the Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance.

Police released few details about the shooting in a middle-class, residential neighborhood of Denver. They said Hernandez was one of five people in the stolen car and she drove into a police officer.

The four other people in the car weren't injured by the gunfire. All were questioned as part of the investigation, but none has been charged.

The shooting happened early Monday after an officer was called to check on a suspicious vehicle. A colleague arrived after the officer determined the car had been reported stolen, Police Chief Robert White said.

Police said in a statement that the two officers then "approached the vehicle on foot when the driver drove the car into one of the officers."

Both officers then opened fire, police said. One was treated and released from a hospital for a leg injury. Department spokesman Sonny Jackson wouldn't elaborate on the officer's injury or comment further about the case.

The medical examiner said Hernandez was shot multiple times but did not release further details.

Bobbie Diaz, the mother of a 16-year-old girl in the car, criticized the way police handled Hernandez after the shooting, saying officers pulled her from the car and handcuffed her even after she was motionless.

Officers typically handcuff suspects as a safety precaution after they are injured, Sonny Jackson said.

2 Arizona law officers wounded in shootout; suspect dead

Associated Press

MORENCI, Ariz. — Two Arizona law enforcement officers were recovering Tuesday after being wounded in a shootout that killed a domestic violence suspect in a small mining town near the New Mexico border, authorities said.

The suspect — 29-year-old Chris Ingram — died at a hospital in Morenci, authorities said.

Greenlee County Deputy Jon Mennen and Clifton police Sgt. Jason Mingura suffered injuries that were not life-threatening and were being treated at University Medical Center in Tucson.

The officers encountered the suspect on Monday night while they were on the way to the scene of a domestic violence report, Undersheriff Patrick Sexton said. Shots were fired after the officers stopped Ingram on U.S. Highway 191.

Further details were not immediately available.

Mennen and Mingura each sustained two gunshot wounds, but it was unclear where they were shot. The Arizona Department of Public Safety was investigating.

Sexton said both men were in good spirits and recovering.

"They will go home. Maybe not tonight, but they are going home," Sexton said.

Mingura is a four-year veteran of the Clifton Police Department, while Mennen has been with the Greenlee County Sheriff's Office for eight months.

DEMOLITION

From 1A

On that thought, the council also pondered what would become of special events that take place in Centennial Plaza while demolition occurs.

City Manager Courtney Sharp said to the council that the Midland Chamber of Commerce is considering moving the Star Spangled Salute event to Hogan Park, mainly because the event has grown.

Sharp also invited the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to hear Vandergriff's presentation, as it holds the Mex-Tex festival at the downtown plaza each summer. Hispanic chamber representatives on Tuesday said they are still planning how to handle Mex-Tex this year now that the demolition has to be considered.

City Council hired Vandergriff Group Architects in October to study the three buildings and provide cost estimates for the asbestos abatement and demolition.

By undergoing the demolition process for the old buildings, the city can attract private developers to build on the sites, or the city itself can convert the sites into parking lots or possibly new city buildings.

"A lot of people have looked at these properties to see if there is any adaptive reuse, recycling and redevelopment of these properties, and I think it's been the general consensus that they're probably antiquated and there's probably a better use for the land than the buildings that are sitting there now," Vandergriff said. "They're old, they're very difficult to remodel and it's probably a better situation that these buildings come down and present better opportunities for the future of downtown."

One such new development for the historial courthouse site is Hotel Santa Rita No. 1, a boutique hotel proposed for the old courthouse site. Hotel developers publicly announced plans for the 17-story hotel on Dec. 2.

On Dec. 16, city council and hotel developers agreed to exclusive negotiating for the old courthouse property until March 31. Though developers have expressed intent to negotiate with the city for an incentive agreement for the $100 million project, it has yet to come before city council for a discussion or vote.

No development plans have been announced for the Mid-America Building and Midland Executive Center sites.

For now, the city will begin the bidding process for the abatement, demolition and reclamation jobs. Bids are due on Feb. 26.

City Council has yet to allocate the funds for the demolitions but may do so when a contractor is chosen.

TRIAL

From 1A

Commenting on the jury selection process, Chancellor noted prejudice and bias cannot be completely removed in a jury. For this trial, Chancellor believes it will be hard for the attorneys to be comfortable with the jury when they start presenting evidence at the trial.

Chancellor also spoke about how public statements concerning the train wreck has been contentious for the image of various local groups, including the city and local law enforcement.

"(The city of) Midland is a party itself in this case," Chancellor said. "As to whether they will make an appearance, that's not something that I can say for sure. But during this trial, you will definitely hear commentary on the role that (the city of) Midland played."

The trial could last up to six weeks.

Regarding the length of the trial, Chancellor said law is uncertain.

"There are very few guarantees in this profession," Chancellor said. "I would suspect that this will be quite a lengthy trial because of the amounts involved. Parties are very hesitant to let any small factor go in a case like this, so what we're going to see is an unveiling of every small detail involving all of the parties, and that can take some time."

Chancellor did not have a reliable estimated dollar amount the plaintiffs are seeking.

MOTRAN

From 1A

Part of the problem with funding road work is that the Federal Highway Trust Fund, which is funded by an 18.3 cents federal gas tax, is set to run dry come the summer, according to Alonzi and lawmakers. The tax was last raised by President Bill Clinton in 1993.

This has led to hand-wringing by members of Congress, who appear to be unwilling to raise the tax even as gas prices have plummeted in recent months. Alonzi said that the lack of money in the Trust Fund has led to innovative ways of raising money across the country.

"There are a lot of smart communities and smart states that are taking it up a notch and doing things on their own," he told the Reporter-Telegram. "Here you have a Transportation Reinvestment Zone, the county energy TRZ, that was formed. A lot of states are raising their own state gas tax. Locals are adding some to the local sales tax and dedicating that to transportation."

But while money continues to run short for these types of projects, Alonzi believes the state is doing the best job it can with the resources at hand.

"Everybody wants a bigger share, but I think the department (TxDOT) has made good strides lately of avoiding the peanut butter approach of spreading their money out and trying to go on a needs-based approach," he said of current strategies. "But there is just simply not enough money to fill all of the needs that exist today."

Where did the snow go? NWS head stands by prediction

By Seth Borenstein and Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

In the wild world of winter weather, location is everything, which New York and Massachusetts learned too well Tuesday.

Small last-minute changes in the air morphed what was supposed to be crippling feet of snow into a handful of inches in New York, leading one forecaster to apologize, the National Weather Service boss to get defensive, politicians to explain themselves and some Northeast residents wondering where the much-hyped snow went.

The not-so-great blizzard of 2015 did wallop other parts of the Northeast as predicted: Long Island and Massachusetts got hammered with more than 2 feet of snow. Auburn, Massachusetts, got hit with 32 inches, and there was severe coastal flooding, National Weather Service Director Louis Uccellini said.

But snowfall in the self-absorbed media capital of New York City, shut down in advance, was under a foot. New Jersey and Philadelphia also were spared.

In a conference call with reporters Tuesday, a defensive Uccellini, who has written textbooks on winter storms, wouldn't say his agency's forecast was off. Instead, he blamed the way meteorologists communicated and said the weather service needs to do a better job addressing uncertainty.

Private meteorologist Ryan Maue of Weather Bell Analytics slammed the public agency for ratcheting up forecast storm amounts before the system arrived, instead of telling people how uncertain it was.

"The public should be upset that the forecast was blown for NYC and ask for answers," he said in an email.

Associated Press

Shaon Chowdhury, right, manager of Arthur Cab Leasing Corp., and employee Kyle Hinkson of Harlem clear snow from a taxi while preparing to put it back into service following a winter storm Tuesday in the Queens borough of New York. Chowdhury estimates that the winter storm has cost his company approximately $60,000 in lost revenue and added expenses.

Uccellini said the agency would review those procedures and consult with social scientists to improve messaging.

But Uccellini said he'd rather warn too much and be wrong than not warn enough. He said the weather service's predictions and citywide closures that they prompted made for a faster recovery.

"This was the right forecast decision to make," Uccellini said.

Meteorologists say the nor'easter strayed about 75 to 100 miles east of its predicted track, which meant the western edge — New York and New Jersey — got 10 inches less than forecast.

"That miss occurred in the most populous corridor in the nation," said David Robinson, director of the Rutgers Global Snow Lab and New Jersey's state climatologist. "Had it been between Albany and Syracuse, not to disparage them, no one would have made much of this."

The region girded for something historic but got much less.

"I expected tons of snow," New York cabaret singer Susanne Payot said, walking through Central Park with her home-from-school daughters and their golden retriever, Alvin. "This is nothing. I don't understand why the whole city shut down because of this."

Before heavy snows began falling, officials shut down roads and public transportation across in New York City, in New Jersey and on Long Island. Amtrak suspended train service and air traffic slowed to a stop. Schools along the East Coast on Monday canceled Tuesday classes.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie defended his decision to ban travel on all state roads.

"I was being told as late as 9 o'clock last night that we were looking at 20-inch accumulations in most of New Jersey. If, in fact, that is what would have happened, having these types of things in effect were absolutely the right decision to make," Christie told WABC-TV on Tuesday. "We were acting based on what we were being told."

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he was criticized for under-reacting to the November mega storm in Buffalo, so he worked "on the theory of living learned and a little wiser."

Irwin Redlener, the director of Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness and an unpaid adviser to New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, said Tuesday that the way the region came to a halt ahead of the storm was good practice.

"It's not whether the city should have prepared so much, it's how people respond," Redlener said. "We don't want the population to get so cynical that they're not heeding the warnings."

A National Weather Service forecaster who was called a hero of 2012's Superstorm Sandy tweeted an apology for the errant forecast.

"You made a lot of tough decisions expecting us to get it right, and we didn't. Once again, I'm sorry," wrote Gary Szatkowski, a National Weather Service forecaster in Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Uccellini downplayed Szatkowski's apology.

The storm spun up in the ocean, where there are few monitors to help meteorologists and computer models pinpoint the track, forecasters said. In such a storm, an error of 50 miles "can be a big difference," said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private service Weather Underground.

Late Monday, the computer models started to move the storm more east and away from New York City, but by that time "media and social media hype was out of the bottle," said University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd.

The European computer model that was praised for accurately forecasting Superstorm Sandy failed more than others, Masters said.

"It's just that we didn't get the western edge of the forecast correct. If you want to call that a bust, I think you're being a little harsh," Masters said.

Robinson, Shepherd and others said meteorologists probably erred more in the way they relayed the forecast to the public than the prediction itself.

"In reality, nothing went wrong, the models were always iffy in NYC area," Shepherd said in an email. "We just have to do a better job of communicating the story."

Not good enough, said some unhappy commuters waiting for the first PATH trains to leave Jersey City for New York on Tuesday.

Vikram Kanagala, 33, who works in finance, said he was frustrated by officials' response.

"Definitely unacceptable," he said. "I think they should have done a better job with real-world decisions."

Brandon Bhajan, a security guard in New York City, wasn't upset. "I don't think they (city) overblew it," he said. "I think it's like the situation with Ebola... if you over-cover, people are ready and prepared."

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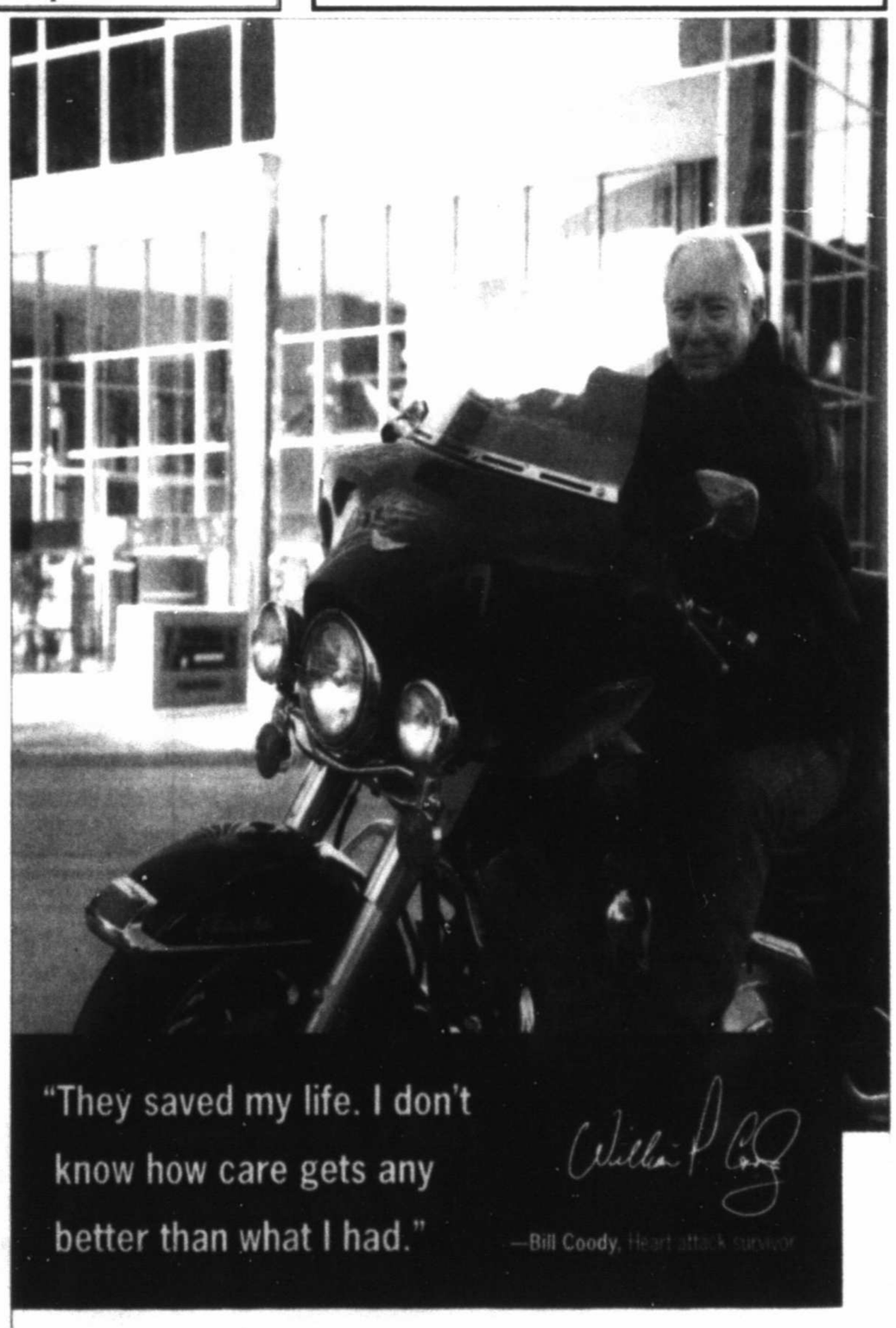

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OPINION

GOP, not media, sacrificed Sarah Palin

■ McCain's running mate, though no longer viable in a national race, seeks political relevance

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

When Democrats were looking for evidence of a Republican war on women, they overlooked Exhibit A — Sarah Palin.

This isn't to say that Palin was part of the war on women, though many Democrats would say so. Rather she was one of the war's most conspicuous victims — fragged, you might say — by her own troops.

And yet, she's back again. And — yet again — she's assuming her default position of presidential tease. Yes, she's "seriously interested" in running for president. As evidence, she gave an utterly befuddling speech this past weekend in Iowa, where other likely candidates were gathered.

This time, Palin's critics include Republicans. What the heck was she talking about, they wondered. What has happened to Palin, they ask?

As if they shouldn't know. Palin, though no longer viable in a national race, may deserve more sympathy than scorn. Her incoherence, though not new, has worsened, and she shows signs of someone desperate for relevance. As to the Iowa speech, though her teleprompter apparently froze, a technological glitch can't be blamed for "This is to forego a conclusion."

But blame for her general collapse beginning in 2008 *can* be placed in large part upon her own party, which used her and cast her aside.

Not that long ago, Palin was a breathtakingly attractive politician of a rare sort. A governor who had challenged Big Oil — and won — she could wow a crowd like few others. Republican strategists desperate for a running mate for John McCain with some razzle-dazzle saw her as the game-changer.

It mattered little that they didn't know much about her. Whatever she might lack in intellectual heft, they apparently reckoned, she made up for in "hot-ness." Even McCain, a veteran of so many political wars and campaigns, was fooled by Palin's charms.

What Republicans didn't know about Palin, however, did hurt them. Despite her many talents, she was "clearly out of her league," as I wrote in September 2008, drawing a deluge of hate. What is accepted as conventional wisdom now was, by the way, just as obvious then as now.

Let's be honest. Any man of Palin's comparable deficits, no matter his winning ways, would have been eliminated from consideration within minutes of opening his mouth. Although Palin acquitted herself well enough in her single debate with then-Sen. Joe Biden, simultaneously winking at her fans and signaling "You betcha" to her critics, the substance of her responses was flash-card deep.

This doesn't mean that Palin was incapable of becoming a formidable national politician. It only means that she wasn't ready. She needed to do what former Texas Gov. Rick Perry has done. Recognizing his mistakes in 2012, Perry has spent the past two years meeting with conservative scholars for briefings on economics, health care, budgets, tax policy and so on.

Palin apparently took a different route. She wrote a couple of books, became fluent in Twitter and dropped in and out of campaigns to endorse tea party candidates. Until Saturday, she seemed content to have become an anointer rather than the anointed. Her seriousness as public servant versus public personality, however, was reflected in her rambling, stream-of-consciousness speech.

Sad.

If Republican strategists had viewed Palin in 2008 as someone with talent who needed nurturing and support, she might have been ready for a national ticket by 2016. But this possibility exposes the matter of her own judgment. One wonders why Palin would accept the invitation to become McCain's running mate given how ill-prepared she was, not to mention that she'd just had a baby. Then again, a woman like Sarah, always the brightest star in her orbit, couldn't resist the roar of the crowd.

What she didn't count on was the stress of constant travel, performance and cramming for speeches — or the pain of separation from her family. Nor could she have anticipated that her own team ultimately would lose faith in her. Imagine being governor of a frontier state suddenly being placed before millions of armchair critics with fingers on the keyboard ready to fire and asked to perform without proper preparation, training or support. This is crazy-making on its face; devastating and crushing to the individual who finds herself alone on the ledge.

In the end, the story of Palin's rise and fall is a tragedy. And the author wasn't the media as accused but the Grand Old Party itself. Like worshipers of false gods throughout human history, Republicans handpicked the fair maiden Sarah and placed her on the altar of political expedience.

They sacrificed her.

GUEST VIEW

Most of our fruits, vegetables are picked by the undocumented

Houston Chronicle

So how was the dinner salad last night? Fresh, green lettuce? Maybe crunchy miniature carrots? Piquant cherry tomatoes? Our impertinent questions come to mind in the wake of a visit to the Chronicle editorial board last week by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. The former Iowa governor reminded us that of the million people involved in planting, harvesting and processing the fruits and vegetables we consume in this country, roughly 700,000 are immigrants. It's no secret that the majority of those hardworking men and women — and children — are undocumented.

"The sad reality today is that as good as American agriculture is, it's not as great as it could be," Vilsack said, noting that farmers in the Southeast and in the West often can't harvest what they grow, or they decide not to plant, because they don't have a stable work force. And they don't have a stable work force because our broken immigration system either keeps people in an unpredictable legal limbo if they're here without documentation — even though we depend on their hard work and expertise — or the system has no way of directing documented guest workers to where the need might be.

As we've written many times before, it's outrageous that a solution to our convoluted and unfair system is available in the form of bipartisan Senate legislation but has been stymied for nearly two years by a minority of House members. "It's really unfortunate, because in addition to getting the ag sector to be fully productive, (immigration reform) also would reduce the deficit by $850 billion over 20 years, it would shore up the Social Security system and add two additional years of life to that system, and it would result in a historic investment in border security," Vilsack said.

Meanwhile, Congress fumes about President Obama's executive orders regarding immigration and seeks to undo them, and lawmakers with too much time on their hands journey to the border for the requisite border-security photo op, while the solution lies moldering on a Senate shelf.

Vilsack professes to be optimistic. (We're trying to be.) "As this economy improves, people are going to be less fearful than they might have been a year ago, two years ago, five years ago, during the midst of a terrible recession," he said. "If we're growing jobs equal to the rate we were in the mid-'90s, if we're seeing the unemployment rate coming down to where we're at full employment, there's going to be pressure on this issue of work force. That, I think, will compel a discussion."

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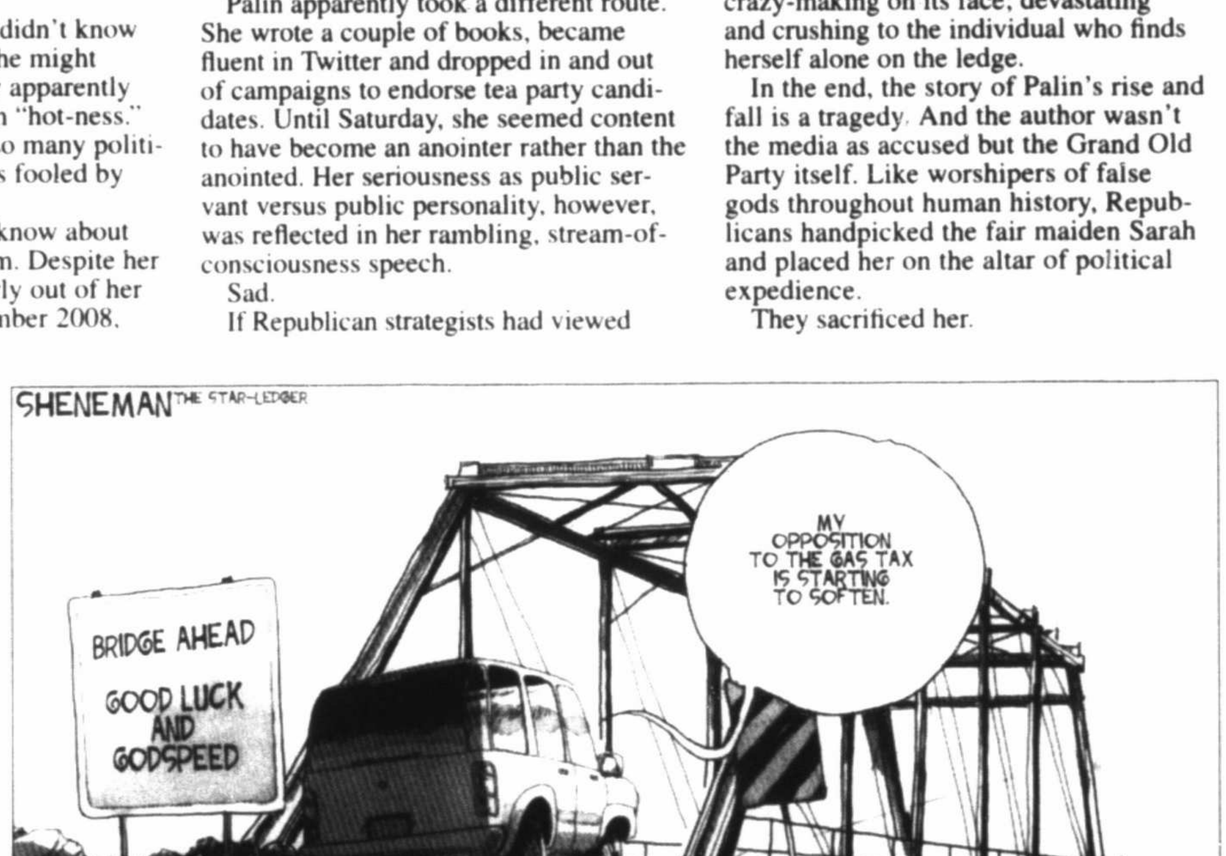

Can Texas stop diverting road funding?

■ Big 3 opposition to diverting road money no guarantee for TxDOT

BEN WEAR
Austin American-Statesman

It's unanimous. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, in his inaugural speech last week, said the state should stop "diversions," appropriations of money from the state highway fund for branches of state government other than the Texas Department of Transportation.

In that stance, Patrick joined state House Speaker Joe Straus, who in May called for an end to diversions, and freshly minted Gov. Greg Abbott, who in a campaign position paper likewise said he on legislatively denying TxDOT what would amount to $1.3 billion in the next two-year budget cycle.

So, it's a done deal, right? When the Republican Big Three speak, the Republican Legislature gets 'er done.

Not necessarily.

For at least a decade, legislators and the governor have been menacingly circling diversions from the state highway fund, which is filled primarily by the state's 20-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees. While they managed to hack away significant chunks in 2009 and 2013 and give them to TxDOT, doing away with diversions entirely has proved elusive. In 2009, even with a letter to TxDOT from the Big Three of that day (Gov. Rick Perry, Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, all of whom now carry the word "former" before those titles) calling for diversions to end, the final cut was $365 million over the two-year state budget.

That chopped the total down to about $1.3 billion (for two years), but it crept back up over the next few years as the overall state budget increased. With another $400 million in diversions cut when the Legislature last met in 2013, the figure once again stands at about $1.3 billion for the 2016-17 biennium.

All but about a measly $40 million of that total, it should be noted, goes to the Department of Public Safety, which has a little something to do with highways. After all, as Junior Brown reminds us, they do call it the highway patrol. And another $19 million funds the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, which is essentially TxDOT's research arm.

So it isn't like we're out there spending precious Texas road dollars on something silly like cultivating maroon carrots, recruiting elusive running backs or, oh, I dunno, educating children.

The problem that legislative budget writers face — and they are generally the ones resistant to this — is that ending diversions means that you have to rob Peter to pay Paul. And even if you think that Peter shouldn't have had Paul's money in the first place, Peter is still going to need that money. Or is it Paul? I'm confused...

Anyway, the point is that those state troopers still are going to have to be paid, and no one's giving away regular unleaded for their patrol cars. So if TxDOT gets something like $1.2 billion of DPS money, the Legislature either must cut some other program or spend some of a projected surplus to fill in the budgetary hole.

The money's there, according to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar and his recent revenue estimate, which shows a $7.5 billion carryover to the next biennium from this two-year cycle and, in all, about $21 billion more available to spend in 2016-17 than in the 2014-15 state budget.

TxDOT isn't the only contender for that money. Patrick in his speech, and many other GOP officials at other times and places, made it clear that reducing taxes is likewise a priority. Higher education folks want more money. Patrolling the Mexican border with state troopers is expensive. Health care expenses continue to rise. State employees want raises. And then there are those pesky schoolchildren.

In the end, Texans could get a direct say in this question. While lawmakers themselves (with Abbott's signature) could zero out diversions over the next two years through the budget bill, some are talking about making it permanent with a constitutional amendment. Doing that, which would require voters' approval in November, would prevent future legislatures from plucking money from highway spending for other state programs.

Speaking of the Texas Constitution, it already contains what some consider another huge diversion from TxDOT. Under a constitutional amendment approved by Texas voters in 1946, a quarter of all revenue from the state's motor fuels tax goes to public education. In the 2012-13 fiscal year, that amounted to $806 million.

That would build a lot of flyovers and lane-miles. It currently educates about 90,000 schoolchildren.

Argument for another day.

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Obama defends US ties as he pays respects in Saudi Arabia

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — President Barack Obama defended the U.S. government's willingness to cooperate closely with Saudi Arabia on national security despite deep concerns over human rights abuses, as he joined an array of current and former American statesmen Tuesday in paying respects following the death of King Abdullah.

Saudi Arabia's status as one of Washington's most important Arab allies has at times appeared to trump U.S. concerns about the terrorist funding that flows from the kingdom and about human rights abuses. But in his meeting with Saudi Arabia's new king, Obama brought up human rights only in broad terms, without citing specific cases, a senior Obama administration official said.

Obama, in a CNN interview in advance of his arrival, said he has found it most effective to apply steady pressure over human rights "even as we are getting business done that needs to get done."

"Sometimes we need to balance our need to speak to them about human rights issues with immediate concerns we have in terms of counterterrorism or dealing with regional stability," Obama said.

During his brief stop in Riyadh, Obama held his first formal meeting with King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud Salman, newly installed on the throne following the death of the 90-year-old Abdullah on Friday. The roughly hour-long meeting focused on a bevy of Mideast security issues — sectarian divisions in Iraq, the U.S.-led campaign against the Islamic State group, the precarious situation in Yemen and support for Syrian opposition fighting President Bashar Assad, said the U.S. official who briefed reporters traveling with Obama on condition of anonymity, citing the private nature of the talks.

Obama invoked human rights during the sit-down to make the point that tolerance and free speech are necessary to undercut the extremist ideology that fuels terrorist groups. The official said Obama told the king that it's important to ensure citizens have an outlet to express themselves.

But the president did not bring up U.S. concerns about Saudi Arabia's flogging of blogger Raif Badawi, who was convicted of insulting Islam and sentenced to 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes. His first flogging took place in early January in front of dozens of people in the Red Sea city of Jiddah, though a second round has been postponed after a doctor said his wounds from the first lashes had not yet healed.

"On this visit, obviously a lot of this is just paying respects to King Abdullah, who in his own fashion presented some modest reform efforts within the kingdom," Obama said before the visit.

Stepping off the plane earlier in Riyadh, the president and first lady Michelle Obama were greeted by Salman and a military band playing both countries' national anthems. Some of the all-male Saudi delegation shook hands with Michelle Obama while others gave her a nod as they passed by. Michelle Obama wore full-length clothing but no headscarf, as is typical for many Western women in Saudi Arabia, despite the strict dress code for Saudi women appearing in public.

Salman formally greeted Barack Obama and the U.S. delegation at the Erga Palace on the outskirts of Riyadh, where dozens of Saudi officials filed through a marble-walled room to greet the Americans under massive crystal chandeliers. Then they sat for a three-course dinner of grilled meats, baked lobster and Arabic and French deserts.

Obama cut short his trip to India to spend just a few hours in Riyadh. Further underscoring Saudi Arabia's key role in U.S. foreign policy was the extensive delegation that joined Obama for the visit.

Secretary of State John Kerry joined Obama in Riyadh, along with former Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and James Baker III, both of whom served Republican presidents. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a frequent critic of Obama's Mideast policy, also made the trip.

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President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama participate in a delegation receiving line with new Saudi Arabian King, Salman bin Abdul Aziz, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Tuesday. The president and first lady have come to expresses their condolences on the death of the late Saudi Arabian King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud.

Michelle Obama navigates limits on women in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — For first lady Michelle Obama, just a few hours in Saudi Arabia were enough to illustrate the stark limitations under which Saudi women live.

Joining President Barack Obama for a condolence visit after the death of the King Abdullah, Mrs. Obama stepped off of Air Force One wearing long pants and a long, brightly colored jacket — but no headscarf.

Under the kingdom's strict dress code for women, Saudi females are required to wear a headscarf and loose, black robes in public. Most women in Saudi Arabia cover their hair and face with a veil known as the niqab. But covering one's head is not required for foreigners, and some Western women choose to forego the headscarf while in Saudi Arabia.

As a delegation of dozens of Saudi officials — all men — greeted the Obamas in Riyadh, some shook hands with Michelle Obama. Others avoided a handshake but acknowledged the first lady with a nod as they passed by.

Saudi Arabia imposes many restrictions on women on the strict interpretation of Islamic Shariah law known as Wahhabism. Genders are strictly segregated. Women are banned from driving, although there have been campaigns in recent years to lift that ban. Guardianship laws also require women to get permission from a male relative to travel, get married, enroll in higher education or undergo certain surgical procedures.

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House GOP moves toward possible lawsuit on immigration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans are moving toward authorizing a potential lawsuit against President Barack Obama on immigration, House Speaker John Boehner announced Tuesday, as the GOP struggled for a way to stop the president's unilateral deportation curbs.

Boehner announced the plans in a closed-door meeting with lawmakers, telling them GOP leaders are finalizing a legal plan with the best chance of blocking Obama's moves, according to a person in the room.

Options include joining a lawsuit already filed by states over the issue, or filing a separate lawsuit. The person in the room spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private meeting.

The plan emerged with Republicans short on realistic options for stopping Obama's November executive actions, which extended work permits and temporary deportation relief to some 4 million people here illegally.

The House already has passed legislation to overturn the immigration policies, but the Senate looks unlikely to agree to the measures, which were added to must-pass legislation to fund the Department of Homeland Security beyond February.

It's not clear how that issue will be resolved. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has promised a vote on the House-passed bill, and said Tuesday that the Senate would take up the issue after completing consideration of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which could be as soon as next week.

Democrats put brakes on Iran sanctions bill

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats on Tuesday put the brakes on new Iran sanctions legislation, ending for now a looming showdown between Congress and President Barack Obama over negotiations to prevent Tehran from having the capability to make a nuclear weapon.

Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., a leading proponent of the legislation, says he remains skeptical a deal will materialize, but says he and nine other Democrats now won't push the bill at least until the end of March.

Menendez' concession to the White House is good news for Obama, who has threatened to veto any new sanctions legislation. At the same time, supporters of the bill say the letter signals the White House that Menendez and his Democratic colleagues do support the legislation and are willing to vote for new sanctions if Iran doesn't reach an agreement with the U.S. and its international partners.

Republicans could still move ahead on the bill, but without Democratic support, Congress would not have the votes needed to override an Obama veto.

The White House, British Prime Minister David Cameron and other international leaders have been lobbying U.S. lawmakers hard, arguing that if new sanctions legislation were passed, Iran could walk away from the talks and say the U.S. was negotiating in bad faith. Obama said the willingness of America's international partners to enforce existing sanctions against Iran also would wane.

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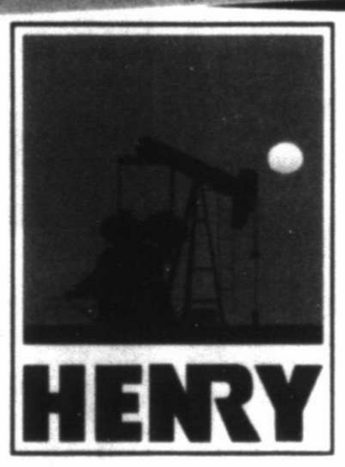

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Mexico: Investigation shows that all 43 students are dead

By Alberto Arce
And Maria Verza
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Investigators are now certain that 43 college students missing since September were killed and incinerated after they were seized by police in southern Guerrero state, the Mexican attorney general said Tuesday.

It was the first time Jesus Murillo Karam said definitely that all were dead, even though Mexican authorities have DNA identification for only one student and a declaration from a laboratory in Innsbruck, Austria, that it appears impossible to identify the others.

The attorney general cited confessions and forensic evidence from an area near a garbage dump where the Sept. 26 crime occurred that showed the fuel and temperature of the fire were sufficient to turn 43 bodies into ashes.

"The evidence allows us to determine that the students were kidnapped, killed, burned and thrown into the river," Murillo Karam said in a press conference that included a video reconstruction of the mass slaying and of the investigation into the case.

He added that "there is not a single shred of evidence that the army intervened ... not a single shred of evidence of the participation of the army," as relatives of the victims have claimed.

Murillo Karam's explanation seemed unlikely to quell the controversy and doubts about the case, in which the federal government has been criticized for acting slowly and callously. Thousands of people demonstrated in Mexico City Monday night, demanding the students be returned alive.

"They pretty much gave the same story as they had given two months ago. There are not many additional details," said analyst Alejandro Hope. "They are searching for closure but I'm not sure they're going to get it."

The attorney general has come under attack from many quarters, including the students' relatives and fire experts, who say the government's version of what happened is implausible. Family members are still searching in hopes of finding the students alive.

The Argentine Forensic Anthropologists, an independent team hired by parents to work with federal investigators, told The Associated Press on Sunday that there is still not "sufficient evidence" to link the charred remains found by authorities in a river in the town of Cocula to what happened at the garbage dump.

Valentin Cornelio Gonzalez, 30, brother-in-law of missing student Abel Garcia Hernandez, said the shifting theories of what happened to the students have left him and other family members not believing anything that officials say.

"On a personal level, it makes me mad because this is what they've always done," he said of Tuesday's announcement. "There's no chance that the parents are going to believe the PGR (saying) that they're dead. ... They are going to look for them alive."

Murillo Karam said the conclusion was made based on the testimony of a key suspect arrested two weeks ago, Felipe Rodriguez Salgado, who said he was called to get rid of the students. There are also 39 confessions. Based on samples of gasoline, diesel and steel from burned tires, he said, they concluded that the amount of heat from the fire and the location could have kept the blaze going for hours, and that the remains were crushed afterward.

Authorities say they were burned the night of Sept. 26 and over the next day, and their incinerated remains were bagged up and thrown into a nearby river. The remains in the bags found in the river had traces of the garbage dump where the fire occurred, Murillo Karam added.

The scene of the crime was an 800-meter ravine that resembled a furnace, said criminal investigations chief Tomas Zeron.

Murillo Karam said the information was based as well on 386 declarations, 487 forensic tests, 16 raids and two reconstructions.

So far 99 people have been detained in connection with the crime, including the former mayor of Iguala, Jose Luis Abarca.

Murillo Karam said the motive was that the members of a local gang, the Guerreros Unidos, believed the young men were rival gang members when they hijacked some public transit buses in Iguala. But many of the suspects testified that they knew the men were students. The students, known for commandeering buses and taking over toll booths to support their leftist causes, said they were taking the buses for transport to an upcoming demonstration in Mexico City.

"They thought they were infiltrated," Murillo Karam said at the press conference, adding that there is no indication that the students were part of any criminal group.

The case has sparked protests inside and outside Mexico over the four months since the students disappeared, and has forced the Mexican government to turn its attention from touting economic and education reforms to dealing with the country's crime and insecurity problems.

Hope, the analyst, said the protests will likely continue as long as there is no unimpeachable evidence that the remains belong to the students. Also unclear are questions such as why the gang members thought the students were rivals, and why they would have killed them even after learning that wasn't the case.

"We know the who, the what, the when and the where. We don't know the why," Hope said. "They have yet to tell a compelling story of why this happened. It doesn't matter how many people they detain — unless they answer that question, the whole thing will remain under a halo of mystery."

Associated Press

Relatives and protestors carry banners with pictures of some of the 43 missing students from a rural teachers college, as they march along a main boulevard in Mexico City on Monday. Protest marches were planned in cities around the country to mark the fourth month since the disappearance of the students in southern Guerrero state. The federal prosecutor has said the students were detained by local police and handed over to a drug gang, who killed them and burned their bodies.

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TEA drops $30M request for new testing method

By Lauren McGaughy
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — Texas education officials have dropped their request that the state Legislature provide $30 million to pilot a new way to evaluate student achievement that relies less on standardized testing.

The Texas Education Agency on Friday confirmed Commissioner of Education Michael Williams made the decision after discussing the proposal with lawmakers.

"Basically, he felt that rather than TEA taking a lead on looking for a way to do this with new mechanics for accountability, that the Legislature should take the lead on this," said TEA spokeswoman DeEtta Culbertson.

Williams announced the pilot in September, when he told the State Board of Education it would "help us explore how to rethink, how to assess whether a youngster has a summative knowledge that we expect of that youngster, but how we might do that in a different way."

However, the pilot's legislative appropriations request contained little detail about how the $30 million would be used, and educator groups expressed concern that they had not been brought in to discuss the details before it was announced.

On Friday, Holly Eaton of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association said the proposal caught her by surprise at first. She said she did not know what went into TEA's decision to drop the request, noting that her group was also told the state agency wanted to put the onus on lawmakers to fix student assessments.

"I don't know that they vetted it really well to begin with," said Eaton, adding, "I do think they are interested in making changes to the accountability system so it's not so test-heavy."

Texas launched its most recent state testing program in 2012. The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, exams, test schoolchildren in grades 3-8 across multiple subjects.

Teachers and some lawmakers have raised concerns about the methodology of the STAAR exams, which focus heavily on career and college readiness. These concerns were only bolstered after the state said that in order to secure a waiver from federal requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, school districts would need to base at least 20 percent of teacher evaluations on student performance metrics like test scores.

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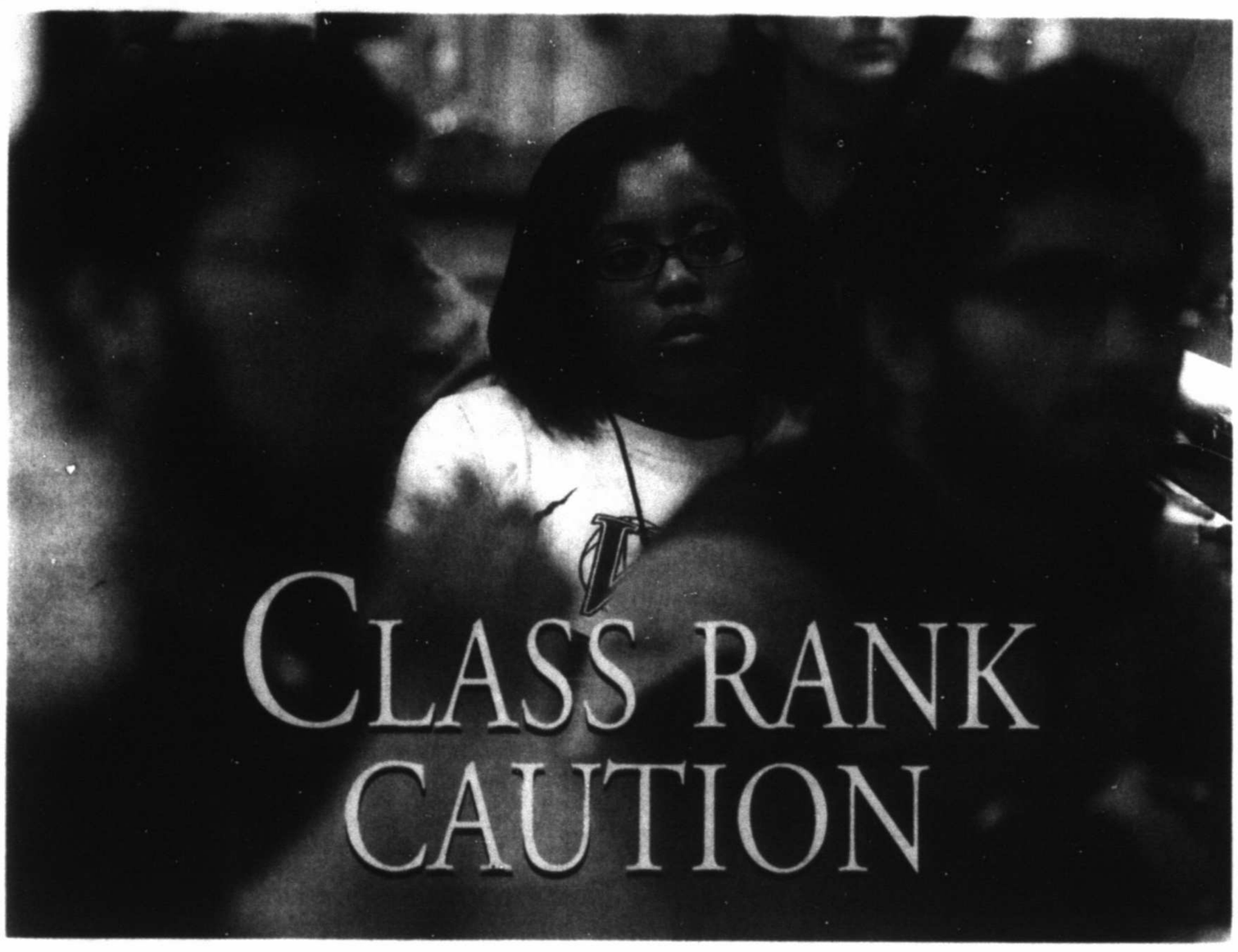

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Lydia Breedlove, center, listens as the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center's Nghi Do, program manager of the Academic Recruiter School of Health Professions, speaks with students at Westside High School who are participating in a program to train them for medical careers Jan. 21 in Houston. The students take college-level classes and can graduate with an associate's degree.

Advanced course grades stress students, schools

■ Districts consider policies weighting dual-credit, AP classes; teens worry about the effect on class rank

By Ericka Mellon
Houston Chronicle

Lydia Breedlove dreams of attending the University of Texas at Austin, just as her parents did. To get in automatically, she'll have to rank in the top 8 percent of her class.

This year, the 17-year-old started to worry about her grades. She's taking chemistry, anatomy, history and speech, all taught by community college instructors. The advanced courses are called dual credit because a passing grade counts for high school and college credit, at least in Texas.

"I kind of freaked out," Breedlove, a junior at Westside High School, said, thinking about her class rank.

The competitive college admissions process can leave students stressed, but it also presents a quandary for school district leaders, who must decide whether to give an advantage to the growing number of students taking dual-credit courses.

In Texas, where students who rank in the top 10 percent of their classes are guaranteed admission into public colleges (UT Austin has a higher standard), local school district policies about rank matter. Every grade point counts.

The Houston school board gave preliminary approval this month to a policy that elevates dual-credit work. The policy gives students extra grade points for the courses, the same weight it awards for nationally known Advanced Placement and pre-AP classes.

Educators and college officials have varying opinions on whether dual-credit courses are as challenging as AP classes. Many agree it depends on the instructors.

The Fort Bend Independent School District also changed its grading policy this year to give extra points for dual-credit classes, but it grants more weight for AP courses. For example, Fort Bend students who earn a grade of 80 in an AP English class would have a 90 used for calculating their grade-point averages. An 80 in a dual-credit class would turn into an 85.

"There is a little variation in the rigor of dual-credit courses," said Steven Shiels, director of college and career readiness for Fort Bend ISD.

Shiels said district officials felt more comfortable awarding higher weights to AP classes because a national nonprofit, the College Board, oversees the program and administers corresponding exams. Students who score high enough on the AP exams generally receive college credit or can enroll in higher-level college classes.

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Still, some colleges are pushing back against AP as participation nationwide has skyrocketed, particularly among disadvantaged students who may not be as prepared as others.

The Ivy League's Dartmouth College

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Politics, lack of funding hamper Texas universities' climb to top tier

By Ralph K.M. Haurwitz
Austin American-Statesman

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University has a lot going for it, including an endowment that has grown to more than $500 million, a wide range of graduate programs that collectively award 260 Ph.Ds a year and a leafy campus with red-tile roofs, ornate columns and quiet courtyards inspired by Spanish Renaissance architecture.

The university aspires to become a major national research institution, akin to the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. So do seven other public universities in the state: UT-Dallas, UT-Arlington, UT-El Paso, UT-San Antonio, Texas State University, the University of Houston and the University of North Texas.

But a patchwork funding system cobbled together in recent years by lawmakers hoping to boost the emerging research universities doesn't come close to providing the steady infusion of hundreds of millions of dollars it would take to lift even a couple of them into the big leagues within the next 10 or 20 years, higher education leaders said. One telling example: Lawmakers passed a measure encouraging schools to raise private donations that would be eligible for matching state grants, but then shorted them by $122.6 million, an American-Statesman analysis showed.

Bottom line: The state's efforts are likely to lift all eight educational boats somewhat, but none enough to qualify as true flagships.

"I said that trying to do eight at once was going to be very difficult because you typically give everybody just enough money to fail," said Raymund Paredes, the state's higher education commissioner. "I thought it would have made sense to make the tough decision to go with two or maybe three."

Greg Abbott, who was inaugurated as governor last week, said during his campaign that Texas can do better. "We must ensure that Texas' four-year public universities claim five of the top 10 spots in future rankings" of public universities by U.S. News & World Report magazine, he said in a campaign white paper.

That's a tall order. The Lone Star State currently has no schools in the magazine's top 10. Its highest-ranked, UT, is No. 17, followed by A&M at 25, UT-Dallas at 76 and Texas Tech at 84.

Abbott wants to juice an account benefiting research-oriented schools by $40 million, or about 25 percent, for the coming two-year budget. Asked what

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Obama's proposal would allow more students to be best they can be

BRANDI GRISMORE
Lee High School

President Obama says he'd use an estimated $2 billion in additional tax revenues to raise the American Opportunity tax credit, which is $2,500, according to an article in Time magazine online.

As I continued reading the article, I kept thinking that this would assist more children who otherwise would not get a chance to afford post-secondary education. On the other hand, it would tax the upper class and make college tuition more expensive for them. Some may say that it is unfair to tax the rich in order to allow the poor to attend college, and some say it is their money and they should be able to do with it what they choose.

In my opinion as an educator, we strive to do the most for students in our classrooms. We have the common understanding that some students may come to us with the best of supplies, clothing and necessities and some students are lucky to just show up. Educators plan for those issues and go about their day accordingly, maintaining a level playing field. So when I heard that there is a possibility that more children would have the opportunity for post-secondary education, the educator in me smiled with enthusiasm. Our primary goal is to see our students achieve the greatest level of education possible. That educational goal can range from just graduating high school all the way to the Ivy League hallways such as Princeton and Yale. It can also extend to certification as plumbers or electricians.

Educators are taught early in their training that everything is done for the betterment of our students. Our only issue is not all people have that same agenda. For some, it is the political pressure to hurry up and end Obama's current term, while for others, it is to let him do what he needs to do to be valid and effective. Both sides have

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Most teachers want to change the world

AMBER KELLY
Howard College

Last fall, I attended a conference of two-year college English teachers where, over lunch, talk to turned to assumptions that follow the title "teacher." One of the people at the table had presented a session on the Hollywood versions of teachers — good and bad. The rest of the table was comprised of females, many of us who admitted that being an English teacher often made people think we were card-carrying members of the grammar police or fading poetic wallflowers akin to Emily Dickinson. It was the presenter, and the sole male, who said, "Most people just want to know if I date my students." My male colleagues seem to get that question most often (and from their male friends), perhaps because as college instructors, there is some mystique in the wizened older man dating the impressionable young girl. As with so many teacher tropes, it is far from the truth for most of us.

The image of the teacher as an abstraction is a strange compilation of cliches and projections: from the brilliant but absent-minded professor with slipping glasses and books stacked to the sky, to the benevolent do-gooder who sacrifices everything for students, to the strict and merciless Draconian dictator crushing dreams and promise. Hollywood loves to play with these ideas, particularly the second, which makes up the core of most inspirational teaching movies (see "Dead Poet's Society," "Dangerous Minds" and "Freedom Writers"). To say that any teacher, even the ones who inspire movies, is fully any of these things is too simplistic to be realistic. Regarding myself, and many of my colleagues, we are a compilation of a variety things, play numerous roles and struggle with countless issues.

When I tell people I am a teacher, one of two things usually happens: either they talk to me as they would a veteran or a nun, thanking me for my service and discussing my perceived noble work, or they ask me why the education system is messed up. At that same English conference, a man staying in the hotel for a Corvette conference wanted me to explain the way math is

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taught in schools. Fueled by outrage at being unable to help his children with their homework (and I would guess a few too many beers), he brushed off my explanation that I neither taught elementary school nor math. It didn't matter — I was a symbol of the education system and therefore a perpetrator of its sins. I didn't bother to explain to him that most teachers have little input into what is actually taught in schools.

On the flip side, the teacher-as-saint stereotype isn't true, either. Those types of teachers make great stories, but the reality is that most of those movies are about teachers with short careers. John Keating in "Dead Poet's Society" is fired, LouAnne Johnson in "Dangerous Minds" quits and Erin Gruwell from "Freedom Writers," both in the movie and in life, left teaching after four years to become a motivational speaker. Sustaining 20 or 30 years as an inspirational motivator is a tough gig for anyone. It can be done, but it doesn't mean that every day in the classroom is that way. Probably the hardest lesson for any teacher to learn is that those Hollywood teaching experiences, even when they are based on real people, aren't the norm. Particularly in an age when teaching, because of generational differences and technology, becomes more detached, students quoting poetry and standing on desks is a pipe dream.

Here is the truth about most teachers: We are neither sinners nor saints. We are normal people who find ourselves struggling with the extraordinary job of trying to shape the future of humanity. We often have little control over the things we must teach as the state tells us what to do and when to do it. We get paid ridiculously low salaries, particularly in higher education where more postgraduate study is required for employment and the return on investment may be low. We get more time off than some other fields because our work never stops during the school year. We wake up worrying about the future of our students, our profession and a our jobs. We have fantastic days when we teach the way we always dreamed we could. We have terrible days when we fail ourselves and our students. We are always asked to take on more — more grading, more training, more assignments, more students. We are exhilarated and exhausted by our jobs. We have a high turnover rate because teachers grow weary of the pressure and bureaucracy. We try the best we can to do what is needed, even when it makes us unpopular. We want to change the world and this is the best way we can think of to do it.

And we aren't all that fond of apples.

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TESTING

From 1B

This last concern might be moot in the near future, however. TEA confirmed Friday it was continuing to talk to the U.S. Department of Education after federal officials indicated Texas would not receive a waiver under its current teacher evaluation system.

"Well before this waiver, TEA's work to develop new teacher and principal evaluation and support systems was underway with the clear intent of offering it to districts as a resource to improve instruction," Commissioner Williams said in a press release.

"I have always made it clear to federal officials that as part of the waiver process TEA could not exceed its current authority nor would we do anything to erode our state's strong commitment to local control in public education. My position on this front has not, and will not, change."

Obituaries

Brenda Epley

Brenda Epley, 60, of Midland, passed away January 26, 2015. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., January 29, 2015 at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel.

Brenda was born on July 1, 1954 to Gleen Holloway and Colleen Langley in Big Spring, Texas. She married her loving husband, Jimmy Epley, on April 2, 1997.

Brenda loved decorating. She had a love for antiques and fixing up houses for sale. She was a very happy and outgoing person. She enjoyed running marathons and rock climbing. Brenda loved her grandchildren and was their "NaNa."

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Epley, of Midland; sons, Mackie Hursh and wife, Mandy, of Colorado City, and Matt Hursh and wife, Kelly, of Longview; and grandchildren, McCray, Owen, Piper, Leddy, August, Taylor, and Macen.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621 Midland, TX 79702.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Marilyn Miller Hanson

Marilyn Miller Hanson, 86, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2015. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 North Midkiff Road, Midland, Texas.

Marilyn was born on January 24, 1929 to Milward and Mary Kent Miller in Shreveport, Louisiana. On October 27, 1951, she married Bernold M. "Bruno" Hanson in Midland. Marilyn and Bruno were married for 48 years and traveled extensively through his involvement in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Together, the couple raised a son, Eric, and two daughters, Karen and Gretchen.

Marilyn was very witty, kind, and compassionate. Marilyn had a way about her that impacted everyone who she met. She was passionate about journalism and was a stickler when it came to grammar. She was a great role model to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Marilyn, or "Mutti," as she was fondly referred to by her grandchildren, lived for her 'girls weekends' at the ranch with her granddaughters.

She enjoyed hunting at their ranch, but she also enjoyed getting dressed up to go to the Petroleum Club with a close group of friends. She had many friends and was very close to all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Traveling, playing bridge, and spending time with her Garden Club friends were some of her favorite hobbies. She loved going to the theatre, watching the Maverick Players and was involved on the Opera Board. In addition to the Green Thumb Garden Club, she was active in Em Amie Review Club, Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary, and a Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae. Marilyn was the recipient of the Women of Distinction Award for her years of leading Girl Scout Troop 241.

Marilyn was a member of the Alter Guild, Daughters of the Cross, and a faithful member of Christ Church Anglican. Prior to joining Christ Church Anglican, she was an active member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where she was on the Altar Guild, arranged the flowers for the Sunday services, member of the Daughters of the King, and served on the Vestry. Marilyn (Mutti) will be incredibly missed by her entire family and numerous friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Hanson-Flowers and husband, Joe of Houston, Texas, and Gretchen Bakke and husband James of Midland; daughter-in-law, Janet Hanson of Midland; sisters, Mary Jane Andrews of Alexandria, Louisiana, and Marjorie Nagle of Houston; grandchildren, Elysse Denton (Keith), Harriet Shields (Jarrett), John Bakke(Dusty), Harris Hanson (Kaci), Mary Lisbeth (ML) Hanson, Rebecca Flowers, Kathryn Hanson, and Kristen (KK) Hanson; great grandchildren, Tilly Bakke, Anna Denton, Bailey Denton, Drake Shields, Bruno Shields, and Eric Hanson.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bernold M. "Bruno" Hanson; son, Eric Karl Hanson; parents, Milward and Mary Kent Miller; and brother, Kent Miller.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be donated to a charity of your choice.

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

Mildred Lois Penney

Mildred Lois Penney, 87, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Mildred was born September 25, 1927, in Franklin, Texas, and was the middle of three children. Mildred graduated from Hull-Daisetta High School in south Texas, and went to work as a switchboard operator in Galveston.

Mildred married Robert Gayle Rockwell in 1946 and they moved to Purcell, Oklahoma, where she continued her work as a switchboard operator. While living in Purcell, their family expanded as two sons, Michael Gayle Rockwell and David Mark Rockwell, were born to this union. The family eventually moved to New Mexico, where her former spouse remained as Mildred moved on to Odessa, Texas with her children.

Mildred met and married Melvin Owen Penney in 1957 while living in Odessa. The family expanded again with the birth of a third son, Craig Owen Penney, and they eventually moved to Midland where Mildred has made her home since 1963.

After moving to Midland, Mildred started an at home daycare in her home. After becoming single in the early 1980's, Mildred knew she would need to become self-supporting. She had a zest for life and a work ethic that is unmatched. She became the director of First Presbyterian Daycare in Midland where she was revered by the parents and children alike.

When the church decided they no longer were going to offer daycare services at their facilities, Mildred decided to open her own daycare center. Through Mildred's desire to succeed and her intense work ethic, she created and opened Penney's Early Learning Center where she worked until she retired in her 70's. Mildred has kept kids over the years, and then kept their children as they have grown and had families of their own. All the generations speak of Ms. Penney with the utmost admiration and respect.

Mildred was preceded in death by her mother, Bertha Mansell Floyd; her father, Arthur Floyd; her brother, John Nance Floyd; and her sister, Lillie Mae O'Quinn.

Mildred is survived by three sons, Mike Rockwell and wife, Janis of Arlington, Texas, Mark Rockwell and wife, Cheryl of Midland, and Craig Penney of Midland. She is also survived by four grandsons, Jon Rockwell and wife, Rachel of Panorama Village, Texas, Casey Rockwell and wife, Heather of Arlington, Texas, Chris Rockwell of Arlington, and Jason Rockwell of Midland; five great grandchildren, London Rockwell of Belleville, Illinois; Kennedy Rockwell of Panorama Village, Christopher Rockwell of Midland, and Gabriel Rockwell and Elizabeth Rockwell of Arlington; and by one brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., and will be held at Alamo Heights Baptist Church with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Christmas in Action, P.O. Box 3744, Midland, TX 79702.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Nelora Ann Hancock

Nelora Ann Hancock, 82, passed away in Weatherford, Texas on Tuesday, January 23, 2015 at 1:45 p.m.

She was born on November 29, 1932 in Lamesa, Texas to Clifford and Thelma Townsend.

Nelora will be especially remembered for her friendly smile and the way she impacted so many lives in a positive way, she never met a stranger. She loved music, dancing, and shopping. Family always came first and she always gave her unconditional love.

Survivors include her husband, Paul R. Hancock, Jr.; sister, Merna Denmark; son, Toby Whipple; and daughters, Janaelle Gelledge and Lisa Brooks.

Nelora was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Thelma Townsend; her brother, Doyle Townsend; and sons, Richard Whipple, Jerry Whipple and Brent Vandervelden.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. Burial will be private. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Peggy Jo Haynie Richmond

Peggy Jo Haynie Richmond, 93, died Monday, January 26, 2015 in Abilene, Texas.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2015 in Bangs Cemetery in Bangs, Texas, under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene.

Peggy was born November 21, 1921 to Eugenia and Charles Haynie, Sr. of Munday, Texas. She was preceded in death by both of her parents; her husband, Albert Edward Richmond; her brothers, Charles Haynie, Jr., Don Haynie, and Gene Roland Haynie; and her sister, Beth McCanlies.

In her early years, Peggy worked as a beautician in her father's shop in Munday. She married the love of her life, A.E. Richmond in 1945, and they started their long journey in life together. She was the ultimate homemaker, taking care of her husband and children. She loved to sew and read.

She finished her teaching degree at Sul Ross University and became an elementary teacher in Midland, Texas.

After A.E.'s retirement, they moved to the ranch in Bangs where they raised Angus and Chianina cattle. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a devout Baptist.

She is survived by a brother, Lloyd Haynie and his wife Dorothy of Houston; a sister, Janie Segars of Fort Worth; her sons, Neil Richmond and wife Karla of Colleyville, Texas, and Jim Richmond and his wife Cindy of Abilene; and a daughter, Mary Underwood and her husband Robert of Midland.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Lexa Richmond, T. Jay Richmond, Reagan Richmond, Gable Clark, Josh Clark and his wife Sharon, Amanda Peters and her husband Kris, Tucker Underwood, Kris Richmond, and Jordan Richmond and his wife Becca; and four great-grandchildren, Bo, Lacy, Kaiden, and Bennett.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made in Peggy's name to Disability Resources Incorporated, P.O. Box 1880, Abilene, TX 79604. Condolences may be submitted at *www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com*.

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Socorro Medrano Galindo

Socorro Medrano Galindo, 75, of Midland, Texas went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born in Ojinaga, Chih., Mexico on April 28, 1939 to Bernardo Medrano and Eziquia Ramirez. She was raised in a small ranch outside of Ojinaga called Valverde. Later she met the love of her life, Oscar Sotelo Galindo and they were married for 54 years.

As a young girl she became very independent by losing both of her parents at a very young age. She was raised by Teodora Lujan, a friend who she loved dearly and took care of her until she married. They moved to McCamey, Texas in 1973 before settling in Midland. She was a hardworker as well as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and had many friends who will miss her immensely.

She loved having all of her family come over especially for Sunday gatherings and fellowship. She enjoyed cooking for all of the family and taking care of all of the grandkids. She leaves us all heart broken and we will always miss our "Coco."

Survivors include her husband, Oscar Sotelo Galindo; her four sons, Bernardo (Noelia Escontrias), Rodolfo (Josefina), Oscar, Jr. (Maria), and Justo (Maria); four daughters, Elfida (Eliazar) Garay, Delia (Severo) Vazquez, Maria Montez (Gabriel Escontrias), and Estela (Lucy) Galindo, all of Midland; 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Manuel, and her four children.

Funeral service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church, with father Frank Chavez officiating. Burial will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Death Notices

William R. (Bob) Ellwood, III

William R. (Bob) Ellwood, III, passed away January 26, 2015.

Bob is survived by his wife Sandra; and his two children, Mark and Andrea.

A memorial service will be held on Friday January 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in The Glass Chapel.

GRISMORE

From 1B

their reasons and opinions, but I cannot believe that in a nation where significant opportunity is so widely presented, why can't lending a hand to those who are truly putting forth the effort to improve themselves, just be a rule of a good Samaritan?

I understand there are notions of complex politics, intricate money matters and other aspects in personal agendas, but somewhere there has to be a happy medium where both sides are equally content. Educators — who are hardly paid what we are worth — still show up and perform in classrooms all over the nation. Some of us are equipped with prime, state-of-the-art technology, and some with simple chalkboard and chalk. Although the classrooms, equipment and students are different, the overall sentiment is the same: We want our students to be the best that they can be at whatever it is they want to be.

Although President Obama's proposal is already being frowned upon in Congress, the mere hope that it might pass raises the spirit.

Brandi Grismore is vocational adjustment coordinator at Lee High School.

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WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 28, 2015

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Goldberg	Modern Family	Black-ish "The Hod"	Black-ish	Modern Family	KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Mentalist "Copper Bullet" (N)		C.Minds "Nelson's Sparrow" (N)		Stalker "My Hero" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) The Talk	
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Cheers	F Troop	F Troop	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason "The Case of the Fickle Filly"	McCloud	
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Auditions #7" (N)		Empire "False Imposition" (N)		Modern Family	Modern "Snip"	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	House Call	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest				HaYesod	Mission: M25	Jean-Claude	Dr. William
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Laura "The Mystery of the Fertile Fatality"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Pornstar's Requiem"		Chicago P.D. "Get My Cigarettes"		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Seth Meyers	
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Penguin Post Office" (N)		Nova "Sinkholes: buried Alive" (N)		Secrets of Dead "Ben Franklin's Bones" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Gata		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La Que No Amar	Podia
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65			165	(5:00) ★ Tin Men		★ A Low Down Dirty Shame			(:45) ★★★ Alive ('93, Dra) Ethan Hawke.					★ Bully	
	HBO	300	68	14	14		(4:30) ★ Armageddon		Looking	Girls	★★ Ender's Game Asa Butterfield.				Bill Maher		Together	Looking
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) Billy Crystal		★ Blended ('14, Com) Adam Sandler.				Real Sports		★★ Identity Thief Jason Bateman.			
	HBO3	304	70	16	102		(:05) ★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley Matt Damon.			Together	★ Runner Runner					(:35) ★ Closed Circuit Eric Bana.		
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★ Riddick ('13, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban, Vin Diesel.				Banshee		★★★ Lone Survivor Mark Wahlberg.				Femme	
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ Transcendence ('14, Act) Johnny Depp.				★★★ Serenity ('05, Sci-Fi) Nathan Fillion.		★ Pleasure or Pain				Movie	
	PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ Santa With...		★ Dumb & Dumberer: When...				★★ Cousins ('89, Rom) Ted Danson.			(:25) ★★★ Stepmum		
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(4:30) ★ Mandela: ...		Inside the NFL		Shameless		Episodes	Lies	Therapy	Inside the NFL		Therapy
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Snake Eyes		★★ Last Holiday Queen Latifah.				★★★ Delivery Man Vince Vaughn.				★ National Lampo...	
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty "Stand by Mia"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. (N)	(:05) Wahlbrg	(:35) Donnie	(:05) Donnie	Wahlburgers	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★★ Godzilla		★★★★ Gladiator (2000, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.							★★ Stealth Josh Lucas.		
	BET	58	26		40		Husbands	Husbands	It's a Mann's World		Mann's World (N)		Game (N)	It's a Mann's World		Game	Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Best Restaurant (N)		Watch (N)	Top Chef		Resto.
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	Car	Car	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Car (N)	Car	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dual Survival		Dual Survival (N)		Dual Survival (N)		Fire in the Hole (N)		Dual Survival		Fire in the Hole	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Jessie	★ Tinker Bell & the Great Fa...		Austin		Dog Blog	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Austin	So Raven	So Raven
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SnoopSon	Count	NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Atlanta Hawks (L)					NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Phoenix Suns (L)				
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsC.	NCAA Basketball Duke vs. Notre Dame (L)					ITF Tennis Australian Open Women's Semifinal Site: Melbourne Park (L)					
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Daddy (N)	★★★ You Again ('10, Com) Kristen Bell.				The 700 Club		Melissa	Melissa
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	Restaurant (N)		Restaurant		M. Diners	M. Diners
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 (N)	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets Site: Toyota Center -- Houston, Texas (L)					Mavericks Live (L)	Own Words	Rangers Insider	WPT Poker World Championship	
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ The Avengers ('12, Act) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr...						The Americans (N)		The Amer.	"EST Men"	AHS: Freak Show	
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Wager"		Waltons "The Spirit"		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		A. Pickers "Big Moe"		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Mississippi Men		(:05) Amer. Pickers		A. Pickers "Big Moe"	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "Baby Bump"		Little Women: LA "A Little Fired Up"		Little Women: LA (N)		Big Women: Big Love (N)		Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA "A Little Fired Up"	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Pittsburgh vs Washington (L)					NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Los Angeles Kings (L)				
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	WitchWay	Sam & Cat	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Movie	★★★ Training Day ('01, Thril) Denzel Washington.					★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Dakota Fanning, Denzel Washington.					
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ The Uninvited Emily Browning.				★ 6 Souls (2010, Horror)					★ Grave Halloween		
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Apology"	Seinf. "The Dealership"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Cougar Town	Conan
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Picture ...		★★★★ The Sand Pebbles ('66, War) Steve McQueen.						(:15) ★★★ 10 Rillington Place			
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Dueños del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	Tierra de reyes	
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Str Addiction	Str Addiction	My 600-lb Life: Now "Penny and Tara"		My 600-lb Life: Now "Chuck and Paula" (N)		Addiction (N)	Str. Addiction	My 600-lb Life: Now "Chuck and Paula"		Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Supernatural "Devil May Care"		Grimm "Three Coins in a Fuchsbau"		Grimm "Plumed Serpent"		Grimm "Island of Dreams"		Grimm "The Thing With Feathers"		Supernatural "I'm No Angel"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Walker "Deadly Vision"		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In (N)	The Exes	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Double Back"		NCIS "Crescent City" Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd next		NCIS "Crescent City" 2/2		Suits "Enough is Enough" (N)		Sirens	Sirens	Suits "Enough is Enough"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage	Rules of Engage

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stopped awarding credit based on AP exams in fall 2014. Of the dozen or so largest school districts in the Houston area, about half give equal weight to dual credit and AP classes, while others give fewer points to dual credit or none at all.

Enrollment in dual-credit courses has more than quadrupled in Texas during the past decade, to 94,550 students in 2011, the latest year for which state data is available.

AP remains more popular, with Texas students taking about 434,000 AP exams last year, up from 183,130 in 2004, according to the College Board.

HISD Superintendent Terry Grier, a trustee on the College Board, said he recently changed his mind to favor equal weight for dual-credit classes.

"It is an issue of equity," Grier told the HISD school board this month.

Zachary Hodges, president of Houston Community College's Northwest campus, said dual-credit courses are the equivalent of college work. He said he thinks some opposition stems from teachers who are not allowed to teach dual credit because they lack a master's degree in the subject.

"AP courses are rigorous," Hodges said. "The (dual-credit) college courses are rigorous also."

A big perk for HISD students who take dual-credit HCC classes is that they don't have to pay tuition. In Spring Branch ISD, on the other hand, HCC charges students $216 a semester because they are not considered in-district students, said the school district's Catherine Robinson. The University of Houston-Downtown charges $195. Scholarships are available.

All AP courses are free for students, but the exams cost $91. HISD pays the exam fees, while students from poor families in other districts get a discount.

No hard-and-fast rules

Jeff Fuller, president of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the University of Houston's director of student recruitment, said students applying to competitive universities should lean toward AP classes because some colleges are less likely to accept the dual credits. But he urged students to check with specific colleges.

A spokesman for the University of Texas at Austin, Gary Susswein , said the university does not evaluate AP and dual credit differently.

Chris Munoz, vice president for enrollment at Rice University, said the private school does not have a hard-and-fast rule about AP and dual credit.

"Our general advice to all students is to take the most challenging coursework possible," he said.

Chuck Robinson, executive director of the Congress of Houston Teachers, said he worries that HISD's policy change may water down the district's advanced academic offerings. He considers dual credit less challenging than AP and International Baccalaureate classes, which also are weighted.

Westside High School Principal Peggi Stewart was among those lobbying HISD officials to give extra weight to dual-credit courses. She said some students were reluctant to participate in the school's new health careers academy because they feared low grades.

Houston Community College instructors teach the Westside classes, and the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center provides field experiences and mentoring. Participating students can graduate from high school with an associate's degree.

Breedlove, an aspiring physical therapist, said the dual-credit classes are just as hard as her AP English and AP calculus courses. She said she regularly studies six hours a night, working to keep her class rank high. Her parents have been touting UT-Austin since she was a young girl.

"I know that if I continue on the path I'm going, I'll be well in the top 8 percent," Breedlove said, before returning to anatomy class to learn about the endocrine system.

Focusing on future

Raquel Sapon, another junior in Westside's health program, said she tries not to focus too much on her grade-point average.

"I've taken the classes that will benefit me in the future," said Sapon, who wants to be a doctor.

The 17-year-old said her parents have pushed her to focus on school. Both emigrated from Guatemala and have the equivalent of a sixth-grade education, she said. Her mom works as a housekeeper, her dad as a valet driver.

Sapon said her AP English class, more structured than her dual-credit courses, seems focused on passing the AP test.

The Texas Education Agency leaves grading decisions up to individual school districts, but spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said she understands why districts would want to give an incentive for dual-credit courses.

"From the kid's perspective, they should get weight (for a dual-credit course) It is harder than a regular academic course," Ratcliffe said. "Whether it's harder than an AP course, I think it will vary between instructors."

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland High School senior **Lauren Barnes** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Karl and Leslie Barnes.

Barnes

She is a member of International Thespian Society, academic decathlon team, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She is an academic and theater letterman and AP Scholar.

She volunteers as a tutor at Casa de Amigos.

Barnes plans to major in history or political science.

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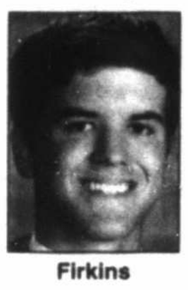
Lee High School senior **Max Firkins** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Justin and Kathy Firkins.



Firkins

He is treasurer of Future Farmers of America, a member of National Honor Society and is an academic letterman.

He volunteers with Midland Teen Court.

Firkins plans to attend University of Oklahoma and major in geophysics.

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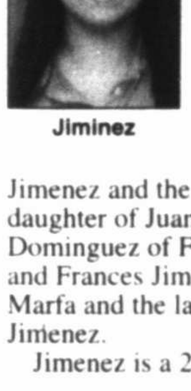
Midlander **Becky Jimenez** recently graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a specialization in PGA golf management. She is the daughter of Frank and Abigail Jimenez and the granddaughter of Juan and Lupe Dominguez of Fort Davis and Frances Jimenez of Marfa and the late Jose Jimenez.



Jiminez

Jimenez is a 2010 graduate of Midland High School and was a member of the golf team.

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DENTON — Numerous Midlanders were named to the honor rolls for the fall semester at University of North Texas.

Named to the President's List are **Tina Muscarello** and **Sydni Shah.**

To be eligible, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA.

Named to the Dean's List are: **Darian Chambers, Kolton Cotton, Jon Doolittle, Laura Kidder, Jacob Moreno, Thomas Murphy, Saul Colmenero** and **ShelbyRogers.**

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

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DENTON — Four Midlanders recently graduated from University of North Texas.

Gilbert Gonzales Jr. received a Bachelor of Arts in economics, **Anne Kendal Davis** received a BAAS in applied arts and sciences, **Eason Riley Lindsey** received a doctorate in special education and **Craig Matthew Schneider** received a Bachelor of Science in applied behavior analysis.

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SAN ANGELO — Numerous Midlanders were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Angelo State University.

Local honorees are: **Katharine Barron, Todd Brown, Ismael Chavez, Alexandra Delozier, Sarah Derington, Kelsey Dove, Stacee Easterwood, Alonzo Gonzalez, Kendall Greer, Danielle Heny, Jacob Jarvis, Lisa King, Blain Latham, Tyriel McGruder, Jacob Nichols, Victoria Reyna, Haley Rhodes, Alisha Robledo, Giselle Rosales, Ciara Sheppard, Tevin Simmons, Shanna Sitz** and **Richard Wade.**

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.25.

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DENTON — **Michelle Callier** graduated last month from Texas Woman's University.

She received a master of occupational therapy.

Schools observe National School Choice Week

Bynum and Midland Academy Charter are among schools that are observing National School Choice Week this week.

Bynum is planning an open house 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today. City Councilman J. Ross Lacy wil visit the school beginning at 9 a.m., according to Hartley Bettis, the school's assistant development director.

Midland Academy's observance began Monday with Mayor Jerry Morales visiting the school to deliver a proclamation. U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway will be on campus Thursday to speak about the importance of higher education and importance of government, according to a press release from the school.

And on Friday, staff members will serve breakfast to school board members and PTO officers. Also, $1 donations were collected to beautify the campus.

EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Naylor scholarship is now endowed

The scholarship created in honor of Sgt. Mike Naylor has received $15,650 as of Thursday and now is endowed, according to a press release from Crime Stoppers of Midland.

The Sgt. Michael Naylor Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by Crime Stoppers and the Midland College Foundation to assist students taking courses in the Criminal Justice/ Law Enforcement program at MC.

Naylor, a member of the Midland County Sheriff's Office, was killed Oct. 9 while serving an arrest warrant.

To apply for the scholarship or for information on becoming a donor, call Kathy Fletcher at 685-4526 or Lesley Isaacs at 686-4810.

Midlander appointed to SRSU post

ALPINE — Midland native **Amy Moreland,** an assistant professor of political science at Sul Ross State University, has been appointed assistant vice president for Institutional Effectiveness. In that capacity, Moreland will coordinate the university's efforts to fulfill compliance with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Principles of Accreditation.

Moreland

Moreland joined the SRSU faculty in 2010 and received the university's Outstanding Teaching Award for the 2012-13 academic year.

She is a graduate of Greenwood High School and received a bachelor of arts in political science from University of Texas of the Permian Basin and master's and doctorate degrees, also in political science, from Texas Tech University.

Henderson students publish book

Henderson Elementary School reading students have co-authored a book and students in Michelle Watkins' class are hosting a book signing party to celebate their achievement.

Watkins said the students have written a "'real book.' We've had it published and hard-bound." The party is 2:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the school.

TIER

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else Abbott has in mind, his spokeswoman Amelia Chasse pointed to the white paper, which recommends various initiatives to improve graduation rates, expand online learning and compensate schools for a tuition exemption enjoyed by military veterans and their family members.

"It requires a generational commitment to elevate Texas higher education to have five universities in the top 10 in the nation, and Gov. Abbott will work with the Legislature to begin to address these issues," Chasse said.

Cal Jillson, a professor of political science at Southern Methodist University, said the state's elected leaders have not thought seriously about creating more top-tier schools for decades. The unwillingness to concentrate funding on two or three schools is "classic legislative regionalism," he said, adding that picking winners would require at a minimum the combined political muscle of the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker.

"Much of Texas politics is rhetorical, with little reference to the real world and the kinds of investments it takes to move an educational system," Jillson said. "The goal of moving Texas' universities to a top 10 status is grand, but the investment is very modest."

Mitchell Chang, a professor of education at the University of California at Los Angeles, said it's not unusual for second-rung schools to aspire to the top tier. Flagship universities attract some of the brightest students and most accomplished faculty members, creating an intellectual stew that secures research grants, expands the regional economy and generates civic pride.

Texas lags behind the competition. California has nine tier-one schools — six public (five of which are ranked by U.S. News in the top 10) and three private. New York has six schools in the big leagues; Massachusetts has four. Texas has three, including Rice University, which is private.

A 2009 analysis by M. Ray Perryman, a Waco-based economist, said lifting two Texas schools into tier-one status by 2035 would generate $5.5 billion in local and state tax revenue —in 2009 dollars — and create more than 340,000 jobs.

Bait and switch

The Texas Research Incentive Program illustrates the slippage between promise and reality. The Legislature enacted the program in 2009, telling the emerging research universities that they would qualify for state matching funds equal to 50 percent, 75 percent or 100 percent of private donations raised for professorships, equipment and other research enhancements, depending on the size of the donations.

But because of tight state budgets and an aversion to raising taxes, lawmakers have appropriated only 56 percent, or $153.1 million, of the $275.7 million in matching funds earned by the schools, leaving a shortfall of $122.6 million.

UT-Dallas President David Daniel nevertheless considers the program "wildly successful," saying it has motivated donors to write checks.

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Citizens are encouraged to submit questions via email at kmb@keepmidlandbeautiful.org or through the Keep Midland Beautiful or Midland TreeKeepers Facebook page prior to the seminar.

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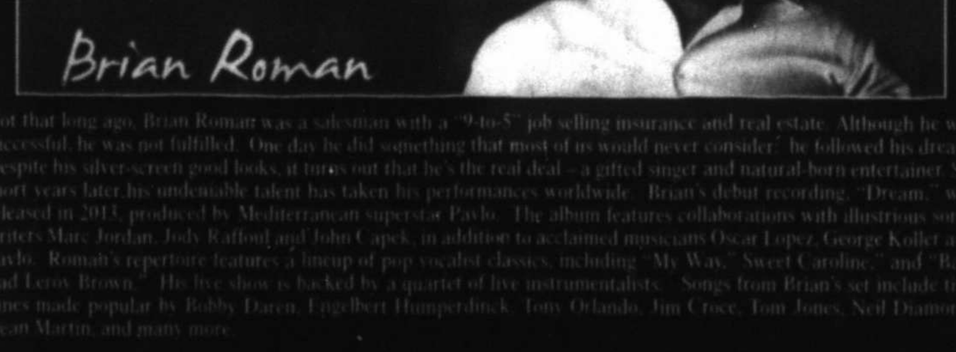
Brian Roman will perform a program of classic songs in his uniquely entertaining style at the **Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, located at FM 1788 & Hwy. 191, on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** Single tickets are available at the performance for $35. For more information call 432-789-1249 or 432-552-4430, or visit the local nonprofit's website at www.liveonstage-pb.com.

"Brian Roman is the complete package." – The Welland Tribune



Not that long ago, Brian Roman was a salesman with a "9-to-5" job selling insurance and real estate. Although he was successful, he was not fulfilled. One day he did something that most of us would never consider: he followed his dream. Despite his silver-screen good looks, it turns out that he's the real deal – a gifted singer and natural-born entertainer. Six short years later his undeniable talent has taken his performances worldwide. Brian's debut recording, "Dream," was released in 2013, produced by Mediterranean superstar Paolo. The album features collaborations with illustrious songwriters Marc Jordan, Jody Raffoul and John Capek, in addition to acclaimed musicians Oscar Lopez, George Koller and Paolo. Roman's repertoire features a lineup of pop vocalist classics, including "My Way," "Sweet Caroline," and "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown." His live show is backed by a quartet of live instrumentalists. Songs from Brian's set include title tunes made popular by Bobby Darin, Engelbert Humperdinck, Tony Orlando, Jim Croce, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, Dean Martin, and many more.

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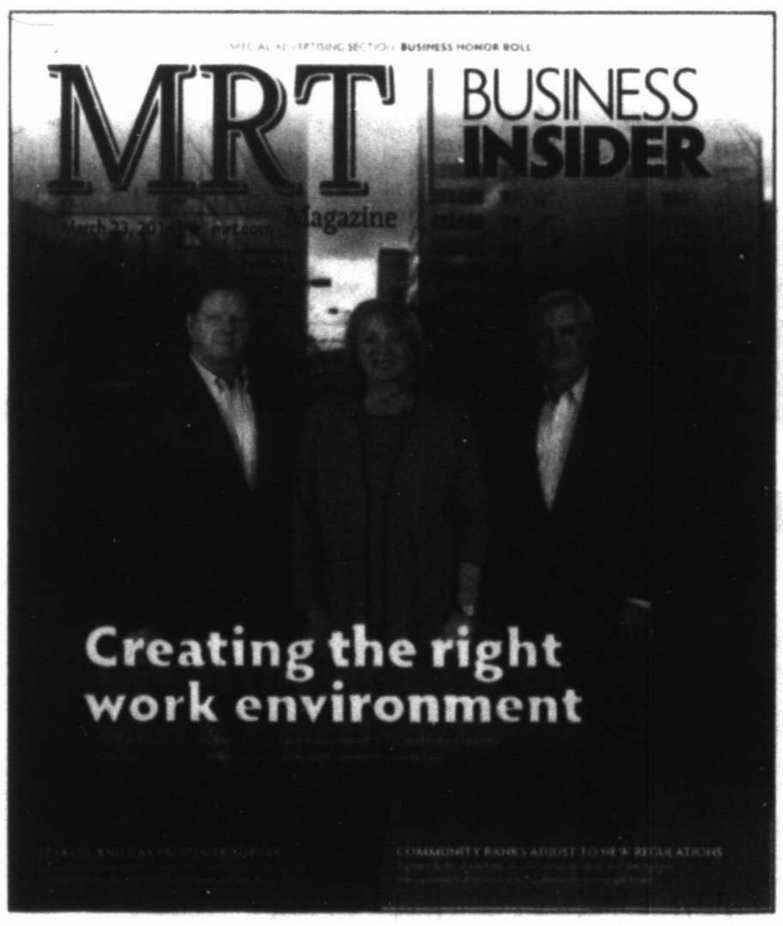

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FRIDAY: Cloudy High: 45 Low: 39

SATURDAY: Cloudy High: 49 Low: 35

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 45 Low: 29

MONDAY: Sunny High: 52 Low: 33

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 78 and southwest winds around 5 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 42 and a southwest winds around 5 mph.

Thursday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 56 and northeast winds between 10 and 20 mph. Expect cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 34 and northeast winds around 15 mph.

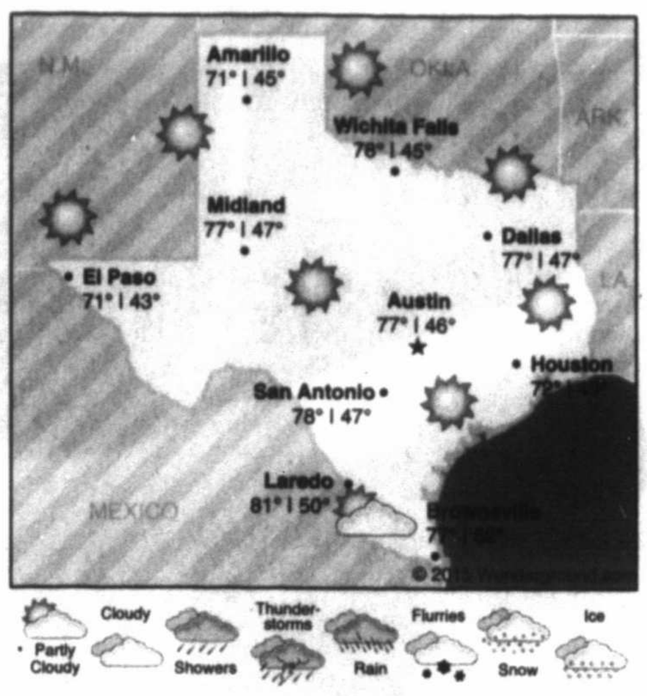
Friday, the forecast calls for cloudy skies during the day, cloudy skies at night, with a high around 45 and a low around 39.

The high on Tuesday reached 74, while the low dropped to 36. The record high for Jan. 27 is 80 set in 1970. The record low is 9 set in 1948.

National forecast

The potent winter storm will diminish to flurries in Maine today. Gusty winds and blowing and drifting snow will ease in New England as high pressure settles east from the central Appalachians. Much of the eastern third of the nation will remain chilly because of a south dip in the jet stream.

Much of the area from Texas to the central Plains will have sunshine.



Precipitation

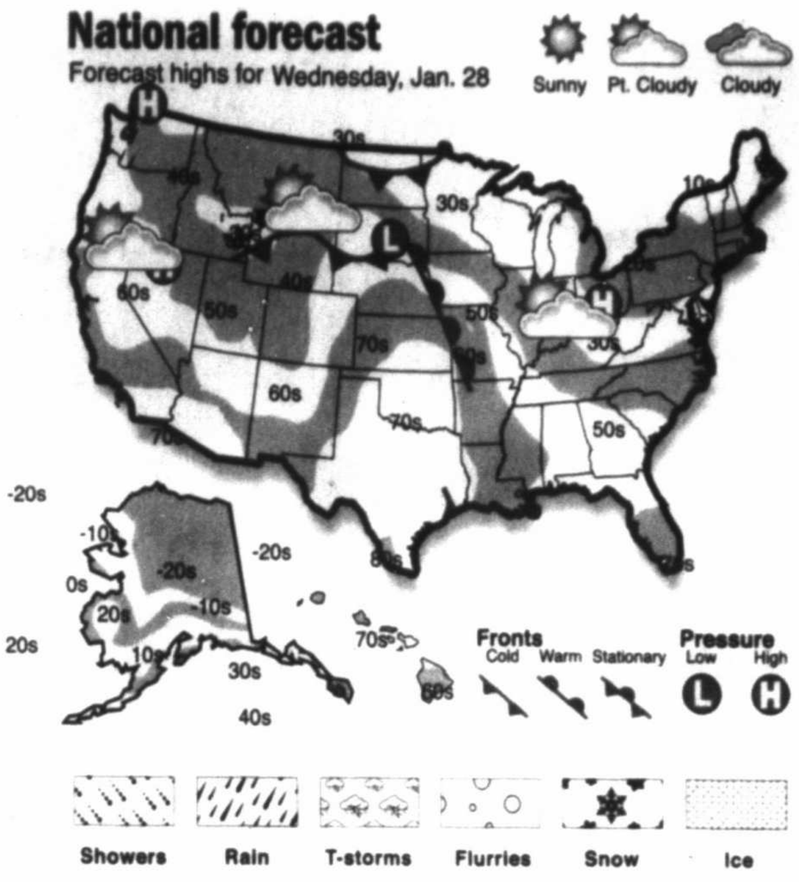
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.87 in.
Year total	1.87 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.46 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	74
Low	36
Normal high	59
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:45 a.m.
Sunset	6:19 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Jan. 28



Husband hopes wife is willing to spice up their love life

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 wife and I have been married for quite a while, and our intimate life became monotonous and unimaginative a long time ago. Over the years I have suggested we try things like role-playing and other non-extreme variations during intimate times. My suggestions were met with rolling eyes and retorts like, "I'm your wife, not a hooker." I finally gave up and try to be content with what we have together.

Then one evening, she surprised me and did one of the things I had suggested. It was very nice and she seemed to like it, too. I didn't know what to say to her. "Thank you" somehow seemed condescending. We have done nothing like it since.

I doubt if the answer is in the etiquette books. What should I have said to her to let her know how much I appreciated her loosening up and hope it will perhaps make her more comfortable spicing things up in the future? — ETIQUETTE ADVOCATE IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR ADVOCATE: Praise is a powerful incentive. Flowers would have been nice. But because you didn't send any, try this: Invite your wife out to dinner at a nice restaurant. Tell her how surprised and delighted you were with the special surprise she gave you. A small gift to commemorate the occasion couldn't hurt either.

A satisfying sex life is all about communication, and if my mail is any indicator, if more wives were uninhibited in the bedroom, there would be a lot less business for the "professionals."

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man for two years and am in hopes of getting a proposal soon. We are both committed to staying pure before marriage and have not been intimate.

My question to you is, do I have to tell him, now or ever, that I have had breast implants? I did it several years ago, and it greatly improved my self-esteem. I'm glad I did it.

Because he has never felt any breasts, if I tell him, my fear is he will get hung up on the thought, "I wonder what REAL breasts feel like." On the other hand, if I don't tell him and sometime in the future he finds out, he may be like, "I can't believe you kept that from me." What would you advise? — RETICENT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR RETICENT: Many women have breast enhancement surgery so their figures will be more balanced. For the reason you have mentioned, you should tell your boyfriend. It should make no difference to him. However, if it does, it's better that you know now before you spend any more time on someone who measures the worth of a woman by how "real" her breasts are.

P.S. If he wants to know what "real" breasts feel like, tell him to go hug his mother.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: I'll pass along this pithy sentiment shared with me by former California Gov. Gray Davis. In a commencement speech to students graduating from Columbia Law School, David told them: "School is fair. Life is not. Just get used to it."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

What to pitch?

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 8 6 2
♥ void
♦ J 10 6
♣ K J 8 6 3

WEST
♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ K 10 8 5 3
♦ K 5
♣ 7 2

EAST
♠ K 10 3
♥ Q 6
♦ A Q 9 8 4 3
♣ 9 5

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ A J 9 7 4 2
♦ 7 2
♣ A Q 10 4

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2	2	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
All pass			

Opening lead: King of

Most would have opened the East hand with one diamond, but the choice to open two diamonds was not unreasonable. A trump lead would have been best, but West cannot be faulted for his choice of the diamond king. East overtook the king with the ace, in case the lead was a singleton, and continued with the queen of diamonds and another diamond. South ruffed with the 10 as West discarded a low heart.

Declarer ruffed a heart in dummy, then cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. Another heart was ruffed low as East's queen fell. A trump to his queen was followed by another heart ruff with the jack as East discarded a diamond. Next came the king of trumps to declarer's ace, drawing the outstanding trumps. The ace of hearts felled the king and the two remaining hearts in his hand were good. Making five!

A spade discard by West at trick three would have fared no better. The outstanding spades would then be 3-3 and South would have had no trouble establishing dummy's spade suit with two ruffs.

There is a winning defense — West must under-ruff South's 10 at trick three! South will try to get home on a cross-ruff, but East's nine of trumps will eventually come into play and the contract will be defeated.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015:

This year you often feel as if others stop you in your tracks. You will experience obstacles, but you also will learn how to bypass them. You need to listen to your inner voice. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone who could be your soul mate at any point this year. You will be clearly understood by this person. If you are attached, you and your sweetie see your bond strengthen this year. You also might go through a period of wanting different goals. Don't worry about this disparity; it will work itself out. GEMINI always makes you smile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your practical side will keep you anchored in the morning. By the afternoon, your imagination will add zest to any concept that enters your head. These two qualities tend to add to your success, though some people might find it confusing. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Use the morning for any heartfelt projects that you would like to complete. The afternoon could toss you into the financial realm, where you'll gain more understanding of a money matter. Don't be intimidated by someone who is more knowledgeable than you. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Don't get upset if you are dragging in the morning, because you'll be full of amazing thoughts and energy in the afternoon. Others simply will kick back and observe. Remain open-minded, even if a partner or friend seems to be somewhat negative. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Use the morning for meetings and important get-togethers. You could be more tired than you realize, and might need to slow down in the afternoon. Squeeze in a nap if you can. Make it OK not to be so responsive right now. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Be willing to voice your opinion in a group of friends; just know that you might not be thrilled by others' reactions. You could try to coax them to see your side; however, this type of manipulation has the potential to backfire. Tonight: Just be yourself. Everything will work out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You could feel pressured, as people with different issues seem to appear around you. Your responsibilities might be unusually heavy, which will force you to say "no" to a situation in which you would prefer to be involved. Try to be diplomatic. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whom you care a lot about. You might not have the right words to describe your feelings, but don't underestimate the importance of your tone. You might need some downtime for yourself. Take it. Tonight: Grasp the big picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be unusually preoccupied with a problem involving your finances. You won't be able to change what has happened, but you can let go of what seems to be holding you back. Tonight: Go along with a friend's wishes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might be fixated on one issue or project, and perhaps haven't noticed how much time you have spent on this matter. You could be disappointed by someone else's reaction, or vice versa. Tonight: Make amends in a fun way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Where others don't know how to resolve an issue, you'll tap into your ingenuity. Your creativity seems endless and right on target. You could be a lot more isolated than you realize. Try adding more warmth to business-related conversations. Tonight: Leap into action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be taken aback by a loved one's efforts. You also might need to express your feelings to this person. Your creativity is often fed by your resilience. You know there is always an answer. Today, use that knowledge. Tonight: Time for some playfulness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You often are not aware of how you feel, as you tend to get involved in others' matters. Stop and look within. You might want to put yourself first for a change. If you aren't feeling up to snuff, you won't be as centered as you might like to be. Tonight: Get some beauty sleep.

BORN TODAY

Painter Jackson Pollock (1912), actor Alan Alda (1936), actor Elijah Wood (1981)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Help for Holmes
5 All hands on deck
9 Baby food, usually
14 "Can you give me a __?"
15 Bass' red triangle, e.g.
16 Dove rival
17 Fraternal meeting place
19 Sense & Spray air freshener maker
20 "Here are the facts," briefly
21 Garden outcast
22 Dark suit
23 Central church area
25 Pacific Northwest capital
27 "The Cask of Amontillado" writer
31 Reduced in number
32 Track tipsters
33 Train cos.
35 Yankee nickname since 2004
36 Asparagus, mostly
37 Nemesis
38 ENE or WSW
39 Set straight
40 Golfer Palmer, to fans
41 Where to read candidate endorsements
44 Much of the time
45 Kitchen add-on?
46 Yemenis' neighbors
49 "__ been thinking ..."
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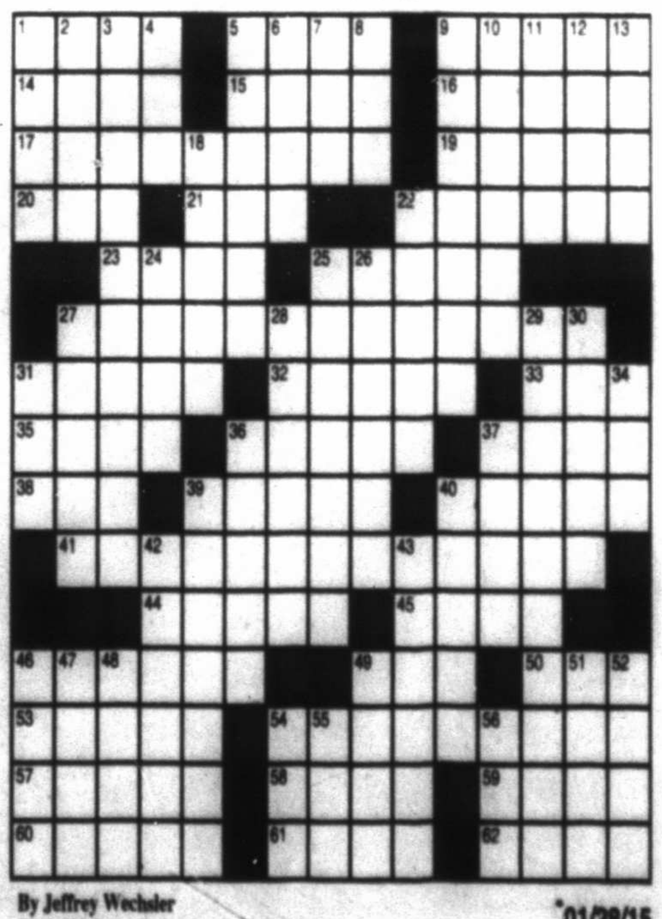

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CLEAR BLUE COMPETITION

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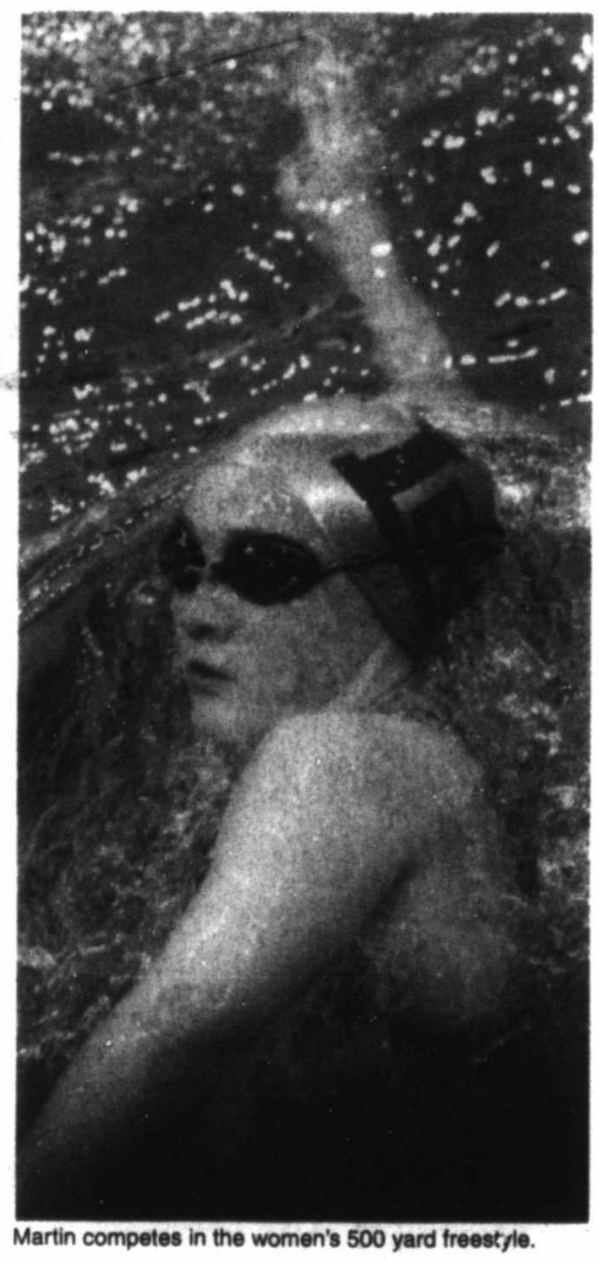
Midland High's Mollie Wright, left, and Cassidy Hale high five after competing in the women's 100 yard butterfly during the District 3-6A swimming and diving championships Saturday at the Mabee Aquatic Center.

Midland High's Dailey Parker dives in over teammate Maya Anderson while competing in the women's 200 yard freestyle relay.

Lee High's Keely Martin competes in the women's 500 yard freestyle.



Martin competes in the women's 500 yard freestyle.

Midland High's Blythe Lary competes in the women's 100 yard freestyle.

Lee High's Charlye Campbell competes in the women's 1 meter dive.

Belichick and The Beast talk at Media Day

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch knew he had to talk. It didn't mean he had to say anything.

So, in essence, he didn't. And now, onto our regularly scheduled Super Bowl Media Day, where the players and coaches are window dressing, and it's really more about who's asking the questions.

There was Barrel Boy. A pair of buck-toothed sock puppets. A guy sporting a purple shirt, a bicycle helmet and seven Go Pro cameras, "so I can catch all the angles, precisely."

These characters are the sort that have helped turn an event that began as a convenient place to fill up the notebook in advance of the NFL title game into the full-fledged theatre of the absurd it has become.

On Tuesday, about 2,000 reporters — make that people with credentials — filed into the U.S. Airways Center, worked their way down the stairs past a marching band playing a version of Blondie's 1980 hit, "Call Me," and got down to business.

The New England Patriots filed in and the clock started ticking down from "60:00."

As the reporters, cameramen and Nickelodeon superhero Pick Boy elbowed for position, the questions began.

As expected, New England coach Bill Belichick wasn't forthcoming about much. But now, thanks to a question asked by a kid, we know his favorite stuffed animals are those cute little monkeys you put your fingers in to make them talk.

Those wishing to someday see Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's etchings were in luck. Sort of. A sketch artist got a credential and spent the morning penning out pictures of the Man himself: Life imitating art imitating Leroy Neiman.

Looking for a Joe Namath-like guarantee at Media Day? "The game will be on Sunday," promised Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski.

Oh, there were moments of actual reporting going on — some even done by people other than ESPN's Chris Berman, NFL Network's Deion Sanders and the rest of the reporter-celebrity crowd that fields as many questions as

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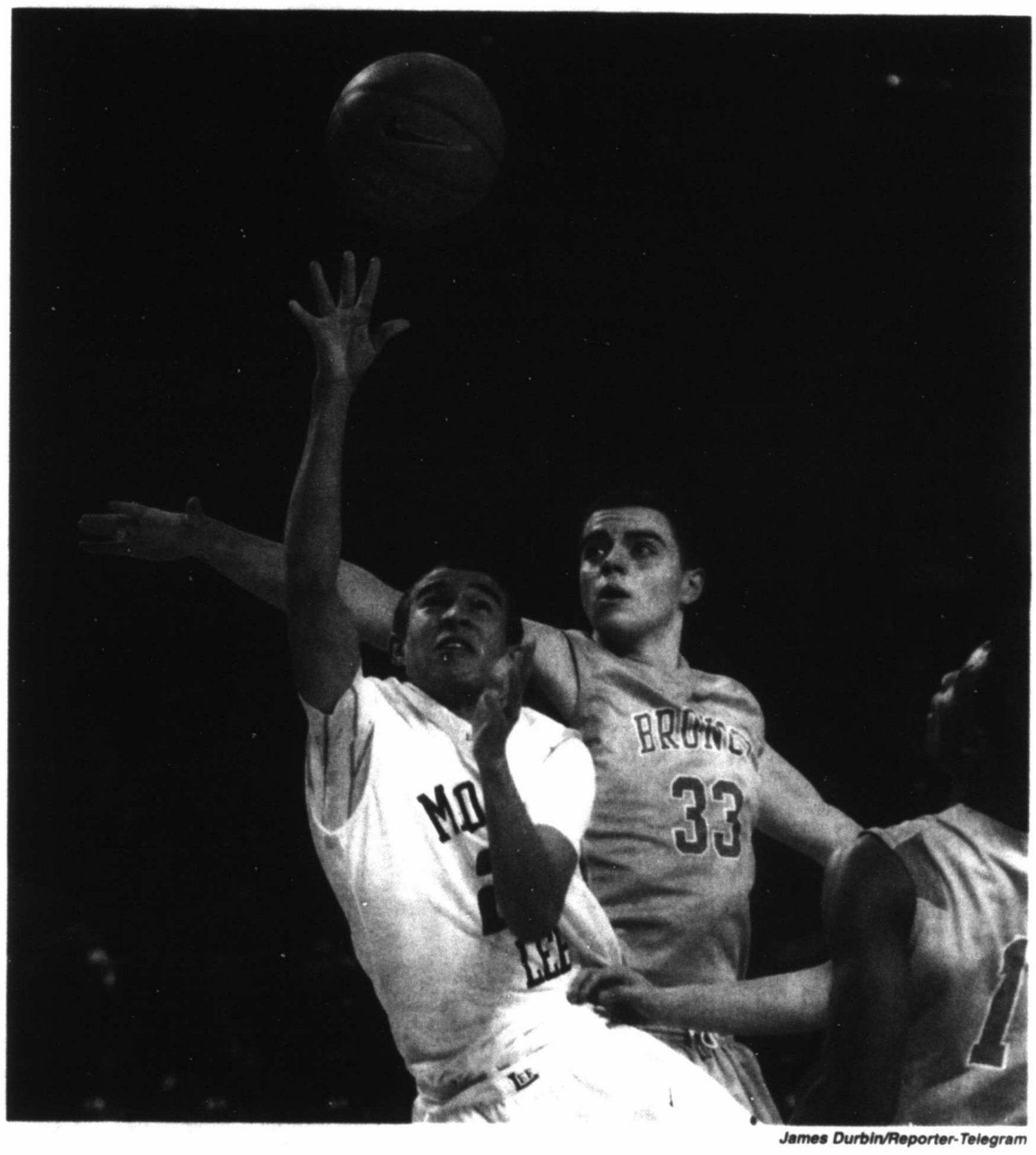
Associated Press

The Seattle Seahawks' Marshawn Lynch leaves at the beginning of media day for NFL Super Bowl XLIX on Tuesday in Phoenix.

Crazy games all around



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Taye Britt attempts a shot against Odessa High's Kris Fox and Ozzy Terrazas on Tuesday at Chaparral Center. Be sure to see how the Lee and Midland High girls fared on Page 3C.

Rebels get first win in District 3-6A play

By Len Hayward
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Rebels	**39**
Bronchos	36

Lee senior guard Jase Love said it was "amazing" to get a win on Tuesday night.

The Rebels' first win of 2015 likely won't go down as one of the program's prettier victories, but thanks to Love knocking down some key shots in the second half, the Rebels were able to finally finish a game for a victory.

Lee held off Odessa High, 39-36, and won its first game of the District 3-6A season as Love led the Rebels with 16 points, including 10 in the final two quarters. Lee is now 2-20 overall this season and 1-3 in District 3-6A as the Rebels won their first game since the Tall City Oilman's Tournament in December.

"I love it, we needed it," Love said after the victory. "We haven't had a win, and I knew I had to step up and do what I needed to do."

Both teams struggled shooting and also keeping control of the ball as the two teams combined for 37 turnovers

Please see **REBELS**/3C

Permian rolls by MHS in battle of 3-6A unbeatens

Midland High's Gary Ringo drives the ball during the first half of the game Tuesday at the Permian Field-house.

Edyta Blaszczyk/Odessa American

Panthers	**90**
Bulldogs	55

By Will Korn
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ODESSA — Tuesday night's game between the Midland High and Odessa Permian boys basketball teams was supposed to be a hotly contested battle between two undefeated squads in District 3-6A play.

The game between these two longtime rivals was certainly hotly contested and even a bit chippy at times. But it was hardly a real battle. Permian's athleticism was too much for the Dawgs to handle as it wrecked MHS with a 90-55 blowout on Tuesday night at the Permian Field House.

Permian's Robert Thomas scored a game-high 34

Please see **MHS**/3C

Forte, Nash lead Oklahoma St. past No. 20 Baylor

Oklahoma State	**64**
No. 20 Baylor	53

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Phil Forte scored 16 points and Le'Bryan Nash added 13 to help Oklahoma State defeat No. 20 Baylor 64-53 on Tuesday night.

Forte, a 5-foot-11 shooting guard, made 4 of 7 3-pointers and matched a career high with five rebounds for the Cowboys, who claimed their second win over a ranked opponent this season.

More college

Check out the roundup of college basketball games along with Tuesday's scores and today's schedules.

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Michael Cobbins had six points, a season-high 11 rebounds and matched a career high with five blocks. Anthony Hickey had eight points and a career-high 10 assists and freshman Tavarius Shine added a season-high 11 points for the Cowboys (14-6, 4-4 Big 12), who will host No. 24 Oklahoma on Saturday.

Lester Medford scored 13 points, Taurean Prince added 12 and Rico Gathers added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Baylor (15-5, 3-4), which had won four of five. Baylor shot just 34.5 percent from the field and posted a season-low point total.

Baylor went on an 11-0 run early to go up 13-6. Oklahoma State rallied, as threes by Forte and Hickey highlighted a 9-0 run that put the Cowboys up 23-17 and forced a Baylor timeout. The Bears went more than four minutes without scoring.

The Cowboys held Baylor to 32 percent shooting in the first half and led 30-21 at the break.

Jeff Newberry's pump fake, drive and two-handed jam put the Cowboys up 32-25 early in the second half. Another three by Forte pushed Oklahoma State's lead to 10.

Baylor hung around, but Oklahoma State hung on. Hickey penetrated and found an open Forte for 3 with four minutes remaining to stretch the Cowboys' lead to 10.

Associated Press

Baylor forward Rico Gathers dunks over Oklahoma State forward Jeff Newberry during the second half of the game in Stillwater, Okla., on Tuesday.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF
LPGA: Coates Golf Championship, First Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
European PGA: Omega Dubai Desert Classic, First Round, Midnight, GOLF
European PGA: Omega Dubai Desert Classic, First Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

HANDBALL
IHF Men's World Championship, Quarterfinals, 9:30 a.m., beIN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
SMU at USF, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Temple at UCF, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Seton Hall at Marquette, 6 p.m., FS2
Minnesota at Penn State, 6 p.m., BTN
South Carolina at LSU, 6 p.m., SEC
Wake Forest at Florida State, 6 p.m., FSSWP
Duke at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Texas Tech at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., ESPNews
Oregon State at Arizona State, 7 p.m., P12
Kansas at TCU, 8 p.m., ESPNU
St. John's at Creighton, 8 p.m., FS1
East Carolina at Memphis, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Indiana at Purdue, 8 p.m., BTN
Mississippi State at Ole Miss, 8 p.m., SEC
Georgia Tech at Miami (FL), 8 p.m., FSSWP
Oregon at Arizona, 9 p.m., P12
Stanford at Washington, 10 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER
African Cup of Nations: Cameroon vs. Ivory Coast, 11:55 a.m., beIN
Copa del Rey: Club Atletico de Madrid vs. Barcelona, 1:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2
Friendly: US Vs. Spain, 5 p.m., FS1/UniDep
Copa MX: Club Necaxa vs. Tijuana, 6:55 p.m., ESPNDEP
Copa MX: Tiburones de Veracruz vs. Atlamira, 6:55 p.m., UniDep
Copa MX: Toluca vs. CF Merida, 8:55 p.m., beIN
Copa MX: Dorados de Sinaloa vs. CD Guadalajara, 8:55 p.m., UniDep

NBA
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 7 p.m., ESPN
Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m., FSSW
Charlotte at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA
Washington at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS
Australian Open, Semifinals, 6 p.m., TENNIS
Australian Open, Women's Semifinals, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
East Carolina at Connecticut, 6 p.m., SNY

WHAT'S ON DECK

BASKETBALL
Harlem Globetrotters at Chap Center, 7 p.m.

NJCAA MEN'S POLL

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL
first place votes in parentheses

Rank College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1. Northwest Florida St. (7)	21-0	342	2
2. Vincennes University (8)	20-0	341	1
3. Coll. of South. Idaho (1)	23-0	324	3
4. Butler CC	21-0	309	4
5. Hill College	**20-1**	**293**	**5**
6. Connors State	19-1	274	6
7. Mineral Area College	21-1	260	8
8. Jones County JC	13-0	250	10
9. Eastern Florida State	21-2	228	12
10. South Georgia State	20-1	220	13
14. Trinity Valley CC	**19-3**	**204**	**14**
12. Southwest Tennessee CC	15-2	191	7
13. Indian Hills CC	19-3	176	9
14. Georgia Highlands	18-2	147	16
15. San Jacinto College	**17-3**	**124**	**22**
16. Harcum College	19-3	118	20
17. Williston State	18-3	114	19
18. Hutchinson CC	17-4	110	18
19. Pearl River CC	13-2	98	15
20. South Plains College	**16-4**	**72**	**25**
21. Coffeyville CC	18-4	70	21
22. Southeastern CC	19-4	61	11
23. Broward College	19-4	50	17
24. Moultrie State CC	15-3	33	RV
25. Barton CC	18-3	29	NR

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER — Suspended Los Angeles Dodgers LHP Robert Carson (Oklahoma City-PCL) and OF Theo Alexander (Ogden-Pioneer) and free agent RHPs Kramer Champlin and Kyle Simon 50 games each following second positive tests for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Suspended LHP Chad James 50 games for a positive test for an amphetamine in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Acquired LHP Robbie Ross Jr. from Texas for RHP Anthony Ranaudo.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with OF Jarrod Dyson on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Frank Herrmann on a minor league contract.

National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with OF Ichiro Suzuki on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned 1B Hunter Morris outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with SS Brandon Crawford on a one-year contract.

American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed INF Juan Martinez.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released C Kevin Dultz.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released OF David Amberson. Signed LHPs Anthony Capra and Charlie Lowell and INFs Luis Hernandez and TJ Mittlestaedt.

Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed OF Bradon Reitano.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed SS Max Casper to a contract extension.
ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed RHP Patrick Dolan.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed OF Michael Earley.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed C Larry Balkwill and RHP Justin Martinez

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Los Angeles Clippers F Matt Barnes $25,000 for directing inappropriate language toward a fan during a Jan. 25 game at Phoenix.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed G Langston Galloway for the remainder of the season.

NBA Development League
IDAHO STAMPEDE — Traded G Reggie Hearn to Westchester for a 2015 fourth-round draft pick.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed WR John Chiles to a future contract. Named Clint Hurtt outside linebackers coach. Announced offensive quality control coaches Brendan Nugent and Carison Walch will not return.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Named Kelly Skipper running backs coach.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Promoted Rob Chudzinski to associate head coach.
NEW YORK JETS — Named Brian Heimerdinger director of player personnel, Kevin Patullo quarterbacks coach, Steve Marshall offensive line coach and Marcel Shipp running backs coach.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Named Bobby John-son tight ends coach. Rob Moore wide receivers coach, Bernie Parmalee running backs coach and Tracy Smith assistant special teams coach.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Perry Fewell defensive backs coach and Mike Clark head strength and conditioning coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHLPA — Announced the retirement of F Radek Dvorak.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled D Ryan Murphy from Charlotte (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned C Mike Richards to Manchester (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned F Tim Sestito to Albany (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Announced the retirement of G Martin Brodeur and will join the team in a management role in hockey operations.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Cameron Schilling from Hershey (AHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed D Damien Perrinelle, D Andrew Jean-Baptiste and D Ronald Zubar.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed D Kevin Ellis and MF Servando Carrasco.

THOROUGHBRED RACING
TEXAS RACING COMMISSION — Suspended jockey Roman Chapa amid a review of his Jan. 17 victory in the $50,000 Richard King Stakes at Sam Houston Race Park.

COLLEGE
ALBANY (NY) — Promoted Bernard Clark to associate head football coach, defensive coordinator, and linebackers coach. Named Jay Foster defensive backs coach. Nate Byham tight ends coach. Dave Plunges assistant coach. Gabe Luvara assistant offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Joe Bernard assistant head coach. Jeff Dittman special teams coordinator and defensive assistant and Harry Traylor director of operations.
BRIDGEWATER (VA.) — Promoted Willie Lam to full-time defensive line coach.
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Promoted Christi Rostish to women's associate head soccer coach.
LOYOLA (MD.) — Named Alija Pittenger volleyball coach.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

FEB. 1
SUPER BOWL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Seattle 3	Pk	(48½)	New	England

SKI REPORT

New Mexico
Angel Fire — Tue 6:48 am packed powder machine groomed 33 - 33 base 71 of 78 trails 92% open, 525 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-4p; Sun: 9a-4p;
Pajarito — Reopen 01/30
Red River — Mon 8:17 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 30 base 47 of 57 trails 93% open; 225 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 01/30 variable 12 - 18 base 37 of 39 trails 95% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;
Sipapu — Tue 5:09 am MG machine groomed 25 - 33 base 41 of 41 trails, 100% open 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Tue 12:03 am MG machine groomed 20 - 92 base 50 of 55 trails 91% open, 22 miles, 550 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Santa Fe — Mon 10:59 am variable machine groomed 36 - 41 base 76 of 77 trails 98% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Taos — Mon 6:08 am MG machine groomed 41 - 42 base 83 of 110 trails, 74% open 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Enchanted Forest XC — Wed No Recent information powder machine groomed 12 - 24 base 40 of 40 trails, 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Tue 7:52 am packed powder machine groomed 37 - 37 base 98 of 109 trails 90% open, 936 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Aspen Highlands — Tue 5:55 am packed powder machine groomed 37 - 52 base 122 of 122 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Aspen Mountain — Tue 5:52 am packed powder machine groomed 27 - 31 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Beaver Creek — Tue 5:55 am packed powder machine groomed 30 - 39 base 139 of 150 trails 93% open, 1736 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Breckenridge — Tue 5:57 am packed powder machine groomed 52 - 52 base 175 of 187 trails 94% open, 2758 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Buttermilk — Tue 5:56 am packed powder machine groomed 26 - 28 base 32 of 44 trails 73% open, 377 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Copper Mountain — Tue 5:17 am packed powder machine groomed 46 - 52 base 142 of 143 trails 100% open, 2465 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Crested Butte — Tue 5:22 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 34 base 87 of 121 trails 94% open, 797 acres, 13 of 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Eldora — Tue 11:04 am packed powder machine groomed 40 - 42 base 50 of 53 trails, 95% open 5 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Keystone — Tue 5:51 am packed powder machine groomed 35 - 35 base 118 of 135 trails 88% open, 2993 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Loveland — Tue 7:25 am packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 86 of 93 trails, 93% open 1510 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Monarch — Tue 7:24 am packed powder machine groomed 45 - 45 base 60 of 62 trails, 97% open 600 acres, 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Powderhorn — Tue 5:48 am packed powder machine groomed 31 - 31 base 36 of 44 trails 90% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Purgatory at Durango — Tue 5:08 am packed powder machine groomed 30 - 34 base 85 of 88 trails, 97% open, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Silverton Mountain — Sun Reopen 01/29 powder 40 - 70 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open, 1819 acres, 1 of 1 lift Thu/Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p

Chaps No. 15 in NJCAA preseason poll

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team is ranked No. 15 in the 2015 Preseason NJCAA Division Baseball Poll released on Tuesday.

The Chaparrals are coming off a third place finish at the JUCO World Series, the second straight appearance for the program, and a 42-25 record.

MC is the highest ranked Western Junior College Athletic Conference team in the poll as New Mexico Junior College is ranked No. 19.

Iowa Western, the defending national champion, is ranked No. 1 to start the season.

This is the second preseason ranking for the Chaps as they were No. 4 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper in late December.

The Chaps begin their season Feb. 6 with a game at Weatherford College.

2015 PRESEASON NJCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL POLL

1. Iowa Western Community College
2. Columbia State Community College
3. Cochise College
4. Crowder College
5. Chipola College
6. Delgado Community College
7. Johnson County Community College
8. Georgia Perimeter College
9. College of Southern Nevada
10. Wabash Valley College
11. Miami Dade College
12. Blinn College
13. Grayson College
14 Connors State College
15. Midland College
16. Spartanburg Methodist College
17. St. Johns River State College
18. Shelton State Community College
19. New Mexico Junior College
20. Chattahoochee Valley Community College

MHS falls to Kennedale in non-district contest

From staff reports

KENNEDALE — The Midland High girls soccer team fell 5-3 to Kennedale in non-district action on Tuesday.

Adrienne Almodova scored two goals and had an assist. She scored an unassisted score in the 20th minute, then scored again in the 23rd minute with an assist from Hope Barnett.

In the 27th minute, Cally Farrington scored with the assist from Almodova.

MHS (6-3-1) next plays at Lubbock High at 5 p.m. Friday.

HIGHSCHOOLBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

NO. 10 MCA 68 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 33

No. 10-ranked Midland Classical had little trouble in a TAPPS District 1-3A victory over Abilene Christian at MCA.

Delanie Griffin led the Lady Knights (15-6, 4-1) with a game-high 20 points, Ellerl Haest had 13, Kristen Johnson had 12 points and 15 rebounds, and Alissa Beattie added 11 points to go with 10 assists.

MCA 68, ABILENE CHRISTIAN 33
Abilene Christian — Houston 13, Pindor 5, Martinez 4, Hancock 11
MCA (15-6, 4-1) — Alissa Beattie 11, Kristen Johnson 12, Becca Jones 1, Delanie Griffin 20, Ellerl Haest 13, Morgan Jones 6, Lacy Carter 2, Makenna Beattie 3

ACHS	7	9	9	8	— 33
MCA	20	23	11	14	— 68

Free throws — ACHS 8-13, MCA 5-8. 3-point goals — ACHS 3 (Houston 3), MCA 5 (A. Beattie 2, Griffin 2, M. Beattie). Total fouls — ACHS 9, MCA 11. Fouled out —MCA, Hilary Sunderland.
Next: MCA at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6:30 p.m. Friday

LUBBOCK TITANS 49 NO. 18 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 44

Lubbock Titans used a 16-8 run in the fourth quarter to down No. 18 Midland Christian in a non-district game at the McGraw Events Center.

Bailey Wright had a game-high 18 points and Megan Ashton had 10 for MCS (23-8).

LUBBOCK TITANS 49, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 44
Titans — Katelyn Matlock 3, Haven Middleton 14, Lindsey Hoague 12, Kristen Middleton 3, Perry Moss 2, Emma Middleton 15
MCS (23-8) — Megan Ashton 10, Skyler Bennett 2, Blaire Netherton 2, Lindsey Mills 6, Megan McClendon 2, Bailey Wright 18, Caroline Hammond 4

Titans	17	8	8	16	— 49
MCS	12	7	17	8	— 44

Free throws — Titans 12-15, MCS 1-3. 3-point goals — Titans 1 (Matlock), MCS 3 (Mills, Wright 2). Total fouls — Titans 7, MCS 15. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD 64 FORT STOCKTON 43

Amanda Bell scored a game-high 19 points to lead Greenwood to a blowout District 4-4A victory over Fort Stockton.

Caity Payne added 17 points, Layne Banks had 12, Natalee Karcher 11 and Regan Shockley had 11 for the Rangerettes (18-11, 5-1).

GREENWOOD 64, FORT STOCKTON 43
Greenwood (18-11, 5-1) — Caity Payne 17, Regan Shockley 10, Natalee Karcher 11, Layne Banks 12, Amanda Bell 19, Cassi Mebane 2, Cylie Mebane 9, Emilee Vogler 2, Callie Gilbert 2.
Fort Stockton (1-5 in District 4-4A) — A. Urias 4, D. Mendoza 6, C. Villarreal 6, A. Corral 3, R. Singh 4, N. Hodges 1, B. Esparza 5, V. Arriaga 8, A. Zapata 7

Greenwood	30	16	20	18	—64
Fort Stockton	10	11	9	14	—43

Free throws — GHS 15-19, FSHS 13-22. 3-point goals — GHS 2 (Mendoza 2), FSHS 3 (Payne, Banks, Mebane). Total fouls — GHS 25. FSHS 14. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Greenwood at Andrews, 6 p.m. Friday

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 57 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 56

Three different players scored in double figures as Midland Classical Academy held off Abilene Christian in TAPPS 1-3A action on Tuesday at the MCA gym.

Garrett Sparks led the Knights (18-6, 3-2 in TAPPS 1-3A) with 15 points, as Heath Gladson added 14 and Blake Gladson 12.

The Knights rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit to outscore the Panthers 22-4 in the third quarter.

Midland Classical will travel to Amarillo San Jacinto at 8 p.m. Friday to continue TAPPS 1-3A play.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 57, ABILENE CHRISTIAN 56
Abilene Christian — K. Lyons 26, Gravitt 6, Hood 2, Arnpton 6, Murray 10, Crisp 1, Brutton 5
Midland Classical (15-6, 3-2 in TAPPS 1-3A) — Garrett Sparks 15, Heath Gladson 14, Blake Gladson 12, Marshall McCray 9, Kevin Giffin 1, Josh Rabe 6

ACHS	15	10	4	19	— 56
MCA	6	15	22	14	— 57

Free throws — ACHS 17-24, MCA 22-31. 3-point goals — ACHS 5 (Lyons 2, Gravitt 2, Murray), MCA 3 (H. Gladson 2, B. Gladson). Total fouls — ACHS 22, MCA 18. Fouled out — MCA, Sparks. Technical fouls — ACHS, Arnpton.
Next game: Midland Classical at Amarillo San Jacinto, 8 p.m. Friday

TRINITY 52 MIDESSA WARRIORS 18

Trinity freshman Reagan Long scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Lady Chargers to a blowout non-district win over the Midessa Warriors at Beal Gymnasium.

Ashley Stroup chipped in with 14 points while freshman point guard Rebecca Young had 12 assists to go with her seven points.

TRINITY 52, MIDESSA WARRIORS 18
Midessa — Selah Salgado 2, Amanda Rael 10, Ashlynn Mitchell 6
Trinity (9-12) — Claudia Zessman 2, Katie Peck 2, Reagan Long 25, Ashley Stroup 14, Rebecca Young 7, Karolina Watson 2

Midessa	6	3	7	2	— 18
Trinity	9	8	21	14	— 52

Free throws — MW 3-5, Trinity 0-0. 3-point goals — MW 1 (Rael), Trinity 4 (Long 3, Young). Total fouls — MW 6, Trinity 8. Fouled out — none
Next game: Trinity at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

O'DONNELL 76 GRADY 65

O'DONNELL — O'Donnell stayed undefeated in District 11-A play with a victory over Grady.

The Lady Wildcats (15-9, 4-2) had a game-high 20-points from Britney Garza, while Laura Ramirez added 12 in the loss.

O'DONNELL 76, GRADY 65
Grady (15-9, 4-2 in 11-A) — Britney Garza 20, Laura Ramirez 12, Jenny Fields 9, Ariel Arnold 9, Carli Richards 8, Emily Glaze 7
O'Donnell (6-0 in 11-A) — Valague 18, Wilkie 3, Villarreal 10, Edwards 4, Bartnin 15, Bell 2, Castro 9, McDaniel 13, Newman 2

Grady	14	11	21	19	— 65
O'Donnell	21	17	17	21	— 76

Free throws — Grady 10-17, O'Donnell 28-38. 3-point goals — Grady 7 (Richards 2, Arnold, Glaze, Fields, Ramirez 2), O'Donnell 4 (Valague 4). Total fouls — Grady 28, O'Donnell 15. Fouled out — Richards, Arnold, Ramirez
Next game: Klodike at Grady, 6:30 p.m. Friday

Boys

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 110 LUBBOCK TITANS 61

Midland Christian hit 18 3-pointers en route to a non-district blowout victory over the Lubbock Titans on Tuesday at the McGraw Events Center.

Grant Little had a game-high 28 points to lead the Mustangs (14-11), Daniel Venzant had 24, Bryce Waters 18 and Luke Watson added 14. Little, Waters and Venzant each had four 3-pointers in the game.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 110, LUBBOCK TITANS 61
Titans — Sawyer 6, Sides 2, McGee 8, Appleton 11, Kosteidt 21, Martin 2, Burnett 6, Huage 5
MCS (14-11) — Daniel Venzant 24, Sam Gilbert 9, Bryce Waters 18, Evan McKinney 5, Colton Snively 5, Grant Little 28, Brett Thomason 7, Luke Watson 14

Titans	13	11	10	27	— 61
MCS	28	25	34	23	— 110

Free throws — Titans 2-8, MCS 4-8. 3-point goals — Titans 10 (Sawyer 2, Appleton, Kosteidt 3, Burnett 2, Hoague), MCS 18 (Venzant 4, Gilbert 3, Waters 4, McKinney, Little 4, Watson 2). Total fouls — Titans 8, MCS 11. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

FORT STOCKTON 66 GREENWOOD 46

FORT STOCKTON — Fort Stockton outscored Greenwood 31-7 at the free-throw line as the Panthers kept the Rangers scoreless in District 4-4A play.

The Panthers shot 29 more free throws than the Rangers, who fell to 1-24 and 0-4 in district.

Alex Montes led Greenwood with 11 points.

FORT STOCKTON 66, GREENWOOD 46
Greenwood (1-24, 0-4) — Austin Ulcak 6, Sam Magallan 6, Javier Vizcaino 6, Alex Montes 11, Tyler Porras 1, Kelly Cooper 2, Caige Wall 6, Blake Elliott 7
Fort Stockton (1-3 in 4-4A) — I. Acosta 10, Garrison 20, A. Acosta 6, Hernandez 6, Marler 11, Shorter 2, Cox 5, Rodriguez 1, Duarez 4.

Greenwood	10	12	17	7	— 46
Fort Stockton	23	18	8	17	— 66

Free throws — GHS 7-15, FSHS 31-44. 3-point goals — GHS 2 (Ulcak, Montes), FSHS 2 (Garrison 2). Total fouls — GHS 29, FSHS 19. Fouled out — Ulcak, Rodriguez.
Next game: Greenwood at Andrews, 7:30 p.m. Friday

TRINITY 71 MIDESSA WARRIORS 18

Trinity rolled to a non-district victory over the Midessa Warriors on Tuesday at Beal Gymnasium.

Vincent Baiano led the Chargers with a game-high 14 points, while Peter Rodenko added 11 in a balanced attack for Trinity (10-12).

TRINITY 71, MIDESSA WARRIORS 18
Midessa Warriors — Fowler 5, Cavender 3, Hones 3, Williams 4, Jones 3
Trinity (10-12) — Phillip Beal 6, Jacob Webb 8, Peter Rodenko 9, Daniel Webb 2, Vincent Baiano 14, Boomer Selvera 7, Ryan Armendariz 8, Benjamin Wendt 4, Anthony Dragun 2, Jonah Starck 7, Jacyree Stubblefield 4

Midessa	2	6	5	3	— 18
Trinity	11	19	26	15	— 71

Free throws — MW 2-6, Trinity 6-22. 3-point goals — MW 4 (Fowler, Cavendar, Hones, Jones), Trinity 3 (Beal 2, Baiano). Total fouls — MW 17, Trinity 10. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Trinity at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

STANTON 57 COLORADO CITY 48

STANTON — KJ Glaspie had a game-high 15 points to lead a Stanton to a District 5-3A victory over Colorado City.

The Buffaloes (15-8, 2-1) had balanced scoring as Estevan Chavez, David Ramsey and Tristan Graves each had nine points.

STANTON 57, COLORADO CITY 48
Colorado City — Malveaux 13, Muñoz 13, Cansler 10, Hammond 6, Burrola 4, Boone 2.
Stanton (15-8, 2-1) — KJ Glaspie 15, Estevan Chavez 9, David Ramsey 9, Tristan Graves 9, Austin Fryar 8, Justin Rifle 5, Caleb Arndt 2

Colorado City	7	15	14	12	— 48
Stanton	8	21	13	15	— 57

Free throws — CCHS 2-10, SHS 10-17. 3-point goals — CCHS 4 (Malveaux 3, Munoz), SHS 3 (Chavez, Ramsey, Graves). Total fouls — CCHS 18, SHS 11. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m. Friday

REAGAN COUNTY 59 COAHOMA 57

COAHOMA — Reagan County hit a two-point shot at the buzzer to beat Coahoma in a District 5-3A game on Tuesday.

The Bulldogs (10-10, 1-2) were actually down 52-39 after three quarters before they came back to tie it late in the game.

Kyler Franks had a game-high 20 points for Coahoma, Braxton Iden had 13 and Kody Barber added 10.

REAGAN COUNTY 59, COAHOMA 57
Coahoma (10-10, 1-2) — Kody Barber 10, Braxton Iden 13, Mason Moore 6, Cam Cisbirree 4, Kyler Franks 20, Cash Ramsey 4
Reagan County (14-7, 3-1) — Perez 3, Miller 9, Baggett 8, Ramirez 15, Olvera 12, Rocha 6, Barton 6

Coahoma	15	14	10	18	— 57
Reagan Co.	15	19	18	7	— 59

Free throws — CHS 5-13, RC 9-20. 3-point goals — CHS 8 (Barber 2, Iden, Moore, Franks 3), RC 4 (Barton 2, Ramirez, Miller). Total fouls — CHS 20, RCHS 12. Fouled out — Coahoma: Ramsey, Chaps.
Next game: Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m Friday

BIG SPRING 64 LAMESA 61

BIG SPRING — Matt Yanez scored 20 points to lead Big Spring to a win over Lamesa in District 2-4A action.

Tyran Sealy added 17 points, while Tobyn Tannehill and Tyler Bryan each had 11 for the Steers (16-7, 3-1).

Jaleel Edwards led Lamesa (14-8, 2-2) with a game-high 26 points, while Tyquall Maxwell added 12.S

BIG SPRING 64, LAMESA 61
Lamesa (14-8, 2-2) — Dre Smiley 3, KJ Hunter 8, Heath Dorrington 1, Jaleel Edwards 26, Tyquall Maxwell 12, Keshawn Hunter 8, Ryan Sanchez 2, Darius Jackson 3
Big Spring (16-7, 3-1) — Matt Yanez 20, Keishawn Broussard 3, Tobyn Tannehill 11, Tyler Bryan 11, Tyran Sealy 17, Eric Ortega 2

Lamesa	19	12	11	19	— 61
Big Spring	10	16	6	22	— 64

Free throws — Lamesa 4-11, BSHS 10-20. 3-point goals —LHS 5 (Smiley, Edwards 2, Ka. Hunter 2), BSHS 8 (Yanez 3, Broussard, Tannehill, Bryan). Total fouls — Lamesa 18, BSHS 14. Fouled out — Lamesa, Williams.
Next game: Snyder at Lamesa, 8 p.m. Friday

IRAAN 73 ELDORADO 37

IRAAN — Jarrett Doege scored a game-high 22 points to lead Iraan to a District 8-2A blowout victory over Eldorado.

Devin Griffin added 16 and Tanner Myers had 13 for the Braves (14-6, 7-1).

IRAAN 73, ELDORADO 37
Eldorado — Castro 8, J. Whitten 11, T. Whitten 2, Ochoa 6, Garcia 7, Jones 3
Iraan (14-6, 7-1) —Jarrett Doege 22, Devin Griffin 16, Tanner Myers 13, Jacob Callahan 7, Cannon Andrews 9, Austin Onofre 2, Brandon Hooker 4

Eldorado	8	9	9	11	— 37
Iraan	22	20	19	12	— 73

Free throws — Eldorado 3-11, Iraan 6-12. 3-point goals — Eldorado 4 (Castro 2, Ochoa, Garcia), Iraan 5 (Doege 2, Myers 3). Total fouls — Eldorado 18, Iraan 16. Fouled out — Iraan, Own Davis.
Next game: Iraan at Miles, 8 p.m. Friday

Shooters find not every basketball is same in college game

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

When it comes to shooting a basketball, Ryan Boatright, like any player, must adjust to the setting. The lighting of the arena, the softness of the rims, the give of the floor in a storied old gymnasium.

Just as important is the ball itself. And in the NCAA, players must adjust to different balls depending on the venue.

Ask Boatright about various brands, and the UConn standout can reel off the good and bad of each. The Huskies use the Nike Elite at home, but his favorite is the Wilson Solution.

"The leather just has more grip on 'em," Boatright said. "The Adidas balls and the Under Armour balls are a little more slippery, a little more slick, but the Nike balls a little more grip to them for the ball handlers."

Unlike the NBA, which uses the Spalding ball for all games, the NCAA has no uniform brand for regular-season games. It simply requires the home team to provide the game ball. Rule 16-1 lists specifications for size, weight, color, cover and bounciness.

That means a team could be playing with an unfamiliar ball during road games. In a sport where the "shooter's touch" matters, the feel of the ball can't be minimized.

While the inflation, or deflation, of footballs has dominated the conversation ahead of the Super Bowl, the topic has bubbled up in a different way in college basketball.

Minnesota's leading scorer, Andre Hollins, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that part of the reason for the Gophers' poor free-throw shooting in a three-point loss to Nebraska last week was the Adidas ball rolled out by the Cornhuskers.

The most popular ball is the Nike Elite, which is used by 17 of the teams in this week's Top 25, not to mention Minnesota. Wilson, Adidas, Under Armour, Spalding and Sterling also are represented in the Top 25.

Most conferences use a uniform ball for their postseason tournaments, and the Wilson Solution is the official ball of the NCAA tournament.

There are subtle and not-so-subtle differences between balls in the regular season, depending on the brand. Some seem slicker, some tackier; some feel heavier, some lighter; some have grooves that are deeper, some that are wider.

"The feel of a ball is real important," Tennessee's Kevin Punter said. "If you don't have a real good feel on the ball ... Not that it should determine whether you win or not, but of course you want to play with a ball you like."

Typically, a team practices before a road game with the brand of ball that will be used. The home team also sets out a rack of its balls for warmups.

Michigan State's Travis Trice, whose team uses Nike balls at home, didn't seem to have trouble with the Adidas ball at Nebraska, scoring 27 points in a two-point loss last week. He said the brand shouldn't make a difference between winning and losing.

Dan Calandro, who oversees the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee and staff, said to his knowledge there never has been a proposal to establish an official game ball for regular-season games.

Reggie Minton, deputy executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, said there's no interest in pursuing the matter among the NABC membership because schools and coaches are required under their contracts with athletic suppliers to use specific balls. Teams whose gear is supplied by Nike typically will use Nike basketballs, same as Adidas teams will use Adidas balls.

Lee clinches playoff spot with blowout win

From staff reports

Lady Rebels	70
Lady Bronchos	21

Lee girls basketball coach Monica Ramirez didn't find out anything new about her team in a 70-21 blowout victory against Odessa High at Chaparral Center on Tuesday but it did clinch the Lady Rebels a playoff spot.

Lee's blowout victory coupled with Abliene High's 48-33 victory against San Angelo Central gave the Lady Rebels the first playoff spot from District 3-6A.

Lee (14-9, 6-0 in District 3-6A) had a somewhat sluggish start to Tuesday's game, leading 9-7 at the end of the first quarter. But after that quarter, the Lady Rebels' offense kicked it in gear to outscore the Lady Bronchos 61-14 over the final three quarters.

"It's tough to play because what you really need to do you can't do and still be able to honor the integrity of the game," Lee coach Monica Ramirez said. "We needed to work on our press, and we needed to be able to do a lot of things that just wouldn't be right to try to do against a team that's still working and building the way Odessa is."

Daija Stanford led Lee with 16 and was one of four different players to score in double figures on Tuesday. Hannah Payne scored 14, Bri'An Washington added 13 and Yaritza Rivas added 10 in the victory.

LEE 70, ODESSA HIGH 21

Odessa High (3-18, 0-6 in 3-6A) — K. Cobos 5, C. Rodriguez 1, C. Ybarra 11, K. Rivas 2, M. Hanley

Lee (14-9, 6-0) — Yaritza Rivas 10, Allison Valdez 4, Alaysha Green 1, Karyaa Edwards 6, Daija Stanford 16, Kyra Lewis 6, Bri'An Washington 13, Hannah Payne 14

OHS	7	4	4	6	— 21
Lee	9	19	20	22	— 70

Free throws - OHS 3-7, Lee 13-21. 3-point goals - OHS 2 (Cobos, Ybarra), Lee 1 (Washington). Total fouls - OHS 16, Lee 11. Fouled out - None.

Next game: Lee at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m. Friday

REBELS

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3-6A Boys Basketball

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Odessa Permian	4	0	12	9
Midland High	2	1	12	9
Abilene High	3	1	11	9
San Angelo Central	1	3	9	15
Lee	1	3	2	20
Odessa High	0	4	6	17

Tuesday's Scores

Odessa Permian 60, Midland High 55
Lee 39, Odessa High 36
Abilene High 55, San Angelo Central 43

Friday's Games

Odessa High at Midland High
Abilene High at Odessa Permian
Lee at San Angelo Central
All games at 7:30 p.m.

and were a combined 19-of-41 from the free-throw line in the game.

In the first half, Lee was trying to work the ball into Daniel Nelson and Kaleb Nunez down low and had some success as Nelson scored eight of his 11 points in the first half.

But the Bronchos (6-17, 0-4 in District 3-6A) made some adjustments to stop the low-post game, but that's where Love came to the rescue.

In the third quarter, Love hit three straight jump shots that turned a one-point Lee lead into a 27-21 advantage entering the final quarter.

"We fought our way through and did some different things," Lee coach Chris Packer said. "Jase Love stepped up big and knocked down some open shots. If we can get some guys to knock down some shots to stretch the floor for those big guys, the game is going to be a whole lot easier."

Lee's win didn't come easily, though, as OHS battled back from a six-point deficit to tie the game at 35 with 1:58 remaining in the game.

But Sema'J Davis and Kaleb Nunez combined to hit four of six free throws in the final minute to clinch the game. Lee only had one field goal in the fourth quarter, a Love 3-pointer, and the other nine points the Rebels scored came at the free-throw line.

"I'll definitely take the win, and the guys fought hard. I'm proud of them," Packer said.

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LEE 39, ODESSA HIGH 36

Odessa High (6-17, 0-4 in 3-6A) — Kris Fox 10, Isaac Hernandez 1, Phillip Estrella 8, Marco Aguilar 10, Ozzy Terrazas 2, Dewayne Amoyaw 5

Lee (2-20, 1-3) — Sema'J Davis 3, Jase Love 16, Taye Britt 2, James Lydia 5, Kaleb Nunez 2, Daniel Nelson 11

OHS	10	6	5	15	— 36
Lee	6	12	9	12	— 39

Free throws — OHS 10-23, Lee 9-18. 3-point goals — OHS 2 (Estrella 2), Lee 1 (Love). Total fouls — OHS 17, Lee 20. Fouled out — Lee Love, Britt.

Next game: Lee at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m. Friday. Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday

MHS

From 1C

points, while Anthony Calicutt pitched in 27 points.

Things actually started out well for MHS. Forward Gary Ringo got in a mini-groove early and the Dawgs opened the game with a 9-1 run over the first 5:06 of the game. But closing out quarters strong is always critical and MHS didn't come close to doing it.

MHS head coach Charles Tatum said his team didn't compete nearly as hard as Permian did.

"It was a collapse," Tatum said. "All the things we worked on, every rotation, every scouting report, everything we did to prepare for this game, we didn't do it. We didn't do the most important thing, which was meet their intensity. They (Permian) were quicker to every ball and they just played harder."

Permian sprung an 18-1 run over the final two minutes of the first quarter and never looked back. It was a total team effort from the Panthers and it seemed like none of the MHS players could stay in front of their man.

The Dawgs were blitzed by a far more aggressive Permian squad that refused to settle for outside jumpers. MHS had difficulty getting the ball into the post, where it has a noticeable size advantage.

The Dawgs chucked away from the perimeter and only a handful of those shots went in. In the process, Permian outscored MHS, 38-16 over the final 10 minutes of the first half to run away with the game.

The second half was more of the same and by the halfway point of the third quarter, MHS had already been run out of the building. The Permian side of the gym roared with every one of MHS' countless turnovers and fouls made possible by Permian's hustle.

The Panthers continued to pour it on MHS throughout the final quarter. They didn't slow down or hold back, but kept attacking and adding to their score. Conversely, nobody really stood out for MHS.

Gary Ringo led MHS with 13 points, while AD Johnson added nine.

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ODESSA PERMIAN 90, MIDLAND HIGH 55

MHS (12-9, 3-1 in 3-6A) — Jamel Jones 6, Adrian Reyes 4, AD Johnson 9, Gary Ringo 13, Brandon Sanchez 4, Justin LeClear 2, Courtney McMaryon 2, Andrew Norwood 2, Jalen Childress 2, Ty Kendricks 1, Nate Rogers 6, Trevor Abney 4

Permian (12-9, 4-0 in 3-6A) — Javonan Miller 4, Kobe Robinson 16, Robert Thomas 34, Anthony Calicutt 27, Jack Fawcett 1, Zach Stance 4, Hunter Hawkins 2

MHS	10	15	11	19	— 55
Permian	19	20	20	31	— 90

Free throws — MHS 16-24, Permian 30-33. 3-point goals — MHS 1 (Ringo), Permian 5 (Thomas, Calicutt 2, Robinson 2). Total fouls — MHS 28, Permian 25. Fouled out — none

Next game: Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday. Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Mast's free throws help MHS win in OT

By Will Korn
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Lady Bulldogs	72
Lady Panthers	65

ODESSA — Midland High's Miranda Mast stepped to the foul line with her team trailing by two points to Odessa Permian with 53 seconds remaining in regulation on Tuesday night. She sank both and for the moment, the Lady Bulldogs could take a breath in what turned out to be a tighter than expected contest.

"I better not miss these," Mast said when asked what was going through her head in those pressure-filled moments. "I was freaking out the entire time. I knew I had to make those for us to get the win."

Less than 30 seconds later, Mast came through in the clutch again, nailing two more free-throw attempts to tie the game at 64 and eventually send the game to overtime. Her Lady Dawgs' teammates took things from there as Midland High used an 8-1 run in the extra period to escape with a 72-65 overtime victory against the scrappy Lady Panthers at the Permian Field House.

MHS head coach Wes Torres said it isn't a surprise that Mast stepped up twice with the game on the line.

"(Mast) has been really consistent with her free throws this week in practice," Torres said. "I told her if we get into a situation where we need free throw shooting, I'm going to put you on the line. Fortunately, it came to fruition tonight."

Both squads played a sloppy game all night for the most part. Neither the Lady Dawgs nor the Lady Panthers could establish a dominant presence and both teams made runs at various times throughout the first half.

3-6A Girls Basketball

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
x-Lee	6	0	14	9
Midland High	5	1	23	5
Odessa Permian	3	3	9	12
Abilene High	3	3	10	14
San Angelo Central	1	5	6	20
Odessa High	0	6	3	18

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 72, Odessa Permian 65, OT
Lee 70, Odessa High 21
Abilene High 48, San Angelo Central 33

Friday's Games

Odessa High at Midland High
Abilene High at Odessa Permian
Lee at San Angelo Central
All games at 6 p.m.

Finally, MHS (23-5, 5-1 in 3-6A) looked to be in control late in the second quarter, until Permian (9-12, 3-3 in 3-6A) mounted a 14-6 run to close out the period. MHS led 37-29 at halftime, but had lost all its momentum.

MHS, though, found a spark in the fourth thanks to some timely steals and transition baskets by Aubrie Elliott and Kaylyn Evans.

Torres had been infuriated with his team's play for most of the game, but the result was what mattered most to him.

"We won and that's what we'll take from it," Torres said. "We didn't play well but a lot of credit to them (Permian)."

Elliott scored a game high 24 points for MHS, while Claire Lancaster added 11.

Tatanesha Fleming scored 19 points to lead Permian.

MIDLAND HIGH 72, ODESSA PERMIAN 65, OT

MHS (23-5, 5-1 in 3-6A) — Arcie Guardiola 4, Miranda Mast 10, Aubrie Elliott 24, Alexis Washington 8, Alexandrea Washington 6, Rylee Rushton 2, Claire Lancaster 11, Kaylyn Evans 4, Kavareesha Hall 2

Permian (9-12, 3-3 in 3-6A) — Rhianna Jones 10, Tatanesha Fleming 19, Kai Avonne Ramsey 3, Latasha Griffin 6, Arianna Gonzales 11, Kahi Claxton 1, Ariel Brown 10, Malivah Comer 5

MHS	21	16	6	21	8	—72
Permian	13	16	12	23	1	—65

Free throws — MHS 19-23, Permian 18-28. 3-point goals — MHS 1 (Alexis Washington), Permian 4 (Gonzales 2, Fleming 2). Total fouls — MHS 17, Permian 20. Fouled out — MHS Alexandrea Washington, Lancaster.

Next game: Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday. Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Friday.

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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady speaks to reporters during Super Bowl XLIX Media Day at the U.S. Airways Center in Phoenix on Tuesday.

MEDIA DAY

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they ask.

Patriots owner Bob Kraft, who had his last say on the deflated-footballs matter during a surprise showing at the New England news conference Monday, came out Tuesday and stood in a corner — not to talk about Deflategate, but, among other things, to talk about why he talked about Deflategate.

"The reason I did what I did yesterday was so that all of our fans and (me) and my family can enjoy this game," he said.

Belichick stood by his guns. He wasn't going to mention it anymore: "We're just focused on Seattle this week," he said.

Speaking of Seattle, about a half-hour before the Seahawks took to the floor at the jammed, claustrophobic arena that the NBA's Phoenix Suns call home, a crowd started gathering around Podium No. 6. Lynch's name was up there. Quite a surprise, considering he spent last year's Media Day in a corner, surrounded by teammates who wouldn't let any reporters near him.

An hour with "The Beast?" Seemed promising.

Then, he climbed the stairs, set his timer, said he was doing this so he wouldn't get fined and pronounced he would answer every question the same way until his time was up. That ended with about 57:30 remaining on the countdown clock, and it's not a sure thing he was right about the fine thing. The Pro Football Writers Association is talking to the league about what happened and Lynch has been told there's a potential he could, indeed, have to pay up for leaving early.

Once he left, his teammates fielded a number of questions about why Lynch doesn't like to talk, and why fans (read: media) seem so obsessed with hearing him talk.

"The way the NFL sells everything all the time, fans want to, like, be inside our minds," defensive lineman Michael Bennett said. "The fact they don't get to do it all the time with Marshawn, it just makes them mad."

OK, back to the important stuff:

The white, brimmed hat Bennett was wearing was made of horse tweed and cost $800, "for those of you who know about hats," he said.

Those who know about figure skating would've liked what they saw.

Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir were there. One was decked out in black leather pants, black shoes with chunky heels, a bejeweled necklace and a Seinfeld-esque puffy shirt. Lipinski looked good, too.

They asked some questions. Answered more.

As Seattle's 60 minutes were wrapping up, a group of practice squad players were showing off their best dance moves for the camera — Jimmy Staten did the "Sprinkler" — while being surrounded by scantily clad ladies in cheerleading gear.

A few steps away, a man wearing clown's makeup and a rubber-ribbon wig was carrying a microphone and following a reporter with a low-cut neckline that highlighted her painted-on black-and-white dress.

In another corner, former Rams MVP quarterback Kurt Warner, now retired and with a TV gig, had a microphone in front of Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson.

"This is football players interviewing football players," observed the legendary sports writer, Art Spander, now covering his 39th Super Bowl.

And reporters interviewing reporters.

No stone is left unturned at Media Day.

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Women

NO. 3 BAYLOR 89
TCU 67

FORT WORTH — Nina Davis had 24 points and 11 rebounds as No. 3 Baylor stretched its winning streak to 18 in a row with an 89-67 victory at TCU on Tuesday night.

Khadijiah Cave, like Davis scoring almost at will inside, added a career-high 21 points for the Lady Bears (19-1, 8-0 Big 12). Sune Agbuke, another post player, had 12 points.

Only No. 1 South Carolina (19-0) has a longer active winning streak. The Lady Bears had been matched with No. 19 Princeton (17-0) for the second-longest streak.

Veja Hamilton had 15 points and Chelsea Prince 13 for TCU (12-7, 4-4).

All but one of Cave's 10 field goals were layups. Baylor finished with a 60-24 scoring advantage in the paint.

Cave had two layups in a 16-5 run in the first half with the Lady Bears took control. That nearly four-minute spurt included two 3-pointers by Kristy Wallace, the second making it 42-30 with 3:48 left until halftime.

TCU is playing its home games this season in the University Recreation Center, in a gym that seats much less than the announced attendance of 1,806 and included only 100 tickets for Baylor. The rec center is across the street from the campus arena that is undergoing a $59 million renovation.

The Horned Frogs never led and the game was only tied twice — after both teams' opening basket and then on a 3-pointer by Natalie Ventress that made it 7-7.

Men

TEXAS A&M 71
AUBURN 61

AUBURN, Ala. — Danuel House scored 23 points and hit six 3-pointers to lead streaking Texas A&M to a 71-61 victory over Auburn on Tuesday night.

The Aggies (14-5, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) never trailed on their way to a fifth straight win.

House got off to a hot start and missed only one 3-point attempt after coming in averaging 18.6 points over the last five games. The rest of the damage was mostly done in the paint, where Texas A&M outscored the Tigers (10-10, 2-5) 42-14.

Auburn has lost three straight games.

Jalen Jones added 13 points for the Aggies while Alex Robinson drove to the basket repeatedly and scored 12.

Antoine Mason led Auburn with 16 points and Cinmeon Bowers finished with 14 points and eight rebounds. KT Harrell scored 11, all in the second half.

The Aggies made half of their 56 field goals while holding Auburn to 15-of-44 shooting (34.1 percent).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

TUESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 69, Tennessee 64
Oklahoma St. 64, Baylor 53
Oral Roberts 94, Tabor 53

SOUTH
Asbury 84, Indiana-Kokomo 73
Brescia 97, Rio Grande 89, OT
Florida 52, Alabama 50
Georgia 70, Vanderbilt 62
Ohio Christian 77, Kentucky Christian 57
Texas A&M 71, Auburn 61
Tulsa 62, Tulane 55
VCU 72, George Washington 48
Virginia Tech 70, Pittsburgh 67, OT

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Rice at Houston, 7 p.m.

SOUTH
Winthrop at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Wake Forest at Florida St., 6 p.m.
Delaware at James Madison, 6 p.m.
South Carolina at LSU, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Longwood, 6 p.m.
Duquesne at Richmond, 6 p.m.
SMU at South Florida, 6 p.m.
Temple at UCF 6 p.m.
Elon at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
Radford at Charleston Southern, 6:30 p.m.
Morehead St. at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
East Carolina at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Miami, 8 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Mississippi, 8 p.m.
Clemson at NC State, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST
Oregon St. at Arizona St., 7 p.m.
Oregon at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Air Force at San Jose St., 9 p.m.
Stanford at Washington, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST
Seton Hall at Marquette, 6 p.m.
Wright St. at Oakland, 6 p.m.
Duke at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m.
Drake at Bradley, 7 p.m.
Missouri St. at Illinois St., 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Wichita St., 7 p.m.
N. Iowa at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.
Indiana at Purdue, 8 p.m.
St. John's at Creighton, 8:15 p.m.

EAST
Lafayette at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Northeastern at Drexel, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Fordham, 6 p.m.
New Hampshire at Maine, 6 p.m.
American U. at Navy, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Penn St., 6 p.m.
Hartford at Stony Brook, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at UMBC, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Vermont, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at Loyola (Md.), 6:30 p.m.
Lehigh at Bucknell, 7 p.m.
Louisville at Boston College, 8 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
Northwestern St. at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
West Virginia at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
SMU at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

SOUTH
Dayton at Richmond, 11 a.m.
E. Kentucky at Jacksonville St., 11:30 a.m.
Fordham at Davidson, 6 p.m.
UT Martin at Tennessee St., 6 p.m.
George Mason at VCU, 6 p.m.

FAR WEST
San Jose St. at Air Force, 8 p.m.
Boise St. at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Utah St. at Wyoming, 8 p.m.
San Diego St. at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Nevada at UNLV, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST
Saint Joseph's at Saint Louis, 11:30 a.m.
Kent St. at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Murray St. at E. Illinois, 6 p.m.
Ball St. at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Indiana at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Akron at Ohio, 6 p.m.
E. Michigan at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Youngstown St., 6 p.m.
Kansas at Iowa St., 7 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
Penn St. at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Bowling Green at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Denver at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
Austin Peay at SIU Edwardsville, 7 p.m.

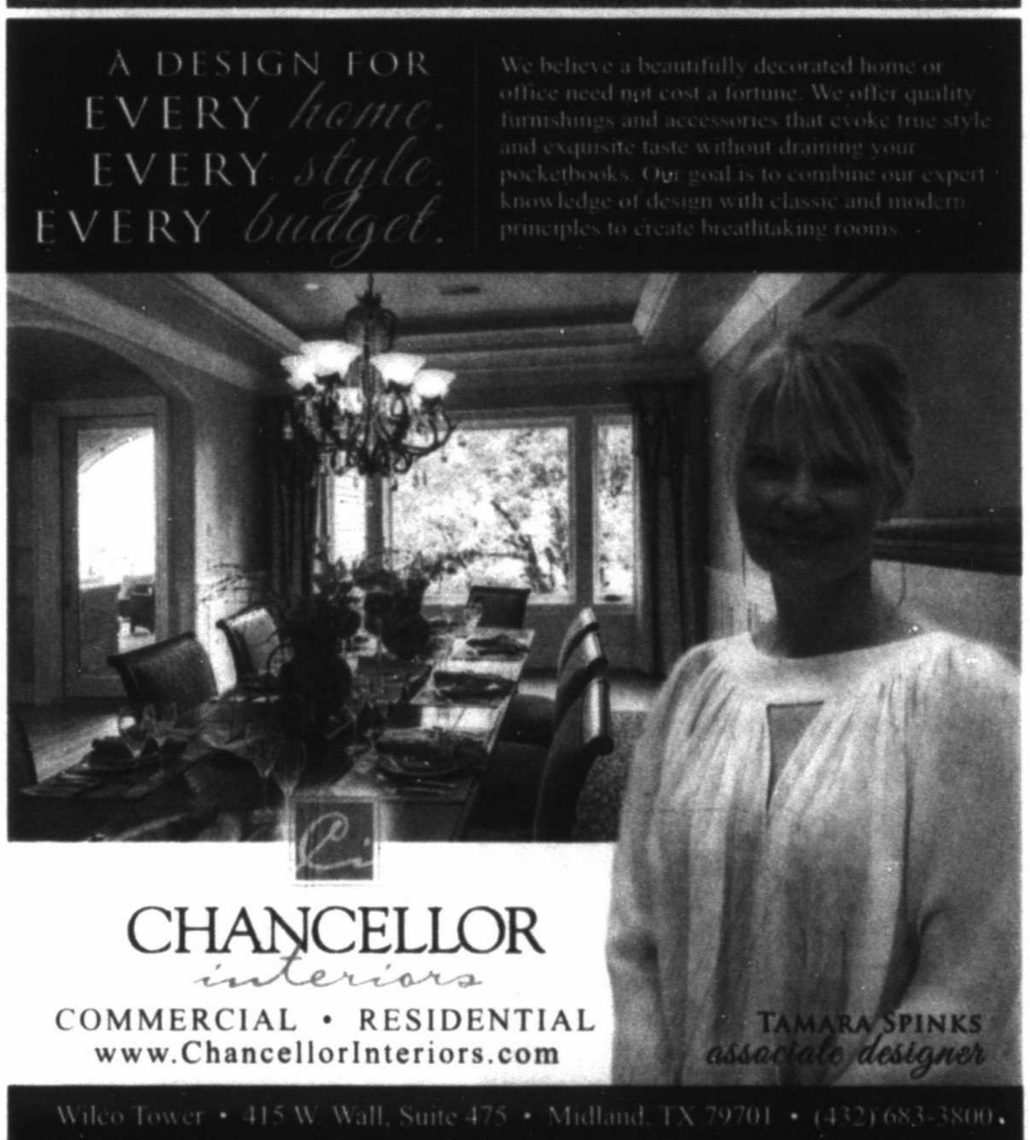
EAST
Rider at Siena, 10 a.m.
UMBC at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
Army at Boston U., 6 p.m.
Colgate at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Bucknell at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
Duquesne at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
East Carolina vs. UConn at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Holy Cross, 6:05 p.m.

Women

TUESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 89, TCU 67
Tulane 63, Houston 46

SOUTH
Charleston Southern 74, Columbia International 33
High Point 73, Coastal Carolina 65
Liberty 62, UNC Asheville 58
Presbyterian 51, Campbell 42
Radford 59, Gardner-Webb 49
Temple 71, UCF 54
Winthrop 63, Longwood 62



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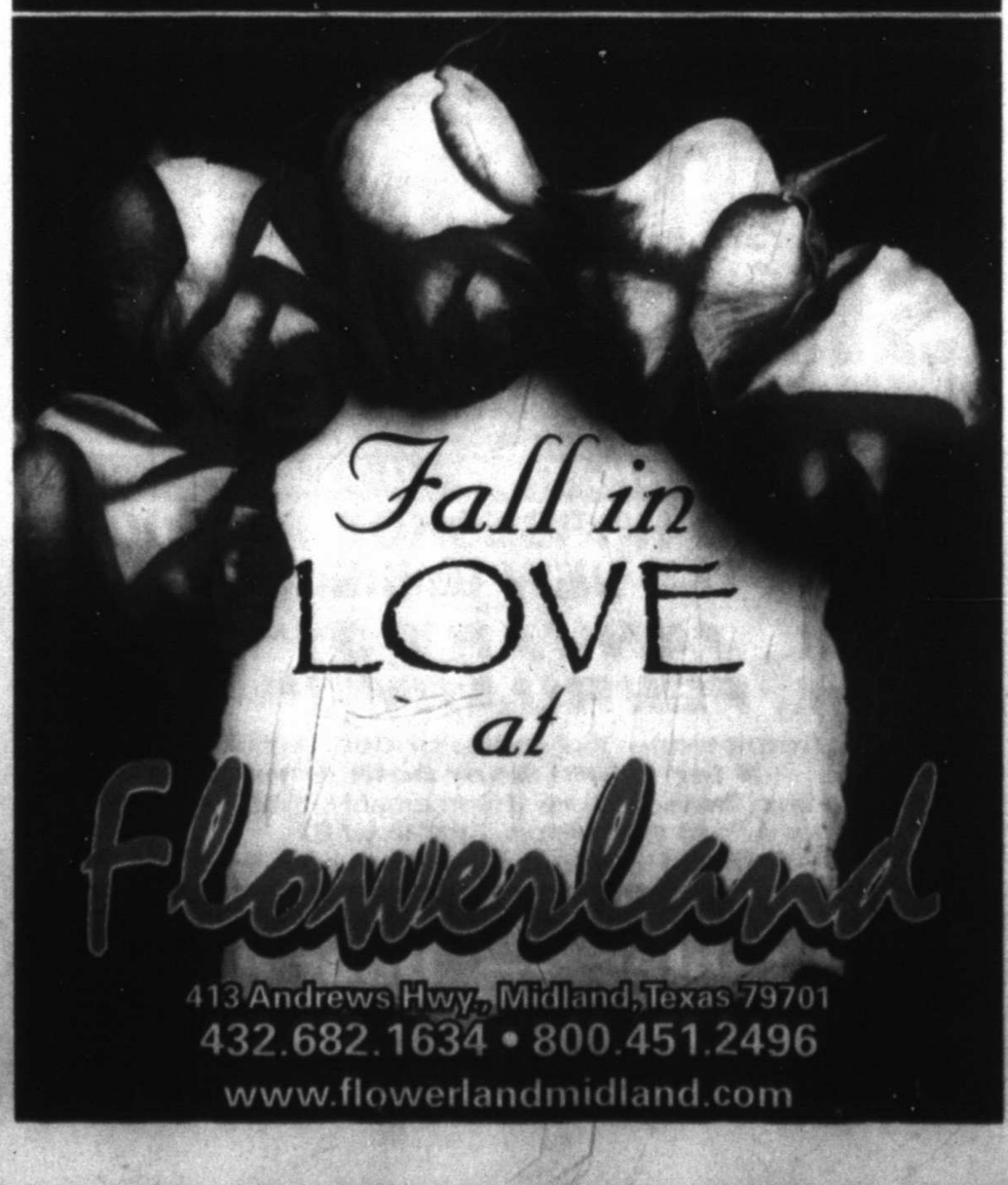


NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GRIZZLIES 109
MAVERICKS 90

DALLAS — Zach Randolph had 22 points and 10 rebounds, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat Dallas 109-90 on Tuesday night, handing the Mavericks their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Marc Gasol added 15 points and a game-high six assists for the Grizzlies, who won their fourth straight and eighth in their past nine games a night after finishing a season-long five-game homestand. The only loss in that stretch was to Dallas last week at home.

Chandler Parsons and Monta Ellis scored 19 apiece to lead the Mavericks, who failed for the third time to get coach Rick Carlisle his 600th career victory.

RAPTORS 104
PACERS 91

INDIANAPOLIS — DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points and Kyle Lowry added 19 on Tuesday, leading Toronto to a 104-91 victory at Indiana.

The Atlantic Division-leading Raptors (30-15) overcame a sluggish first quarter to pick up their third straight win. The victory also gave Toronto a franchise record for most wins before the All-Star break.

Rodney Stuckey scored 22 points and Solomon Hill finished with 15 to lead Indiana (16-31), which has lost eight of nine.

CAVALIERS 103
PISTONS 95

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kyrie Irving matched his season high with 38 points and LeBron James added 32 to lift the Cleveland Cavaliers to their seventh straight victory Tuesday night, 103-95 over the Detroit Pistons.

The Cavs avenged a 23-point home loss to Detroit late last month. That game was part of a seven-game winning streak for the Pistons, but now Detroit is struggling to overcome the loss of Brandon Jennings, who ruptured his left Achilles tendon last weekend and will miss the rest of the season.

James fell to the floor near the basket during the final seconds of the third quarter and got up grimacing, apparently concerned about at least one of his wrists. He went to the bench, but only briefly. His two-handed breakaway dunk early in the fourth put Cleveland up 80-68.

BUCKS 109
HEAT 102

MIAMI — Brandon Knight had 17 points and six assists and the Milwaukee Bucks put seven players in double figures on the way to beating the Miami Heat 109-102 on Tuesday night.

Khris Middleton also scored 17 for the Bucks, who got 15 from Jerryd Bayless, 14 from O.J. Mayo, 13 from Giannis Antetokounmpo, 12 from John Hanson and 11 from Chris Dudley.

With fighters Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao watching courtside, Milwaukee beat Miami for the third time in as many meetings this season, moving three games clear of the Heat in the race for No. 6 in the Eastern Conference. The Bucks' bench outscored Miami's 44-13.

Chris Bosh had 26 points for Miami, Mario Chalmers added 21 and Hassan Whiteside had 16 points and 16 rebounds. Miami became the first Milwaukee opponent in 18 games to shoot better than 50 percent.

NBA BOX SCORES AND STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	30	15	.667	—
Brooklyn	18	26	.409	11½
Boston	16	27	.372	13
New York	8	37	.178	22
Philadelphia	8	37	.178	22

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	37	8	.822	—
Washington	30	15	.667	7
Miami	20	25	.444	17
Charlotte	19	26	.422	18
Orlando	15	33	.313	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	17	.630	—
Cleveland	26	20	.565	3
Milwaukee	23	22	.511	5½
Detroit	17	29	.370	12
Indiana	16	31	.340	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	33	12	.733	—
Houston	31	14	.689	2
Dallas	30	16	.652	3½
San Antonio	29	17	.630	4½
New Orleans	24	21	.533	9

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	32	13	.711	—
Oklahoma City	23	22	.511	9
Denver	18	27	.400	14
Utah	16	29	.356	16
Minnesota	7	37	.159	24½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	36	6	.857	—
L.A. Clippers	31	14	.689	6½
Phoenix	26	20	.565	12
Sacramento	16	27	.372	20½
L.A. Lakers	12	33	.267	25½

Tuesday's Scores

Toronto 104, Indiana 91
Milwaukee 109, Miami 102
Cleveland 103, Detroit 95
Memphis 109, Dallas 90
Chicago at Golden State, late
Washington at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Detroit at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Portland at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New York, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

GRIZZLIES 109, MAVERICKS 90

MEMPHIS (109): Green 3-7 0-0 8, Randolph 10-15 2-4 22, Gasol 7-13 1-1 15, Udrih 4-6 0-0 8, Lee 5-7 0-0 13, Calathes 4-8 3-4 13, Carter 3-10 5-5 12, Leuer 1-3 1-2 4, Koufos 3-7 3-4 9, Adams 2-3 0-0 5, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-79 15-20 109.

DALLAS (90): Parsons 7-11 2-2 19, Nowitzki 5-12 1-2 11, Chandler 4-4 2-2 10, Rondo 3-8 0-0 7, Ellis 8-16 2-2 19, Harris 3-7 0-0 6, Powell 0-1 0-0 0, Jefferson 1-2 0-0 3, Barea 2-7 0-0 5, Villanueva 0-1 0-0 0, Amino 2-5 0-0 4, Felton 2-3 0-0 4, G.Smith 1-1 0-2 2. Totals 38-78 7-10 90.

Memphis	**24**	**30**	**32**	**23**	**— 109**
Dallas	**24**	**20**	**28**	**18**	**— 90**

3-Point Goals—Memphis 10-21 (Lee 3-4, Green 2-3, Calathes 2-3, Adams 1-1, Leuer 1-1, Carter 1-7, Udrih 0-1, Gasol 0-1), Dallas 7-26 (Parsons 3-5, Jefferson 1-2, Rondo 1-3, Ellis 1-4, Barea 1-4, Villanueva 0-1, Harris 0-2, Nowitzki 0-2, Amino 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 45 (Randolph 10), Dallas 40 (Rondo 7). Assists—Memphis 23 (Gasol 6), Dallas 20 (Rondo 5). Total Fouls—Memphis 17, Dallas 20. Technicals—Ellis A—20,180 (19,200).

CAVALIERS 103, PISTONS 95

CLEVELAND (103): James 11-24 10-11 32, Love 3-11 0-0 7, Mozgov 3-7 0-0 6, Irving 13-23 6-6 38, Smith 2-11 0-0 5, Thompson 2-6 0-0 4, Marion 4-5 0-0 8, Shumpert 1-5 0-0 3, Dellavedova 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-93 16-17 103.

DETROIT (95): Singler 2-9 0-0 5, Monroe 7-15 3-3 17, Drummond 6-17 0-4 12, Augustin 8-15 0-0 19, Caldwell-Pope 3-7 4-5 11, Butler 1-5 0-0 2, Tolliver 4-5 5-5 16, Meeks 3-7 5-6 11, Dinwiddie 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 35-83 17-23 95.

Cleveland	**17**	**30**	**28**	**28**	**— 103**
Detroit	**19**	**20**	**25**	**31**	**— 95**

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-34 (Irving 6-10, Shumpert 1-5, Smith 1-6, Love 1-8, Dellavedova 0-1, James 0-4). Detroit 8-24 (Tolliver 3-4, Augustin 3-6, Singler 1-5, Caldwell-Pope 1-5, Meeks 0-1, Dinwiddie 0-1, Butler 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 51 (Thompson 12), Detroit 58 (Drummond 17). Assists—Cleveland 19 (James 7), Detroit 21 (Augustin 9). Total Fouls—Cleveland 20, Detroit 17. A—18,178 (22,076).

BUCKS 109, HEAT 102

MILWAUKEE (109): Antetokounmpo 4-6 5-6 13, Ilyasova 2-4 0-0 4, Pachulia 1-5 2-2 4, Knight 5-13 4-4 17, Middleton 7-9 0-1 17, Mayo 6-12 1-1 14, Dudley 4-6 2-4 11, Henson 4-5 4-6 12, Bayless 6-8 2-4 15, Martin 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 39-71 22-30 109.

MIAMI (102): Granger 5-9 1-1 14, Bosh 10-19 4-6 26, Whiteside 6-12 4-4 16, Chalmers 5-9 8-12 21, Wade 5-9 2-3 12, Napier 1-3 0-0 2, Haslem 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Ennis 1-3 0-0 2, Cole 3-7 0-0 7. Totals 38-75 19-26 102.

Milwaukee	**30**	**24**	**28**	**27**	**— 109**
Miami	**29**	**21**	**32**	**20**	**— 102**

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 9-16 (Middleton 3-4, Knight 3-5, Bayless 1-1, Dudley 1-2, Mayo 1-4), Miami 7-20 (Granger 3-5, Bosh 2-4, Chalmers 1-3, Cole 1-3, Napier 0-1, Ennis 0-2, Williams 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 42 (Antetokounmpo 6), Miami 42 (Whiteside 16). Assists—Milwaukee 25 (Bayless 7), Miami 20 (Chalmers 8). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 22, Miami 23. Technicals—Milwaukee defensive three second 2. A—19,789 (19,600).

RAPTORS 104, PACERS 91

TORONTO (104): DeRozan 7-15 10-13 24, A.Johnson 3-5 0-2 6, Valanciunas 1-2 4-4 6, Lowry 8-17 0-0 19, Vasquez 2-6 2-2 7, Patterson 4-7 3-4 13, Williams 3-10 6-7 14, Hansbrough 1-1 2-2 4, Ross 5-10 0-0 11, Stiemsma 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-73 27-34 104.

INDIANA (91): S.Hill 5-9 2-2 15, West 5-11 1-2 11, Hibbert 4-9 3-4 11, Watson 3-11 0-0 7, Stuckey 8-16 6-7 22, Mahinmi 0-1 2-4 2, G.Hill 5-14 1-2 13, Rudez 2-5 0-0 5, Scola 1-4 0-0 2, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 1-2 1-2 3, Copeland 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-82 16-23 91.

Toronto	**21**	**29**	**27**	**27**	**— 104**
Indiana	**28**	**16**	**24**	**23**	**— 91**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-26 (Lowry 3-7, Patterson 2-3, Williams 2-7, Ross 1-4, Vasquez 1-4, DeRozan 0-1), Indiana 7-18 (S.Hill 3-4, G.Hill 2-5, Watson 1-3, Rudez 1-4, Stuckey 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 49 (Valanciunas 8), Indiana 52 (Hibbert 9). Assists—Toronto 21 (Lowry 8), Indiana 22 (West 5). Total Fouls—Toronto 27, Indiana 22. A—16,204 (18,165).

Price stops 40 shots to help Canadiens hold off Stars

Canadiens 3
Stars 2

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carey Price stopped 40 saves for his 25th victory of the season as the Montreal Canadiens held off the Dallas Stars, 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Alexei Emelin, Alex Galchenyuk and Brendan Gallagher scored for Montreal.

Jamie Benn and Patrick Eaves had the goals for Dallas, which is four points out of the final wild-card spot in the Western Conference. Kari Lehtonen finished with 23 saves.

Gallagher's power-play goal at 4:37 of the second period gave the Canadiens a 3-1 lead. After Lehtonen saved P.K. Subban's shot from the point, Gallagher jumped on the rebound and scooped the puck over the sprawled-out Stars goalie.

Eaves scored with the man-advantage at 10:05 to pull the Stars within one, and neither team scored again.

Dallas squandered an opportunity to tie the score late in the third period with another 5-on-3 power play, this time for 1:03.

Montreal improved to 13-3-1 in 17 games since losing to the Stars in Dallas on Nov. 11.

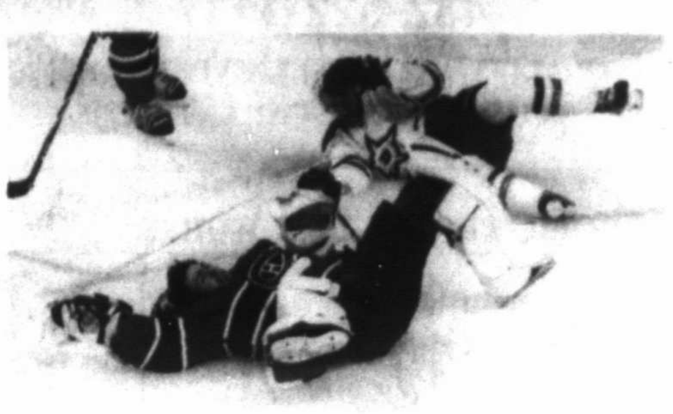
The Canadiens benefited from a fluke goal to open the scoring at 6:07 of the first period. Emelin's innocuous dump-in from the Dallas blue line ricocheted off Stars forward Cody Eakin and bounced awkwardly toward the net. The puck then evaded defenseman Trevor Daley, redirected off an unsuspecting Lehtonen and crossed the goal-line for Emelin's second goal of the season.

Galchenyuk staked Montreal to a rare 2-0 first-period lead with an impressive individual effort at 9:53. The 20-year-old cut back toward goal after streaking down the wing, escaped defenseman Jordie Benn's long reach and beat Lehtonen with a backhand, short side. It was Montreal's fifth shot on target.

Dallas scored a crucial and somewhat controversial goal with less than 3 seconds on the clock in the first. After an intentional offside call against Subban, the faceoff moved down the ice to the right of Price. With 2.7 seconds remaining in the period, referees chased Manny Malhotra from the faceoff circle. Gallagher then lost the faceoff cleanly to Jason Spezza and the puck went straight to Jamie Benn, who beat Price and the buzzer to reduce the deficit.

Price broke his stick on the frame of the goal in frustration following Benn's goal.

After scoring in the first, Emelin was ejected from the game 5 minutes into the second period after hitting Spezza from behind into the boards. Montreal's Brandon Prust had taken an interference penalty 20 seconds earlier.



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Montreal Canadiens goalie Carey Price lies on the ice after taking a hit from the Dallas Stars' Alex Goligoski during the third period on Tuesday in Montreal.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	48	28	11	9	65	144	123
Tampa Bay	49	30	15	4	64	158	131
Montreal	46	30	13	3	63	126	108
Boston	48	25	16	7	57	126	121
Florida	45	20	15	10	50	111	127
Ottawa	46	19	18	9	47	126	128
Toronto	48	22	23	3	47	142	150
Buffalo	47	14	30	3	31	89	167

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	47	32	14	1	65	155	130
Pittsburgh	47	27	12	8	62	143	120
N.Y. Rangers	45	27	14	4	58	135	110
Washington	47	24	14	9	57	140	124
Philadelphia	49	20	22	7	47	134	149
Columbus	46	21	22	3	45	117	145
New Jersey	47	17	22	8	42	107	134
Carolina	47	17	25	5	39	102	122

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	46	31	10	5	67	141	107
St. Louis	46	29	13	4	62	148	111
Chicago	47	30	15	2	62	148	108
Winnipeg	49	26	15	8	60	138	122
Colorado	49	20	18	11	51	128	141
Dallas	47	21	19	7	49	146	154
Minnesota	46	20	20	6	46	128	137

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	47	31	10	6	68	139	124
San Jose	48	25	17	6	56	131	132
Vancouver	45	26	16	3	55	124	114
Calgary	47	25	19	3	53	136	125
Los Angeles	47	20	15	12	52	129	126
Arizona	47	16	25	6	38	108	160
Edmonton	47	12	26	9	33	109	158

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

Tuesday's Scores

Philadelphia 4, Arizona 3, SO
N.Y. Islanders 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Pittsburgh 5, Winnipeg 3
Columbus 4, Washington 3
Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 2
Montreal 3, Dallas 2
Detroit 5, Florida 4
Nashville 4, Colorado 3, OT
Buffalo at Calgary, late
Minnesota at Edmonton, late
Anaheim at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

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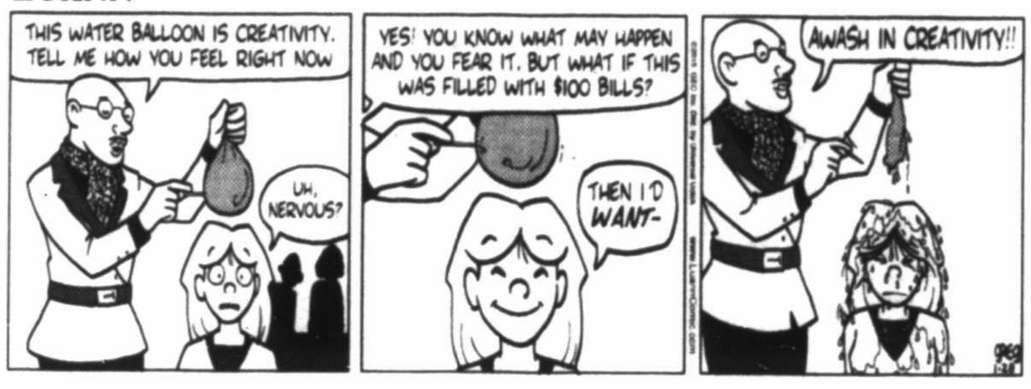

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BEETLE BAILEY

ZITS

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES

SHOE

MUTTS

GARFIELD

CLOSE TO HOME

"We just want to make sure you're getting plenty of fish oil in your system."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DENNIS MAY STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB TO YOU, BUT HE'S MORE OF A PAIN IN THE NECK TO ME."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

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FAMILY CIRCUS

"Are goosebumps in the same family as chickenpox?"

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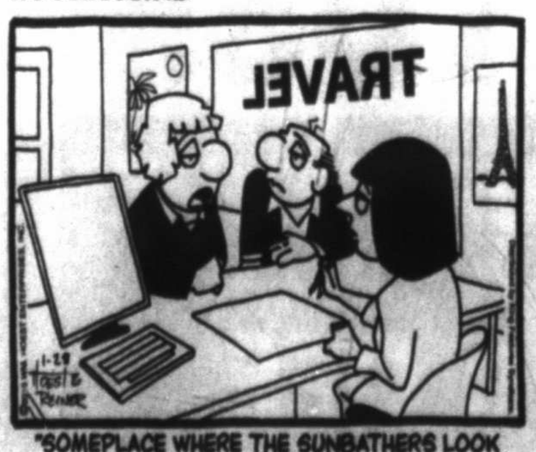

"SOMEPLACE WHERE THE SUNBATHERS LOOK WORSE THAN WE DO."

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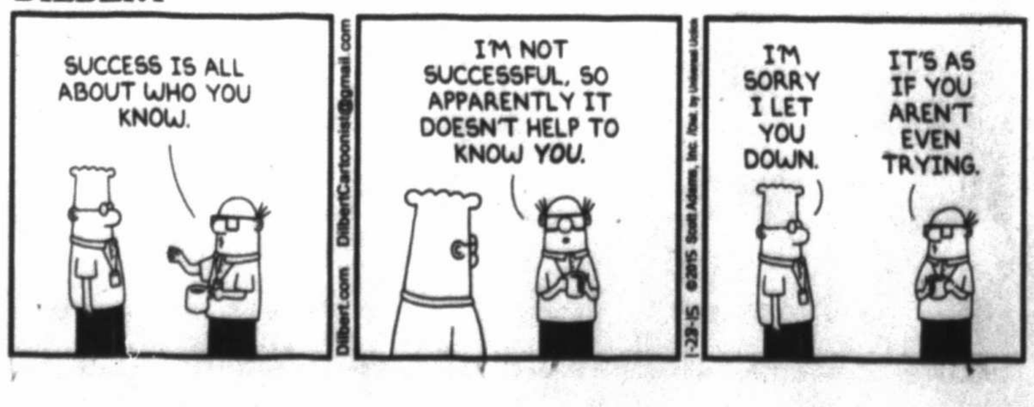

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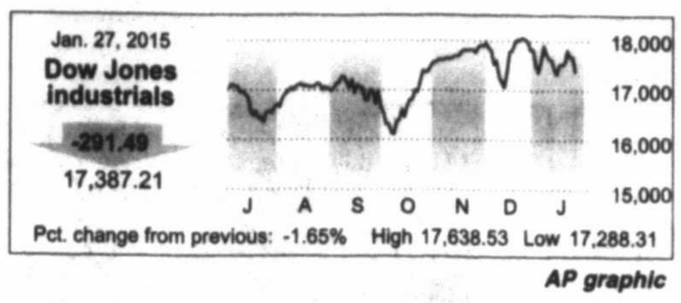

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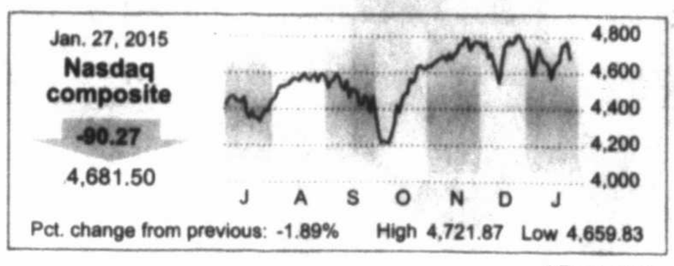

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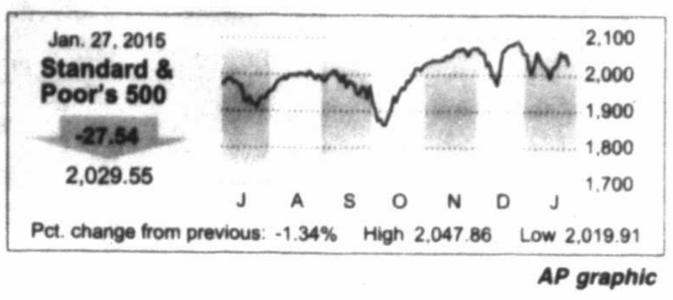

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $46.23
Previous: $45.15

POSTED

Tuesday: $42.50
Previous: $42.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $38.55
Previous: $38.05

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.981
Previous: $2.881

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	118007	202.74	-2.71
BkofAm	822227	15.63	-.22
MktVGold	494427	22.88	+.73
B iPVixST	467910	32.00	+1.37
iShEMkts	393267	40.56	-.22

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NuverraE	2.32	+.55	+31.1
WldW Ent	12.50	+2.02	+19.3
MagHRes	2.14	+.22	+11.5
CGG	6.41	+.61	+10.5
Intrexon	31.88	+2.52	+8.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrxRsaBear	19.95	-3.60	-15.3
MS CrOil31	21.05	-3.54	-14.4
StdRegistr	2.47	-.33	-11.9
DirGMBear	7.26	-.87	-10.7
Plantron	47.01	-5.12	-9.8

Diary

Advanced	1,370
Declined	1,757
Unchanged	113
Total issues	3,240
New Highs	292
New Lows	46
Volume	3,242,302,499

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GranTrra g	56814	2.18	-.03
NwGold g	56580	4.56	+.26
BarcGSOil	30000	10.32	+.25
NovaGld g	29186	3.85	+.16
AldNevG	26592	1.21	+.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GreenH ptC	17.60	+2.53	+16.8
MagHR ptC	20.67	+1.47	+7.7
MastchHld	11.25	+.73	+6.9
MagHR ptE	17.90	+1.15	+6.9
PacBkrM g	3.91	+.25	+6.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CVSL n	6.25	-.75	-10.7
AtlriumP	5.54	-.53	-8.7
ContMatls	16.45	-1.51	-8.4
AtlasrAst	220.40	-19.28	-8.0
CoastD	3.17	-.24	-7.0

Diary

Advanced	228
Declined	165
Unchanged	26
Total issues	419
New Highs	12
New Lows	4
Volume	88,032,229

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	155597	42.66	-4.35
Apple Inc s	755568	109.14	-3.96
Intel	567933	34.19	-1.62
Cisco	450421	26.90	-1.07
PwShs QQQ	395437	101.44	-2.70

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NF EngS h	2.01	+.55	+37.6
Quotimt wt	7.50	+1.56	+26.3
Silicnimg	7.29	+1.39	+23.6
Courier	23.57	+4.02	+20.6
Advaxis	9.89	+1.66	+20.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SterlCons	3.97	-1.55	-28.1
StaarSur	5.78	-1.58	-21.5
J&J Snack	98.53	-16.09	-14.0
CrossrdsS h	2.22	-29	-11.6
EpirusB rs	5.72	-.73	-11.3

Diary

Advanced	1,025
Declined	1,705
Unchanged	115
Total issues	2,845
New Highs	73
New Lows	53
Volume	1,847,479,038

Yahoo CEO heeds calls to spin off Alibaba stake

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer is spinning off the company's $39 billion stake in China's Alibaba Group Holding in a move that wards off a potential shareholder rebellion.

The highly anticipated decision announced Tuesday will enable Yahoo to avoid paying billions of dollars in future taxes while intensifying the pressure on Mayer to prove she can rejuvenate one of the Internet's oldest and best-known companies.

A newly formed entity called SpinCo will inherit ownership of Yahoo's 384 million Alibaba shares when the tax-free spinoff is completed toward the end of this year.

Existing Yahoo shareholders will receive stock in SpinCo, which will be designated as a registered investment company. The breakup is being set up so SpinCo's gains from the sale of Alibaba stock will be taxed as a lower rate than Yahoo Inc. would have paid had it held on to the stake.

Yahoo stockholders cheered Mayer's plan as the company's shares gained $3.44, or more than 7 percent, to $51.43 in extended trading.

The spinoff overshadowed Yahoo's results for the final three months of last year. The fourth-quarter numbers showed Yahoo is still struggling to grow, even as more advertising shifts to the Internet and mobile devices.

Yahoo earned $166 million, or 17 cents per share, a 52 percent drop from the same period in the previous year. If not for certain charges, Yahoo said it would have earned 30 cents per share — a penny above the average estimate of analysts surveyed by FactSet.

The company's revenue dipped 1 percent to $1.25 billion. After subtracting ad commissions, Yahoo's revenue totaled $1.18 billion, another small decline from the previous year and slightly below analysts' projections.

It marks the eighth time in Mayer's 10 quarters as Yahoo's CEO that the company's revenue has declined from the previous year.

Yahoo Inc. invested just $1 billion in Alibaba nearly a decade ago, a bargain that slapped the company with massive tax bills as it whittled its stake during the past three years. Without the spinoff, Mayer estimated that Yahoo's tax bills on its Alibaba stake would have been about $16 billion, based on Alibaba's current market value.

Investments in Alibaba, China's largest e-commerce company, and Yahoo Japan are the main reason Yahoo's stock has more than tripled since Mayer defected from Google to become Yahoo's CEO two-and-half years ago.

Yahoo, which is based in Sunnyvale, California, is retaining its nearly 36 percent stake in Yahoo Japan. The stake is currently worth nearly $7 billion, BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis estimated.

"This is ideal for shareholders and shows that (Mayer) is aligning herself with shareholder interests, at least for now," Gillis said.

The spinoff is subject to approvals from the Internal Revenue Service and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Yahoo plans to jettison the Alibaba stake after the September expiration of a one-year lock-up agreement requiring Yahoo to hold on to the shares.

The Alibaba investment is worth far more than Yahoo's own online services, which have been struggling to generate more revenue for the past six years while rivals Google Inc. and Facebook Inc. grabbed a bigger piece of digital marketing budgets.

Record iPhone sales drive quarter for Apple

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple had another blowout quarter thanks to its new plus-sized iPhones, which helped the company smash sales records for the holiday season.

Apple said Tuesday that it sold 74.5 million iPhones during the three months that ended Dec. 31, beating analysts' expectations for the latest models of Apple's most popular gadget, introduced in September.

The surge in iPhone sales drove the company's total revenue to $74.6 billion, up 30 percent from a year earlier. CEO Tim Cook said on a call with analysts that demand for the phones was "staggering" and noted that results would have been even higher if not for the impact of the strong dollar on overseas sales. Net income rose 38 percent to $18 billion, as Apple reported earnings of $3.06 a share. Analysts surveyed by FactSet were expecting earnings of $2.60 a share on revenue of $67.39 billion.

Apple also forecast revenue for the current quarter between $52 billion and $55 billion. Apple Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri said in an interview that revenue for the current period will increase between 14 and 20 percent from a year ago.

Apple Inc. has set records with each new version of its iPhones. By comparison, the company sold 51 million smartphones during the holiday quarter in 2013, when its iPhone 5s and 5c models were new on the scene. Bigger screens are one reason for the popularity of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus. Apple had resisted when other companies such as Samsung began introducing smartphones with bigger screens. But its iPhone 6 has a 4.7-inch screen, measured diagonally, while the 6 Plus screen measures 5.5 inches. That compares to a 4-inch screen on iPhone 5 models.

US company outlooks worry investors

U.S. stocks slumped Tuesday after some of the market's largest companies reported disappointing earnings, taking investors on a turbulent ride that deepened the losses for the year.

The companies that rattled the market included Microsoft, Caterpillar and Procter & Gamble. Some also forecast weaker results in months ahead.

An unexpected drop in U.S. orders of long-lasting goods also weighed on investors, briefly dragging the Dow Jones industrial average down 390 points early in the day before it pared back some of the losses.

The downbeat company report cards raise concerns about corporate America's ability to grow profits at a time when many investors are expecting the resurgent U.S. economy to drive earnings should economic growth weaken overseas.

"That theme, 'Boy, this is the year earnings are going to come back,' suffered a little bit of a setback," said Sean Lynch, co-head of global equity strategy at Wells Fargo Investment Institute. "Investors are starting to worry that the stronger dollar and some the impacts of energy aren't always positive."

The Dow dropped 291.49 points, or 1.7 percent, to close at 17,387.21. It is now 3.7 percent below its record high of 18,053.71 on Dec. 26.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $58.93 Up 0.86

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $112.57 Up 1.91

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $11.12 Down 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $68.96 Up 0.45

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $10.95 Up 1.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.50 Down 0.24

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.66 Down 0.35

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.39 Up 0.39

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.44 Up 0.29

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.49 Up 0.67

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	...	4.25	+.20	-28.5
AT&T Inc	1.88f	10	32.81	-.37	-2.3
Abraxas	...	11	3.23	+.11	+9.9
AdamsEx	1.16e	...	13.58	-.12	-.7
AMD	...	...	2.70	+.09	+1.1
Alcoa	.12	84	15.92	-.16	+.8
Alibaba n	...	...	102.94	-1.05	-1.0
AlonUSA	.40a	51	12.23	-.02	-3.5
AmAirlines	.40	...	52.70	-2.76	-1.7
Amgen	3.16f	25	158.89	-.84	-.3
Anadarko	1.08	...	82.65	-.01	+.2
Apache	1.00	...	64.59	+.12	+3.1
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	109.14	-3.96	-1.1
ApldMatl	.40	26	23.57	-.67	-5.4
ATMOS	1.56f	19	58.47	-.34	+4.9
AutoData	1.96	26	85.63	-.94	+2.7
BP PLC	2.40f	6	40.21	+.29	+5.5
BabcOClnv	1.20	...	15.83	-.12	-.4
BakrHu	.88	14	59.29	+.36	+5.7
BkofAm	.20	45	15.63	-.22	-12.6
B iPVixST	...	...	32.00	+1.37	+1.6
BarrickG	.20	32	13.11	+.42	+22.0
BasicEnSv	...	92	6.43	+.11	-8.3
BerkHs A	...	17221	511.00	-2873.00	-2.0
BtlHillsCp	1.56	20	51.27	-.27	-3.3
BrMySq	1.68f	38	61.99	-.47	+6.0
BrownFA	1.28f	29	91.30	-1.52	+4.0
BrownFB	1.28f	29	91.01	-1.48	+3.8
CVS Health	1.40f	26	100.82	-.19	+4.7
Cameron	...	12	44.40	...	-11.1
Caterpillar	2.80	13	79.85	-6.16	-12.8
Celestic g	...	12	11.16	-.07	-4.9
CntryLink	2.16	26	38.79	-.21	-2.0
ChesEng	.35	22	20.25	+.11	+3.5
Chevron	4.28	10	108.26	-.62	-3.5
Chicos	.30	27	16.84	-.06	+3.9
Cimarex	.84	17	104.11	+1.11	-1.8
Cisco	.76	16	26.90	-1.07	-2.8
Citigroup	.04	22	48.31	-.58	-10.7
ClevEng	...	13	58.93	+.86	-7.8
CliffNRs	...	...	6.80	-.42	-4.8
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.39	-.61	+.4
ColgPalm	1.44	29	65.66	-.83	-5.1
ConAgra	1.00	...	36.66	-.28	+1.0
ConchoRes	...	24	112.57	+1.91	+12.9
ConocoPhil	2.92	11	66.54	-.26	-5.1
Corning	.48f	24	24.73	+.82	+7.8
CrackerB	4.00	23	135.18	-1.49	-4.0
CSVLgNGs	...	...	3.47	+.13	-12.8
CSVLgCrde	...	...	2.76	+.15	-43.6
CSVelVST	...	...	29.71	-1.49	-4.6
CSVixSht	...	...	2.77	+.18	+.4
CrosTim	2.60e	7	19.25	+.07	+11.1
DCP Mid	3.08f	31	39.32	-.25	-13.4
DTE	2.76	21	91.30	+.37	+5.7
Dataram	...	...	2.20	+.26	+29.4
Dawson	.32	...	11.12	-.10	-0.1
DevonE	.96	11	62.10	+.38	+1.5
DrxGldBull	...	...	20.26	+1.76	+81.5
DrxSCBear	...	...	12.11	+.17	+.9
Disney	1.15f	22	93.97	-1.00	-.2
DowChm	1.68f	15	44.17	-.39	-3.2
EMC Cp	.46	22	27.41	-.92	-7.8
EOG Res s	.57	17	93.00	+.67	+1.0
EmpDist	1.04f	19	31.16	+.06	+4.8
Energen	.08m	25	65.24	+1.20	+2.3
EngyTsfr	3.98f	...	60.38	-.75	-7.1
EnPro	.80	53	61.10	-.14	-2.6
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	23	34.86	-.06	-3.5
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.14	-.26	+.3
ExtermnH	.80	19	28.29	+.79	+13.2
ExxonMbl	2.76	11	90.65	-.81	-1.6
Facebook	...	72	75.78	-1.72	-2.9
FordM	.60f	10	14.65	-.23	-4.2
FrptMcM	1.25	8	18.38	-1.18	-21.3
GATX	1.32	13	58.13	-.02	+1.0
GabMultT	1.05e	...	9.91	-.07	-1.0
GAInv	3.50e	...	34.41	-.17	-1.7
GenElec	.92f	16	24.38	-.21	-3.5
GenMotors	1.20	22	33.42	-.26	-4.3
GtPlsInEn	.99f	19	29.90	-.09	+5.2
HalconRes	...	...	1.47	+.06	-17.4
Halliblrtn	.72f	10	41.50	+.04	+5.5
HewlettP	.64	14	37.38	-1.48	-6.9
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	36.97	+.44	+1.1
iShEMU	1.08e	...	37.19	-.11	+2.4
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.61	+.02	+3.3
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	42.89	-.84	+3.1
iShEMkts	.88e	...	40.56	-.22	+3.2
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	62.29	+.09	+2.4
iShR2K	1.51e	...	118.69	-.57	-.8
IntegrysE	2.72	21	82.57	+.01	+6.1
Intel	.96	15	34.19	-1.62	-5.8
InterDig	.80	...	50.89	-.88	-3.8
JPMorgCh	1.60	11	56.20	-.57	-9.6
JohnJn	2.80	18	102.09	-.17	-2.4
KimbClk	3.36	27	110.71	+.86	-4.2
Kinross g	...	...	3.46	+.07	+22.7
LegacyRes	2.44	...	10.95	+1.01	-4.2
Lubys	...	...	4.76	+.04	+4.6
MVJrGold	...	...	29.42	+1.06	+22.9
MktVGold	.12e	...	22.88	+.73	+24.5
MktVRus	.54e	...	15.56	+.78	+6.4
McDnlds	3.40f	19	89.57	-1.10	-4.4
Merck	1.80f	34	62.56	-.26	+10.2
MertMed	...	32	15.90	-.06	-8.3
MexcoEn	...	50	4.50	-.24	-17.1
MicronT	...	10	29.65	-1.37	-15.3
Microsoft	1.24	17	42.66	-4.35	-8.2
Nabors	.24	10	11.88	+.47	-8.5
NBGreece	...	...	1.32	-.23	-26.3
NatGrid	3.48e	...	71.69	+.88	+1.5
NOilVarco	1.84	9	57.70	-.04	-11.9
NoksCp	.51e	...	8.01	+.01	+1.9
NvMAd	.60e	...	14.22	+.06	+4.1
NvPrA	.56e	...	14.28	+.07	+2.2
NuvPI	.82a	...	14.23	+.05	+2.7
NSTFI3	.61e	...	14.75	+.02	+3.6
NTXQI	.55e	...	14.64	+.06	+1.2
OasisPet	...	3	13.46	+.17	-18.6
OcciPet	2.80	11	79.41	-.91	-1.5
Oracle	.48	18	43.40	-.50	-3.5
ParTech	...	...	5.77	-.13	-6.2
ParkDrl	...	8	2.76	-.05	-9.4
PattUTI	.40	21	17.25	+.79	+4.0
PeabdyE	.01m	...	6.24	-.43	-19.4
PennaRE	.80	...	25.00	+.02	+6.6
Petbras	1.02e	9	9.70	-.04	+1.6
PetbrasA	.85e	...	7.86	+.34	+3.7
Petrobras	.46e	...	7.45	+.22	+2.1
Pfizer	1.12f	17	32.60	-.20	+4.7
PioNtrl	.08	...	155.12	+.09	+4.2
PlainsAAP	2.70f	21	51.58	+.07	+.5
PwShs QQQ	1.45e	...	101.44	-2.70	-1.8
Praxair	2.80	20	123.20	-1.32	-4.9
PrmEgy	...	10	59.56	-1.33	-18.1
PUtlVixST	...	...	25.08	+1.96	-.3
ProctGam	2.57	24	86.49	-3.09	-5.0
RangeRs	.16	22	49.27	-.25	-7.8
RegionsFn	.20	12	8.97	-.11	-15.1
RiteAid	...	23	7.58	-.07	+.8
Rowan	.40	13	22.10	+.19	-5.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	13	66.69	+.24	-.4
SpdrDJIA	3.47e	...	173.59	-2.91	-2.4
S&P500ETF	3.63e	...	202.74	-2.71	-1.4
SpdrOGEx	.67e	...	47.52	+.90	-.7
SabnR	4.01e	10	40.21	+.57	+12.4
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652.73	491.27	Dow Jones Utilities	649.67	+1.55	+.24	+5.11	+31.13
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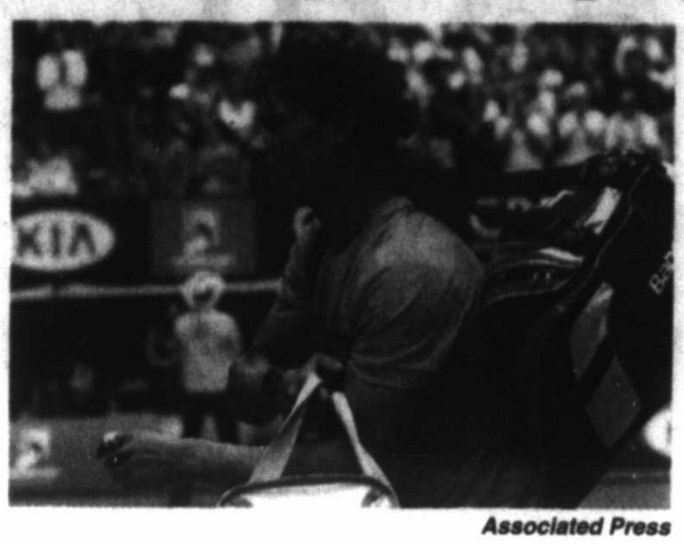
Nadal loses; Sharapova to play all-Russian semi in Australia

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal has joined Roger Federer on the sidelines at the Australian Open, taking their combined 31 Grand Slam singles titles with them.

On the women's side, second-seeded Maria Sharapova, who beat Eugenie Bouchard on Tuesday, and Ekaterina Makarova are still around and will play an all-Russian semi-final.

Nadal's lack of match fitness from nearly six months of injuries and illness finally caught up with the 14-time major champion in his quarterfinal match against Tomas Berdych. He was never much of a factor and lost 6-2, 6-0, 7-6 (5).



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Rafael Nadal leaves the Rod Laver Arena after his quarterfinal loss to Tomas Berdych in their quarterfinal match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, on Tuesday.

The third-seeded Nadal said before the tournament that his inactivity over the last half of 2014 made him unlikely to win more than a few rounds. Coming into the Australian Open, Nadal had played only eight matches since last June because of a right wrist injury and appendix surgery in November.

Federer, who has 17 major titles, including four in Australia, departed Melbourne Park after an upset third-round loss to Andrea Seppi.

Nadal said he was surprised to have advanced as far as he did in Melbourne.

"It is obvious that I needed something more to be more competitive," Nadal said. "As I said when I arrived here, the process always is not easy. When you have injuries, comebacks are difficult. But without being at my top level of tennis, I was able to be here in quarterfinals. Is not a bad result at all for me."

Berdych said, "I was ready for everything and I think that was the difference ... when you're playing Rafa you have to keep going to the last point."

The seventh-seeded Berdych, who had lost 17 straight matches to Nadal, will play sixth-seeded Andy Murray in the semifinals after the British player beat local hope Nick Kyrgios 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in a night match.

Kyrgios came back from two sets down and saved a match point in the fourth round Sunday before beating Italian Andreas Seppi, the player who had eliminated Federer, but there was no such comeback on Tuesday.

The 19-year-old Kyrgios, who walked onto the court with his headphones on and gave two thumbs-up to the crowd, was at his crowd-pleasing best. After hitting a backhanded drop shot at the net for winner in the second set, he spread out his arms for applause, and in the third set, he hit a between-the-legs shot that Murray easily returned.

"It was a tricky match," Murray said. "I tried to start as quick as possible because I know how dangerous Nick is. He's a huge hitter of the ball, so I tried to keep it out of his strike zone as much as possible. Thankfully it worked."

Sharapova moved closer to another Australian Open title, defeating 20-year-old Bouchard 6-3, 6-2.The Russian made all the big points look easy and advanced to play Makarova, who earlier beat third-seeded Simona Halep 6-4, 6-0.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Tuesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $32.9 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Quarterfinals
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Rafael Nadal (3), Spain, 6-2, 6-0, 7-6 (5).
Andy Murray (6), Britain, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Women
Quarterfinals
Ekaterina Makarova (10), Russia, def. Simona Halep (3), Romania, 6-4, 6-0.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Eugenie Bouchard (7), Canada, 6-3, 6-2.
Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals
Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (2), France, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (4), Brazil, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, and Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 (4).
Women
Quarterfinals
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (13), Czech Republic, def. Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (5), United States, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Julia Goerges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (16), Germany, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-2, 7-5.
Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Zheng Jie (14), China, def. Klaudia Jans-Ignacik, Poland, and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, 6-1, 6-2.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (3), Russia, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-2.
Mixed
Second Round
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Alexander Peya (4), Austria, def. Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Jamie Murray, Britain, 3-6, 6-4, 10-5.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Daniel Nestor (3), Canada, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, and Florin Mergea, Romania, 6-4, 7-5.
Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Marcelo Melo (2), Brazil, def. Daria Gavrilova and Luke Saville, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.
Casey Dellacqua and John Peers, Australia, def. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Chris Guccione, Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 10-5.
Legends Doubles
Round Robin
Men
Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, Australia, def. Michael Chang, United States, and Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, 4-2, 4-3 (5-2), 4-3 (5-2).
Thomas Enqvist and Mats Wilander, Sweden, def. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, and Justin Gimelstob, United States, 4-3 (8-4), 4-3 (8-4), 2-4, 4-3 (5-3).
Wayne Arthurs and Pat Cash, Australia, def. Mansour Bahrami, Iran, and Fabrice Santoro, France,4-3 (5-2), 2-4, 4-3 (8-4), 4-3 (8-4).
Women
Lindsay Davenport, United States, and Rennae Stubbs, Australia, def. Marion Bartoli, France, and Martina Navratilova, United States, 4-1, 3-4, 4-2.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the **Texas Natural Resources Code**, as amended, and the **Statewide Rules** of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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NOTICE TO Physicians and Providers
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Notice Of Application
For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2332. The proposed injection well is located 2.7 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2405. The proposed injection well is located 3.6 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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ATTN: READERS
Re: Advertising
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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2300. The proposed injection well is located .5 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2325. The proposed injection well is located 4.4 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2315. The proposed injection well is located 2.7 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2326. The proposed injection well is located 4.7 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2403. The proposed injection well is located 2.3 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2339. The proposed injection well is located 2.8 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 74217

APPLICATION Troy Vines, Incorporated, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Registration No. 74217, for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants, which would authorize continued operation of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 2817 South State Highway 349, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.9583&lng=102.0702&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 22, 2014. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Downtown Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue, Midland, Midland County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after the final newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to consider in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.toeq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Troy Vines Incorporated, P.O. Box 1351, Midland, Texas 79702-1351 or by calling Mr. Lanny D. Vines, Environmental Manager, at (432) 682-7031.

Notice Issuance Date: January 16, 2015

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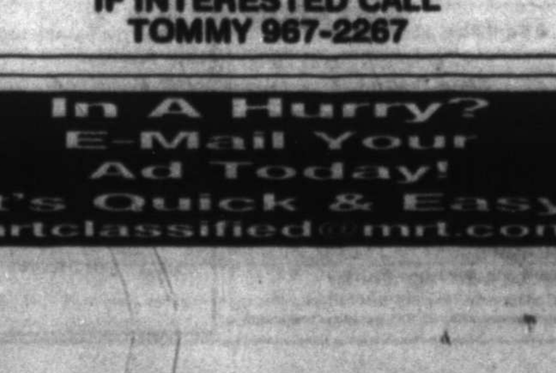

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	National School Brkfast/Lunch	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 154,490,402	$ 3,057,901	$ 14,613,132	$ 24,021	$ 289,413	$ 172,474,869
5800	State Program Revenues	25,261,489	—	—	—	1,409,607	26,729,913
5900	Federal Program Revenues	2,554,524	—	—	—	12,995,353	23,228,029
5020	Total Revenues	182,306,415	4,613,132	14,613,132	24,021	14,694,373	222,432,811
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0011	Instruction	96,353,536	—	—	—	10,159,232	106,512,768
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,321,755	—	—	—	59,710	2,381,465
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,094,458	—	—	—	1,506,777	4,601,235
0021	Instructional Leadership	2,333,893	—	—	—	473,453	2,807,346
0023	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	10,085,073	—	—	—	64,939	10,150,012
0031	Social Work Services	5,576,590	—	—	—	1,186,346	6,762,936
0032	Health Services	176,602	—	—	—	—	176,602
0033	Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,845,858	—	—	—	89,285	1,935,143
0034	Food Services	7,222,328	—	—	—	199,600	7,421,928
0035	Extracurricular Activities	—	10,380,425	—	—	115,307	10,495,732
0036	General Administration	4,035,684	—	—	—	54,464	4,090,148
0041	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	5,525,822	—	—	—	952	5,526,774
0051	Security and Monitoring Services	17,399,050	—	—	—	211,204	17,610,254
0052	Data Processing Services	938,795	—	—	—	—	938,795
0053	Community Services	3,480,322	—	—	—	—	3,480,322
0061		295,825	—	—	—	621,754	917,579
	Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	—	—	7,814,365	—	—	7,814,365
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	—	—	4,843,008	—	—	4,843,008
0073	Bond Insurance Cost and Fees	—	—	4,800	—	—	4,800
	Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	159,762	—	—	14,030,784	732,764	14,923,310
	Intergovernmental:						
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	73,115	—	—	—	—	73,115
6030	Total Expenditures	160,918,468	10,380,425	12,662,173	14,030,784	15,475,787	213,467,637
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	21,387,947	414,445	1,950,959	(14,006,763)	(781,414)	8,965,174
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7901	Refunding Bonds Issued	—	—	6,810,000	—	—	6,810,000
7911	Capital Declared Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	—	175,000	70,000,000	—	70,175,000
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	24,775	—	—	—	—	24,775
7915	Transfers in	—	—	—	—	29,244	29,244
8940	Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent (Use)	—	—	(6,985,000)	—	—	(6,985,000)
8949	Other (Uses)	(29,244)	—	—	—	—	(29,244)
		(4,469)	—	—	70,000,000	29,244	70,024,775
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	21,383,478	414,445	1,950,959	55,993,237	(752,170)	78,989,949
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	36,113,608	3,643,967	4,790,496	(130,308)	9,462,624	53,880,387
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)						
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$ 57,497,086	4,058,412	6,741,455	$ 55,862,929	$ 8,710,454	$ 132,870,336

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