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Grand jury doesn't indict parade float driver

DA: Panel has not concluded its review of the incident and will meet in 3 weeks

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A Midland County grand jury on Wednesday did not indict the driver of a parade float involved in the Nov. 15 train wreck that killed four military veterans.

The grand jury has not concluded its review of the incident, but it returned a no bill regarding Dale Hayden, a Smith Industries-employed truck driver, according to District Attorney Teresa Clingman.

"The grand jury will continue its work at its next meeting three weeks from now," she said in a press release.

Eric Kalenak, assistant district attorney, presented the case to the grand jury. He said the driver did not testify, but the information that was presented may have included a Midland Police Department interview with Hayden.

An email dated Nov. 19, which was received by the Reporter-Telegram in a Texas Public Information Act open records request to the city, states "The driver has been interviewed by the MPD and will also be interviewed by the NTSB."

But according to a previous report, city officials said they could not confirm nor deny that police had spoken to Hayden.

City officials are not commenting on the case at this time, pending civil litigation, said Sara Higgins, city spokeswoman.

As of Wednesday, there are two known civil lawsuits: one by six families represented by attorneys Kevin Glasheen and Bob Pottroff against Union Pacific and Smith Industries, and another by one family represented by attorney Charla Aldous against the same defendants. Neither of these lawsuits lists the city of Midland as defendant.

Glasheen said he now represents Shane and Margaret Ladner, a couple who was onboard the parade float. He also represents the wife and children of Josh Michaels, one of the veterans who died.

Glasheen said his clients sent a letter to the District Attorney's Office asking that Hayden not be indicted. Glasheen said he did not know if that letter was presented Wednesday.

Ross Bush, district clerk, said the newly impaneled grand jury was not a special jury for this case and that it was presented just like any other case, despite its high profile.

"There is privileged information in the grand jury room," Bush said. "The privilege that I get out of it is if it is a true bill or no bill."

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RAINYWEDNESDAY

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Drivers navigate their vehicles through a flooded section of North Garfield Street during the rainstorm Wednesday.

Road accidents rise as rainfall sets records

By Tyler White
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In one of at least two weather-related crashes in the area, a Midland man was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries after a wreck on State Highway 349.

Martin County DPS responded to the accident at about 11:40 a.m. on State Highway 349. Midlander Michael Wade was driving a white pickup pulling a trailer with a backhoe south on Highway 349. A dump truck, also pulling a backhoe, was traveling south behind an SUV that was following the pickup, said Sean Baxter, DPS public information officer.

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Wet weather

Rain Tuesday night: 0.03 inch
Rain Wednesday: 1.34 inches

Most rain in one hour: 0.50 inch from 4:53 p.m. to 5:53 p.m.
Average rain for Jan. 9: 0.02 inch
Typical average rainfall in Midland for the entire month of January: 0.56 inch

Midland reports as of 8:30 p.m.
Downtown (Ed Todd): 1.2 inches
Greenwood (Hoot Leonard): 0.5 inch
NW Midland (Charles Spence): 1.0 inch
West Midland (Jane Becker): 1.2 inches

Top January showers

Date	Inches
Jan. 8, 1939	2.56
Jan. 7, 1939	1.45
Jan. 28, 2010	1.45
Jan. 9, 2013	1.34
Jan. 9, 2012	1.33
Jan. 10, 1949	1.12
Jan. 5, 1958	1.04

New record
Wednesday's rain total of 1.34 inches was the most on Jan. 9 in Midland's history. The previous record was set in 2012 at 0.7 inch.
Source: National Weather Service

ConocoPhillips to move 200 jobs from Midland to Houston

■ Reorganization also will involve transferring 100 Odessa jobs to Midland.

By Mella McEwen
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Officials with ConocoPhillips visited Midland on Wednesday to discuss the impact of an internal reorganization that will cut its Midland workforce in half.

Jim Lowry, a director of communications and public affairs, said the restructuring will result in moving to Houston 200 positions, including senior managers and asset team members, that are currently in the Midland office.

At this point, though, it's unclear how many of those 200 people in those positions will accept transfers, he said.

Once those transfers are complete — expected by the end of the third quarter — Lowry said the company will move 100 positions from its Odessa offices into the Midland offices in the ClayDesta area.

He said the 100 employees working in ConocoPhillips' field offices in Goldsmith, Penwell and Big Spring won't be affected.

Lowry explained the move is the result of a decision to split the company's Mid-Continent Business Unit into two units: The Rockies Business Unit and the Mid-Continent Business Unit, which will operate out of Houston.

The decision was made to allow the company to better manage its work load and to more efficiently develop its assets, he said.

"More details will be known later," Lowry said.

Midland has made case for Sen. Ted Cruz's regional office

By Stewart Doreen
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■ COMMENTARY

Sen. Ted Cruz has yet to decide where to place his West Texas office, but it appears key factors are lining up for Midland to be a leading contender.

From its place as the energy capital of the region to the commitment Midlanders have made to the freshman senator, it would seem now is the right time for a Texas senator to put a regional office in Midland. Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison had placed her regional office in Abilene. Sen. John Cornyn has a regional office in Lubbock.

Currently, Cruz has set up offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, according to his communications director, Sean Rushton.

Midland County Republican Women's President Rhonda Lacy said Midland was overdue for a "senatorial presence."

Midland County Republican Party Chairman James Beauchamp said this week one only has to look at the booming oil and gas sector as a big reason for the need for Cruz to place an office in Midland. Beauchamp said there is so little understanding of the industry that any contact would help dealings at the federal level.

The economies of Abilene and Lubbock, he noted, are centered around agriculture and ranching. So having Cruz's regional office in Midland also would provide a proper balance between the economic engines.

"We need our senator to know how significant the energy sector is," Beauchamp said. "We need energy to be what that person sees every day."

If resources provided, specifically political contributions are to be taken into account, Midland's status in West Texas is hard to deny. The senator's numerous stops during his campaign helped him land more than $370,000 in individual campaign contributions in 2011-12, according to the Federal Elections Commission. That total not only is $200,000 more than the next West Texas city (Abilene). It was more than the No. 2 and 3 cities (Abilene and Lubbock) combined.

Before May's primary, the Reporter-Telegram reported Midland donors were supporting Cruz over the candidate thought to be the race favorite, David Dewhurst, at a nearly 7-to-1 rate.

Midlanders also showed their support for Cruz at the ballot box, posting the largest percentage total for Cruz (62.04 percent) in his Republican runoff victory over David Dewhurst of any larger West Texas metropolitan area.

"I feel like we look favorable in their eyes," Lacy said.

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The big number
Midland has collected
$2.95 million
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Obama to tap budget expert Jack Lew to lead Treasury

■ Economist: 'His resume is tailor-made for what is most important right now.'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will nominate White House chief of staff Jack Lew to be his second-term secretary of the Treasury, turning to one of Washington's most knowledgeable budget experts to manage prickly fiscal negotiations with Congress and steer the still-shaky national economy.

Lew's nomination, expected today, accelerates the overhaul of Obama's top advisers, with new leaders at the Pentagon, State Department, Central Intelligence Agency and Labor Department. Obama also must replace Lew with a new chief of staff, and that could have a ripple effect through the West Wing's senior ranks.

A day ahead of the formal announcement, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney praised the expected nominee: "Over the past more than quarter of a century, Jack Lew has been an integral part of some of the most important budgetary financial and fiscal agreements, bipartisan agreements in Washington."

Lew, 57, would bring to Treasury a mastery of federal budget mechanics, honed during two stints as director of the Office of Management and Budget. While running OMB during the Clinton administration, Lew helped negotiate a balanced budget agreement with Congress, something that has eluded Washington ever since.

Lew's budget background could help shape the Obama administration's strategy in talks with congressional Republicans over the federal debt ceiling. GOP lawmakers are expected to demand deep budget cuts as the price for agreeing to raise the debt limit, which is expected to be reached sometime in February.

"His resume is tailor-made for what is most important right now," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial in Chicago." On Wall Street, Lew was managing director and chief operating officer of Citi Global Wealth Management and then Citi Alternative Investments.

At the start of the Obama administration, he oversaw international economic issues at the State Department.

Lew has long been considered the favorite to replace current Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

The last original member of Obama's economic team, Geithner plans to leave the administration in late January. Lew's nomination will do little to quiet questions about diversity in Obama's second-term leadership team.

President Barack Obama's Cabinet

The men and women behind the president.

NEW NOMINEES TO CABINET

John Kerry
Secretary of State
Would replace Hillary Clinton
Born: Dec. 11, 1943, Aurora, Colo.
Education: Yale University, 1966, and Boston College, 1976, law degree

Jack Lew
Treasury Secretary
Would replace Timothy Geithner
Born: Aug. 29, 1955, in New York
Education: Harvard University, 1978, Georgetown University, 1983, law degree

Chuck Hagel
Defense Secretary
Would replace Leon Panetta
Born: Oct. 4, 1946, in North Platte, Neb.
Education: University of Nebraska, Omaha, 1971 and Brown Institute for Radio and Television, Minneapolis

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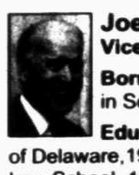
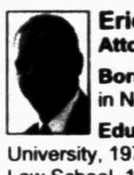
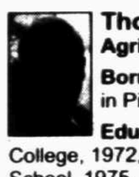


Joe Biden
Vice President
Born: Nov. 20, 1942, in Scranton, Pa.
Education: University of Delaware,1965 and Syracuse Law School, 1968



Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General
Born: Jan. 21, 1951, in New York.
Education: Columbia University, 1973 and Columbia Law School, 1976

Kenneth Salazar
Interior Secretary
Born: March 2, 1955, in Alamosa, Colo.
Education: Colorado College, 1977, University of Michigan Law School, 1981



Thomas Vilsack
Agriculture Secretary
Born: Dec. 13, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pa.
Education: Hamilton College, 1972, Albany Law School, 1975

Rebecca Blank
Commerce Secretary*
Born: Sept. 19, 1955, in Minneapolis-St. Paul
Education: University of Minnesota, 1976 and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1983, Ph.D.

Kathleen Sebelius
Health and Human Services Secretary
Born: May 15, 1948, in Cincinnati
Education: Trinity College, Washington, 1970, University of Kansas, 1977, master's degree

Shaun Donovan
Housing and Urban Development Secretary
Born: Jan. 24, 1966, in New York
Education: Harvard University 1987 and 1995, master's degrees

Ray LaHood
Transportation Secretary
Born: Dec. 6, 1945, in Peoria, Ill.
Education: Bradley University, 1971

Steven Chu
Energy Secretary
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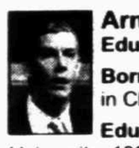

Arne Duncan
Education Secretary
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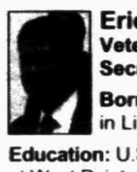
Education: Harvard University, 1987; All-American basketball player in college.



Eric Shinseki
Veterans Affairs Secretary
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Education: U.S. Military Academy at West Point, 1965, Duke University, 1976, master's degree

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Homeland Security Secretary
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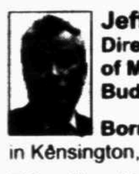
Education: Santa Clara University, 1979, University of Virginia Law School, 1983

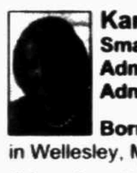


Jeffrey Zients
Director of the Office of Management and Budget*
Born: Nov. 1, 1966, in Kensington, Md.
Education: Duke University, 1988

Ronald Kirk
U.S. Trade Representative
Born: June 27, 1954, in Austin, Texas
Education: Austin College, 1976, University of Texas Law School, 1979

Susan Rice
United Nations Ambassador
Born: Nov. 17, 1964, in Washington
Education: Stanford University, New College, Oxford University, master's degree and Ph.D., Rhodes Scholar.

Alan Krueger
Chairman of the Council of Economic Affairs
Born: Sept. 17, 1960, in Livingston, N.J.
Education: Cornell University, 1983, Harvard University, 1985 and 1987, master's degree and Ph.D.



Karen G. Mills
Small Business Administration Administrator
Born: Sept. 14, 1953, in Wellesley, Mass.
Education: Harvard University, master's degree

*Acting

Outgoing members: Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State; Timothy Geithner, Treasury Secretary; Hilda Solis, Labor Secretary; Jack Lew, Chief of Staff; Lisa Jackson, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator.

SOURCE: AP Reporting AP

Hilda Solis resigns from labor post

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Hilda Solis resigned her post on Wednesday, saying she plans to return to her native California. She is expected to run for a seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

In a message to colleagues, Solis said she made the decision to leave after discussing it with her family and close friends. One of the highest-ranking Hispanics in Obama's administration, Solis has won praise from labor unions for aggressive enforcement of wage and hour laws and job safety regulations. But business groups have criticized her as not taking a more cooperative approach.

Solis

"Leaving the department is one of the most difficult decisions I have ever made, because I have taken our mission to heart," Solis said. "As the daughter of parents who worked in factories, paid their union dues and achieved their goal of a middle-class life, and as the first Latina to head a major federal agency, it has been an incredible honor to serve."

President Barack Obama called Solis "a tireless champion for working families."

"Over the last four years, Secretary Solis has been a critical member of my economic team as we have worked to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and strengthen the economy for the middle class," Obama said in a statement.

Solis said she is proud that 1.7 million people have completed federally funded job training programs under her tenure. Her agency oversaw the spending of about $67 billion for unemployment insurance benefits, job training and other job placement and worker protection programs under Obama's economic stimulus package.

Separately, the White House said Wednesday that Attorney General Eric Holder, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki would remain in their posts.

Holder and Sebelius have been frequent targets of Republican foes in Congress.

The attorney general has been criticized for the government's handling of Operation Fast and Furious, a gun-running investigation gone awry. Sebelius is in charge of putting in place Obama's health care overhaul law, which Republicans have failed to repeal.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND A

FROM: Jacob J. Lew
Director

SUBJECT: Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Effic
Government

From the start of this Administrat
he Government operat

Associated Press

This Sept. 21, 2011, memo posted on the White House website shows then-Office of Management and Budget director Jack Lew's signature. Lew's nomination for treasury secretary means a new signature could soon be coming to the dollar bill. Not that you'll be able to read it.

Lew's signature may end up on dollar bills

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jack Lew's nomination for treasury secretary means a new signature could soon be coming to the dollar bill.

Not that you'll be able to read it. Lew's signature starts off promising enough, with a soft "J." But what follows are seven loopy scribbles, rendering his signature illegible.

The treasury secretary's signature is emblazoned in the lower right corner of U.S. dollar bills of all denominations.

No word from the White House on whether President Barack Obama asked Lew to clean up his signature before nominating him for the Treasury post — or if the Senate will make that a condition of his confirmation.

White House: 'No debt ceiling backup plan'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is dismissing suggestions to sidestep Congress to meet the nation's debt obligations, declaring that it is Congress' responsibility to pay the bills of the United States.

President Barack Obama's adamant stand that he will not negotiate with Congress over raising the nation's borrowing limit and Republican demands that a debt ceiling vote be linked to spending cuts have prompted a creative outburst of alternatives to driving the country into default.

Under one proposed scenario, pushed by a number of House Democrats, the president could invoke the 14th Amendment, a post-Civil War change to the Constitution that states that "the validity of the public debt of the United States...shall not be questioned."

Key figure

The borrowing limit for the United States government, which has already been reached:

16.4 million

Another proposal would take advantage of a legal loophole meant for coin collectors and have the Treasury mint platinum coins that could be deposited at the Federal Reserve and used to pay the nation's bills.

"There is no plan B. There is no backup plan," White House spokesman Jay Carney said Wednesday. "There is no alternative to Congress raising the debt ceiling."

The government has already reached its $16.4 trillion borrowing limit and by late February or early March the Treasury Department will run out of ways to cover debts and could begin defaulting on government loans.

As of Wednesday 21 Democrats, led by Rep. Peter Welch of Vermont, had signed a letter urging Obama to invoke the 14th Amendment that they say gives him the authority to raise the debt ceiling without going through Congress.

The Democrats said in their letter that they fully supported Obama's position that raising the debt ceiling will not be subject to negotiation. "Threatening default on our nation's debt is an economic weapon of mass destruction that will have immediate and catastrophic consequences for the economy, as well as America's standing in the world," they said.

Welch, in an interview, told The Associated Press he understood that the president might not want to embrace the 14th Amendment alternative at this point, when it might appear to be a power grab.

But "if there is the ultimate act of congressional irresponsibility by having the United States default on its obligations, we encourage the president to rescue the country."

He said ultimately the courts would have to decide what authority the amendment confers on the president.

The coin idea has been mentioned by such economists as Paul Krugman, a columnist at The New York Times, and Donald Marron, the director of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

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Vice President Joe Biden, flanked by the president of the National Association of Police Organizations and Boston police officer, Thomas Nee, left, and president of the Police Executive Research Forum and Major Cities Chiefs Association and Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey, right, speaks during a meeting at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in the White House complex on Wednesday in Washington.

Biden tells gun task force that Obama will act

By Charles J. Lewis and Stewart M. Powell
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Vice President Biden, noting that the Dec. 14 school massacre in Newtown, Conn., has awakened "the conscience of the country," on Wednesday vowed quick executive action to deal with gun violence.

It's a problem that "requires our immediate action, urgent action, and the president and I are determined to take action," Biden told a group of gun-safety advocates and victims of gun violence as he convened the first meeting of the White House gun-violence study group.

President Obama set up the group after the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School that left 20 students and six staff members dead.

Obama told Biden to deliver recommendations by the end of January.

At the first meeting, Biden said he would meet later with gun owners, the National Rifle Association and representatives of the electronic games industry. He said the administration was seeking input from a wide array of groups but added:

"The president is going to act. There are executive orders — executive action that can be taken. We haven't decided what that is yet, but we're compiling it all with the help of the attorney general and — and all the rest of the Cabinet members — as well as legislative action, we believe, is required."

Attorney General Eric Holder sat next to Biden at the meeting.

Executive orders could take effect relatively quickly, while legislative proposals would take much longer to wend through the legislative process.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on Sunday that Congress wouldn't focus on gun issues for several months.

Meanwhile, Wal-Mart, a nationwide retailer that sells guns in 1,650 of its nearly 4,000 stores, initially turned down a White House invitation to send a representative to a meeting today with Biden. But Wal-Mart reversed field on Wednesday. David Tovar, Wal-Mart's vice president of corporate communications, said the firm was "sending an appropriate representative to participate" because "we take this issue very seriously and are committed to staying engaged in this discussion as the administration and Congress work toward a consensus on the right path forward."

Tovar said the firm had "underestimated the expectation to attend the meeting on Thursday in person" after having had "ongoing conversations" with officials in the administration, Congress and others with a stake in the gun control debate.

At his regular briefing, White House press secretary Jay Carney said no specific decisions have been made about what kind of executive orders Obama might issue to address gun issues.

Conn. moves cautiously on guns

HARTFORD, Conn. — A month after the Newtown school tragedy, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy is moving cautiously on gun control in Connecticut, a relatively liberal Northeastern state that nevertheless has a strong gun culture and is home to some of the nation's best-known firearm makers.

Gun control advocates and their allies in the state Legislature want to pass new restrictions on weapons while passions are still high over the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting rampage Dec. 14 that left 20 children and six women dead. But they are bracing for strong opposition.

Gun owners have packed statehouse hearings in recent years to oppose measures that would tighten the state's gun laws. And gun manufacturers such as Colt Manufacturing Co., which traces its history to a Hartford factory that Samuel Colt opened in 1855, have threatened in the past to leave Connecticut, taking hundreds of jobs with them, if certain requirements became law.

Malloy, a Democrat, became choked up when he mentioned Newtown in his State of the State Address on Wednesday, saying: "Let us do everything in our power to ensure that Connecticut never again suffers such a loss, that we take real steps to make our kids and our communities safer."

He offered no specific proposals, instead noting that an advisory panel he set up last week will issue recommendations in March on gun control, mental health treatment and other issues arising from the Newtown massacre.

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Arizona sheriff launches patrols outside schools

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The sheriff for metropolitan Phoenix has launched a plan to have as many as 500 armed volunteers patrol areas just outside schools in an effort to guard against shootings like month's attack at a Connecticut elementary school that left 26 people dead.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office said Wednesday that the patrols were launched earlier this week at 59 schools in unincorporated areas and communities that pay his agency for police services.

Arpaio hopes to have as many as 400 posse volunteers and another 100 volunteers known as reserve deputies take part in the patrols.

The plan from the sheriff known for immigration enforcement and housing jail inmates in canvas tents has led some longtime critics to say Arpaio's latest effort is meant to grab headlines and won't be sustained over the long term.

"Why would people complain about my posse being in front of schools to act as prevention?" Arpaio asked, noting that he wants the patrols to last throughout the remainder of the school year.

The sheriff said school shootings in Connecticut and elsewhere and last month's arrest of an Arizona student accused of planning an attack at her high school led to his decision to launch the patrols.

The volunteers, dressed in uniforms and driving patrol vehicles, won't go onto school grounds unless they spot danger and won't sit in stationary spots.

Instead, they'll patrol several schools as part of their driving routes.

Andrew Sanchez, a town council member in Guadalupe, said he doesn't want the sheriff's posse members patrolling outside schools in his town. The community of about 6,000 spends $1.2 million a year to have Arpaio's office provide police protection.

"We are paying him to have certified deputies here, not to bring a circus and not to use our town as a political platform," Sanchez said.

Calif. teachers fund moves to divest from firearms

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The nation's largest teacher pension fund took the first step Wednesday toward divesting from companies that make guns and high-capacity ammunition magazines that are illegal in California.

State Treasurer Bill Lockyer made a motion to begin the divestment process after pension fund officials determined that the fund invests in the owner of a company that manufactured one of the weapons used in the Connecticut school shooting. The California State Teachers' Retirement System's investment committee unanimously approved the motion.

"CalSTRS' action targets ammunition clips that turn ordinary guns into killing machines, assault weapons and other firearms that pose extreme dangers to public health and safety," Lockyer said.

The pension fund has investments in private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP, which owns the manufacturer of an assault weapon used at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

The pension fund also owns shares of Sturm, Ruger & Co. and Smith & Wesson Holding Corp., two publicly traded gun-makers.

The three investments make up a tiny fraction of the pension system's holdings, about $11.7 million out of the $155 billion fund, according to CalSTRS staff.

Harry Keiley, a high school teacher with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and chairman of the board's investment committee, said before Wednesday's vote that the pension board has the power to change its investments.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

This date in Texas history

In 1901, the Spindletop oil field in Beaumont produced the Lucas Gusher, heralding the start of the Texas oil boom.

Note: See today's Opinion page (6A) for more on the Spindletop legacy.

Thing to do

■ Midland County Livestock Show at the Horseshoe.

■ Concert, Ray Price, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Meetings schedule

Permian Basin Republican Assembly

When: TBA today

Where: Classroom one at Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Note: Some meetings times, dates and locations are subject to change.

The Midland Independent School District will hold its Jan. 22 board of trustees meeting at the Midland High School auditorium, 906 W. Illinois Ave., not the central office on Missouri Ave.

Community calendar

Midland Chamber of Commerce and Midland Development Corp. are presenting 2013 State of the Economy 11 a.m. Feb. 5 at Midland Center.

The panel discussion will feature Kenneth Burgess, chairman of First-Capital Bank of Texas; Timothy Leach, CEO of Concho Resources; Mitch Mamoulides, Permian South Area manager of Chevron North America; and Andrew Nelson, COO of XCOR Aerospace.

The moderator is Laura Roman, chairman of the MDC board. Tickets are $30 for members and $45 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.midlandtx-chamber.com or by calling 683-3381. Online sales end Feb. 1.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon. Rays of Hope Grief Centre, 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa. 432-210-4234.

■ TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) — 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

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

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters.

■ **At Tall City 14:**

Closing today: "Twilight," a print of "Les Miserables" and a print of "Django."

Opening Friday: "The Haunted House," "Gangster Squad" and "Zero Dark Thirty."

■ **At Big Sky Drive-in:**

Closing today: "Killing Them Softly," "Monsters Inc." and "The Hobbit."

Opening today: "Texas Chainsaw 3D," "This Is 40" and "Gangster Squad."

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

Water tracker

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

Tuesday's total: 9,917,000 gallons (CRMWD 7,969,000, Paul Davis fields 1,948,000).

Jan. 1: 11,157,000 gallons

Note: The current average delivery from the CRMWD for January 2013 is 8,349,000 gallons.

Sales tax numbers

The city of Midland has collected $2,957,680 in revenue from the Comptroller's Office this month.

This month's figure reflects a 13.84 percent increase (or a $359,561) increase from January 2012.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2012-13 ($12,162,546) is up 14.87 percent or a $1,574,168 increase from last year's totals at this time.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months prior to collection; January collection is based on November sales.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 8-8-9
Pick 3 night: 6-9-5
Daily 4 day: 6-7-4-5
Daily 4 night: 1-2-5-6
Cash Five: 11-17-21-26-37
Lotto Texas: 9-16-18-26-47-53
Powerball: 11-13-20-27-59 PB: 26
All or Nothing (morning): 2-3-4-6-7-8-9-11-12-14-17-24
All or Nothing (day): 1-3-4-7-11-13-16-17-18-19-20-23
All or Nothing (evening): 1-2-3-4-5-7-11-15-19-20-23-24
All or Nothing (night): 1-2-3-5-6-8-9-10-15-18-19-24

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2013. There are 355 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

Exhibitors prep animals for livestock show

By Tyler White
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Youths from across Midland County brought their livestock to the Horseshoe Arena on Wednesday for weigh-ins and breed classifications in preparation for this weekend's Midland County Livestock Show.

Exhibitors ages 9 to 18 will see the fruits of their labor as judges assess the quality of swine, lamb, goats, steers and heifers.

The show provides experience that will benefit the youth in future agriculture ventures and gives them a chance to promote exceptional livestock practices, said Dennis Sever, president of the Midland County Livestock Association.

"Everyone is involved in agriculture," Sever said. "If you don't eat, you don't do very well."

The competitive nature of the show helps the children strive to take better care of their invested animals, he said.

"They have a strong work ethic. They have to take care of those animals."

The animals are classified by breed, with the best of each breed advancing in the show and participating in the auction. The judges base their assessments on the perceived health of the animal, as well as presentation, Sever said.

In Saturday's auction, bids will go to the exhibitors as a reward for exceptional livestock care, he said. The auction provides bidders with opportunities to sponsor the exhibitors and may allow the youth to take their animals to livestock shows in San Angelo, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston.

The livestock show offers children a chance to perfect their craft, said Howard Morrison, MCLA board member, whose 14-year-old daughter, Camryn, is entering the show for the sixth time.

"They take care of them; it's pretty good practice for life ... to take care of something that depends on you for all its needs," Morrison said.

Camryn has been raising steers since she was 8 and enjoys the bond she develops with her animals. "They're like giant pets," she said. "They're lovable and fun."

Even though her steers eventually are sold and processed for food, she said she appreciates what she has learned from raising them.

"They teach me how to be patient," she said.

Scott LeNoir and his son, Cutter Chambers, 15, are entering steers into the show this year. Entering an animal into the show takes a lot of time and effort, Le Noir said. Children have to show a lot of dedication to succeed in this competition, since you have to feed the animals multiple times a day and regularly interact with them.

Other exhibitors enjoy the family environment provided by the show. Becky and Shad Hanna brought their two daughters, Hillary, 13, and Delaini, 10, who are entering their goats. Hillarry, who is participating for her third time, said her uncle got her interested in the competition and learning experience. The highest her animals have placed is fourth, she said.

Delaini said she just enjoys spending time with her older sister. The best reward of the livestock show is that it establishes "a good work ethic and stewardship," Becky Hanna said.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Daniel Dalager, left, and Jordan Taylor wash and clean a lamb during the Midland County Livestock Show weigh-in Wednesday at Horseshoe Arena.

Livestock Show events

Today
10 a.m.: Poultry Show (followed by Rabbit and PeeWee Rabbit Shows)
3 p.m.: Market Swine Show

Friday
8 a.m.: Market Goat Show (followed by Market Lamb and Breeding Goat Shows)
1:30 p.m.: Breeding Heifer Show (followed by Market Steer Show)

Saturday
10 a.m.: Culinary Arts Judging
11 a.m.: Bar-B-Que Dinner served to the public
11 a.m.: 500 Club Invitational Luncheon
12:45 p.m.: Pee-Wee Goat Show, Children 7 & Under
1 p.m.: Awards Program
1:30 p.m.: Premium Auction

ACCIDENTS

From 1A

The pickup hydroplaned and veered right off the highway and then back onto the road. When the pickup came back across the highway, the dump truck hit the pickup's trailer, he said.

Pickup passenger Mitchell Dinsmorre, of Midland, was transported to MMH with minor injuries. He was treated and released, Baxter said.

The SUV was not involved in the crash.

Citations were not issued because of the weather conditions that contributed to the crash, but DPS is continuing to investigate, he said.

Meanwhile, no one was reported injured Wednesday afternoon after an 18-wheeler hydroplaned into a light pole on Loop 250.

Midland police responded to the crash at about 1:34 p.m. at the 1000 block of West Loop 250 North near the "A" Street overpass.

The 18-wheeler was eastbound on the loop when the vehicle began drifting and jackknifed into a light pole in the median, said an officer at the scene.

The wreck caused significant traffic delays for at least two hours. Again, citations were not issued because of the weather conditions.

Later that afternoon, a two-vehicle crash occurred near the intersection of West Scharbauer Drive and North I Street.

Midland police who responded to the crash at about 3:51 p.m. found an SUV had flipped over. Officers determined that a car traveling northbound on I Street collided with the SUV that was westbound on Scharbauer Drive.

No one was injured, said an officer at the scene. The driver of the Lexus was cited for failure to yield right of way.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A BMW SUV traveling west on West Scharbauer Drive collided with a Lexus sedan traveling north on North I Street on Wednesday. No injuries were reported.

GRAND JURY

From 1A

Bush said the criminal case against Hayden is completed, but civil lawsuits are pending, which could be why the grand jury has not concluded its review.

In a new development to the civil suit from Glasheen and Pottroff against Union Pacific and Smith Industries, Glasheen said Union Pacific has filed a claim against Smith Industries, and the claim is now contained within his and Pottroff's lawsuit.

Raquel Espinoza-Williams, spokeswoman for Union Pacific, confirmed the claim via email but did not comment regarding the grand jury's decision.

"While the National Transportation Safety Board has found the truck proceeded onto the tracks eight seconds after the bells and red flashing lights activated, it would not be appropriate for us to comment on the grand jury's decision," Espinoza-Williams said.

After hearing about the decision, Glasheen said he and his colleague still maintain the primary cause of the crash was the short warning signals.

Hayden's attorney, Hal Brockett, said his client is aware of the grand jury's decision but was not available for an interview, pending a conference with the lawyers who represent Smith Industries in the civil lawsuits.

"It's their decision to make," Brockett said in reference to Smith Industries allowing Hayden to be interviewed by the Reporter-Telegram. "But I wouldn't hold my breath."

Peter Knudson, spokesman for the NTSB, said via email that investigators have not yet interviewed Hayden and will be requesting the information that the driver provided to the police following the crash.

Brockett said the NTSB has not yet interviewed Hayden because of the driver's mental and emotional state.

As for Hayden's current state, Brockett said he is doing better than before.

"Nothing can be undone," Brockett said. "My client's life can never be the same again."

CRUZ

From 1A

"We work hard for Republican candidates and elected officials. Sen. Cruz is aware of that. I don't think they will have Midland out. I feel like they will have a presense here."

In the interim, the Cruz campaign announced Shea Woodard, of Abilene, will take care of matters in West Texas. Woodard worked for Hutchison for about 15 years, she said.

"She knows folks here," Beauchamp said, "so that is a good thing."

Ted Cruz numbers to know

Voting percentages for Republican Party runoff

Midland County: 62.04
Randall (Amarillo): 59.45
Potter (Amarillo): 58.93
Lubbock: 55.92
Ector: 55.45
Taylor (Abilene): 52.68
Tom Green (San Angelo): 45.39
Total run-off votes for Cruz by county: Lubbock 8,549, Midland 6,107, Taylor 5,838, Randall 5,346, Tom Green 2,957, Ector 2,324, Potter 2,161

Itemized individual contributions for Ted Cruz
(election cycle 2011-12)

Midland: $373,518
Abilene: $160,675
Lubbock: $159,601
Amarillo: $116,088
Odessa: $37,695
San Angelo: $31,540

Sources: Texas Secretary of State, Federal Elections Commission

High court wary of warrantless blood tests

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared reluctant Wednesday to allow police to routinely order blood tests for unwilling drunken-driving suspects without at least trying to obtain a search warrant from a judge.

The court heard arguments Wednesday in a case about a disputed blood test from Missouri, against the backdrop of a serious national problem of more than 10,000 deaths from crashes involving alcohol-impaired drivers in 2010, about one every 51 minutes.

That number has dropped by 60 percent in the past 20 years because of a sustained national crackdown on drunken driving. Lawyers for Missouri and the Obama administration argued that dispensing with a warrant requirement would further that effort because any delay in testing a suspect's blood-alcohol content allows alcohol to dissipate in the blood.

"Here, police are facing the certain destruction of blood-alcohol evidence," Justice Department lawyer Nicole Saharsky said.

But justices across the ideological spectrum questioned whether the intrusive procedure of sticking a needle in someone's arm to draw blood should routinely be done without the approval of a judge. At the same time, they made clear that they did not want to unduly delay the collection of blood samples.

Justice Antonin Scalia asked, "Why shouldn't that determination be made case by case? ... And if it would have taken too long, then it's OK without a warrant. If it wouldn't have taken that long, it's bad."

Wednesday's case stemmed from the arrest of Tyler McNeely in rural Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. A state trooper stopped McNeely's speeding, swerving car and the driver, who had two previous drunken-driving convictions, refused to submit to a breath test to measure the alcohol level in his body.

He failed several field sobriety tests and the arresting officer, Cpl. Mark Winder of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, said McNeely's speech was slurred and he was unsteady on his feet.

There seemed little dispute that Winder had enough evidence to get a warrant for a blood test, but chose not to. Instead, he drove McNeely to a hospital. A technician drew blood from McNeely, who was handcuffed throughout the process.

McNeely's blood-alcohol content was .154 percent, well above the .08 percent legal limit.

But the Missouri Supreme Court upheld a lower court order that threw out the results of the blood test. The state high court said the blood test violated the Constitution's prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures. Police need a warrant to take a suspect's blood except when a delay could threaten a life or destroy potential evidence, the court said.

About half the states already prohibit warrantless blood tests in all or most suspected drunken-driving cases.

As they tried to figure out how to draw a line between what is reasonable and what is not, several justices asked about other tests for measuring alcohol content, including the familiar breath analysis test and urine samples.

"One of the things that I think affects the view in this case is it's a pretty scary image of somebody restrained, and, you know, a representative of the state approaching them with a needle. But I take it you would say you need a search warrant for a urine sample, too?" Chief Justice John Roberts asked McNeely's lawyer, the American Civil Liberties Union's Steven Shapiro.

Shapiro said the court already has upheld a warrant requirement for urine samples in other contexts. Shapiro also said he believes warrants probably are necessary for breath analysis tests, too, but the court has never ruled on that.

All 50 states have measures known as implied-consent laws that require drivers who are arrested on suspicion of driving while drunk to consent to a blood alcohol test. Refusal to do so generally leads to suspension of a driver license. In addition, prosecutors can use the refusal against a defendant at trial.

Boston battles severe flu outbreak

■ CDC: Massachusetts was one of 29 states reporting high levels of illness.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston declared a public health emergency Wednesday as flu season struck in earnest; the state reported 18 flu-related deaths so far.

The city is working with health care centers to offer free flu vaccines and also hopes to set up places where people can get vaccinated. The city said there had been four flu-related deaths, all elderly residents, since the unofficial start of the flu season Oct. 1.

"The best thing you can do to protect yourself and your family is to get the flu shot," said Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

The city was experiencing its worst flu season since at least 2009, Menino said, with about 700 confirmed cases of the flu, compared with 70 all of last season. Massachusetts was one of 29 states reporting high levels of "influenza-like illness," according to the most recent weekly flu advisory issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC said the proportion of people visiting health care providers with flu-like symptoms climbed from 2.8 percent to 5.6 percent in four weeks. By contrast, the rate peaked at only 2.2 percent during the relatively mild 2011-2012 flu season.

The estimated rate of flu-related hospitalizations in the U.S. was 8.1 per 100,000 people, which is high for this time of year, according to Dr. Joe Bresee, chief of the epidemiology and prevention branch of the CDC's influenza division. The agency's next advisory will be issued Friday.

Barbara Ferrer, director of the Boston public health commission, said the emergency was declared in part to get residents' attention.

She said that the 700 confirmed cases represent only those reported to the city and that thousands of other people may be ill.

Boston hospitals had counted about 1,500 emergency room visits since December by people with flu-like symptoms. Menino said people with symptoms should not go to work or school.

Frederica Williams, president of the Whittier Street Health Center in Boston's inner-city Roxbury neighborhood, said her facility had opened a special flu clinic and was using social media and sending letters to residents urging them to come in and get flu shots.

Associated Press

Four-year-old Gabriella Diaz sits as registered nurse Charlene Luxcin, right, administers a flu shot at the Whittier Street Health Center in Boston, Mass., on Wednesday. Boston declared a public health emergency Wednesday as the city tried to deal with a harsh flu season and the state reported 18 flu-related deaths so far.

"We serve a vulnerable population that is at risk for all kinds of health issues, so we put out a broadcast to our patients even before the mayor made the (emergency) announcement because we saw an increase in the number of people coming to our clinic for services," said Williams, who estimated that the number of patients coming to the clinic with flu-like symptoms was triple that of a year ago.

Hospitals around the state were also taking precautions to protect patients and staff members from exposure to the flu.

Baystate Health, which operates Baystate Medical Center in Springfield and two other hospitals in western Massachusetts, announced it was changing its visitor policy.

The hospitals will no longer allow visitors younger than 14 and are recommending no more than two people visit a patient at one time.

"This is the worst in several years," said Dr. Sarah Haessler, an infectious disease specialist at Baystate. She said the flu outbreak has strained the hospital's resources and helped to fill its beds to capacity.

City, state and federal officials have all identified a Type A influenza known as H3N2 as the predominant strain reported so far this season. The strain, historically associated with more serious illnesses, is among those covered by the current vaccine.

"No vaccine is 100 percent effective," cautioned Kevin Cranston, head of the state bureau of infectious diseases. Some people, for example, might be vaccinated but get the flu in the 10 days to two weeks its takes for the immunity to take hold.

"There are any number of reasons why people could have done all the right things and still get the flu," he said.

High flu rates were being reported in all areas of Massachusetts, Cranston said, and while he did not have specifics on the 18 statewide deaths, he noted that the flu is most dangerous for young children, the elderly and people with other chronic health conditions.

"I hate needles, and I got (a shot)," Gov. Deval Patrick said Wednesday, adding that he was not aware of any shortages of vaccine in the state. He also reminded residents to use common sense, such as washing their hands and sneezing into their sleeves.

As of Friday's report, the CDC said 18 children had died from the flu so far this season. While the CDC does not keep a tab of deaths overall from the flu, it estimates that 24,000 Americans die each year.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BOSTON

Deal in Mass. suit on pregnancy drug

Four sisters who claimed in a lawsuit their breast cancer was caused by synthetic estrogen their mother took during pregnancy in the 1950s have reached a settlement with the drug company Eli Lilly and Co.

Attorney Julie Oliver-Zhang said the settlement, for an undisclosed amount, was reached on Wednesday, the second day of a trial in U.S. District Court in Boston. The sisters had not specified damages sought in the lawsuit.

Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly said it still believes its medication didn't cause the sisters' conditions but a settlement is in its best interest.

The sisters' case was the first to go to trial out of scores of similar claims filed in Boston and around the country. A total of 51 women have lawsuits pending in U.S. District Court in Boston against more than a dozen companies that made or marketed the drug.

DES, or diethylstilbestrol, was prescribed to millions of pregnant women over three decades to prevent miscarriages, premature births and other problems. It was taken off the market in the early 1970s after it was linked to a rare vaginal cancer in women whose mothers used DES.

Studies later showed the drug did not prevent miscarriages.

In an opening trial statement Tuesday, Aaron Levine, another lawyer for the sisters, said Eli Lilly failed to test the drug's effect on fetuses before promoting it as a way to prevent miscarriages.

James Dillon, a lawyer for Eli Lilly, told the jury there is no evidence the drug causes breast cancer in the daughters of women who took it.

He also said that no medical records show the mother of the four women in the Boston case took DES or that if she did take it that it was made by Eli Lilly.

DES was not patented and was made by many companies.

WASHINGTON

Retooling Pap test to spot more kinds of cancer

For years, doctors have lamented that there's no Pap test for deadly ovarian cancer. Wednesday, scientists reported encouraging signs that one day, there might be.

Researchers are trying to retool the Pap, a test for cervical cancer that millions of women get, so that it could spot early signs of other gynecologic cancers, too.

How? It turns out that cells can flake off of tumors in the ovaries or the lining of the uterus, and float down to rest in the cervix, where Pap tests are performed.

These cells are too rare to recognize under the microscope. But researchers from Johns Hopkins University used some sophisticated DNA testing on the Pap samples to uncover the evidence — gene mutations that show cancer is present.

In a pilot study, they analyzed Pap smears from 46 women who already were diagnosed with either ovarian or endometrial cancer. The new technique found all the endometrial cancers and 41 percent of the ovarian tumors, the team reported Wednesday in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

This is very early-stage research, and women shouldn't expect any change in their routine Paps. It will take years of additional testing to prove if the so-called PapGene technique really could work as a screening tool, used to spot cancer in women who thought they were healthy.

US health is lousy compared with peer nations, report says

By Eryn Brown
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Americans live shorter lives — and are in generally worse health — than citizens of other wealthy nations, according to an extensive report released Wednesday by the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine.

The analysis of international health data determined that American men had the lowest life expectancy among men in 17 countries, including wealthy European nations, Australia, Canada and Japan. U.S. women had the second-lowest life expectancy (only Danish women fared worse.)

The study listed nine health areas in which Americans came in below average: infant mortality and low birth weight; injuries and homicides; adolescent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections; HIV and AIDS; drug-related deaths; obesity and diabetes; heart disease; and chronic lung disease.

The U.S. earned relatively high marks for its low cancer death rates and success controlling blood pressure and cholesterol levels, the researchers said. But by and large, said panel chair Dr. Steven H.Woolf during a phone call Wednesday, the team was "struck by the gravity of our findings," which spanned the population.

"Even Americans who are white, insured, have college educations and seem to have healthy behaviors are in worse health than similar people in other nations," said Woolf, a researcher who directs the Center for Human Needs at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

The disparities were pervasive across all age groups up to 75, Woolf said, and seemed to stem from a variety of wide-ranging causes, including U.S. car culture, the number of uninsured people in the country, and weaknesses in our outpatient health care system.

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OPINION

Time for GOP to fight for balanced budget

■ Congress failed when it came to the 'fiscal cliff' and tax reform, leaving few other options.

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"Even victors are by victories undone."
— John Dryden

Democrats not allergic to arithmetic must know the cost of their "fiscal cliff" victory. When they flinched from allowing all of George W. Bush's tax rates, especially those on middle-class incomes, to expire, liberalism lost its nerve and began what will be a long slide into ludicrousness.

Those temporary rates were enacted in 2001, when only 28 House Democrats supported them, and in 2003, when only seven did. But with the "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012" — did liberals think about that title? — 172 House Democrats voted to make the Bush income-tax rates permanent for all but 0.7 percent of taxpayers — individuals earning more than $400,000 and couples earning more than $450,000.

Liberals could have had a revenue increase of $3.7 trillion over 10 years. Instead, they surrendered nearly $3.1 trillion of that. They cannot have repeated bites at this apple. They cannot now increase government revenues as a share of GDP through tax reform because Republicans insist that the Taxpayer Relief Act closed the revenue question. And because tax reform is dead for the foreseeable future, so are hopes for a revenue surge produced by vigorous economic growth.

No numerate person thinks today's entitlement state, let alone the steady expansion of it that is liberalism's aspiration, can be funded by taxing the income of the 0.7 percent of taxpayers whose rates were just raised. Or the 2 percent whose rates would have been raised had liberals and their president simply allowed the automatic increase of rates for individuals earning more than $200,000 and couples earning more than $250,000.

Because 82 percent of American earners pay more in payroll taxes than income taxes, no politically conceivable or economically feasible middle-class tax rate can fund the entitlement state. And America's political culture rules out funding it with new consumption or energy taxes. By rescuing almost everyone from restoration of Clinton-era rates, liberals abandoned any pretense of paying for their program of ever-expanding entitlements. Instead, they made trillion-dollar deficits their program.

From 1950 to 2000, economic growth averaged 3.6 percent; since then it has averaged less than 2 percent. Liberals think today's correlation between the slow economic growth and rapid governmental growth — including under George W. Bush — is a coincidence. Conservatives do not. And they note some recent actions, done in December's bright light of public attention and fiscal anxiety, which indicate that this government's indiscipline is incorrigible and shameless. Consider one detail in the Taxpayer Relief Act, and an issue pertinent to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Years ago, Congress decided that, to save the planet, there should be tax credits to bribe Americans to buy electric cars. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., believes it only fair that buyers of electric motorcycles, some of which are made in Oregon, not get left out of the bribery business. Thanks to the Taxpayer Relief Act, they won't.

People who choose to live in places vulnerable to flooding believe it would be unfair that the cost of their property insurance fully reflect this risk. So government subsidizes their insurance, and hence their decision to live where there is increased risk of property damage that, when it happens, the government helps pay to rebuild.

Today's government, whose railroad, Amtrak, lost $834 million over the last 10 years *just on its food service*, has neither wit nor will to stop subsidizing electric motorcycles or to reform flood insurance. Hence Republicans should rally 'round one of several well-refined constitutional amendments requiring balanced budgets. Such an amendment would be popular everywhere, but especially in six states important in 22 months.

Republicans need to gain six seats to win Senate control in 2014, when Democrats will be defending 20 seats, Republicans only 13. Six Democratic incumbents represent states in which Barack Obama received less than 42 percent of the 2012 vote — Montana's Max Baucus (41.7), Alaska's Mark Begich (40.8), Louisiana's Mary Landrieu (40.6), South Dakota's Tim Johnson (39.9), Arkansas' Mark Pryor (36.9) and West Virginia's Jay Rockefeller (35.5).

Sixty-seven Senate votes are needed to send a proposed amendment to the states for ratification. There are 45 Republican senators. There are nowhere near 22 Democrats who would vote for an amendment Republicans could support. Still, Republicans, whose divisions cause Democratic gloating, could use a balanced budget amendment to divide Democrats who threw the remnants of their fiscal self-respect off the cliff.

OUR VIEWS

Obama's zero troops stance is premature

It was disappointing to hear this week that the Obama administration is leaving open the option to pull out all troops in Afghanistan as of December 2014. We fear this is leading up to a plan to forsake all the hard work accomplished by the valiant men and women who have put their lives on the line there in the name of the United States.

"The U.S. does not have an inherent objective of 'X' number of troops in Afghanistan," said Ben Rhodes, a White House deputy national security adviser. "We have an objective of making sure there is no safe haven for al-Qaida in Afghanistan and making sure that the Afghan government has a security force that is sufficient to ensure the stability of the Afghan government. We wouldn't rule out any option, including zero troops."

Those issues are central to talks this week as Afghan President Hamid Karzai meets with President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta.

It's beginning to look like Obama and Panetta are on opposite sides of this issue. Panetta has said he foresees a need for a U.S. counterterrorism force in Afghanistan beyond 2014, plus a contingent to train Afghan forces. He is believed to favor an option that would keep about 9,000 troops in the country.

With the announcement of the "no troops" stance going openly public, Obama already may have made up his mind despite Panetta's comments.

We did not stand with the president when he called for a set troop withdrawal. America must stand by its Afghan allies until there is every certainty that the Taliban and al-Qaida don't have a future in the rule of the country.

We want to emphasize that Obama has months before a final decision has to be made on post-Afghan troop involvement, and it is hoped that Karzai doesn't overestimate his country's ability to be a peace-keeping force.

The Associated Press reported that David Barno, a retired Army three-star general and former commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, earlier this week wrote that vigorous debate has been under way inside the administration on a "minimalist approach" for post-2014 Afghanistan. Without what he called the stabilizing influence of U.S. troops, Barno cautioned that Afghanistan could "slip back into chaos."

Also, the U.S. has not eliminated, nor fully contained, huge numbers of Islamic extremists in the Afghan-Pakistan border area. It remains a safe haven for extremists and a threat to Afghanistan.

It is our hope that the U.S. is not starting down a path that could jeopardize a victory over the very core of terrorism.

We should remember Jan. 10's place in history

While you won't see a great deal of interest in today's 112th anniversary of the Spindletop oil field in Beaumont, we think Midlanders should take notice and celebrate. After all, this event opened a new era for our nation and the energy industry that propels the Permian Basin.

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Jan. 10 should be an important date for us to remember here in the middle of the oil patch. In fact, we think all of Texas has much to be thankful for on this date.

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HULK SMASH PUNY, ORANGE HUMAN

Can Chris Christie rescue the GOP?

■ The New Jersey governor could help Republicans find their road back to relevancy — if they let him.

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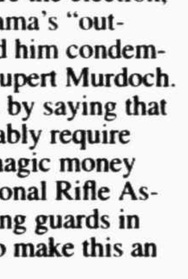

A pair of polls out this week shows the dire state the Republican Party finds itself in — and a way out of the wilderness, should Republicans choose to take it.

Poll No. 1: Rasmussen Reports found that views of the tea party — the wing of Republicanism that dominates party primaries and therefore the congressional Republican caucuses — at a new low. Only 8 percent of likely voters considered themselves tea-party members, down from 24 percent in 2010. According to Rasmussen (which tends to have a pro-Republican bias), unfavorable views of the movement topped favorable views, 49 percent to 30 percent.

Poll No. 2: Fairleigh Dickinson University found that 73 percent of New Jersey voters approved of the job their Republican governor, Chris Christie, is doing -- near his all-time high. Even 62 percent of Democrats approve of Christie, as well as 69 percent of racial minorities and 70 percent of women. The top would-be challenger to Christie in November's gubernatorial election is trailing him by 33 percentage points.

So grim are things for the Democrats in heavily Democratic New Jersey that the state Senate president, Democrat Stephen Sweeney, apologized Monday after saying Christie wished for Hurricane Sandy to hit New Jersey. "I guess he prayed a lot and got lucky a storm came," Sweeney had said.

Certainly, the storm — and, more important, Christie's forceful response — boosted the governor's standing. But the tea party's record lows and Christie's record highs tell a larger story: Americans are crying out for an end to ideological warfare.

That has developed into Christie's signature in New Jersey. He began his term promising tax cuts and fighting with the teachers union over tenure, pay and education reforms, but he now preaches reconciliation — a recurring theme in his State of the State address Tuesday afternoon.

"Now, we've had our fights," he told state legislators. "We have stuck to our principles. But we have established a governing model for America that shows that, even with heartfelt beliefs, bipartisan compromise is possible. ... Maybe the folks in Washington, in both parties, could learn something from our record here."

Christie, his eye on a possible 2016 presidential run, overstates that record, both in terms of economic progress and in terms of partisan cooperation. But his message is undoubtedly a winning one. More than three-quarters of Americans believe that politics in Washington is causing "serious harm to the United States," according to a new Gallup poll — and they are correct to think so.

Christie lent his powerful voice to that sentiment last week when he condemned as "disgusting" the House Republicans' decision not to take up a $60 billion Hurricane Sandy recovery bill because tea-party lawmakers considered it wasteful. "That's why people hate Washington," Christie said at the time, helping to force House Speaker John Boehner to reconsider.

It was just the latest of Christie's many breaks with tea-party orthodoxy. Just before the election, his effusive praise of President Obama's "outstanding" response to Sandy earned him condemnation from Rush Limbaugh and Rupert Murdoch.

He unnerved fiscal conservatives by saying that the hurricane recovery would probably require higher taxes, because "there's no magic money tree." He came out against the National Rifle Association's plan to have gun-wielding guards in schools, saying, "You don't want to make this an armed camp for kids."

Earlier, after conservatives criticized his appointment of a Muslim judge, he took on these "bigots" for their "gaze of intolerance." And on immigration, he called for an "orderly process" to legalize immigrants and he criticized those who "demagogue."

Certainly, Christie is no liberal, but his State of the State speech was full of policy prescriptions that conservatives might label big government: "We've requested the federal government to pay 100 percent of the costs of the significant debris removal. ... We have secured $20 million from the Federal Highway Administration. ... We have worked with the Small Business Administration to secure nearly $189 million in loans."

Christie also bragged about "implementing the toughest fertilizer law in America," fighting insurers' "excessive deductibles" and "investing the largest amount of state aid to education in New Jersey history." He said "both Republicans and Democrats" would make sure the state got its full federal payout for the storm.

"You see," he told the legislators, "some things are above politics."

It's a lesson that could help the national Republican Party loosen the tea party's death grip.

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OSHA: Sandy contamination below permissible limits

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The levels of harmful contaminants at Superstorm Sandy cleanup sites in New York and New Jersey have so far not exceeded federal workplace exposure limits, officials said Wednesday.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration tested dozens of cleanup sites, measuring worker exposure to toxic substances.

The agency fanned out to workplaces and debris sites ranging from beaches to landfills, testing for airborne contaminants and taking samples from debris and storm water.

Some sites showed the presence of contaminants including asbestos, carbon monoxide, lead and silica. Others had increased levels of noise. None, however, were above OSHA's permissible exposure limits.

Among the jobs being done include debris and sand removal, tree cutting and other cleanup. Other testing came after an employee complained about fumes or air quality.

Results of some tests of the test sites — which include private businesses, parks and roads — are still pending. The agency tested residential demolition sites, but not inside private homes.

"These initial results should not be taken by employers as an "all clear" signal regarding potential exposure to health hazards," said Robert Kulick, OSHA's regional administrator in New York, in a statement. "It is important that each employer continually ensure that workers are not overexposed."

Testing began Nov. 5. The agency said it continues to monitor sites and look for "additional potential contamination left behind in structures, as well as in cleanup and recovery process areas where workers may be exposed to additional health hazards." It will post results on its Hurricane Sandy page.

OSHA representatives have also been talking to employees at worksites about workplace rights and safety.

OSHA did not test places that were previously known to be contaminated for further hazards, but it did check workers for exposure to existing toxins at some of those sites.

If a spill happened inside a business that handles hazardous materials, such as a refinery that had an oil spill, it is up to the employer to clean it, assess employee exposure, provide protective equipment or deem the site safe to return to work.

Lenore Uddyback-Fortson, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Labor, said OSHA tested for toxic material "based on what substances were in the area before the storm" and contaminants moved by floodwaters. Other things, including carbon monoxide and noise, occurred because of the cleanup. Some sites were chosen based on the location of floodwaters or proximity to hazardous waste.

However, Uddyback-Fortson said it is not the agency's "intent or mission to sample every site," and employers are ultimately responsible for detecting dangers.

Paul J. Lioy, a professor and vice chair of the Department of Environmental Medicine at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and expert on toxic exposure, said storms like Sandy can dilute chemicals, but they can also push hazards around. It is no surprise that the results are not all in, he said, because testing takes time.

It is hard to know what toxins the storm could have washed in.

"We have no idea what's in the soil that's washed up from sediment that's coming through flooding or through the groundwater, but they're testing the right things," Lioy said. "You test for metals and you test for some organics, you test for highly toxic stuff."

Associated Press

Mary Egan Price, of Detroit, looks at a vast display for "Detroit Future City" presented during a news conference at the DWPLTP Homebase on Wednesday. The presentation introduces a framework for future decision making for the city.

REMAKING DETROIT

50-year blueprint for city revealed

Associated Press

DETROIT — A 50-year blueprint for revitalizing Detroit, from leveling parts of nearly vacant neighborhoods for parks to relaxing rules for startup companies, was released Wednesday after two years of research and community input.

The project was launched by Mayor Dave Bing, who joined dozens of community, business and philanthropic leaders in unveiling the plan for the shrinking and financially troubled city. The 349-page strategic framework focuses on job growth, land use, improving neighborhoods and rebuilding infrastructure.

It doesn't include financing plans, but at least $150 million in initial funding will come over the next five years from the Kresge Foundation. The private organization, which is based in nearby Troy, has long been active in Detroit-area projects.

"It became clear to me that business as usual would not effectively transform our city, and a new framework for Detroit's future needed to be developed," Bing said Wednesday.

"As mayor of Detroit and a longtime member of this community, I've witnessed the steady decline of a city with so much promise," said Bing, a former NBA star and successful businessman in Detroit. "I'm convinced Detroit can be a world-class city again."

A major focus is on Detroit's ramshackle neighborhoods. The city — which lost a quarter-million people in the last decade — currently has at least 30,000 empty homes and 20 square miles of vacant land.

Among the report's suggestions are targeting vacant land and empty buildings for employment districts to stimulate job growth in neighborhoods. It also recommends encouraging residents living in sparsely populated neighborhoods to move out, then converting the land into open space or community gardens.

Officials said no residents would be left behind, though no mechanism is in place to pay people in those neighborhoods to move to more stable areas of the city.

The report doesn't include specific timelines for projects. For example, it suggests that zoning, land use, and other policies and rules "must be realigned" within the next five years to help the city stabilize some neighborhoods. But organizers say the report is intended to be a guide for current and future city leaders. It's the culmination of cooperative work by city residents, business owners and others.

"The full potential of this framework will only be realized with the collective efforts and resources of everyone — public, private, philanthropic, nonprofit — all pulling together," Rip Rapson, Kresge's president and chief executive, said as he encouraged other foundations and businesses to get involved.

But the future of the 139-square-mile city is clouded.

In the 1950s, about 1.8 million called Detroit home. But dramatic population and business losses over the last 50 years left Detroit with whispers of a tax base. And the city's current population of about 700,000 people is expected to continue falling.

The city also has a budget deficit of $327 million, and Bing could learn as early as Friday if a state-appointed review team will deem Detroit is in a financial emergency. If that happens, Republican Gov. Rick Snyder could appoint a manager to oversee Detroit's finances.

Bing has said he is focused on his own restructuring plans, which include the loss of 400 to 500 jobs through layoffs and eliminating vacant positions in the coming months. The mayor also has been tearing down thousands of vacant homes and buildings a year — with the goal of 10,000 by the end of 2013.

Along with addressing the dwindling housing needs, the report focuses on igniting business growth. It suggests relaxing business startup regulations to stimulate entrepreneurship, encouraging growth of businesses along economic corridors and developing retail areas accessible by foot.

New York City crane collapses at construction site; 7 injured

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With the popping of cables and the snapping of metal, a crane collapsed onto a building under construction near the East River waterfront Wednesday, injuring seven people, three of whom needed to be extricated from underneath the fallen machinery.

The red crane toppled around 2:30 p.m., sprawling across the metal scaffolding and wood planking that made up the first floor skeleton of a residential building in the New York City borough of Queens behind a big neon "Pepsi Cola" sign, a local landmark.

Workers putting up the second floor framework scrambled to get out of the way.

"Once that snap came, that was it," said Russell Roberson, 32, of Brooklyn. "I just heard guys yelling, 'Run, run!'"

The people who had to be extricated from underneath the crane suffered a range of injuries, broken bones being the most severe, Deputy Fire Chief Mark Ferran said.

He said emergency services personnel didn't need heavy machinery to get them out.

None of the injuries was life-threatening.

Preston White, 48, a carpenter from the Bronx, was working his first day at the site in the Long Island City neighborhood. He had turned to speak to a friend when he heard a popping sound and turned back around.

At that moment, "I saw the cable whipping toward the deck. ... You could just hear it buckling," White said.

The impact shook the scaffolding he was on.

The crane cut down the framework of the building "like a hot knife in butter," White said, because there was no concrete on it yet.

Roberson said the crane, which he estimated to be about 200 feet high, had been up since the weekend — and went down really fast.

City officials went up in a cherry picker while investigating the accident. Tony Sclafani, a spokesman for the city's Department of Building, said their engineers were investigating the cause of the collapse.

"This is a mobile crane, whose boom collapsed onto the building under construction," Sclafani said.

He said the crash happened at the site of a project for a 25-story apartment building under contract by TF Cornerstone, a residential and commercial real estate developer and property management company. The company said it was working with authorities to help determine what caused the crash.

It said the crane had been leased by a subcontractor, from New York Crane and Equipment Corp.

Construction cranes have been a source of safety worries in the city since two giant rigs collapsed within two months of each other in Manhattan in 2008, killing a total of nine people.

New York Crane's equipment was involved in one of those collapses. Owner James Lomma was tried and acquitted on manslaughter charges.

A call to their offices seeking comment Wednesday wasn't answered.

Those accidents spurred the resignation of the city's buildings commissioner and fueled new safety measures, including hiring more inspectors and expanding training requirements and inspection checklists.

Another crane fell and killed a worker in April at a construction site for a new subway line.

That rig was exempt from most city construction safety rules because it was working for a state-overseen agency that runs the subway system.

During Superstorm Sandy in late October, a construction crane atop a $1.5 billion luxury high-rise in midtown Manhattan collapsed in high winds and danged precariously for several days until it could be tethered.

The latest crane collapse wasn't the only notable accident in New York City on Wednesday. A high-speed ferry loaded with hundreds of commuters from New Jersey crashed into a dock in lower Manhattan during morning rush hour, seriously injuring 11 people. The cause of that crash is also under investigation.

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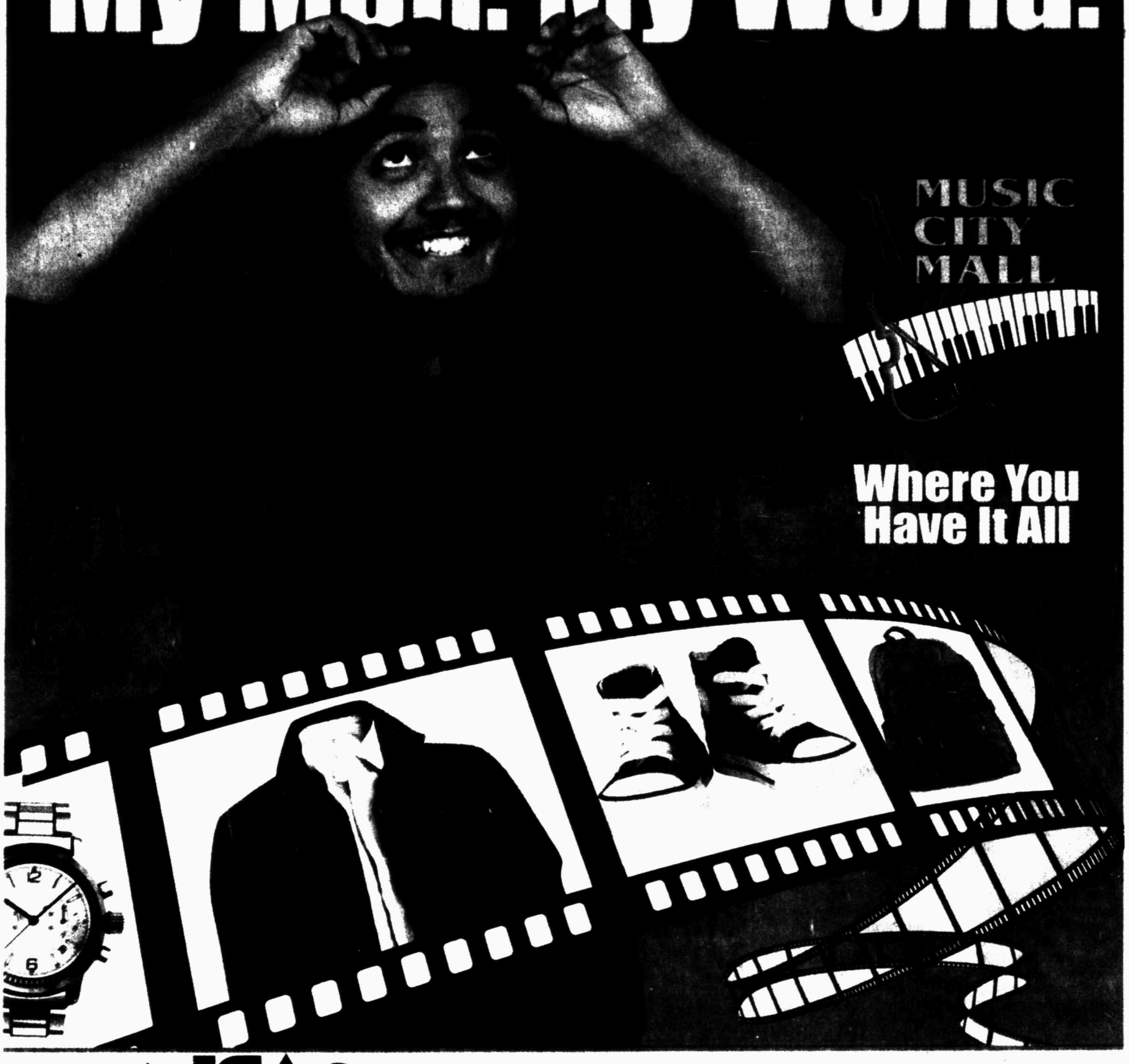

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Teacher's union holds town hall meeting

Topics include standardized testing, math-science curriculum

By Meredith Moriak
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The negative effects of standardized testing and the desire for stronger math-science curriculum in Midland ISD were among topics discussed during a listening tour hosted Wednesday night by the Texas chapter of the American Federation of Teachers .

The teacher's union, which represents more than 65,000 teachers, paraprofessionals, support personnel, and higher-education employees across the state, is hosting town-hall style listening tours throughout the state. Wednesday's stop in Midland marked the organization's 15th town hall.

Texas AFT, an affiliate of the national AFT union, began a statewide revitalization effort in August and more than quadrupled its number of field organizers who operate offices in communities to increase membership.

"We're revitalizing statewide and going into places we haven't been in quite some time," said Brandy Bianchi, who moved to Midland in August to work as the local union organizer.

Texas AFT has not operated an office in Midland for more than 10 years, and until recently, there were only 30 members of the union, Bianchi said.

In the first few months of visiting schools to talk with teachers during their lunch breaks and conference periods, membership has already increased to more than 60 members, she said.

"They can come and talk with me about our organization and express their concerns and feelings about changes that need to be made," Bianchi said.

Bianchi focuses specifically on membership cultivation and educating teachers on polices at the state and national levels.

"A lot of teachers don't understand that their pension is at risk, and we want to protect that for them," Bianchi said.

By joining Texas AFT, teachers have access to $8 million in occupational liability insurance.

"Sadly, we're in a time where teachers need to think about covering themselves if a co-worker, student or parent were to ever make an accusation against them," Bianchi said.

Additionally, teachers' concerns and thoughts are passed onto AFT lobbyists who work in Austin on behalf of the organization's members, Bianchi said.

Members pay $85 in membership dues their first year and $135 per year after that.

Though only seven people attended Wednesday's town hall, Louis Malfaro, treasurer and secretary of the Texas AFT, still conducted the listening tour. He asked attendees what makes a high-quality education, what changes should be made to standardized

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BASIN BURGERMANIA

Basin Burger House

A group of investors has taken a 1930s-era house at 607 N. Colorado and converted it into the Basin Burger House restaurant and bar, which opened its doors officially on Wednesday.

The new restaurant features a variety of hamburgers, sandwiches, salads and appetizers, along with dishes for younger customers. Weekend brunches will feature different themes each Saturday and Sunday.

Hours will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

The partners plan to offer an app for download from the iTunes store and to let customers place orders online at www.basinburgerhouse.com. More information is available by calling 687-5698.

Firehouse Subs coming to Midland

The Commons at Northpark, 2900 W. Loop 250 North, will welcome its newest tenant, Firehouse Subs, based in Jacksonville, Fla.

Graco Real Estate, which handles leasing for the shopping center, said Firehouse Subs is one of two leases it signed this week. The second new tenant will be announced at a later date.

Known for steaming its meats and cheeses, Firehouse offers a variety of specialty, hot and cold subs and salads. The founders, Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, come from a family that has spent decades serving in fire and police departments.

The new restaurant is expected to open in "mid-2013."

See the Business Scene in this Sunday's Business section for more information.

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TOP: Chef helper Mark Owens grills patties on the second grill as patrons fill the seats at the counter Wednesday during the grand opening of Basin Burger House. **ABOVE:** Patrons fill the tables in the diner portion of the restaurant.

Perry: No promises to restore past budget cuts

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry made no promises Wednesday that Texas would roll back any of the deep state spending cuts imposed during past economic doldrums, even to soften the blow of $5.4 billion in funding sliced from public schools two years ago.

The governor said there's no obligation to restore funding levels reduced the last time the Legislature convened in 2011 or those imposed amid the depths of the national recession before that, even as a stronger economy has given lawmakers billions of dollars more to work with as they now head back to work.

"I frankly don't understand the concept that we have to come in and we have to fund every line item at or above the level of which we do," Perry said at state Capitol news conference with fellow Republicans House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who oversees the state Senate.

"We come in, and we prioritize," Perry said, "and what may have been a priority four years ago may not be as big a priority."

Last session, the still-sluggish economy left lawmakers facing a $27 billion budget shortfall that led to across-the-board cuts, causing layoffs of state employees and reductions in services.

And this time, "my bet, not everybody's going to be happy about where we spend our money," Perry said. But he added: "If we were failing in the budgeting of our taxpayer dollars people would not be moving here in record numbers."

Lawmakers in 2011 voted to cut $5.4 billion in state funding to public schools and educational grants for pre-kindergarten and other programs, triggering a sharp drop in the amount Texas spends per-pupil and marking the first time since World War II that funding did not keep up with increasing student enrollment growth statewide. A booming population means schools across Texas add an average of 80,000 students per year.

More than 600 school districts responsible for educating three-quarters of the state's 5 million-plus public school students are suing the state, claiming that the cuts make the formula used to fund education so inadequate and inequitable that it violates state constitutional guarantees.

The GOP holds majorities in both the state House and Senate, but Democrats are clamoring that additional state revenue

Please see **CUTS**/4B

Perry's call for tax cuts short on details

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry says the time has come for Texas to look at cutting taxes again. He's just not yet saying how.

Perry said Wednesday it's too early in the new session to pinpoint how the Texas Legislature might find tax relief. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also declined to mention specifics but said everything from the business tax to property taxes was on the table.

The state's top Republicans defend the timing of tax-cut talk by pointing to a healthy state revenue forecast announced this week. Unlike the $27 billion shortfall the Legislature faced in 2011, a resurgent Texas economy has left $8.8 billion in unspent revenue in the current budget cycle.

Most of that money, however, is likely needed to pay a nearly $5 billion Medicaid tab.

Associated Press

Obituaries

Joanna Ozaeta

Joanna Ozaeta, 32, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at her residence. She was born on July 20, 1980 in Juarez, Chihuahua Mexico to Ernesto De la Cerda and Maria Trinidad Ozaeta.

Joanna is preceded in death by her grandmother, Maria (Nina) Gamboa and her aunt, Ruth Flores. She is survived by her loving family; husband, Bradley Dean Courtney of Midland; her parents, Ernesto De la Cerda and Maria Trinidad Ozaeta; brothers, Efren Ozaeta and Ismael Gomez; sisters, Isabel Gomez, Olga Ozaeta, Lourdes Ureno, Maribel Gomez and Rachel Gomez. Joanna is also survived by her mother-in-law, Kay Courtney; brother-in-laws, Branson Courtney and Brandon Courtney and her husband's grandparents, Eugene and LaRue Courtney.

For my loving wife, Joanna:
God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then, looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. His Garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best. As the days come and go and the world moves on. I know you're still here. You'll never be gone.
On the night the Angel came and took your hand, we cried as you left for an unknown land. But Heaven rejoiced as you came into sight, for your soul was a diamond, shining so bright.

Services will be held in El Paso, Texas.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.com or you can visit our website at w

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

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Lou Ruth Boyd

Lou Ruth Boyd was born in Denton County on October 8, 1921 and died on January 6, 2013, where she was a resident at Manor Park in Midland, Texas. Ruth's family were the founding members of the First Baptist Church in Flomot, Texas in Motley County, and she was a devout Christian her entire life. Ruth graduated from Flomot High School, and attended West Texas State College in Canyon, Texas for two years. During WWII, she served as a volunteer at the air base in Childress, Texas. While living in Crane, Texas, she was a member of numerous civic organizations, was involved in community and school activities as a volunteer and was a member of Eastern Star. After moving to Midland, she was office manager for Buddy's Flowers for several years, bookkeeper for Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Dawson PC until retirement, and later, a part-time receptionist for Dr. Thurston Dean's Orthopedic Clinic. She married Joe Boyd in 1975 and they had 25 wonderful years together.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, Al and Molly Clements, and brother Scotty Clements of Childress, Texas, daughter, Mary Ruth Thomas Bass of Midland, Texas, husband Joe Woody Boyd of Midland, Texas, and step-son, Joe Allen Boyd of Andrews, Texas.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Stephen Thomas and wife Vicki of Midland, Texas, granddaughter, Lindsay Sloan Sims of Austin, Texas, step-son Bruce Boyd and wife Kathy of Phoenix, Arizona, and several grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 1:00pm with Robert Kirk officiating. The family wishes to thank Dr. Robert Vogel, the staff at Manor Park, and Hospice of Midland for their nurture and care for Ruth while she was a resident at the Mabee Center. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials are given to the Mary Ruth Thomas Endowed Scholarship at Midland College, Midland, Texas.

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Phyllis Speight

Phyllis Speight, devoted wife and mother passed away on January 8, 2013. She was born to John and Dallas Mayberry on December 15, 1933 in Seminole County, Oklahoma, as their only child. She met and married the love of her life, Carl Edmond Speight on June 5, 1952, who was serving in the Air Force at the time. After Carl was discharged from the service and had completed his Petroleum Engineering degree at the University of Oklahoma, they moved to Dallas, Texas, where she worked for Braniff Airlines. They moved to Van and then to Andrews, Texas before settling in Midland in 1963.

She was a devoted mother to her five children and spent much of her time with them at their various activities, which included various team sports and being a Den Mother for Cub Scouts. Phyllis loved to read, watch high school, college and professional football and was an avid Republican. Throughout her lifetime in Midland, she was active in many organizations; such as the Petroleum Engineers Wives Club, Midland Republican Women's Club and a member of the Ladies Association at Midland County Club. She treasured each of her friends in the Keystone Sunday School Class at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

She was a great woman of faith who always put the Lord and her family first. She will be greatly missed.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents, her only daughter Suzanne Evelyn Speight and her husband of 53 years, Carl Edmond Speight.

Those left behind to honor and cherish her memory are her sons and their wives: Carl T. and Rebecca Speight, John M. and Connie Speight, Paul E. and Janice Speight and Phillip T. and Trish Speight, together with her grandchildren: Christopher Speight, John Speight and his wife Kimberly, Callie Speight, Jake Speight, Alex Speight and Sam Speight all of Midland.

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the City Gate." Proverbs 31:31

Family will receive friends on Thursday, January 10, 2013 between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. Following a private graveside service, a memorial service will be held Friday, January 11, 2013 at 10:30am at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, in Midland, Texas. Memorials may be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Midland, Texas, or to any charity of choice. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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William McMillan

On Saturday, January 6, 2013 William Olin McMillan, 62, passed away peacefully at Midland Memorial Hospital. Olin always referred to himself as a true West Texan and was quite proud of it. He was born November 6, 1950 in San Angelo, TX to the parents of William H. and Jo McMillan.

The family made their home in San Angelo for several years before moving to Pecos, TX. While in Pecos, Olin, spent the rest of his childhood years, graduated from Pecos High School, and attended Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX. After attending Sul Ross University, he returned home to Pecos. For a short while Olin spent time in Dallas dealing with the sale of precious jewelry. Returning to Pecos, he joined the oil field for employment. While living and working in Pecos, Olin met and married Jacqueline Baker on March 27, 1975. They were married for 37 years and had one daughter, Jennifer Rae. The family moved from Pecos to Midland where he lived until his death. In Midland, Olin, worked for the Texas Railroad Commission, Gulf Oil Company, and Crude Control Services of which he was the sole owner and operator. In 2001 he joined the working staff of Endeavor Energy Resources. At last he had found the perfect home and was employed by them until his passing.

Olin enjoyed life in Midland. Through his work with MUGS, as a spectator, a coach, and Member of the Board, he had many close friendships in Midland. He never failed to complete any task that was asked of him. His good sense of humor, loyalty, love of people and his ability to leave a trail of friends where ever he was, made his short life here on earth memorable and fulfilling for him and for the people around him. He was often referred to as a Man with A Big Heart. Olin was also a Mason and member of Midland Lodge 623, AF & AM. When he was not working, at lodge or just sitting around, visiting and drinking coffee, he probably could be found at the closest fishing hole, or at least the one that had the most water. Olin's life was never dull, he was full of energy and never failed to waste it.

Olin is preceded in death by his father, William H. McMillan of Pecos, TX

He is survived by his loving wife, Jackie; one daughter Jennifer Drummond
And her husband Mike of Midland, two precious granddaughters, the total light of his eyes, Madigan Rae, and Macie Reed; his mother, Jo McMillan of Midland; his sister,
Melody Thomason and husband Vince of Muleshoe, TX; Nephew, Bryce Thomason, wife Leigh and their son Riley of Muleshoe, TX; Niece Brittany Bowley and husband Bryce of Lubbock, TX.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Wednesday, January 9, 2013 between 6:00 - 8:00p.m.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, January 10, 2013 at North A Church of Christ at 3:00p.m. with Greg Fleming officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery where a Masonic service will be conducted.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Galveston, TX.

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Death Notices

Dorothy Lybrand

Dorothy Pauline Williams Lybrand of Midland passed away on January 6th, 2013 at the age of 82 years.

She is survived by her children Mary Lybrand Perez and Stephanie Dortch of Midland, Barbie Nightengale Of Oklahoma City, Roger Lybrand, Jr. of Seligman, MO, Les Lybrand of Carlsbad, NM, five grandsons and two great grandchildren.

Filmore Johnson Jr.

Filmore Johnson Jr. died Jan 5, in Midland.

Funeral Services will be Saturday at 11am at New Hope Baptist church, with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Gladys Blakey

Gladys Blakey, age 86, died at a local hospital Jan 7 in Midland.

No services are scheduled. Local arrangments under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Leroy Modkins

Funeral service for Leroy Modkins 60, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Leroy Modkins died December 17, 2012, at a local hospital.

Michael Garcia

Michael Alexander Garcia, 23 of Midland, passed away on Monday, January 7, 2013.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 1:00p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Midland. Inurnment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland.

Survivors include his mother, Laura King; his father, Mike and Shawna Garcia; brother, Nicholas Garcia; sister, Amanda Page and Ian; grandparents, Miguel and Martha Garcia; uncle, Alex and Grace King; and their children, Teagan and Landon King; aunt, Wendy King; uncle Mark Garcia; aunt, Michelle Barcio and Bernie; and aunt, Bonnie Collard.

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Odessa woman pleads guilty to fraud charge

From staff reports

An Odessa businesswoman pleaded guilty in Midland federal court Wednesday to charges she defrauded several people out of more than $5 million, according to U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman.

Darlene Aurelia Bishop, 41, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts and pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for her role in a scheme in which she defrauded various individuals out of $5,854,701 over a six-month period, Pitman said.

Bishop was the owner of several businesses, including Ameritex Brokers, Paradize Funding, DarLin Enterprises and JonDar Enterprises. Through these businesses, Bishop offered various "credit enhancement opportunities" through the use of "proof of funds" letters, according to records filed in the case.

Between July 2008 and March 2009, Bishop worked with several people affiliated with an entity known as Apogee Financial to obtain and use documents that appeared to be from a bank. Bishop advertised the service of providing "leased funds" bank accounts, in which a client could "rent/lease" an account that allegedly was established in a client's name, and then funded by an investor in any amount the client requested and paid for as part of the lease of funds.

By pleading guilty, Bishop admitted that she knew the proof of funds letters contained false information and that her clients didn't have authority to withdraw money from the account or to borrow against the funds in the account, according to the press release.

Bishop also admitted she used the money she received in this scheme to make several large purchases, including several vehicles and a $672,000 residence in Odessa.

As part of the plea agreement, she agreed to forfeit all of the cars and the money obtained from the sale of the residence.

Bishop will be sentenced 8:30 a.m. March 27 by U.S. District Judge Robert A. Junell. She faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gabriel A. Alvarado-Torrez, 25, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Salvador P. Balleza, 25, of Houston, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hold for INS.

Rita C. Cone, 60, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Jeffrey P. Douglas II, 26, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breath.

Vidal Galindo Jr., 28, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and an accident involving serious bodily injury or death.

Letha A. Hutchison, 31, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence, possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams, interfering with child custody, possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility and failure to appear or bail jumping.

Shaquela D. London, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of improper contact with a victim.

Iesha M. Martinez, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering the apprehension or prosecution of a known felon.

Sirron J. Norman, 34, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram but less than four grams.

Douglas E. Pierce, 43, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams and possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Carlos S. Tepeu, 32, of Houston, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hold for INS.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MCALLEN

4 officers indicted in corruption probe

A federal grand jury has indicted two former South Texas police officers and two former sheriff's deputies on drug charges.

The U.S. Attorney's office said Wednesday 28-year-old Jonathan Trevino, 29-year-old Alexis Espinoza, 28-year-old Fabian Rodriguez and 30-year-old Gerardo Mendoza-Duran were indicted on charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, as well as aiding and abetting charges.

The four men were arrested in December after they accepted thousands of dollars in bribes to escort drug loads in a federal sting operation. Trevino and Espinoza were officers with the Mission police department. Rodriguez and Mendoza-Duran were deputies with the Hidalgo County Sheriff's office.

Trevino is the son of Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino and Espinoza is son of the Hidalgo police Chief Rodolfo "Rudy" Espinoza.

DALLAS

USDA includes 157 Texas counties as disaster areas

Nearly two-thirds of the state's 254 counties have been declared federal primary natural disaster areas from drought and heat in a step toward providing help.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Wednesday included 157 Texas counties in the 2013 designation. Qualified farm operators are eligible for low-interest emergency loans.

National Climate Data Center numbers released Tuesday indicated 2011 and 2012 were the state's warmest two-year span in more than 100 years. Texas had its driest year ever in 2011.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack overall designated 597 counties in 14 states as primary natural disaster areas because of lingering drought and hot weather.

MEETING

From 1B

testing, whether schools are adequately funded and what role parents should play in ensuring a child is well-educated.

"Yes, we're an organization that represents teachers, but we're also education advocates and want to hear from community leaders and parents about what's needed in their communities," Malfaro said.

T.G. Caraway, Lubbock's local union organizer, said that during the legislative session, Texas AFT will focus on getting more money for public education and preventing school vouchers.

"There was more than $5 billion cut from public education during the last session, and now there's a surplus. We'd like to see some of that money go back to public ed," Caraway said. "Additionally, we do not want vouchers for schools. Texas AFT staff members have been working against vouchers in Austin for the last 15 years."

For people interested in learning more about the local Texas AFT office, email Brandy Bianchi bbianchi@texasaft.org.

www.mywesttexas.com

Odessa man convicted on multiple drug charges

From staff reports

A federal jury in Midland convicted an Odessa man Wednesday on several drug trafficking offenses, according to U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman.

Paul David Copeland Jr., 41, was found guilty of multiple counts of possessing pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, according to Pitman.

On 145 occasions between fall 2006 and August 2011, Copeland purchased over-the-counter cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine — a key ingredient in manufacturing methamphetamine — from Odessa pharmacies, and asked three people to purchase cold medicine on his behalf, according to trial testimony.

Testimony also indicated that in May 2007, the Ector County Sheriff's Office found an active meth lab in Copeland's travel trailer and pickup.

Copeland faces up to 20 years in federal prison, a $1 million fine and a minimum three-year term of supervised release for each conviction, according to Pitman.

Copeland, who has been in federal custody since his arrest in April, will be sentenced March 14.

Pat Sullivan/AP

Rice farmer and crop insurance broker Tom Kelley stands outside his Eagle Lake office Wednesday and talks about the economics of being a farmer. Texas rice farmers probably won't get irrigation water to flood their fields for a second consecutive year after officials overseeing major reservoirs in Central Texas voted Tuesday to cut off downstream allotments if there's no significant rain by March.

Rice farming towns struggle without water

Associated Press

EAGLE LAKE — Tom Kallina has no fields to till, plant or flood. But his business depends on Texas' rice industry and the likelihood that farmers won't get irrigation water for a second consecutive year threatens to destroy it, along with hundreds of others in his area.

Three-quarters of Texas' rice crop comes from the Colorado River basin, an area that hovers above the national poverty rate and offers few alternatives for employment.

Farmers struggled last year after the agency that oversees and manages Central Texas reservoirs cut off their irrigation supply following a historic drought. With the drought now two years old, the agency voted Tuesday to withhold irrigation water again if Lakes Buchanan and Travis remain below a certain level on March 1.

The decision affects generations-old rice farms, along with myriad businesses that support, rely and contribute to the industry that brings $1 billion into the state annually.

Kallina owns Area Rice Marketing, an Eagle Lake business that acts as a broker between rice farmers and commercial buyers. In an average year, Kallina analyzes and markets about 15,000 acres of rice. Last year, he did only 2,500 acres, and while he also has a rice storage and drying facility, the income from that is not enough to supplement the rapidly failing marketing business.

"I am trying to keep it open by taking money out of my lifelong savings," Kallina said. But with three children in college, "I have to decide at what point in time that stops."

Half-jokingly, he asked friends gathered at a local restaurant if they might be able to hire him to sell crop insurance, and called it "surreal" when during lunch his son, a student at Texas A&M University, emailed him a link with a job posting at the College Station school.

The drought dominates conversation at Tony Taco's restaurant in Eagle Lake, where more than half the 3,700 residents get some income from the rice industry and nearly everyone knows each other. Those gathered Tuesday for the weekly fajita buffet talked about who was drilling wells, who was taking on side jobs and, ultimately, which of them might make it.

"I'm not worried about me. I'm more worried about him," said farmer Craig Guthman, pointing at Kallina.

Guthman noted that he and other farmers can squeak by with crop insurance, which covers about half their losses. Last year, he grew nothing on his 900 acres. Without water, this year will be the same. The insurance won't go a third year though, so like many others, he is paying about $400,000 to drill a well that will allow him to grow about 350 acres of rice even without water from the Lower Colorado River Authority, an investment that will take 20 years of farming to cover.

Chewing on a toothpick, the burly man was baffled by a question about whether a well is a sound investment. His father and uncle grow rice on 2,000 acres. His grandfather and great-grandfather did the same.

"We're going to farm. It's a culture. It's what we do," explained Tom Kelley, whose family has been farming in Eagle Lake since 1897. But Kelley also sells crop insurance on the side and recently opened a smokehouse in town.

Farmers have been growing rice in Eagle Lake, a town about 65 miles southwest of Houston, since 1897. They flood their fields, called paddies, because the water helps the rice grow in the clay-like soil and deters pests. They have helped make Texas the fifth-largest rice grower in the nation, and many feel they are disproportionately shouldering the burden of the drought because they draw from the same reservoirs that supply Austin and its suburbs.

"Rich people shouldn't build mansions in the desert," declared Arthur Etheridge, who sells John Deere equipment in Eagle Lake. "Those lakes were built for agriculture, not recreation."

Clara Tuma, a spokeswoman for the LCRA, said in an emailed statement that the agency understands the difficulties of the drought for people in the lower Colorado River basin, but farmers pay less for water than others and the understanding is that during a drought they are the first to be cut off.

The agency, she added, is committed to increasing the region's water supply and is considering adding reservoirs in the rice-farming areas.

Meanwhile, Jay Davis is looking at more layoffs at his dryer — a facility where farmers dry and store their rice until it is sold. Last year, the dryer never opened. Instead of seven to 10 employees, it now has two full-time workers and one part time. If it doesn't open this year — an almost certainty if water is cut off — those workers also will be laid off as well.

Davis said he and his partner have taken 50 percent pay cuts, from the storage facility and a rice marketing business they run near Eagle Lake. He has downsized to a car without a loan, reduced his trips to visit is children in New York from four to one and, at age 58, stopped saving for retirement. Every day he checks the lake levels, and he and his wife pray for rain.

The state Legislature, he believes, needs to invest in dams and infrastructure as the population grows and water in the drought-prone region becomes scarce. Still, he can't buy groceries with hopes and dreams.

"I may have to look for something similar in this area in another state, maybe move to Arkansas or Mississippi and look for a place to open up business or go to work for somebody," Davis said.

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Official admits school finance report errors

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A state educational official testifying for the Texas Attorney General's office acknowledged Wednesday that she made calculation errors when compiling a report presented during the school finance trial.

The mistakes came in database findings offered by Lisa Dawn-Fisher, the Texas Education Agency's associate commissioner for school finance. They were discovered during her cross examination and were widespread enough that state District Judge John Dietz ordered the state to fix them and compile a new version of the report by next week.

Dietz noted that the case will eventually be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which will review the record of the court proceedings.

"We want to present the Supreme Court with the most accurate database the parties can produce," Dietz said.

Dawn-Fisher's original report showed that gaps in the amount of state funding received by school districts in wealthy parts of Texas and those in poorer areas fell between 2006 and 2012. But Rick Gray, an attorney representing a coalition of school districts suing the state, found several problems with her calculations.

"You know some of these numbers are showing incorrect data," Gray told the witness. "There is a glitch in your database."

After several questions about miscalculations, Dawn-Fisher acknowledged she made mistakes. One large one was she counted twice the amount of state funding redistributed among poorer districts under Texas' so-called "Robin Hood" system.

Gray did not assert the mistakes were intentional.

More than 600 school districts responsible for educating three-fourths of Texas' roughly 5 million public school students claim funding levels for schools are inadequate since the state Legislature voted in 2011 to cut $5.4 billion from public education and grant programs for things like pre-kindergarten programs.

The cuts came as Texas' booming population has seen public school enrollment increase by an average of 80,000 students annually, and amid a sharp increase in students from low-income families and among those who require additional English-language instruction. Both groups cost more to educate, districts argue.

The calculations mistakes uncovered Wednesday were not the first to come out during the case.

Syracuse University Professor William Duncombe had previously testified on behalf of the school districts that Texas needs to spend an additional $7 billion annually to adequately fund public schools. But the state found errors in the data Duncombe used to reach that conclusion, and Dietz ruled in November that districts could not submit a corrected version of his work into evidence.

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Yesterday's Answer: CLEFT, SYRUPY; UNCUT, WISDOM

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KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Pot illegal but taxable in Texas — really

■ Even potheads are confused about this one, but there even has been a collection on the tax.

A friend and former colleague, noting that Colorado and Washington have made pot smoking almost mandatory, suggests I remind you that marijuana remains illegal, though taxable, in Texas.

Our state Legislature, periodically praised as among the nation's top 40, could change that during the 2013 session, which will begin Tuesday. But don't inhale deeply and hold your breath waiting for it to happen.

So far, all I see is legislation from Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, that would change possession of less than a gram of pot to a Class A misdemeanor instead of a state jail felony.

The Legislature still could legalize marijuana. And the legislative session could end without a lawmaker doing something to cause us coast-to-coast embarrassment. The odds are about the same for both.

So, until otherwise notified, here's the reminder: There is a state tax on marijuana (spelled "marihuana" in the law). If owed, please pay it. I would, however, enjoy seeing someone challenge the law based on a claim that what you possessed was marijuana, not marihuana.

The tax is levied on dealers, defined in the law as someone who "imports into this state or manufactures, produces, acquires or possesses ... more than four ounces of a taxable substance consisting of or containing marihuana."

To show the tax has been paid, the state comptroller sells stamps featuring the grim reaper and the word "DRUGS" with arrows leading in opposite directions to the words "DEATH" and "TAXES." Subtle.

As with all taxpayer information, the comptroller must keep marijuana tax payments confidential, which means he or she can't call the cops and turn you in.

The tax rate is $3.50 per gram, with a 4-ounce minimum, due when a dealer "imports, manufactures, produces, acquires and/or possesses a controlled substance."

Who, when not stoned beyond reasonable judgment, would pay the marijuana tax? Good question, and as I told you above, we're not allowed to know. But there's evidence that some folks are paying it. The state does not separate marijuana tax collections, but overall collection of the levy on illegal controlled substances has ranged in the past six years from a low of $877 in fiscal 2010 to a high (pardon the expression) of $10,660 in fiscal 2012, which ended Aug. 31.

Collection of the tax, on the books since 1989, peaked at $534,269 in 1993. Anybody have a theory about that year?

The stamps seem to have some souvenir value. A version of the controlled substance stamp was offered on eBay this month for $99.95. Drug test, please, for anybody who'd pay that much for the stamp.

I find marijuana users amusing in kind of a disturbing, willing-to-break-the-law-because-it-makes-them-comfortably-numb kind of way. And I found an interesting online conversation about the Texas marijuana tax. It's on marijuanapassion.com and was instigated by metalchick832.

"I know we're not supposed to discuss 'dealing' on this website, but I had planned to give away some of my bud as a gift to friends. Apparently these gifts have to be stamped, too. My question is this: Does anyone know how to acquire these stamps legally but not be too open about it?"

The correct response, of course, is that paying the tax can't lead to prosecution. The more amusing responses came from metalchick832's peers on marijuanapassion.com.

"I don't get it," said The Stickylcky. "You can legally sell drugs in Texas?"

Mr. Wakenbake said, "The stamps are a government scam. To get them you must have the marijuana in hand, which is illegal and an automatic arrest. Also they don't even print 'em."

Wrong, wrong and wrong, Mr. Wakenbake, as was Pussum, who said, "You might as well walk up to the cops with a bag of grow and stick out your wrist if you try to acquire one of those stamps. ... Remember, no matter how you slice it, the gov(ernment) still thinks weed is illegal."

No, it's not that the Texas government still thinks weed is illegal; it really is illegal. For now, the status remains quo. Marijuana is illegal, but taxable, in Texas.

If you're going to do the crime, you must be willing to pay the dime.

Deborah Cannon/Statesman.com

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, center, speaks during a news conference with House Speaker Joe Straus, left, and Gov. Rick Perry at the Capitol in Austin on Wednesday.

CUTS

From 1B

could give Texas a chance to undo some of the 2011 cuts to schools. Perry countered, however, that state funding for schools over the past 10 years increased at a rate three times that of enrollment growth.

"I think under any scenario the last decade, the funding that we have seen in the state of Texas for public education has been pretty phenomenal," he said.

Perry also said: "I don't imagine that we're ever going to quit having arguments about 'Are we spending enough money?' or 'Are we spending it in the right places?,' but I would suggest to you that, in the last decade, Texas has done a very good job of funding public school education."

The governor had breakfast Wednesday with Dewhurst and Straus and the trio agreed that the improved economic outlook means it's time to push for tax cuts.

But addressing reporters after Perry's comments, Dewhurst broke ranks somewhat, saying: "At the end of the day, we're going to be putting more resources into public education."

He said the lawsuits, which are being heard in state district court but likely will be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, will eventually give lawmakers a figure the state will have to spend per-pupil to adequately fund schools.

Straus, meanwhile, has already promised to increase funding to schools enough to cover enrollment growth — requiring at least an extra $2 billion.

Dewhurst also wants to take $1 billion from the state's cash reserves, known as the Rainy Day Fund, to pay for projects to improve water infrastructure in a state frequently plagued by drought — a plan Perry said Wednesday he supports.

The lieutenant governor also spoke about improving highways and education, ideas Straus seconded.

"We have some unfinished business from last session to take care of," Straus said. "In a growing state, we have to take care of some priorities."

Briton gets 33 months for weapons-to-Iran plot

By Juan Carlos Llorca
Associated Press

EL PASO — A federal judge sentenced a British businessman to nearly three years in prison Wednesday for trying to buy surface-to-air missile parts from undercover U.S. agents to resell to Iran.

Christopher Tappin, 66, pleaded guilty in November to aiding and abetting to export defense materials in a deal that opened the door for him to serve part of his sentence in Britain near his ailing wife. U.S. District Judge David Briones in El Paso said Wednesday that he would recommend that the U.S. Department of Justice approve any request by Tappin to be transferred to the United Kingdom.

Tappin read a brief statement during the sentencing hearing in which he apologized for the crime.

"I regret my actions and the impact they had on my family," he said. "I am looking forward to putting this incident behind me and returning to my previous unblemished life and my wife."

As part of the plea deal, prosecutors agreed not to oppose any request by Tappin to serve part of his 33-month sentence in Britain. Along with approval from the Department of Justice, Tappin also needs approval from the British government to serve time in one of its prisons.

In 2006, Tappin associate Robert Gibson contacted a company set up by undercover U.S. agents to buy batteries for surface-to-air missiles. U.S. authorities alleged Tappin provided undercover agents with false documents to deceive authorities and circumvent the requirement for the batteries to be licensed by the U.S. government before being exported.

"We hope this sends a message to people that are selling defense materials that we monitor sales and shipments, and that we are watching," federal prosecutor Greg McDonald said Wednesday.

The judge dismissed charges of conspiracy to illegally export defense articles and conspiracy to conduct illegal financial transactions. Tappin must also pay an $11,357 fine, the amount he would have profited from the sale.

Tappin must report to prison by March 8.

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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 60 Low: 41

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 67 Low: 28

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 51 Low: 20

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high near 60 and low around 41.

After a mostly sunny day and a high around 67 on Friday, colder conditions are expected. Lows in the lower 20s are expected beginning Saturday night.

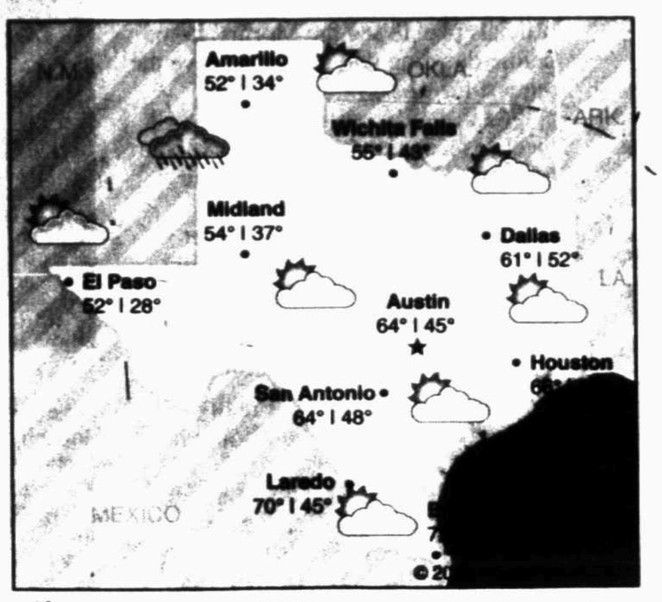
The high on Wednesday reached 45, while the low dropped to 40. The record high for Jan. 9 is 80 set in 2009. The record low is 7 set in 1967.

Weather whys

Q: What are the basic types of clouds?

A: The first person to name different cloud types was a London pharmacist, Luke Howard, back in 1803. "Howard came up with a classification system based on the shape of the cloud, the layer of the atmosphere in which the cloud existed, and whether or not the cloud produced rain," said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The three basic families of clouds are heaps of separated clouds (cumulus), layers of wide clouds (stratus) and wispy clouds (cirrus). Clouds that produce rain are known as nimbus. To get the exact name of a cloud, the cloud type is combined with a prefix or suffix that defines where the cloud is.

Source: Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University

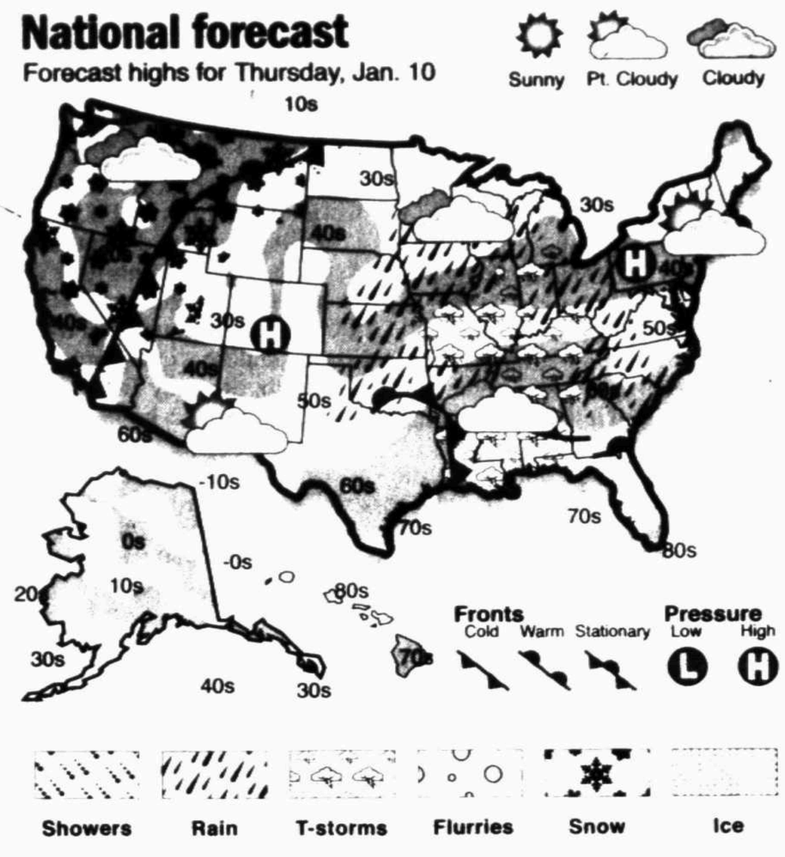


Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.03 in.
Wednesday	1.34 in.
Month total	1.37 in.
Year total	1.37 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.13 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	45
Low	40
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:56 a.m.
Sunset	6:03 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 10



Readers urge wife to work through problems at home

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: This is in response to "Had It in Hartford" (Oct. 6), who has been unhappily married to her husband for 20 years. She said she married him for all the wrong reasons and "has never loved him the way a woman should love a man."

After I had been married for seven years, I went to my pastor concerned that the grass on the other side was looking greener than mine. As we spoke, I began to realize the extent of the investment I had put into my marriage and that I didn't want to start over again on a new one.

My mom always told me, "Marriage is not easy. You will always have to work on it. There will be times when you won't feel that you like him or love him." I have been married for 36 years now. Do I notice handsome men, or appreciate a man who treats me kindly? Of course. I'm not blind or dead.

Love isn't just a feeling, but a choice and a commitment. I'm committed to my husband not because I'm "supposed" to be, but because I CHOOSE to be. It seems to me that "Had It" never made that choice or worked toward it, but expected it to just happen eventually.

She has a foundation of trust and friendship that helps a marriage through the rough times. Many marriages that end in divorce rely on sexual attraction and passion to carry them instead of friendship.

We're told that marriage is 50-50. That's not true. It's 100-100. I'm responsible for my 100 percent, and my spouse is responsible for his.

"Had It" should take another look at what she's about to lose and tally up the costs to her family. Is she really trapped? Or has she just been unwilling to choose to love? — BARBARA IN MOUNT VERNON, WASH.

DEAR BARBARA: Thank you for writing. I advised "Had It" to think long and hard before leaving her husband, but that if she truly cannot love him the way he deserves, she should move on. My readers' comments:

DEAR ABBY: "Had It" doesn't feel love toward her husband because she spends her time and energy ruminating about a "mistake" she thinks she made 20 years ago. She says he is doing everything right and they get along fine. If she tried something positive, like reminding herself about the qualities she likes about him, and doing things she knows make him happy instead of fantasizing about other men, she might find the love she craves in her marriage.

Loving feelings come from loving behavior, not the other way around. The sooner she realizes this, the sooner she'll see that what she really wants is right there at home with her family. And it has been there all along. — DR. PEGGY B.

DEAR ABBY: I have this message for "Had It": I felt like you and acted on my feelings. Don't do it! Wait until your kids are older. As much as you want a more intimate relationship, you cannot begin to imagine the impact straying will have on your kids.

I deeply regret what I did and I wish someone would have told me what I'm telling you. Pull yourself together. Think about your children, extended family and friends. You are connected to others through your husband, and once you pull your marriage apart, everything else falls away, too. — REGRETTING IT IN NEW YORK

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Masterful technique

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 6
Q 10 5 4
K 10 9
♣ A J 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 9 5 2
9 8 7 6 3
8 3
♣ 7 6

EAST
♠ A Q J 8 4
2
Q 6 5 4
♣ K Q 3

SOUTH
♠ 7 3
A K J
A J 7 2
♣ 10 9 8 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Nine of

The late Irving Rose of London was one of the consummate technicians of his day. Follow him at work on this deal from a club game.

North-South were employing a 12-14 range for an opening bid of one notrump. Two clubs inquired for major suits and three no-trump was the logical game.

West led the nine of hearts, and declarer was faced with a host of options. One line was to cash four heart winners to see what discards, if any, were forthcoming. Another was to take two finesses in clubs. Looking at all the hands, another was to play East for the queen of diamonds and end up with four tricks in each red suit and the ace of clubs. Declarer ignored them all.

Rose won the first trick in hand with the king and led a diamond to the nine, losing to the queen. While this surrendered a diamond trick, East did not relish being on lead.

It was obvious that West did not have a high card, so spades could not be attacked since dummy's king might be the fulfilling trick. East therefore exited safely with a diamond. Declarer won in dummy with the king, came to hand with the jack of diamonds and only now ran the 10 of clubs to East's queen. East, a gentleman to the core, conceded because, even if he exited with a diamond, declarer would have to collect seven tricks in the red suits and either two clubs or a spade and a club. Declarer had scored his game despite the ace of spades and both the club honors being offside.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013:

This year you make waves wherever you go. Your combination of high energy, strong intellect and charisma draws in many opportunities for you. Others might see you as self-involved, especially your sweetie. Work on being more aware of others, and listen to feedback more carefully. If you are single, you attract many admirers who want to make you theirs. You'll want to relate directly, but because of all the other activity going on in your life, you could find it difficult to focus on one person. CAPRICORN has endurance. Do not bet against him or her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Visualize and create more of what you want. Your energy of late could be very challenging to a boss, older person or supervisor. Much is changing around the two of you. Use good sense, and remain responsible if you care about the long term. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You have the ability to read between the lines right now. Use the information you are gathering for your own purposes. You might be stunned at what is occurring. Break past rigid thinking, and you just might like the outcome. Tonight: Relax and surf the web.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You have the capacity to relate intensely to key persons. You know what your expectations are, but can you fulfill them? Share them with your inner circle, even if you get an odd reaction. Go with the flow. Tonight: Get to know someone better over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are able to sway a situation in the direction you desire, but at what cost? A key person or boss could have a negative reaction to your manipulation. Be sure to test the waters first. At the same time, ask yourself whether it's worth it. Tonight: Let others make the first move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Put your best foot forward, and remember how close you are to the weekend. If you can accomplish more than your usual workload right now, do so. Unexpected news could have you daydreaming. It's OK to let your mind wander. Tonight: Off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You see a situation developing that could be demanding yet lots of fun. Think positively, but be aware as you walk into this scenario. A partner reacts to news. You are learning how unpredictable the people in your life can be. Tonight: Sort through your many ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might be holding back more than you realize. Allow your creativity to flow, and you will find solutions rather quickly. Let go of a preconceived idea. Once you do, you'll see a new path. Reach out to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Happily head home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You will have to change your tone or word choice in order to get through to someone. Demonstrate some flexibility when dealing with this individual. Your creativity flourishes when brainstorming with a friend or loved one. Tonight: Let it all happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Use good sense with money, as you could cause yourself a mini disaster if you're not careful. If you feel unsure of a situation or an offer, opt to hold off for now. You will know what to do in time. A family member could be confusing at best. Tonight: Revamp your budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You are in your element, yet you also could be overwhelmed by the hectic pace and the amount of people seeking you out. They know who has it together. Your intuition will guide you with a neighbor or close relative. Tonight: Check in with a friend who might be depressed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might not like what you are seeing. You could choose to say little and do more observing. Gather information that fits with your ideas, and perhaps seek out an expert for some feedback. After all, that is what you are looking for. Tonight: Time off from the hectic pace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You have always been an intuitive sign, but you're even more so of late. You'll zero in on a problem and toss everything else in the air. Some friends might feel concerned, but it's only because they don't understand the importance of this readjustment. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

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BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Rod Stewart (1945), Singer/songwriter Jim Croce (1943), actor Ray Bolger (1904)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Jon of "Mad Men"
5 Site of the volcano Olympus Mons
9 Mosque official
13 Double Stuf treat
14 Downwind
15 Hells Canyon is on its western border
16 Switch from a bottle to a cup, say
17 "Design pattern on some Irish crosses
19 "Migrant Mother" photographer Dorothea __
21 Q7 automaker
22 Mop & __
23 "Not surprising
27 Carpenter's accessory
29 Event in many 30-Across
30 Newspaper inserts
31 Tizzy
33 Church leader
37 Stray
39 Monetary interest
42 Retailer Strauss
43 Use a lever on, as a floorboard
45 Org. with bowls
47 Chem cousin
48 Rainbow goddess
51 Battery partner
53 "Ready to come clean
56 Place for a ring
57 Have on
58 Vague
61 "Got some gumption
65 Bog down
66 Voice of the difficult homeowner in "Up"
67 Chief Justice Warren
68 Told about, as a secret
69 Try to lose
70 Apothecary's measure
71 Soufflé essentials

DOWN
1 Bay in the woods
2 Zone
3 "Intend when speaking
4 Genghis Khan, notably
5 Jobs creation
6 Sierra Nevada, e.g.
7 "Calm down"
8 Frame jobs
9 Textspeak disclaimer
10 Itchy canine ailment
11 "Get __ of yourself!"
12 Fictional detective skilled in judo
15 Wintry spike
18 It might just come to you
20 Subsides
24 Geologic times
25 Way out
26 Spill the beans
27 Protective cover
28 Bouquet
32 Salon acquisition
34 Correcting, in a way ... or what would need to be done to remove the things hidden in the answers to starred clues?
35 Like some fictional twins
36 Serious uprising
38 Naturalist John
40 Heat energy meas.
41 "No problem"
44 Like 1930s prices
46 "Yeah, right!"
49 Middle of March
50 Lathered (up)
52 Breakdown of social norms
53 Ankle bones
54 Damaging 2011 East Coast hurricane
55 Tuck's title
56 "Zounds!"
59 Pirate's brew
60 Longings
62 In the water
63 Second Amendment backer: Abbr.
64 Slippery __

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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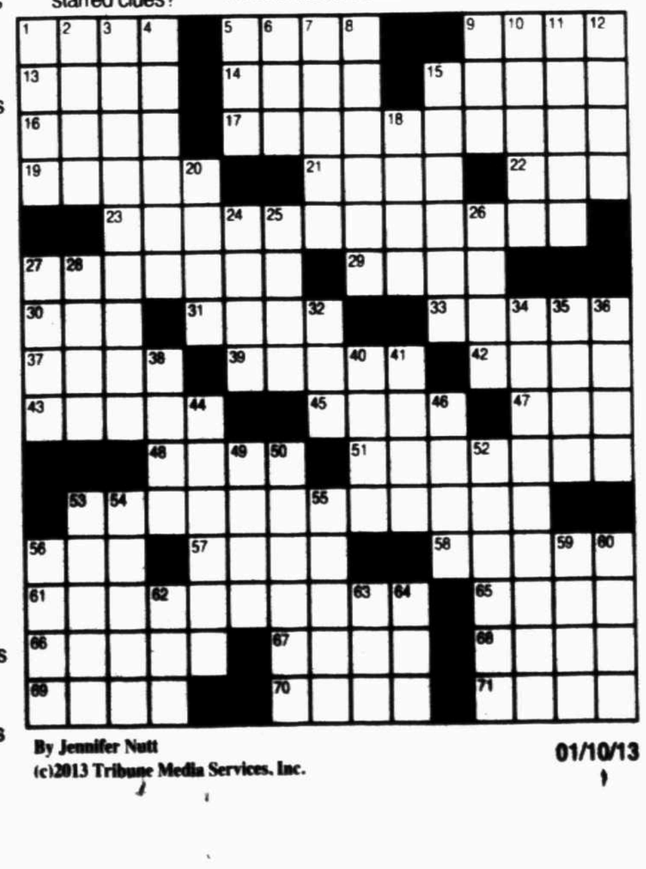

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Kidnapped boy to be reunited with 4 siblings

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A boy who was snatched from his Houston home when he was 8-months-old and moved around Texas for eight years before he was found will be removed from foster care and reunited with his siblings, a judge ruled Wednesday.

State District Judge Mike Schneider ordered that 8-year-old Miguel Morin be placed in the custody of a couple caring for his four siblings, Juanita and Joseph Aguillard. Miguel has been in foster care since authorities found him at the Houston home of his former baby sitter's sister in March. Authorities say Miguel spent most of the time he was kidnapped in East and Central Texas.

Miguel's former baby sitter, Krystle Tanner, and her mother, Gloria Walker, have been charged with kidnapping and injury to a child in his 2004 disappearance. The women have pleaded not guilty and are jailed in San Augustine, about 140 miles northeast of Houston.

Estella Olguin, a spokeswoman for Child Protective Services in Houston, said the ultimate goal is for Miguel's parents, Auboni Champion-Morin and Fernando Morin, and the Aguillards have joint custody of him "so that Miguel can still have a relationship with his parents and stay with his siblings."

Miguel is expected to be reunited with his siblings by Friday after paperwork is completed, Olguin said. CPS and the boy's parents have declined to say why the Aguillards — friends of the family — have custody of the four other children, citing privacy issues.

Authorities say Tanner snatched Miguel from his home when he was a baby and, along with her mother, concealed the boy's true identity for years, moving him from one home to another to avoid detection. After Tanner's March arrest in the kidnapping, her sister called authorities to say Miguel was staying at her home in Houston.

Miguel's parents will be allowed to visit the boy at the Aguillards' home and have requested that Miguel be allowed to visit them on weekends. CPS officials plan to see the Morins' home before deciding whether to approve the request for weekend visits.

Olguin said everyone involved will meet in mediation before the next court hearing in March to see if they can wrap up the matter.

She said Miguel, who had never gone to school and couldn't read or write when he was found by authorities, has caught up with other students in his second-grade class and is excelling in school.

"Considering his life has really changed as he knew it, he's doing really well," Olguin said.

William Thursland, a court appointed attorney for Miguel, said he wants to see how the boy adjusts to living with the Aguillards before determining what will ultimately happen in his case.

David J. Phillip/AP

Auboni Champion-Morin, left, laughs with Juanita, right, and Joseph Aguillard after a court hearing regarding Champion-Morin's son Wednesday in Houston. A judge in Houston ruled Wednesday that 8-year-old Miguel Morin, a Texas boy who was kidnapped as a baby, should be removed from foster care and given to the Aguillards, who are caring for his four siblings. The boy has been in foster care since authorities found him in March living in East Texas with his former baby sitter. The boy's former baby sitter and her mother are charged with kidnapping.

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No one elected to Baseball Hall of Fame

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — No one was elected to the Hall of Fame this year. When voters closed the doors to Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa, they also shut out everybody else.

For only the second time in four decades, baseball writers failed to give any player the 75 percent required for induction to Cooperstown, sending a powerful signal that stars of the Steroids Era will be held to a different standard.

All the awards and accomplishments collected over long careers by Bonds, Clemens and Sosa could not offset suspicions those feats were boosted by performance-enhancing drugs.

Voters also denied entry Wednesday to fellow newcomers Craig Biggio, Mike Piazza and Curt Schilling, along with holdovers Jack Morris, Jeff Bagwell and Lee Smith.

Among the most honored players of their generation, these standouts won't find their images among the 300 bronze plaques on the oak walls in Cooperstown, where — at least for now — the doors appear to be bolted shut on anyone tainted by PEDs.

"After what has been written and said over the last few years, I'm not overly surprised," Clemens said in a statement he posted on Twitter.

Bonds, Clemens and Sosa retired after the 2007 season. They were eligible for the Hall for the first time and have up to 14 more years on the writers' ballot.

"Curt Schilling made a good point: Everyone was guilty. Either you used PEDs, or you did nothing to stop their use," Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt said in an email to The Associated Press after this year's vote was announced. "This generation got rich. Seems there was a price to pay."

Biggio, 20th on the career list with 3,060 hits, appeared on 68.2 percent of the 569 ballots, the highest total, but 39 votes shy. The three newcomers with the highest profiles failed to come close to even majority support, with Clemens at 37.6 percent, Bonds at 36.2 and Sosa at 12.5.

Other top vote-getters were Morris (67.7), Jeff Bagwell (59.6), Piazza (57.8), Tim Raines (52.2), Lee Smith (47.8) and Schilling (38.8).

"I'm kind of glad that nobody got in this year," Hall of Famer Al Kaline said. "I feel honored to be in the Hall of Fame. And I would've felt a little uneasy sitting up there on the stage, listening to some of these new guys

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AP file photo

New York Yankees starting pitcher Roger Clemens throws against the Kansas City Royals' David DeJesus during a game in 2007. With the cloud of steroids shrouding the candidacies of Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa and Clemens, baseball writers on Wednesday did not elect anyone to the Hall of Fame for only the second time in four decades.

DISTRICT 2-5A SOCCER PREVIEWS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

New Midland High girls soccer coach Ryan Dunlevy says he's ready to take an already good Lady Bulldogs team and make it great.

NEW COACH; NEW STRATEGY

Dunlevy aims to turn MHS girls from good to great

By Len Hayward
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The first few days of offseason for the Midland High girls soccer team were nothing like the squad had ever experienced before.

New Lady Bulldogs soccer coach Ryan Dunlevy had said when he was hired in April that his offseason program would be tough and would likely weed out some players. But he said it was the first building block in his program.

Hearing about it and experiencing are entirely different. The team lifted weights three days a week, and through the early weeks of the program, the team hardly touched a ball and just did conditioning drills.

Even the boys in the MHS program noticed the change in the workouts, which left an impression on the team.

"I wouldn't say our soccer players have been lazy, because in the past we've certainly worked hard for everything," senior midfielder and captain Madison Scribner said. "But we've never had to do so much. We felt like we were working out like boys. But coach Dunlevy is a big promoter of discipline, repetition and just getting into a pattern of things. I just think that kind of structure for a team is important."

Those first few weeks were tough, but as the program progressed and when workouts started in December, the players began to see the payoff during workouts and in early-season scrimmages.

The offseason program was only the beginning, though. Dunlevy is working to put his stamp on one of the area's most successful girls programs and help to bring some stability to a team that will have its third coach in just over a year.

"At the beginning, they were nervous because I'm new, I yell a lot, I'm hard on them, I'm making them work out like crazy, and I was kind of a jerk at the beginning to make sure they got it," said Dunlevy, who took over the job after coaching at Greenville the past two years. "Now that we've been going through some stuff, I talk to them about the classroom and talk to them about what they need to be doing to help the

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Inside

Ready for success

As coach Brian Pollard begins his fourth season as the head coach of the Lady Rebels, his first group of freshmen is in its final year in the program as seniors, and that might be the right formula for the Lee to return to the playoffs after a year absence.

Chemistry is brewing

The work for the Midland High boys soccer team to return to the playoffs this year after missing last season actually began late last season. The Bulldogs looked to finish the season on a solid note, but the disappointement of not making the playoffs struck a sour note.

Hungry to improve

With last year's seniors having long since graduated, competition for starting spots on the Lee boys soccer team has been intense — and sometimes heated. But for co-head coaches Scott Hicks and Chris Bryan, the intensity within the team is refreshing.

Read more on Page 4C

Schaub has shot to get Texans into AFC title game Sunday

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Matt Schaub made his first playoff start last week and helped lead the Houston Texans to a win.

But he did make a key mistake: throwing an interception which was returned for a touchdown.

He knows he'll have to be much better if the Texans expect to win at New England in a divisional playoff game on Sunday.

"He's going to have to play at a high level, but we all are," coach Gary Kubiak said. "You know what I mean? We got a job to do around him."

Schaub's No. 1 goal this week is to help the offense score touchdowns instead of field goals when it gets in the red zone. Houston got inside the 20-yard line four times last weekend against Cincinnati, and settled for field goals three times after the offense stalled.

"Against this team in their building threes aren't going to cut it," Schaub said. "We've got to get down there, and we've got be aggressive and score touchdowns."

Schaub is a nine-year veteran, but Saturday was his first start in the postseason after he missed Houston's playoff run last year because of an injured foot. He said it meant a lot to him to be with his team for the first time in the playoffs, and of course, getting the win made it even better.

Receiver Andre Johnson believes that having that first game out of the way will help Schaub this week against the Patriots.

"Him just getting his first win probably just got a monkey off his back," Johnson said. "Because that's something that a lot of people talked about. I think with him getting that out of the way, it will make him feel more comfortable going into the game."

The Texans had their worst game of the season in their first trip to Foxborough, a 42-14 loss to the Patriots last month. But Schaub said that the loss didn't do anything to hurt their confidence.

"We know what type of team we can be when we're playing up to our expectations and our standards and what we demand out of ourselves," he said. "We'll go up there with a lot of confidence to win a road football game."

Offensive coordinator Rick Dennison was pleased with Schaub's work against the Bengals, and liked how he dealt with their pass rush, which is among the best in the NFL.

"He managed the game well and then he handled the pressure when it was coming, to get the ball out, when he was hot," Dennison said. "He missed a couple of things. Obviously, his footwork was a little off, it cost us one there. But he's a tough-minded kid and he kept playing. Our guys rally around tough guys and he's done a nice job with that all year — just keep bouncing back. I think with that he leads us very well."

Schaub threw for 4,008 yards with 22 touchdowns and 12 interceptions in the regular season. But he's thrown just one touchdown with four interceptions in the

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NASCAR PAGE 8C

TXNCAA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS A&M 69
ARKANSAS 51

COLLEGE STATION — Kourtney Roberson had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the first double-double of his career as Texas A&M defeated Arkansas 69-51 on Wednesday night.

Fabyon Harris scored 17 points to lead the Aggies (11-3, 1-0 SEC), who took control with a 15-0 run that began late in the first half and extended into the second. It was the first SEC game for A&M and its first conference game against the Razorbacks since 1991, when both schools belonged to the now-defunct Southwest Conference.

OKLAHOMA ST. 63
TCU 45

STILLWATER, Okla. — Marcus Smart and Markel Brown each scored 14 points, and Le'Bryan Nash added 13 as Oklahoma State defeated TCU 63-45 Wednesday night.

Philip Jurick grabbed 10 rebounds for Oklahoma State (11-3, 1-1 Big 12), which owned a 40-17 rebounding edge. Nash, Brown and Kamari Murphy each had six rebounds. Brown also had five assists.

TCU's Garlon Green led all scorers with 20 points. Kyan Anderson finished with 10.

Oklahoma State led 36-22 at halftime and back-to-back field goals by Brown pushed the lead to 50-30 with 12:14 remaining. TCU (9-6, 0-2) got no closer than 14 the rest of the way.

The teams combined for 45 turnovers, 24 by the Cowboys, who broke a two-game losing streak.

WEST VIRGINIA 57
TEXAS 53, OT

AUSTIN — Aaric Murray scored 12 points and West Virginia defeated Texas 57-53 in overtime on Wednesday night.

Jabarie Hinds added 11 points for the Mountaineers (8-6, 1-1 Big 12), who won their first conference game since moving over from the Big East this season.

Jonathan Holmes had 12 points for Texas (8-7, 0-2), which gave up a double-digit lead in the final 5 minutes of regulation, then scored only three points in the extra period.

Women

NO. 1 BAYLOR 67
NO. 25 IOWA ST. 39

WACO — Brittney Griner scored the game's first five points and finished with 23 as Baylor led throughout in its first game since taking back the No. 1 spot, defeating 25th-ranked Iowa State 67-39 on Wednesday night.

Griner already had 11 points as Baylor (13-1, 3-0 Big 12) jumped out to a 16-3 lead in just over 8 minutes.

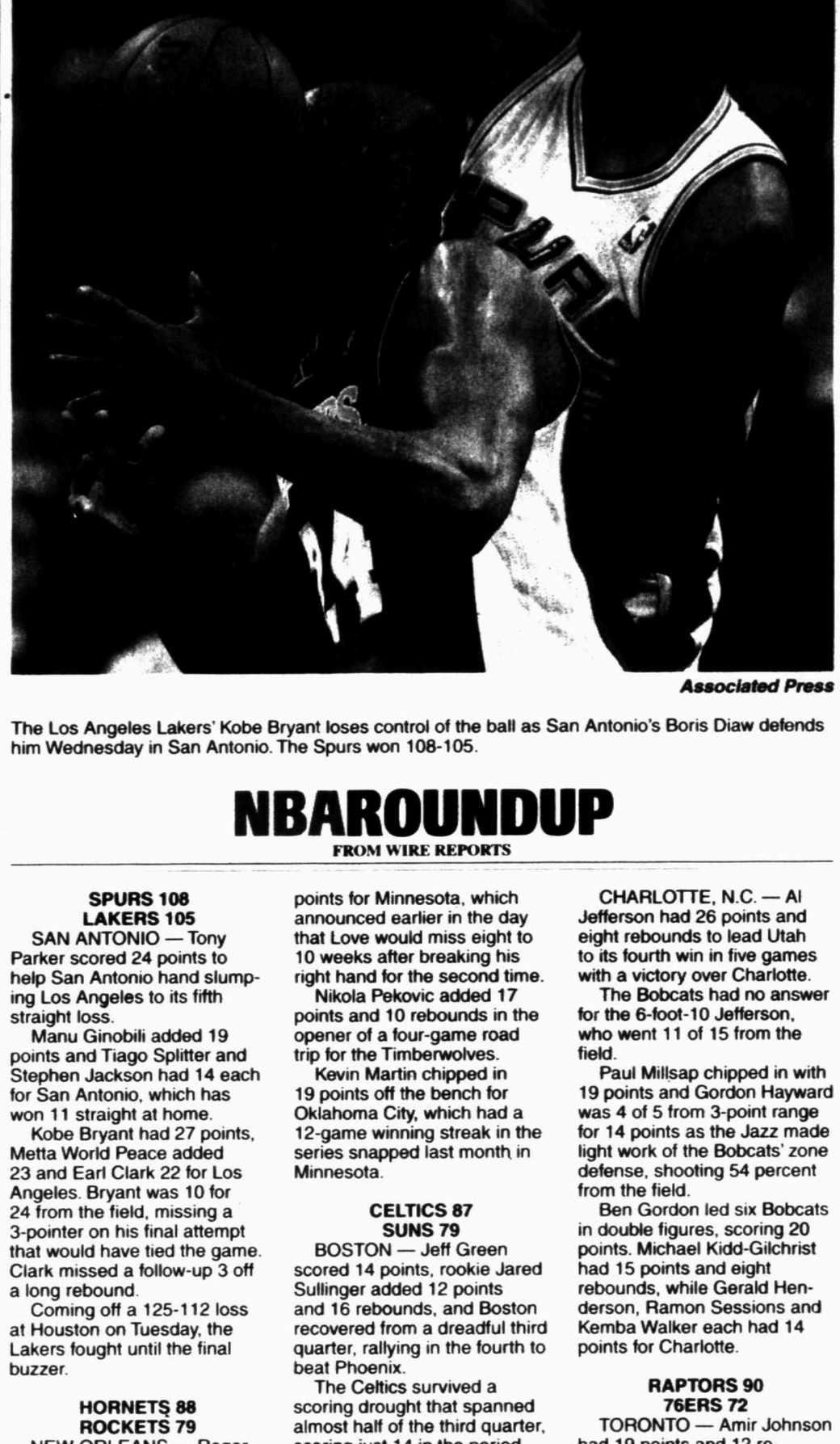
The Lady Bears set a Big 12 record with their 25th consecutive conference victory, breaking a tie with Oklahoma (24 in a row from March 2005-January 2007). Baylor has won 48 games in a row overall at home, the longest active winning streak.

Nikki Moody had 11 points for Iowa State (11-2, 2-1), which had won its first two Big 12 games for the first time in eight seasons, had 15 of its 24 turnovers by halftime.

NO. 16 OKLAHOMA 85
TCU 79

FORT WORTH — Aaryn Ellenberg scored 26 points and Joanna McFarland had 24 points and 11 rebounds Wednesday night to lead Oklahoma to a victory over TCU.

Morgan Hook had 13 points and 12 assists. Her three-point play with 1:33 to play put the Sooners (13-2, 3-0 Big 12) ahead 79-77, and they maintained the lead after that.



Associated Press

The Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant loses control of the ball as San Antonio's Boris Diaw defends him Wednesday in San Antonio. The Spurs won 108-105.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 108
LAKERS 105

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 24 points to help San Antonio hand slumping Los Angeles to its fifth straight loss.

Manu Ginobili added 19 points and Tiago Splitter and Stephen Jackson had 14 each for San Antonio, which has won 11 straight at home.

Kobe Bryant had 27 points, Metta World Peace added 23 and Earl Clark 22 for Los Angeles. Bryant was 10 for 24 from the field, missing a 3-pointer on his final attempt that would have tied the game. Clark missed a follow-up 3 off a long rebound.

Coming off a 125-112 loss at Houston on Tuesday, the Lakers fought until the final buzzer.

HORNETS 88
ROCKETS 79

NEW ORLEANS — Roger Mason scored 15 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter to rally New Orleans to a victory over Houston.

Greivis Vasquez and Jason Smith each scored 17 points for the Hornets, who have won three in a row for the first time this season. Robin Lopez added 14 points for New Orleans.

James Harden scored 25 points for the Rockets, who had won 10 of 12. Harden, who was held to three points in the final quarter when the Rockets were outscored 28-10, was the only Houston player in double figures.

Eric Gordon struggled with five points on 2-of-12 shooting for the Hornets.

THUNDER 106
TIMBERWOLVES 84

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 26 points, Russell Westbrook added 23 and the Oklahoma City Thunder overpowered the outmanned Minnesota Timberwolves 106-84 on Wednesday night.

After losing its last game on a buzzer-beater against a last-place Washington team saddled by injuries to its three top players, Oklahoma City left nothing to chance with the Timberwolves missing All-Star forward Kevin Love and four others.

The Thunder took control with 7-0 run early in the second half and stretched their lead to 24 before pulling Durant, Westbrook and the other starters with 5:44 remaining.

Alexey Shved scored 18 points for Minnesota, which announced earlier in the day that Love would miss eight to 10 weeks after breaking his right hand for the second time.

Nikola Pekovic added 17 points and 10 rebounds in the opener of a four-game road trip for the Timberwolves.

Kevin Martin chipped in 19 points off the bench for Oklahoma City, which had a 12-game winning streak in the series snapped last month in Minnesota.

CELTICS 87
SUNS 79

BOSTON — Jeff Green scored 14 points, rookie Jared Sullinger added 12 points and 16 rebounds, and Boston recovered from a dreadful third quarter, rallying in the fourth to beat Phoenix.

The Celtics survived a scoring drought that spanned almost half of the third quarter, scoring just 14 in the period before regaining the lead and taking command against the road-weary Suns, who fell to 2-16 away from home with their 11th straight road loss.

Jason Terry added 13 points as Boston's reserves outscored Phoenix's 47-16. Kevin Garnett was the only Boston starter to score in double figures, finishing with 10 points and five rebounds.

Jared Dudley scored 14 points and Marcin Gortat had 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Suns.

BUCKS 104
BULLS 96

CHICAGO — Brandon Jennings scored 20 of his 35 points in the third quarter and Milwaukee beat Chicago for its second consecutive victory under interim coach Jim Boylan.

Mike Dunleavy had 16 points and Monta Ellis finished with 14 for Milwaukee, which made 10 of 22 3-point attempts. Larry Sanders grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked seven shots.

Carlos Boozer had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Bulls, who have dropped their last two games against Milwaukee at the United Center. The Bulls blew a 27-point lead in the third quarter as Milwaukee snapped a nine-game losing streak against Chicago with a 93-92 victory on Nov. 26.

Boozer has recorded a double-double in six consecutive games.

JAZZ 112
BOBCATS 102

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Al Jefferson had 26 points and eight rebounds to lead Utah to its fourth win in five games with a victory over Charlotte.

The Bobcats had no answer for the 6-foot-10 Jefferson, who went 11 of 15 from the field.

Paul Millsap chipped in with 19 points and Gordon Hayward was 4 of 5 from 3-point range for 14 points as the Jazz made light work of the Bobcats' zone defense, shooting 54 percent from the field.

Ben Gordon led six Bobcats in double figures, scoring 20 points. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 15 points and eight rebounds, while Gerald Henderson, Ramon Sessions and Kemba Walker each had 14 points for Charlotte.

RAPTORS 90
76ERS 72

TORONTO — Amir Johnson had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Jose Calderon added 14 points and 11 assists, and Toronto beat Philadelphia, sending the slumping 76ers to their fifth straight loss.

Landry Fields set season highs with 10 points and 11 rebounds. DeMar DeRozan scored 19 and Ed Davis had 17 for the Raptors, who had lost six of their previous seven meetings with Philadelphia, including three straight.

Jrue Holiday and Thaddeus Young each scored 16 points, and Evan Turner had 10 as the Sixers lost for the 13th time in their last 16 games. Philadelphia has played 12 of its past 16 on the road, winning just twice.

CAVALIERS 99
HAWKS 83

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving scored 18 of his 33 points in the third quarter to lead injury-riddled Cleveland over Atlanta.

Irving's big night came at a perfect time for Cleveland, which had lost five of six overall and six straight at home. The margin of victory was Cleveland's biggest of the season.

Josh Smith scored 17 points to lead Atlanta, which has lost a season-worst four straight.

Alonzo Gee scored 15 points for Cleveland, while Tristan Thompson added 11 points and 14 rebounds. Rookie Tyler Zeller scored 11 points and had a career-high 12 rebounds.

Jeff Teague added 15 points and Al Horford scored 14 for Atlanta.

MCTODAY

BY OSCAR LEROY

WOMEN

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 20 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 13-4, 1-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains College 13-2, 0-0

Last game: Midland College 56, Howard College 54; South Plains 70, Pima Community College 67 (Jan. 4)

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to stay undefeated in WJCAC play with another tough road trip to South Plains College. ... The Lady Chaparrals are coming off a win in which they struggled offensively for the majority of the night against Howard College. MC shot just 29 percent and had 14 turnovers. Despite those struggles, the Lady Chaps made enough plays down the stretch, including shutting out Howard in the final six minutes, to get the win. The key play came from Catherine Kruschke, who hit a layup in traffic with about three seconds remaining to give MC the lead. Meghan Braeuer led the Lady Chaps with 12 points, Femke Vaandrager had nine points and Achiri Ade added four points and 13 rebounds in a 19 1/2 minutes as she continues her return from a foot injury suffered late in the fall semester. "I think we're making progress," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We've played two games since we've come back from the break and we're looking to clean up some things and learn how to separate in those close games." ... Jones added that Ade is feeling less discomfort in her injured foot and he hopes to start extending her minutes a little more. ... South Plains had the bye on Monday but the Lady Texans are coming into the game with a six-game winning streak. Jones said the Lady Texans are a much improved team from last year. "Their only two losses were against Hutchinson Community College, which is ranked No. 1 in the country, in a close game in November, while the other loss was against Collin (County). They're athletic, got some good guards, and while their post players lack height, they are physical post players. It should be a tough game." ... TaSheena Moore, a 5-foot-7 freshman guard, leads SPC with 15.3 ppg.

Next: Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

MEN

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 11 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 10-2, 1-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains 12-2, 1-0

Last game: Midland College 81, Howard College 69; South Plains 73, New Mexico Military Institute 48

Notes & quotes: Midland College is looking to build off a big win over then No. 2-ranked Howard College. ... The Chaparrals got off to a slow start but then went on a 19-3 run to close the first half and take a 35-34 lead at halftime. It was close until a 3-pointer by Ede Egharevba with less than six minutes remaining sparked the Chaps to go on a late run and pull away from the Hawks. Justin Coleman led MC with a game-high 24 points, Kiwi Gardner had 14 points and eight rebounds, Aly Ahmed had 12 points and eight boards and Tiegbe Bamba finished with a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds. ... MC coach Chris Craig said he was concerned about his team forgetting about the big road win and focusing on playing South Plains. "Monday was a big win for us and a great way to start off the conference, but we may have held on to it a little too long. We'll find out (tonight)," he said ... South Plains is coming off a blowout win over NMMI as 6-foot-10 sophomore post Yanick Moreira and 6-3 freshman guard Kendahl Amerson each had 14 points, while 6-9 sophomore Anthony Walker had 11 points against the Broncos. ... The Texans are the defending NJCAA National champions. They began the season ranked No. 1 but recently dropped two games on a road trip to Arizona. Despite their recent losses, Craig said the Texans present a tremendous challenge for his team. "They've lost, what, two games in the last 550 days?" Craig said. "They're really good. They have an outstanding point guard, an outstanding front line and wings that can score in a variety of ways. They are a tough matchup for everybody in this league." Craig added that defending the paint will be critical for his team. "South Plains is going to be bigger, taller, more athletic and longer than us, so our ability to defend the paint is going to be huge," he said.

Next: Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

Stats and schedules

Midland College Women's Statistics
(13-4, 1-0)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Achiri Ade	13	76	36	61	188	14.5	157	12.1
Catherine Kruschke	17	57	52	89	166	9.8	136	8.0
Meghan Braeuer	17	43	51	61	162	9.5	45	2.6
Tia Dixon	17	49	27	38	155	9.1	52	3.1
Daneichka Canales	17	52	18	29	131	7.7	60	3.5
Darnetta Jackson	17	52	12	23	122	7.2	74	4.4
Damaliee Rivera	16	40	28	45	108	6.8	83	5.2
Femke Vaandrager	17	24	30	55	78	4.6	107	6.3
Sabrina Ochoa	15	15	5	12	43	2.9	18	1.2
Curtiesha Woods	15	16	5	8	44	2.9	23	1.5
Chanelle DiCroce	16	14	12	17	45	2.8	29	1.8
Gabriela Martins	17	9	10	10	33	1.9	31	1.8
Total	17	447	286	448	1,275	75.0	918	54.0

3-point goals (95) — Dixon 30, Braeuer 25, Canales 9, Ochoa 8, Woods 7, Jackson 6, DiCroce 5, Martins 5

Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	1	0	11	3
Midland College	1	0	13	4
Frank Phillips	1	0	8	9
South Plains	0	0	13	2
New Mexico JC	0	0	11	2
Howard College	0	1	11	5
Clarendon	0	1	10	7
Western Texas	0	1	7	10

Monday's Scores

Midland College 56, Howard College 54
Odessa College 75, Western College 61. Frank Phillips 102, Clarendon College 95. South Plains and New Mexico JC were open

Tuesday's Score

Trinidad State 71, Frank Phillips College 59

Today's Games

Midland College at South Plains. Clarendon College at Howard College. Odessa College at Frank Phillips. New Mexico JC at Western Texas

Midland College Men's Statistics
(10-2, 1-0)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Justin Coleman	11	75	29	38	193	17.5	67	6.1
Tiegbe Bamba	11	50	29	43	139	12.6	82	7.5
Kiwi Gardner	12	43	42	56	143	11.9	36	3.0
Aly Ahmed	12	31	29	43	91	7.6	67	5.6
Gary Akbar	12	30	28	57	88	7.3	64	5.3
Willis Nicholson	11	21	28	35	77	7.0	21	1.9
Colan Weasby	11	22	4	10	65	5.9	34	3.1
Ede Egharevba	10	18	7	13	53	5.3	26	2.6
Corey Hilliard	8	12	7	12	37	4.6	18	2.3
Brandon Lucas	9	15	6	9	38	4.2	18	2.0
Anthony Norris	9	15	6	9	38	4.2	27	3.0
Shevon Thompson	10	11	3	10	25	2.5	18	1.8
DJ Billingsley	10	5	2	5	12	1.2	10	1.0
Brandon Maclin	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	0.4
Totals	12	348	219	338	1,000	83.3	538	44.8

3-point goals (85) — Weasby 17, Gardner 15, Coleman 14, Bamba 10, Egharevba 10, Nicholson 7, Hilliard 6, Lucas 4, Norris 2

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	1	0	12	2
Midland College	1	0	10	2
Odessa College	1	0	11	3
Frank Phillips	1	0	11	4
New Mexico JC	0	0	12	2
Clarendon	0	1	11	4
Howard College	0	1	13	2
Western Texas	0	1	10	5
New Mexico Military	0	1	4	10

Monday's Scores

Midland College 81, Howard College 69;
Frank Phillips 102, Clarendon College 100.
Odessa College 88, Western Texas 47. South Plains 73, NMMI 48; New Mexico JC was open

Today's Games

Midland College at South Plains. Clarendon College at Howard College. Odessa College at Frank Phillips. New Mexico JC at Western Texas; NMMI is open

NHL owners approve new labor deal; players to vote

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman secured unanimous ownership support for the pending labor deal, then apologized to everyone hurt by the long lockout and said he isn't going anywhere.

The league's board of governors met in a Manhattan hotel Wednesday and overwhelmingly approved the agreement that was reached early Sunday on the 113th day of the lockout.

Bettman felt the full brunt of anger, especially from fans, during the four-month dispute that kept hockey off the ice. But he was contrite in announcing the latest step by the owners. He said he wants to look forward and not back at the mess created by the work stoppage.

"Most importantly to our fans, who love and have missed NHL hockey, I am sorry," Bettman said. "I know that an explanation or an apology will not erase the hard feelings that have built up over the past few months, but I owe you an apology nevertheless.

"As commissioner of the National Hockey League it sometimes falls upon me to make tough decisions that disappoint and occasionally anger players and fans. This was a long and extremely difficult negotiation — one that took a lot longer than anybody wanted. I know it caused frustration, disappointment and even suffering to a lot of people who have supported the National Hockey League in many different ways."

In his nearly 20 years as commissioner, Bettman has presided over three lockouts. One caused the cancellation of the 2004-05 season, another led to a 48-game season in 1995 — much like is expected for this season.

The latest lockout wiped out 510 games. Overall, 2,208 games have been lost by labor disputes during his tenure. But Bettman was quick to call any speculation he might consider stepping down from his post as "unfounded."

"I am looking forward to continuing to grow this game, both on and off the ice, as we have over the last 20 years," he said. "I think the opportunities are great, and I am excited to be a part of them."

Players are expected to vote on the deal Friday and Saturday. If a majority of the more than 700 members in good standing agree to the terms, training camps can open Sunday.

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NFL Playoffs

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday
Baltimore at Denver, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday
Seattle at Atlanta, Noon (FOX)
Houston at New England, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC, 2 p.m. (FOX)
AFC, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m. (CBS)

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

BALTIMORE RAVENS at DENVER BRONCOS — RAVENS DNP: RB Ricky Leach (knee, ankle). RB Bernard Pierce (knee). G Jah Reid (foot). LIMITED: LB Daniel Elerbe (ankle). FULL: WR Anquan Boldin (shoulder). WR Tandon Doss (ankle). LB Adrian Hamilton (illness). LB Ray Lewis (triceps). LB Albert McClellan (shoulder). DE Pernell McPhee (thigh). DT Haloti Ngata (knee). S Bernard Pollard (chest). S Ed Reed (shoulder). CB Jimmy Smith (abdomen). LB Terrell Suggs (Achilles, biceps). G Marshal Yanda (shoulder). BRONCOS: DNP: CB Tracy Porter (concussion). FULL: S Mike Adams (knee). T Ryan Clady (shoulder). T Orlando Franklin (knee). WR Trindon Holliday (ankle). G Chris Kuper (ankle). S Jim Leonhard (thigh). WR Matthew Willis (knee).

GREEN BAY PACKERS at SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — PACKERS: OUT: DE Jerel Worthy (knee). DNP: WR Jarrett Boykin (ankle). WR Randall Cobb (illness). S Charles McMillian (not injury related). WR Jordy Nelson (ankle). LIMITED: LB Clay Matthews (knee). LB Dezman Moses (hamstring). FULL: TE Jermichael Finley (hamstring). RB Alex Green (knee). RB Jamerr Starks (knee). 49ERS: No Data Reported.

HOUSTON TEXANS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — TEXANS: DNP: CB Alan Ball (foot). LIMITED: G Antoine Caldwell (back). NT Shaun Cody (back). TE Owen Daniels (shoulder). TE Garrett Graham (concussion). T Derek Newton (knee). DE Antonio Smith (ankle). G Wade Smith (knee). FULL: RB Justin Forsett (knee). CB Johnathan Joseph (illness). S Shiloh Keo (ankle). S Glover Quin (shoulder). LB Brooks Reed (groin). RB Ben Tate (knee). QB T.J. Yates (right elbow). PATRIOTS: LIMITED: S Patrick Chung (shoulder). CB Marquice Cole (finger). G Dan Connolly (back). CB Alfonzo Dennard (hamstring, knee). S Nate Ebner (hamstring). TE Rob Gronkowski (forearm, hip). TE Aaron Hernandez (ankle). LB Don't a Hightower (hamstring). DE Chandler Jones (ankle). WR Brandon Lloyd (knee). G Logan Mankins (ankle, calf). LB Jerod Mayo (elbow). G Nick McDonald (shoulder). DE Rob Ninkovich (hip). LB Mike Rivera (ankle). DE Trevor Scott (knee). LB Brandon Spikes (knee, ankle). CB Aqib Talib (hip). WR Wes Welker (ankle). LB Tracy White (elbow).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at ATLANTA FALCONS — SEAHAWKS: No Data Reported. FALCONS: DNP: S Charles Mitchell (calf). CB Christopher Owens (hamstring). LIMITED: DE John Abraham (ankle). S William Moore (hamstring). FULL: CB Dunta Robinson (head).

MLB

2013 Hall of Fame Voting
569 votes cast, 427 needed
Craig Biggio 388 (68.2%). Jack Morris 385 (67.7%). Jeff Bagwell 339 (59.6%). Mike Piazza 329 (57.8%). Tim Raines 297 (52.2%). Lee Smith 272 (47.8%). Curt Schilling 221 (38.9%). Roger Clemens 214 (37.6%). Barry Bonds 206 (36.2%). Edgar Martinez 204 (35.9%). Alan Trammell 191 (33.6%). Larry Walker 123 (21.6%). Fred McGriff 118 (20.7%). Dale Murphy 106 (18.6%). Mark McGwire 96 (16.9%). Don Mattingly 75 (13.2%). Sammy Sosa 71 (12.5%). Rafael Palmeiro 50 (8.8%).

By receiving fewer than 29 votes (less than 5 percent), Bernie Williams 19 (3.3%). Kenny Lofton 18 (3.2%). Sandy Alomar Jr. 16 (2.8%). Julio Franco 6 (1.1%). David Wells 5 (0.9%). Steve Finley 4 (0.7%). Shawn Green 2 (0.4%). Aaron Sele 1 (0.2%). Jeff Cirillo 0. Royce Clayton 0. Jeff Conine 0. Roberto Hernandez 0. Ryan Klesko 0. Jose Mesa 0. Reggie Sanders 0. Mike Stanton 0. Todd Walker 0. Rondell White 0 and Woody Williams 0 are no longer eligible for election by the BBWAA.

NBA DL

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	11	5	.688	—
Tulsa	9	7	.563	2
Sioux Falls	10	8	.556	2
Rio Grande Valley	8	8	.500	3
Austin	8	9	.471	3 1/2
Iowa	6	10	.333	5 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Santa Cruz	9	5	.643	—
Bakersfield	11	7	.611	—
Los Angeles	6	8	.429	3
Reno	6	8	.429	3
Idaho	4	14	.222	7

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Erie	9	5	.643	—
Canton	11	8	.579	1/2
Maine	11	8	.579	1/2
Fort Wayne	8	10	.444	3
Springfield	5	11	.313	5

Wednesday's Scores
Fort Wayne 116, Rio Grande Valley 97
Springfield 101, Sioux Falls 73
Maine 131, Bakersfield 124
Erie at Reno, late

Today's Games
Tulsa at Fort Wayne. Noon
Santa Cruz at Canton, 2:45 p.m
Iowa at Austin, 5:30 p.m
Texas at Erie, 9 p.m

Golf

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders
Through Jan. 8

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1 Dustin Johnson	500	$1,140,000
2 Steve Stricker	300	$665,000
3 Brandt Snedeker	190	$432,000
4 Keegan Bradley	123	$304,000
4 Bubba Watson	123	$304,000
6 Rickie Fowler	95	$212,500
6 Tommy Gainey	95	$212,500
8 Carl Pettersson	85	$190,000
9 Matt Kuchar	78	$175,000
9 Ian Poulter	78	$175,000
11 Webb Simpson	68	$155,000
11 Mark Wilson	68	$155,000
13 J.J. Henry	56	$120,400
13 Scott Piercy	56	$120,400
13 Scott Stallings	56	$120,400
13 Johnson Wagner	56	$120,400
13 Nick Watney	56	$120,400
18 Jonas Blixt	51	$87,600
18 Ben Curtis	51	$87,600
18 Jason Dufner	51	$87,600
18 John Huh	51	$87,600
18 Zach Johnson	51	$87,600
23 Charlie Beljan	47	$73,000
23 Bill Haas	47	$73,000
23 Marc Leishman	47	$73,000
26 Hunter Mahan	45	$67,000
26 Ted Potter, Jr.	45	$67,000
28 George McNeill	43	$63,000
28 Ryan Moore	43	$63,000
30 Kyle Stanley	41	$61,000

PGA Tour Schedule
Today-Sunday — Sony Open, Waialae CC, Honolulu
Jan. 17-20 — Humana Challenge, PGA West (Palmer Private, Nicklaus Private), La Quinta CC, La Quinta, Calif
Jan. 24-27 — Farmers Insurance Open, Torrey Pines GC (North and South), San Diego
Jan. 31-Feb. 3 — Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Feb. 7-10 — AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, Monterey Peninsula (Shore Course), Pebble Beach, Calif.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	11	.676	
Brooklyn	20	15	.571	3 1/2
Boston	18	17	.514	5 1/2
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	9 1/2
Toronto	13	22	.371	10 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	10	.697	—
Atlanta	20	14	.588	3 1/2
Orlando	12	23	.343	12
Charlotte	9	25	.265	14 1/2
Washington	5	28	.152	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	21	14	.600	—
Chicago	19	14	.576	1
Milwaukee	18	16	.529	2 1/2
Detroit	13	23	.361	8 1/2
Cleveland	9	28	.243	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	10	.737	—
Memphis	22	10	.688	3
Houston	21	15	.583	6
Dallas	13	22	.371	13 1/2
New Orleans	10	25	.286	16 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	—
Denver	21	16	.568	7
Portland	19	15	.559	7 1/2
Utah	19	18	.514	9
Minnesota	16	18	.500	9 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	27	8	.771	—
Golden State	22	11	.667	4
L.A. Lakers	15	20	.429	12
Sacramento	13	22	.371	14
Phoenix	12	25	.324	16

Wednesday's Scores
Cleveland 99, Atlanta 83
Utah 112, Charlotte 102
Toronto 90, Philadelphia 72
Boston 87, Phoenix 79
Milwaukee 104, Chicago 96
New Orleans 88, Houston 79
Oklahoma City 106, Minnesota 84
San Antonio 108, L.A. Lakers 105
Denver 108, Orlando 105
Memphis at Golden State, late
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 9:30 p.m

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 108, LAKERS 105
L.A. LAKERS (105): Bryant 10-24-4-7-27. World Peace 10-22-0-2-23. Sacre 2-9-0-4. Nash 6-12-2-14. Morris 1-2-0-2-2. Meeks 4-9-0-8. Meeks 1-3-0-2. Duhon 1-2-0-3. Clark 9-12-3-4-22. Totals 44-95-9-15-105.
SAN ANTONIO (108): Leonard 2-7 1-1 11. Duncan 4-13 0-0 8. Splitter 5-7 4-4 14. Parker 10-16-4-5-24. Green 2-4-0-0-6. Diaw 0-2-0-0. Ginobili 6-14-5-6-19. Jackson 5-9-0-0-14. Neal 5-12-0-0-12. Totals 41-84 14-16-108. **L.A. Lakers** 17 28 30 30 — 105. **San Antonio** 34 31 23 — 108

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 8-27 (Bryant 3-8, World Peace 3-8, Duhon 1-2, Clark 1-3, Meeks 0-1, Jamison 0-5), San Antonio 12-25 (Jackson 4-6, Green 2-3, Leonard 2-4, Neal 2-5, Ginobili 2-7). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 51 (Clark 13), San Antonio 51 (Splitter 14). Assists—L.A. Lakers 22 (Nash 9), San Antonio 25 (Parker 8). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 14, San Antonio 14. Technicals—Bryant, Duhon, Morris, Jackson 2. Ejected—Jackson A—18,581 (18,581).

NORTHWEST DIVISION

HORNETS 88, ROCKETS 79
HOUSTON (79): Harden 3-10 0-0 0-8. Morris 2-6 1-2 7. Asik 4-6 0-0 8. Lin 4-12 0-0 9. Harden 9-18 5-6 25. Patterson 3-8 0-0 6. Dalembert 3-10 2-8. Douglas-Roberts 2-4 3-3 7. G.Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-75 10-13 79.
NEW ORLEANS (88): Aminu 2-7 0-0 4. Davis 3-5 0-0 6. Ariza 5-9 2-2 14. Vasquez 7-13 1-2 17. Gordon 2-12 1-2 5. Rivers 0-5 0-0 8. RaNandon 0-7 0-0 0. J.Smith 6-13 5-6 17. Roy 1-3 1-3 2. 4. Thomas 2-3 0-0 4. Mason 6-7 2-2 17. Totals 35-84 13-16 88.
Houston 22 14 33 10 — 79
New Orleans 18 16 25 29 — 88

3-Point Goals—Houston 9-27 (Morris 2-3, Harden 2-4, Delfino 2-6, Parsons 2-7, Lin 1-4, Douglas 0-1, Patterson 0-2), New Orleans 5-19 (Mason 3-3, Vasquez 2-3, Roberts 0-2, Rivers 0-3, Gordon 0-4, R.Anderson 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 41 (Patterson 10), New Orleans 53 (J.Smith, Aminu 10). Assists—Houston 15 (Lin 5), New Orleans 26 (Vasquez 11). Total Fouls—Houston 20, New Orleans 17. A—11,453 (17,188).

THUNDER 106, TIMBERWOLVES 84
MINNESOTA (84): Kirilenko 3-9 3-4 10. Cunningham 2-6 0-1 4. Pekovic 6-10 5-6 17. Ridnour 4-9 3-4 11. Shved 6-13 4-5 18. Williams 7-15 0-0 14. Rubio 0-3 0-0 0. Stiemsma 1-2 0-0 2. Hayward 2-4 4-4 8. Amundson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-72 19-24 84.
OKLAHOMA CITY (106): Durant 10-17 4-4 26. Ibaka 3-6 0-2 6. Perkins 1-2 0-2. Westbrook 7-14 6-7 23. Sefolosha 4-6 0-0 10. Collison 1-2 4-4 6. Martin 4-12 7-8 19. Thabeet 2-4 0-4. Jackson 3-7 0-0 6. Liggins 1-3 2-2 4. Maynor 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 36-76 23-27 106.
Minnesota 16 26 22 20 — 84
Oklahoma City 16 31 29 30 — 106

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 3-13 (Shved 2-5, Kirilenko 1-4, Williams 0-1, Pekovic 0-1, Ridnour 0-1, Hayward 0-1), Oklahoma City 11-20 (Martin 4-7, Westbrook 3-4, Sefolosha 2-2, Durant 2-4, Maynor 0-1, Jackson 0-1, Collison 0-1). Fouled Out—Stiemsma. Rebounds—Minnesota 43 (Williams 11), Oklahoma City 47 (Durant, Westbrook 8). Assists—Minnesota 21 (Rubio 7), Oklahoma City 19 (Westbrook 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 18, Oklahoma City 25. Technicals—Pekovic, Oklahoma City Coach Brooks. Ejected—Brooks. Ejected. Ibaka. Perkins. A—18,203 (18,203).

CELTICS 87, SUNS 79
PHOENIX (79): Tucker 4-12 0-0 9. Scola 6-14 4-7 16. Gortat 6-12 0-0 12. Dragic 4-11 4-4 12. Dudley 6-17 1-2 14. Morris 3-6 2-4 8. Brown 2-6 0-1 4. Telfair 0-0 0-0 0. O'Neal 1-4 0-0 2. Beasley 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-84 11-18 79.

BOSTON (87): Pierce 3-10 0-0 7. Bass 2-8 2-2 6. Garnett 5-11 0-0 10. Rondo 4-11 0-0 8. Bradley 4-9 0-0 9. Sullinger 6-10 0-0 12. Terry 6-8 0-0 13. Green 5-8 4-4 14. Lee 2-5 2-4 6. Barbosa 0-0 0-0 0. Collins 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 37-81 10-12 87.
Phoenix 24 17 23 15 — 79
Boston 23 30 14 20 — 87

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 2-12 (Tucker 1-3, Dudley 1-5, Dragic 0-2, Morris 0-2), Boston 3-14 (Pierce 1-3, Terry 1-3, Bradley 1-4, Lee 0-1, Green 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 55 (Gortat 14), Boston 49 (Sullinger 16). Assists—Phoenix 21 (DuDley, S. Brown 23 (Rondo 8). Total Fouls—Phoenix 18, Boston 15. Technicals—Tucker, Boston Kpach Rivers, Rondo. A—18,624 (18,624).

JAZZ 112, BOBCATS 102
UTAH (112): Kanu 3-6 0-0 6. Millsap 8-12 3-5 19. Jefferson 11-15 4-4 26. Tinsley 1-4 8-0 0-9. Foye 3-9 0-0 9. Favors 5-5 0-0 10. Hayward 4-10 2-2 14. Watson 0-1 1-2 1. Burke 4-9 4-5 12. Kanter 1-6 0-2. Evans 0-0 0-0. Murphy 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-82 14-21 112.
CHARLOTTE (102): Henson 2-6 1-2 5. Diaw 1-5. Thomas 0-4 0-0 0. Biyombo 0-1 0-0 0. Walker 6-12-1-3 14. Taylor 3-9 0-0 6. Haywood 1-4 0-2. Wright 4-10 0-0 10. Hairston 0-2 0-0 0. 4-4 14. Sessions 5-10 4-5 14. Gordon 8-16 2-4 20. Adrien 1-1 0-0 2. R.Williams 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 42-88 14-22 102.
Utah 27 36 27 22 — 112
Charlotte 20 24 29 29 — 102

3-Point Goals—Utah 12-20 (Hayward 4-5, Foye 3-6, Jefferson 2-3, Millsap 1-5, Watson 0-1, Jefferson 0-1, Burks 0-2), Charlotte 4-8 (Gordon 2-4, R.Williams 1-1, Walker 1-2, Taylor 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 50 (Jefferson 8), Charlotte 49 (Warnick, Kidd-Gilchrist 8). Assists—Utah 30 (Tinsley 8), Charlotte 26 (Walker 6). Total Fouls—Utah 22, Charlotte 20. Technicals—Sessions A—13,347 (19,077).

RAPTORS 90, 76ERS 72
PHILADELPHIA (72): Wright 2-4 3-4 7. Young 6-12 4-6 16. Allen 4-6 0-1 8. Holiday 7-18 2-4 16. Turner 4-15 1-2 10. Wilkins 2-6 0-4. Hawes 2-8 2-2 6. Ivey 1-2 0-0 3. N.Young 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 29-74 12-19 72.
TORONTO (90): Fields 5-10 0-0 10. Davis 6-14 1-2 17. Johnson 6-11 7-8 19. Calderon 7-12 0-0 14. DeRozan 8-15 3-3 19. Anderson 4-13 0-0 9. Lowry 1-2 0-0 2. Pietrus 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 39-80 11-13 90.
Philadelphia 19 18 21 11 — 72
Toronto 24 18 29 19 — 90

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 2-10 (Ivey 1-2, Turner 1-3, Wright 0-1, N.Young 0-1, Holiday 0-3), Toronto 1-11 (Anderson 1-4, Lowry 0-1, DeRozan 0-1, Pietrus 0-2, Calderon 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 51 (Hawes 10), Toronto 54 (Johnson 12). Assists—Philadelphia 15 (Turner 5), Toronto 26 (Calderon 11). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 14, Toronto 16. A—15,629 (19,800).

CAVALIERS 99, HAWKS 83
ATLANTA (83): Smith 8-16 0-2 17. Horford 7-18 0-0 14. Pachulia 4-7 0-0 8. Teague 7-11 1-1 15. Rover 4-8 0-0 12. Williams 2-6 0-0 5. Jenkins 2-7 0-0 5. Scott 1-2 0-0 2. Harris 0-2 0-0 0. Johnson 1-3 1-2 3. Petro 1-2 0-0 2. Toliver 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-84 2-5 83.

CLEVELAND (99): Gee 5-12 0-2 15. Thompson 5-11 1-1 11. Zeller 3-8 5-6 11. Irving 11-15 6-6 33. Walters 4-11 0-0 9. Jones 1-4 0-0 2. Livingston 4-6 0-1 8. Cassip 2-8 0-0 5. Pondexter 2-5 1-2 5. Leuer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-81 13-20 99.
Atlanta 28 12 23 20 — 83
Cleveland 29 20 26 24 — 99

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 7-22 (Korver 4-8, Jenkins 1-3, Williams 1-4, Smith 1-5, Teague 0-1, Harris 0-1), Cleveland 12-25 (Irving 5-8, Gee 5-9, Walters 1-2, Cassip 1-5, Pondexter 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 52 (Pachulia 10), Cleveland 49 (Thompson 14). Assists—Atlanta 19 (Teague 8), Cleveland 25 (Livingston 5). Total Fouls—Atlanta 17, Cleveland 13. A—13,149 (20,562).

BUCKS 104, BULLS 96
MILWAUKEE (104): Mbah a Moute 0-3 1-2 1. Ilyasova 4-10 0-4-5 13. Sanders 3-6 0-0 6. Jennings 12-24 6-7 35. Ellis 6-14-2-2 14. Dunleavy 6-11-0-0 16. Udoh 1-2-2-3 4. Udoh 5-8 0-0 10. Henson 2-6 1-2 5. Dalembert 0-0-0-0 0. Totals 39-84 16-21 104.
CHICAGO (96): Deng 7-14 4-7 18. Boozer 8-15 6-8 22. Noah 4-12 0-0 8. Robinson 8-17 0-0 19. Hamilton 2-10 0-4. Gibson 3-6 2-3 8. Belinelli 4-14 0-0 9. Mohammed 1-1 0-0 2. Nocioni 0-1 0-0 0. Butler 2-4-2-2 6. Totals 39-95 14-20 96.
Milwaukee 23 27 31 23 — 104
Chicago 33 24 23 16 — 96

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 10-22 (Jennings 5-10, Dunleavy 4-5, Ilyasova 1-4, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Ellis 0-2), Chicago 4-10 (Robinson 2-3, Belinelli 1-2, Noah 0-1, Deng 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 55 (Sanders 12), Chicago 57 (Noah 12). Assists—Milwaukee 21 (Jennings 8), Chicago 23 (Robinson 6). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 18, Chicago 18. Technicals—Robinson A—21,570 (20,917).

NUGGETS 108, MAGIC 105
ORLANDO (105): Jones 5-7 0-0 11. Nicholson 6-10 0-0 12. Vucevic 5-9 0-0 10. Nelson 8-18 3-3 20. Affalo 4-14 3-4 12. O'Quinn 2-2 0-4. Redick 5-13 3-3 17. Smith 2-5 0-0 4. Harkless 4-7 0-0 9. McRoberts 3-8 0-0 6. Totals 44-93 9-10 105.
DENVER (108): Gallinari 5-10 3-4 15. Faried 7-10 5-7 19. Koufos 1-4 0-2 2. Lawson 7-19 4-5 19. Iguodala 4-13 2-4 11. Brewer 7-13 2-6 16. McGee 4-6 4-6 12. Mozgov 1-2 0-0 2. Fournier 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-94 22-36 108.
Orlando 30 25 22 28 — 105
Denver 22 31 31 24 — 108

3-Point Goals—Orlando 8-24 (Redick 4-8, Jones 1-1, Harkless 1-2, Nelson 1-5, Affalo 1-5, McRoberts 0-3), Denver 4-12 (Gallinari 2-5, Lawson 1-2, Iguodala 1-3, Fournier 0-1, Brewer 0-1). Fouled Out—Vucevic. Affalo. Rebounds—Orlando 49 (Vucevic 14), Denver 58 (Faried 19). Assists—Orlando 21 (Nelson 6), Denver 24 (Lawson 8). Total Fouls—Orlando 27, Denver 7. Technicals—Nelson. A—Miller A—15,084 (19,155).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Houston 78, SMU 67
Oklahoma St. 63, TCU 45
Southern Miss. 75, Rice 52
Texas A&M 69, Arkansas 51
West Virginia 57, Texas 53, OT
MIDWEST
Akron 65, W. Michigan 43
Ball St. 60, E. Michigan 58
Cent. Michigan 73, Bowling Green 67
Evansville 62, N. Iowa 59
Green Bay 58, Loyola of Chicago 45
Indiana St 68, Bradley 53
Kansas 97, Iowa St. 89 OT
Michigan 62, Nebraska 47
N. Illinois 72, Miami (Ohio) 61
Ohio 86, Buffalo 68
Toledo 70, Kent St 58
Utah Valley 78, UMKC 66
Valparaiso 75, Ill.-Chicago 70
W. Illinois 95, Greenville 48
Wichita St 82, S. Illinois 76
Wright St 69, Cleveland St 53
FAR WEST
Air Force 78, Nevada 65
SOUTH
Austin Peay 84, Morehead St 81, OT
Boston College 86, Virginia Tech 75
Campbell 83, Longwood 73
Charleston Southern 75, Winthrop 63
Charlotte 74, La Salle 65
Coastal Carolina 61, Presbyterian 43
E. Kentucky 77, Murray St 65
Florida 77, Georgia 44
Florida St 65, Maryland 62
Gardner-Webb 78, UNC Asheville 71
James Madison 78, UNC Wilmington 50
Marshall 79, Tulsa 61
Memphis 67, East Carolina 54
Mississippi 92, Tennessee 74
Mississippi St 56, South Carolina 54
NC State 83, Georgia Tech 70
Radford 59, High Point 54
Richmond 64, Rhode Island 61
UCF 64, UAB 48
UNC Greensboro 86, Lees-McRae 47
UTEP 66, Tulane 57
VCU 74, Dayton 62
VMI 82, Liberty 69
Villanova 61, South Florida 53
EAST
Butler 72, Saint Joseph's 66
Delaware 69, Hofstra 54
Fordham 82, Duquesne 75
George Washington 78, St. Bonaventure 59
Hartford 68, Maine 61
Louisville 73, Seton Hall 58
Rutgers 58, St. John's 56
Stony Brook 62, Binghamton 37
Syracuse 72, Providence 66
Towson 99, William & Mary 86, 2OT

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
HOUSTON 78, SMU 67
SMU (10-7): Williams 0-2-0-0. Cunningham 3-8 0-0 7. Manuel 4-11 1-3 9. Russell 12-0-0 14. Jones 10-21 2-3 22. Ofoegbu 1-1 2-2 4. Gates 0-0-0-0. Bernard 3-9-0-0 8. Wilson 0-0-0-0. Dickerson 1-1-1-2 3. Totals 28 65 6-10 67
HOUSTON (12-2): House 7-11 13-17 28. Thomas 3-11 0-2 6. Young 8-16 3-3 20. Morris 0-0-0-0. Thompson 1-4 3-4 5. Jones 1-2 0-0 3. Womack 1-1-0-0 2. Gibson 2-5 4-6 8. Hamilton 2-5 0-0 5. Richardson 0-0-0-0. Totals 25-46 23-33 78
Halftime—SMU 36-32. 3-Point Goals—SMU 5-17 (Russell 2-5, Bernard 2-8, Cunningham 1-1, Jones 0-1), Houston 0-1 (Williams 0-1). Houston 5-15 (Stiggers 2-6, House 1-2, Jones 1-2, Young 1-4, Thompson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—SMU 36 (Jones 13), Houston 39 (Gibson 14). Assists—SMU 10 (Manuel 4), Houston 14 (Thomas 7). Total Fouls—SMU 25, Houston 15. A—3,123.

SOUTHERN MISS. 75, RICE 52
SOUTHERN MISS. (12-4): Boardingham 6-9 4-6 16. Mills 3-5 2-2 8. Davis 5-7 0-11. Watson 4-5 0-0 9. Brooks 5-7 0-0 11. Jenkins 1-1 0-0 3. McGill 0-1 0-0 0. Edwin 0-1 0-2 0. Carey 1-1 0-0 2. Chapman 0-0 0-0 0. Robins 0-0 0-0 0. Craig 7-9 1-1 15. Totals 32-46 7-12 75
RICE (3-11): Wilson 2-3 0-4. DeBose 4-7 0-0 10. Gearhart 0-5 2-2. Guercy 1-6 0-0 3. Jackson 5-13 3-4 13. Washington 1-2 1-2 4. Peera 0-0 0-0 0. Franshaw 0-1 0-0 0. Ramjek 5-11 0-0 14. Firozgary 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 18-48 8-10 52
Halftime—Southern Miss. 32-22. 3-Point Goals—Southern Miss. 4-8 (Watson 1-1, Jenkins 1-1, Davis 1-2, Brooks 1-2, Boardingham 0-1, McGill 0-1), Rice 8-27 (Ramjak 4-9, DeBose 2-4, Washington 1-1, Guercy 1-4, Gearhart 0-4, Jackson 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Southern Miss. 32 (Craig 8), Rice 16 (Jackson 6). Assists—Southern Miss. 19 (Brooks, Watson 4), Rice 13 (Gearhart, Jackson, Washington 3). Total Fouls—Southern Miss. 17, Rice 11. A—1,411.

OKLAHOMA ST. 63, TCU 45
TCU (9-6): Crossland 0-4-1-2 1. Abron 0-3-0-0. Green 8-15-1-2 20. Anderson 3-10-2-10. Butler Lind 1-4 0-0 2. Hill Jr. 2-3 0-0 5. Smith III 0-0 0-0 0. McKinney 3-8 1-3 7. Zurcher 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-47 5-9 45
OKLAHOMA ST. (11-3): Nash 6-10 1-2 13. Murphy 2-3 0-0 4. Jurick 3-3 0-0 6. Brown 5-11 3-4 14. Smart 5-5 4-5 14. Gardner 0-1 0-0. Forte 1-7 2-2 5. Sager 0-1 0-0 0. Cobbins 3-7 1-2 7. Totals 25-48 11-15 63
Halftime—Oklahoma St. 36-22. 3-Point Goals—TCU 1-14 (Green 1-5, Anderson 0-1, Hill Jr. 1-2), Oklahoma St. 2-8 (Brown 1-2, Forte 1-5, Nash 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—TCU 37 (McKinney 6), Oklahoma St. 40 (Jurick 10). Assists—TCU 7 (Anderson 3), Oklahoma St. 14 (Brown 5). Total Fouls—TCU 14, Oklahoma St. 13. A—7,502

UTEP 66, TULANE 57
UTEP (7-6): J.Washburn 5-13-2-12. Bishannon 2-3 1-2 5. Steele 3-6 2-3 12. McMoore 3-5 3-6 9. Tucker 4-9 2-2 14. Ragland 1-3 0-0 2. Cooper 1-1 0-0 2. Lang 4-6 0-1 8. Washburn 1-2 2-2 4. Rios 2-4 4-8 12. Totals 26-66 14-28 66.
TULANE (12-4): Davis 3-12 3-5 9. Timmons 3-10 1-4 8. Dryer 4-6 1-2 9. Tarrant 5-15 7-8 18. Zeigler 2-6 0-0 5. Dabney 0-1 0-0 0. Cherry 2-4 0-0 4. Mack 0-0 0-0 0. Thomas 1-1 0-0 2. Hook 0-1-1-2 1. Bruha 0-2-1-2 1. Totals 20-66 7-12 57.
Halftime—UTEP 28-26. 3-Point Goals—UTEP 6-13. Tucker 4-7. Streeter 2-4. McMoore 0-1. J.Washburn 0-1. Tulane 3-14. Timmons 1-2. Callahan 1-4. Tarrant 1-6. Cherry 0-2. Fouled Out—J.Washburn. Lang. Rebounds—UTEP 38 (McMoore 9). Tulane 36 (Davis, Dryer 9). Assists—UTEP 15 (Streeter 6). Tulane 7 (Callahan 3). Total Fouls—UTEP 18. Tulane 18. Technical—Bishannon. A—2,029.

TEXAS A&M 69, ARKANSAS 51
ARKANSAS (9-5): Wade 3-6 1-3 7. Scott 2-3 0-3 4. Young 6-12 1-2 13. Mickenson 2-6 0-3 4. Powell 0-2 0-0 0. Madden 2-2 0-2 4. Clarke 2-7 1-4 5. Bell 3-7 0-0 9. Gurley 0-1 0-0 0. Hargrove 1-3 0-0 2. Williams 0-1 1-3 1. Wagner 0-0 0-0 0. Qualls 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 22-52 4-15 51.
TEXAS A&M (13-3): Reese 7-5 0-0 2. Harris 3-7 10-10 17. E. Turner 6-12 0-0 15. Roberson 3-6 7-12 13. R. Turner 4-8 1-2 9. Young 0-5 2-2 2. Green 3-5 0-2 7. Caruso 1-2 4 Jaime 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 21-58 22-27 59.
Halftime—Texas A&M 29-24. 3-Point Goals—Arkansas 3-15 (Bell 3-6, Gurley 0-1, Mickelson 0-1, Young 0-1, Qualls 0-1, Haydar 0-2, Wade 0-3), Texas A&M 5-16 (E. Turner 3-6, Caruso 1-3, Harris 1-3, Green 0-2, Reese 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Arkansas 27 (Mickelson 5). Texas A&M 51 (Roberson 12). Assists—Arkansas 10 (Young 3). Texas A&M 11 (Reese 3). Total Fouls—Arkansas 24, Texas A&M 18. A—5,539

WEST VIRGINIA 57, TEXAS 53, OT
WEST VIRGINIA (8-6): Rutledge 1-3 1-1 3. Noreen 1-2 2-4 5. Staten 2-6 0-0 4. Hinds 4-18 2-4 11. Henderson 1-6 0-0 2. Harris 1-6 0-0 3. Kelly 2-7 4-6 8. Browne 3-8 3-5 9. Murray 4-6 4-6 12. Miles 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-62 16-26 57.
TEXAS (8-7): Bond 0-0 0-2 0. Holmes 5-8 0-1 12. Pappagiotou 0-4 1-2 1. Felix 5-11 0-3 11. Lewis 4-13 0-0 9. McClellan 2-13 5-10 9. Holland 0-1 0-0 0. Lammert 1-2 1-1 3. Ibe 2-3 3-5 7. Ridley 0-1 0-4 1. Totals 19-55 11-25 53
Halftime—Texas 24-21. End Of Regulation—Tied 50. 3-Point Goals—West Virginia 3-20 (Noreen 1-2, Harris 1-3, Hinds 1-7, Murray 0-1, Browne 0-3,

Competition heats up for starting spots at Lee

By Len Hayward
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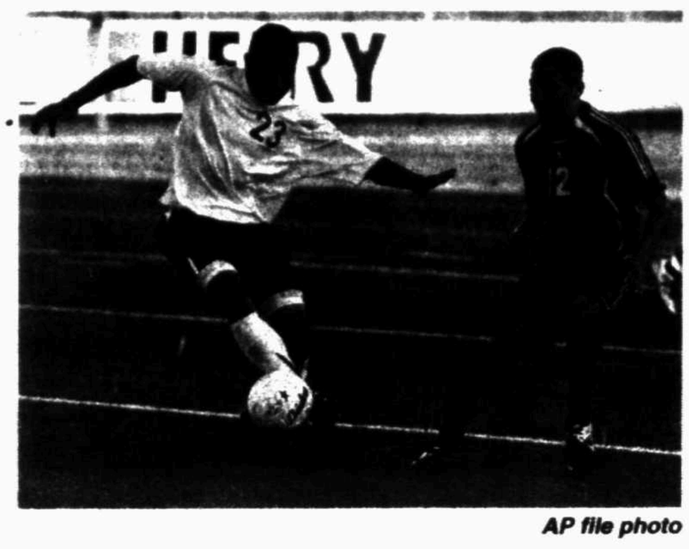
The Lee boys soccer team was in a comfort zone at this time last year.

The Rebels were a senior-heavy team where most positions were set, and co-head coach Scott Hicks said it was almost a "status quo" for the team.

This year, those seniors are gone, and from the time workouts started last month, the competition for positions and playing time has been heated — and it's refreshing for both Hicks, co-head coach Chris Bryant and the players.

"We are hungry, and we practice like it, too," said senior midfielder Reilly Gwin. "Everybody realized it's a week-to-week competition for your spot, and that just makes us go harder in practice and in games."



AP file photo

Lee High's Alex Bell tries to control the ball as an Abilene High player defends at Grande Communication Stadium in February 2012.

Hicks said the best part for him and Bryant is to see the daily competition for playing time during training. That consistent competition is something that Hicks said will only help the team in the long run.

"Last year, we kind of had a set team and we had a lot of experience," Hicks said. "Right now, every day is a new day, and everything is wide open. The kids have the opportunity to fight for positions. Last year, with so many kids coming back, it was of a status quo deal, and that may have hurt us."

Hicks said he hopes to have a solid starting lineup in place early in the District 2-5A season, but he said the competition will likely continue throughout the year, and Gwin and the rest of the players are OK with that.

"We know they have big plans for us," Gwin said. "We are just going to all out and do our best."

The Rebels are coming off an 8-11-2 season where they finished second in District 3-5A but were ousted in the first round of the playoffs by Arlington Sam Houston. That disappointment still lingers for the players that returned, but what also motivates this year's team is the football team missing the playoffs again in the fall.

Seven players on this year's varsity soccer roster played varsity football for the Rebels this past fall, and most will see significant playing time this year on the soccer pitch. Put those two disappointments together, and the Rebels have plenty to push them this season.

"We can use a lot of the skills we've learned on the football field, as far as being aggressive and tough," Gwin said. "You've got to have that mindset, and it's what helps us in this sport also."

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2013 Lee Boys Soccer Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Class
1	Dominic Carrillo	MF	So.
3	Nathan Ortiz	F	Fr.
4	Jason McAfee	D	Sr.
5	Alan Avila	MF	So.
7	Reid Longabaugh	F/GK	So.
8	Ryan Knitte	D	Sr.
9	Cesar Gonzalez	MF	Jr.
10	Felipe Briseteno	MF	Sr.
11	Reilly Gwin	MF	Sr.
13	Logan Vitello	MF	Jr.
14	Justin Marquez	MF	Jr.
15	Brandon Phillips	MF	Sr.
16	Tre Sanchez	MF	Fr.
17	Donovan Valdez	D	So.
18	Omar Alvidrez	D	Jr.
20	Daniel Cooley	MF	Sr.
21	Darius Strambler	F	Jr.
22	Eduardo Diaz	GK	Sr.
23	Alex Bell	F	Jr.
24	Juan Baeza	GK	Jr.
25	Talmage Cockrell	GK	Sr.

Lee Boys Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 10-12	Forney Tournament	
Jan. 18-19	President's Cup	
Jan. 26	Lubbock Coronado	2 p.m.
Jan. 29	at San Angelo Central	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	Odessa High	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Amarillo Tascosa	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	Abilene High	2 p.m.
Feb. 12	Abilene Cooper	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Midland High	2 p.m.
Feb. 19	Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Lubbock Coronado	2 p.m.
March 2	at Odessa High	2 p.m.
March 5	San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.
March 9	at Abilene High	2 p.m.
March 12	Amarillo Tascosa	7 p.m.
March 16	at Abilene Cooper	2 p.m.
March 19	at Odessa Permian	7 p.m.
March 23	Midland High	2 p.m.

Lady Rebs boast several seniors ready for success

By Len Hayward
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Brian Pollard began the process of rebuilding the Lee girls soccer program shortly after he took over more than four years ago.

Now, as Pollard begins his fourth season as the head coach, his first group of freshmen is in its final year in the program as seniors, and that might be the right formula for the Lady Rebels to return to the playoffs after a year absence.

This year's Lee squad has 12 seniors on the roster, and many of them have been playing on the varsity for three or four years. That kind of experience could be important as the Lady Rebels open the season this week.

"They know me really well by now, and I know them, and maybe it will make a difference in wins and losses," Pollard said. "A lot of my seniors are three and four year returners, and they are just kind of an extension of me. I can be running a drill on this side and have them running a drill on the other side, and I know it's still going to be highly competitive and getting done what they need to be doing."

Pollard

Along with all those seniors, the Lee roster is dotted with juniors, sophomores and even a freshman, and Pollard said the chemistry of the group has been good from the start of workouts.

He said, though, that this year's group has been focused on the next day's practice, or the next game, as opposed to looking too far ahead. Last season, Pollard said the squad's slow start to the district season might have been because the team was looking too far ahead.

"Right now we are worrying about one game at a time as opposed to the big picture," Pollard said. "I think that might have been our problem last year, and I think we kind of believed how good we should've been, and not just trying to focus on one game and one day."

That day-to-day approach will be apparent early in the season as Pollard said he is still working to determine a solid starting lineup. The Lady Rebels will have key players such as seniors Tori Rackow and Erin Cumbest, and junior Deo'nna Calhoun back, but he said that who will play where will be determined during the next few weeks of tournament games.

But having that kind of competition for spots could be good for the team, Pollard said.

"I've got six or seven games before district, and hopefully I will get something somewhat set," Pollard said. "We've got 13 or 14 girls that can start, but our formations and our lineups are likely to change. It's a nice problem to have for me, and it's extra motivation for them."

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Roster and schedule

2013 Lee Girls Soccer Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Class
00	Stephanie Gonzalez	GK	Jr.
1	Morgan Barr	GK	So.
2	Tori Rackow	F	Sr.
3	Deo'nna Calhoun	F	Jr.
5	Bree Ramos	MF	So.
8	Mia Garcia	MF	Jr.
9	Andrea Gaither	MF	Fr.
10	Chaselynn Richardson	D	So.
11	Amanda Peterson	D	Sr.
12	Heather Nutt	D	Sr.
14	Vanessa Garcia	MF	Sr.
15	Samantha Carrillo	D	So.
22	Ashley Lopez	D	Jr.
23	Erin Cumbest	MF	Sr.
24	Candace Stark	MF	Sr.
26	Shelby Corff	D	So.
27	Nicole Greenfield	MF	Sr.
28	Abby Ramirez	MF	Sr.
29	Maria Gil	MF	Sr.
22	Tania Burciaga	D	Sr.
23	Jessilyn Penick	F	Sr.
24	Alyssa Carr	D	Sr.
28	Cassidy Ryan	MF	Sr.

Lee Girls Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 10-12	Emily Hunter Tournament	
Jan. 17-19	Raider Invitational	
Jan. 26	Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
Jan. 29	at San Angelo Central*	5 p.m.
Feb. 2	Odessa High*	Noon
Feb. 9	Abilene High*	Noon
Feb. 12	Abilene Cooper*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Midland High*	Noon
Feb. 19	Odessa Permian*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
March 2	at Odessa High*	Noon
March 5	San Angelo Central*	5:30 p.m.
March 9	at Abilene High*	Noon
March 12	Amarillo Tascosa*	5:30 p.m.
March 16	at Abilene Cooper*	Noon
March 19	at Odessa Permian*	Noon
March 23	Midland High*	Noon

All home games at Grande Communications Stadium

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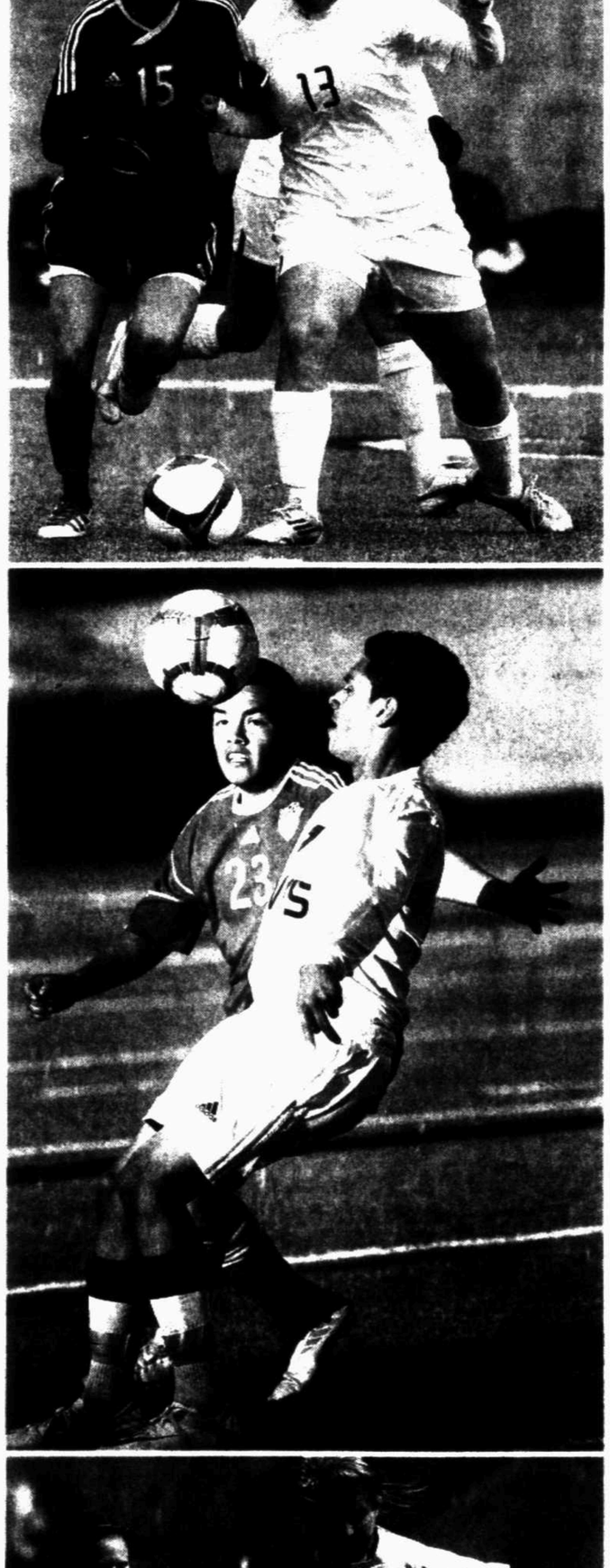

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ABOVE: Lee High's Erin Cumbest fights for the ball with Permian's Emily Morris in February 2012.

MIDDLE: Midland High's Ethan Baltier tries to control the ball as Odessa High's Jose Cortez attempts to steal it in March 2012.

BOTTOM: Midland High's Meagan Martin tries to control the ball as Abilene Cooper's Devan Forbes gives chase in February 2012.

Missed playoff spot in 2012 inspires Dawgs

By Len Hayward
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The work for the Midland High boys soccer team to return to the playoffs this year after missing last season actually began late last season.

The Bulldogs were in the hunt for a postseason spot until the final day of the season. Midland High players focused on finishing the season on a solid note, but the disappointment of not qualifying for the playoffs started burning as soon as last year's season finale ended.

As the Bulldogs prepare for their season-opening tournament this week in Fort Worth, the team has already found chemistry it didn't have at this time a season ago.

Cottle

"I just felt like last year we weren't connecting like we are this year with this team, we seem to be all together right now," said senior midfielder Ethan Baltier. "We are all getting along, and we know how to play, and you can tell it's different from last year."

Even coach Warren Cottle said he saw a determination from the team early in the offseason program, and that only carried on through to the official start of workouts in December.

But the Bulldogs are coming off an 11-11-2 season where they finished fifth in the district standings and never strung together enough wins or ties to accumulate the points needed to move up the standings.

Those missed opportunities are something that could motivate the team this season, and Cottle said he has seen few, if any, letdowns from his team during workouts.

"Usually in training you have times when kids let down, and we've had some but not as much as normal," said Cottle, who begins his seventh season at MHS. "Even in those times (when they have letdowns) they find a way to push through. A lot of times with this high school thing you practice for months and never play anybody, but the intensity has been up and it's been very good."

It's that intensity that may carry this team back to the playoffs this season.

"We already know what it feels like to lose because of last year," said senior midfielder Stephen Reid. "Everybody doesn't want that to happen, and we have the intensity to come back. We picked it up at the end of last year and I think it's going to carry over into this year."

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Roster and schedule

2013 Midland High boys roster

No.	Name
0	Upton Sewell
1	Joey Vargas
2	Marcus Davis
3	Cristian Chavez
4	Timothy Dent
5	Barton Conner
6	Ricky Munoz
7	Ethan Baltier
8	James Behrmann
9	Stephen Reid
10	Francisco Rodriguez
11	Michael Barden
12	Isaac Venegas
13	Hector Francino
14	Nicholas Adams
17	Hean Lujan
18	Michael Iaquaniello
19	Kenneth Dowdy
21	Allan Aguilar
22	Jason Carter
23	Alex VonHolle

Midland High Boys Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 10-12	Keller Tournament	
Jan. 18-19	President's Cup	
Jan. 22	Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Odessa Permian*	2 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Lubbock Coronado*	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Odessa High*	2 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Amarillo Tascosa*	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	Lee*	2 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Abilene Cooper*	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	Odessa Permian*	2 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Abilene High*	7 p.m.
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March 9	Odessa High*	2 p.m.
March 12	at San Angelo Central*	7 p.m.
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March 19	Abilene Cooper*	7:30 p.m.
March 23	Lee*	2 p.m.

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program. They come out and hang out in the office whenever they get there early, and our relationship between us is awesome."

Dunlevy turned Greenville into a playoff team during his two years, but he said he knows he's taking over a program that doesn't just make playoff appearances but wins district titles and has state tournament aspirations. The Lady Bulldogs were 19-7-1, advancing to the regional quarterfinals.

He found out early on, though, that the rumors he'd heard about the program being filled with privileged players who were hard to deal with wasn't true, and the support he's received from the booster club, parents and the administration has made his transition to the job that much easier.

Now it's a matter of convincing the players they can be that team to win one of the state's toughest girls soccer regions.

"Whenever I came in, I told them, 'You guys are good, nobody doubts that at all,'" Dunlevy said. "But I think this group has the ability to be a great team, and that's what we've been working to: being that great team."

Becoming that great team is what Scribner and senior defender and team captain Channing Harrell have also been working toward. They have felt the sting of playoff defeats the past few years, and they both admit Dunlevy's tactical system is different.

But what they see is a coach that could be at Midland High for the long haul, and one who has adapted to the players by doing such things as using text messaging Scribner and Harrell with info, and then they relay it to the rest of the team.

They also see a coach that might be the one to take them to heights they've been striving for over the years.

"He is always positive, and he never has anything negative to say," said Harrell, who is a defender and one of the team's captains. "Compared to Greenville, he said he just has more opportunities and just more chances to do what he wants to do."

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Midland High Girls Soccer Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Class
0	Whitney Siegler	GK	Jr.
1	Caitlyn Terebesey	GK	So.
2	Anne Bergman	MF	Sr.
3	Hope Barnett	D	So.
4	Blair Lewis	D	Sr.
5	Megan Hoppel	D	Sr.
6	Meagan Martin	D	Sr.
7	Vanessa Salazar	F	Jr.
8	Hayden Burdsal	MF	Fr.
9	Selena Campos-Mancha	F	Jr.
10	Nicole Hartzoge	D	Jr.
11	Sara Torres	MF	So.
14	Channing Harrell	D	Sr.
15	Jamie Lujan	D	Fr.
16	Madison Scribner	MF	Sr.
17	Sarah Knox	MF	So.
18	Shelby Shelton	F	So.
19	Hannah Kirby	D	Sr.
20	Brianna Lopez	D	Sr.
21	Lourdes Aleman	MF	Jr.
22	Madison Morrow	MF	Sr.
23	Adrienne Almadova	F	Fr.
25	Sami Barr	MF	So.

Midland High Girls Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 10-12	Nolan Showcase	
Jan. 17-19	Byron Nelson Tournament	
Jan. 22	Abilene High*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Odessa Permian*	Noon
Feb. 2	at Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
Feb. 5	San Angelo Central*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Odessa High*	Noon
Feb. 12	at Amarillo Tascosa*	5 p.m.
Feb. 16	Lee*	Noon
Feb. 19	at Abilene Cooper*	5 p.m.
Feb. 23	Odessa Permian*	Noon
Feb. 26	at Abilene High*	5 p.m.
March 2	Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
March 9	Odessa High*	Noon
March 12	at San Angelo Central*	5 p.m.
March 16	Amarillo Tascosa*	Noon
March 19	Abilene Cooper*	5 p.m.
March 23	Lee*	Noon

All home games at Grande Communications Stadium

* Denotes District 2-5A Game

HALL

From 1C

talk about how great they were. ... I don't know how great some of these players up for election would've been without drugs. But to me, it's cheating."

At ceremonies in Cooperstown on July 28, the only inductees will be three men who died more than 70 years ago: Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert, umpire Hank O'Day and barehanded catcher Deacon White. They were chosen last month by the 16-member panel considering individuals from the era before integration in 1947.

"It is a dark day," said Jose Canseco, the former AL MVP who was among the first players to admit using steroids. "I think the players should organize some type of lawsuit against major league baseball or the writers. It's ridiculous. Most of these players really have no evidence against them. They've never tested positive or they've cleared themselves like Roger Clemens."

It was the eighth time the BBWAA failed to elect any players. There were four fewer votes than last year and five members submitted blank ballots.

"With 53 percent you can get to the White House, but you can't get to Cooperstown," BBWAA secretary-treasurer Jack O'Connell said. "It's the 75 percent that makes it difficult."

There have been calls for the voting to be taken away from the writers and be given to a more diverse electorate that would include players and broadcasters. The Hall says it is content with the process, which began in 1936.

"It takes time for history to sort itself out, and I'm not surprised we had a shutout today," Hall President Jeff Idelson said. "I wish we had an electee. I will say that, but I'm not surprised given how volatile this era has been in terms of assessing the qualities and the quantities of the statistics and the impact on the game these players have had."

Bonds, baseball's only seven-time Most Valuable Player, hit 762 home runs, including a record 73 in 2001. He was indicted on charges he lied to a grand jury in 2003 when he denied using PEDs, but a jury two years ago failed to reach a verdict on three counts he made false statements and convicted him on one obstruction of justice count, finding he gave an evasive answer.

"It is unimaginable that the best player to ever play the game would not be a unanimous first-ballot selection," said Jeff Borris, of the Beverly Hills Sports Council, Bonds' longtime agent.

Clemens, the only seven-time Cy Young Award winner, is third in career strikeouts (4,672) and ninth in wins (354). He was acquitted last year on one count of obstruction of Congress, three counts of making false statements to Congress and two counts of perjury, all stemming from his denials of drug use.

"To those who did take the time to look at the facts," Clemens said, "we very much appreciate it."

Sosa, eighth with 609 home runs, was among those who tested positive in MLB's 2003 anonymous survey, The New York Times reported in 2009. He told a congressional committee in 2005 that he never took illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

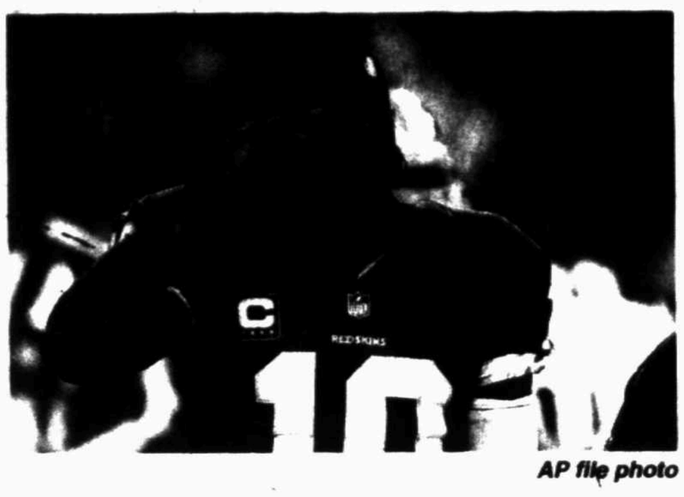
Since 1961, the only years the writers didn't elect a candidate had been when Yogi Berra topped the 1971 vote by appearing on 67 percent of the ballots cast and when Phil Niekro headed the 1996 ballot at 68 percent — both got in the following years. The other BBWAA elections without a winner were in 1945, 1946, 1950, 1958 and 1960.

Morris will make his final ballot appearance next year, when fellow pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine are eligible for the first time, along with slugger Frank Thomas.

"Next year, I think you'll have a rather large class, and this year, for whatever reasons, you had a couple of guys come really close," Commissioner Bud Selig said at the owners' meetings in Paradise Valley, Ariz. "This is not to be voted to make sure that somebody gets in every year. It's to be voted on to make sure that they're deserving. I respect the writers, as well as the Hall itself. This idea that this somehow diminishes the Hall of baseball is just ridiculous, in my opinion."

Doctor optimistic after RG3's surgery

By Joseph White
Associated Press



AP file photo

Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III salutes to the fans as he leaves the field with an injured knee Sunday.

WASHINGTON — If Adrian Peterson can do it, maybe Robert Griffin III can, too.

Peterson set an incredible standard this season for NFL players returning from major knee surgery, nearly breaking the NFL single-season rushing record. Griffin need look nowhere else for an inspiration as the Washington Redskins quarterback begins the road back from an operation Wednesday on two ligaments in his right knee.

"I think it gives motivation to everyone," said Russ Paine, a physical therapist in Houston who worked with the Peterson as the Minnesota Vikings running back went through rehab.

Griffin had his lateral collateral ligament repaired and his ACL reconstructed for a second time. The surgery was performed in Florida by orthopedist James Andrews, who was optimistic that Griffin would be back on the field this fall.

"We expect a full recovery, and it is everybody's hope and belief that due to Robert's high motivation, he will be ready for the 2013 season," Andrews said in a statement released by the Redskins. "The goal of his treatment is to give him the best opportunity for a long professional career."

But no two athletes — or knee surgeries, for that matter — are exactly alike, so pinning down a date for Griffin's return is an inexact science. Complicating matters is that Griffin tore the ACL in the same knee in 2009 while playing for Baylor.

University of Maryland head team physician Craig Bennett said football players typically need seven to 11 months to return from a second ACL reconstruction, but that it often takes up to a year for the ligament to be fully healed.

"Typically your first season back from an ACL reconstruction, there's a tendency to have some struggles from time to time," Bennett said.

That's what made Peterson so remarkable. He tore an ACL in late December 2011 and was the league's best back in 2012.

Paine said Peterson's focus and intensity in rehab and natural athletic gifts made the quick recovery possible. Many say Griffin has those same qualities, and he was sounding an upbeat tone on Twitter even before the surgery began early Wednesday morning.

"Thank you for your prayers and support. I love God, my family, my team, the fans, & I love this game. See you guys next season," Griffin tweeted.

While Griffin heals, the debate will continue as to whether he should have been on the field when he hurt the knee for a final time in the fourth quarter Sunday's playoff loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

Griffin reinjured his knee in the first quarter and was obviously hobbled, but he stayed in the game after convincing coach Mike Shanahan that all was OK.

"People can limp around; people can be hurting," Hall of Fame quarterback and ESPN analyst Steve Young said Wednesday. "Some of the great John Wayne hero things that have ever happened in football happened because people play hurt."

SCHAUB

From 1C

past five games.

Aside from the interception, Schaub was better against the Bengals as he completed 29 of 38 passes for 262 yards. He was helped by improved protection, and wasn't sacked after being taken down 12 times in the previous four games combined.

He knows they'll likely face a completely new look from New England's defense this time around.

"You've got to go in expecting a lot of different things," he said. "You've got to be prepared to handle a lot of different situations and circumstances, things that they can do because they do a lot. Being able to adjust in game will be important."

Along with taking advantage of opportunities in the red zone, Schaub knows another key to the game will be limiting penalties and turnovers against New England. He had an interception early in the last game against the Patriots that contributed to an early 14-0 deficit.

"The way they play, you can't have penalties and put yourself behind in the down and distance," he said. "You can't give them extra possessions by turning the football over. The way their offense is playing you have to expect them to score points, and (can't) give them extra opportunities with the ball."

Schaub, who has been criticized for not showing enough emotion at times, was animated when asked if the demeanor of the team changes this time of year.

"There's no tomorrow at this time of the season," he said. "If you want to move on, you've got to bring a sense of attitude and nastiness with you to go out and dominate your opponent on every play."

Hall of Famers happy to see Bonds, Clemens denied

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Keep all the cheaters out of our club.

That was the prevailing sentiment from several baseball Hall of Famers who were happy to see Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa excluded from the Cooperstown fraternity Wednesday.

"I'm kind of glad that nobody got in this year," former Detroit Tigers outfielder Al Kaline said. "I feel honored to be in the Hall of Fame. And I would've felt a little uneasy sitting up there on the stage, listening to some of these new guys talk about how great they were."

Goose Gossage went even further — he often does.

"I think the steroids guys that are under suspicion got too many votes," he said. "I don't know why they're making this such a question and why there's so much debate. To me, they cheated. Are we going to reward these guys?"

Not this year, at least.

Baseball writers pitched a Hall of Fame shutout for 2013, failing to elect anyone for only the second time in 42 years. Among those rejected were a trio of steroid-tainted stars in Bonds, Clemens and Sosa, all eligible for the first time.

Bonds received just 36.2 percent of the vote and Clemens 37.6 in results announced by the Hall and the Baseball Writers' Association of America, both well short of the 75 percent needed for election — yet still too close for Gossage's taste. Sosa, eighth on the career home run list, got 12.5 percent.

"Wow! Baseball writers make a statement," Hall of Fame reliever Dennis Eckersley wrote on Twitter. "Feels right."

The results keep the sport's career home run leader (Bonds) and most decorated pitcher (Clemens) out of Cooperstown — at least for now. Bonds, Clemens and Sosa have up to 14 more years on the writers' ballot to gain baseball's highest honor.

"If they let these guys in ever — at any point — it's a big black eye for the Hall and for baseball," Gossage said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "It's like telling our kids you can cheat, you can do whatever you want, and it's not going to matter."

Bonds, baseball's only seven-time MVP, hit 762 home runs — including a record 73 in 2001. He has denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs and was convicted of one count of obstruction of justice for giving an evasive answer in 2003 to a grand jury investigating PEDs.

Clemens, the game's lone seven-time Cy Young Award winner, is third in career strikeouts (4,672) and ninth in wins (354). He was acquitted of perjury charges stemming from congressional testimony during which he denied using PEDs.

"If you don't think Roger Clemens cheated, you're burying your head in the sand," Gossage said.

Sosa, who finished with 609 home runs, was among those who tested positive in MLB's 2003 anonymous survey, The New York Times reported in 2009. He told a congressional committee in 2005 that he never took illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

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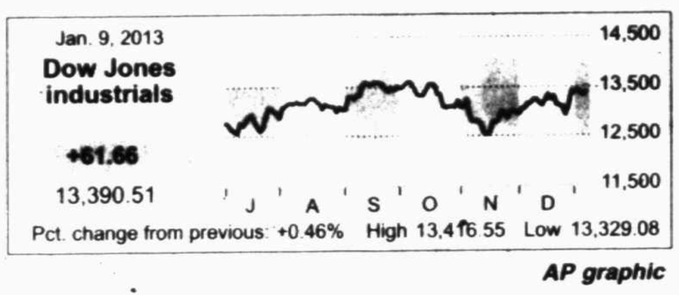

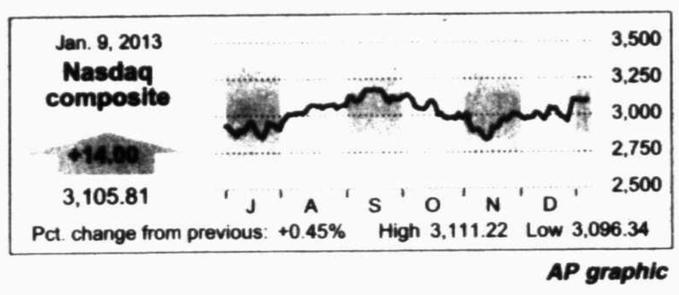

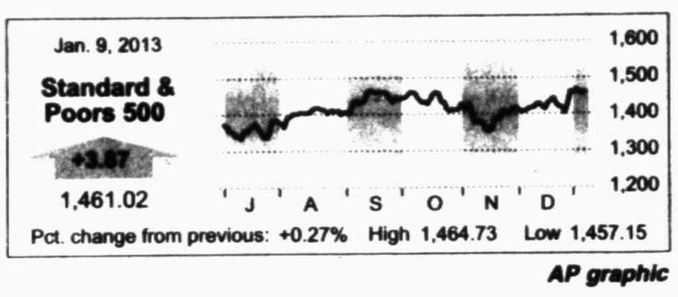

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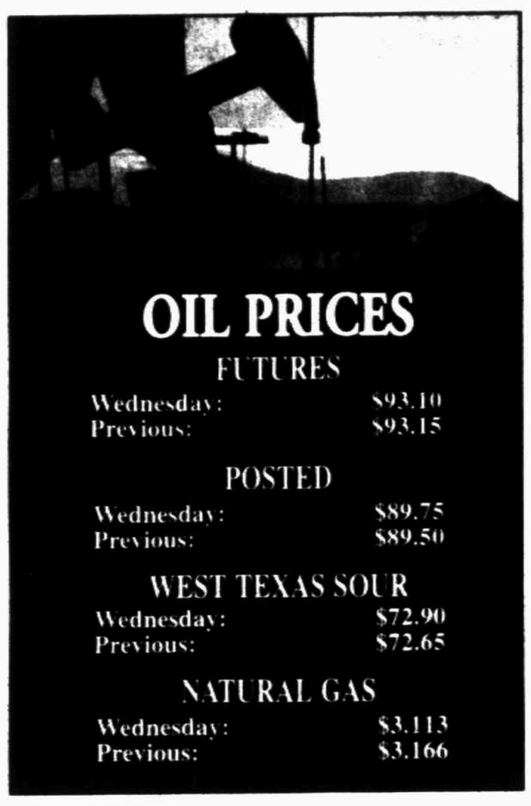

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $93.10
Previous: $93.15

POSTED

Wednesday: $89.75
Previous: $89.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $72.90
Previous: $72.65

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.113
Previous: $3.166

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	3073805	11.43	-.55
NokiaCp	914534	3.75	-.30
S&P500ETF	794044	145.92	+.37
SprintNex	606454	5.88	-.09
SPDR Fncl	476964	16.93	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ParagSh rs	4.42	+.77	+21.1
DagoNE rs	9.45	+1.25	+15.2
IFM Inv rs	2.50	+.30	+13.7
SemiMfg	3.05	+.34	+12.5
AltisResd n	17.83	+1.93	+12.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SantFn pfF	500.00	-555.00	-52.6
Mistras	21.11	-2.61	-11.0
CSVLgNGs	17.42	-1.88	-9.7
DougDyn	12.95	-1.19	-8.4
USPhysTh	25.38	-2.32	-8.4

DIARY

Advanced	2,053
Declined	978
Unchanged	124
Total issues	3,155
New Highs	303
New Lows	7
Volume	3,565,917,682

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChenereEn	46037	20.35	+.17
NA Pail g	36786	1.59	+.07
DensoNM g	22958	1.35	+.05
NwGold g	17767	10.58	-.20
NovaGld g	15534	4.89	+.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SaratogaRs	3.39	+.29	+9.4
TriangPet	6.29	+.45	+7.7
BioTime	4.18	+.30	+7.7
Richmnt g	3.23	+.21	+7.0
MastchH s	5.50	+.30	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Compx	13.55	-1.41	-9.4
MtnPDia g	4.32	-.35	-7.5
NMOPI	17.05	-.86	-4.8
Medgenics	7.10	-.32	-4.3
IncOpR	3.68	-.15	-3.9

DIARY

Advanced	261
Declined	165
Unchanged	36
Total issues	462
New Highs	13
New Lows	3
Volume	67,635,098

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook n	1020699	30.59	+1.53
SiriusXM	682513	3.12	-.02
Clearwire	453036	3.13	-.21
Microsoft	378929	26.70	+.15
Intel	339012	21.45	+.36

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Repros wtB	23.00	+10.39	+82.4
SyngyP un	14.85	+2.60	+21.2
IntactInt	39.02	+6.12	+18.6
CdnSolar	4.37	+.67	+18.1
CharmCom	4.91	+.67	+15.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WashFstBk	11.75	-2.25	-16.1
PeregrnP	2.96	-.27	-11.6
MagicJack	15.30	-2.01	-11.6
MTR Gam	4.02	-.37	-8.4
PlanetPay	3.35	-.29	-8.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,594
Declined	851
Unchanged	116
Total issues	2,561
New Highs	141
New Lows	5
Volume	1,660,749,603

Fund titans battle over Herbalife

By Andrew Ross Sorkin and Michael De La Merced
N.Y. Times News Service

The battle over Herbalife is becoming a clash of hedge fund titans.

Daniel S. Loeb's Third Point Management disclosed Wednesday that it had acquired more than 8.2 percent of the nutritional supplements company, or nearly 9 million shares, betting that they will go up. After the news was released, Herbalife's shares rose as much as 9 percent in morning trading and were trading up 5 percent midday.

That puts the voluble activist hedge fund magnate squarely at odds with his friend William A. Ackman, who has contended that Herbalife is "the best-managed pyramid scheme in the history of the world." Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management has sold short about 20 million shares, and he said recently that he had covered none of them thus far.

Loeb's disclosure comes the day before Herbalife is scheduled to make a major presentation to investors, its first big rebuttal of a three-hour broadside delivered by Ackman on Dec. 20. Loeb met with company executives soon after Ackman's campaign against Herbalife began, according to people briefed on the matter.

The looming battle between the two promises to be the biggest test yet for the 32-year-old company, which sells nutritional supplements and personal care products through networks of independent resellers who gain incentives by recruiting other resellers.

One blogger, John Hempton of Bronte Capital, has characterized the struggle over Herbalife as "the hedge fund equivalent of Stalingrad," as investors pile into the company's shares.

Some have sided with Ackman's contention that federal regulators will eventually rule Herbalife a pyramid scheme and shut it down. Shares in the company tumbled more than 30 percent in the four days after Ackman's presentation. And they had dropped earlier last year, after the prominent short-seller David Einhorn asked a few questions during an analyst call with company executives.

Ackman's major contention is that Herbalife distributors make more money from recruitment than from sales to customers outside the network. With few retail sales, he argues, the company qualifies as a pyramid scheme that the Federal Trade Commission is obligated to shut down.

Others think differently. Herbalife's stock is now up 2.7 percent since Dec. 20, suggesting a belief that Herbalife will weather its toughest storm yet.

Robert Chapman, the founder of Chapman Capital, wrote a blog post this month about why he has made a "monster" bet on Herbalife shares going up. He argued that the FTC was unlikely to take up Ackman's crusade and legally challenge the company's marketing tactics.

"Without the FTC taking injunctive actions against HLF," Chapman wrote, referring to Herbalife's stock ticker, "Ackman's crusade toward 'zero' is doomed."

Loeb appears inclined to agree that the FTC is not anywhere close to taking action. Herbalife has been around for 32 years, with little sign that regulators want to intervene.

Hasbro aims to jazz up Monopoly with new token

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The gig is almost up for one of the eight Monopoly tokens. But which will it be? Iron? Thimble? Top Hat?

Or another of their board game buddies?

Hasbro is holding a Facebook contest to eliminate one of the eight tokens that identify the players and introduce a new one. Possible new tokens include a cat, diamond ring, guitar, toy robot and helicopter

It's the latest effort by the toymaker to jazz up the game that debuted almost eight decades ago.

In recent years Hasbro introduced a version that replaces paper money with an electronic bank and another that incorporates an iPad. There is an app-only version of the game for smartphones and tablets.

Monopoly's tokens have actually changed quite a lot over the years. The original version also included a lantern, purse, cannon and a rocking horse. A horse and rider token was used in the 1950s. During World War II, metal tokens were replaced by wooden ones.

But this time, users have a say.

So if you are tired of the iron token and would rather be represented by a robot, here's your chance to make those wishes known. Beginning Tuesday, Facebook fans of monopoly can vote on which piece to eliminate and which one to add. The voting ends Feb. 5.

Up for elimination: all eight current tokens including a battleship, iron, racecar, Scottie dog, shoe, thimble, top hat and wheelbarrow. Most tokens were introduced with the first Parker Brothers iteration of the game in 1935, and the Scottie dog and wheelbarrow were added in the early 1950s.

Oil down slightly

The price of oil barely budged Wednesday, while natural gas plunged to the lowest level since late September.

Benchmark oil slipped 5 cents to end at $93.10 per barrel in New York trading. After rising on the year's first trading day following the resolution of a budget standoff in Washington, oil has been holding around $93.

That hasn't been the case with natural gas. The fuel has dropped 7 percent since the start of the year as forecasts point to warmer than expected weather in parts of the U.S. About half of the nation's households use natural gas for heat.

Natural gas futures closed down 10.5 cents, or 3.3 percent, to finish at $3.11 per 1,000 cubic feet. The price had been at or above $3.20 since Sept. 26.

Brent crude, used to price international varieties of oil, dropped 18 cents to end at $111.76 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Euro flat versus dollar

The euro was little changed against the dollar Wednesday ahead of a meeting of the European Central Bank.

The ECB is meeting today to set interest rates. Most economists don't expect the central bank to lower its rates.

The euro slipped to $1.3053 in late trading Wednesday from $1.3084 late Tuesday.

The British pound fell to $1.6016 from $1.6059.

The dollar rose to 87.75 Japanese yen from 87.19 Japanese yen, to 98.76 Canadian cents from 98.71 Canadian cents and to 0.9260 Swiss franc from 0.9239 Swiss franc.

Gold for February delivery fell $6.70 to $1,655.50 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $41.67 Down 0.37

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $84.80 Down 0.22

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $26.48 Up 0.20

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $20.47 Down 0.13

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $24.28 Down 0.22

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.00 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.13 Down 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	44	34.24	-.11	+1.6
AbbVie n	1.60	...	33.90	+.19	-.8
Abraxas	...	...	**2.28**	**+.01**	**+4.1**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	...	**10.93**	**+.03**	**+3.2**
AMD	...	...	2.63	-.04	+9.6
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.56	-.02	+12.2
Alcoa	.12	36	9.08	-.02	+4.6
AlonUSA	.16	29	17.28	-.25	-4.5
AlphaNRs	...	...	9.90	-.40	+1.6
AmIntfGrp	...	2	35.76	+.11	+1.3
Amgen	**1.88f**	**16**	**88.67**	**+.52**	**+2.9**
Anadarko	**.36**	...	**78.00**	**-.35**	**+5.0**
Apache	**.68**	**13**	**79.60**	**-.31**	**+1.4**
Apple Inc	10.60	12	517.10	-8.21	-2.8
ApldMatl	**.36**	**90**	**11.68**	**+.17**	**+2.1**
ArcelorMit	.20m	...	16.83	-.70	-3.7
ArenaPhm	...	...	9.83	-.28	+9.0
ATMOS	**1.40f**	**15**	**35.43**	**+.25**	**+.9**
AutoData	1.74f	21	59.11	-.14	+3.8
BP PLC	**1.92a**	**6**	**44.27**	**+.87**	**+6.3**
BabsCClnv	1.20a	...	16.67	+.10	+9.1
BakrHu	.60	13	42.41	+.05	+3.8
BcoSBrasil	.35e	...	7.81	+.50	+7.3
BkofAm	.04	30	11.43	-.55	-1.6
BanPVix rs	...	...	27.24	+.06	-14.4
BascEnSv	...	...	11.95	+.21	+4.7
BerkHa A	...	**1**	**140000.00**	**-1000.00**	**+4.4**
BerryPet	**.32**	...	**35.34**	**-.52**	**+5.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.48**	**17**	**37.93**	**+.33**	**+4.4**
BostonSci	...	...	6.28	+.16	+9.6
BrMySq	**1.40f**	**30**	**33.68**	**+.19**	**+4.5**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**24**	**63.05**	**-.61**	**+2.5**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**24**	**62.32**	**-.57**	**-1.5**
CVS Care	.90f	17	50.28	+.43	+4.0
Cameron	...	22	56.85	-.39	+.7
Caterpillar	2.08	10	94.44	+.44	+5.4
Celestic g	...	8	8.18	-.10	+.4
CntryLink	2.90	36	39.83	+.10	+1.8
ChesEng	.35	...	17.08	+.20	+2.8
Chevron	**3.60**	**9**	**109.54**	**+.28**	**+1.3**
Chicos	.21	17	17.73	-.57	-4.0
Cimarex	.48	14	60.18	-.96	+4.2
Cisco	.56	13	20.90	-.01	+3.3
Citigroup	.04	13	42.04	-.42	+6.3
ClayEng	...	**28**	**41.67**	**-.37**	**+4.2**
Clearwire	...	...	3.13	+.21	+8.3
CocaCola s	**1.02**	**19**	**37.03**	**-.01**	**+2.2**
ColgPal	**2.48**	**21**	**106.13**	**-.19**	**+1.5**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**19**	**30.40**	**+.25**	**+3.1**
ConchoRes	**...**	**19**	**84.80**	**-.22**	**+5.3**
ConocPhil s	**2.64**	**7**	**58.25**	**-.12**	**+.4**
Corning	.36f	10	12.40	-.08	-1.7
CrackerB	2.00	15	65.24	+.57	+1.5
CrosTim	**2.39e**	**11**	**28.30**	**-.17**	**+5.1**
DCP Mid	2.72f	...	41.85	-1.08	+.2
DTE	2.48	15	60.79	+.08	+1.2
Dataram h	...	...	.43	+.00	+29.4
Dawson	...	**19**	**26.48**	**+.20**	**+.4**
Dell Inc	.32	7	10.93	+.16	+7.8
DevonE	**.80**	**33**	**53.35**	**-.86**	**+2.5**
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Energen	.56	14	48.29	+.08	+7.1
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	45.04	-.02	+4.9
EnPro	...	**21**	**41.82**	**+.17**	**+1.8**
EntPrPt	2.60f	19	53.13	+.42	+6.1
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.87	-.13	-2.3
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FordM	.20	11	13.47	+.12	+4.0
ForestOil	...	10	6.69	-.40	...
FrozenFd	...	...	**.85**	...	**-4.5**
GATX	**1.20**	**18**	**45.61**	**+.71**	**+5.3**
GabMultT	**.80**	...	**8.30**	**+.05**	**+5.7**
GAInv	**2.00e**	...	**28.89**	**+.01**	**+3.8**
GenElec	**.76f**	**16**	**20.95**	**+.05**	**-.2**
GenMotors	...	11	29.97	+.60	+4.0
GtPlainEn	**.871**	**16**	**20.62**	**+.21**	**+1.5**
HalconR rs	...	...	7.71	+.36	+11.4
Halliblrtn	.36	11	36.48	+.29	+5.2
HittMgmt	...	11	9.14	-.08	-1.9
Heinz	**2.06**	**19**	**58.25**	**+.20**	**+1.0**
Herbalife	1.20	10	39.95	+1.60	+21.3
HewlettP	.53	...	15.85	+.46	+11.2
iShJapn	.19e	...	9.77	+.13	+.2
iShChina25	.94e	...	41.00	+.44	+1.4
iShEMkts	.74e	...	44.44	+.19	+.2
iShR2K	1.69e	...	87.27	+.42	+3.5
IntegrysE	2.72	17	53.28	-.19	+2.0
Intel	**.90**	**9**	**21.45**	**+.36**	**+4.0**
InterDig	.40a	7	43.72	+.47	+6.4
ItauUnibH	.59e	...	17.35	+.23	+5.5
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PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	66.77	+.25	+2.5
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PrmEgy	**...**	**8**	**26.00**	**+2.60**	**+13.0**
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RiteAid	...	...	1.37	+.04	+.7
Rowan	...	25	33.75	-.02	+7.9
RoyDShllA	3.44	9	68.47	-.37	-.7
SpdrDJIA	3.36e	...	133.71	+.65	+2.4
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	145.92	+.37	+2.5
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Sequenom	...	...	4.56	-.29	-3.2
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Synovus	.04	56	2.45	-.03	...
TeletEsp	**...**	**...**	**14.08**	**+.52**	**+4.4**
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3M Co	2.36	15	96.41	+.91	+3.8
Torchmark	**.80**	**10**	**53.03**	**-.02**	**+2.9**
TriContl	**.61e**	**...**	**16.64**	**+.08**	**+3.7**
TylerTech	**...**	**51**	**50.82**	**+.98**	**+4.5**
UBWV	**1.24**	**16**	**25.26**	**-.11**	**+3.8**
US NGs rs	...	...	17.57	-.60	-7.0
Vale SA	1.15e	...	20.41	+.04	-2.6
ValeroE	.70	9	34.37	-.30	+.7
VangEmg	.99e	...	44.78	+.26	+.6
VerizonCm	2.06	40	43.00	-.10	-.6
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**53.75**	**-.01**	**+3.3**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**17**	**38.45**	**+.28**	**+3.9**
WellsFargo	.88	11	34.71	...	+1.6
WstnRefin	.32a	18	27.02	-.58	-4.2
WhitingPet	...	12	46.40	+.30	+7.0
WmsCos	1.30f	22	33.77	+.20	+3.1
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**15**	**27.20**	**+.04**	**+1.8**
Xerox	**.17**	**8**	**7.22**	**...**	**+5.9**
Yahoo	...	6	19.33	-.33	-2.9

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13,661.72	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,390.51	+61.66	+.46	+2.19	+7.56
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499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	456.97	-1.49	-.33	+.86	+1.19
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2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,393.15	-6.19	-.26	+1.59	+4.98
3,196.93	2,662.96	Nasdaq Composite	3,105.81	+14.00	+.45	+2.86	+14.57
1,474.51	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,461.02	+3.87	+.27	+2.44	+13.04
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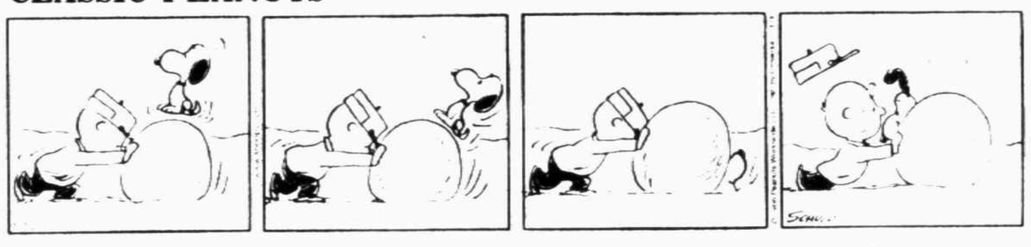


BABY BLUES

SHOE

MUTTS

GARFIELD

CLOSE TO HOME

"Whoever's guess is closest to the time when the last needle falls off the tree wins the hundred-dollar pool!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"COLLECTIN' ALL THOSE TEETH MAKES THE TOOTH FAIRY A WEIRD DUDE."

DUSTIN

WIZARD OF ID

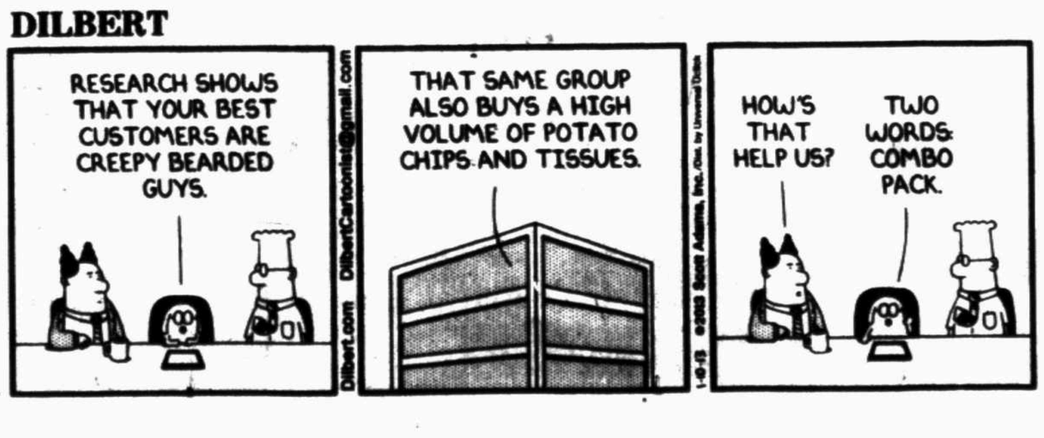
FAMILY CIRCUS

"Oh goody! I like mittens better than gloves 'cause my fingers get to stay together."

LOCKHORNS

"WHO PUT MY NAME UP HERE AS 'HIGH SCORE'?"

DILBERT



NASCAR THIS WEEK

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BURNING ISSUES

▶ Michael Waltrip is all about sharing. He shares the No. 55 Toyota with Brian Vickers and Mark Martin. Now, he'll be sharing a Ferrari with Clint Bowyer in the Rolex 24 at Daytona sports-car endurance race later this month.

▶ It will be interesting to see how Ford does this Sprint Cup season since most of the equipment used will be delivered from Roush Fenway Racing and Roush Yates Engines. Consolidation helps pays the bills, but the pressure is on Jack Roush to produce.

▶ Several drivers who have been on NASCAR probation got their get-out-of-jail cards Jan. 1. The list includes three Sprint Cup champions – Jeff Gordon, Kurt Busch and Brad Keselowski. Probation is less than a slap on the wrist. It's more like an ear twist.

▶ Still bewildered about Dodge pulling out of the Sprint Cup Series? So are we. The carmaker was one of the first to put its 2013 racing model on public display and went on to win the championship. Somewhere in between, Dodge announced its withdrawal from Cup racing. Since Dodge won't be in the game this season, it hasn't used the title as a marketing tool.

▶ Jamie McMurray is spending a lot of time in Daytona Beach. He competed in Daytona KartWeek Dec. 28-30, returned for sports-car testing last week and will return for stock-car testing Thursday-Saturday at Daytona International Speedway. "I feel like I kind of live here," he said during the sports-car test.

▶ Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates excels in the IZOD IndyCar Series and Grand-Am Rolex Series. But when it comes to its two-car effort in Sprint Cup, it's been "THUD!" for two straight seasons. Look for a major resurgence in 2013.

ON THE TUBE

2013 CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 16 Daytona Shootout	Fox
Feb. 17 500 qualifying	Fox
Feb. 21 Daytona Duel	Speed
Feb. 24 Daytona 500	Fox
March 3 Phoenix	Fox
March 10 Las Vegas	Fox
March 17 Bristol	Fox
March 24 Fontana	Fox
April 7 Martinsville	Fox
April 13 Texas	Fox
April 21 Kansas	Fox
April 27 Richmond	Fox
May 5 Talladega	Fox
May 11 Darlington	Fox
May 18 Charlotte All-Star	Speed
May 26 Charlotte	Fox
June 2 Dover	Fox
June 9 Pocono	TNT
June 16 Michigan	TNT
June 23 Sonoma	TNT
June 29 Kentucky	TNT
July 6 Daytona	TNT
July 14 New Hampshire	TNT
July 28 Indianapolis	ESPN
Aug. 4 Pocono	ESPN
Aug. 11 Watkins Glen	ESPN
Aug. 18 Michigan	ESPN
Aug. 24 Bristol	ABC
Sept. 1 Atlanta	ESPN
Sept. 7 Richmond	ABC
Sept. 15 Chicagoland	ESPN
Sept. 22 New Hampshire	ESPN
Sept. 29 Dover	ESPN
Oct. 6 Kansas	ESPN
Oct. 12 Charlotte	ABC
Oct. 20 Talladega	ESPN
Oct. 27 Martinsville	ESPN
Nov. 3 Texas	ESPN
Nov. 10 Phoenix	ESPN
Nov. 17 Homestead	ESPN

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Danica Patrick will team up with supermodel Bar Refaeli for a pair of Super Bowl ads next month. Patrick, who is still sponsored by GoDaddy.com, is hoping to have a breakout year in the Cup Series after her debut last season.

WHAT TO EXPECT AND HEAR IN 2013

■ It's part test session and part promotion. It's "Preseason Thunder" at Daytona International Speedway, which was once known simply as January testing before someone realized he/she could give it a copyrighted name, design a neat logo and, by golly, sell some T-shirts.

■ The Thursday-through-Saturday test session will include a "Fan Fest," complete with question-and-answer opportunities with drivers. Call it an educated hunch, but here are three questions we figure will certainly be asked a lot during Daytona's test days:

■ "Hey, Juan, keeping an eye out for jet dryers this year?"

■ No, don't expect Juan Pablo Montoya to enjoy any of this. But he might as well prepare for it and piece together a stock answer.

■ You don't wreck under caution, slam into a safety truck that's trailering a jet dryer, ignite a fire that engulfs Turn 3, trigger a long prime-time delay in 'The Great American Race" and expect folks to forget all about it in 11 months.

■ "What is Bar Refaeli? And does the place serve draft beer and hot wings?"

■ Haven't heard of Bar Refaeli? Well, for starters, it doesn't have swinging doors and a jukebox. She's a person. A model, actually. A "supermodel," specifically.

■ Bar Refaeli, a native of Israel, will be teamed with Danica Patrick in a pair of Super Bowl ads next month. Danica's continued Super Bowl profile, courtesy of her sponsor GoDaddy.com, is an annual part of racing's preseason chatter, and if you don't understand why an ad campaign would be so topical in auto-racin' circles, you don't pay enough attention to modern auto racin'.

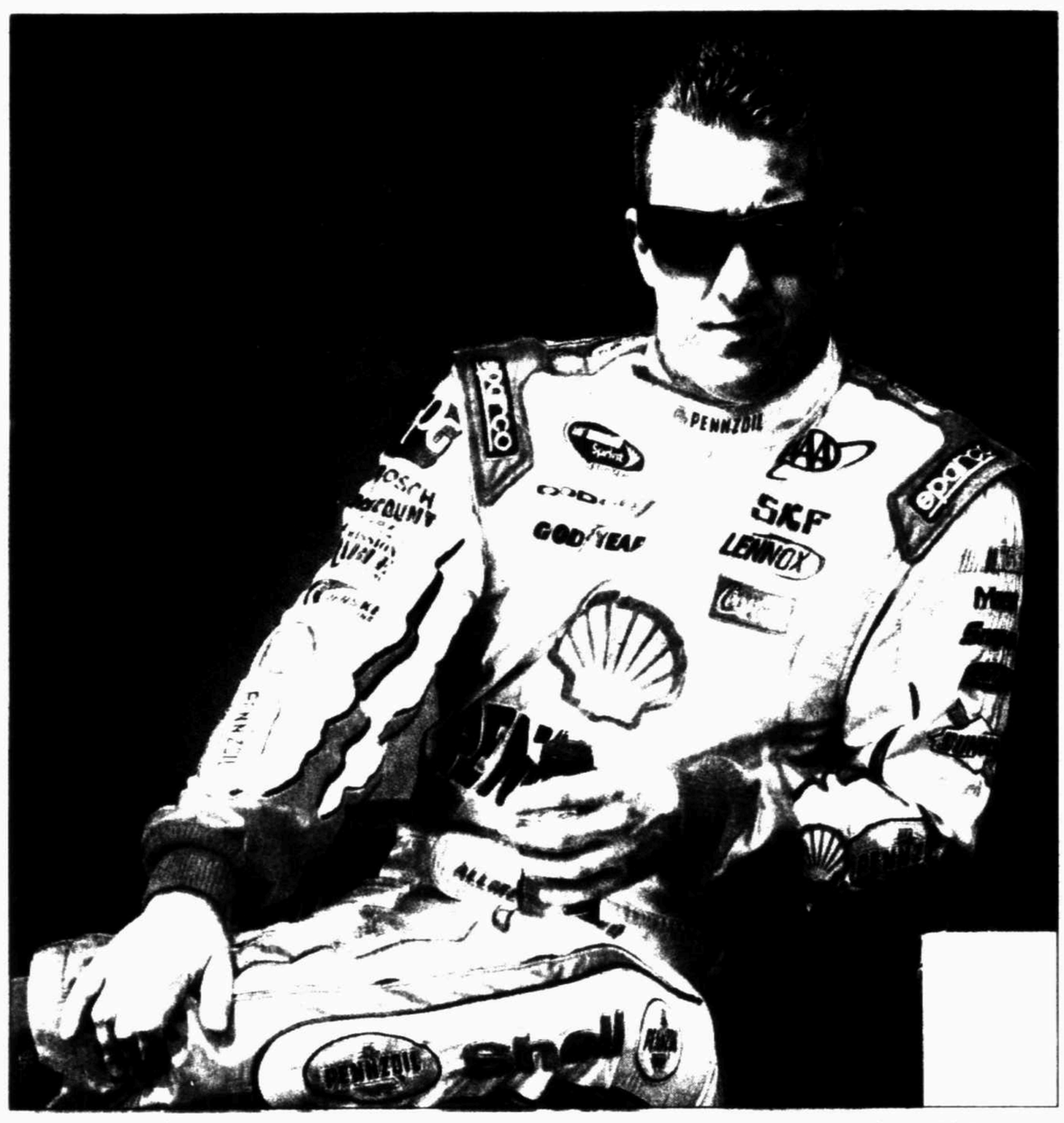
■ "Hey man, how's the new car?"

■ NASCAR's latest generation of "stock" is designed to look a little more stock. None of that new look will matter much if the cars don't provide the type of action preferred by race fans. And even though a superspeedway plate race (Daytona) is like nothing else on the schedule, folks will want to know how teams and drivers feel about the new car.

■ Another educated hunch regarding the most popular answer: "Pretty good."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A.J. ALLMENDINGER SPRINT CUP SERIES NO. 51 PHOENIX RACING CHEVROLET



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After the promise of a good racing start and the misery of a failed drug test at Daytona in July, A.J. Allmendinger is working his way back to full-time racing in the Sprint Cup Series. This season, the racer is planning to run in the Rolex 24 and get in some Cup races.

A.J.'s New Lease On His Racing Life

Allmendinger working to have a better 2013

By Godwin Kelly
NASCAR This Week

It's racing, after all. So it's only natural: What goes around, comes around. The alternative is parking behind the wall, so you go along with it.

This month, A.J. Allmendinger is right back where he was a year ago. But boy, oh boy, has the scenery changed. Nearly a year ago, Allmendinger carried the Michael Shank Racing team to victory in the Rolex 24 at Daytona and was sitting atop the racing world.

His outgoing demeanor, quick wit and ready smile made him a perfect fit for modern racing stardom. And that seemed to be in store, since he was on the cusp of long-awaited NASCAR success at the highest level, or so it seemed. Several weeks before last year's Rolex, he'd been hired by Roger Penske to replace Kurt Busch in Penske's No. 22 Sprint Cup Series ride.

But any momentum Allmendinger owned disappeared in a long string of mediocre (and worse) finishes during the first half of the 2012 Cup season. But finishing several laps down and behind the wall is nothing compared with the sidelining he suffered when he returned to Daytona in July for the midseason 400-miler. Not long after NASCAR's traveling road show set up shop for an early-July weekend, word spread about Allmendinger failing a random drug test.

"That's when all the hell in my life started — the July race (in Daytona)," he said during last week's Daytona sports-car test session.

Allmendinger soon lost his Penske ride. When his suspension was lifted, he did mop-up duty the last month of the Cup season for James Finch's Phoenix Racing. As of now, the Rolex 24, with his defending-champ teammates at Michael Shank Racing, is the lone entrant on his to-do list.

But he's painting a positive picture.

"I'm a lot better person than I was when I sat here a year ago," Allmendinger said. "Racing is a priority, but it doesn't have to control your life. For 30 years, it controlled my life, and once it gets taken away, it doesn't control it anymore and you have to figure out, 'OK, what kind of person am I?'

"Once you get all those defense mechanisms and all the walls down, it's just you standing there as a person. You gotta look at yourself every day. That's what I do. It's a constant battle, because there's good and bad."

FEUD OF THE WEEK

DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

GENERATION 6 VS. DAYTONA

Sprint Cup teams will debut their new-look 2013 stock cars – nicknamed "Gen 6" – at Daytona International Speedway's Preseason Thunder (Thursday-Saturday). The cars look more like their showroom namesakes. But how will they perform on the high banks?

NASCAR This Week's Godwin Kelly gives his take: "It will be like the first time peanut butter met jelly – they will fit together nicely, but it could get a little sticky."

NASCAR Trivia

1. Who holds the record for Daytona 500 pole speed?
2. Who won the first Daytona 500?
3. What was the longest Daytona 500 (number of laps)?
4. What was the shortest Daytona 500?
5. Who holds the record for most Daytona 500 wins?
6. When was the Daytona 500 first broadcast nationally?
7. Which driver is the most recent two-time Daytona 500 winner?
8. What is the fastest Daytona 500 on record?
9. What year did Bobby and Davey Allison finish one-two in the Daytona 500?
10. When did Toyota win its first Daytona 500?
11. Who built Daytona International Speedway?
12. When did the Camping World Truck Series start racing at Daytona?

1. Bill Elliott, 210.364 mph, 1987
2. Lee Petty
3. Jamie McMurray (2010), Trevor Bayne (2011), 208 laps
4. Michael Waltrip, 109 laps (rain), 2003
5. Richard Petty, seven
6. 1979 by CBS Sports
7. Matt Kenseth (2009, 2012)
8. 1980 Daytona 500, 177.602 mph
9. 1988
10. Toyota has not won the 500
11. William H.G. France (Bill France Sr.)
12. 2000

FAN TIPS

Another Keselowski's Back

When NASCAR teams dutifully report to Daytona next month for the start of a new season, don't be shocked if you see the new champ's name – Keselowski – near the bottom of initial practice speed reports. A closer look will likely reveal that it's BRIAN Keselowski, older brother of Brad. Brian is an ARCA racer who plans to attempt to make his second Daytona 500.

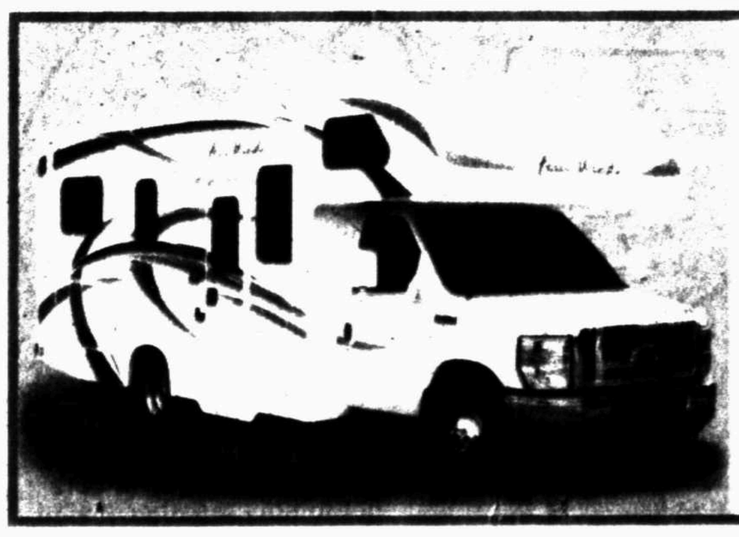
LEGENDS AND LORE

The Kez Racing Family

The "Racing Keselowskis" didn't just spring to life with Brad. As noted, big brother Brian also has the racin' fever, and it was apparently inherited. Dad Bob Keselowski ran in NASCAR's Truck Series in the late 1990s and even won a race – at Richmond in 1997. Bob's lone Sprint Cup Series start came at Pocono in 1994. He started 42nd and finished 41st in a Ford owned by Smut Means.

Brian Keselowski

Brad Keselowski



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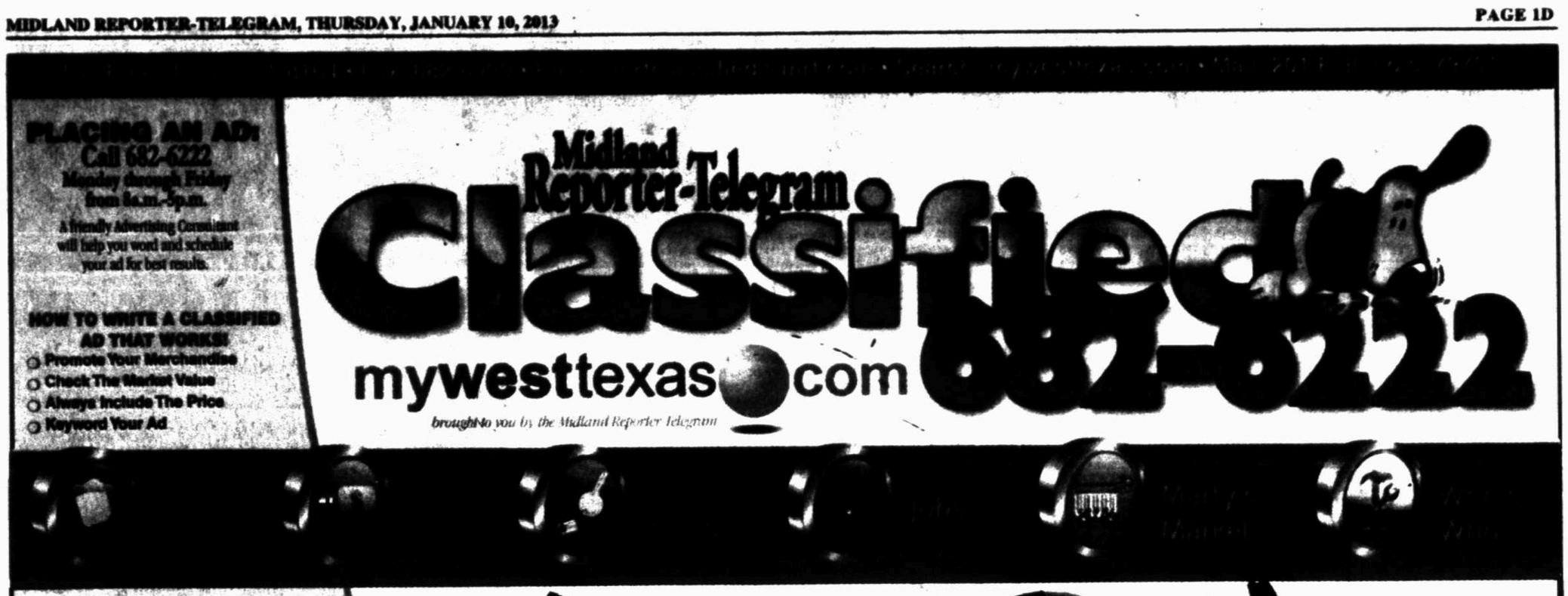

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HAPPY ADS

DEADLINES:

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PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	5p.m. Prior Day
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Ads containing art or photos need to be in our office 2 working days before the ad is to be published and we ask that you pay in advance.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Burlington Res. O&G Co-Mid, 3300 N. A Street, Building 6, Midland, TX 79705, is requesting the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend the injection permit for W. N. Waddell Well 512W, Dune Field, API # 42-103-01526. The well is located 13 1/2 miles NW from Crane County, Texas. Section 25, Block B-25, PSL Survey, 2310' FSL and 1650' FWL. Injection Intervals 3162 to 3446.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the 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 Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone (512) 463-6792)

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37/38 Case No. 0279903
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 19, 2012 — Status/Permit No. 750165
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 23, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 45, Bk. 38, SHACKELFORD, MRS S E Survey, A-1049, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and DESPERADO (ATOKA) Fields, MIDLAND County, being 13.1 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	DONALD L HUTT FEE	
Lease/Unit Well No.:	158	
Lease/Unit Acres:	4228.8	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	660.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1281.0	
Lease Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	1930.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	1930.0 F WEST L

FIELD: DESPERADO (ATOKA)

Lease/Unit Name:	DONALD L HUTT FEE	
Lease/Unit Well No.:	158	
Lease/Unit Acres:	4228.8	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	660.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	4789.0	
Lease Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	1930.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	1930.0 F WEST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) AZALEA (BEND), (2) AZALEA (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

DESPERADO (ATOKA): Special Rules 933/1867, 320.0 acres.

AZALEA (BEND): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

AZALEA (STRAWN): GAS Special Rules 680/2640, 320.0 acres; OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11700 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, NORMA DONOVAN, at (972) 969-3843.

General Announcements

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Lost & Found

3YR OLD pug male Found intersection of Front & Carver. Call to identify 432-528-1905

Legal & Public Notices

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FOUND A Male Pug about 3 years near Front Street & Carver in Midland. Call to identify 432-528-1905

FOUND BLACK & white shi tzu poodle mix 4 white feet white chin. 638-5644

FOUND BLUE Heeler on New Years Day Cuthbert and Midkiff area. 432-230-3046

FOUND DOG on 1/5/13 male pit pull or pit mix very sweet Please call Chris 720-299-0672

Found Siamese cat about a year old, very pretty, needs good home, please call 432-362-7954

FOUND St Stephen's church area small gray Terrier mix Call to identify 528-3889

Lost & Found

SHAGGY MALE dog with Red Raider collar. Picked up on Wadley and Midland Dr. Call 432-894-7156

LOST BLACK & white male boston terrier, no collar on Huntington & Neely. 432-349-1170

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Lost & Found

MISSING SERVICE dog for veteran neutered blue heeler Golf Course/Todd Road. No Tail. Was wearing collar and tags. Name is Bruce. Please call 432-770-7719 or 432-638-7984

LOST LONG haired Chihuahua male blonde, no collar on 1/04/13 Big Spring & Scharbauer. If found please call 432-631-8854. My daughter is heartbroken, reward.

LOST YELLOW Lab in Greenwood over the weekend. Answers to Max, on 1090 & 307. Reward. Contact 432-230-7799

Lost & Found

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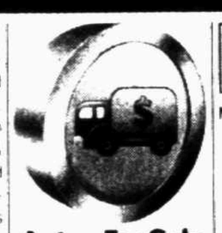

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Jet Black/Brown Sports, SAT., Xenons, Htd Seats, Sunroof, CPO Warr., 28k Miles

2009 BMW 750i
Black Saphire/Black AC/Htd Seats, H-Up Disp., Nav., SAT., Xenon, Sport Pkg., 70k Miles

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Blue/Gray Leather, LT., SAT., 52k Miles

2010 Nissan Armada
Blue/Tan Leather, DVD, Sunroof, Bose, 3rd Row, 44k Miles

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Blue/Brown Premium, Xenons, Sunroof, Warranty, 40k Miles

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White/Oyster Nav., Lux. Seating, Premium Pkg., Factory Warranty, 12k Miles

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Alpine White/Oyster Conv., Pkg., Nav., SAT., PanoRoof, Htd Seats, 16k Miles

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Entry Level Staff Accountant

Teraco, Inc FT

Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a job opening in our Accounting Department. We are looking for someone who has experience in accounts payable, journal entries, general ledger, and payroll. We also are looking for someone who is detail oriented, has a strong work ethic, can meet deadlines, and is willing to expand in their knowledge base. An undergraduate degree in business accounting or finance is preferred. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com

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COME JOIN OUR UNIVERSAL DESK

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is accepting résumés for a **full-time copy editor and page designer position** on our universal desk. The right candidate should have a knack for grammar, punctuation and Associated Press style but also can find inconsistencies in stories and isn't afraid to ask questions. He or she also should have an eye for page design.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to make a difference at a daily newspaper and who wants to perfect his or her craft at copy editing and page design.

A bachelor's degree in journalism or English, two years of editing experience, InDesign or Quark knowledge and proficiency in AP style are preferred. Recent college graduates and those who are graduating soon are welcome to apply. Time on a universal desk and experience editing sports copy are pluses.

The Reporter-Telegram is part of Hearst Corp. and offers a competitive salary and benefits.

If you are interested in our copy editor and page designer position, please email a cover letter, résumé, your best design samples and three references in PDF or Word format to News Editor Trevor Hawes at thawes@mrt.com. You can also mail a hardcopy submission to Midland Reporter-Telegram, Attn.: Trevor Hawes, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Call 432-687-6854 after 4 p.m. to learn more.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Administrative Clerk position needed for **Midland** law-firm. Word/Word Perfect, Excel, Library & Accounting experience beneficial. Entry level position; excellent benefits. Also accepting applications for a **receptionist position** which will be available in February. Please send resume in confidence to **P-112 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.**

Clerical

Freightliner Of Odessa PT
Odessa, TX 79761

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Clerical Position

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Part-Time Assistant

Some Real Esate Experience Preferred. Computer Skills Needed. No Benefits. Please Fax Resume To: 686-9000

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Receptionist wanted for busy physicians office. M-Th 8-6:00pm, Fri 8-1:00pm. Please call Rita at (432) 682-5385 ext 14

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

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Entry Level Field Techs & Field Tech Supervisor

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PRODUCTION ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a Production Engineering Technician in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining Engineering Software and Databases
- Supporting Engineering Group
- Supporting Capital Budget Preparation
- Supporting Management of Production Budget

The qualified applicant will have at least 1 year of experience, preferably in the oil and gas industry. Must be proficient in the use of Excel and should have a working knowledge of other database applications such as Access. Strong written and verbal communication skills are a must. Familiarity with ARIES, Production Access or OFM is a plus.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING

For **Memorial Health Care Center**. Full time with great benefits, great working environment with quality staff. Bachelor degree in nursing preferred. Must have 2 years experience as a RN in Long Term Care, Acute Care, or Home Health. Apply today at **www.seminolehospitaldistrict.com**

Memorial Hospital

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Caregiver's

Visiting Angels FT/PT

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Dietary Director & Full Time Cook

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DIRECTOR OF NURSING

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Memorial Hospital

LVN or MA

James R Panuska, M.D. FT

LVN or MA wanted for busy physicians office M-TH 8-6, Fri 8-1:00. Please call Rita at (432) 682-5385 ext 14.

HEALTHCARE

Hygienist and Dental Assistant

Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701

Cosmetic dentist in search of a full time Registered Hygienist and Dental Assistant. If you are dependable, detailed oriented, highly motivated and possess great organizational skills, we are anxious to meet you. Benefits include paid vacation, medical insurance and 401K. Send resume to : M- 16 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor/Intern

Midland Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 8:00am-10:00am
Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

Personal Care Attendants

Su Casa Home Health

Su Casa Home Health has an opening for Personal Care Attendants needed to work in homes of the elderly. Must have dependable transportation and a phone. Bilingual a plus. Fax resume to: 432-620-8250 or call 432-685-1705

Pharmacist

Leonard's Pharmacy, Inc. FT

Independent Pharmacy- four locations seeking a full time Pharmacist. Competitive Salary, full benefits. Monday - Friday. No nights. Send Resume to: Leonard's Pharmacy, Inc., 1002 South Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720 or call (432) 267-2711 for more information.

RN Case Manager

Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. FT

Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. has an immediate opening for a RN Case Manager in our Midland office. Experience in case mgmt. & employee mgmt. in home health required. Must be computer proficient. Competitive salary & benefits. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm with on-call and some weekend duties. You may email your resume to dmadison@chhci.com or fax it to 806-762-0905. EOE.

RN & LVN

Interim Home Health FT
Midland, TX 79701

Growing home health program is seeking Full-time RN & LVN. Experience preferred. Apply in person at 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 200 or fax resume 432-618-0307.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

New SpringHill Suites by Marriott now accepting resumes for the following positions: Assistant General Manager, Banquet Event Coordinator, Maintenance Engineer & Bartenders. Please email resumes to the following email address: careers@insigniamgmt.com

Immediate Openings

DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza has immediate openings for the following:
• Morning /Evening Cooks • Evening Restaurant Severs • Banquet Servers • Room Attendants
Please apply to Human Resources, 117 W. Wall.

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Security Officers

AlliedBarton Security Services FT

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Envirocon Shine

Manufacturing Technician:

Envirocon Technologies, Inc. has an immediate opening for a Manufacturing Technician starting at $13/hr. Full-Time Position, benefits include: Health Insurance, SIMPLE IRA, Vacation/Sick Pay, Life Insurance and Profit Sharing. Family owned company that values and appreciates its team members. Main duties include: manufacturing consumer product goods, operating packaging machinery, case packing, palletizing, chemical blending, quality control, cleaning, and working in a team based format. Envirocon is looking for a go getter who takes pride in their work and will look to uphold quality. For more information call Tricia Wilson at 432-687-2582 or fill out an application at 6500 S. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79706

Shift Supervisor

Teraco, Inc FT

Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a job opening in our Personalization Department. We are looking for someone who has experience in management, employee development and training, quality control, and can adhere to production schedules. Must be willing to work overtime. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

OTHER JOBS

Driver

Looking for a CDL driver for a 65 passenger day care bus, must have CDL hours 2:30-4:30 Monday-Friday. Please contact 432-553-4812

FT/PT Resident Monitors

Dismas Charities FT/PT

Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time resident monitors all shifts and part-time resident monitors weekends. Please Apply at: www.dismas.com

Janitorial Help & Floor Tech

Part-time janitorial help needed in the evening. Also, part-time & full- time janitorial floor tech needed. Please call 570-9903.

Kennel Assistant

Shannon Animal Hospital FT

Full-Time Kennel position open at Shannon Animal Hospital. Rotational weekend work required. Apply at: 3400 North Big Spring between the hours of 9am-12pm or 2pm-6pm.

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Great Benefits including 401K, Health, Dental and Vision. Weekly Pay
Please apply at 2408 N Big Spring St.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

For our Harris N-1000 Press, we are looking for two people to work a 40 hr per week, rotated, day or evening position, in a 24 hr, 7 day per week operation. Must be able to work with minimal supervision, be safety, the Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

To apply, drop, fax, or email:
John Maddox, Production Director
C/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Receiving Clerk

Natural Gas Services Group FT

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Salesperson/Parts Lead

Tracker Boat Center FT
Midland, TX 79707

Salesperson, will train. Parts Lead, will train, drug screening and background check. 1920 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Tx 79707. Call 432-697-3261 or email: rdjones@basspro.com

General

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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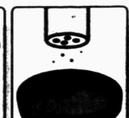
BROCCOLI TREES & DIP

Crunch your way through a forest of little broccoli trees!

With an adult, cut a head of broccoli into little "trees."

Mix 2 tbsp of salsa, 1 tbsp chopped green onions into sour cream.



Season with garlic salt.

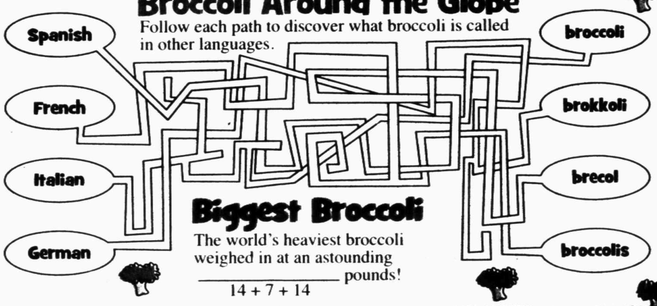
Dip a little broccoli tree into the dip and then munch!

How much is one serving of broccoli?

A serving of broccoli is one cup chopped broccoli. This is about two cupped handfuls. Broccoli tastes great when it's eaten as a crunchy snack, lightly steamed or as an ingredient in soup, stews and casseroles.

Broccoli Around the Globe

Follow each path to discover what broccoli is called in other languages.



Biggest Broccoli

The world's heaviest broccoli weighed in at an astounding _____ pounds!

14 + 7 + 14

How many broccoli can you find on this page?

Starts with "BRO"

Broccoli starts with the letters BRO and so do these words in this puzzle. Use the definitions to figure out each word.

A small rectangle of dense chocolate cake:	B	R	O				
The color of a tree trunk:	B	R	O				
The area above the eyes but below the hair:	B	R	O				
Not narrow:	B	R	O				
A liquid used in soups:	B	R	O				
Something shattered into pieces:	B	R	O				
A brush for sweeping:	B	R	O				
A kind of metal often used for sculpture:	B	R	O				
A small stream:	B	R	O				
A wild horse:	B	R	O				

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Extra! Extra!

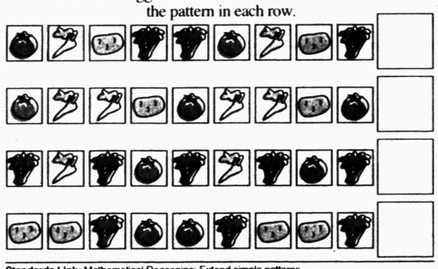
Broccoli Dot-to-Dot

On one page of the newspaper, find and circle all of the letters in the word "BROCCOLI." Now connect the dots your circles have made and create a new design. Can you do this with the words for broccoli in the other languages mentioned on this page?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the veggie that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Extend simple patterns.

The Online Scoop

Broccoli isn't always green, you can get violet broccoli. To learn more, go to **www.kidscoop.com/kids/**

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

CASSEROLES
CABBAGE
GARLIC
FOREST
FLORET
FLOWER
STEWS
CROWN
TREES
GLOBE
SNACK
MUNCH
POWER
CROP

K	C	A	N	S	P	O	F	C	N
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R	F	E	E	U	E	G	R	B	O
L	T	N	B	W	A	U	E	B	R
S	E	L	O	R	E	S	S	A	C
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E	F	I	G	T	I	A	O	E	O
R	C	N	M	U	N	C	H	A	W
T	E	R	O	L	F	K	L	T	N

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Healthy Actions

Look through the newspaper for 10 verbs. Can you act out each one? Create a game that would use five of the ten verbs and teach a friend!

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify verbs.

Weekly Writing Corner

Eat your broccoli!

Come up with a way to get kids to eat broccoli!

A way to get kids to eat broccoli is to tell them that the veggie monster is going to come after them if they don't eat their broccoli.

Anna, 5th grade

Here is how to get a kid to like broccoli. First you might want to describe how it tastes, or what is best to eat with your broccoli. Next you should have a plan. In your plan you might want your broccoli hidden in some food. Here are some things that taste good with broccoli: other vegetables, cheese or other kinds of sauces. So, try some broccoli and good luck with your plan.

Abby, 3rd grade

How to make a kid eat broccoli is to put it in a drink.

Christina, 1st grade

I can get kids to eat broccoli by tricking them and telling them that it is celery and making them eat it.

Alexa, 1st grade

Tell them that if you eat your broccoli, you'll grow big and strong. You'll then be tall enough to ride on roller coasters and big kids won't pick on you anymore. You'll get to go on big kid rides and sit in the back of the bus. You'll be so tall and big, you'll save the world.

Jocelyn, 5th grade

Kids should eat broccoli because it is for their health. Put broccoli in soup and in melted cheese. Try ranch dressing.

Autumn, 1st grade

I found a way to get kids to eat their broccoli. The way I came up with is to cook the broccoli and when it's finished cooking, put it in a bowl. Next, you put mozzarella cheese on top and put it in the microwave and let the cheese melt. After the cheese melts, put it on the child's plate and let them try it. I bet they will like it.

Alexa, 4th grade

To make kids eat broccoli, you should put the kid's favorite toppings on it, like ketchup or chocolate. That would make them clean their plate.

Christopher, 5th grade

I like broccoli. It is good with cheese.

Luke, 2nd grade

I would say to please eat your broccoli because if you don't do it, you will have to eat cabbage.

Robbie, Pre-kindergarten

Kids can eat broccoli and love it. First, by putting melted cheese on it. Next, you can eat it raw and put ranch dressing on it. In addition, your taste buds change, so try broccoli every few months or years. If you never like it, just plug your nose because you still need your veggies.

Izabella, 4th grade

I think kids should eat broccoli because broccoli is healthy. I like broccoli so much. I like to eat it with ranch dressing. Or you can eat it will salt and pepper and butter on it.It is good and healthy. The bottom part is kind of sweet. It looks like a tree and is all green.

Angel, 4th grade

Write On!

Spinach Power

Why eat spinach?
What does it do for you?

Deadline: February 3
Published: Week of Mar. 3
Send your story to:

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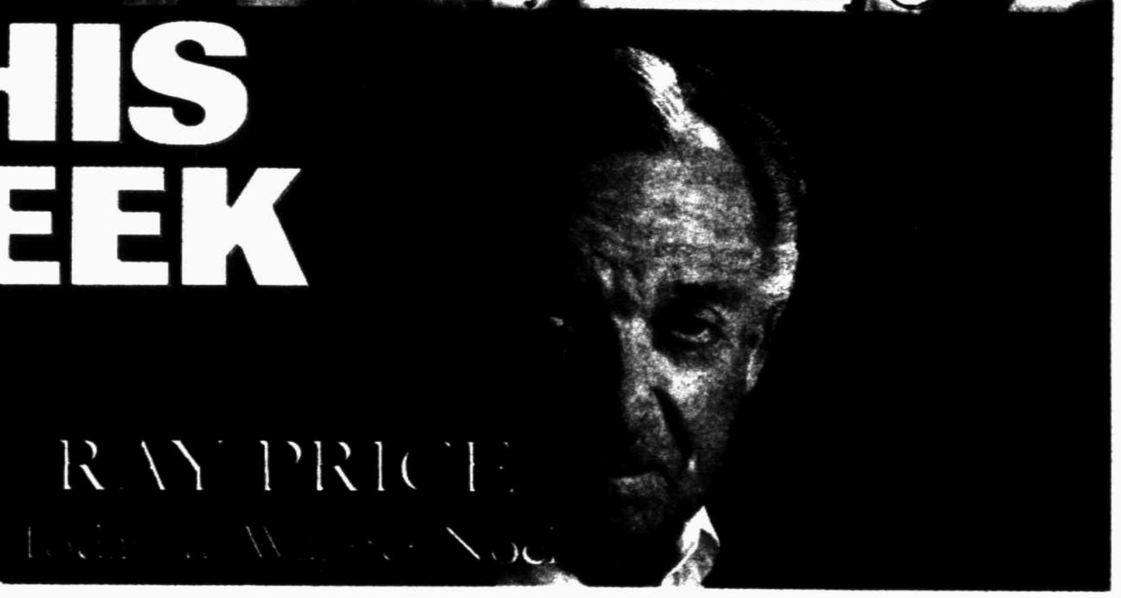

find out what's going on...

Event 6

Midland County Livestock Show fills the Horseshoe.

Live and in concert 7, 8, 9

- Elvis impersonator Vince King returns to the Ector Theatre.
- B.B. King fills the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center with the blues.
- Ray Price brings "Good Times" to the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

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Joan Huff finds Sam's Bar-B-Que still serves great food after 30 years.

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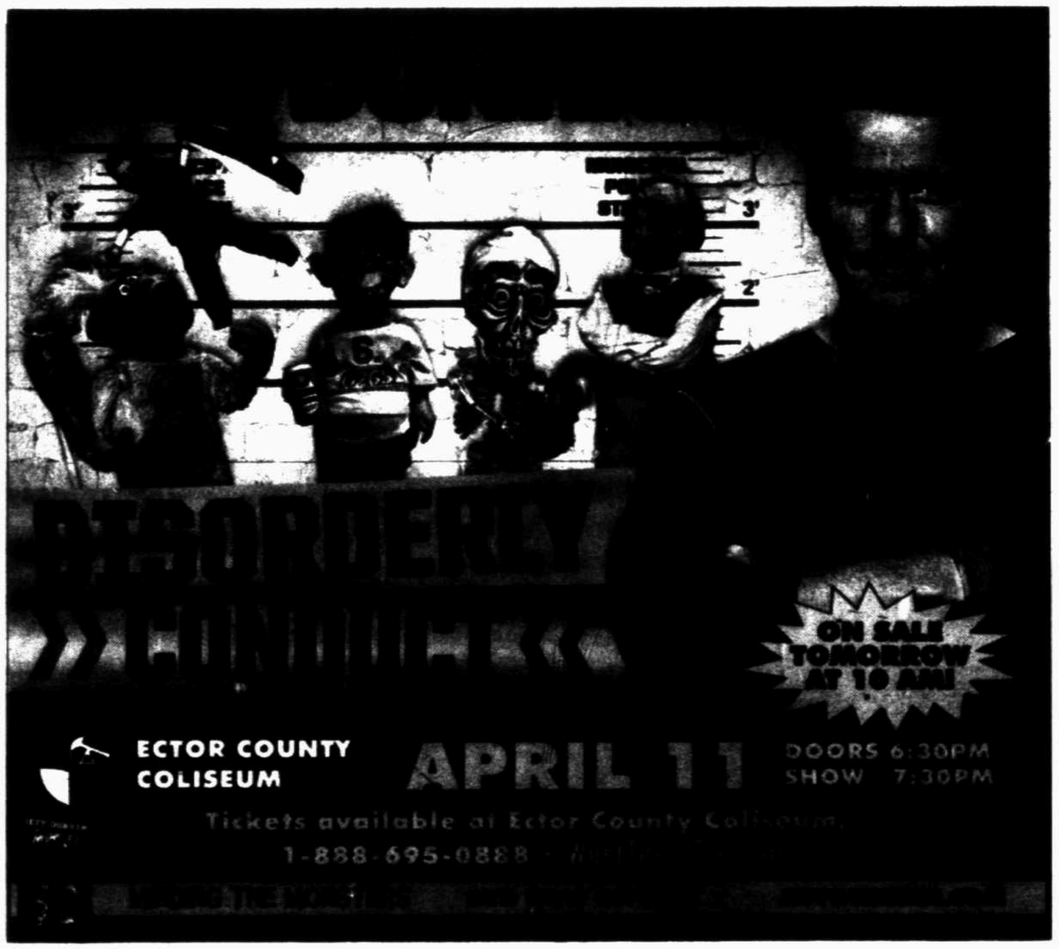

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Today

RAY PRICE
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

SENIOR CITIZEN THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: 1225 N. Adams, Odessa
Info: Live country band
Admission: $5 members, $6 non-members
Contact person: Faye Woolf, president, 366-8910. Dances on Thursdays.

MIDLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW
When: today through Sunday
Where: Horseshoe

Friday

"GODSPELL"
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Where: The Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Tickets: $15. General admission. Doors open to the public 30 minutes before curtain. Tickets will be available at the door 30 minutes before curtain and for pre-sale at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., Spirit Creations/Logo Me Loco (Next to Murray's on Wadley Avenue) and "Note"ables Stationery, 2101 West Wadley Ave.

TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS BY DAVID MAMET
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Jan. 18 and 19
Where: The Black Box behind the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road.
Tickets: $15 adults, $10 for students and seniors. General admission.
Info: Adult themed, rated R. For more information, call 432-853-5249.

HOLD' EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: No games Monday and Thursday. Games all other days
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

Saturday

SOPRANO KATHARINE DAIN AND PIANIST JEFFREY GROSSMAN
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: online at www.wagnernoel.com
Info: One-hour concert featuring two classical artists from the Piatigorsky Foundation. Sponosred by West Texas Public Radio (KXWT "Across West Texas").

ELVIS IMPERSONATOR VINCE KING
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas Ave., Odessa
Tickets: $25. All seats reserved.
Call: 580-0898.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

B.B. KING
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Sold out

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

Kids Zone

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS
Where: 2617 West Loop 250 N.
Call: 682-8880
Friday: 4 p.m. American Girl
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. "Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons"
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Storytime for Preschool

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Exhibit: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound."
Call: 683-2882 for more information.

LAST CHANCE

To catch "Godspell" at the Yucca Theatre. The musical is on stage at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets, priced at $15 general admission, will be available at the door 30 minutes before curtain and for pre-sale at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., Spirit Creations/Logo Me Loco (Next to Murray's on Wadley Avenue) and "Note"ables Stationery, 2101 W. Wadley Ave. This is a revival of the production staged in the summer, which Graham Dixon called "brilliant." He described the show and the evening as "funny and then touching, sad and then philosophical, full of manic, joyful movement and then wistfully still, almost like a painting." "Godspell" is a benefit for Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support. **See review on page 15.**

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"Django Unchained" *"This is 40"*

(As of press time, "Promised Land" was showing only in Odessa.)

"PROMISED LAND" — An experience that's alternately amusing and frustrating, full of impassioned earnestness and saggy sections. Director Gus Van Sant has the challenge of taking the topic of hydraulic fracturing and trying to make it cinematic. Working from a script by co-stars Matt Damon and John Krasinski, based on a story by Dave Eggers, he succeeds in fits and starts. The impoverished small town that's the tale's setting, a place in need of the kind of economic rejuvenation fracking could provide, is full of folksy folks whose interactions with the main characters don't always ring true. "Promised Land" has its heart on its sleeve and makes its pro-environment message quite clear, but it's in the looser and more ambiguous places that the film actually works. Damon stars as Steve Butler, a salesman traveling the country on behalf of a bland behemoth of an energy corporation. Having grown up on an Iowa farm himself and seeing how an economic downturn can devastate a small town, Butler seems to be a true believer in what he's selling. But he's also a pragmatist, as evidenced by the playfully cynical give-and-take he enjoys with his partner, Sue (a sharp Frances McDormand). Famous for his efficiency in persuading rural residents to sell their land for the drilling rights, Steve runs into a major challenge when he and Sue arrive in depressed McKinley, Pa., where an outspoken old-timer (Hal Holbrook) and a flashy, charismatic environmental crusader (Krasinski) dare to question the company's methods. R for language. 106 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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"DJANGO UNCHAINED" — Quentin Tarantino homages Mandingo, spaghetti westerns, blaxploitation, Sam Peckinpah and the Three Stooges, in this all-over-the-place antebellum western. Jamie Foxx gets the title role, a slave promised freedom if he helps a bounty hunter (Christoph Waltz) track down some mugs. With Kerry Washington, Samuel L. Jackson and Leonard DiCaprio as a plantation owner, twirling his mustache with sinister glee. R (violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars

"THE GUILT TRIP" — Seth Rogen is the insecure science geek inventor son and Barbra Streisand the overbearing and suffocating mom, trapped together on a getting to know you/getting on your nerves road trip from North Jersey to Northern California in this not-terribly-funny road comedy. Are we there yet? 1 hr. 35 PG-13 (profanity, adult themes) 2 stars

"THE HOBBIT: THE JOURNEY BEGINS" — Bloated and blustery, the first installment of the promised film trilogy based on Tolkien's slim fairy tale finds furry-footed Bilbo Baggins reluctantly trekking across Middle-earth in the company of 13 grumpy dwarves and a worried wizard. Orcs and wargs, elves and goblins, Great Eagles and Great Spiders, furry little ponies and giants made of stone get in their way — but not nearly as much as director Peter Jackson's obsession with new-fangled movie technology. The 3-D, 48 frames-per-second business makes the whole thing look like hi-def "Dr. Who." 2 hrs. 46 PG-13 (violence, adult themes). 2 stars.

"JACK REACHER" — Tom Cruise stars as the hero of Lee Child's book series about an ex-Army investigator tough guy. In this case, Reacher heads for Pittsburgh to find out who was behind the apparently random murder of five strangers by a sniper. Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins and David Oyelowo also star. 2 hrs. 10 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes) 1 1/2 stars

"LINCOLN" — Daniel Day-Lewis in an act of human alchemy, delivering an absolutely extraordinary performance as the 16th president of the United States, campaigning to end the Civil War and abolish slavery. A film about America's unqiue political process, and the leader trying to bend it to his will. 2 hrs. 29 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 3 1/2 stars.

"MONSTERS, INC. 3D" — This enchanting 2001 animated comedy that explains why beasties haunt the sleep of children returns to the big screen in 3-D. 1 hr. 24 G (some sequences a little intense for the under-5 set) 4 stars.

"PARENTAL GUIDANCE" — Billy Crystal and Bette Midler anchor this engaging comedy that bridges multiple generation gaps. Made with more heart than art by director Andy Fickman, the film also features Marisa Tomei. 1 hr. 44 PG (one instance of below-the-belt humor) 3 stars.

"RISE OF THE GUARDIANS" — Enchanting animated adaptation of William Joyce's Guardians of Childhood, featuring Santa, the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny, Sandman and Jack Frost as the fantastic five who protect and serve children's imagnations. 1 hr. 29 PG (Animated adventure, gloomy villain. For those six and older) 3 1/2 stars.

"SKYFALL" — The 23d Bond film, and the third with Daniel Craig as the steely 007, takes a veddy British turn, even if it starts in Istanbul and hopscotches across the Pacific. Javier Bardem is the fey and psycho (and not terribly interesting) villain and Judi Dench is back, and bristling, as M. There's a new young Q (Ben Whishaw) pleased with himself, and there's a fussy parliamentarian (Ralph Fiennes) displeased with MI6's security lapses. Bérénice Marlohe is the exotic Bond girl, Naomie Harris the empowered one. Great action, and a bit of Bond backstory, too. PG-13 (violence, intense action, profanity, adult themes) 3 stars.

"THIS IS 40" — Judd Apatow pays a return visit to the marrieds played by Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann in "Knocked Up," in this funny, messy, characteristically Apatowian mix of weighty issues about intimacy and cohabitation, smart-alecky pop-cult references, crude bathroom jokes, stoner riffs, boob ogling and existential angst. With Jason Segel, Megan Fox, Albert Brooks and John Lithgow. 2 hrs. 14 R (profanity, nudity, sex, drugs, adult themes) 3 stars.

"THE TWILIGHT SAGE: BREAKING DAWN — PART 2" — The trippiest and goofiest of the five filmic installments based on Stephenie Meyer's megaselling books about teenage hormones and vampire beaus. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson are newlyweds, and parents of a beatific baby girl, while Taylor Lautner finds another excuse to strip down to his jockey shorts. Over. Done. Nail that coffin shut. 1 hr. 55 PG-13 (sex, vampire-on-vampire violence, adult themes). 2 1/2 stars

Also

"LES MISERABLES" — An ex-convict in 19th-century France seeks redemption while being pursued by a dogged police inspector in this adaptation of the long-running stage musical. With Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried. Written by William Nicholson, Alain Boublil, Claude-Michel Schonberg and Herbert Kretzmer. Directed by Tom Hooper. (2:39) PG-13.

"TEXAS CHAINSAW 3D" — A young woman travels to Texas after learning she's inherited an estate from a grandmother she never knew she had, but horrifying secrets await her there. With Alexandra Daddario, Dan Yeager, Tania Raymonde and Tremaine "Trey Songz" Neverson. Written by Adam Marcus, Debra Sullivan and Kirsten Elms. Directed by John Luessenhop. (1:32) R.

DVDIVA'S
pick of the week

Visionary filmmaker's 'Looper' earns this week's top spot

By Nancy Adamson
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Pick of the week —

"Looper" (R) Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays a hired gun whose victims are delivered to him from the future in this time travel thriller. What the story lacks in cohesion is made up for with human drama and chutzpah. Visionary filmmaker Rian Johnson — who wrote and directed — is capable of extraordinary things and this film exemplifies this more than any of his others. But he's also capable of pretense and arrogance, as evidenced on his first feature, "Brick," also starring Gordon-Levitt. Johnson avoids these faults for much of "Looper," though traces remain. Johnson has created a stunning, thought-provoking film destined to be a cult classic. A-

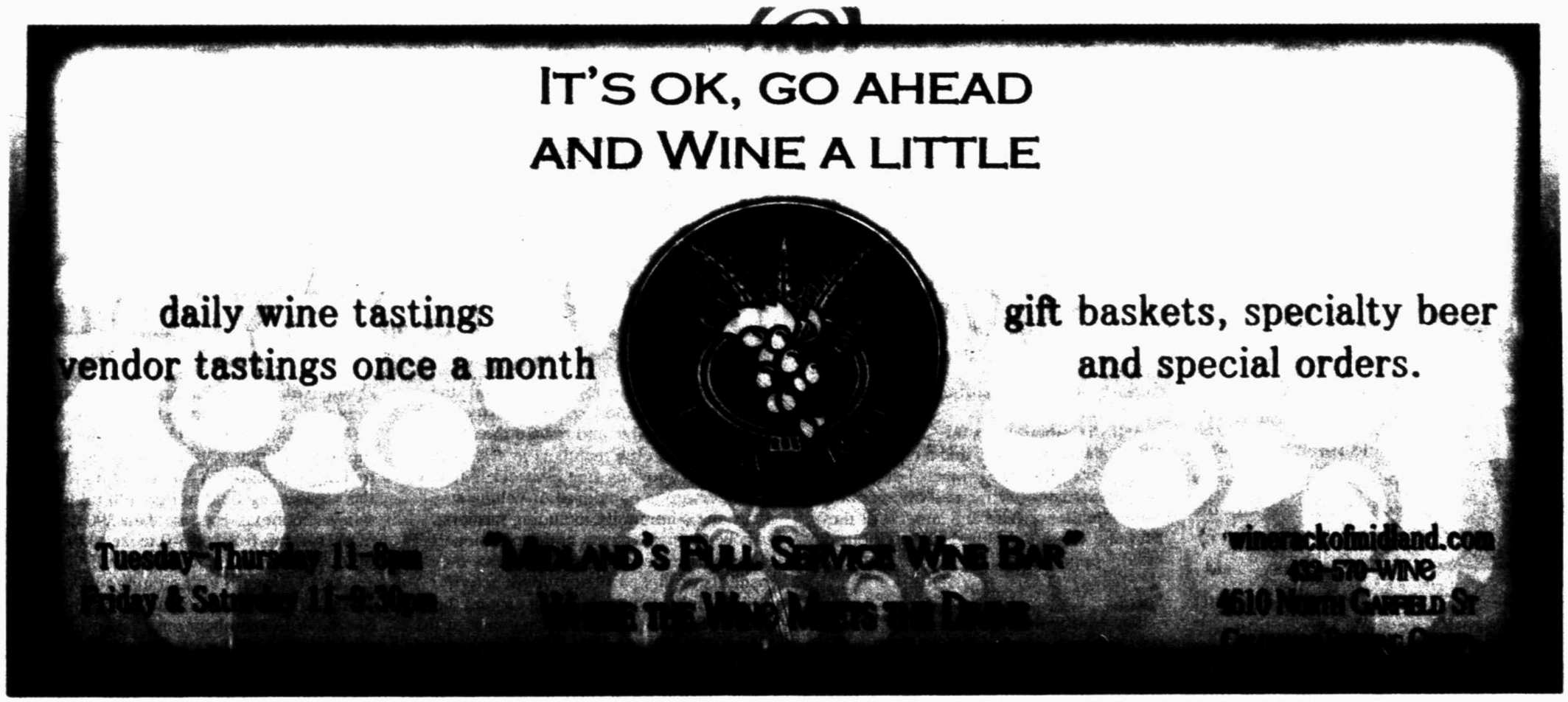
"Cosmopolis" (R) David Cronenberg's latest offering revolves around a day in the life of young billionaire, effectively played by Robert Pattinson, obsessed with sex and his physical well-being who spends most of his day in a stretch limousine. In typical Cronenberg fashion, this is a film not intended to appeal to the masses, and his stark, shocking portrayal of his main character is provocative and unsettling. Thanks to Cronenberg's vision and detailed art direction, it also is quite stunning and interesting. B+

"The Good Doctor" (PG-13) Orlando Bloom stars as a first year resident with awkward social skills who falls in love, or lust as it were, with a patient, and has trouble expressing his desire. Both Bloom and director Lance Daly are quite effective in building the tension and throwing a couple of curve balls that enhance the story. Where it fails, though, is in the third act when the story falls apart and resorts to soap opera absurdity. B-

"Silent Night" (R) Flaccid horror remake of 1984's "Silent Night, Deadly Night" about a homicidal maniac skimps on gore, suspense, plot and everything else the genre depends on. How Malcolm McDowell was lured into this is beyond comprehension. Oh, yeah, possibly because he hasn't really done anything that matters since "A Clockwork Orange" almost 43 years ago. D

"The Trouble With Bliss" (PG-13) Interesting comedy about a 35-year-old man, named Morris Bliss, who still lives at home with his father and has absolutely no direction in his life. Michael C. Hall ("Dexter") does an amazing job of evoking sympathy and empathy for such a wretched human being. Oh, not wretched in conventional terms, but in the sense that he's not only wasting his life but determined to drag everyone around him down with him. B-

"The Words" (PG-13) Loosely based on the legend of Ernest Hemingway, whose first wife lost a briefcase containing some of the writer's early works, this film is actually three stories. Two of the three are fleshed out nicely and the story takes a couple of twists and turns that help it avoid cliché. The third, involving Dennis Quad's character, lacks substance. What the film does not avoid altogether is sentimentality. It doesn't heap it on, though, and a little goes a long way. B-



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Today:
7:30 a.m.: Weigh-in, check in rabbits and poultry
10 a.m.: Poultry Show
Rabbit Show (immediately following poultry)
PeeWee Rabbits (immediately following rabbits)
3 p.m.: Swine Show
Friday:
8 a.m.: Market Goat Show
Breeding Goat Show (immediately following Market Goats)
Market Lamb Show (immediately following goats)
1:30 p.m.: Heifer Show
Steer Show (immediately following heifers)
Saturday:
10 a.m. Judging of culinary arts
11 a.m. Barbecue dinner served to public
11 a.m. 500 - Club invitational luncheon
12:45 p.m. Pee-Wee Goat Show. Entries limited to children 7 and under
1 p.m.: Awards program
1:25 p.m.: Welcome to sale
1:30 p.m.: Premium auction sale
Info: The Midland County Livestock Show is annually sponsored by the Midland County Livestock Association in cooperation with the county agents, vocational ag instructors and the 4-H and FFA clubs of Midland County. This show, the 61st, is staged to recognize the efforts of the youth of Midland County in feeding, fitting and showing fine livestock. The success of the show largely depends on the success of the auction sale.
Source: Midland County Livestock Association.

Livestock show supports local youth

The Midland County Livestock Show is "held solely for the purpose of encouraging and developing the 4-H and FFA youth of our community," said Dennis Sever, president of the the Midland County Livestock Association. "This year, there are over 130 exceptional youth here with animal projects.

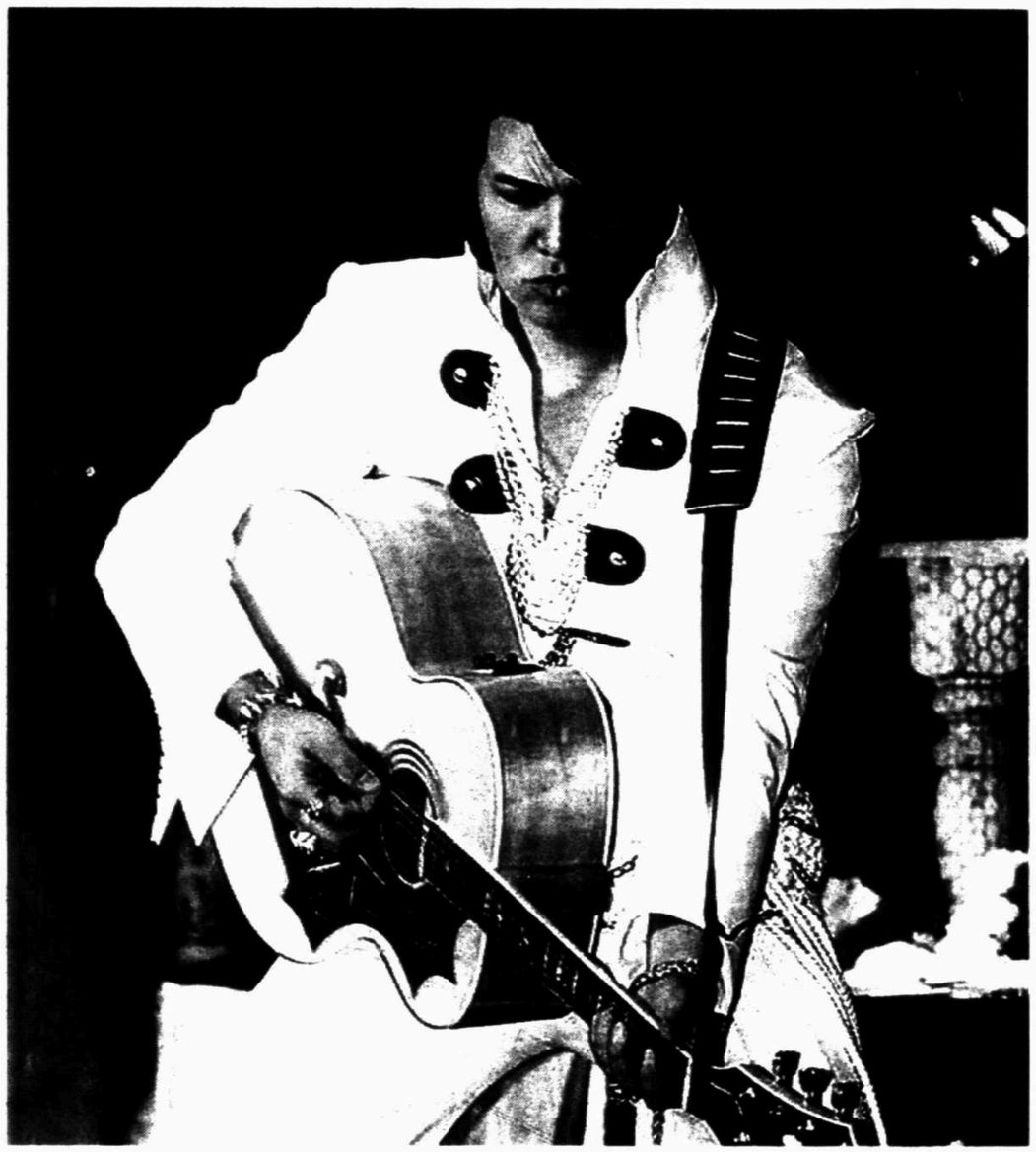
"This competition is one of many for some of the exhibitors and a culmination for others. All of the projects have a significant investment of time and often dollars. Your attendance here and support of these Midland County 4-H and FFA exhibitors is greatly appreciated."

History:
The Midland County Livestock Association was organized in 1955 as a state chartered, nonprofit entity whose sole purpose is to solicit support for, arrange and stage the annual Midland County Livestock Show to recognize and reward the efforts of 4-H and FFA club members in selecting, fitting and showing fine livestock. MCLA's membership is composed of volunteers from the community including farmers, ranchers, businessmen and professionals who see the need for and recognize the benefits of this particular youth activity.

4-H clubs came into being around the turn of the century with the passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1916 and the creation of the Cooperative Extension Service.

The National FFA Organization was organized as the "Future Farmers of America" in 1928 in Kansas City, Mo. In 1988, the official organization name was changed to The National FFA Organization to reflect the broadening field of agriculture, which today encompasses more than 300 careers in everything from agri-science to biotechnology to turf grass management.

The FFA motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." FFA members must be enrolled in an Ag Science Education course in their local school.



VINCE KING @ ECTOR THEATRE

Elvis impersonator Vince King returns to Odessa's Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas, Saturday. Graham Dixon has said of King's act, "Vince King succeeds in his venture to an uncanny degree, and it is an experience both incredibly entertaining and strangely beautiful." All seats are reserved. Tickets are $25. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Call 580-0898.

LIVEWIRE

Midland/Odessa/Alpine/Big Spring

Thursday, Jan. 10

Izzy Cox, WhiskeyDick, Stevie Tombstone @ Blue Max

No Justice @ Rockin Rodeo

Ray Price @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Friday, Jan. 11

Austin English and the Resurrection @ Redneck's

Tejas Brothers @ Lone Star Bar

Friday, Jan. 11, and Saturday, Jan. 12

Electric Gypsies @ The Bar

3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place

Saturday, Jan. 12

Ignite 454, New Days Dawn, Nightmare Canvas @ Fast Freddy's

Run Home Jack @ Lone Star Bar

The Remains @ Redneck's

Vince King @ Ector Theatre

Saturday, Jan. 12, and Sunday, Jan. 13

Diamond Dust @ Riley's

Wednesday, Jan. 15

B.B. King @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Dallas/Fort Worth

Saturday, Jan. 12

Gretchen Wilson @ Billy Bob's

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Lucinda Williams @ Kessler Theater

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Keith Graumann, Music Director and Conductor

Presents

AMERICAN MARVELS

Dr. Keith Graumann
Conductor

Guest Artist
Pianist Charles Webb
Performing the Music of America
Opening with the
Candide Overture
by Leonard Berstein

Saturday, February 2, 2013 8:00 p.m.

Big Spring Municipal Auditorium

Tickets Available at: Blum's Jeweler's, The Heritage Museum & The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

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B.B. King brings the blues to the Wagner Noël

For more than half a century, Riley B. King— better known as B.B. King — has defined the blues for a worldwide audience. Since he started recording in the 1940s, he has released more than 50 albums, many of them classics.

Born Sept. 16, 1925, on a plantation in Itta Bena, Miss., near Indianola, he played in his youth on street corners for dimes. Sometimes he performed in as many as four towns a night.

He hitchhiked to Memphis, Tenn. in 1947 to pursue a career in music and stayed with his cousin Bukka White, a celebrated blues performer, who schooled him further in the art of the blues.

King's first big break came in 1948 when he performed on Sonny Boy Williamson's radio program on KWEM out of West Memphis. This led to steady engagements at the Sixteenth Avenue Grill in West Memphis, and later to a 10-minute spot on black-staffed and managed Memphis radio station WDIA. "King's Spot" grew so popular it was expanded and became the "Sepia Swing Club." Soon King needed a catchy radio name. What started out as Beale Street Blues Boy was shortened to Blues Boy King, and eventually B.B. King.

In the mid-1950s, while he was performing at a dance in Twist, Ark., some fans became unruly. Two men got into a fight and knocked over a kerosene stove, setting fire to the hall. King raced outdoors to safety with everyone else, then realized that he left his beloved $30 acoustic guitar inside, so he rushed back inside the burning building to retrieve it, narrowly escaping death.

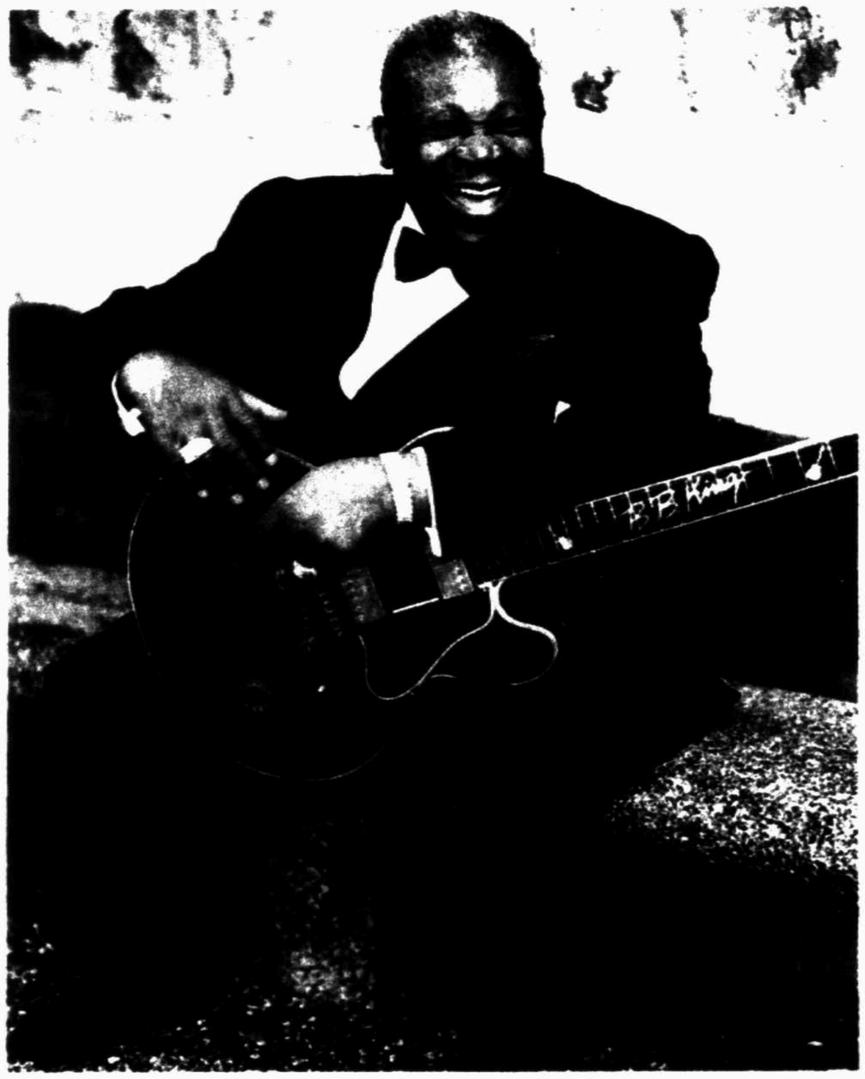
When he later found out that the fight had been over a woman named Lucille, he decided to give the name to his guitar to remind him never to do a crazy thing like fight over a woman. Ever since, each of his trademark Gibson guitars has been called Lucille.

Soon after his No. 1 hit, "Three O'Clock Blues," King began touring nationally. In 1956, he and his band played 342 one-night stands. From the chitlin circuit with its small-town cafes, juke joints, and country dance halls to rock palaces, symphony concert halls, universities, resort hotels and amphitheaters, nationally and internationally, King has become among the most renowned blues musicians of the past 40 years.

Over the years, King has developed one of the world's most identifiable guitar styles. He borrowed from Blind Lemon Jefferson, T-Bone Walker and others, integrating his precise and complex vocal-like string bends and his left hand vibrato, both of which have become indispensable components of rock guitarists' vocabulary. His economy, his every-note-counts phrasing, has been a model for thousands of players, from Eric Clapton and George Harrison to Jeff Beck.

King has mixed traditional blues, jazz, swing, mainstream pop and jump into a unique sound. In his words, "When I sing, I play in my mind; the minute I stop singing orally, I start to sing by playing Lucille."

Source: bbking.com



ALL THE DETAILS:

B.B. KING
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm to Market 1788
Tickets: Sold out.

Music

Betty's Place
103 S. "A" St.
Phone: 432-682-7092

Cabana Sports Bar
3113 W. Industrial Ave.
Phone: 688-3993

Cigar Frogs
216 N. Main St.
Phone: 687-1671
Web: www.cigarfrogs.com

Courtyard Marriott
1505 Tradewinds
Phone: 689-9400

Dos Amigos
4700 Golder Ave., Odessa
Phone: 432-368-7556
Web: www.dosamigoscantina.com/

Escape Lounge
Quality Inn & Suites, Odessa
3001 East Business Loop 20
Phone: 432-333-3931

Graham Central Station
4240 Preston Road, Odessa
Phone: 432-552-0552
Web: www.grahamcentralstation-odessa.com

Harrigans Grill & Bar
2701 John Ben Shepperd, Odessa
Phone: 432-617-8301
Web: www.harrigansdining.com/

Hot Shots
615 W. Wall St.
Phone: 687-3582

Kroc's
2215 N Midland Drive # 2A
Phone: 262-5858
Web: www.krocsbar.com/

La Playa de Colores
2101 E. 8th St., Odessa
Phone: 432-580-4200

Miami Nights
1600 North Farm-to-Market 1936, Odessa

Ogi's
4555 E. University, Odessa
Phone: 432-362-0300

Riley's Bar & Grill
3421 W. Wall St.
Phone: 520-0006.

Rockin' Rodeo
4400 N. Big Spring
Suite D46
Phone: 682-0401

Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina
2101 W. Wadley
Phone: 570-9600

Shack in the Back
11520 W Highway 80 E, Odessa
Phone: 432-561-5105
Web site: www.shackinthe-back.com

The Bar
606 W. Missouri Ave
Phone: 685-1757
Web: www.the-barmidland.com

The Detour
1708 Rankin Hwy
Phone: 685-1011

The Ground Floor
203 W. Wall St.
Phone: 683-4433

The Hemmingway
2200 W Wadley Ave, #2
Phone: 570-5333

The Hog Pit Pub & Grub
7400 W County Road 116
Phone: 561-9301

The New Blue Max
7409 W. Industrial Ave.

The Pine Box Collective
510 S. Big Spring

The Stardust
6300 Andrews Hwy., Odessa
Phone: 349-9879

The Velvet Room
The Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
Web: www.inthevelvetroom.com

Woofers and Tweeters
3303 N Midkiff Rd, No. 160
Phone: 522-2111

Your Place
3704 W. Wall St.
Phone: 262-3367

Ray Price brings 'Good Times' to the Wagner Noel

His wide-ranging baritone has often been praised as among the best male voices of country music. His more well-known recordings include "Release Me," "Crazy Arms," "Heartaches by the Number," "City Lights," "My Shoes Keep Walking Back to You," "For the Good Times," "Night Life," "I Won't Mention It Again," "You're the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me" and "Danny Boy." He was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1996 and — now in his late 80s — continues to record and tour.

Price has been one of country's great innovators. He changed the sound of country music from the late 1950s forward by developing a rhythmic brand of honky-tonk that has been hugely influential ever since. As steel guitarist Don Helms, a veteran of Hank Williams's Drifting Cowboys once put it, "Ray Price created an era."

Born near Perryville in East Texas, Price moved with his mother to Dallas after she and his father split up. He was 4 years old at the time and would spend most of his childhood moving between his mother's house in Dallas and his father's farm.

He joined the U. S. Marines during World War II, then afterward enrolled at North Texas Agricultural College, intent on becoming a veterinarian. While he was in school, Price started singing at Roy's House Cafe. This led to his cutting a single on Bullet Records and later signing with Columbia Records. His first Columbia release was "If You're Ever Lonely Darling," written by Lefty Frizzell.

Price had little success on Columbia until an introduction to Hank Williams in the fall of 1951 changed his fortunes. Williams took Price with him on the road and wrote a song, "Weary Blues (From Waiting)," which he gave to Price to record. The song did fairly well for Price, and in January 1952 he moved to Nashville to join the Grand Ole Opry. There he roomed with Williams and used the Drifting Cowboys as his backup band.

The pivotal record of Price's career was "Crazy Arms," recorded March 1, 1956. Introduced by Tommy Jackson's searing fiddle ("I whistled the sound I wanted Tommy to play," Price recalled), and driven by Buddy Killen's 4/4 bass line, "Crazy Arms" introduced a novel, modernist intensity to what was still an essentially classic honky-tonk sound. The record spent 20 weeks at No. 1 and established Price as a star.

For the next several years, he continued to tinker with his sound, most importantly emphasizing a shuffle rhythm that was barely perceptible on "Crazy Arms." The 4/4 shuffle, which many artists soon adopted, became so closely identified with Price it was known in country circles as the "Ray Price Beat."

During this time, Price also gave a career leg up to many young musicians and songwriters. Willie Nelson, Roger Miller and Johnny Paycheck all passed through his band, the Cherokee Cowboys, while Nelson, Harlan Howard and Hank Cochran wrote for the publishing company of which Price was part owner, Pamper Music.

Price's 1959 rendition of Howard's "Heartaches by the Number" helped establish Howard in Nashville, while Price's 1958 smash "City Lights" did the same for its writer, Bill Anderson.

Yet as dominant a hard country artist as Price had become, by the early 1960s he had begun to move into a more pop-oriented direction. This trend culminated with his 1967 hit "Danny Boy." Recorded with full orchestration, the song alienated many of Price's old fans, even as it brought many new ones in from a different direction.

Three years later, both sets of fans responded favorably to Price's "For the Good Times." Written by Kris Kristofferson, the song was a No. 1 country hit in 1970 and just barely missed the pop Top 10.

As of the mid-1990s, yet another generation of young country acts — many of them stars of the burgeoning hillbilly music underground — were trumpeting Price's work. To this day, the 4/4 shuffle is so deeply embedded in country music as to be second nature to many.

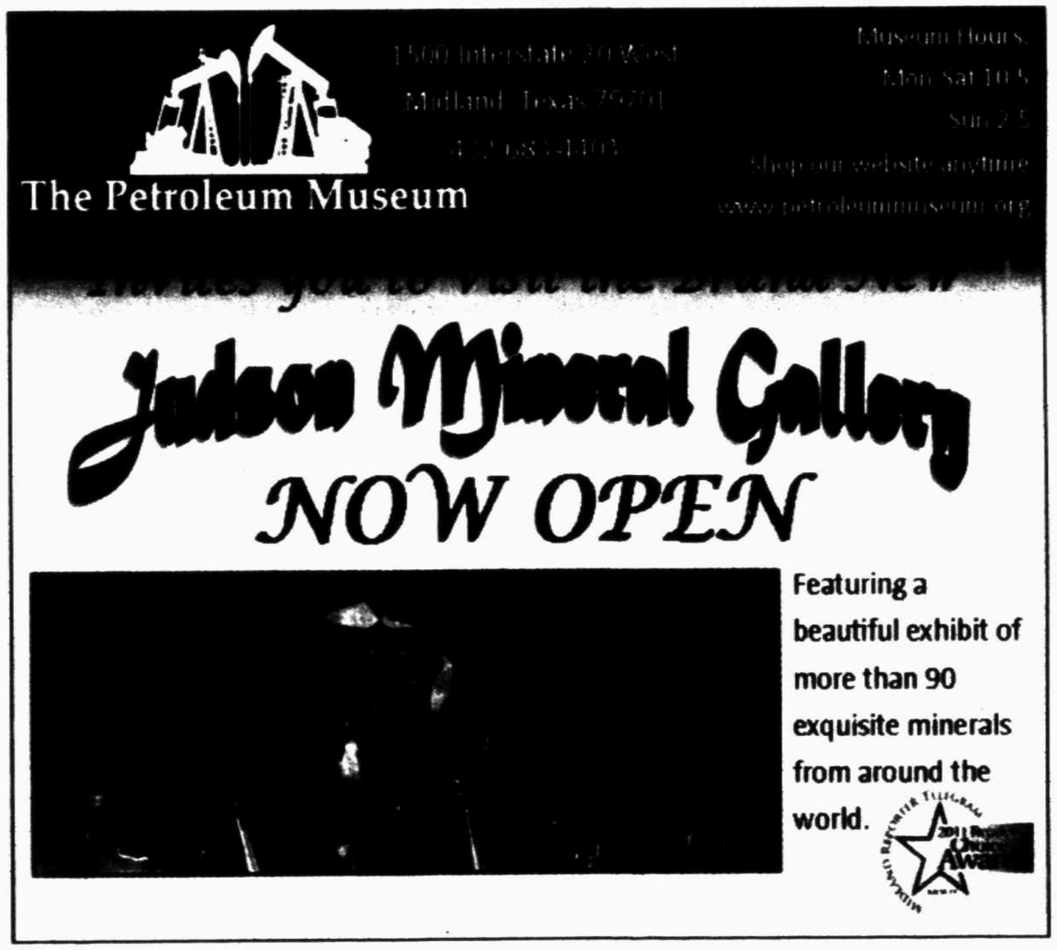
In November Price headed to Nashville to begin recording "Love Songs," his first album since 2007's "Last of the Breed" with Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard.

"There's no breakups, no makeups, no whiskey drinking, no cheatin', no honkying around," Price told the San Antonio Express News. "It may be so rare it will really hit."

Source for information: San Antonio Express News and Daniel Cooper, who adapted a portion of this material from the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum's Encyclopedia of Country Music, published by Oxford University Press, and found online at countrymusichalloffame.org

ALL THE DETAILS

RAY PRICE
When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Fm 1788
Tickets: $30-$60 plus handling charges.



what'scoming

WINTER NATIONAL MONSTER TRUCK SHOW
When: Jan. 18 and 19
Where: Horseshoe

MAP ARENACROSS CHAMPIONSHIP
When: Jan. 18 and 19
Where: Ector County Coliseum

MOSC MASTERWORKS III
When: 8 p.m. Jan. 19
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BOOK SIGNING
When: 2-4 p.m. Jan. 19
Where: Hastings
Info: Pamela Fagan Hutchins will be signing her novel "Saving Grace," a romantic murder mystery.

CBR BULL RIDING
When: Jan. 19
Where: Horseshoe

THE MUSIC OF ABBA
When: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

OAK RIDGE BOYS
When: 8 p.m. Jan. 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
When: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Jan. 25
Info: Call CASA of the Permian Basin Area for more Information, 498-4174. Chili Cook Off, exotic beers, hors d'oeuvres and dancing to Jerry Dugan and Westwind.

CINDY WARD & FRIENDS SHOW
When: 7 p.m. Jan. 25 and 26 and 2 p.m. Jan. 27
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa
Tickets: Call the Playhouse, 550-5456 or 432-362-2329 Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

MONSTER TRUCK SHOW
When: Jan. 26
Where: Horseshoe

STONE SOUR, PAPA ROACH WITH OTHERWISE
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: Endless Horizons, Vision Audio, The Horseshoe Box Office and online at www.midland-horseshoe.com.

ITZHAK PERLMAN
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"SHRECK: THE MUSICAL"
When: Feb. 8-March 9
Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Opening production of Midland Community Theatre's 2013 season. Call 570-4111 or go to www.mctmidland.org.

MASTERS OF MOTOWN
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 9
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA
When: 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10
Where: The Yucça Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Tickets: $10 per person. Camp Fire is accepting sponsorships and concert tickets will be on sale at the Camp Fire office. Proceeds will go to benefit Camp Fire West Texas Council programs in Midland and Odessa.

REO SPEEDWAGON
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

LOS LONELY BOYS
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 22
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BRIAN REGAN
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 23
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Regan's theater tour has visited more than 80 cities each year since 2005.

MONTY PYTHON
When: 2:30 and 7 p.m. Feb. 24
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Spamalot tells the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail. Broadway series includes Rain: A Tribute To The Beatles, April 14; Blue Man Group, April 30-May 2; and The Addams Family, May 23.
Info: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagner-noel.com.

MOSC CHAMBER CONCERT: LONE STAR BRASS
When: 2 p.m. Feb. 24
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

TERRY BARBER
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 25
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Single admission $30.
Info: Live on Stage series.

MOSC POPS III: SHOWER THE PEOPLE
When: 8 p.m. March 2
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"BOEING-BOEING"
When: March 8-23
Where: Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production. Recommended for those age 12 and up due to subject matter and language. Call 570-4111 or go to mctmidland.org.

THE MOODY BLUES
When: 8 p.m. March 10
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

YO GABBA GABBA LIVE! GET THE SILLIES OUT
When: 6 p.m. March 13
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Now on sale.
Info: Features DJ Lance Rock, plus Muno, Foofa, Brobee, Toodee, Plex and Biz Markie.

JBS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
When: 7 p.m. March 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

CRUDEFEST 2013
When: April 11-13
Where: Star of Texas Ranch, between Midland and Odessa
Camping: Call 432-685-3671
Info: Will feature more than 25 Texas country music artists and the Texas state championship barbecue cook-off.

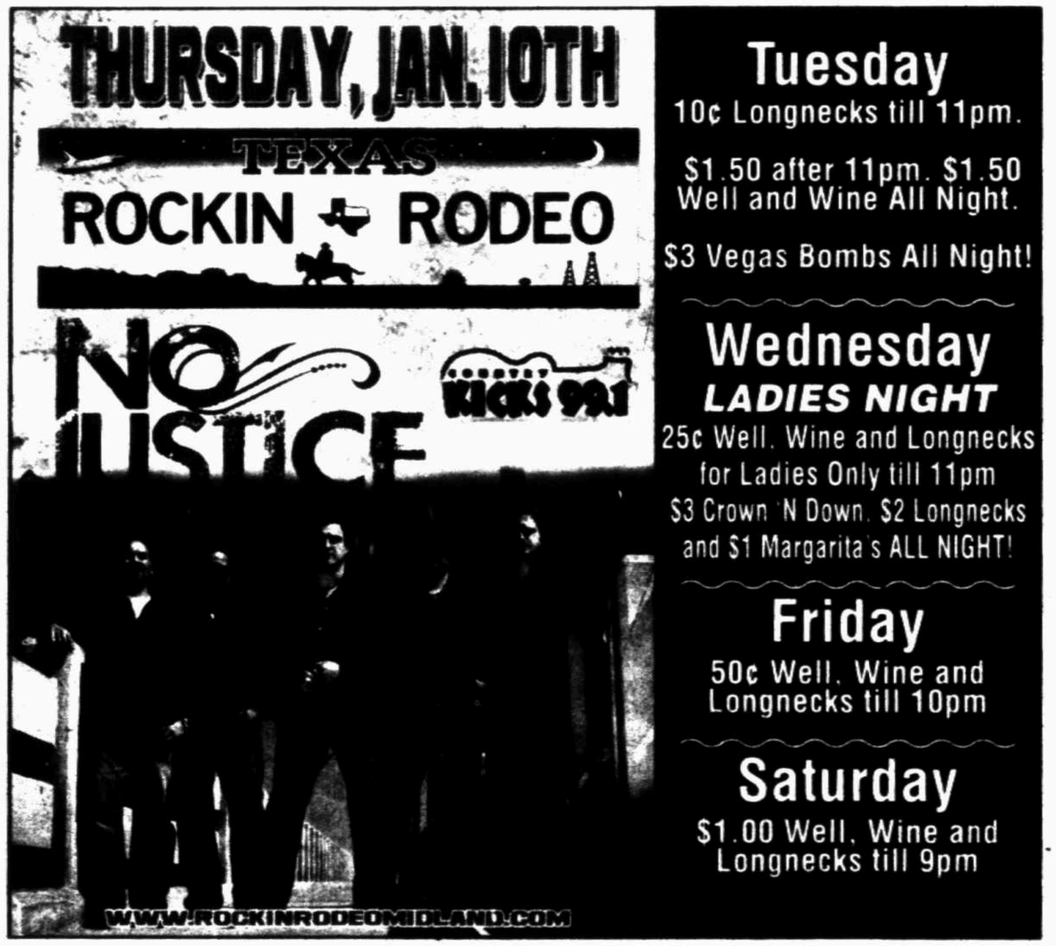
MOSC MASTERWORKS IV
When: 8 p.m. April 13
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

EXPERIENCE THE BEATLES WITH RAIN
When: 7 p.m. April 14
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

MOSC CHAMBER CONCERT: KID'S CHOIR
When: 2 p.m. April 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BOZZ SCAGGS
When: 7:30 p.m. April 23
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

GEORGE JONES
When: 7:30 p.m. June 14
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: This is the reschedule date for the Oct. 27th performance. All tickets for the October date will be honored for the rescheduled show. All refunds must be done at the box office or by filling out an online form through etix. Copy this link for details.
http://www.etix.com/ticket/online/help2.jsp



Sam's Bar-B-Que: Longtime Midland favorite still serving great food

By Joan Huff

After eating all the traditional holiday foods, it is time to get back to some good barbecue. I decided to return to one of Midland's oldest and most established restaurants — Sam's Bar-B-Que. Located at 1113 E. Scharbauer Drive, they are open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

As my friend and I walked in the door, the aroma of delicious barbecue greeted us. The dining room is large and full of well-worn booths and tables. At the back of the room, there is seating at the bar and a window looking in on the cooks. But, we weren't there for the atmosphere; we were there for barbecue. Sam's Bar-B-Que has stood the test of time — it's been open for more than 30 years. I think Texans know their barbecue and if it is not good, they move on to another place.

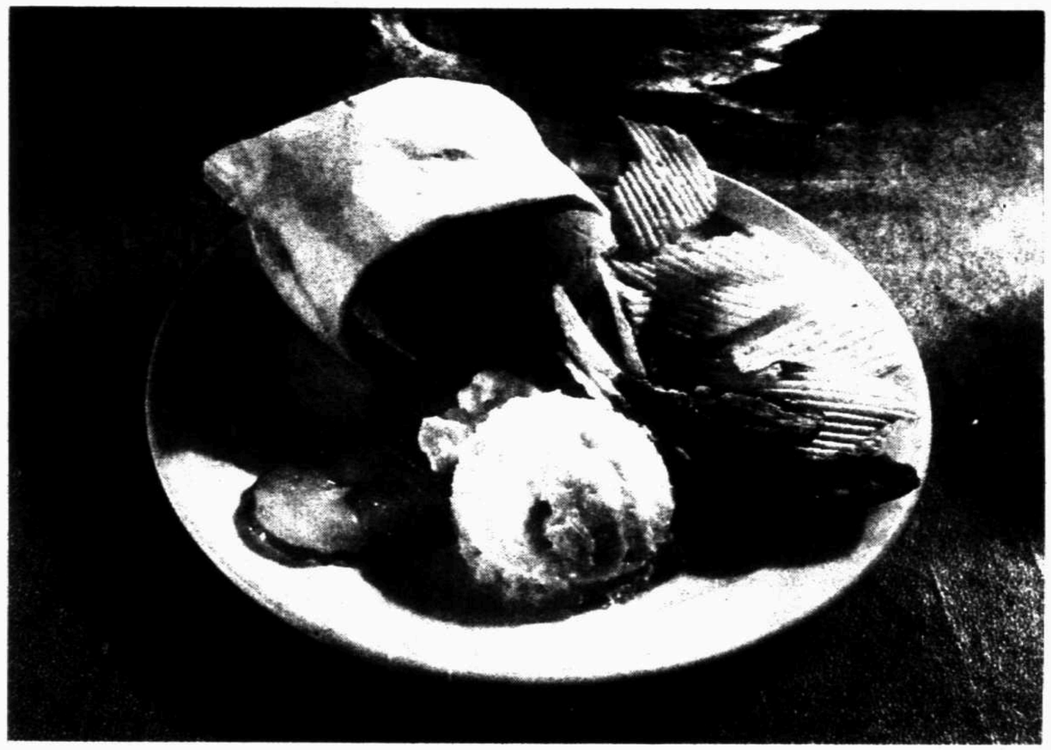
We chose a table and were warmly welcomed by one of the waitresses. Drink orders were taken and we were left to look over the menu. Daily specials include sliced beef, ribs, chicken, catfish and sausage and are assigned to a particular day of the week. All you can eat meals are offered each weekday after 5 p.m. and all day Saturday. Specials are served with potato salad, pinto beans, pickles, onions and peppers. These dinners can be ordered any day of the week, but are discounted on the day they are featured.

Both of us decided to order a chopped beef sandwich, which came with chips, onion, pickles and peppers. We added a side of potato salad for a small charge. Our order was served very quickly and was delicious. The chopped beef was perfectly flavored and very tender. It was a generous serving on the bun and a perfect lunch. They do have other sandwiches including sliced beef, homemade sausage and chicken. Drinks include tea, bottled soft drinks, lemonade and beer.

If you are having a party — including office parties or business lunches — Sam's will cater your event or you can purchase meat by the pound to take home and serve to your guests. Beef brisket, chopped beef, pork ribs and sausage are just right for a main entrée and you can pick up side dishes (potato salad and pinto beans) by the half-pint, pint and quart. You also can order a whole or half barbecued chicken. Other items on Sam's menu include fresh catfish with salad and fries, hamburgers with chips, fried chicken with salad and fries, chili and homemade beef stew.

In addition to their delicious barbecue, Sam's cobbler is a must. I made sure to save room for a bowl of peach cobbler with ice cream on top. Served warm, the ice cream melts just a little and runs down on it … need I say more?

Sam's Bar-B-Que has been written up in Texas Monthly and one year was chosen as one of the magazine's top 50 barbecue restaurants in Texas. Sam's was also featured in a cookbook by David Gelin, "BBQ Joints Stories and Secret Recipes from the Barbeque Belt." The author traveled around 13 states and chose his top 60 barbecue restaurants. The book features a recipe and the story of the owner (Lee Hammond from Sam's) in each restaurant. Sam's menu says "Don't Pass us by, Give us a Try!" This restaurant is one of the favorites in Midland for barbecue and is one you should visit if you haven't already.



SAM'S BAR-B-QUE

1113 E. Scharbauer Drive

570-1082

Payment Accepted: cash, credit cards, checks with proper ID
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
Meals served: lunch, dinner
Daily specials? Yes
Parking? Ample parking lot
Outdoor seating? No
Private dining room for parties? No
Take out? Yes
Catering? Yes

Food: 5 out of 5 spoons
Service: 5 out of 5 spoons
Value: 5 out of 5 spoons
Cleanliness: 4 out of 5 spoons
Atmosphere: 3 out of 5 spoons
Overall rating: 4 out of 5 spoons

TONY'S
Old Fashioned Bakery
1108 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX. 79701
432-570-4166
Hours:
Tuesday-Wednesday 7am - 3pm
Thursday-Friday 7am - 6pm
Saturday 7am - 3pm

diningguide

Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

Mexican

Abuelo's (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
www.abuelos.com
685-3335

Unique and beautiful atmosphere combined with traditional and non-traditional Mexican fare. Seafood, steaks, pork and chicken house specialties in addition to Tex-Mex burritos, tacos, enchiladas and fajitas. Very extensive menu including a wide choice of appetizers. Salads, soups and children's menu available. Party room available. Lunch specials from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or all day for those over 60.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4.5 spoons

Ajuua's Mexican Restaurant and Drive-Thru (SD)
3205 W. Cuthbert Ave.
694-4116

Expansive menu with traditional Tex-Mex favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. Seafood menu features dishes with catfish, shrimp and oysters. Fajitas with beef, chicken, pork, shrimp or fish are available for $7.99 daily. Menudo is available Saturday and Sunday.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
2 spoons

Casa Lopez Cafe (SD)
4411 W. Illinois Ave.
699-7373

Extensive menu featuring Mexican food specialties. Appetizers include bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. Variety of fajitas, combination plates, enchiladas, salads, steaks and a kid's menu. Sports bar in separate room with large TV. Delicious food and friendly service. Catering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Casa Madrid (SD)
911 S. Big Spring St.
685-1350

In business for 25 years. Traditional Mexican dishes, fajitas, combination dinners, steak, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. Kids menu. Daily all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for $8.25. Happy hour is each day from 5-7 p.m. offering $2 domestic longnecks and $2 margaritas. They make their own tortillas in the tortilla factory inside the restaurant.
Entrée price range: $8
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday and Saturday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-10 p.m. Friday.
3 spoons

El Banquete (SD)
1802 Rankin Highway
620-0123

Appetizers such as chili con queso, guacamole, nachos and quesadillas. Taco salads, burritos, beef or chicken fajita salads as well as various enchiladas plates are also on the menu. Beef tacos as well as soft pork tacos and T-bone steaks are also offered. Breakfast burritos served daily. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday -Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
2 spoons

Jorge's Café (SD)
3323 N. Midland Drive (Fairmont Shopping Center near Miss Cayce's) 689-0032
4400 N. Big Spring 683-6303

Lunch specials from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Quick service and nice atmosphere. Appetizers, salads, Mexican specialties, combination plates, fajitas, and steaks. Breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday. Full service bar with happy hour 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, televisions in bar tuned to sports. Room for party. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Cancun Grill (SD)
223 W. Wall St.
618-0390

Located inside the Wall Towers across from the old courthouse, this Mexican restaurant offers everything. Colorful dining room and décor. Full service bar. Large menu offering traditional Mexican dishes as well as numerous specialties and seafood, chicken and salads. Food is beautifully displayed on the serving dishes. Tres Leches cake is delicious. Catering. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Casa del Sol Restaurante y Cantina (SD)
523 East Illinois Ave.
686-1118

Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Numerous appetizer selections, Mexican specialties and combination plates. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice. West Texas specialties include country-fried steak, shrimp, grilled or fried catfish. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
3 spoons

Charlas Restaurante & Bar (SD)
3330 W. Illinois Ave.
699-2440

Delicious Mexican food in and casual atmosphere. Full service bar. Appetizers, enchiladas, tacos, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup, taco and tropical salad. Large choice of steaks, fajitas, burgers, seafood and chicken dishes as well. Delicious chips and salsa. Combination meals available as well as daily lunch specials. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily
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Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory (OAC)
903 Andrews Highway 520-2358
2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634
4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489

Large menu of tacos, burritos, nachos and salads and a la carte items. Offering Mexican platters such as a beef burrito plate, cheese enchilada plate, deluxe Mexican plate and chicken or beef fajita plates in addition to a tamale dinner. Family sized portions available. Try the fajita fiesta and don't leave without ordering the queso. Catering. Great atmosphere and quick service. Watch as they make fresh tortillas daily. Kid's menu.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Caramba's Spanish Inn (SD)
3116 W. Front St.
520-9724 or 520-9525

Bustling Mexican restaurant with a wide variety of Mexican foods. Menu features appetizers, light plates with 10 different choices, a "customer favorites" section, Mexican specialties and combination plates, burritos, burgers, steaks and

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Dos Compadres (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave,
#1 Oak Ridge Square
684-7239
www.Doscompadres.net

Appetizers offered include a variety of nachos and quesadillas as well as chile con queso. There are 15 house specials to choose from as well as a large selection of combination plates. Also steaks, seafood and fajitas. Try the carne guisada. Kid's menu available. Catering. Full service bar. Daily specials. Friendly service and family atmosphere.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
3 spoons

Gerardo's Casita (SD)
2407 N. Big Spring St.
570-8012
www.gerardoscasita.net

Mexican entrees, tacos, enchiladas and burritos, grilled specials including burgers, fajitas, steaks, taco salad and delicious tortilla soup. Great fajitas. Daily specials, kid's menu and several rooms for meetings or parties. Full service bar. Catering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

La Herradura Mexican Cuisine (SD)
1422 Rankin Highway
687-3000

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast plates including huevos rancheros, omelettes, pancakes, French toast and other options with potatoes, beans and tortillas are served from 6 -11 a.m. Lunch and dinner options include tacos, quesadillas, tostadas, fajitas, steaks, carne asada, enchiladas, flautas and burritos as well as hamburgers and other sandwiches. The restaurant serves menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends and a daily lunch buffet from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kids menu.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily
2 spoons

La Mision (SD)
1008 S. Big Spring St.,
682-0320

Festive Mexican atmosphere with colorful décor and lights. Delicious chips and salsa. Large selection of appetizers, main dishes such as cheese enchiladas, carne guisada, hamburgers and fries, chicken fried steak, fajitas, chili rellenos, grilled specialties. Try the sopapillas with ice cream. Full service bar and outdoor seating available. Kid's menu. .
Average entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
4 spoons

Dona Anita's (SD)
305 W. Florida Ave.
683-6727

Traditional Tex-Mex entrees such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, chile rellenos and combination plates, Dona Anita's is located near downtown and offers weekday lunch specials. Menu also includes fajitas with chicken, steak or shrimp, flautas, salads, quesadillas and American dishes such as hamburgers, a catfish platter and chicken fried steak. We recommend the chile rellenos. Huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas available on Sundays.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday - Friday; 5-9 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Fajitas Bravo (SD)
409 E. Scharbauer Drive
682-6848

The most delicious tender and flavorful beef and chicken fajitas I have had. Order at your table from the large menu on the wall offering barbecue brisket and ribs or grilled chicken breasts with potato salad and beans as well as traditional Mexican dishes such as nachos, burritos, burgers and quesadillas. Larger portion family packs with meats and side dishes also on the menu. Catering available for parties, meetings or any event. Thursday night pool contest from 9 p.m. until closing. Happy hour 7-9 p.m. daily.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m; 6 p.m.-midnight Monday-Friday
3 spoons

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar (SD)
2700 N. Big Spring St.
684-5594

Opened in 1972, La Bodega serves a variety of traditional and unique Mexican dishes. Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. Several dining rooms, including an enclosed patio room. The bar is located upstairs and is accessible from both inside and outside the building. The bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. daily
4 spoons

Romie's Mexican Restaurante (SD)
701 S. Marienfeld St.
432-683-5344

Daily specials, most at $6.99. Large selection of appetizers including, stuffed jalapenos and flautitas, nachos and homemade salsa. Traditional Mexican favorites such as chalupas, tacos, enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos. Steak, catfish and burgers and a kid's menu. Friendly and speedy service. Perfect for those working downtown and anyone looking for a delicious Mexican meal. Catering and take out available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave., #45
570-9600

Sit out on the patio and enjoy traditional Mexican food dishes. Start your meal with delicious chile con carne queso. Enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos, carne guisada and tacos are all on the menu. All Mexican dinners are served with rice, beans, guacamole, and two flour tortillas. Assorted selection of soups, taco salads and sandwiches, burgers and salads, seafood and steaks. Daily specials and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily for restaurant, bar is open until midnight daily.
4 spoons

Tampico Spanish Inn (SD)
2411 W. Wall St.
682-5074

Go early to get a table at this popular Midland eatery. Wide variety of appetizers including jalapeno chips, queso, chile con queso, guacamole, avocado salad, stuffed jalapenos and a selection of quesadillas and nachos (available in whole and half orders). Lunch specials change daily.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9:45 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9:45 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Javi's Mexicano Restaurante (SD)
1511 Rankin Highway
684-4898

Serving breakfast and lunch. Bakery, tortilla and tamale factory — all located right beside the restaurant. Menu includes a wide choice of burritos such as combination, steak with potatoes, chile relleno, great fajitas with chicken and beef or carne guisada. Nachos including bean, beef, chicken and beef fajita or combination. Single entrées can be ordered with a side of rice, beans and two flour tortillas for $5.99. Great selection of burgers with a side of fries. Breakfast burritos and plates can be ordered throughout the day.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Garcia's Burritos (OAC)
1306 N. Lamesa Road
684-4383

Appetizers such as shrimp cocktail, chips and salsa or queso and guacamole, tortilla soup and a variety of burritos including beef, chicken or asado. Fajita plates include beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream with two tortillas. Menudo is offered on Fridays and can be purchased by the pint or quart. Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 when Garcia's opens at 7:30 a.m. daily. Breakfast is served until 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Small coffee bar.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
2 spoons

Chito's Mexican Restaurant & Sports Bar (SD)
4400 N. Midland Drive
689-8646
Fax: 689-8647

Mexican restaurant with sports bar atmosphere perfect for gathering with friends. Televisions on every wall. Traditional Mexican fare with large selection of appetizers. Full bar. Kid's menu and daily specials available. Breakfast served on weekends.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-midnight Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Peno's Café & Catering Company (SD)
4305 W. Illinois Ave.
Facebook: Café J-Peno
262-5720

Daily breakfast menu includes breakfast burritos and breakfast plates with eggs, potatoes Mexican style, beans and flour tortillas. Add any asadero, asado, chile verde, barbacoa or brisket and buttermilk pancakes for a very filling meal. Lunch menu includes enchiladas, gorditas plate and combination plates. Try the tacos. Menudo served on Saturday. Many of the menu items can be purchased by the pound. Tamales may be ordered by the dozen or half dozen. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

El Burrito Restaurant (OAC)
1106 N. Big Spring St.
683-9701

In business since 1979 offering wide selection of burritos and more — homemade tortillas, breakfast plates and waffles. Lunch menu includes additional burrito choices and Mexican dishes such as a taco plate, combination plate, flautas, beef and cheese enchiladas, fajitas and tacos al carbon. Grilled chicken and a variety of salads. Non-traditional Mexican food — called "Happy Day Foods" — include steak fingers or chicken strips served with fries, gravy, salad and toast or several choices of hamburgers.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6:45 a.m. -3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Dos Margaritas (SD)
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www.dosmargaritasusa.com
618-9536

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Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
3 spoons

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In the Limelight
revival of 'Godspell'

By Graham Dixon

The deserved revival of "Godspell," which runs through this weekend at the Yucca Theatre, was not as well attended Sunday afternoon as I would have hoped. A shame, as it was just as vivacious, humorous and moving as the production in August. The ensemble seamlessly portrayed the dizzying array of parables, lessons and physical comedy while also exploring the far more serious strains that appear in the second half of the show.

The opening of the play was actually clearer than the previous production because of better sound production, with the actors taking on the personas of famous thinkers ranging from Socrates to Jean Paul Sartre. The cacophony of argument that ultimately incurs is delightfully chaotic, all interrupted by Jesus wearing track pants and various scarves.

As Jesus, Mark Kaufman strides onto the stage with calm but inviting self-confidence at the beginning. The only way of successfully portraying the most famous person who has ever lived is to make him as individual, human and even quirky as possible. Kaufman creates a figure who is as comfortable playing childlike games with his disciples/ensemble as he is teaching universal truths.

Kaufman is believable because his Jesus is so charismatic in an unthreatening way. Like all great leaders, he can empathize with those around him — feel what they feel, fear what they fear, understand as they understand — and yet also communicate a message that makes him timeless. The only moment when things start to get beyond him occurs in the supposedly censorial warnings of "Turn Back, O Man," a song that actually becomes a celebration of sensuality. Kaufman has an expression of disapproval mellowed by the realization that he is seeing something he can never quite understand.

This acting choice made the apparently abrupt move into the condemnation of "Alas for You" more logical. This Jesus can forgive human frailty when it has good intentions behind it, but is almost frighteningly angry when cynicism and hypocrisy are at work. Kaufman strode forward toward the audience here, accusing all of us as much as the religious hierarchy.

"Beautiful City" was gorgeously acted, a glance around me showed it brought tears to a number of eyes other than my own. Jesus says goodbye to his disciples through sad little echoes of the playful actions he shared with them during the parables. A leader speaks not only to the group but also, through some almost supernatural ability, to each person within the crowd as if they are the only person receiving the message.

The gathering of the scarves, a symbol of Christ taking on the burden of human sin, was done with a casual lack of ceremony. The characters know what he is doing, and Jesus knows what he is doing, yet both sides silently agree to minimize the implications. Kaufman's growing fear at the fate awaiting him, ending with him shaking on his knees with his fist clenched, was remarkable.

Two members of the ensemble stood out. First, Danny Anderson as Judas. As the play progressed, Anderson became slowly more removed from the rest of the ensemble, as if his character is preparing for the betrayal he feels compelled to commit. Anderson's expression of anguished self-loathing contrasts with the simple bemusement of the other disciples when Jesus forecasts one will betray him. Here is a very human Judas, one you can almost sympathize with.

Second, Jena Tumlin best exemplifies the whacky, over-the-top behavior of these decidedly eccentric witnesses to deity. She throws herself around the stage with almost wild abandon.

LuAnn Lane does a fine job of leading the music, while Brian Gravelle obviously has the best voice on stage, and it often soars in both his solos and ensemble work. Evelyn Armstrong's lighting is effective, particularly in the evocative gloominess of the Crucifixion. She subtly shows that this execution has a universal meaning without being too obvious.

"Godspell" has performances on Friday and Saturday night at the Yucca Theatre. If you can go, get a ticket, it is theater at its best. All proceeds from the show go to a great cause — Permian Basin MAAS.

Tickets are available at First Presbyterian Church 683-0851, Spirit Creations (by Murray's) and "Note"able. They are also available at the door starting 30 minutes before the show. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

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