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Abortion rate in Texas lowest since 1970s

Drop of 17 percent exceeds national trend, which fell 13 percent

By Todd Ackerman
Houston Chronicle

The abortion rate in Texas has dropped to the lowest level since soon after the procedure's legalization, according to an analysis of the years before new restrictions prompted some clinics to shut down.

The report by the Guttmacher Institute found that Texas' rate declined from 14.9 abortions for every 1,000 women in 2008 to 13.5 in 2011, its lowest rate since 1974, the year after Roe v. Wade took effect. The numbers only take into account women of child-bearing age, 15 to 44.

That represents a 17 percent drop, compared with the national average of 13 percent.

"The number and rate of abortions have been declining continuously since the late 1980s, but this is steep," said Rachel Jones, the lead author of the study by Guttmacher, a research organization that supports abortion rights. "There's previously been only one other time there's been a decline of this size."

Case study

Jones said Guttmacher's next report will monitor the impact of the recent restrictions, most of which have taken effect since late 2011. She said, "Texas particularly is going to be an interesting case study."

The Texas case study will involve the impact of a 2013 law that outlawed abortions after 20 weeks and requires clinics and doctors to meet demanding new standards, a law that resulted in the closure of 12 abortion clinics. A law that went into effect in 2012 requires doctors to provide a sonogram before performing an abortion.

More contraception use

But the new data was applauded by leading players on both sides of the debate — though they didn't agree on the reasons for the decline.

Jones attributed the decline to "more women using more effective contraceptive methods, a good thing." She said that statistics show the use of IUDs was up 9 percent between 2001 and 2009. She said statistics also show an increase in the use of contraceptive shots and patches.

"This shows that when women have access to contraception, there's less need for abortion," said Rochelle Tatolla, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON 158?

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Drivers on State Highwaty 158 are limited to one lane each way as TxDOT workers resurface the roadway.

Renovations on SH 158 to address capacity issues

By Joseph Basco
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Texas Department of Transportation began an extensive 12-mile repaving project on State Highway 158 on Tuesday to combat the deterioration caused by overwhelming commercial traffic.

The repaving project, which stretches from four miles south of Interstate 20 to the Glasscock County line, will be conducted in two- to three-mile segments and will require lane closures on one side of the four-lane road. Traffic for both directions will be moved to the other two open lanes in the segment.

During construction, which is expected to last until November, speed limits will be decreased from 70 mph to 60 mph. Because of the lack of passing lanes, TxDOT Odessa District spokesman Gene Powell said he encourages motorists to move together at a uniform speed to minimize accidents. He said the construction speed limit was the slowest that could be mandated for the area.

Powell also encourages motorists to seek alternate routes, such as using Farm-to-Market Road 1379 and Farm-to-Market Road 307 if traveling to Midland, or using Interstate 20 to U.S. Highway 87 if traveling to San Angelo.

Funding for the $7.8 million project became available from the $225 million legislators allocated to TxDOT for energy-impacted areas.

In 2012, SH 158 accommodated an average of 10,000 vehicles per day, according to the TxDOT website. Five fatal accidents occurred on the road last year.

"It's wonderful that the oil field is booming," Powell said. "But the price associated with it is a lot of heavy vehicles, which equates to the roads getting torn up."

The repaving will extend the repaired portion of SH 158 by 15 to 20 years.

But it is not just SH 158 that is encountering damage. James Beauchamp, president of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, said that the litter on the road, including nails and screws, are causing people to complain to MOTRAN about blown-out tires. Beauchamp also said that the road is "beyond capacity" because of the limited number of roads that allow traffic to go into the southern portions of the county.

Beyond the scope of the project, past the Glasscock County line, TxDOT's San Angelo District is also in the process of renovating SH 158 all the way to U.S. Highway 87 with an extensive widening project that is expected to be complete by 2016. TxDOT San Angelo District spokeswoman Karen Threlkeld said the multiphased widening will make this longer, two-lane portion of SH 158 more uniform with the four-lane portion that lies in Midland County.

"Accidents have increased on the road because people are trying to pass," Threlkeld said. "People will get stuck behind a tanker and aren't giving themselves enough time to pass a big rig. We are making an effort to make roads safer."

Threlkeld also recommended taking alternate routes while construction is ongoing.

Ryder Warren: MISD acted in timely manner on laptop theft

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland ISD did not take too long to notify parents following the theft from an unlocked pickup of a laptop and external hard drive containing the Social Security numbers and birth dates of 14,000 current and former students, Superintendent Ryder Warren said Wednesday.

The laptop was reported stolen on Jan. 23, according to the Midland Police Department. A letter informing parents of the breach was approved on Friday and mailed on Monday.

"If we had taken three weeks to a month, that would have been way too long," Warren said.

District staff began to respond to the situation immediately, which included investigating the situation, identifying the scope of the breach and who was affected, as well as determining how to best inform parents, he said.

"You don't react to anything with a knee jerk," Warren said. "Anything we do in the district, we've got to have a full understanding of the situation before we decide how to act."

Section 521.053, subsection b, of the Texas Business and Commerce Code requires the "disclosure shall be made as quickly as possible." A delay is allowed "at the request of a law enforcement agency that determines that the notification will impede a criminal investigation."

According to the MPD report, responding officers did not take fingerprints from the pickup because Deborah Acosta, MISD dropout prevention/recovery and at-risk coordinator, and her husband had both entered the vehicle before police arrived.

"We were hoping the first couple of days that maybe we would — hope against hope — that we would get it back," Warren said.

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Economic, crude production growth dominate local economy

By Mella McEwen
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As 2013 ended, the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index recorded growth of 6.5 percent compared to 2012 levels and a full point higher than November levels and the 46th consecutive month of increase. While a strong growth rate, the index began the year with double-digit growth that has steadily narrowed throughout the year.

However, Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index for

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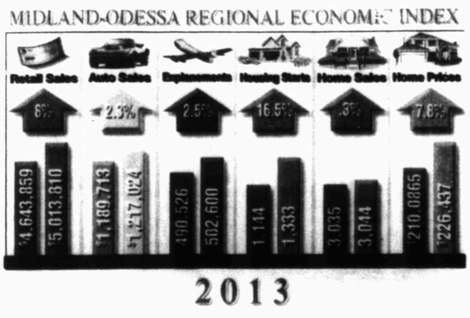

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Obituaries

Cathy Foster Stump

Catherine Foster Stump died peacefully at home on Feb. 4, 2014.

Cathy was born in Clinton, Iowa, to Dr. Warren and Margaret Foster. She attended Cornell College in Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State University. It was there that she met her dear husband, Richard Stump. They were married August 28, 1954, and that's when the love story began. They had four children who are beyond blessed to have had such phenomenal parents.

Cathy was a homemaker, who created a loving home where all were welcome. She was a substitute teacher for MISD in the 1970s. Cathy tutored children at Casa de Amigos, and loved helping children ride horses through the Discovery Center.

She was a dedicated servant of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and was a member of several local organizations. She loved traveling, bird watching, and to laugh with friends and family. Cathy was passionate about her friends and will be fondly remembered for her gentle and kind nature, and the ability to find good in every person every day.

Her family includes daughter and son-in-law Mary and Phil Fry of Toledo, Ohio, with grandchildren Amanda Muckenthaler and Warren Fry, daughter and son-in-law Martha and Jeffrey Johnson of Austin, Texas, son and daughter-in-law Chuck and DeDee Stump of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, with granddaughters Raegan and Catherine; and daughter Ellen Stauffer of Atlanta, Georgia, with grandchildren Kenny, Will, and Margaret; and great grandchildren Jack Muckenthaler and Atticus Stauffer.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard, brother Charles Foster, and son-in-law Kenneth Stauffer. Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland on Saturday, February 8, at 3:00 p.m. Memorials can be made to Casa de Amigos.

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

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

Cori Lynne (Ray) Hyatt

Cori, our loving wife and mother, wonderful daughter, loyal sister, faithful friend, caring mentor, and strong leader, passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2014 after a valiant battle against breast cancer.

During her illness, Cori demonstrated great determination and courage and gave strength to those who loved and cared for her.

Cori is survived by her husband, Jacques Hyatt; her children, Tommy Moore, Kelsi Moore, Chloe Hyatt; and step sons, Hunter and Chandler Hyatt, all of Midland, Texas.

She is also survived by her mother, Linda and husband Dave Marsh; father, Joseph Ray; sister, Andrea Sanchez and husband Greg; brother, Doug Ray and wife, Leah Ray; step brother, Michael Marsh; nephews, Joel, Ryan and Ian Sanchez, and niece, Angelyn Aranda, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and her family at Midland Memorial Hospital. Cori was loved and greatly respected by all.

Cori was born April 21, 1970 to Joseph Harold Ray and Linda Adams Ray. She grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and graduated from Del Notre High School in 1988. She was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" in her high school class. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority at UNM, and recently was given a pin to honor 25 years as an Alpha Chi.

In 1992, Cori received a Bachelor's of Business Association Degree in Human Resource Management from the University of New Mexico and, in 1996, a Master's Degree in Organizational Management.

She was Director of Human Resources for Premier (Anheuser-Busch) Distributing in Albuquerque, Director of Human Resources for Levi Strauss, Volvo Buses, and The Rehabilitation Hospital in Roswell, New Mexico. She served as Director of Public Health for Southeastern New Mexico; President of the Southeast New Mexico Society for Human Resources Management; and was appointed by the Governor of New Mexico to the State Personnel Board from 1996-2001.

Cori was Director of Human Resources for Midland Memorial Hospital from 2006 until her passing.

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Please come join us as we celebrate Cori's life. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 2304 W Wadley Avenue, Midland, Texas, or to the charity of your choice.

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Delbert D. McNealy

Delbert D. McNealy, 88, passed away at home in Midland, Texas, on Tuesday morning, February 4, 2014. He is interred at the Emmett City Cemetery, Emmett, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two brothers, Forrest McNealy and Benjamin McNealy.

Delbert is survived by his sister, Bethene Pulliam, of Oregon; his five children, Bethene Krauser and husband, Kent, of Lake Mary, Florida, Katherine Bradshaw and husband, David, of Garden Ridge, Texas, Timothy Frank McNealy and wife, Karen, of Midland, Texas, Caroline Leibsle and husband, Doug, of Lexington, Kentucky, and Frederick Joseph McNealy and wife, Lori, of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren, Timothy R. McNealy, Anthony McNealy, Barbara McNealy, Erica Bradshaw Sloan, Mary Claire Bradshaw Sowell, Taylore Leibsle, Richard McNealy and Patrick McNealy; and three great grandchildren, Madyson, Aubrey and Estelle.

Arrangements are handled by Ellis Funeral Home.

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801 Andrews Hwy.
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James (Jim) William Kimbrow

James (Jim) William Kimbrow, 82, of Midland passed away Saturday, February 1, 2014. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel, with a reception following services. Chaplain Wade Cobb will be officiating.

Jim was born in Amarillo, Texas on February 5, 1931 to Addis Andrew Kimbrow and Alice Juanita Cox. At age 17, he joined and served in the Naval Reserves from 1948 to 1951 before graduating from Amarillo High School in 1949.

After a year at Amarillo Junior College, he entered Texas Technological College in Lubbock, Texas, graduating with a Petroleum Engineering degree in 1958. He served as president of the student chapter of the "Society of Petroleum Engineers" as well as president of Tau Beta Pi, an honors fraternity.

He served in the Air Force Reserves from 1951 to 1958. He was employed with Marathon Oil Company for 20 years, working in Pauls Valley, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Lawrenceville, Illinois, Iraan and Midland, Texas. In 1977, he left Marathon Oil and went to work for Houston Natural Gas, where he retired in 1986.

He married Jane Huckaby on June 10, 1980. Upon retiring, they moved to Kingsland, Texas where they spent the next 10 years on Lake LBJ. In 1997, Jim and Jane moved to Granbury, Texas where they resided until 2010 when they returned to Midland to be closer to their family.

Jim was a member of the Granbury Seventh-Day Adventist Church, where he served as head deacon and treasurer for several years. At the time of his death, Jim was a member of Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Midland.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jane; children, Capri Kimbrow Wilson and husband, Lester, of Sherman, Texas, Cindy Kimbrow Brooks and husband, Russell of Midland, Texas, Stacia Huckaby Ramsey and husband, Randy, of Iraan, Texas, Dena Huckaby Kennedy and husband, Gary, of Iraan, Texas, and Darren Huckaby and wife, Diana of New Braunfels, Texas.

He was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Hospice House, 903 North Sam Houston in Odessa, Texas 79761.

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

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

Juan S. Fuentes

Juan S. Fuentes, "Big John," 57, of Midland, went to be with our Lord and Savior on February 2, 2014 after a brief illness at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Juan was born in Stanton, Texas on May 16, 1957. Juan was a carpenter by trade and did a lot of remodeling work with various contractors. He worked with Olgin Builders, and Salazar Framing for many years. He also built and remodeled many homes for family members.

He enjoyed many sports, especially watching NFL football, baseball, and basketball. He loved listening to music, especially Tejano music. His favorite singer was Little Joe.

Juan attended De Zavala Elementary School, San Jacinto Jr. High, Austin Freshman, and Robert E. Lee High School. He graduated from Robert Lee in 1975. During his teenage years, Juan attended Emmanuel Baptist Church. He played the drums for a church music group.

He is survived by his mom, Irma S. Fuentes; three sons, Michael Fuentes, Adam Fuentes, and Jacob Fuentes; three daughters, Alexandra Fuentes, Kaylan Fuentes, and Katelyn Fuentes; a sister, Rose Bernal and her husband Saul; brothers, Hilario Fuentes and his wife Esther, all from Midland; Richard Fuentes and his wife Candy, of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Ruben Fuentes and his wife Lydia, of Ft. Worth, and by 11 grandchildren, three aunts and six uncles, and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Juan A. Fuentes, Sr. of Midland, Texas.

A viewing will be held at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday February 6, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A Memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Final viewing will be held Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Reverend Hilario S. Fuentes will officiate. Graveside services will be held at Serenity Gardens.

We Love You Juan and will Miss You! God Bless You All!

At the family's request, they are accepting monetary donations instead of flower arrangements. Please contact Irma Fuentes at 912 N. Dallas, 432-889-4158.

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

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

Maxine Martin

Maxine Martin, 90, of Houston, passed away Monday, February 3, 2014 in Houston. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Reverend Kathryn Boren officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Maxine was born May 3, 1923 to Helen and Charles Gaston in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. She married James Robert Martin on February 3, 1945 in Midland. He preceded Maxine in death on April 27, 2007.

Maxine adored her husband. They lived in Andrews for almost 30 years and started numerous businesses. They retired to Lake LBJ in 1976 and spent 25 years in the LBJ area.

She loved to play bridge and travel. She opened her home to anyone who needed her and was a very compassionate person, who had many friends. Everyone remembers how she always wore high heels. She never left home without them.

Survivors include daughter, Bobbie Maxon and husband Steve of Overland Park, Kansas; daughter, Donna Wheeler and husband Bill of Midland; son, Russell Martin and wife Lynne of Houston; grandchildren, Derik Maxon, Alyssa Maxon, Chad Wheeler, Corey Wheeler, Jennifer Frey, and Meredeth Martin; and by eight great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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

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

Mrs. Frances Howell Kiker

Mrs. Frances Howell Kiker died Wednesday morning, February 5, 2014, in a Midland hospital, just one day shy of her 101th birthday. A graveside service will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2014, in the Colorado City Cemetery, with Dr. Jerry Shields officiating and under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Frances was born February 6, 1913 in Loraine to James and Katherine Tidwell Howell. She married Doyle Kiker in January, 1935. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1989.

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Colorado City. For many years, she worked side by side with Doyle in the Kiker & Son Funeral Home, doing office work, arranging flowers and helping him with funeral services.

She is survived by her son, Robert and his wife, Jean Kiker of Midland; a grandson, Robert D., II and wife Lisa Kiker of Denver, Colorado; a granddaughter, Kim Gordon of Mesa, Arizona; and by six great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Compass Hospice, 1330 E 8th Street, Ste. 410, Odessa, Texas 79761 or the First Baptist Church, 301 Chestnut Street, Colorado City.

Norma L. Kelly

Norma L. Kelly, 67, a beautiful, loving wife, mother and grandmother, entered into rest on February 2, 2014. She was a true Christian and always had God in her heart.

She led her family through good and bad times and through sickness and healing. She dedicated her life to providing a good home for her husband and children and later, being a loving grandmother to her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Farrell and brother, Ronnie Farrell.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Kelly of Midland, Texas; mother, Lil Farrell of Midland, Texas; daughter, Christine Morgan and husband Randal of Midland, Texas; son, Garrick Kelly and wife Barbara of Littleton, Colorado; brother, Charlie Farrell and wife Jan of Cedaredge, Colorado; grandchildren, Blake and Brant Morgan of Midland, Texas and Emily Kelly of Littleton, Colorado; and by many nieces and nephews.

Norma was born on August 13, 1946 in Flagstaff, Arizona. She attended public school in Brawley, California. She attended San Diego State University, where she achieved her Bachelors in Education and Masters Degrees in Education Administration.

She retired from Brawley Elementary School District on June 30, 2004. Norma was an elementary teacher, school site resource teacher, Director of Special Projects/Student Services, and ended her career as the Assistant Superintendent.

During her career, she earned many awards and recognitions to include the Association of School Administrators, Administrator of the Year.

During her first teaching job in Seeley, California, she met Larry, who became the love of her life.

Norma was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas, where she served as President of the Partner's Sunday School Class.

After retiring in 2004, she and Larry moved from Brawley, California to Midland Texas to be closer to family. While in Midland, she enjoyed volunteering at the George Bush House, and being a member of the Women's Study Club.

She became an avid bridge player with the Bridge of the Permian Basin Bridge Club. She loved to plan and take trips and was blessed with the ability to see many parts of the world. She especially loved sharing these experiences with friends and family.

The family's appreciation goes to all the healthcare and Hospice nurses, aids and staff who cared for her.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 11:00a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, with Reverend Macky Pitts officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Midland.

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

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

Death Notices

Gregory Donaghe

Gregory Donaghe, 31, of Midland, died January 23, 2014. He was born to the late William Donaghe and Jewel Donaghe on May 8,1982 in Deming, NM.

He is survived by his children, Shane and Aubrey Donaghe, and Alexandria Biddle; mother, Jewel Donaghe; brothers, Matthew Donaghe and Isaiah Donaghe; four sisters, Misty Donaghe, Antoinette Donaghe, Lylonnie Donaghe and Lisa Donaghe.

There are no services at this time.

Karen Michelle (Tidwell) Poer

Karen Michelle (Tidwell) Poer died on Tues., Jan. 28, 2014 after a five year battle with cancer and leukemia. She was born on Nov. 10, 1960 in Roanoke, TX.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 2, 2014 at the Grapevine Church of Christ with internment at Medlin Cemetery in Trophy Club.

Karen is survived by her husband, Evan J. Poer; her children, Samuel Evan and Polley Michelle; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tidwell; her in-laws, Carolyn and Robert Poer, Beth and Greg Clark, and Lisa K. Drummond, and her two sisters and one brother.

Pedro (Pete) Segura Ybarra

Pedro (Pete) Segura Ybarra passed away Thursday, January 30, 2014. He leaves behind his brother Victor Ybarra Jr. and four sisters Dominga Perez, Maggie Ybarra, Olivia Ybarra, and Lilly Ybarra all of Midland, TX; six nephews and eight nieces. Viewing will take place Friday, February 7, 2014 from 10am to 9pm at Heavenly Gate Chapel. A Rosary will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 7pm at Heavenly Gate Chapel.

Phillip J. Sanford

Phillip J. Sanford, of Midland, age 55, died at Midland Memorial Hospital on January 26, 2014. There are no services scheduled at this time.

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Late health care push to focus on biggest cities

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

MCALLEN — With less than two months remaining to enroll in the health care marketplace, the federal government is focusing outreach efforts on areas with the largest concentrations of uninsured, including Texas" Harris and Dallas counties.

According to a study conducted for The Associated Press, half of the nation's uninsured live in just 113 of the 3,143 counties. Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the U.S. — about one in four people — and the two biggest concentrations in Texas are Harris and Dallas counties. That sort of data are what brought U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to Dallas last week and why the agency is coordinating with Houston health officials on advertising aimed at spreading the enrollment message.

Martha Blaine, executive director of the Community Council of Greater Dallas, said Texas' refusal to expand Medicaid is the main factor.

"I think the other reason that we're not making the headway against the uninsured in Texas is that ... with the federal exchange Texas did not receive any of the outreach money. And so we do not have high-profile outreach programs like California has," Blaine said. "The general public does not have a unified message in Texas."

Federal officials have identified 25 key metro areas to focus on before the March 31 end of open enrollment, including Dallas and Houston; South Florida and Orlando; the northern New Jersey megalopolis; Phoenix and Tucson; Detroit and Cleveland; Atlanta and Nashville. In mid-January, federal officials reported more than 118,500 Texans had used the health care web site to sign up for insurance.

Texas poses a couple of challenges. The state has many immigrants who are in the country illegally and therefore are not eligible for subsidized health coverage through the marketplace, and it didn't expand Medicaid to cover most poor adults.

Debra Walker, 59, of Houston, who has lived without insurance for the past few years, falls into the latter category. She cares for her sick husband and in order to have the flexibility she needs she works as a home health care specialist about 20 hours per week. She makes $7.50 per hour.

For the past three years, Walker has relied on Harris County's health plan, which subsidizes doctor's visits on a sliding scale based on a resident's income. Still, with recent diagnoses for high blood pressure and diabetes, even her reduced prescription costs can add up.

"It's pretty hard to swing that," Walker said. "It gets expensive."

For the AP study, the State Health Access Data Assistance Center at the University of Minnesota used government data from the 2011 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, the only source of annual estimates of uninsured people for all counties. They were not able to filter out people who entered the country illegally and thus are not eligible for coverage under the law.

Benjamin Hernandez, deputy assistant director for the Houston Department of Health & Human Services, said it's little surprise that Harris County's nearly 1.1 million uninsured rank it second only to Los Angeles County. The city has been using ZIP code-level data of the uninsured but is still seeking updated information that would show where their outreach is actually leading to enrollment in those areas.

"We've done a lot of grassroots efforts ... but we have not had a lot of media penetration in this market," Hernandez said.

"We're paying currently for our own media buys that we're doing in (public service announcements), but ... we're working with HHS now so they can do some media penetration in this area, as well."

Southwest Airline's Dallas expansion has notable gaps

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — The second-guessing has begun over Southwest's choice of routes to serve from Dallas when a 34-year-old federal law limiting long flights at Love Field expires this fall.

On Monday, CEO Gary Kelly announced that Southwest Airlines Co. would fly nonstop between Dallas and 15 other cities. Southwest's eight busiest airports by departures all made the cut, including Chicago, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. So did smaller but expanding operations in New York and Washington.

Talk soon turned to cities that didn't make the cut.

Henry Harteveldt, a travel-industry analyst for Hudson Crossing, said all 15 cities on the list made sense but he was surprised that Oakland, Calif., Seattle and Boston weren't added. Southwest said it operates 97 daily departures at Oakland — that's more than half the cities that will get service to Dallas — plus 71 at San Jose, Calif., and 44 at San Francisco.

"They may plan to add these cities later as aircraft become available," Harteveldt said.

Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said the new flights will require offsetting cuts somewhere else until at least 2015, when the airline might expand its fleet. The first 15 cities from Dallas are "just a start," he said. "There's plenty more that we want to do." He declined to address specific cities.

Mike Boyd, a Colorado-based aviation consultant, said Southwest officials "don't have much interest in New England," partly because of the emergence of JetBlue as a strong player in Boston. All the new routes will face tough competition, he said.

"This is going to be good for the consumer and for Southwest, but it isn't any slam dunk," Boyd said. "Every market that Southwest will serve from Love has bazillions of seats already" from nearby Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, a hub for American Airlines.

Ultra-low-cost Spirit Airlines flies between DFW Airport and 12 of the 15 markets that Southwest just announced. Boyd said that means Southwest won't stimulate the Dallas market with low fares.

Southwest said it will announce fares and schedules on the new routes in May.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Toby C. Adkisson, 30, of Odessa, was charged Tuesday with failure to appear or bail jumping and theft.

Juan A. Galindo-Villa, 45, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with assault on a public servant.

Joe P. Guiterrez, 45, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with forgery of a financial instrument.

Daniel R. Hardwick, 29, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Christopher A. Johnson, 22, of Austin, was charged Tuesday with burglary of a habitation.

Scott A. Jones, 39, of Kermit, was charged Tuesday with theft.

Yamil A. Luciano, 33, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with stalking.

Bobby J. Nelson, 45, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Jacory R. Saddler, 22, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KINGSVILLE

A&M applicants mistakenly told they were accepted

Hundreds of acceptance notifications were mistakenly sent to students who actually had been denied admission to the Kingsville campus of Texas A&M University.

Thousands of emails were sent last week to applicants telling them of their acceptance to the school southwest of Corpus Christi. But included in the mass email were about 500 whose applications had been rejected.

KIII-TV in Corpus Christi reported that a follow-up email was sent about three hours later telling the applicants of the error.

An A&M University System spokesman said Tuesday that human error was the reason for the false notifications and said the university has implemented more advanced security measures to avoid a similar mistake in the future.

A&M-Kingsville President Steve Tallant has issued an apology.

AUSTIN

Republican AG, comptroller hopefuls square off

A pair of debates are featuring Republican contenders for two powerful — but often little-publicized — statewide offices.

State Rep. Dan Branch, of Dallas, McKinney state Sen. Ken Paxton and Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman shared a stage Wednesday and largely agreed on most major issues.

The trio is competing for the GOP nomination to replace Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott, now running for governor.

They were followed by state Sen. Glen Hegar, of Katy, Kerrville state Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, former state Rep. Raul Torres, of Corpus Christi, and Debra Medina, a rancher and former 2010 gubernatorial candidate.

They are vying to replace Republican Comptroller Susan Combs, who's not seeking re-election.

The Texas Business Association hosted both events at its annual conference in Austin.

Texas' primary is March 4.

IDAHO

Texas daredevil still plans canyon jump

TWIN FALLS — A Texas stuntman said he still plans to jump the Snake River Canyon in southern Idaho despite the Twin Falls City Council denying his request to use Evel Knievel's launch point.

"Big Ed" Beckley told The Times-News that he and his team were meeting Wednesday to plan a jump from outside city limits.

He said he has a couple of different locations.

The city council on Monday denied Beckley's request to lease the site where Knievel launched nearly 40 years ago.

The council cited concerns with Beckley's safety plan for the proposed September jump and whether local law enforcement could handle expected crowds.

Beckley has already paid nearly $1 million for a two-year lease on state land on the north side of the canyon as a landing site.

FORT WORTH

Man admits to impersonating general

A North Texas man who deceived family, friends and government officials into believing he was a U.S. Army brigadier general pleaded guilty to impersonating a public servant.

Michael Douglas McDowell also admitted to bigamy, for marrying a woman while still married to his estranged wife. He was sentenced Tuesday to five years' probation in each case, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

McDowell, 57, spun a web of lies that lasted for years as he claimed a long military career that included secret intelligence work. He was sometimes seen with a briefcase handcuffed to his arm. He had a Washington, D.C., phone number with a voicemail informing callers that someone from his "command staff" would call back.

His medals and ribbons included the Distinguished Service Cross. His car featured Purple Heart recipient license plates. He had persuaded the Texas Department of Public Safety to issue him driver's licenses without his picture or fingerprints because of his work as an intelligence officer.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Family Science Night "Science Sensation," 6:30-8 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Lena Prima Mardi Gras Kick-off by West Texas Jazz Society, The Petroleum Club. 683-2026.

■ "Girls Night the Musical" at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

■ Midland Archaeological Society program with David Kilby, assistant professor of anthropology at University of Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ West Texas Iris Society meets 7 p.m., Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 352-5483.

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

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

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

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

Master Gardeners workshop

Permian Basin gardeners can learn how to prepare soil and select vegetables for spring beds at a Permian Basin Master Gardeners gardening workshop today.

The workshop takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Ector County Extension Office, 1010 E. Eighth St. in Odessa.

Dragonfly Farms owner and operator Bill Rutter will share his insight on growing heirloom and hybrid tomatoes.

For more information, visit westtexasgardening.org.

Community calendar

The Midland County Republican Women will meet at 11:20 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club.

Guest speakers will be local and state candidates: state comptroller Sen. Glenn Hegar and Sen. Harvey Hilderbran; state senator Kel Seliger and Mike Canon; Midland county judge Mike Bradford and Kathy Reeves; Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht; Supreme Court Justice Phil Johnson; Place 8, Midland district clerk Ross Bush and Carrie Stewart; Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3 Judge Bert Richardson and Judge Barbara Walther.

The meeting is open to the public. Lunch tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. For more information or to make a reservation, call 520-3500 or visit www.mcrw.us.

Source: Midland Country Republican Women

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters

■ Tall City 14

Opening: "The Monuments Men," "The Lego Movie," "Vampire Academy"

Closing: "The Wolf of Wall Street," "American Hustle," "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire."

■ Cinergy Cinemas

Opening: "The Monuments Men," "The Lego Movie," "Vampire Academy"

Closing: "Anchorman 2," "Devil's Due," "Legend of Hercules"

Check out Weekender (inside) for more entertainment news.

Reporter–Telegram on radio

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

When it's open

City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
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Midland County Courthouse
500 N. Loraine St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
688-4310

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688-4320

Centennial branch library
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9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Return bins available 24 hours a day.
742-7400

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Daily 4 day: 7-5-7-7
Daily 4 evening: 9-5-2-4
Daily 4 night: 3-0-6-5
Cash Five: 5-10-14-24-28
Lotto Texas: 16-23-25-29-49-54
Powerball: 8-17-32-57-59
PB: 24 **Power Play:** 3
All or Nothing morning: 3-4-7-9-11-13-14-15-17-19-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-7-8-9-11-13-15-19-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 4-5-9-10-11-13-15-16-18-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-6-9-11-12-13-15-19-21-23

Incumbent Bradford has heavy lead in funds for county judge

By Joseph Basco
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Though one county judge candidate raised about triple the amount of her opponent in January, the contributions maintained by both candidates tell who is really ahead in fundraising.

Kathy Reeves, having previously raised only $2,100 in December, raised a total of $18,425 in January, according to the second set of campaign finance reports released Monday.

"So many people have contributed to me, believe in me and support the cause for good, conservative government," Reeves said.

Her opponent, incumbent County Judge Mike Bradford, raised just $6,850 in January, a sharp decline from the $61,650 he raised in December.

Bradford has raised $68,500 thus far, while Reeves raised $20,525. And when it comes to war chests, Bradford has more financial power with $49,966 compared to Reeves' $6,468. In addition, Reeves previously received a $1,000 loan, while Bradford does not have any loans.

"The donations I've received are continued evidence of the support of the direction of this community," Bradford said.

Reeves acknowledged Bradford's ability to raise funds, but added that she does not believe it will change the outcome of the race.

One of Bradford's notable contributors in January was Jose Cuevas, owner of Jumburrito and president of the Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1. He made a $1,000 donation. On Reeves' side, a donor named M. LaMonica gave $5,000 to the former tax assessor-collector's campaign.

Just like with most candidates in local elections, the majority of Bradford's and Reeves' expenditures were for advertising. In January, Reeves spent $9,031:40 with CRM Publishing for printing, while Bradford spent $6,032.29 with Action Printing, also for printing.

The candidates will be competing in the March 4 Republican primary. There are no Democratic candidates for the county judge position.

Contributions

CONTRIBUTORS WHO DONATED $500 OR MORE:

Mike Bradford
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Kathy Reeves
■ $5,000
M. Lamonica
■ $3,000
Ted E. Westmoreland
■ $2,500
M. McConaughey
■ $1,100
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■ $1,000
Marline Resources, LLC.
Don Sparks
Brian Carney
Juandelle Lacy Roberts
■ $500
Mark Dittman

ECONOMY

From 1A

Security Bank and the Midland Development Corp., said a closer examination shows that that 6.5 percent growth rate comes on top of extraordinarily high rates that began in 2009.

"Since the recession of 2009 came to an end, the index has grown by 55 to 56 percent, averaging over 13 percent a year over that four-year period," he said, noting that the index bottomed out in February 2010.

Jim Smitherman, president and chief executive officer of Security Bank, said he was amazed to realize how much economic activity the region enjoyed last year.

"If January is any indication, 2014 is going to be busy," he said. "Our customers are busy, activity levels are extremely high. It looks to me like 2014 will be a great year. There may be a correction in 2015, 2016, but 2014 should be another great year."

Smitherman added that he is seeing signs of stability and an improved ability by employers to find new workers.

The continued growth in the Midland-Odessa economy is one story of 2013, Ingham said.

"But the story of 2013 is production increases, both regionally in the Permian Basin and statewide, the magnitude of which cannot be overstated," he said.

Taking production figures from the Railroad Commission and their revisions during 2012 as more accurate figures were received, Ingham devised a formula for 2013 that found crude production in the West Texas portion of the Permian Basin grew 13 percent in 2013, on top of 15 percent growth in 2012. While he said that may be a bit high as final figures are released, he said he is confident the numbers will be fairly accurate.

The strength of the Permian Basin's oil and gas industry helped set records in virtually every component of the index, he said. The value of all building permits issued by the two cities in 2013 soared past the $1 billion mark, ending the year at $1.29 billion, besting the record set in 2011 by 70 percent.

"That's a huge number," Ingham said. "It also brings good things — those buildings can't be built without additional jobs created in the labor market, and there's not a huge pool of non-working labor in that area, so it's great for construction employment, which are great jobs. There's also a great amount of materials purchased in the area," so those dollars flow through other sectors of the economy.

Retail spending set a record, growing by 8 percent in 2013, he said. Compared to the recession year of 2009, he said spending is up more than 60 percent. Spending in the fourth quarter was up 7.3 percent over the same quarter of 2012, also a record, and 88 percent above the fourth quarter of 2009.

While automotive spending actually dipped 1.2 percent in the fourth quarter compared to the previous year, spending was up 2.3 percent for the year, coming on top of 20 percent growth in 2012 over 2011, 38 percent in 2011 over 2010 and 42 percent growth in 2010 over 2009.

For the second consecutive year, the number of new single-family residence construction permits in Midland and Odessa passed the 1,000 level in a calendar year. The 2013 annual total set a new record at 1,333 permits issued, an increase of more than 16 percent compared to the 2012 annual total. The fourth quarter total was up by only about 5 percent over the fourth quarter of 2012, but surpassed 300 for the first time.

Sales of existing homes were virtually flat for the year not because of a lack of demand, Ingham said, but because of a lack of available houses and a lack of affordability. The average sales price climbed 7.8 percent to $226,437 in 2013 from $210,086 in 2012, he said, pricing a number of potential home buyers out of the market.

Employment in Midland-Odessa ended the year with a 5.9 percent gain, with an average 161,600 residents employed by year's end, an addition of 7,800 jobs added during the year. Ingham estimates that since the recession year of 2009, about 41,000 jobs have been added to the Midland-Odessa economy with an expansion of about 33 percent over those four years.

"Post-recession employment growth rates in Midland-Odessa have been the highest of any metro area in the nation, and the unemployment rate is among the lowest in the country and remains the lowest in Texas.

CVS Caremark to halt tobacco sales at drug stores

By Rachael Gleason
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CVS Caremark is taking the no-smoking movement to the next level by pulling tobacco products from CVS/pharmacy shelves and launching a spring campaign to curb smoking.

The national pharmacy chain cited "the health and well-being of its patients and clients" for halting tobacco sales at more than 7,600 stores across the nation by Oct. 1. The Permian Basin region has a handful of locations.

"Ending the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products at CVS/pharmacy is the right thing for us to do for our customers and our company to help people on their path to better health," said Larry J. Merlo, CVS Caremark president and CEO. "Put simply, the sale of tobacco products is inconsistent with our purpose."

The only CVS Pharmacy in Midland currently keeps its tobacco products behind the cash register, offering reduced prices for customers with an ExtraCare membership. But the Andrews Highway store also sells a number of stop-smoking aides, gums and lozanges.

Customers leaving the store Wednesday afternoon either didn't smoke or declined to offer thoughts about the decision. But Kim Henderson, Palmer Drug Abuse Program prevention director, hoped more pharmacies would follow suit.

"I think it's great they are taking a stand even though it will cost them a lot of money," said Henderson, noting the local program offers information and help for Midlanders trying to quit smoking.

CVS estimates an annual loss of $2 billion in revenue, but halting tobacco sales will not impact the company's five-year financial projections and actually positions the pharmacy chain for continued growth in the health care marketplace, according to a press release from the company.

"The paradox of cigarette sales in pharmacies has become even more relevant recently, in large part because of changes in the pharmacy industry," said CVS Caremark Chief Medical Officer Troyen Brennan in a Journal of the American Medical Association viewpoint published Wednesday. "Retail clinics, originally designed to address common acute infections, are gearing up to work with primary care clinicians to assist in treating hypertension, hyperlipidemia and diabetes — all conditions exacerbated by smoking."

The decision falls in line with anti-smoking positions taken by the American Medical Association, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association and American Pharmacists Association, according to the press release, which noted smoking is the leading cause of premature disease in the United States with more than 480,000 deaths annually.

The American Lung Association estimates 8.6 million Americans have at least one serious illness caused by smoking, which is directly responsible for about 90 percent of lung cancer deaths.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program
Call: 685-3645
Online: www.pdap.org

ABORTION

From 1A

"This is the direction the state should be going in."

Susan Tortolero, director of the University of Texas School of Public Health's Prevention Research Center, also cited greater use of contraception. She pointed to pregnancy and birth rates going down and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data showing the percent of high school students having had sex staying the same.

Education, outreach

Elizabeth Graham, director of Texas Right to Life, disputed the contraception explanation, saying there's "no data showing contraception prevents abortion." She attributed the drop to a number of factors — education, legislation around the nation getting attention, nonprofit ministries' outreach to pregnant women. "People are waking up to the barbarism that happens in abortion," said Graham.

There were 73,200 abortions in Texas in 2011, according to the Guttmacher report, down from 84,610 in 2008. The last time there were fewer abortions in the state, 70,740, was 1976.

Texas' 17 percent drop was well behind Washington, D.C.'s 38.5 percent drop, the highest figure in the report.

MISD

From 1A

Warren said Monday that police have no hope of recovering the laptop or external hard drive.

The superintendent said he thinks he was made aware of the theft while he was in Austin for the Texas Association of School Administrators' Midwinter Conference, which ran from Jan. 26-29.

"When I got home and I looked at everything, 'OK, we know what happened, we pretty much know we're not going to get it back, we have gone through and understood exactly what data was on there.'" he said. "We had to do an analysis of exactly everything that was on that computer."

Warren emphasized that MISD staff had not been faced with a situation like this before, so it took time to research how to notify parents and what needed to be addressed.

The Texas Business and Commerce Code also requires each consumer reporting agency be notified if the breach exceeded 10,000 people affected. MISD attorney Leah Robertson said the district has alerted all three national credit agencies.

Bobcat carcass found in checked bag at Midland International Airport

From staff reports

A bobcat carcass was found Wednesday in checked baggage at the Midland International Airport, according to the Midland County game warden.

Transportation Security Administration personnel found the carcass at about 1 p.m. Wednesday, when a man from Wyoming was preparing to head home after a hunting trip in Texas, said Carter Ball, Midland County game warden.

Ball said the man did not violate any state or gaming laws, but the carcass was not properly packaged according to TSA requirements. Ball said officials assisted the man in obtaining a cooler and a CITES tag — Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species — for the carcass.

Bobcats are not considered endangered species, Ball said, but a CITES tag is required for their transport.

Big Brothers Big Sisters to hold bowling fundraiser

By Rachael Gleason
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Midlanders bowling in this weekend's Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser should consider the following advice: Keep your arm straight and send it right down the middle.

The Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraiser sponsored by Concho Resources is planned for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, with new flights of teams starting every two hours.

The cost for a five-member team is $250, which includes T-shirts, food and drinks. Pre-registration is required, said Big Brothers Big Sisters Executive Director Kay Crites.

"It's not a tournament," she said. "It's meant to be a fun event where teams of five friends, family members or coworkers just have a good time and help support the children in Midland."

The annual event generally yields $65,000, which goes toward the day-to-day cost of running the youth mentoring center, Crites said.

"Studies have shown that children who grow up with mentors are more likely to continue schooling, less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol and less likely to end up involved with the criminal justice system," Crites said. "Those are good, positive things for our community."

Still, last year's 288 mentors weren't enough to fill the local need, Crites said.

"We still have about 100 children on the waiting list," Crites said. "We are especially in need of male mentors."

To mentor or register for the event, visit www.bbbsmidland.org or call 687-0195.

Former mortician portrayed in film 'Bernie' seeks lighter penalty for rich widow's death

Associated Press

CARTHAGE — Attorneys for a former mortician serving a life sentence for the death of a rich East Texas widow are seeking a lighter sentence.

Bernie Tiede is doing a life stretch for the 1997 death of 81-year-old Marjorie Nugent in a case that inspired Richard Linklater's 2011 movie "Bernie."

Panola County Court documents unsealed Wednesday showed Tiede's attorneys want to introduce new evidence of a history of severe sexual abuse of Tiede and an abusive relationship between him and Nugent.

Tiede's attorney, Jodi Cole, wrote that the abuse finally pushed Tiede over the edge and he shot his elderly companion.

Tiede, now 55, was convicted in February 1999 of killing Nugent and keeping her body in a freezer for nine months.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man pulls knife on woman

A Midland man pulled a knife on a female family member after she called him a "bum," according to court documents.

Nelson

Bobby James Nelson, 45, was arrested Tuesday for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony charge. Bond information currently is unavailable.

A police officer responded to a disturbance at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 1800 block of North Midland Drive.

Nelson said he got into a verbal altercation with a female family member who called him a bum. He then pulled out a knife and placed the blade to her throat and said he would kill her, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Nelson faces up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Man arrested for stalking woman, her son

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for stalking a woman and her son, according to court documents.

Luciano

Yamil A. Luciano, 33, is being held for stalking, a third-degree felony charge. Bond information was unavailable.

A police officer responded shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday at a day care in the 3400 block of North Big Spring Street.

The complainant said Luciano had been stalking her and her child on more than one occasion. She said he once pulled her son out of her car, placed him in his car and took off with the boy, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officer detained Luciano and arrested him for stalking.

The woman couldn't find her car key; jail staff found it on Luciano. The arresting officer said he believed Luciano was trying to prevent the woman from leaving the day care with her son, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Luciano faces up to 10 years in prison.

Man convicted on indecency with child charges

A Midland man was convicted Wednesday on several charges of indecency with a child, according to the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Mesquita

A jury found Adam Reyes Mesquita, 30, guilty on one second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child through sexual contact. Mesquita also pleaded guilty to two counts of indecency with a child in a related case.

During the trial, the jury heard evidence that Mesquita engaged in sexual misconduct with two other children, with five children abused in total, said Teresa Clingman, Midland County district attorney. The jury assessed punishment at 17 years in prison and a $10,000 fine for each count.

Judge Elizabeth Leonard presided over the trial and today will announce a ruling on a motion to determine whether Mesquita will serve his sentences concurrently or consecutively.

Low snowmelt set to hurt New Mexico river supplies

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — The snowmelt runoff from mountains in New Mexico will be low in some parts and will affect the water supplies in various state rivers, federal officials said.

The National Resource Conservation Service said this week that the snowmelt runoff is expected to be "less than average" to "significantly less than average," because the region has not had the needed snow and is still suffering from a persistent drought.

Probable forecast runoff ranges from a high of about 70 percent of average near the border with Colorado to around 30 percent on the Rio Grande entering Elephant Butte Reservoir, the Jemez River, and Mimbres River, the agency said.

In northwest New Mexico, the San Juan River has received recent snow that may improve inflow to the San Juan Chama Project during the spring of 2014, according to federal officials.

"Drought is persisting in New Mexico. Unfortunately, less than average snowmelt means there will be less water in our rivers," said Interstate Stream Commission Director Estevan Lopez. "Less water in our rivers adds pressure to our environment, our irrigators and our statewide economy."

Officials said greater than average precipitation will be needed the next few months to have average runoff this spring. State and federal officials are trying to keep the Rio Grande flowing.

Meanwhile, the Interstate Stream Commission and the Bureau of Reclamation are working with a contractor to clear sediment from a 20-mile-long channel that leads to Elephant Butte Reservoir.

Officials say having the channel clear allows for more water to make it to southern New Mexico farmers and for the state to meet its water delivery obligations to Texas.

The maintenance is expected to continue through March.

The sediment in the river channel was deposited following last September's record rains. The contractor also plans to repair some levees.

Police nab woman on the lam for 37 years

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Police said Judy Lynn Hayman's luck ran out after 37 years on the run not because of an intense manhunt but rather two disparate factors: bad weather that kept an investigator at his desk and her distinctive eyes that had never changed since her mug shot was taken.

San Diego police arrested the 60-year-old woman Monday at her San Diego apartment after receiving a mug shot from Michigan, where an officer staying off icy roads sent fingerprint cards for all old escapees to the FBI.

Authorities had been searching for Hayman since she escaped from Ypsilanti prison in 1977. Hayman served eight months of an 18- to 24-month sentence for attempting to steal clothes from a Detroit-area store.

It will be up to the state Parole Board to determine how long Hayman will be imprisoned.

Mystery surrounds theft of Stradivarius violin

By Dinesh Ramde
Associated Press

Photo credit

In this undated photo provided by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, concertmaster Frank Almond plays a 300-year-old Stradivarius violin that was on loan to him during a concert in Milwaukee. Police said Wednesday three people have been arrested in connection with the theft of the multi-million-dollar instrument.

MILWAUKEE — Violin virtuoso Frank Almond was walking to his car after an evening performance at the Wisconsin Lutheran College when someone jumped out of a van, shocked him with a stun gun and seized the rare and extremely valuable Stradivarius on loan to him.

The robber got back into the waiting vehicle, which sped off.

Almond, who had been knocked to the ground, wasn't seriously hurt. But he was devastated by the loss of the violin, which was crafted in 1715 and has been appraised for insurance purposes at $5 million.

The brazen Jan. 27 crime set off a frantic search and raised questions about why someone would steal an item that would be nearly impossible to sell. Would-be buyers in the tiny market for rare violins would certainly know it was stolen, and keeping it in hiding would mean never getting to show it off.

The case in which Almond kept the instrument was found, and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra announced someone was offering $100,000 for the instrument's safe return. But there weren't any breaks in the robbery until this week, when prosecutors confirmed Wednesday that three people had been arrested in connection with the theft.

However, Police Chief Ed Flynn said at an afternoon news conference that authorities haven't recovered the violin, and he hoped the reward would induce the public to come forward with tips.

"It's a reasonable supposition that it's still in our jurisdiction," Flynn said. He declined to go into detail.

Kent Lovern, a Milwaukee County assistant district attorney, said he didn't expect a charging decision would be made before today.

Flynn said the suspects were two men, ages 41 and 36, and a 32-year-old woman. He wouldn't say how police tracked them down, but he said there was physical evidence linking them to the crime.

Flynn also wouldn't speculate on a motive, although he said the suspects seemed to be working for themselves, not on behalf of a larger art-theft ring. He also said one had a previous association with art crime.

The violin is known in musical circles as the "Lipinski" Stradivarius. Its previous owners include virtuoso Giuseppe Tartini, who was known for his "Devil's Trill" Sonata, and Polish violinist Karol Lipinski.

It was passed down through generations, eventually landing with the heirs of Estonian violinist Evi Liivak, according to Stefan Hersh a Chicago-based violin curator who helped restore it to playing condition after it was removed from storage in a bank vault in 2008. The current owner's name has not been revealed publicly.

Hersh, a friend of Almond's, said he used to watch how carefully Almond would care for the violin. While some musicians see their instruments as objects or tools, Almond understood the historical significance of the Lipinski, Hersh said.

"He had a special case made for it, he kept it highly protected in his car, he never let it out of his sight," Hersh said. "As a performer nothing shakes him, but after the theft he was highly shaken. I've never known him like that."

A message left for Almond through the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra wasn't immediately returned Wednesday. Police have asked that he not speak to the media while the investigation was going on.

Hersh said Almond had scars on his wrist and chest from the stun gun but otherwise wasn't seriously hurt.

Hersh said he couldn't sleep after he heard about the theft. He was worried the violin would be damaged, but the more he thought about it the more he suspected the thieves would take pains to protect their spoils.

"You'd have to think someone who thought this through with such meticulous planning would take good care of it," he said.

Flynn said he couldn't speculate on the condition of the violin.

Estimates vary for the number of Stradivarius violins that still exist, said Lisbeth Butler, the secretary of the American Federation of Violin and Bow Makers. Most experts believe that 600 to 650 remain, she said.

Woman executed in Texas for 1998 torture killing

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A woman convicted of torturing and killing a mentally impaired man she lured to Texas with the promise of marriage was put to death Wednesday evening in a rare execution of a female prisoner.

The lethal injection of Suzanne Basso, 59, made the New York native only the 14th woman executed in the U.S. since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume. Almost 1,400 men have been put to death during that time.

Before being put to death, Basso told a warden who stood near her, "No sir," when asked to make a final statement. She appeared to be holding back tears, then smiled at two friends watching through a window. She mouthed a brief word to them and nodded.

As the lethal dose of pentobarbital took effect, Basso, dressed in a white prison uniform, began to snore. Her deep snoring became less audible and eventually stopped.

She was pronounced dead at 6:26 p.m., 11 minutes after the drug was administered.

Basso was sentenced to die for the 1998 slaying of 59-year-old Louis "Buddy" Musso, whose battered and lacerated body, washed with bleach and scoured with a wire brush, was found in a ditch outside Houston. Prosecutors said Basso had made herself the beneficiary of Musso's insurance policies and took over his Social Security benefits after luring him from New Jersey.

The execution, the second this year in Texas, came about an hour after the Supreme Court rejected a last-day appeal from Basso's attorney who argued she was not mentally competent.

Lower federal courts and state courts also refused to halt the punishment, upholding the findings of a state judge last month.

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OPINION

Christie scandal offers more gossip, less news

KATHLEEN PARKER
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■ What are we really reporting about the New Jersey governor and his bridge problem?

We have officially reached the take-a-step-back moment in the unfolding — or unraveling — of the Chris Christie alleged bridge/political retribution/Sandy funds political scandal.

It always happens in any story these days. News stampedes through the ether, trampling context and nuance, oblivious to potholes and fissures. And then corrections must be made.

This isn't finger-pointing at my colleagues. Columnists have the luxury of taking their time with facts, while reporters are expected to update news by the minute, or less. In our amped-up, bloglodyte world, stories are chugging 5-hour Energy shots just to keep up with reporters and, it must be said, gossips.

Thus on Tuesday, Mika Brzezinski said the necessary on MSNBC's "Morning Joe": "Be calm." Later she added, "It's time to step back," a sentiment with which all present were in accord.

For the past several days on most news shows, the dominant buzz has centered on a New York Times story, subsequently adjusted, that came close to accusing Christie of lying when he has insisted repeatedly that he knew nothing about the George Washington Bridge lane closings that resulted in a four-day traffic jam and that have been characterized as political retribution.

The Times story cited a letter from Alan L. Zegas, attorney for David Wildstein, the former Port Authority executive and one-time Christie ally who, after an infamous email exchange with Christie aide Bridget Anne Kelly ("Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee"), ordered the lane closings.

In the Times story, Wildstein was said to have "had the evidence" to prove that Christie knew contemporaneously about the lane closings. Later, the Times story was tweaked to reflect what the letter actually said: that "evidence exists" that Christie knew at the time of the lane closings. Thank you for the clarification. What evidence? Whose? Where? The voice knows.

And then she heard it again, the same chilling voice whispering as the curtains fluttered on a still night. "It exists ... it exists ... it exists."

But seriously, without confirmation or corroboration of such damning evidence, what, really, was this latest chapter? The letter was essentially a plea to the Port Authority that it pay Wildstein's legal expenses, which it previously had denied to do.

To be fair, the Times story was not without basis — the letter does exist and its contents are of interest. News. But it is also damning of Christie's character without substantiation, otherwise known as one man's word against another — and that's not good for journalism.

Before you could say heywaitaminute, the Drudge Report led with the scurrilous headline "He Knew." Though Drudge clearly isn't a Christie fan (this must be terribly painful for the governor), the result has been a circling of conservative wagons by those who hate the media more than they dislike a moderate Republican — as foretold by a certain columnist weeks ago. Thus, Christie has been invited to speak at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference next month, where he was conspicuously not invited a year ago.

Meanwhile, Christie's office has fired back, impugning Wildstein's character, even going back to his high-school days and calling him "tumultuous." One can only imagine his yearbook inscription: "Dude, stay as tumultuous as you are and *bridges* will fear you!"

In a parallel saga, CNN recently issued a report poking holes in Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer's story claiming that Christie's office threatened to withhold Hurricane Sandy recovery funds if she didn't support a development project the governor favored.

CNN cited not only contradictions and discrepancies but evidence that Zimmer may have practiced the same tactics of which she has accused Christie. The executive director of the Hoboken Housing Authority had sued Zimmer, claiming that the mayor had "an unwritten policy of political patronage or 'pay to play' to reward ... political supporters."

Shocking.

As the Christie scandal machine grinds on, his polling numbers un-shockingly are plummeting. Once in the lead in a fantasy presidential race, he now trails Hillary Clinton 39 percent to 55 percent. In the race for the GOP nomination, he trails Mike Huckabee and Rand Paul, tying with Jeb Bush.

But, the night is young. It remains entirely possible that Christie is telling the truth. And evidence may or may not exist. Which means a new narrative must fill the void. It goes like this: Even if he's telling the truth, Christie created the culture in which his people felt free to abuse power.

Stay tuned ... and stay calm.

OUR VIEW

Cookie scandal offers opportunity for parents to be engaged with kids

Before you bite into that Thin Mint Girl Scout cookie, think about what it represents. Apparently the days are over for the cookie being some kind of guilty pleasure for millions of people across the United States.

If you ask some pro-life advocates in Midland and nationwide, the Thin Mint, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel deLites, Shortbread/Trefoils, etc. represent a way to back political candidates who support the killing of the unborn. They are calling for a boycott on Girl Scout cookies.

That's a downer. Our afternoon sugar fix will never be the same.

Actually, what some pro-life groups are getting upset over — Girl Scouts' alleged support of pro-choice advocates — feels like an injection of politics where it is unwarranted.

The Girl Scouts, according to the Associated Press, fired off tweets and Facebook posts that link to articles referencing pro-choice political figures like Texas Sen. Wendy Davis and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Representatives of Girl Scouts of the USA said the posts and tweets were meant to encourage people to get involved in discussions about the top newsmakers of 2013, according to AP.

The national organization this week said it does not endorse politicians or take stands on political issues and has posted on its website its position regarding human sexuality and birth control.

"Girl Scouts of the USA does not take a position or develop materials on these issues. We feel our role is to help girls develop self-confidence and good decision-making skills that will help them make wise choices in all areas of their lives," according to its website.

"Parents or guardians make all decisions regarding program participation that may be of a sensitive nature. Consistent with that belief, GSUSA directs councils, including volunteer leaders, to get written parental permission for any locally planned program that could be considered sensitive."

Parental permission? That is what we would expect.

We are not sure what to make of the cookie scandal. It reminds us of the hullabaloo by some on the left over Chick-fil-A. We didn't think much of that protest, either.

This paper is generally pro-life in its views and believes more should be done to protect the unborn.

However, we don't think this is one of those fights. While it would be hard for us to think Wendy Davis represents West Texas values, we can't deny she was a newsmaker in 2013. We could question why anyone would want to bring attention to Sebelius, whose health care website launch in 2013 was generally regarded as a failure.

We hope people will continue to buy Girl Scout cookies to support those girls who can benefit from the organization's programs and the lessons taught by local leaders. If you don't want to buy cookies, you can donate to local troops and demand that money not be sent to the national office.

And finally, we encourage parents who are still worried about Girls Scouts of the USA's message, to sit down with their kids and have a discussion clearly articulating their values. Some good parenting can still go a long way.

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CBO delivers Obama harsh blow

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For years, the White House has trotted out the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office to show that Obamacare would cut health care costs and reduce deficits.

"CBO Confirms Families Will Save Money Under Health Reform."

"CBO Update Shows Lower Costs for the New Health Care Law."

"CBO Confirms: The Health Care Law Reduces the Deficit."

Live by the sword, die by the sword, the Bible tells us. In Washington, it's slightly different. Live by the CBO, die by the CBO.

The congressional number-crunchers, perhaps the capital's closest thing to a neutral referee, came out with a new report Tuesday, and it wasn't pretty for Obamacare. The CBO predicted the law would have a "substantially larger" impact on the labor market than it had previously expected. The law would reduce the workforce in 2021 by the equivalent of 2.3 million full-time workers, well more than the 800,000 originally anticipated. This will inevitably be a drag on economic growth, as more people decide government handouts are more attractive than working more and paying higher taxes.

This is grim news for the White House and for Democrats on the ballot in November. This independent arbiter, long embraced by the White House, has validated a core complaint of the Affordable Care Act's critics: that it will discourage work and become an ungainly entitlement. Disputing Republicans' charges is much easier than refuting the federal government's official scorekeepers.

White House officials rushed to dispute the referee's call — arguing, somewhat contradictorily, that the finding was both flawed and really good news if interpreted properly.

Press secretary Jay Carney quickly issued a statement saying that the CBO report was, by its own admission, "incomplete" and "does not take into account" some favorable effects of the law.

Carney postponed his daily press briefing, then arrived with Jason Furman, head of the Council of Economic Advisers, who argued that the Affordable Care Act couldn't possibly be a job killer because 8.1 million jobs had been created since it became law. This is true, but irrelevant to the CBO finding.

Meanwhile, Gene Sperling, Obama's top economic-policy adviser, walked to the White House lawn and told CNN's Wolf Blitzer that he rejected the finding. "When you have two parents and they're both working full time to provide health care and they don't feel they're there to do homework with their kids and this allows one of [them] to work a little less because they have health care, that's not costing jobs," Sperling argued.

Sounds nice, except the CBO said its more pessimistic workforce view had been shaped by recent studies, "in particular" those looking at "expansions or contractions in Medicaid eligibility for childless adults." In general, the CBO explained, phasing out subsidies to buy health insurance when income rises "effectively raises people's marginal tax rates ... thus discouraging work."

There was some good news about Obamacare (and about shrinking deficits) in the report: Premiums are lower than expected, and there "is no compelling evidence" that employers are shifting to part-time jobs in response to the law. The law will give health insurance to an additional 13 million people this year and 25 million in 2016 and beyond.

But it was immediately clear that the government's green eyeshades had bestowed a big gift on the law's Republican critics.

Fox News put up a breaking-news banner: "Bombshell CBO report predicts 2.3 million jobs will be lost under Obamacare." Rep. Darrell Issa, of California, one of the law's fiercest foes, did a celebratory interview with Fox. "There are other surprises yet to come," he promised. Republicans went to the Senate floor to tout the findings. For a brief time, the CBO website went down; online traffic surges aren't usually a problem for the agency.

In the White House briefing room, Furman navigated a river of skeptical questions. "Doesn't just the sheer idea of losing 2.5 million jobs over 10 years have a negative economic impact? ... You're saying it may be a good thing if there are 2 million fewer workers? ... How do you answer Republicans who now have this evidence that they can wave to say, 'Aha, the ACA is bad for the economy?'"

Furman attempted to dispute the report ("I haven't accepted that number") without disparaging the authors ("We cite CBO all the time"). Delicately, he said the report "is subject to misinterpretation, doesn't take into account every factor, and there's uncertainty and debate around it."

But there's only so much White House officials could do. Obamacare has been undermined by the very entity they had used to validate it.

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Clay Aiken to run for Congress in N. Carolina

By Gary D. Robertson
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Former "American Idol" and "Celebrity Apprentice" runner-up Clay Aiken joined another high-profile contest Wednesday — this one to get elected to Congress in his native North Carolina.

Aiken announced he would seek the Democratic nomination for the 2nd Congressional District seat currently held by Republican Rep. Renee Ellmers. The entertainer is talking about his non-singing career as a special education teacher, UNICEF representative and presidential commission member on education while explaining his reason for getting in the race.

In each situation, "I saw a group of people, a population that was not being served," Aiken told The Associated Press in an interview.

In a video unveiling his bid, Aiken referred to his "golden ticket" — finishing as the runner-up to Ruben Studdard in TV's 2003 "Idol" competition, which has led to several albums and a role in a Broadway musical. But he said he empathizes with those struggling in the 2nd District where he lives, referring to his upbringing by a mother who fled domestic violence.

"For most Americans, there are no golden tickets — at least not like the kind you see on TV," he said to the camera. "More families are struggling today than at any time in our history, and here in North Carolina, we've suffered more than our share of pain."

Aiken, 35, is expected to face former state Commerce Secretary Keith Crisco, of Asheboro, and licensed professional counselor Toni Morris, of Fayetteville, in the Democratic primary in May. Another Democratic hopeful — Houston Barnes, of Durham — gave up his bid Wednesday and threw his weight to Aiken. Official candidate filing begins next week.

Aiken said that he considers Washington dysfunctional and that he would focus on jobs, the economy and education. He said the federal health care law needs to be changed but shouldn't be repealed. He supports abortion rights and considers his political philosophy in the broad middle between political extremes — he said he was once a registered independent voter.

"I'm not a politician. I don't ever want to be one," he said in the video. "But I do want to help bring back — at least to my corner of North Carolina — the idea that someone can go to Washington to represent all the people, whether they voted for you or not."

Winning in the 2nd District will be a challenge. Political experts consider the district, which covers all or parts of nine counties west and southwest of his native Raleigh, Republican-leaning. Mitt Romney won 58 percent of the vote in the district in 2012, according to a North Carolina Chamber analysis.

Ellmers, a two-term congresswoman, faces her own primary challenge from radio talk show host Frank Roche, of Cary, and she has been criticized by tea party forces who helped her get elected as not conservative enough. Aiken said he examined the district's makeup for more than a year and has assembled a veteran Democratic political team.

Aiken announced in 2008 that he is gay. He has a 5-year-old son conceived through in-vitro fertilization with a female friend. He said in the AP interview that he doesn't believe his sexual orientation will play a role in whether or not people vote for him: "There are dozens of issues that are important to the people living in the district, and that is not one of them."

John Davis, a longtime political researcher in North Carolina, said Aiken stands a decent chance to win the primary, but the district boundaries drawn by Republicans will make it difficult for any Democrat to win in November. Davis said Aiken's sexual orientation will matter to some voters.

"It's not going to be an issue that people are going to talk openly about," Davis said.

Aiken criticized Ellmers in the video for what he called repeated votes to cut military spending — the campaign said later the votes were related to automatic spending reductions — and for the government shutdown.

Fact check: Anti-Obamacare chorus is off key

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New estimates that President Barack Obama's health care law will encourage millions of Americans to leave the workforce or reduce their work hours have touched off an I-told-you-so chorus from Republicans, who've claimed all along that the law will kill jobs. But some aren't telling it straight.

The analysis by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicts the law will give several million people an opportunity to work less or not at all, because they won't be stuck in jobs just for the sake of keeping the health insurance they get from employers. To some Republicans, that amounts to "wreaking havoc on working families," "dire consequences for workers" and a shower of pink slips across the land — conclusions unsupported by the report.

The study estimates that the workforce will be reduced by the equivalent of 2.3 million full-time workers by 2021 as people choose to leave it. More would take early retirement, work fewer hours or otherwise rearrange their work-home balance to take advantage of new subsidies for health insurance and new markets for individual policies that don't depend on having a job.

In a key point overlooked in the GOP response, the report said: "The estimated reduction stems almost entirely from a net decline in the amount of labor that workers choose to supply, rather than from a net drop in businesses' demand for labor."

In other words, workers aren't being laid off. They are taking themselves out of the workforce, in many cases opening job opportunities for others.

As if recognizing that fellow Republicans were getting a bit overheated, Rep. Paul Ryan, of Wisconsin, House Budget Committee chairman, introduced a reality check when questioning Douglas Elmendorf, budget office director, during a hearing Wednesday. "So just to understand this, it's not that employers are laying people off, it's that ... people aren't working in the workforce, aren't supplying labor," he posited.

"That is right," Elmendorf replied.

A look at some of the Republican claims and how they compare with the facts:

SEN. MARCO RUBIO, of Florida: "Just yesterday, the Congressional Budget Office found that Obamacare will cost millions of Americans their jobs."

REP. JOHN KLINE, of Minnesota: "The president's health care law is destroying full-time jobs. ... This fatally flawed health care scheme is wreaking havoc on working families nationwide."

REP. PHIL GINGREY, of Georgia: Obamacare creates "unprecedented uncertainty for job creators that, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, will leave millions of people looking for work in the next few years."

THE FACTS: No one knows whether the health care law will turn out to be good or bad for jobs and the economy. Everything is guesswork, however educated the guess.

The budget office, generally respected by both sides but not infallible, predicts some elements of the health care law will help job growth and other parts will hurt it.

On the plus side, for example, it expects lower-income people to have more money to spend because more of them will have their health insurance partially or fully paid for by government under the law. On the negative side, Elmendorf told Ryan's committee that in the short run, the law would increase employers' costs for their workers and reduce the number of people they hire. Over time, this could put downward pressure on wages, he said.

But those effects, good and bad, are expected to be modest. Of more consequence is the expectation that millions will take themselves voluntarily out of the labor force because they can afford to.

The budget office forecast that over the next several years, there will be plenty of unemployed people available to fill those jobs. But over the longer term as the economy improves, the supply will shrink, and because of that, total employment and the number of hours people work will be less than it would have been without the health care law.

A smaller workforce means fewer people producing goods and services, which translates into slower economic growth. The CBO report also forecasts that an aging population will cause more Americans to retire, further reducing the work force. That's the main reason it expects growth will average roughly 2.5 percent over the next 10 years, below its long-run pace of about 3 percent.

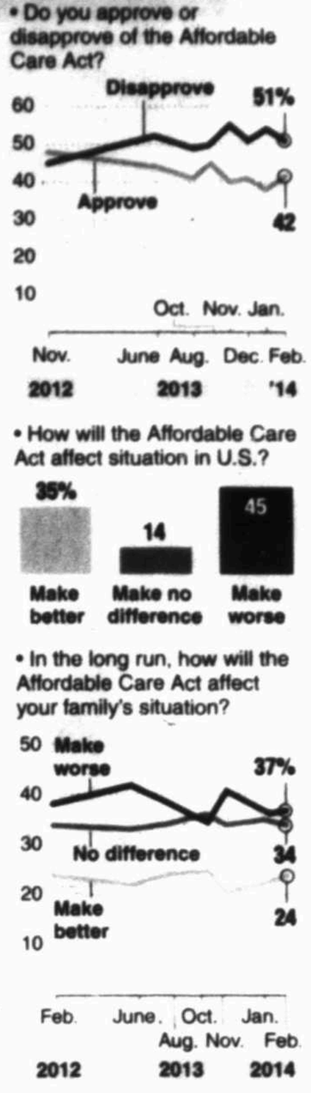
Some Republicans picked their words more carefully than others in reacting to the report.

House Speaker John Boehner, for example, said the report backs up Republican arguments that Obamacare "hurts take-home pay," a plausible point as far as it goes. Ryan said the availability of health insurance subsidies will be a disincentive to find work, a claim supported by the study.

But the predicted withdrawal from the labor market is no more a killer of jobs than today's surge of retirements by baby boomers entering old age. If anything, it could open job opportunities for people who can't get in the workforce now.

Still against it

A majority of Americans still disapprove of the Affordable Care Act; a look at the trend:



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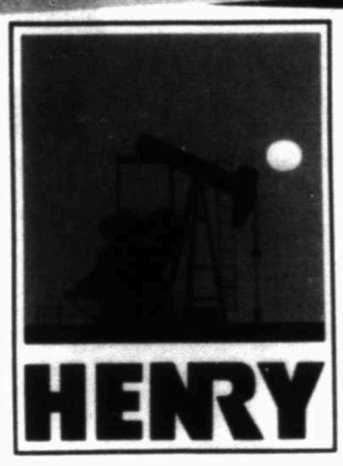

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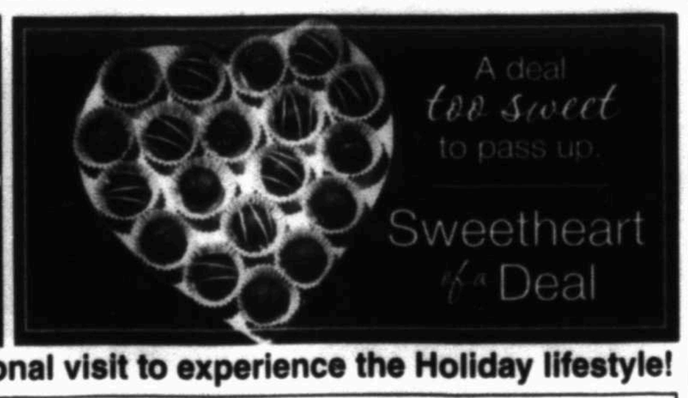

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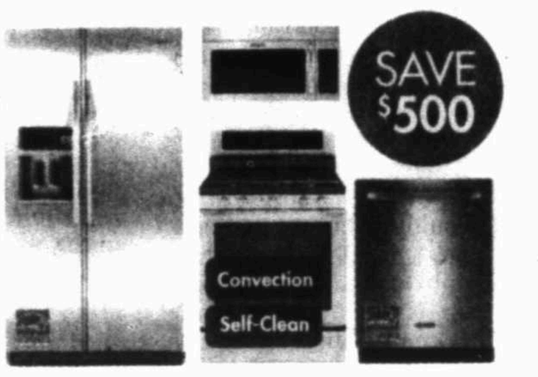

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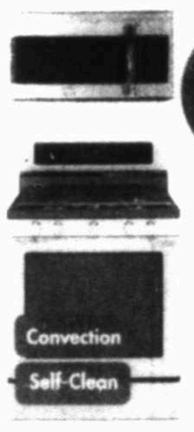

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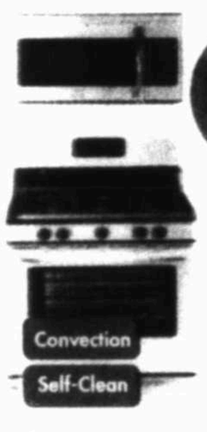

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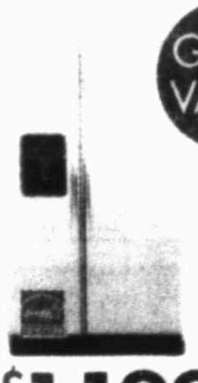

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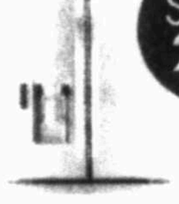

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FUN WITH SCIENCE
Take the kids to Family Science Night "Science Sensation" at the Petroleum Museum.

SATURDAY

BEST IN SHOW
Watch canines from all over the country compete in the West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show this weekend. Read more on **Page 2**.

SUNDAY

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE
See Trout Fishing in America at the Yucca Theatre. The show benefits Camp Fire West Texas.

See complete schedule of weekend events on **Page 2**.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The Monuments Men," "The Lego Movie," "Vampire Academy"
Closing: "The Wolf of Wall Street," "American Hustle," "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "The Monuments Men," "The Lego Movie," "Vampire Academy"
Closing: "Anchorman 2," "Devil's Due," "Legend of Hercules"

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

MUSIC

BEATLE MANIA
Read about some of the Fab Four's non-hits, little-known facts about The Beatles and movies made with and about the band. **Page 4**

LIVE IN THE BASIN
Check out Bri Bagwell and the Banned, Mark McKinney, Trout Fishing in America, Justin Langston and Shane Rogers Band this weekend. **Page 3**

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mary Poppins, left, played by Kristen Loyd, talks with the Banks family — Jane, Faith Berry; Michael, Sean Nail; and Winifred, Nikki Windham — in MCT's production of "Mary Poppins."

Experience gives 'Poppins' star an advantage

By Rich Lopez
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The most famous nanny comes to Midland this month thanks to the Midland Community Theatre. The Disney film-turned-stage-musical "Mary Poppins" will play at the Davis Theatre on Saturday through March. 7. Star Kristen Loyd has big shoes to fill because, well, Julie Andrews is pretty much synonymous with the role. She even won an Oscar for it. But Loyd has one leg up in character preparation already.

"Well, I have eight years of nanny experience," she said.

Take that, Andrews. And Loyd has discovered how that has actually worked to her advantage. As rehearsals happened, she found herself in many familiar situations. Whether onstage or off, her working relationship with the younger cast has been invaluable.

"I love working with them and have worked with some of the same actors before. And as the nanny, I understand what it's like to instill lessons into children, and I find that I can help them but also learn from them, as well," Loyd said.

Beyond her past work experience and as a mother of one, Loyd still has to inhabit a

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It's a hard rock life for Jeff Pilson

By Rich Lopez
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Bassist Jeff Pilson has rocked the world with '80s metal band Dokken and continues to as a member of the rock band Foreigner. Before they take the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center stage Friday, Pilson talked about Foreigner on the road, at home and living his rock 'n' roll dream.

MRT: Before Foreigner, you were more entrenched in metal, most notably with Dokken for 16 years. Was there any sort of transition in the way you jam?

Pilson: It's funny, because there's surprisingly little difference in the genres. In Dokken, we always tried to fuse heaviness with melody. And Foreigner had been doing the same thing only earlier!

MRT: So it's fair to say you were a big Foreigner fan if not inspired by the band.

Pilson: Oh yeah. I always liked the records and their music.

I think most people see Foreigner as a ballad band, but I always think of them as that '70s hard rocker band. It was a natural transition for me and just a joy to play. It's like a dream.

MRT: Are there plans for any new original music from Foreigner?

Pilson: We've talked about it, but it's difficult because we tour year round. We're going to the U.K. in April

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A renewed Lena Prima opens Mardi Gras in Midland

By Rich Lopez
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She may be her father's daughter, but Lena Prima is not without her own voice — both literally and figuratively. While she celebrates the jazz legacy of her dad, Louis Prima, she also has created her own identity with four albums of her own, and 2014 may be the year she has discovered her truest self.

"This album wasn't as cautious as previous ones," she said. "I figured out what I wanted to say and what my music style is. It took a few years to get this other person."

Prima released her bluesy rocker "Starting Something" in January, kicking off the year with a new outlook on music. That's not to say she's done performing famous works by her father. The West Texas Jazz Society presents Prima in the Mardi Gras Kickoff today at the Petroleum Club of Midland, where she'll perform famous Prima classics such as "That Old Black Magic," "Jump, Jive and Wail" and more harking to that Prima heritage in New Orleans. This is a role she is more than happy to play.

"When I'm doing these songs, I am

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CALENDAR

West Texas Kennel Club expects up to 500 dogs at show

By Rich Lopez
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The time has come again when Midland officially goes to the dogs, thanks to the West Texas Kennel Club. As the AKC chartered club of the area, the club's annual dog show will bring breeds of all kinds into the Permian Basin to determine which will end up as the best in show. WTKC Vice President Frank Snyder figures the city should brace for at least 500 dogs per day at the show along with more than 1,000 potential handlers for each.

"This is our big event, so we're gonna turn all those people and dogs loose on Midland," Snyder said, laughing. "That's good for the show, but also for the city."

The West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Horseshoe. Admission is free. The show has received entries not just from the area, but also from as far as California and Alaska. Snyder feels that the central location of Midland is an advantage to the event.

"Midland is a place you have to be going to," he said. "It's centrally located for many of the surrounding states, and it's on the way to other cities."

Snyder emphasized that the show isn't just for observing. He encouraged interested audience members to interact with the participants — with permission, of course.

"They should see the dogs up close," he said. "We encourage them to walk through and watch the dogs being groomed and prepped. All we ask is to talk to the owners or handlers to get permission to pet any dogs. We don't want anyone hurt, especially any children. But really, I hope people get down there on the floor and enjoy themselves."

A process of elimination will reduce best of breeds and classes to compete against each other for the ultimate title, Best in Show. Depending on the popularity of some dogs, they accumulate points toward the title of an AKC championship. Thus, some points will be won in Midland.

"It's like a really big tournament of dogs," Snyder said.

To break up the tension of competition, the dog show will feature a costume contest on Saturday and any dog can enter provided it can walk quietly on a leash, be unaggressive toward people and other animals and prove vaccination.

"We're looking forward to it and hope all of Midland comes out," Snyder said.

WANT TO GO?

The West Texas Dog Show takes place Saturday and Sunday at Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. Find the West Texas Kennel Club on Facebook.

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Lena Prima Mardi Gras Kickoff by West Texas Jazz Society, today at The Petroleum Club. 683-2026.

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

The Hoppers, Saturday at Bellview Baptist Church. bbcmidland.com.

"An Evening of Classical Masterpieces For Piano and Cello" with MOSC and KXWT, 7 p.m. Saturday at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Trout Fishing in America, 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Yucca Theatre. 570-4144.

The Roadshow featuring Skillet, Third Day, Andy Mineo, Jamie Grace and Royal Tailor, Sunday at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. theroadshowtour.com.

ART & EXHIBITS

Valentine's Community Art Day, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

GAMES

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center. 682-8595.

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

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

DANCE

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

Ector County Thursday Night Dance, 6:30-10 p.m. today at North Side Senior Center in Odessa. 337-5281.

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

THEATER & FILMS

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

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

"Footloose," Friday through Feb. 16 at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

EVENTS

Flower Market Geranium Pre-sale, through March 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Midland Archaeological Society program with David Kilby, assistant professor of anthropology at University of Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center.

Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show, today through Sunday at Ector County Coliseum. midessaboatshow.net.

Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series "Robotic Assisted Surgery," noon Friday at Midland College Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room. midland.edu.

Star Party at dusk, Friday at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show, Saturday and Sunday at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

Downtown Midland Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Bowl For Kids' Sake for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Saturday at AMF Midland Park Lanes. info@bbbsmidland.org.

Pro-life Banquet and Valentine Dance, Saturday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom.

KID-FRIENDLY

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

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

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

Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

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

"Print It! The Art of Making Multiples," Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, permanent exhibits at the Museum of the Southwest complex. 683-2882.

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY

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

"The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross" screenings, Feb. 11, 13, 27 at Midland College Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room. midland.edu.

Teen Craft Night, Feb. 11 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

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

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

Watoto Children's Choir, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13, True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church. watoto.com.

Improv at the Yucca, Feb. 13 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

HeART Affair, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 14 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

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

Gary P. Nunn, Doug Moreland, La Tampiquena, Feb. 14 at the Old Mercantile Building in Valentine. bigbendbrewingstore.com.

West Texas Winds "Around the World," Feb. 15 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Dixie Dolls Drill Team's Junior Dolls Dance Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Abell Junior High School gym. leerebelsdixiedolls.com.

Sandy Anderson as "Dolly Patron," Feb. 15 at The Ector Theatre, Odessa. ectortheatre.com.

Genealogy workshop with Lloyd Bockstruck in three sessions: "Names," "Deeds and Wills" and "Probate Records," Feb. 15 at Midland County Library Centennial branch. 742-7440.

Run2Love2Run Valentine themed race, 2 p.m. Feb. 15 at Big Spring State Park. permianbasinevents.com.

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

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

Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, Feb. 19 at La Hacienda. lahaciendaeventcenter.com.

Trappings of Texas fundraiser for Museum of the Big Bend, Feb. 20-22 at Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University. sulross.edu.

Art Social on "Estamos Aqui (We Are Here)," Feb. 20 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

West Texas Guitar Festival, Feb. 20-22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Trinity School's production of "King & I," Feb. 21-23 at Yucca Theatre. trinitymidland.org.

Continental Antique Shows, Feb. 21-23 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Trappings of Texas: Custom Cowboy Gear and Contemporary Western Art, Feb. 21-22 at Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine. sulross.edu/museum.

Downtown Lions Club pancake breakfast, Feb. 22 at the Midland Downtown Lions Club building.

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

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

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

Painting with Spirits event to benefit All Border Collie Rescue's Joy, Feb. 25 at The Willows. paintingwithspirits.net.

PRIMA

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putting on my own show. But before, I felt like I was being his little girl, you know." Now when I'm singing those songs, I'm thinking about what it was like when he was creating that music. I'm coming from a different place in mind," she said.

Prima's shift in attitude came when she and her husband moved to New Orleans from Las Vegas in 2011. The move was almost a shedding of skin. Prima left behind an uninspired and restrictive live music scene. In her heart, she felt she needed to be back in NOLA.

"This is where we needed to be to make music, and I felt an air of difference right away," she said. "We had gigs right away, and there was this passion from everybody. It helped me to become better."

This lent itself to her renewed approach to her father's work. She wasn't seeing the music as her dad's but as that of a fellow artist. Prima now feels not only connected to her father by blood, but also by art and she said it has revolutionized her performances.

"I think audiences noticed it immediately and have told me I sound different. They did notice it, and I felt I really connected with my roots," she said.

Her confidence also built on the approach to "Something" because she opted to ask her fans to help her fund it through Kickstarter. She admitted her reluctance at first, but once she made the commitment by posting online, it was all downhill from there. Even against personal tragedy, she rallied to reach her goal.

"Asking for money is hard, and there was a lot of drama worrying if we'd get it done. Plus, my mother had passed and I lost all energy in it," she said. "People came through. It was exciting and fulfilling. I connected with fans on a personal level and it was truly a huge boost to my confidence. I just hope people will take away that they can take a risk and go for their dreams."

WANT TO GO?

See the show at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15-$35. Call 683-2026 or 552-8962 for reservations.

MUSIC & MORE

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after touring here. That's the nature of the industry now because that's where the money is. People don't buy records like they did. The business has just completely changed, and it's hard to stop the touring machine. You used to make a record and then go on tour. Now you go on tour first. I think that's a shame.

MRT: So then how do you spend any spare time?

Pilson: Like there is any. I produce where I can, and we go home when we can. I gotta work though while the chance is there. I'm very fortunate people want to hear us and like I said, this is my dream. I love the music, the traveling, the hours on stage. We all do, and when you have that, magical moments happen.

MRT: The band has come a long way from its original lineup, but Mick Jones is still going at it. How is it working with the guy who started this all?

Pilson: We've all been fans and pay a lot of respect to Mick's vision and are very aware of it. We don't deviate but one of the beautiful things is he wants us all to contribute musically. I don't play bass parts that differently, but live, we do have a lot more energy. We're a far heavier band than the records ever were and Mick loves that. As long as we stay true to it, he loves it when we do our thing.

Foreigner plays to a sold out crowd at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Friday.

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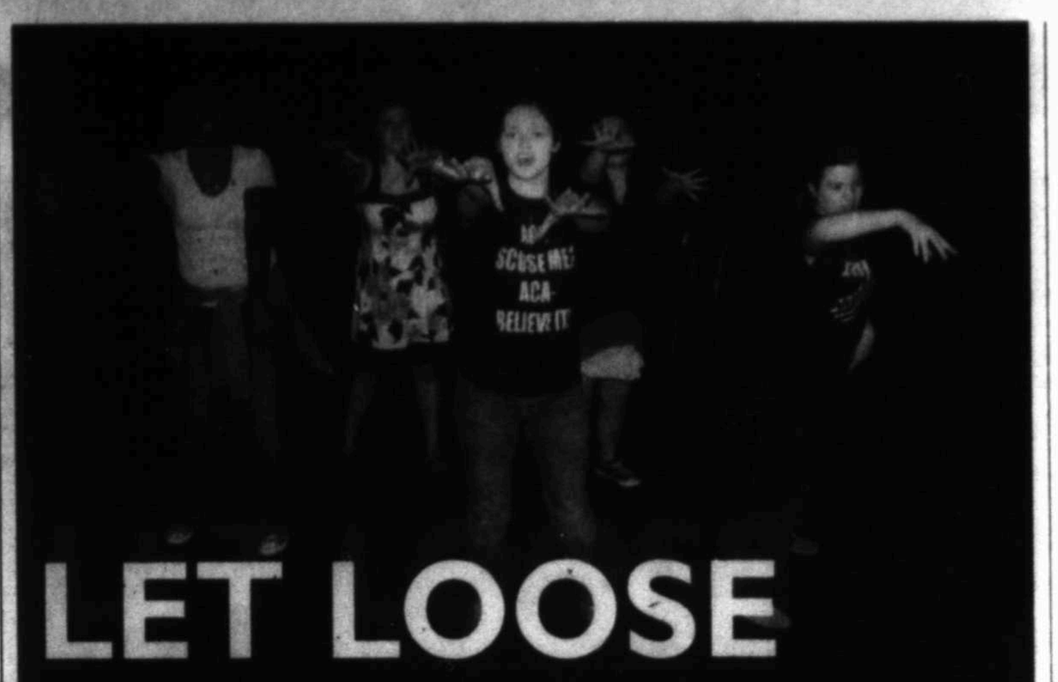

LET LOOSE

Megan Stevens sings with her friends, from left to right, Kaylee Simms, Megan Seipak, Chynna Terrell and Savannah Poor during rehearsal for "Footloose the Musical." The show opens Friday at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Feb. 14-15 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Feb. 15-16. Tickets range from $7-14. For more information, call 550-5456 or go to permianplayhouse.com.

CAST

Robert Guaderrama	Ren McCormack	Megan Siepak	Jo
Rachel Branham	Ethel McCormack	Brandon Ramirez	Chuck Cranston
Victor Lopez	the Rev Shaw Moore	Cody Whitaker	Travis
Lori Gregory Evans	Vi Moore	Cassie Champion	Betty Blast
Megan Stevens	Ariel Moore	Kelsi Gray	Willard Hewitt
Savannah Poor	Rusty	Jeremiah Leija	Jeter
Kaylee Sims	Urleen	Nic Marquez	Bickle
Chynna Terrell	Wendy	Jon Spruill	Garvin

McConaughey, Leto give Oscar-worthy performances

Reeled Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Dallas Buyers Club" (R) Politics may be the only thing keeping Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto from winning Academy Awards for their performances in this astonishing film. McConaughey has always been a movie star, but he has, at last, evolved into an actor. His portrayal of the larger-than-life Ron Woodroof is simply breathtaking. **A**

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"Army of the Damned" (unrated) With the exception of Joey Fatone as the cowardly cameraman, the film is marred by miscasting. **C+**

"Ass Backwards" (unrated) Low-budget comedy about the two dumbest women on the planet has a few funny moments but mostly comes off as a cheap knockoff of "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion." **C+**

"Bad Grandpa" (R) Scripted comedy based on a "Jackass series of pranks is much like the show. When it's bad, it's really bad, but there are other moments of guilty pleasure that make it all worthwhile. **B-**

"Battle For Tobacco Road: North Carolina vs. Duke" (not rated) HBO documentary about one of college basketball's biggest rivalries seems a bit slanted toward Duke but scores big interviews with the major players from both sides, including Michael Jordan. **B+**

"Charlie Countryman" (R) Shia LaBouf's newsmaking tweets are more interesting than this story that wants to be a Terry Gilliam film when it grows up. **C**

"The Expelled" (R) Horror fare hardly breaks new ground but conveys a creepiness lacking in similar films. **B-**

"Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2" (PG) Sequel manages the rare feat of being as good as the original. **B**

"I Will Follow You Into the Dark" (unrated) Bizarre film starts out as what I'd describe as an existential romance that slowly morphs into a ghost story. It didn't get any love from the few critics who saw it — its Metascore was 12/100, but the unusual format held my interest. **B-**

"Indiana Pac & the Temple of Slime" (not rated) A trilogy of episodes from the Disney Channel's "Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures" series available exclusively at Redbox reveals vivid colors, quality animation and little else to appeal to anyone over 10. **B-**

"Last Vegas" (PG-13) The teaming of four stars of this caliber should be a major event. It isn't. **C+**

"Rush" (R) Ron Howard does a fantastic job with the race sequences, but Niki Lauda comes off as a pompous know-it-all. **B+**

"Short Term 12" (R) Most profound movie to date about the disconnect that leads some teens to substance abuse, self-mutilation and mental health issues. **A-**

"Splash Area" (R) Atrocious British horror film that cast the worst actors in the entire United Kingdom to play killers dressed in such a way that the members of Insane Clown Posse have cause for a lawsuit. **F**

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character almost seared into everyone's recall by the iconic film. But Loyd breaks it down to the minimum. She's an actor, and this is a role. While she recognizes the legacy of the part, she can still bring her own take to it — or as Poppins would say, "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun."

"I have such a strong connection to her, but I've been given a wonderful script to build so much more detail about her and the story," she said. "The stage version is a wonderful mixture of the book and the movie, and so I go from there, build on that and do the character justice. As an actor, you put aside previous notions and decide for yourself to make it work for you."

There is something to the combination of the book and movie in the musical. Director Tim Jensen mentioned the stage version does differ in tone. All the familiar songs are there, but exposition reveals more of the family dynamic between the detached father George Banks and his two children, Jane and Michael. Realism is a part of the family struggles, which Jensen said brings some dark texture to the story everyone knows.

"The musical has more roots in the book, and while the tone is very family friendly, it does have some of the hues of (author P.L. Travers') original vision, which gives us something more to bite into," Jensen said.

Mary Poppins herself even comes across with much more depth according to Loyd. She's sufficiently stern, but expect more complex layers under that quirky exterior. Lest the audience forget, as magical as she may be, Poppins is still human.

"There is just more realistic depth to her beyond the whimsy," Loyd said. "She has more practical emotions, and even some of her frustrations come through."

This makes for an interesting juxtaposition against the landscape of special effects (Mary Poppins flies!), the comedy relief of Bert, played by Mark Kaufman, and the songs. Expect to hear the classic tunes "Spoonful of Sugar," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and more but with new songs created for the stage. Jensen mentioned the show has few moments where the story is not underscored by music or song.

And Loyd is ready for delivering those songs, as well.

"I feel much of this soprano sound is well suited for my voice," she said. "I'm trained classically in vocal performance and plus I grew up with this music, so the songs suit me just fine."

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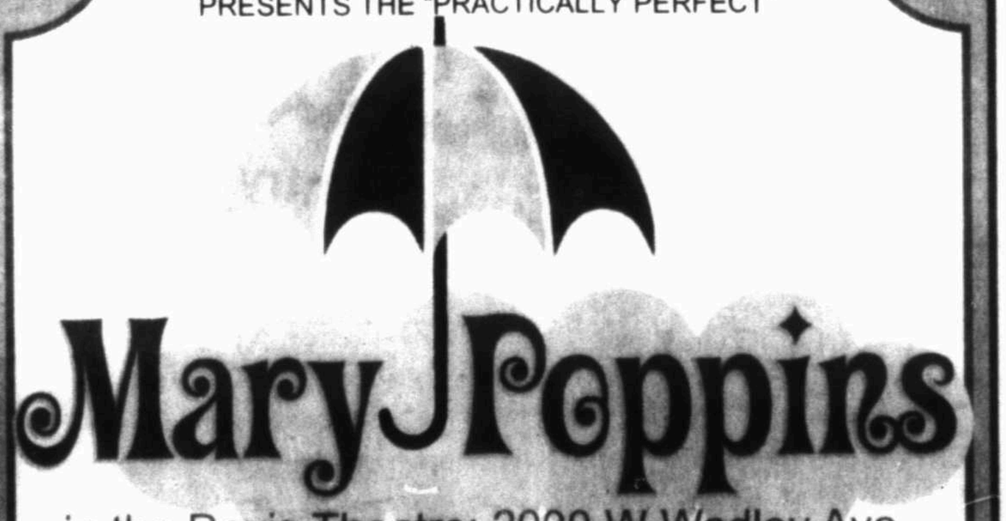

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THE BEATLES

Can't get enough Beatles? Here are 10 must-see films

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As an avowed Beatlemaniac, I have devoured everything I could read or listen to regarding the Fab Four. As an avowed movie maniac, I have also devoured everything I could watch in theaters or on video regarding the lads.

For the 50th anniversary of the storming of American shores by the Liverpudlian moptops, here's a list of the best films about the boys or starring them.

1. "A Hard Day's Night" This irreverent look at the band in a day-in-the-life format has unquestionably stood the test of time and is still widely regarded as one of the best, if not the best, rock films ever. Roger Ebert said in the early 1990s that the film was "so joyous and original that even the early reviews acknowledged it as something special. After more than three decades, it has not aged and is not dated; it stands outside its time, its genre and even rock. It is one of the great life-affirming landmarks of the movies."

2. "Help!" Follow-up to 1964's "A Hard Day's Night" is a lot sillier but every bit as much fun. I got a rare chance to see this film in a packed theater a few years ago and it was great fun to hear — and join along with — all the squealing women in the audience during Paul's "Exciting Adventure on the Floor" tribute to "The Incredible Shrinking Man."

3. "The Beatles Anthology" Clocking in at 10 hours, this documentaty series is probably too long for the casual fan, but if you think you know everything there is to know about the band or you want to become a full-fledged Beatlemaniac, this is the definitive primer.

4. "Good Ol' Freda" This recently released documentary is a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the career of Freda Kelly, who was plucked from a typing pool when she was 17 to go to work as a secretary for The Beatles. Don't just stream the film, either. Be sure to rent or buy the actual DVD so you can hear her sharing more revelations on the audio commentary track.

5. "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" Beatlemaniacs will surely notice some of the continuity errors, but this fictionalized account of a group of New Jersey teens desperate to see The Beatles on "The Ed Sullivan Show" is wacky, wild and unforgettably wonderful. It also happened to mark the directorial debut of Robert Zemeckis.

6. "Let it Be" Although sometimes very hard to watch because you're seeing the band fall apart before your eyes, this documentary also shows how much The Beatles still cared about their music, from impromptu song breaks for old favorites such as "Besame Mucho" to rehearsals for the new songs that became the "Abbey Road" album.

7. "Across the Universe" Touching love story isn't really about the band, yet it couldn't have been possible without. Filled with Beatles music and character names taken from song titles, it's the perfect film to show those who think the band no longer has any influence.

8. "The Rutles: All You Need is Cash" Long before "This is Spinal Tap" came along, this loving spoof of The Beatles by Eric Idle, of Monty Python fame and SNL's Lorne Michaels set the bar for rock parodies. There are loads of famous cameos including John Belushi, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Mick Jagger and George Harrison even got in on the fun playing a journalist.

9. "Yellow Submarine" Psychedelic cartoon features the music but not the voices of the band, which is distracting. Its vibrant tone and timeless appeal make up the difference.

10. "Backbeat" Well-acted dramatization of the band's days in Hamburg, Germany, where they performed marathon shows, lost original bass player Stu Sutcliffe and were shown a new way to style their hair.

ABOVE: The Beatles pose for a playful shot with boxer Muhammad Ali.

BELOW: Outnumbered by three to one, The Beatles put up a spirited struggle as they find three are more than enough arms of the law to hold them, during a scene from their film, "Eight Arms to Hold You," shot on the Thames River at Strand on the Green Chiswick, April 24, 1965 in London.

The Beatles' catalog is big, but not all songs were hits

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Beatles hits have permeated into the pure fabric of pop culture. By accident or design, most anyone in any age group can recognize iconic tunes like "All You Need Is Love" or "Yesterday." This is what The Beatles became once they entered U.S. shores 50 years ago and turned the nation on with their simplicity and passion in music on The Ed Sullivan Show.

By the end of it all, they released (by some counts) 27 studio albums, not to mention their convoluted discography of UK and American versions, singles, B-sides and all the rest over their history. But with each familiar tune came far more songs that filled the rest of the spaces on their many albums.

We take a look at some of their greatest non-hits that may not ever be in a commercial or a Glee episode, but prove furthermore their genius.

"Ask Me Why" Released in 1963 as a B-side to the single "Please Please Me" and from the album of the same name, "Ask Me Why" is a charmer of a track evoking an air of blue-eyed Motown. McCartney and Lennon penned many a classic but how can you beat lyrics like "Now you're mine, my happiness still makes me cry / And in time, you'll understand the reason why." The song is nothing short of marvelous.

"Dear Prudence" Released in 1968, "Dear Prudence" is from "The Beatles" or as most people know it, "The White Album." Although meant to be uplifting, the premise is an eerie one as Lennon wrote it to his friend Prudence Farrow (Mia's sister) who fell too deep into meditation as she accompanied the band on their journey to India. Sweet in tone, Lennon begged her Dear Prudence, won't you come out to play?

"I Me Mine" Penned by George Harrison, this is noted as the final track The Beatles ever recorded. Harrison called the track a study into ego. Interestingly enough, John Lennon had left the group already so he did not partake in the recording which ended up on 1970's "Let It Be". Whether Harrison wrote it in response to that is unknown, but with its bluesy guitars and Harrison's voice, there may be undertones of anger toward Lennon and McCartney.

"If I Needed Someone" Another non-single penned by Harrison (see a pattern?), this track from the 1965 album "Rubber Soul" was also recorded and released by The Hollies at the same time. Although not a single, the tune was one of the only Harrison tunes performed live through Beatles' tours. But Harrison clearly expressed his jerky side with lyrics like "Carve your number on my wall and / Maybe you will get a call from me / If I needed someone." Ouch, dude.

"You Know My Name (Look Up the Number)" Knowing the title pretty much means knowing the lyrics to this "Let It Be" B-side. Touted as more of a comedy song, it's a strange mashup more than song with Lennon and McCartney playing with sound and voice effects. It has been noted that the other two Beatles didn't take part in all the sessions for this so the ears may clearly be witnessing major egos at play while listening to this 1970 track.

"She's Leaving Home" From the 1967 album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," McCartney and Lennon switch on their storytelling prowess here big time. A young girl sneaks out of her parents' home and runs away to meet "a man from the motor trade." McCartney sings her story while Lennon chimes in as the parents' lament. Backed by all strings, the men stepped back from their instruments to only lend their vocals.

"Yer Blues" Although reported to be solely written by Lennon, both he and McCartney were given credit for this drunken track from "The White Album." Of course, The Beatles would be able to pull off some heavy blues. They were that good. So much so, even Ringo Starr had been quoted as enjoying playing the song. Now that's something when he steps up.

"For No One" How this wasn't a single is incredible. McCartney brings it home with this heartbreaker from 1966's "Revolver." Not a ballad so much, this is painful stuff. A relationship on the brink, McCartney details pain precisely with "She no longer needs you / And in her eyes you see nothing." That's a shot through the heart.

"Hey Bulldog" This isn't a single for a reason. It's just not as good, but the exchange between McCartney and Lennon toward the end signifies their bubble that likely alienated Harrison and Starr. They go off the rails with woofs and howls and maniacal laughs. The song appeared on 1969's "Yellow Submarine."

"Across The Universe" Bet you thought this was an official hit with all its covers and even a movie with this title, but no. However, it should be considered a moment of brilliance for The Beatles. Lennon admitted he thought McCartney tried to sabotage his song in his vocalizing, but there isn't a faulty note here. The tone is tender, and that Sanskrit chant elevates the song just oh-so slightly to a higher plane of listening. Originally released on "No One's Gonna Change Our World," a compilation album for charity in 1969, the song would be redone for the group's final album "Let It Be."

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THE BEATLES

Think you know everything about the Fab Four?

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In this Feb. 9, 1964 file photo, The Beatles, from left, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr on drums, and John Lennon perform on the CBS "Ed Sullivan Show" in New York. The Beatles made their first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," America's must-see weekly variety show, on Sunday, Feb. 9, 1964, which officially kicked off Beatlemania.

The amount of Beatles trivia out there is intimidating. But there are several tidbits of information regarding the four legendary musicians and their music that are not common knowledge. Here's a list of 20 random, little-known facts concerning the Fab Four.

Lennon, McCartney sang backup for the Rolling Stones. John Lennon and Paul McCartney sang background vocals for the Rolling Stones. The two Beatles were uncredited on the Rolling Stones' 1967 single, "We Love You."

The name game. Paul is McCartney's middle name. His first name is James. John Lennon changed his middle name from Winston to Ono after marrying Yoko Ono in 1969. Ringo Starr's real name is Richard Starkey.

Lennon was dyslexic, legally blind. John Lennon discovered in his later years that he was dyslexic, and was legally blind without his glasses. Maybe that's why he never learned to drive?

"Lucy" is not a drug reference. It is commonly believed that "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" is a reference to LSD, a drug the Fab Four experimented with during their later recording years. The song actually is about a girl named Lucy that a 4-year-old Julian Lennon drew a picture of in school. Lennon was inspired by the drawing. The girl, Lucy Vodden, later moved to London and lived there until she died in 2009 at the age of 46. Julian Lennon allegedly rekindled their friendship in Vodden's last years and frequently sent her flowers.

The Beatles almost reunited on 'SNL'. Lennon and McCartney saw each other for the last time on April 24, 1976. The two were watching "Saturday Night Live" when Lorne Michaels jokingly offered The Beatles $3,000 to perform live. The 2000 film "Two of Us" explored this possible reunion, with Aidan Quinn and Jared Harris portraying the two Beatles.

Temporary role changes. Paul played lead guitar on several Beatles tracks, including "Ticket to Ride," "Taxman," "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and "Good Morning Good Morning." He played drums on "Back in the U.S.S.R." and "Dear Prudence."

"Day Tripper" at the VD clinic. German radio programmers were concerned about playing song "Day Tripper," since "tripper" is German slang for gonorrhea.

The egg man. In the song "I Am the Walrus," Lennon's reference to the "egg man" came from The Animals' Eric Burdon. Lennon gave Burdon that nickname after Burdon told him about having sex with a Jamaican woman, who cracked an egg on his bare stomach and licked the yolk off of his body. Goo Goo Ga Joob!

Tomato fields never. The line in "With a Little Help from My Friends" was "What would you do if I sang out of tune / Would you stand up and throw tomatoes at me?" Starr made them change the lyric because he didn't want anyone to actually throw tomatoes at him during live performances of the song.

Ringo hated drum solos. On the "Abbey Road" track "The End," Starr performs his only drum solo in The Beatles' catalogue. McCartney said in a 1988 interview that when Starr joined the band, "We asked him, 'And what do you think of drum solos?' and he replied, 'I hate them.' 'Great! We love you!'"

"Yesterday" is one of the most covered songs in history. The popular song has been covered more than 2,200 times with more than 1,600 of those occurring by 1986. The song ranked in at No. 13 on Rolling Stone's 2004 list, "The Greatest Songs of All Time."

Scrambled eggs. Lennon and McCartney substituted working lyrics for "Yesterday" in order to remember the melody. The opening verse originally was "Scrambled eggs / Oh, my baby how I love your legs." Paul McCartney performed this version on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon."

The vultures. The Beatles originally were supposed to voice the vultures in "The Jungle Book." The four vultures had the band's signature mop tops and British accents. The plans fell through because of scheduling conflicts and other issues.

None of The Beatles could read music. The Beatles wrote their own lyrics but never learned how to read music. They knew the chords and where a piano's middle C was located but could not read musical notes. McCartney is the only Beatle who attempted to learn how to read music.

"Strawberry Fields," "Penny Lane" were real places. Lennon lived with his aunt and uncle, Mimi and George Smith, in Woolton, England, since he was 5 years old. He and his friends would explore a garden at a Salvation Army orphanage, Strawberry Field. Lennon's first family home in Liverpool was located near a place called Penny Lane.

Lennon's relationship with manager. Lennon described his relationship with manager Brian Epstein as "pretty intense" during a 1980 interview with "Playboy." Epstein, a closeted gay man, was rumored to have had an affair with Lennon during a four-day trip to Barcelona. But Lennon always claimed that the two men's relationship was platonic. The alleged affair was the subject of the 1991 film, "The Hours and Times."

Eric Clapton almost replaced George Harrison. Harrison briefly left the band in January 1969. During that time, the other Beatles suggested Eric Clapton as a replacement in the event that Harrison did not return. But Harrison eventually came back to the band a few days later.

Bob Dylan introduced The Beatles to marijuana. Dylan and the Fab Four smoked weed together in a hotel room in August 1964 at New York's Delmonico Hotel. Dylan thought the band's lyrics to "I wanna hold your hand" were "... and when I touch you I get high, I get high ..."

The white Beetle. In the cover art for "Abbey Road," there is a white Volkswagen Beetle in the background as the Fab Four crosses the street. After the album's release, the plate LMW 281F was stolen repeatedly from the car. The car has since been put on display in Germany.

The Beatles' private islands. The Beatles at one point sought to purchase adjacent islands near Greece that each Beatle would live on. They found the island of Leslo, which had a small fishing village, four beaches and a large olive grove. Four neighboring islands surrounded it, with one island for each Beatle. The main island was purchased but was quickly sold after all four band members lost interest in the idea.

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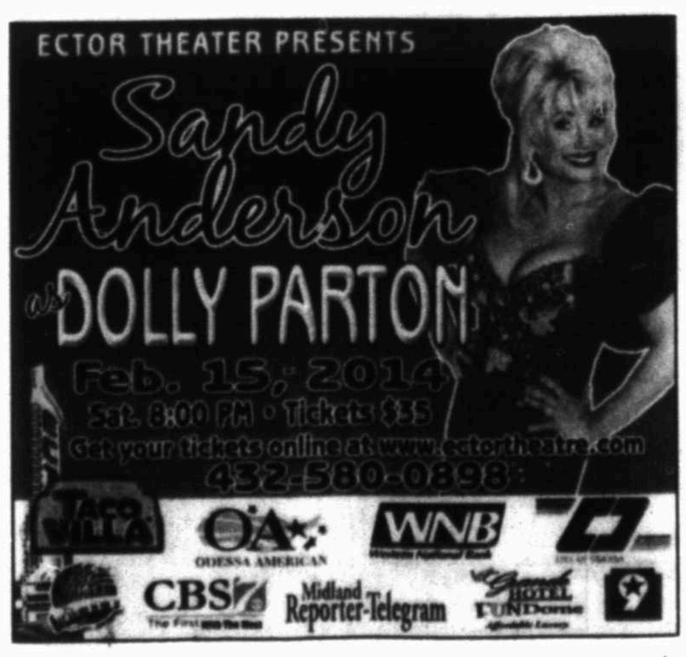

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TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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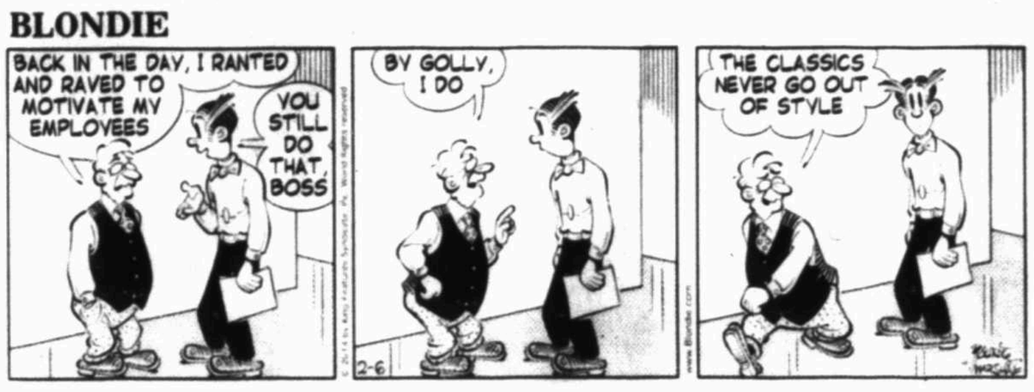

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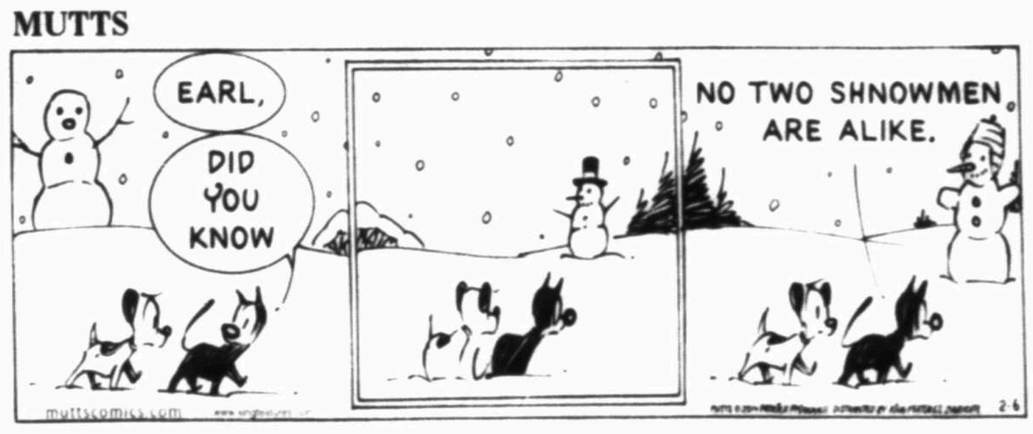

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CLOSE TO HOME

"Inside, I still feel like I'm only 92!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO WIPE YOUR FEET?"

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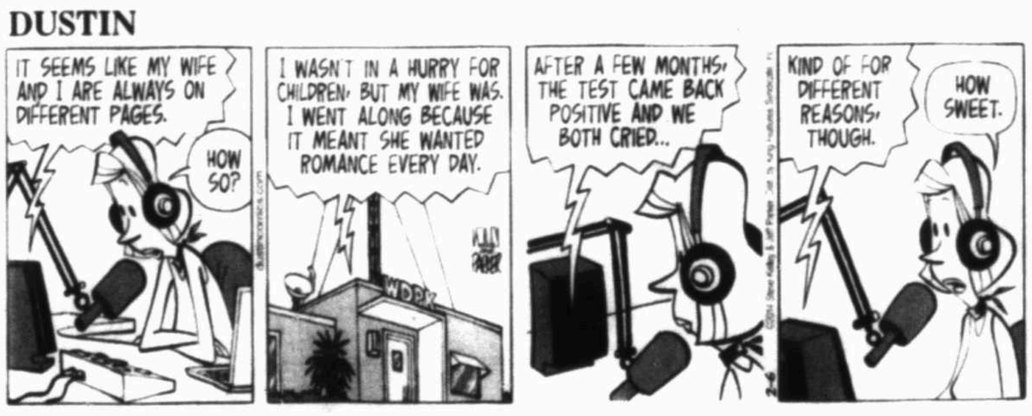

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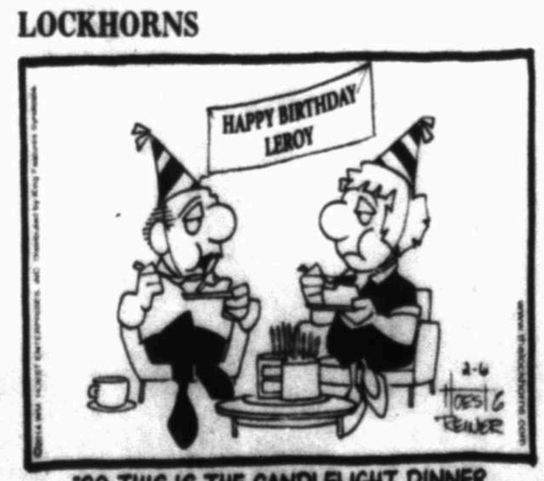

"SO THIS IS THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER YOU PROMISED ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Daddy, how much snow does it take to close a school? I need to know whether to do my homework."

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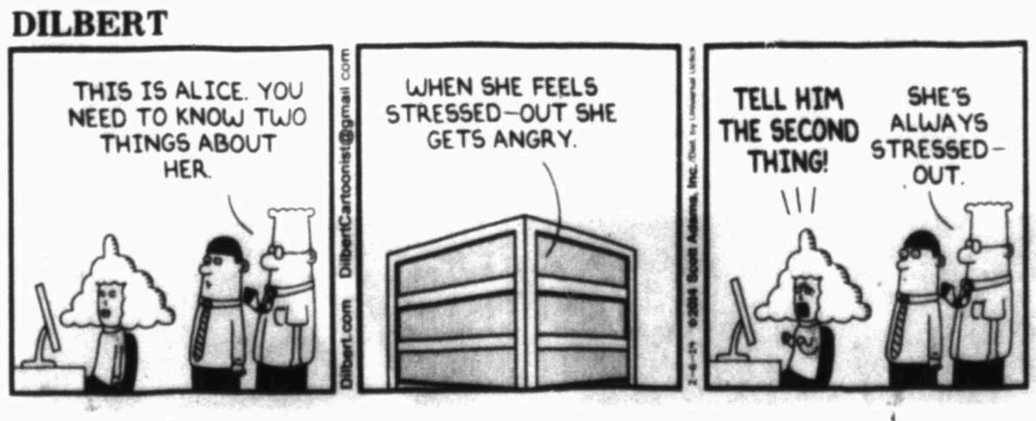

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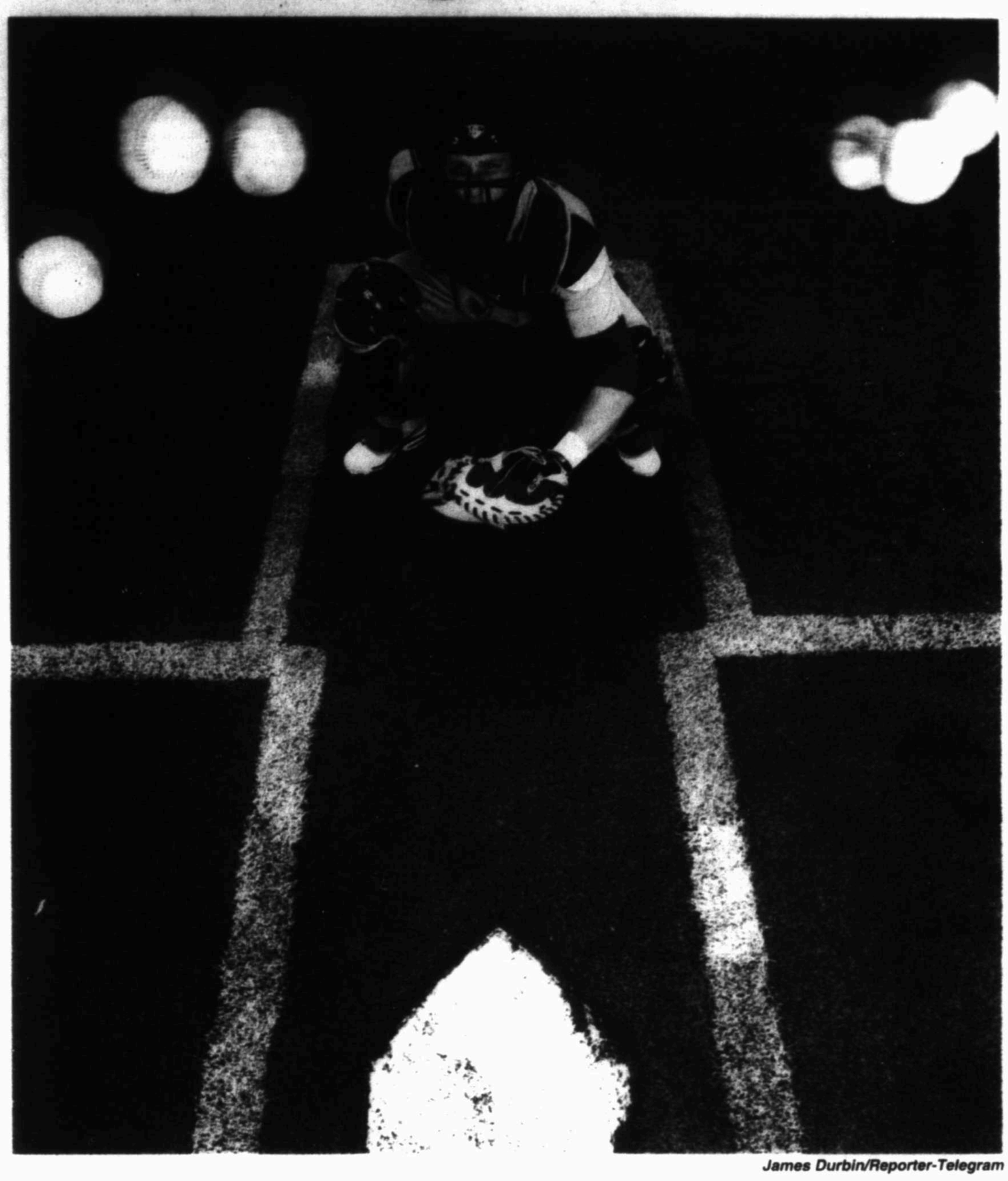

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Sophomore catcher Chris Shaw, shown in portrait, is the top returning player for the Midland College Chaparrals after a visit to the Junior College World Series last year.

Shaw aiming for Juco World Series

By Oscar LeRoy
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MC Baseball Preview

Chris Shaw has such high expectations and a desire to win that he is willing to do whatever it takes to achieve his lofty goals.

That even meant moving over to play first base last year for the Midland College baseball team and away from his normal position as catcher.

As it turned out that moved worked out for both the Chaparrals and Shaw. Midland College made its first appearance in the Juco World Series and Shaw was named as an all-Western Junior College Athletic Conference infielder after batting .380, hitting a team-best 11 home runs and driving in 64 runs.

"Last year was a great journey with the group of guys that we had," Shaw said. "It was definitely a special group that comes once every so often. We definitely made friendships that will last many, many years. Seeing how far we went and how well we did, it really boosted our confidence and gives us a plan and an idea about moving forward this year."

The Chaparrals and Shaw have those same lofty expectations this year as Midland College not only looks to defend its WJCAC crown but make a return trip to the Juco World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

Shaw will be a key for the Chaparrals' quest for success in 2014 and he's back in a position he's known for most of his baseball career.

"It's something I feel comfortable with," said Shaw about returning to a fulltime role as catcher. "I'm looking forward to stepping into that role again."

Early in the 2013 season, Shaw was splitting time with Hunter Redman at catcher. But in order to have both of Shaw's and Redman's bats in the lineup, head coach David Coleman thought it would be best to have Shaw play first base and move NJCAA Player of the Year Jeremie Fagnan to right field.

"It's always better to have your backup catcher in the lineup in case your starter gets injured," Coleman said. "It's easier to replace first base, instead of the DH. And (Shaw's) athletic and he has a good understanding of the game. It made us better by him going to first base."

Shaw said he fully understood the move.

"Hunter Redman did a great job behind there and moving me over to first base was a great call by Coach Coleman and it helped to put the best starting lineup on the field," he said.

From all indications, that's the kind of person Shaw is. Not only is he a 6-foot-1, 195-pound athlete with a great swing, but he's unselfish, easy going and always wants to do what's best for his team.

"As good of a player that he is, he's even a better person and a better teammate," Coleman said. "You talk about lead by example, he's just a special player and a special person."

Shaw also continues a Canadian

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Texas Tech gets Mahomes, top in-state quarterback

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech shored up its thin roster at quarterback Wednesday by signing one of the state's best high school players in 2013.

Coach Kliff Kingsbury added 25 players, including three junior college players who enrolled last month.

Kingsbury

Quarterback Patrick Mahomes, the son of a former pro baseball player, threw for 4,619 yards with 50 touchdowns and just four interceptions his senior year. He also ran for 15 touchdowns. In December, he was named the Texas Associated Press Sports Editors football player of the year.

Mahomes also plays baseball — his father Pat Mahomes played with six teams in an 11-year career — and basketball at Whitehouse in East Texas.

"I really think he's just scratching the surface (as a quarterback) with the time he played different sports throughout the year," said Kingsbury, who said he assumes Mahomes will be Davis Webb's backup. "When he really focuses on football the majority of the time I think you're really going to see him take off in that position."

Quarterbacks Baker Mayfield, Michael Brewer and Clayton Nicholas have left the program. Mayfield and Webb, who looks to be the top quarterback going into spring, split starts last season.

Texas Tech was also looking to bolster its defense after giving up more than 200 yards rushing per game in 2013. The junior college players will provide immediate help.

"We signed four junior college defensive linemen to come in right away and expect them to have an immediate impact," Kingsbury said. "That was a big focus of this class."

Mahomes likely will play baseball for Texas Tech, Kingsbury said. Pro baseball scouts already know about the 6-3, 215-pounder, and that causes the second-year coach some concern.

"With his dad having that history of being a professional player it does, but we'll see how it shakes out," Kingsbury said. "He wants to come to college, but you never know how the money is going to be."

With the Red Raiders penchant to pass Kingsbury brought in someone that reminds him of Wes Welker, a Texas Tech alum who plays for the Denver Broncos. Ian Sadler from Argyle rushed for 1,001 yards and 23 touchdowns and had 665 yards receiving with 12 TDs. He "has the same elite level soccer background that Wes had, and very similar in persona and does some things that look a lot like him," Kingsbury said.

Signing day

See how other Texas teams fared on national signing day

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MCS' Berryhill to join family at ACU

By Jonathan Hull
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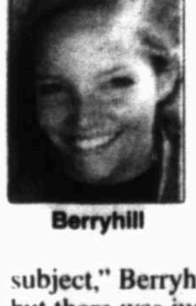
Kami Berryhill had her pick of the litter when it came to what college she wanted to attend and compete for in the pole vault.

That's why on the surface it's probably surprising to many that the Midland Christian senior chose Abilene Christian University over bigger schools Texas A&M and Alabama. But when Berryhill's decision is further examined, ACU, which is competing in NCAA Division I for the first time this season, quickly becomes the obvious choice.



Berryhill

"As I looked at all the different colleges and stuff, I prayed about it a lot and got different people's wisdom on the subject," Berryhill said. "I loved Alabama, I loved A&M, but there was just something different about ACU. The coaching is really, really good and it's going to be a nice easy transition."

Berryhill officially signed her letter of intent to

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Greenwood's McKee inks with Tarleton State

By Jonathan Hull
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After qualifying for three straight state track & field meets in the high jump, Morgan McKee is ready to leap for new heights at the college level.

The Greenwood senior signed a letter of intent to compete at Tarleton State University in Stephenville as a part of national signing day on Wednesday. For McKee, the fit at Tarleton seemed just right.

McKee

"I just visited the campus and instantly fell in love with it," said McKee, who also considered West Texas A&M and McMurry University. "Everything about it was awesome. I just really enjoyed the campus and the people were really nice, too. It's a bigger school, but it's not too big. The coaches were awesome and I feel like I'm going to have a lot of one-on-one time with the coaches.

"Tarleton just felt like where my heart was at."

McKee has qualified for the UIL Class 3A Track &

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Strambler breaks family tradition, inks with LCU for soccer

By Len Hayward
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Darius Strambler had a tough decision to make last August.

Strambler

As a successful summer on the soccer field was going on for the soon-to-be Lee High School senior, Strambler was faced with the prospect of two-a-days beginning in early August for the Lee football team.

Strambler was expected to be one of the Rebels' key receivers as it transitioned to a new pass-oriented offense. But during the summer, Strambler knew his future in college wasn't on the football field, it was on the soccer field.

So, in early August, a few days before fall practices started, Strambler decided to not play football and focus on soccer and continue to play through the fall with a

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Joburg Open, first round, 10 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, first round, 2 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., ESPN

LSU at Georgia, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Robert Morris at LIU, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Oregon at Arizona, 8 p.m., ESPN

Penn St. at Michigan St., 8 p.m., ESPN2

Murray St. at Belmont, 8 p.m., ESPNU

UTEP at East Carolina, 8 p.m., FS1

Santa Clara at BYU, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Oregon St. at Arizona St., 10 p.m., FS1

NBA

San Antonio at Brooklyn, 8 p.m., TNT

Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

WINTER OLYMPICS

Figure Skating - (Team Event: Men's Short Program, Pairs' Short Program); Men's and Women's Snowboarding - Slopestyle Competition; Women's Freestyle Skiing - Moguls Competition, 7 p.m., NBC

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Frank Phillips, 7:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Frank Phillips, 5:45 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Oklahoma Christian at UTPB, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Oklahoma Christian at UTPB, 5:30 p.m.

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Trinity Valley CC (8)	22-1	200	1
2	Walters State CC	24-0	190	2
3	Hutchinson CC	21-0	184	3
4	Chipola College	23-1	176	4
5	Central Arizona College	22-2	168	6
6	Salt Lake CC	21-4	160	7
7	Butler Community College	23-1	152	8
8	Northwest Florida State	19-3	144	10
9	Seward County CC	21-2	136	9
10	College of Southern Idaho	22-3	128	11
11	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	21-2	120	12
12	Shelton State CC	20-2	112	5
13	Palm Beach State	21-3	104	13
14	Florida State-Jacksonville	18-5	96	14
15	South Georgia Technical	21-3	88	15
16	Tyler Junior College	19-3	80	18
17	Blinn College	18-4	72	16
18	Wabash Valley College	17-3	64	19
19	Cowley County CC	17-5	56	21
20	Collin County CC	18-5	48	22
21	Eastern Oklahoma State	19-3	40	25
22	Louisiana State-Eunice	21-1	32	23
23	Kaskaskia College	20-1	24	RV
24	New Mexico JC	16-5	16	RV
25	Wallace State-Hanceville	19-3	8	RV

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Dave Machemer special assignment scout, Jeff Stevens and Dan Duval amateur scouts, Ray Narleski senior manager of corporate partnership sales, Jim Jennings senior manager of partnership marketing and Bill Murphy manager of corporate partnership sales.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Bryan Langan on a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Announced RHP Chaz Roe reached outright assignment and elected free agency.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Justin Turner on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Named Haeda Mhatt senior executive director, external affairs.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with C Kaye Kirton on a minor league contract.

Minor League Baseball

MLB — Promoted part-time field evaluator Hector Brian Sinclair to full-time status.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Signed LHP Kevin Rogers. Traded RHP Ryan Scales to Rockford for INF Matt Greenler.

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed LHP Tony Barry.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Jake Butler and RHP Morgan Coombs.

SIOUX FALLS CANAPS — Signed LHP Cole Hirsch, RHP Kyle Munson.

WICHITA WILD ELK — Signed RHP Matt Hall.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Michael Lindsay.

Frontier League

FOND DU LAC FREEDOM — Signed RHP Matt Ott to a contract extension and RHP Matthew Johnson.

GARY RAMMERS — Signed INF Jose Ramos.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW JERSEY NETS — Recalled G Ronald Roberson from Maine (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Released LB Akande Ariyo, LB Stephen Nicholas.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Named Romeo Crennel defensive coordinator and signed him to a three-year contract. Hired Rick Dudley special teams coordinator. Named Mike Waber offensive coordinator. Hired Bill Musgrave offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach. Signed Bruce Gossett strength and conditioning coach.

Stan Heron wide receivers coach, Tim Kelly offensive quality control coach, Will Lawing defensive quality control coach, Charles London running backs coach, Anthony Midget assistant secondary coach, John Perry tight ends coach, Anthony Pleasant assistant strength and conditioning coach, Jim Bernhardt director of football research, John Butler secondary coach, Doug Colman assistant special teams coach and Craig Fitzgerald strength and conditioning coach.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Named Mike Neu quarterbacks coach.

NEW YORK JETS — Named Thomas McGaughey special teams coordinator.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DE Mathieu Bouiaiy.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released LB Henry Muamba. Signed WR Quentin Sims.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

MINNESOTA WILD — Traded C Chad Rau to San Jose for RW Curt Gogol.

American Hockey League

NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Returned F Chad Painchaud to South Carolina (ECHL).

TORONTO MARLIES — Signed F Kory Nagy to a professional tryout contract. Recalled F Mike Duco from Orlando (ECHL).

Central Hockey League

MISSOURI MAVERICKS — Waived D Dean Moore. Signed D Jeff Buvinow.

QUAD CITY MALLARDS — Called up G Eric Levine from Peoria (SPHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Announced David Beckham exercised his option for an expansion team, which will be located in Miami. Signed M Barry Jova.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Acquired M/F Sebastian Fernandez on loan and M/F Nicolas Mezquida by transfer from Boston River (Uruguay).

National Women's Soccer League

SKY BLUE FC — Signed F Maya Hayes.

COLLEGE

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named Carlos Padilla II executive director of the Miami Beach Bowl.

FLORIDA STATE — Named Charles Kelly defensive coordinator.

IOWA STATE — Named Mark Mangino tight ends coach and offensive coordinator. Tommy Mangino wide receivers coach and Brandon Blaney offensive line coach. Promoted wide receivers coach Todd Sturdy to quarterbacks coach.

RIPON — Named Joe Schoenherr strength and conditioning coach.

WISCONSIN — Announced the resignation of running backs coach and recruiting coordinator Thomas Hammock.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	57	40	11	6	86	193	154
N.Y. Rangers	57	31	23	3	65	156	141
Columbus	58	29	23	6	64	167	156
Philadelphia	58	28	23	7	63	167	180
New Jersey	58	25	21	12	62	137	150
Washington	58	27	25	6	60	158	174
Carolina	58	24	25	9	57	133	142
N.Y. Islanders	58	22	25	11	55	142	171

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	58	41	11	6	88	207	151
St. Louis	58	37	17	4	78	179	141
Colorado	58	36	19	3	75	198	164
Minnesota	58	34	19	5	73	142	141
Dallas	58	32	20	6	70	167	161
Winnipeg	58	28	22	8	64	161	167
Nashville	57	25	23	9	59	134	172

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	58	40	13	5	85	191	141
San Jose	57	38	16	3	79	170	134
Los Angeles	58	30	22	6	66	137	152
Vancouver	58	27	22	9	63	143	155
Phoenix	58	26	25	7	59	160	176
Calgary	58	23	28	7	53	152	179
Edmonton	58	19	33	6	44	132	198

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's Scores

Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 1

Chicago at Anaheim - late

Dallas at San Jose - late

Today's Games

Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Edmonton at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Colorado at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at Washington, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Buffalo at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Detroit at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SHAW

From 1C

pipeline that the MC baseball program has had over the years that has produced standout players such as Jim Henderson (Milwaukee Brewers), Tim Smith, Chad Stang, Brad Cuthbertson and Fagnan.

Shaw, a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, played for Canada's junior national team and was playing with the Okotoks Dawgs Baseball Academy in an Arizona Fall League when it was suggested to him by a coach of his to play at Midland College.

"I kind of connected the dots here and there, talked to (MC assistant coach Hector Rodriguez) on the phone and I made the decision to come down," Shaw said. "I always wanted to come down south to play baseball, so I knew Texas was a great place to come. I didn't come to see Midland beforehand and I came into it a little bit blind. But I went on the Internet, saw a few pictures and talked to a few teammates who have played here before and I found out that Midland was a good place for me."

Shaw, who has signed with teammate and pitcher Thomas McIlraith to play for the University of Oklahoma next year, was actually drafted in the 38th round of the 2012 draft by the Milwaukee Brewers but turned down that opportunity to play college ball.

That opportunity to play Major League Baseball could resurface again after this year if Shaw has another banner year.

"I've always wanted to play professional baseball, and if I keep playing good things happen for people who wait," he said. "I'll do the best I can if I'm fortunate I'll get drafted again."

Shaw, though, still has some work to do at MC before he takes the next step in his baseball career. And from what he's seen from this year's Chaparrals, much of his expectations will be met.

"I never expect anything below average," he said. "I just want to put some wins together as a team and if there's any way I can do to help that, I'm willing to do that."

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2014 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 7	Weatherford College (1)	5 p.m.
Feb. 8	Weatherford College	1 p.m.
Feb. 14	at McLennan CC	noon
Feb. 15	San Jacinto JC (1) (at Waco)	noon
Feb.19	Hill JC (at Abilene)	1 p.m.
Feb. 22	Colby Community College	1 p.m.
Feb. 23	Seward Community College	noon
March 1	*Frank Phillips College	1 p.m.
March 2	*Frank Phillips College	noon
March 4	at Odessa College (1)	2 p.m.
March 7	*New Mexico JC	2 p.m.
March 8	*at New Mexico JC	1 p.m.
March 18	Western Texas College (1)	6:30 p.m.
March 21	*at El Paso CC	1 p.m.
March 22	*at El Paso CC	1 p.m.
March 25	at New Mexico JC (1)	3 p.m.
March 28	*Howard College	1 p.m.
March 29	*at Howard College	noon
April 1	Western Texas College (1)	6:30 p.m.
April 4	*New Mexico Military Institute	3 p.m.
April 5	*New Mexico Military Institute	noon
April 7	at Howard College (1)	3 p.m.
April 11	*Odessa College	1 p.m.
April 12	*at Odessa College	noon
April 15	Odessa College (1)	6:30 p.m.
April 18	*at Clarendon College	noon
April 19	*at Clarendon College	noon
April 22	Howard College (1)	6:30 p.m.
April 25	*Luna C.C.	3 p.m.
April 26	*Luna C.C.	noon
April 29	New Mexico JC (1)	6:30 p.m.
May 2	*at Western Texas College	noon
May 3	*at Western Texas College	noon
May 10-15	Region V Tournament (Lubbock)	

*Denotes WJCAC opponent

Roster

No.	Name	Class	HT	WT	Position	B/T	Hometown
1	Richie Furline	Fr.	5-8	130	OF	R/R	Port Lucie, Fla.
2	Sebastian Palacios	Fr.	5-9	180	P	R/R	Corpus Christi
3	Josh Narvaiz	Fr.	5-8	155	INF	R/R	Lubbock
4	Brandon Courville	Soph.	5-11	205	P	R/R	Flower Mound
5	Thomas McIlraith	Soph.	6-4	190	P	R/R	Amarillo
6	JoJo Collazo	Rs-Fr.	5-7	175	INF	R/R	San Antonio
7	Darren Alexander	Fr.	5-9	166	INF	R/R	Lubbock
8	Caleb Koedyker	Soph.	6-0	185	OF	R/R	Seminole
9	Anthony Reyes	Rs.-Fr.	5-11	180	INF/OF	L/L	Levelland
10	Justin Clarkson	Fr.	5-11	180	INF	L/R	Nanaimo, B.C.
11	Blaine Prescott	Fr.	5-10	165	INF	R/R	Amarillo
12	Dustin Angiel	Fr.	5-10	155	INF/P	R/R	Rockwall
13	Luke Downs	Rs-Fr.	6-1	205	P	R/R	Amarillo
14	Connor Kenwood	Fr.	6-0	180	P	L/L	White Rock, B.C.
15	Chris Thibideau	Fr.	5-10	175	INF	R/R	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
16	Chris Dixon	Soph.	6-0	190	P	R/R	Cypress, Calif.
17	Coleman Watts	Fr.	6-0	210	P	R/R	Midland
18	Nikko Velarde	Rs.-Fr.	6-3	225	INF/P	R/R	Midland
20	Bryndan Arredondo	Fr.	5-10	220	C	R/R	Lubbock
21	Colton Chalker	Fr.	5-11	175	INF	R/R	Midland
22	Jayden O'Dell	Soph.	6-1	215	P	R/R	Tuscola
23	Chris Shaw	Soph.	6-1	195	C	R/R	Winnepeg, Canada
24	Aarom Rumfield	Fr.	6-0	160	P	R/R	Lubbock
26	Cade Davis	Fr.	6-0	157	OF	L/L	Wolfforth
27	Nick Russell	Fr.	5-11	155	INF	R/R	Wichita Falls
28	Clay O'Dell	Soph.	6-2	215	P	R/R	Tuscola
29	Christian Whigham	Fr.	5-11	180	OF	R/R	Midland
30	Connor Gessell	Fr.	5-11	185	INF	R/R	San Antonio
31	Brent Stewart	Fr.	6-4	195	OF	R/R	Midland
32	Fernando Cervantes	Fr.	6-3	200	P	R/R	Tijuana, Mexico
33	Daniel Vargas	Soph.	6-0	200	OF	R/R	Midland
34	Jacob Blevins	Fr.	6-0	195	P	R/R	Fort Worth
36	Jay Gonzales	Soph.	5-11	185	INF/C	R/R	Argyle
37	Michael Brosig	Soph.	6-5	225	P	R/R	Midland
40	Daniel Crooks	Fr.	6-0	175	P	R/R	Midland

Head coach: David Coleman
Assistant coach: Hector Rodriguez
Assistant coach: Chris Rowland

2014 Chaps at a glance

Coach: David Coleman, 8th year (254-153-1)

Last season: 48-15 overall, 28-8 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (1st)

Key losses: NJCAA Player of the Year 1B/OF Jeremie Fagnan (TCU), All-WJCAC OF Blair Beck (Kansas), All-WJCAC 2B Matt Reyes (New Mexico), C Hunter Redman (Texas Tech), RHP Jason Zgardowski (Angelo State), RHP Jared Robinson (Houston), SS Joel Atkinson (Northwestern State), RHP Jeremy Filipek (UT-San Antonio)

Key returners: All-WJCAC C Chris Shaw (.380, 11 HR, 64 RBI), OF Daniel Vargas (.372, 0 HR, 18 RBI), DH Jay Gonzales (.310, 2 HR, 45 RBI), RHP Thomas McIlraith (8-4, 4.06 ERA), RHP Michael Brosig (1-2, 5.26), RHP Jayden O'Dell (2-5, 5.01 in 2012), RHP Chris Dixon (5-0, 3.62), RHP Clay O'Dell (3-0, 3.34)

Top newcomers: INF Blaine Prescott, OF Brent Stewart, RHP Francisco Cervantes, C Bryndan Arredondo

Coach's quote: "It's a really good group that's really bought into our system and how we do things. They're very obedient, very hard working, very diligent, prideful, it's a good group thus far. Our approach is really no different. We have high expectations every year. I just believe with a group of people, you will get what you expect, and we expect good things. We expect to win games, we expect to take care of our business on and off the field. The expectation level hasn't changed."

Notes: Coleman said he likes his team's overall speed and pitching depth. Because of that speed, Coleman said the Chaps have the ability to score runs, even though they may not have the overall firepower of last year's team. The 2013 squad led the NJCAA in runs scored (533), were eighth in the nation in batting average (.345), led the nation in doubles (149) and led the nation in triples (33). "Speed never goes into a slump," Coleman said. ... The starting rotation will get a boost with the return of Jayden O'Dell, who sat out last year after having surgery on his throwing elbow to clean up some bone spurs. Coleman said O'Dell, along with returners McIlraith, Brosig and Dixon as well as newcomer Cervantes, who has been very consistent since the fall, will likely be in the mix to start weekend series. Coleman said the bullpen will be just as crowded with 15 players vying for playing time. ... Coleman said unlike last year, the batting order will likely be fluid and interchangeable, at least early in the season, thanks to the competition at most positions.

WJCAC Preseason Poll

First place votes in parentheses

Team	Points
1. Howard (6)	33
2. Odessa (2)	28
3. Midland	**26**
4. El Paso CC	15
5. Western Texas	11
6. Luna CC	6
7. Frank Phillips	1
8. Clarendon	0

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Strong scrambled to keep 1st Texas class together

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Charlie Strong barely had a month to accept his new job, move to Austin and somehow hold together the Longhorns' 2014 recruiting class after Mack Brown's sudden departure after 16 years.

Strong did it, keeping together a class recruiting experts rank among the best in the Big 12. Texas signed 23 players to national letters-of-intent Wednesday, including the big-time quarterback the Longhorns need, and two out-of-state defensive linemen Strong originally tried to lure to Louisville.

Strong spent the past month re-recruiting and "re-selling" Texas to the players who had committed to the Longhrons when Brown was the coach. Making it particularly awkward was that Brown announced his resignation on Dec. 14, the same weekend Texas hosted more than a dozen recruits for the team banquet and their official visit.

Those recruits were left to wonder who would take over and Strong accepted the job three weeks later. He soon was dashing to Dallas, Houston, New Orleans and San Antonio to meet and greet recruits, parents and coaches and keep anyone from abandoning ship.

"A very intense couple of weeks," Strong said. "We had to sell ourselves. When a new staff comes in, the recruit has to be comfortable with you."

Among them is Jerrod Heard, the only quarterback Texas signed.

The U.S. Army All-American won consecutive Texas Class 4A state championships and fills a critical need at a position where depth is a major concern.

Aggies land top-5 recruiting class

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M has signed a player who could replace Johnny Football and another who should boost its struggling defense.

The Aggies signed Kyle Allen, who is rated the top quarterback prospect in the nation, to compete for the job left open when 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel declared for the NFL draft last month. Allen threw for more than 8,000 yards and 86 touchdowns in his career at Desert Mountain high school in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"This is a class that I think addresses our needs across the board," coach Kevin Sumlin said Wednesday as the Aggies unveiled their national signing class. "We have a plan of how we want to do things. We lost some very, very talented players offensively this year and we've kind of replaced those and we had a depth issue last year on defense."

They also inked the No. 1 rated defensive end in Arlington Martin's Myles Garrett. The 6-foot-5, 250-pound Garrett had 81 tackles and 19 ½ sacks last season. Sumlin joked about his shock when he saw Garrett shirtless after going to watch him play basketball recently.

"He looked like he had on a Batman costume," Sumlin said shaking his head. "He's put together like crazy. He's got a tremendous upside. He's what we need as an edge threat. He's real explosive off the edge."

Baylor signing class includes top receiving group

Associated Press

Big 12 champion Baylor's 2014 signing class was in place for so long that the Bears didn't even host any campus visits on the final weekend of recruiting.

Coach Art Briles' team added 23 players Wednesday, seven who are taking classes in Waco. Briles said the group mostly committed last summer after the 2012 season and a Holiday Bowl victory, and that their decisions were reinforced by the Bears' first Big 12 title in the fall.

"They have stayed strongly committed to us with many suitors. They had a chance to date other people, and they didn't do it," Briles said. "That really says a lot about them, and I think a lot about the direction of our football program."

Briles admitted that it "felt so weird" not hosting any recruits or parents last weekend, a first for the coach. But he and the Bears were feeling good when signing day was done.

The class is headlined by four receivers, all from Texas — KD Cannon from Mount Pleasant, Davion Hall from Texarkana, Chris Platt from Willis and Ishmael Zamora from Houston. Hall will be going through spring drills after graduating high school early and enrolling at Baylor.

"If there is a better receiver class in America, then somebody's speaking with fork and tongue, because there's not," Briles said. "There's not four receivers better than who we signed. They're just not out there. ... These guys are phenomenal players that are very, very skilled."

TCU gets top-notch recruits for changing offense

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — TCU is changing its offense and now has some top-notch recruits to help.

The Horned Frogs signed 22 players to national letters of intent Wednesday. That includes a school-record five four-star recruits, all on offense.

Foster Sawyer, a 6-foot-5 standout from All Saints' Episcopal School in Fort Worth, is one of the state's top quarterback prospects. The other four-star signees were receivers Corey McBride and Emanuel Porter, offensive lineman Ty Barrett and running back Shaun Nixon, a late addition after initially committing to Texas A&M.

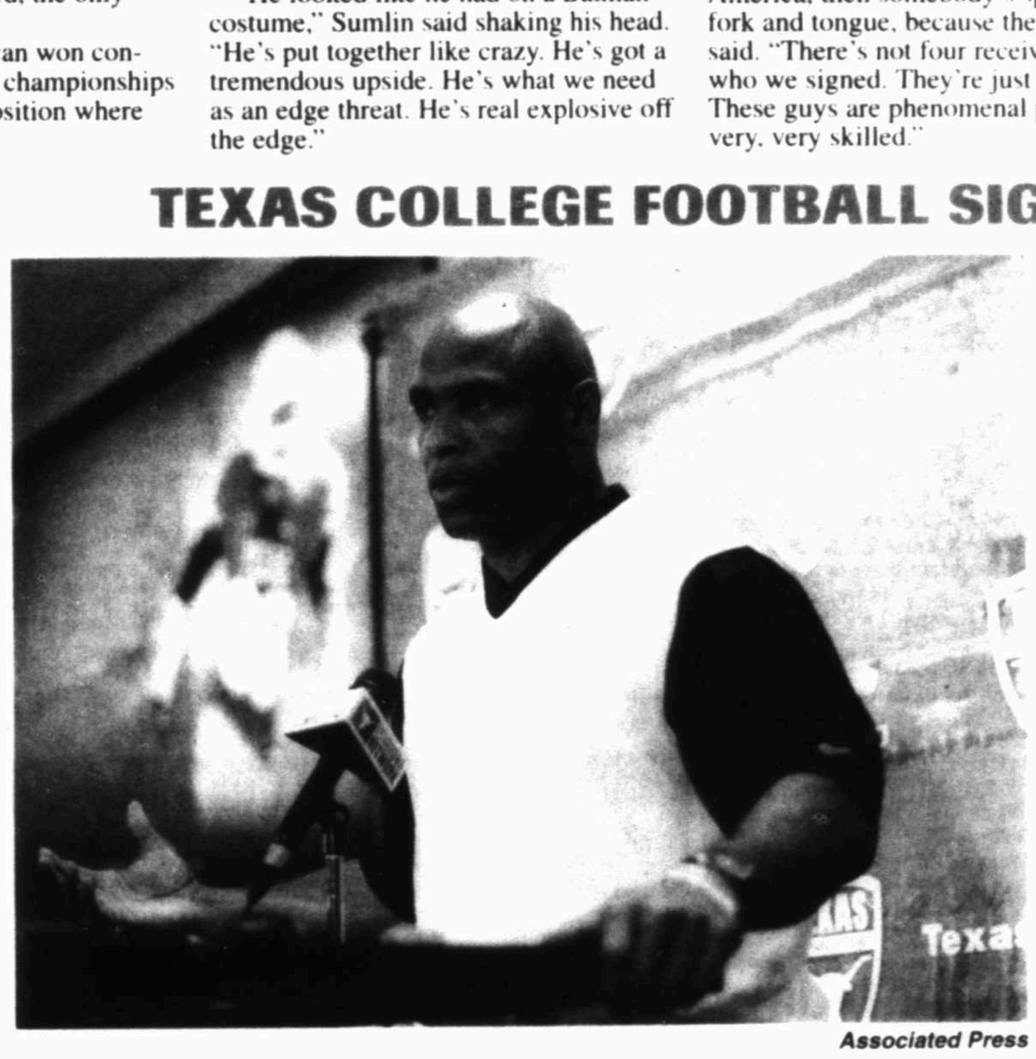
Coach Gary Patterson, who hired new co-offensive coordinators Sonny Cumbie and Doug Meacham in December, said the Frogs are "morphing into an Oklahoma State-Texas Tech style of throwing offense."

Because of that, it was important to get a quarterback, and they got more than one. Decatur's Grayson Muehlstein also signed.

"In a lot of peoples' eyes, we have the second-ranked quarterback class in the country," Patterson said.

TCU also wanted to get bigger and more athletic on the offensive line. Along with Barrett, TCU signed three offensive tackles.

TEXAS COLLEGE FOOTBALL SIGNINGS



Associated Press

New Texas football coach Charlie Strong talks about his recruiting class during a news conference Wednesday in Austin. Strong only had a month to scramble to keep the Longhorns recruiting class together.

TEXAS TECH

Dakota Allen, lb, 6-2, 228, Summer Creek HS, Humble, Texas
Cameron Batson, wr, 5-8, 175, Millwood HS, Oklahoma City
Nigel Bethel II, db, 5-8, 168, Booker T Washington HS, Miami
Robert Castaneda, ol, 6-5, 318, Round Rock (Texas) HS
Michael Coley, db, 6-3, 185, Irving (Texas) HS
Byron Daniels, wr, 6-0, 180, Madison HS, San Antonio
Shaquille Davis, ol, 6-4, 320, Mt. San Antonio College (Calif.)
Jakari Dillard, wr, 6-4, 180, Princeton (Texas) HS
Derrick Dixon, db, 5-10, 195, Skyline HS, Dallas
Demarcus Felton, rb, 5-7, 179, DeKaney HS, Houston
Payton Hendrix, db, 6-3, 191, Bishop Dunne HS, Dallas
Jah Shawn Johnson, db, 5-10, 170, Ennis (HS) Texas
Josh Keys, db, 6-2, 180, Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
Devin Lauderdale, wr, 5-11, 170, Navarro College (Texas)
Rika Levi, dl, 6-2, 350, College of San Mateo (Calif.)
Tevin Madison, db, 5-10, 180, Fayette County (Ala.) HS
Patrick Mahomes, qb, 6-3, 215, Whitehouse (Texas) HS
Keland McElrath, dl, 6-6, 290, Coahoma CC (Miss.)
Justin Murphy, ol, 6-6, 290, Belton (Texas) HS
Dominique Robertson, ol, 6-5, 300, Riverside CC (Calif.)
Ian Sadler, wr, 5-10, 194, Argyle (Texas) HS
Marcus Smith, dl, 6-3, 305, Highland CC (Kan.)
Justin Stockton, rb, 5-9, 180, Steele HS, Cibolo, Texas
Brandon Thorpe, dl, 6-5, 275, Highland CC (Kan.)
Connor Wilson, db, 6-2, 205, Argyle (Texas) HS

TEXAS

Alex Anderson, ol, 6-5, 310, Landry Walker HS, New Orleans
Andrew Beck, lb, 6-3, 230, Plant HS, Tampa, Fla.
Roderick Bernard, wr, 5-10, 175, Sharpstown HS, Houston
John Bonney, dl, 6-1, 183, Lamar HS, Houston
Donald Catalon, rb, 6-0, 200, Eisenhower HS, Houston
Terrell Cuney, ol, 6-3, 260, Jasper (Texas) HS
Poona Ford, dl, 6-1, 288, Hilton Head (S.C.) HS
Armanti Foreman, wr, 6-0, 180, Texas City (Texas) HS
D'Onta Foreman, rb, 6-2, 215, Texas City (Texas) HS
Edwin Freeman, s, 6-1, 215, Bowie HS, Arlington, Texas
Garrett Gray, wr, 6-4, 211, Marble Falls (Texas) HS
Jason Hall, db, 6-2, 190, South Grand Prairie HS, Grand Prairie, Texas
Cameron Hampton, lb, 6-0, 201, Carter HS, Dallas
Jerrod Heard, qb, 6-2, 190, Guyer HS, Denton, Texas
Lorenzo Joe, wr, 6-2, 192, Cooper HS, Abilene, Texas
Doran Leonard, wr, 6-4, 200, Longview (Texas) HS
Jake McMillon, dl, 6-3, 240, Abilene (Texas) HS
Chris Nelson, dl, 6-3, 280, Victory Christian HS, Lakeland, Fla.
Derick Roberson, de, 6-4, 235, Brennan HS, San Antonio
Elijah Rodriguez, ol, 6-6, 280, Cypress Creek HS, Houston
Jermaine Roberts, db, 5-9, 170, St. Augustine HS, New Orleans
Kevin Shorter, rb, 6-0, 188, Newton (Texas) HS
Blake Whiteley, te, 6-5, 245, Arizona Western CC, Vancouver, British Columbia

TEXAS A&M

Otaro Alaka, lb, 6-3, 210, Cypress Falls HS, Houston
Kyle Allen, qb, 6-3, 200, Desert Mountain HS, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Cedric Collins, db, 5-10, 165, Skyline HS, Dallas
Qualen Cunningham, de, 6-3, 220, Hamilton HS, Chandler, Ariz.
Keelvin "Tank" Davis, ol, 6-4, 285, Lakeview Centennial HS, Garland, Texas
Jermaine Eluemunor, ol, 6-4, 315, Lackawanna College (Pa.)
Myles Garrett, de, 6-5, 250, Martin HS, Arlington, Texas
Avery Gennesy, ol, 6-5, 310, East Mississippi CC
J.J. Gustafson, ol, 6-5, 275, Jesuit HS, Dallas
Nick Harvey, db, 5-10, 180, Travis HS, Richmond, Texas
Zaycoven Henderson, dl, 6-1, 310, Longview (Texas) HS
Frank Iheanacho, wr, 6-6, 220, Westside HS, Houston
Jamal Jeffery, wr, 5-9, 175, Lufkin (Texas) HS
Jerrell Johnson, de, 6-3, 240, Seven Lakes HS, Katy, Texas
Zach Ledwik, ol, 6-5, 270, La Grange (Texas) HS
Koda Martin, ol, 6-6, 275, Manvel (Texas) HS
Devante "Speedy" Noil, wr, 5-11, 190, Edna
Karr HS, New Orleans
Josh Reynolds, wr, 6-4, 190, Tyler JC (Texas)
Josh Walker, lb, 6-1, 220, Gilmer (Texas) HS
DeShawn Washington, dl, 6-3, 285, Nederland (Texas) HS
Armani Watts, db, 5-11, 175, North Forney HS, Forney, Texas
Donovan Wilson, db, 6-1, 185, Woodlawn HS, Shreveport, La.

TCU

Vinny Ascollese, lb, 6-3, 220, ASA College, North Bergen, N.J.
Ty Barrett, ol, 6-3, 316, Skyline HS, Dallas
Chris Bradley, dl, 6-2, 255, Evange (Christian HS, Shreveport, La.
L.J. Collier, dl, 6-4, 245, Munday (Texas) HS
Trey Elliott, ol, 6-4, 275, Jesuit College Prep, Dallas
Ryan Griswold, dl, 6-5, 255, Pearland (Texas) HS
Travin Howard, s, 6-1, 190, Longview (Texas) HS
Kenny Iloka, s, 6-2, 209, Tyler JC (Texas)
Ridwan Issahaku, dl, 6-1, 180, Norcross (Ga.) HS
Casey McDermott, va, de, 6-4, 250, Raytown (Mo.) HS
Torrance Mobley, ath, 5-10, 160, Dutchtown HS, Dutchtown, La.
Grayson Muehlstein, qb, 6-4, 210, Decatur (Texas) HS
Shaun Nixon, rb, 5-10, 180, Lake Travis HS, Austin, Texas
Corry Omeally, db, 6-0, 170, Ellsworth CC, Miami
Nick Orr, db, 5-10, 166, DeSoto (Texas) HS
Emanuel Porter, wr, 6-4, 190, Lincoln HS, Dallas
Foster Sawyer, qb, 6-5, 215, All Saints Episcopal School, Fort Worth, Texas
Austin Schlottman, ol, 6-6, 280, Brenham (Texas) HS
Ty Summers, lb, 6-2, 211, Reagan HS, San Antonio
Deshon White, wr, 5-7, 150, DeSoto (Texas) HS

BAYLOR

Blake Blackmar, ol, 6-5, 325, Clear Lake HS, Houston
Jourdan Blake, db, 5-11, 180, Princeton (Texas) HS
Janel Brooton, dl, 6-5, 325, Lackawanna College (Pa.)
Grant Campbell, lb, 6-0, 230, Bakersfield College (Calif.)
KD Cannon, wr, 5-11, 160, Mount Pleasant (Texas) HS
Jordan Feuerbacher, te, 6-3, 250, Kingwood Park HS, Humble, Texas
Davion Hall, wr, 6-2, 190, Liberty-Eylau HS, Texarkana, Texas
Jamie Jacobs, de, 6-3, 225, Midway HS, Waco, Texas
Devonte Jones, ol, 6-2, 305, Bellaire HS, Houston
Xavier Jones, de, 6-3, 235, West HS, Magnolia, Texas
Patrick Lawrence, ol, 6-5, 275, Waxahachie (Texas) HS
Ira Lewis, dl, 6-3, 280, Lamar HS, Houston
Blake Mahon, te, 6-5, 245, Coppell (Texas) HS
Josh Malin, de, 6-5, 265, Steele HS, Cibolo, Texas
Andrew Morris, dl, 6-1, 290, Horn HS, Mesquite, Texas
Josh Pelzel, ol, 6-6, 335, Rockdale (Texas) HS
Chris Platt, wr, 5-9, 160, Willis (Texas) HS
Chris Sanders, db, 5-11, 180, Eastern Arizona College
Verkedric Vaughns, db, 5-9, 170, Poteet HS, Mesquite, Texas
Chance Waz, db, 5-10, 175, Hendrickson HS, Pflugerville, Texas
Terence Williams, rb, 6-3, 220, Ennis (Texas) HS
Tion Wright, cb, 5-8, 170, Moorpark College (Calif.)
Ishmael Zamora, wr, 6-4, 195, Alief Elsik HS, Houston

TEXAS STATE

P.J. Anderson, wr, 6-2, 184, Taft HS, San Antonio
Andrew Aneke, cb, 6-0, 180, Elkins HS, Missouri City, Texas
Lucas Askew, te, 6-4, 224, Harmony HS, Big Sandy, Texas
Cameron Brown, s, 5-11, 192, Ridge Point HS, Missouri City, Texas
Cody Casey, de, 6-4, 255, Dawson HS, Pearland, Texas
Will Copa, o, 6-8, 310, Westlake HS, Austin, Texas
Daniel Daley Jr., lb, 6-1, 230, Contra Costa CC, Calif.
Marshad Dixon, dl, 6-1, 300, Alief Hancock CC, Calif.
Devondrick Dixon, db, 5-11, 177, Gamer (Texas) HS
Steven Eddings, de, 6-4, 285, Jones County JC, Miss.
Dondre Elvod, dl, 6-4, 301, Garden City CC (Kan.)
Cedric Gambrell, de, 6-6, 242, Cleveland (Texas) HS
Frankie Griffin, s, 6-0, 185, Klein Collins HS, Spring, Texas
Brian Guending, de, 6-4, 235, Palomar CC (Calif.)
Clarence Gudry, cb, 5-11, 185, Pflugerville (Texas) HS
Stephan Johnson, s, 6-0, 178, College Park HS, The Woodlands, Texas
Cameron Knight, te, 6-3, 250, Shallowater (Texas) HS
Kanon Mackey, ol, 6-4, 288, Silsbee (Texas) HS
Stedman Mayberry, rb, 5-10, 185, Vista Ridge HS, Cedar Park, Texas
Trystion Mizerak, ol, 6-6, 280, North Garland HS, Garland, Texas
Roosevelt Pearson, de, 6-5, 255, Mt. San Jacinto College (Calif.)
Randy Price, qb, 6-3, 206, Tyler JC (Texas)
Toni Pulu, de, 6-3, 300, Mesa CC (Ariz.)
Kian Schoenborn, ol, 6-4, 290, The Bolles HS, Jacksonville, Fla.
Gabe Schrade, te, 6-4, 225, Deland (Fla.) HS
James Sherman, k/p, 5-10, 190, Catholic HS, Montgomery, Ala.
Connor White, qb, 6-5, 195, Fork Union Military Academy (Va.)

RICE

Calvin Anderson, ol, 6-6, 250, Westlake HS, Austin, Texas
V.J. Banks, s, 6-2, 175, Bryan (Texas) HS
Jonah Clark, cb, 5-9, 190, Horn HS, Mesquite, Texas
Emmanuel Ellerbee, lb, 6-0, 224, Strake Jesuit HS, Houston
Preston Gordon, dl, 6-0, 277, Heritage HS, Frisco, Texas
J.T. Ibe, s, 6-0, 195, Mansfield (Texas) HS
Jeremy Jones, qb, 6-5, 202, East Central HS, San Antonio
Cory Klingler, ol, 6-4, 298, New Caney (Texas) HS
Trevor Long, wr, 6-5, 219, East Bernard (Texas) HS
James Mayden, wr, 6-2, 186, Sachse (Texas) HS
Martin Nwakamma, lb, 6-0, 200, Leander (Texas) HS
Sam Pierce, ol, 6-5, 295, St. Pius X HS, Houston
Hunter Ponder, ol, 6-5, 285, Mansfield (Texas) HS
Samuel Stewart, rb, 5-9, 195, Cypress Woods HS, Cypress, Texas
Aston Walter, ath, 5-8, 191, Crosby (Texas) HS
Austin Walter, rb, 5-7, 180, Crosby (Texas) HS
Destin White, ath, 6-0, 200, Horn HS, Mesquite, Texas
Brady Wright, de, 6-3, 231, Cypress Fairbanks HS, Cypress, Texas
Lance Wright, wr, 6-3, 185, North Pole HS, Fairbanks, Alaska

SMU

Elijah Anglin, lb, 6-3, 224, U.S. Military Prep, Pearland, Texas
Bozidar Antunovic, [illegible], Dallas
Arlington Indpa Sch, [illegible]
William Barnes, [illegible]
HS, Dallas
Evan Brown, [illegible]
Southlake, Texas
Dante Colbert, [illegible]
Houston
Marcus Dixon, [illegible]
HS, Houston
Michael Ejeye, [illegible]
Texas HS
Daniel Grenham, [illegible]
Fort Worth, Texas
Brayson Hyder, [illegible]
Houston
Jordan Ingram, [illegible]
Dallas
Shaun Kaigler, [illegible]
Prep, Hilo, Hawaii
Jackson Kocinski, [illegible]
Calif. HS
Kyrian Mitchell, [illegible]
Houston
Nick Natour, [illegible]
Frisco, Texas
Hooke Nguen, [illegible]
Chad Pursley, [illegible]
Mansfield, Texas
Anthony Rhone, [illegible]
Texas HS
Tony Richards, [illegible]
HS, Dallas
Jordan Severt, [illegible]
Austin, Texas
Courtland Sutton, [illegible]
Texas HS
Caleb Tuiasosopo, [illegible]
Tyler, Texas
Shelby Walker, [illegible]
Houston
Anthony Wilkerson, [illegible]
Military Prep, Broken Arrow, [illegible]
Jordan Wyatt, [illegible]
Texas

UTEP

Jerrod Brooks, of, [illegible], 305, Skyline HS, Dallas
Mookie Cahill, db, 6-1, 200, Stephen F. Austin HS, Texas
Luke Eisner, de, 6-3, 245, Seymour, Wis.
Jason Fanning, K/P, 300, Poly HS, Long Beach, Calif.
Stephen Forester, de, 6-1, 230, Dallas Christian HS
Darron Gatewood, og, 6-3, 295, Permian HS, Odessa, Texas
David Hamm, rb, 6-0, 220, Klein Texas HS
Treyvon Hughes, rb, 5-11, 220, Hebron HS, Carrollton, Texas
Adrian Hynson, db, 5-10, 185, Flour Bluff HS, Corpus Christi, Texas
Chris Jones, c, 6-1, 300, Corsicana (Texas) HS
Nick Jones, te, 6-7, 260, Erie CC (N.Y.)
Joseph Kraemer, de, 6-3, 245, Archbishop Alter HS, Kettering, Ohio
Christopher Misaaefua, ol, 6-5, 355, Lindhay (Calif.) HS
Jimmy Musgrave, lb, 6-0, 235, Victor Valley College (Calif.)
Sterling Napier, te, 6-4, 245, Cleveland HS, Rio Rancho, N.M.
Nik Needham, db, 5-11, 185, Buena Park (Calif.) HS
Warren Redix, wr, 5-10, 175, Montwood HS, El Paso, Texas
Eddie Sinegal, wr, 6-0, 170, Andress HS, El Paso, Texas
Mike Sota, dt, 6-4, 260, Valencia HS, Placentia, Calif.
Sloan Spillo, lb, 6-0, 225, Katy (Texas) HS
Justin Tatum, lb, 6-1, 240, First Baptist Academy, Dallas
Augie Tounis, de, 6-4, 235, Canisius HS, Buffalo, N.Y.
Alex Villarreal, dt, 6-4, 300, NE Oklahoma A&M, Miami, Okla.

UTSA

David Anzardua, of, 6-6, 230, North HS, Edinburg, Texas
Carl Austin, [illegible], St. Stephen's HS, Austin, Texas
Blake Bomgardner, [illegible], Carthage HS, Texas
Joseph Brown, [illegible], Santa HS, San Angelo, Texas
Craig Campbell, [illegible], Atascocita HS, Humble, Texas
Tristor Crossland, [illegible], Gualter HS, Corpus Christi, Texas
Marcus Davenport, de, 6-6, 215, Stevens HS, San Antonio
Stanley Dye, db, 5-10, 170, Ridgeview HS, Orange Park, Fla.
Nathaniel Gaines, s, 6-2, 175, Poteet HS, Mesquite, Texas
Cameron Dyer, te, 6-5, 230, Owasso, Okla. HS
Jalen Rhodes, rb, 5-9, 180, Howard, Texas
Isaac Sanford, [illegible], Kaiser Cooper HS, Spring, Texas
Kevin Strong, dt, 6-1, 285, Cleveland, Texas HS
Kenny Thomas, wr, 6-0, 200, A&M Consol. (Sandy), College Station, Texas
Josh Todd, lb, 6-0, 220, Oakleaf HS, Orange Park, Fla.
Kelly Working, of, 6-5, 245, Stillwater, Okla. HS

HOUSTON

Matthew Adams, [illegible], Highlands HS, Missouri City, Texas
Deonte Ballard, [illegible], Irving, Texas HS
Romello Brooker, wr, 6-4, 205, Alief Taylor HS, Houston
Jerald Carter, [illegible], DeKaney HS, Houston
Garrett Davis, [illegible], Hind Gate, Texas HS
Mason Jenkins, [illegible], Columbus, Texas HS
Steven Dotson, [illegible], Plummer HS, Midland, Texas
Jeremy Ellis, [illegible], Fort South HS, Houston
Beau Fenstermaker, [illegible], Westwood HS, Round Rock, Texas
Jordan Freeman, [illegible], Palmetto HS, Miami
Angelo Fulton, [illegible], Alief Elsik HS, Houston
Bryan Hagan, [illegible], Dallas
Darius Jones, [illegible], Temple, Texas
Isaiah Johnson, [illegible], Fort Bend Marshall HS, Sugar Land, Texas
John Martin, [illegible], Hendrickson HS, Pflugerville, Texas
Tyler Mitchell, [illegible], Roosevelt HS, Dallas
Michael Moana, [illegible], Sunnyvale HS, Sunnyvale, Calif.
Marcus Oliver, [illegible], Westfield HS, Houston
Javon Shelley, [illegible], Klein Oak HS, Spring, Texas
Zach Vaughan, [illegible], Alief McNair HS, Houston
Tyler Wall, [illegible], Navarro College, Texas
Trevis Williams, [illegible], Hightower HS, Missouri City, Texas
Kelvin Williams, [illegible], Hightower HS, Missouri City, Texas
Jaward Wilson, [illegible], DeSoto, Texas HS
Jeremy Winchester, [illegible], Klein Oak HS, Spring, Texas

NORTH TEXAS

Jalen Adams, wr, 5-11, 167, Southmoore HS, Moore, Okla.
Hongalex Davis, wr, 5-11, 185, South Oak Cliff HS, Dallas
Avery Fortenberry, o, 6-4, 295, Era, Texas HS
Brandon Garner, lb, 5-11, 220, Timberview HS, Mansfield, Texas
Tre Jones, wr, 6-3, 170, Carthage, Texas HS
Josh Green, db, 6-5, 220, Navarro College, Texas
Willy Jerry, rb, 5-9, 180, Sulphur Springs, Texas HS
Tyler Johnson, te, 6-1, 243, McNeil HS, Round Rock, Texas
Andrew Jones, lb, 6-1, 175, North Mesquite HS, Mesquite, Texas
Keshawn McClain, db, 5-11, 193, Terry HS, Rosenberg, Texas
Connor Means, qb, 6-4, 210, Deer Park HS, Texas
Christopher Miles, o, 6-5, 291, Flower Mound HS, Texas
Jake Montgomery, lb, 5-11, 221, Mesquite HS, Texas
Trevor Moore, k, 5-11, 175, Edmond North HS, Edmond, Okla.
O'Keieron Rutherford, wr, 6-5, 185, Carthage HS, Texas
Anthony Wallace, lb, 6-0, 235, Oregon
Jeffrey Wilson, rb, 6-0, 190, Elkhart (Texas) HS

OKLAHOMA

Jonathan Alvarez, o, 6-3, 301, Horn HS, Mesquite, Texas
Mark Andrews, wr, 6-6, 220, Desert Mountain HS, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Curtis Bolton, lb, 6-1, 215, Vista Murrieta HS, Murrieta, Calif.
Devante Bond, lb, 6-3, 240, Sierra College (Calif.)
Orlando Brown, ol, 6-8, 340, Peachtree Ridge HS, Duluth, Ga.
Nariel Curtis, ol, 6-3, 325, Mountain Pointe HS, Phoenix
Alex Dalton, ol, 6-4, 280, Troy (Ohio) HS
Tay Evans, lb, 6-2, 200, Allen (Texas) HS
Dimitri Flowers, lb, 6-2, 219, Churchill HS, San Antonio
Kenyon Fison, o, 6-6, 285, Granger HS, Salt Lake City, Utah
Courtney Garrett, dl, 6-2, 280, Saint Augustine HS, New Orleans
Marcus Green, dl, 6-1, 180, Cedar Hill (Texas) HS
Justice Hansen, qb, 6-4, 215, Santa Fe HS, Edmond, Okla.
Isaac Jakiana, te, 6-5, 250, Pierce College, N.J.
Jontre McQuirter, dl, 6-1, 204, DeSoto (Texas) HS
Jeffery Mead, wr, 6-6, 190, Union HS, Tulsa, Okla.
Cameron Meeker, te, 6-6, 235, Union HS, Tulsa, Okla.
Joe Mixon, rb, 6-2, 216, Freedom HS, Oakley, Calif.
Dwayne Orso Jr., lb, 6-6, 275, Homewood HS, Birmingham, Ala.
Steven Parker, dt, 6-2, 18[illegible], Jenks (Okla.) HS
Joseph Pau, of, 6-4, 325, Saint Augustine HS, New Orleans
Samuel Perrie, o, 5-11, 238, Hendrickson HS, Pflugerville, Texas
Michael Quick, wr, 6-0, 170, Central East HS, Fresno, Calif.
Jordan Thomas, db, 6-1, 180, Collins HS, Kleen, Texas
Dalis Todd, wr, 6-1, 210, La Mirada (Calif.) HS
Trio Windham, lb, 5-9, 174, Harrison Central HS, Gulfport, Miss.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Gyasi Akem, LB, 6-1, 210, Broken Arrow (Okla.) HS
D'Nerius Antoine, LB, 6-0, 215, Trinity Valley CC, New Iberia, La.
Devante Averette, LB, 6-0, 230, Ellsworth CC, Meridian, Miss.
Jordan Bradford, DE, 6-3, 225, Booker T. Washington HS, Tulsa, Okla.
Keenan Brown, WR, 6-3, 205, Alief Taylor HS, Houston
Trey Carter, DE, 6-4, 250, LG Pinkston HS, Dallas
Jordan Frazier, TE, 6-6, 241, Lighthouse Christian Academy, Springfield, Mo.
Jim Gabela, OL, 6-5, 330, Trinity HS, Euless, Texas
Chris Hackerman, DB, 5-9, 178, Alief Taylor HS, Houston
Dylan Harding, DB, 6-2, 190, Jenks, Okla. HS
Tyreek Hill, ATH, 5-9, 185, Garden City CC, Pearson, Ga.
Chris Lacy, WR, 6-3, 191, DeSoto, Texas HS
Josh Magee, LB, 6-2, 227, Klein Oak HS, Houston
Matthew Mucha, OL, 6-6, 255, Clear Lake HS, Webster, Texas
Jovan Offray, DB, 5-11, 186, Edna Karr HS, New Orleans
Jamel Owens, DE, 6-3, 242, Palestine, Texas HS
Sione Palaelei, RB, 5-11, 198, East Ascension, La.
Jo Gonzales, LB
Justin Phillips, LB, 6-1, 215, Pearland, Texas HS
Ramon Richards, ATH, 6-0, 198, GW Brack, Bridge HS, San Antonio
Tre Roberts, ATH, 6-0, 202, Eisenhower HS, Houston
Mason Rudolph, QB, 6-4, 217, Northwestern HS, Rock Hill, S.C.
Zach Sims, P, 6-1, 191, Medina Valley HS, Castroville, Texas
Devon Thomas, RB, 5-11, 210, Broken Arrow (Okla.) HS
Kim Tucker, DB, 6-2, 190, Tucker Cal. HS
Cole Waterschied, DE, 6-4, 210, Muenster, Texas HS
James Washington, WR, 6-0, 193, Stamford, Texas HS
Jovan Williams, DT, 6-3, 281, Edna Karr HS, New Orleans

TULSA

Tyler Bowling, OL, 6-6, 296, Yukon (Okla.) HS
D'Angelo Brewer, RB, 5-9, 185, Tulsa (Okla.) Central HS
Jabe Burgess, QB, 6-2, 210, Greenwood, Ark. HS
Nigel Carter, WR, 6-3, 198, McLain HS, Tulsa, Okla.
Jordan Dennis, DB, 6-2, 175, Fayetteville, Ark. HS
Tavarrion Dickerson, RB, 5-9, 185, Trinity Valley CC, Arlington, Texas
Justin Hobbs, WR, 6-4, 200, Fr., Shawnee Mission West HS, Overland Park, Kan.
Terrance Ivery, WR, 5-8, 175, Fr., Mansfield (Texas) Legacy HS
Isaac Johnson, OL, 6-7, 275, Har-Ber HS, Springdale, Ark.
Bishop Louie, WR, 5-10, 170, McLain HS, Tulsa, Okla.
Chandler Miller, OL, 6-3, 293, Bixby (Okla.) HS
Jordan Mitchell, DB, 6-2, 180, Owasso (Okla.) HS
Midnen Montgomery, OL, 6-5, 285, Douglass HS, Oklahoma City
Myles Mouton, DE, 6-3, 235, Ozen HS, Beaumont, Texas
Payton Prince, TE, 6-4, 237, Norman (Okla.) North HS
Tim Quickel, LB, 6-2, 215, North Little Rock HS, Little Rock, Ark.
Michael Rios, DT, 6-3, 290, Wichita (Kan.) West HS
Earl Rollins, DT, 6-3, 275, MacArthur HS, Irving, Texas
Jeremy Smith, DE, 6-5, 230, Berryhill HS, Tulsa, Okla.
Brodrick Umbrance, WR, 6-1, 190, The Oakridge School, Arlington, Texas
Rainald Warren, RB, 5-9, 175, Whitehaven HS, Memphis, Tenn.
Peters Wilson, LB, 6-2, 220, White Hall HS, Memphis, Tenn.
Willie Wright, DT, 6-3, 280, Cypress Ridge HS, Houston

MCBASKETBALLCAPSULES

By Oscar LeRoy

Statistics & Standings

Midland College Women's Statistics (14-0, 4-4)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Mary Savoy	23	136	52	88	325	14.1	184	8.0
Catherine Kruschke	23	119	61	107	300	13.0	192	8.3
Diamalises Rivera	23	100	46	58	246	10.7	139	6.0
Tajanay Veiga	22	62	36	52	189	8.6	112	5.1
Ellyn Avery	23	69	20	29	197	8.6	77	3.3
Dawn Green	4	7	2	6	20	5.0	14	3.5
Mattie Turner	19	33	8	10	94	4.9	15	0.8
Nakisha Saintval	23	37	21	41	98	4.3	65	2.8
Ashleigh Sparks	21	33	15	31	87	4.1	47	2.2
Marielka Garate	21	35	10	14	80	3.8	96	4.5
Rose Soe	17	20	4	11	44	2.6	34	2.0
Gabriela Martins	22	15	11	25	53	2.4	43	2.0
Sabrina Ochoa	10	8	1	2	20	2.2	13	1.3
Tyler Hamilton	22	3	0	1	9	0.4	42	1.9
Totals	**23**	**677**	**287**	**475**	**1,762**	**76.6**	**1,149**	**50.0**

3-point goals (121) — Avery 39, Veiga 29, Turner 20, Martins 12, Sparks 6, Green 4, Saintval 3, Ochoa 3, Hamilton 3, Kruschke 1, Savoy 1

Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	7	1	17	5
New Mexico JC	7	2	16	5
South Plains	6	2	12	9
Frank Phillips	4	4	16	5
Midland College	4	4	14	9
Howard College	2	6	11	12
Clarendon College	1	7	8	12
Western Texas	1	7	6	13

Monday's Scores

Midland College 77, Clarendon 57; South Plains College 49, Western Texas 34; Howard College and New Mexico JC were open

Today's Games

Midland College at Frank Phillips College; South Plains College at Howard College; Western Texas College at New Mexico JC; Odessa College and Clarendon College are open

Friday's Game

Midland College at Clarendon College

Midland College Men's Statistics (10-12, 2-7)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Demetric Austin	13	78	70	93	242	18.6	126	9.7
Kevin Thomas	18	64	52	78	181	10.1	144	8.0
Herve Aholoude	21	86	35	57	211	10.0	115	5.5
Daniel Hernandez	22	67	59	73	216	9.8	26	1.2
Darren Williams	22	65	60	92	202	9.2	68	3.1
Domonique Bull	20	47	35	53	134	6.7	72	3.6
Kenan Guzonjic	21	54	25	41	140	6.7	93	4.4
Cory Scott	21	42	28	38	125	6.0	45	2.1
Jason Francois	15	25	15	21	77	5.1	27	1.8
LeBrent Walker	22	34	36	69	108	4.9	48	2.2
Totals	**22**	**562**	**415**	**615**	**1,636**	**74.4**	**789**	**35.8**

3-point goals (97) — Hernandez 23, Austin 16, Scott 13, Williams 12, Francois 12, Guzonjic 7, Bull 5, Aholoude 4, Walker 4, Thomas 1

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	7	2	20	3
Odessa College	7	2	19	3
Howard College	7	2	19	4
New Mexico JC	7	3	19	4
Western Texas	7	3	19	5
Frank Phillips	3	6	13	10
Midland College	2	7	10	12
New Mexico Military	1	9	11	11
Clarendon College	1	8	6	16

Monday's Scores

Clarendon College 78, Midland College 72; Western Texas 81; South Plains College 70; New Mexico JC 71, New Mexico Military Institute 58; Howard College was open

Today's Games

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

Friday's Game

Midland College at Clarendon College

Women

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE/ MIDLAND COLLEGE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

When/where: vs. Frank Phillips, 5:45 p.m. today, Borger Activity Community Center, Borger; vs. Clarendon College, 5:45 p.m. Friday, Bulldog Arena, Clarendon

Records: Midland College 14-9, 4-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 16-5, 4-4; Clarendon College 9-12, 1-7

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 77, Clarendon 57; Odessa College 60, Frank Phillips College 56 (Feb. 1)

Notes: Midland College looks to build on its recent two-game winning streak with games on back-to-back nights thanks to a makeup game with Clarendon College on Friday. ...The Lady Chaparals will look to break a tie with Frank Phillips for fourth place in the WJCAC standings as the top four teams in the WJCAC qualify for the NJCAA Region V West Tournament. Frank Phillips defeated MC at Chaparral Center on Jan. 6 as the Lady Chaps struggled with their shooting (29.3 percent), while the Lady Plainsmen made some clutch shots down the stretch. ...FPC, which has lost two straight coming into tonight's game, is led by 5-foot-10 sophomore G Honesty Sullivan with 15.3 ppg. Permian grad and sophomore PG Cheyenne Swoopes is averaging 12.5 ppg and 7.7 apg, while 5-10 freshman F Joselyn Smith chips in with 10.3 ppg and 10.1 rpg. ...MC coach Ron Jones would like to see the consistency his team has shown on both ends of the floor in its last two games. Although the Lady Chaps didn't shoot the ball particularly well (39.1 percent) on Monday against Clarendon, they had, a nice balance as five players were in double figures, led by Mary Savoy who notched her second straight double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Diamalises Rivera added another double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, Catherine Kruschke had 12 points, while Nakisha Saintval and Ellyn Avery added 11 points each. ...Clarendon struggled shooting the ball (27 percent) against MC on Monday and were 11 of 38 from 3-point range. Brandi Leal, a 5-5 sophomore G, had a game-high 25 points and was the only Lady Bulldog in double figures.

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 13; Frank Phillips College at Odessa College, 1 p.m. Saturday; Howard College at Clarendon College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

Men

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE/ MIDLAND COLLEGE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

When/where: vs. Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m. today, Borger Activity Community Center, Borger; vs. Clarendon College, 7:45 p.m. Friday, Bulldog Arena, Clarendon

Records: Midland College 10-12, 2-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips 13-10, 3-6; Clarendon College 6-16, 1-8

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to snap a four-game losing streak with games on back-to-back nights, including playing Clarendon for the second time this week as part of a makeup from a Dec. 7 game that was postponed because of weather and travel concerns. ...The Chaps have been struggling in all areas, especially confidence and first-year coach Jordan Dreiling said his team is searching for a leader on the floor. Ever since the second half in an 82-64 loss at Odessa College, Dreiling said the Chaps' psyche has been shaken. "The intensity (the Wranglers) came out for the second half, they scared us," Dreiling said. "Think about all the turnovers we had. Somehow we lost confidence and we haven't gotten it back. We just hope to get better." ...The Chaps will look to avenge an 82-73 loss to Frank Phillips on Jan. 6 as MC struggled with its shooting (38.5 percent) and also were out-rebounded by the Plainsmen 43-39. ...Frank Phillips has lost two straight coming in and is just one game ahead of MC for sixth place in the league standings. ...Darrell Robinson, a 6-foot guard leads FPC with 12.2 ppg, while 6-2 sophomore G Chris Hall adds 11.3 ppg. ...Clarendon picked up its first WJCAC victory against MC on Monday as the Bulldogs shot 49.1 percent and had four players in double figures, led by Mario Garcia with 17 points, including five 3-pointers. Hershell Grant added 15 points, while Melvin Mitchell and Tavon Alexander each had 10.

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 8 p.m. (CST) Monday; Frank Phillips College at Odessa College, 3 p.m. Saturday; Howard College at Clarendon College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

MHS, Lee kick off playoffs with doubleheader

From staff reports

The Midland High and Lee girls basketball teams are set to play a doubleheader to open their respective playoff runs.

The Class 5A bi-district playoff games for both the Lady Bulldogs and Lady Rebels have been set to take place at Sul Ross State University's Gallego Center on Tuesday. The Lady Rebels (25-6) take the court first, facing El Paso Bel Air at 6 p.m. with the Lady Bulldogs (15-14) meeting El Paso El Dorado at 7:30 p.m.

Lee just wrapped up its first district title — an honor it shared with Lubbock Coronado in 2-5A — since 2004. The Lady Rebels won their last 11 district games and are looking to win their first playoff game since 1998. Bel Air is the No. 4 seed in District 1-5A.

Midland High won four straight games to finish the season and grab the third seed in District 2-5A. The Lady Dawgs are making their eighth consecutive postseason appearance, but are trying to win their first playoff game since 2011.

El Dorado tied for second with El Paso Coronado in District 1-5A, but received the No. 2 seed via coin toss. The Lady Aztecs, who are led by UTEP commit Adeola Akomolafe, just handed District 1-5A champion El Paso Franklin its first district loss Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	26	22	.542	—
Brooklyn	21	25	.457	4
New York	19	30	.388	7½
Boston	17	33	.340	10
Philadelphia	15	35	.300	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	34	13	.723	—
Atlanta	25	23	.521	9½
Washington	24	24	.500	10½
Charlotte	22	28	.440	13½
Orlando	14	37	.275	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	10	.792	—
Chicago	24	24	.500	14
Detroit	19	29	.396	19
Cleveland	16	33	.327	22½
Milwaukee	9	39	.188	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	13	.735	—
Houston	33	17	.660	3½
Dallas	29	21	.580	7½
Memphis	26	22	.542	9½
New Orleans	21	27	.438	14½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	40	11	.784	—
Portland	35	14	.714	4
Denver	23	23	.500	14½
Minnesota	24	25	.490	15
Utah	16	32	.333	22½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	34	17	.667	—
Golden State	29	20	.592	4
Phoenix	29	20	.592	4
L.A. Lakers	17	32	.347	16
Sacramento	16	32	.333	16½

Wednesday's Scores

Orlando 112, Detroit 98
Boston 114, Philadelphia 108
San Antonio 125, Washington 118, 2OT
L.A. Lakers 119, Cleveland 108
Houston 122, Phoenix 108
Oklahoma City 106, Minnesota 97
Dallas 110, Memphis 96
New Orleans 105, Atlanta 100
Portland 94, New York 90
Milwaukee at Denver, late
Toronto at Sacramento, late
Miami at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

San Antonio at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

MAVERICKS 110, GRIZZLIES 96

DALLAS (110): Marion 3-6 0-0 8. Nowitzki 10-14 3-4 26. Dalembert 6-10 2-3 14. Calderon 2-9 0-0 5. Ellis 5-16 3-4 14. Carter 5-8 2-2 13. Harris 1-3 1-3 3. Blair 2-2 2-2 6. Crowder 2-2 0-0 4. Wright 6-8 5-7 17. Totals 42-78 18-25 110.

MEMPHIS (96): Prince 0-3 0-0 0. Randolph 10-16 5-8 25. Gasol 3-6 6-8 12. Calathes 6-12 2-2 16. Lee 10-15 0-0 22. Koufos 2-3 0-0 4. Morris 0-1 0-0 0. Johnson 5-11 3-4 17. Miller 0-1 0-0 0. Leuer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-89 16-22 96.

Dallas	**21**	**31**	**26**	**32**	**— 110**
Memphis	**26**	**29**	**17**	**24**	**— 96**

3-Point Goals—Dallas 8-18 (Nowitzki 3-4, Marion 2-3, Carter 1-2, Ellis 1-3, Calderon 1-4, Harris 0-2), Memphis 5-16 (Lee 2-4, Calathes 2-4, Johnson 2-4, Morris 0-1, Miller 0-1, Prince 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 41 (Dalembert 10), Memphis 40 (Randolph 9). Assists—Dallas 24 (Carter 7), Memphis 24 (Gasol, Calathes 5). Total Fouls—Dallas 20, Memphis 23. A—16,188 (18,119).

ROCKETS 122, SUNS 108

PHOENIX (108): Tucker 6-10 1-2 13. Frye 3-11 1-2 8. Plumlee 2-4 1-2 5. Dragic 6-13 9-9 23. Green 5-14 1-2 13. Mark.Morris 5-13 2-2 12. Barbosa 5-7 1-2 13. Len 1-3 0-0 2. Marc.Morris 5-9 0-0 11. I.Smith 4-6 0-0 8. Kravtsov 0-0 0-0 0. Christmas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-90 16-21 108.

HOUSTON (122): Parsons 8-12 0-0 19. Jones 8-12 2-3 19. Howard 11-17 12-18 34. Beverley 3-7 0-0 8. Harden 4-10 12-12 23. Lin 3-8 4-4 11. Motiejunas 1-5 3-3 5. Casspi 1-2 0-2 3. Covington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-71 33-42 122.

Phoenix	**30**	**33**	**27**	**18**	**— 108**
Houston	**35**	**31**	**29**	**27**	**— 122**

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 8-30 (Barbosa 2-4, Dragic 2-6, Green 2-7, Marc.Morris 1-3, Frye 1-6, Tucker 0-1, Mark.Morris 0-3), Houston 11-16 (Parsons 3-3, Harden 3-5, Beverley 2-3, Lin 1-1, Casspi 1-1, Jones 1-2, Motiejunas 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 50 (Dragic, Mark.Morris, Plumlee, Green 6), Houston 44 (Howard 14). Assists—Phoenix 21 (Dragic 8), Houston 17 (Parsons 6). Total Fouls—Phoenix 27, Houston 19. A—18,217 (18,023).

SPURS 125, WIZARDS 118

SAN ANTONIO (125): Green 7-16 3-4 22. Duncan 13-20 5-7 31. Splitter 3-7 1-1 7. Parker 2-5 0-0 4. Joseph 4-7 0-0 8. Belinelli 6-11 2-2 14. Diaw 2-5 0-0 4. Brown 1-2 0-0 2. Ayres 0-0 1-2 1. Mills 7-14 5-5 23. Bonner 0-4 1-2 1. De Colo 3-7 2-2 8. Totals 48-98 20-25 125.

WASHINGTON (118): Ariza 5-12 4-4 15. Nene 4-14 4-6 12. Gortat 3-8 5-8 11. Wall 12-29 3-4 29. Beal 7-16 5-6 19. Webster 3-5 2-2 10. Booker 5-7 0-0 10. Seraphin 3-7 0-0 6. Temple 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 44-101 25-32 118.

San Antonio	**25**	**23**	**34**	**17**	**16**	**10**	**—125**
Washington	**33**	**29**	**21**	**16**	**18**	**3**	**—118**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 9-28 (Green 5-11, Mills 4-9, Diaw 0-1, De Colo 0-1, Splitter 0-1, Parker 0-1, Bonner 0-2, Belinelli 0-2). Washington 5-16 (Webster 2-4, Wall 2-5, Ariza 1-5, Beal 0-2). Fouled Out—Duncan. Rebounds—San Antonio 59 (Splitter 12), Washington 60 (Ariza 10). Assists—San Antonio 30 (Parker, Duncan 5), Washington 19 (Wall 9). Total Fouls—San Antonio 27, Washington 18. A—15,791 (20,308).

CELTICS 114, 76ERS 108

BOSTON (114): Green 11-18 9-12 36. Bass 7-10 4-4 18. Sullinger 6-11 5-7 19. Rondo 4-8 0-0 8. Bradley 6-15 2-2 14. Bayless 4-12 2-2 11. Humphries 1-5 1-2 3. Wallace 2-3 0-2 4. Olynyk 0-1 1-2 1. Johnson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 24-33 114.

PHILADELPHIA (108): Turner 5-13 2-2 12. Young 9-17 0-0 20. Hawes 5-13 3-3 13. Carter-Williams 5-16 1-2 11. Anderson 4-5 2-3 11. Thompson 2-4 0-0 6. Allen 4-9 2-2 10. Wroten 5-13 7-8 18. Williams 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 42-94 17-20 108.

Boston	**34**	**22**	**32**	**26**	**— 114**
Philadelphia	**23**	**24**	**35**	**26**	**— 108**

3-Point Goals—Boston 8-19 (Green 5-7, Sullinger 2-3, Bayless 1-3, Humphries 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Bradley 0-2, Rondo 0-2), Philadelphia 7-21 (Thompson 2-3, Young 2-5, Williams 1-1, Wroten 1-2, Anderson 1-2, Allen 0-1, Turner 0-2, Hawes 0-2, Carter-Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—Turner. Rebounds—Boston 56 (Sullinger 10), Philadelphia 51 (Hawes 14). Assists—Boston 27 (Rondo 11), Philadelphia 27 (Carter-Williams 6). Total Fouls—Boston 19, Philadelphia 24. A—13,267 (20,328).

THUNDER 106, TIMBERWOLVES 97

MINNESOTA (97): Mbah a Moute 3-7 2-2 8. Cunningham 9-13 0-0 18. Turiaf 1-2 2-2 4. Rubio 6-12 6-11 19. Martin 4-10 0-0 8. Shved 2-7 3-4 8. Dieng 0-4 0-0 0. Budinger 2-6 2-2 7. Hummel 2-5 0-0 5. Barea 4-9 2-2 11. Muhammad 3-5 0-0 6. Price 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 37-78 17-23 97.

OKLAHOMA CITY (106): Durant 11-20 1-1 26. Ibaka 7-12 0-0 14. Perkins 2-7 2-3 6. Jackson 9-14 0-0 20. Sefolosha 3-12 5-6 12. Fisher 5-7 0-1 13. Adams 0-0 0-0 0. Lamb 3-10 0-0 7. Jones 3-7 0-0 6. Collison 1-2 0-0 2. Roberson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-91 8-11 106.

Minnesota	**25**	**29**	**23**	**20**	**— 97**
Oklahoma City	**26**	**30**	**24**	**26**	**— 106**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 6-20 (Price 1-1, Barea 1-2, Shved 1-3, Rubio 1-3, Hummel 1-3, Budinger 1-4, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Martin 0-1, Muhammad 0-2), Oklahoma City 10-27 (Fisher 3-5, Durant 3-5, Jackson 2-3, Lamb 1-4, Sefolosha 1-8, Jones 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 44 (Rubio, Cunningham 8), Oklahoma City 53 (Perkins 12). Assists—Minnesota 18 (Rubio 5), Oklahoma City 25 (Jackson 9). Total Fouls—Minnesota 16, Oklahoma City 22. Technicals—Durant. A—18,203 (18,203).

PELICANS 105, HAWKS 100

ATLANTA (100): Carroll 9-12 0-0 22. Millsap 10-20 3-4 26. Ayon 2-5 0-2 4. Teague 5-14 1-2 11. Korver 2-6 0-0 6. Brand 2-6 0-0 4. Williams 3-6 4-4 11. Mack 0-3 0-0 0. Scott 5-12 2-2 16. Totals 38-84 10-14 100.

NEW ORLEANS (105): Aminu 3-11 0-0 6. Davis 9-14 9-10 27. Ajinca 2-3 0-0 4. Roberts 7-14 4-4 19. Gordon 7-17 3-3 18. Stiemsma 3-3 0-0 6. Morrow 6-13 2-3 16. Rivers 3-11 2-2 9. Withey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-86 20-22 105.

Atlanta	**24**	**27**	**24**	**25**	**— 100**
New Orleans	**28**	**19**	**24**	**34**	**— 105**

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 14-30 (Carroll 4-6, Scott 4-7, Millsap 3-7, Korver 2-5, Williams 1-3, Teague 0-2). New Orleans 5-14 (Morrow 2-3, Rivers 1-3, Roberts 1-3, Gordon 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 47 (Millsap 10), New Orleans 51 (Davis 10). Assists—Atlanta 29 (Teague 13), New Orleans 18 (Roberts 6). Total Fouls—Atlanta 16, New Orleans 15. A—16,232 (17,188).

Sweetheart GiveAway!

West Texas Sports Banquet set for today

From staff reports

The 2014 West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction is set for today at Midland Country Club.

The event helps to raise money for local charities Casa de Amigos, St. Ann's School Athletic Association and the Rock-Hounds Scholarship program. The event has raised more than $400,000 in the last 20-plus years.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction, a 6 p.m. dinner and the program begins at 7 p.m.

This year's featured speaker is former Major League Baseball player and manager Bob Boone, who is currently an executive with the Washington Nationals.

Also expected to make appearances are Oakland A's Special Assistant to the General Manager Grady Fuson, Midland RockHounds manager Aaron Nieckula and Sockers FC Head Coach Matt Barnes.

To check on availability call the RockHounds ticket office at 520-2255.

SPORTSBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MIAMI

Beckham exercises option to buy MLS team

David Beckham hopped onto the stage, his back to sun-splashed Biscayne Bay, and a pack of photographers jostled for position as admirers cheered and chanted.

"Thank you for the warm welcome," Beckham said on an 80-degree February morning. In this case, it was soccer weather.

The sport moved a step closer to returning to South Florida on Wednesday, when Beckham confirmed he has exercised his option to purchase a Major League Soccer expansion franchise in Miami. The deal will be finalized when the former English national team captain can secure a financing plan and location for a new stadium.

Beckham attended a news conference with MLS Commissioner Don Garber and Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez to discuss their progress.

"This is an exciting time, and something we're really looking forward to bringing to Miami," Beckham told a crowd of more than 300 people on a downtown museum plaza. The event was frequently interrupted by cheers for Beckham, who's popular around the world and especially in celebrity-smitten Miami.

Later Beckham made an appearance at a children's soccer clinic, where he was mobbed by young players, their parents and the media.

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BERRYHILL

From 1C

compete at Abilene Christian during National Signing Day on Wednesday in front of the entire Midland Christian School student body at a pep rally being held to celebrate the start of spring sports season.

"I can't think of a better way to kick off our spring sports season than to have Kami signing," MCS coach Kenneth Hines said at the beginning of the pep rally. "She's had a phenomenal three years here and she's got great God-given ability, but the biggest thing that sets her apart is she understands how hard you have to work to develop those abilities."

Berryhill continues to follow in the footsteps of her older sister Angie Aguilar, who also competed in the pole vault at Midland Christian and ACU. Aguilar set several records in the event at both schools, but has also seen her younger sister break all of her high school records over the past two years.

Among the records Berryhill currently owns in the pole vault is the TAPPS state mark at 12 feet, 8 inches. She achieved that height at last year's TAPPS 4A state meet, setting the MCS record at the same time. It was also the second straight TAPPS state championship for Berryhill in the event.

Now, she's ready to break some of her sister's records at ACU.

"I've taken down almost all of her records on the board (at MCS)," Berryhill said laughing. "So hopefully I'll go to Abilene and do the same. Records to her are made to be broken and she encourages me to beat them and break them."

But her sister's records aren't the only reason Berryhill is eager to compete at ACU.

Angie Aguilar is also a volunteer assistant coach at ACU, helping her husband Cory Aguilar, who is ACU's pole vaulting coach. The Aguilars, who are both ACU alums, joined the ACU staff in September of last year after running a pole vaulting club in the Midland-Odessa area for several years of which Berryhill is a product.

"They did move to ACU this year and left me here," said Berryhill, who plans to major in kinesiology. "It's going to work out for the better. It's a hard transition now, but it's going to be better later.

"As I talked to the vault coaches at the different schools the way they coach is really different. I would have to start almost completely over. With (Cory), it's going to be such a nice transition."

Berryhill's path to TAPPS state record holder and now ACU signee almost didn't happen. She avoided taking up pole vault when she was younger, but finally gave in when she got in the eighth grade and has never looked back.

"I didn't plan on getting this far," Berryhill said. "Starting out it wasn't fun because I wasn't winning. But as Cory pushed me harder and my teammates pushed me harder, and through that I've had to grow a lot. Through all of it there has been a lot of joy because it is fun winning and setting records."

Perhaps Berryhill can continue to have fun in Abilene.

Follow Jonathan on Twitter: @Hull_MRT

STRAMBLER

From 1C

club team in the Metroplex.

It was certainly a tough decision for someone whose family is synonymous with football and Lee High School, but on Wednesday his move paid off. Strambler signed with Lubbock Christian University to play soccer on National Signing Day.

"It was hard, and it's still kind of sinking in that I left my brothers (on the football field)," said Strambler, who has scored four goals for the Rebels this season. "It was hard leaving them, with all the things we've been through. It was hard missing those games to play club (soccer), but it's worth it. I don't regret it."

Strambler said he still saw his football teammates at school every day, and at times missed playing, while he was playing club games last fall.

Lee soccer coach Scott Hicks, who is also a varsity football assistant at Lee, said the Rebels lost a good football player, but also added Strambler was making the right decision.

"A kid like that has to decide what he loves the best and what he sees as the best opportunity at the next level," Hicks said. "I think he felt in his heart soccer was his opportunity. What he did in the fall made him a better soccer player, and that's what helped him get this. I don't know if it's anything he's done with the Lee Rebels, it's what he's done over the course of his life."

Strambler said that he received some help from Midland High coach Warren Cottle in being connected with the right people to help him earn a spot in the Olympic Development Program last summer.

He went on to play for a North Texas ODP regional team at a tournament in Alabama. His participation began to open the eyes of college soccer coaches, and that's when the recruiting began.

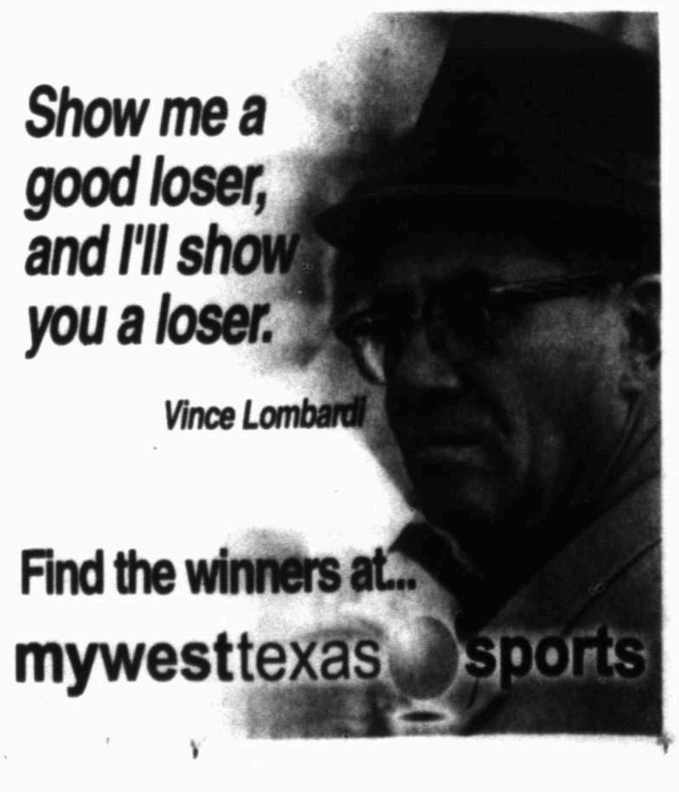
Strambler, who will play with a regional ODP team in Argentina next month, said he began to receive serious interest from not only Lubbock Christian, which participates in Division II soccer, but also Coastal Carolina and Rogers State in Oklahoma. Strambler said he chose Lubbock Christian because of its small class sizes, and he felt like he fit in with the team.

"I think he's a great example of what West Texas soccer has to offer but nobody sees," Cottle said. "His involvement in the ODP program helped recognize him and opened doors and then it exploded. Really, Darius did most of it himself."

Strambler said it is a little odd to have a Strambler playing soccer instead of football at Lee, but he also knows he has a chance to make his own name on a different kind of football field.

"It's different and everybody knows (the Strambler name) from football, and my whole family has done football and track their whole life," Strambler said. "Now you've got a soccer player coming to it."

Follow Len on Twitter: @Len_Hayward_MRT



THURSDAY PRIME TIME — FEBRUARY 6, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "The Sweetest Thing" (N)				Shark Tank		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Millers (N)	The Crazy Ones (N)	Two and Half (N)	Elementary "Corpse de Ballet" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Michael Keaton		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	The Vampire Diaries (N)		Reign "Inquisition" (N)		Rules of Engage.	Seinfeld	Community	Community	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Am. Idol "Hollywood Round" (N)		Rake "Cancer" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Zola Levitt Ministries	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Slaver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Sochi 2014 Figure Skating Team Trophy (M) Free Program, Pairs Short Program, Snowboarding (M, W), Freestyle Skiing (W)						News West 9	(:35) Tonight Show J. Leno Billy Crystal (L)		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Parks and Wildlife	Square Mile	Masterpiece Mystery! His Last Vow"		"Sherlock" Series III		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mentir Para Vivir		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	House		House "Teamwork"		My News	Million.	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) ★ Virus		★★★ Sleepy Hollow Johnny Depp.				★ The Crow: City of Angels			★ Adrenalin: Fear the Rush		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:45) Mildred Pierce		Girls	Looking	★ The Incredible Burt Wonderstone				KMorgan	Cathouse	True Detective	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:35) ★★ The Place Beyond the Pines				Looking	Veep	★★ Big Momma's House 2		(:45) ★ Would You Rather			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:30) ★ The Campai...		The Sopranos		Bill Maher		★★ Prometheus ('12, Adv) Noomi Rapace.			(:05) ★ Syriana		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie (:550) ★★★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows						★★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Taylor Kitsch.			(:15) Guide	Lingerie	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★ Taken 2 ('12, Act) Liam Neeson.				★★★ Fantastic Four		JumpOff	JumpOff	(:50) ★★★ Pitch Perfect			
PLEX			96			Movie (:25) ★ Love's Kitchen				★★★ The Notebook Ryan Gosling.				(:05) ★ Things You Can Tell Just by Look			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★★★ Lincoln			Billy Joel			Shameless		Gigolos	Aroused (N)		Gigolos
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Being John...		★★★★ Carlito's Way ('93, Cri) Sean Penn, Al Pacino.				★ Carlito's Way: Rise to Power			(:05) ★ The Cold Li		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Crazy Hearts "All Trucked Up"		Crazy Hearts: Nashville (N)		Crazy Hearts: Nashville		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ Pulp Fiction		★★ Mission: Impossible III ('06, Act) Tom Cruise.						★★★ Die Hard ('88, Act) Bruce Willis.			
BET	58	26		40		Special	★★ Lakeview Terrace ('08, Thril) Samuel L. Jackson.					Scandal		Scandal "Icarus"		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Millionaire		Million "Workaholics"		Millionaire (N)		Toned Up	Toned Up	Watch (N)	Millionaire		Toned Up
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		The Fighters (N)		Lone Target		The Fighters		Lone Target	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Gravity	★★★ The Little Mermaid			(:35) Austin	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Miss Congeniality Sandra Bullock.				★★★ Practical Magic Nicole Kidman.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Donut	Donut	Chopped		Chopped Canada		Cutthroat Kitchen		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped Canada	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Wake Forest vs. North Carolina State (L)				SportsDay OnAir	Rangers Insider	Southwest Signing Day		Euro. Open H/L	EuroHigh "Lifestyle"	WPT Poker Bay 101 Shooting Star	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Anger M.	★★ The Hangover Part II Bradley Cooper.				Anger M.	★★ The Hangover Part II Bradley Cooper.				★★ Hitman	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Home I.	Home Imp	The Good Wife		The Good Wife		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	H. Hunter	House (N)	Boitano	Boitano	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pawn (N)	Pwn Star	Appalachian Out. (N)		Swamp "Once Bitten"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Under the Gunn "The Mentor Face Off"		Under Gunn "Red Carpet Showdown"		Project Runway: Under the Gunn (N)		Headlines "The Gabby Douglas Story"		Biography "Beyoncé"		Under Gunn "Red Carpet Showdown"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHLRev.	Fight	Mixed Martial Arts World Series of Fighting 8				NFL Turning Point		NFL Turning Point		NHL Revealed	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Sponge	Deadtime	Deadtime	TBA	TBA	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	G. Lopez	G. Lopez
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Helix "Vector"		Helix "274"		Helix "Single Strand"		Helix		★★ Anaconda ('97, Act) Jon Voight.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Family Guy Frogger"		Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	King Nerd "To Larp or Not to Larp" (N)		Conan White Denim		Pete Holmes	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Wait Until ...		★★★★ Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?				★★★ Georgy Girl Lynn Redgrave.					Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Myrtle Manor "Days of Our Trailer Park Lives"		Honey Boo (N)	Honey Boo (N)	Honey Boo (N)	Honey Boo (N)	Welcome to Myrtle Manor (N)		Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo Boo	Myrtle M. "May the Horse Be With You"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off (L)		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs. Brooklyn Nets Site: Barclays Center - Brooklyn, N.Y. (L)				NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle - Oakland, Calif. (L)					
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Abomination"		★★ I, Robot Will Smith. In 2035, a Chicago detective investigates a robot's role in the death of a scientist.				★ The Day After Tomorrow A climatologist races to find his son as a new Ice Age suddenly engulfs New York City.					
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

McDowell returns to Pebble for 1st time since Open

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Graeme McDowell twisted his back and swung a club to loosen his joints in the morning chill of February at Pebble Beach, a course that looked nothing like he remembered it.

"I was a little more warmed up the last time I played here," he said.

The first fairway, once lined with thousands of fans, was empty on this day. The putting surfaces were emerald green. McDowell recalls them being closer to brown. That was the U.S. Open, his first major. This is the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-am.

For three years, McDowell had little incentive to return to the scene of his greatest individual feat.

"It's not going to get any better than how it felt last time I was here," McDowell said. "It was pretty tough to top the experience that weekend — the emotions, my dad, winning my first major championship. Doesn't get any better than that. So I really wasn't in a rush to come back."

He found two good reasons to return, starting with the silver-haired man who joined him on the tee with a smile bigger than Stillwater Cove.

Kenny McDowell walked at least 108 holes the week of the 2010 U.S. Open, which included two practice rounds. McDowell's father was on the 18th green after the final shot, embracing him as he said "You're something, kid."

They are partners this week, a treat for both of them.

"Being here brings it all back," the father said. "Being able to play in the tournament, it's a dream come true. I don't think I'll be able to do it justice, but I'll be trying."

Kenny McDowell has a handicap index of 12. He was never a great golfer, just a great father for an aspiring golfer. McDowell recalls his father organizing tournaments for the kids at Portrush, driving them across Ireland for competitions. He was involved in golf without knowing enough about the swing to meddle.

He talked about the long summer days when his son would sneak onto Portrush and play into the darkness.

"We used to have to go looking for him," Kenny McDowell said. "My wife would say, 'He could be playing golf at night.' I said, 'I'll tell you exactly where they are.' I would drive out to the car park. There's a big bush at the back of 17 green and the next thing you'd hear is, 'I'm coming out.'"

They played together in the Dunhill Links Championship, a European Tour event in Scotland modeled after Pebble Beach. It doesn't attract the kind of crowds expected for Saturday for all the celebrities. The McDowells are playing with Jason Bohn and actor Chris O'Donnell. Right behind them will be two-time Pebble winner Dustin Johnson with Wayne Gretzky (his future father-in-law), and John Daly with Kid Rock. In front of them will be actor Lucas Black and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith.

McKEE

From 1C

Field Championships in Austin in all three seasons she has competed for Greenwood in the high jump. She's also a three-time defending district and regional champion in the event.

Her standing at the state meet has improved each year she's attended, including last year when she finished in a three-way tie for second place at a height of 5 feet, 6 inches. However, McKee was relegated to fourth place in the event due to having missed a jump on an earlier height.

But it's the improvement McKee has shown each year that makes Greenwood girls track coach Todd Martin believe she has incredible potential as a collegiate athlete.

"Her potential is whatever she wants it to be. She's very talented," Martin said. "I think she's a 6-foot high jumper down the road. She's progressed tremendously. Every year we gained two to four inches on what she's done the year before."

McKee, who plans to major in physical therapy at Tarleton, has set high goals for herself at the next level as well.

"I hope to make it to nationals next year for sure," McKee said. "And hopefully I can jump at least (5 feet, 10 inches). That would be awesome."

But McKee, who is currently starting as a forward on the Rangerettes basketball team that is preparing for a playoff run, still has one more high school track season to prove herself. And just making a fourth straight trip to Austin for the state meet isn't going to be enough for her.

"I hope to win it this year," McKee said. "I feel like this is my year, finally."

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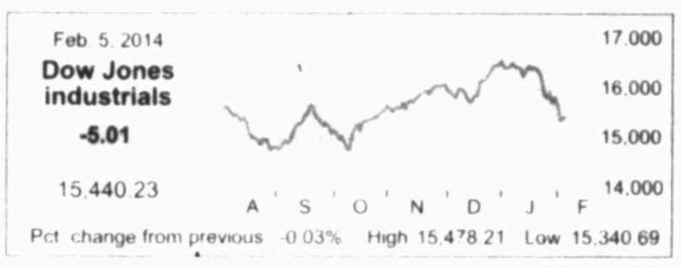

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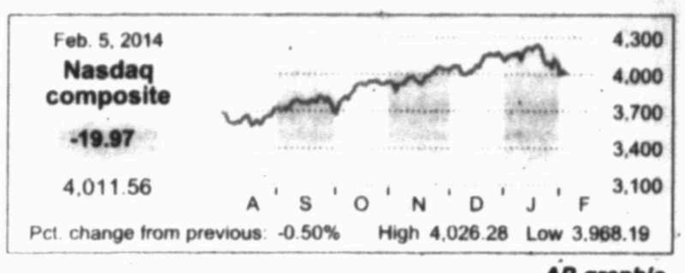

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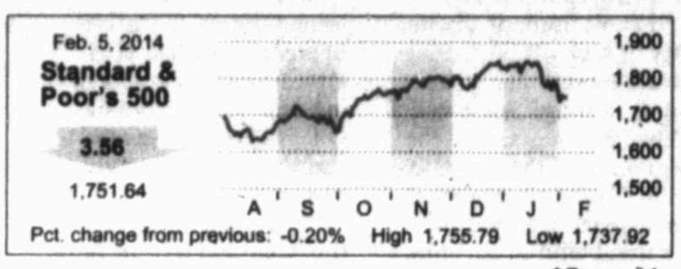

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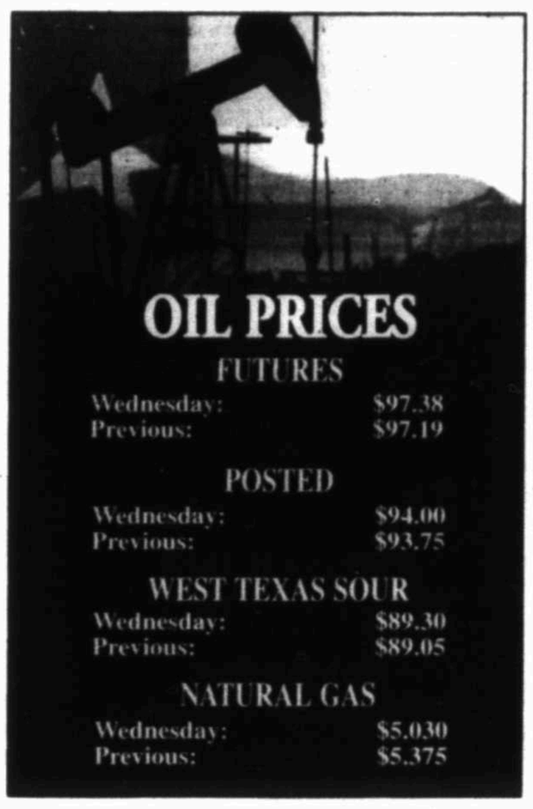

What is going on with the stock market?

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's a skeptics' market now. Just three weeks after stocks reached all-time highs, the market has turned volatile and investors have gone from cheerful to suspicious.

They're worried about reports of slowing growth in the world's largest economies, disappointed by earnings that never seem good enough and concerned about the stock market's frequent triple-digit swings.

It isn't a surprise to most money managers, who expected this year would be rougher after last year's almost 30 percent surge. No stock market can go straight up. But the fact that the volatility started so early caught some investors by surprise.

Even with major indexes down 5 percent or more, there is room for optimism. There's no sign the economy will backtrack into a stock-killing recession and any big stock market drop is unlikely to last long.

Here is a look at the stock market's vital signs.

EARNINGS LESS ROSY: So far this earnings season, 44 companies have cut their earnings forecasts for the year while 10 have raised their outlooks, according to data from FactSet, a higher ratio than the historic norm.

It's not a good sign. Stock prices are derived from the earnings that a company generates, or will generate in the future.

Investors bid up stock prices in the last three months of the year in hopes that the improving economy would translate into higher company earnings. Corporate America has delivered on earnings for the most part. But if companies continue to cut forecasts, it means stocks are too expensive and investors will have to re-evaluate.

ECONOMIC HEADWINDS: At the start of 2014, many investors believed the U.S. economic recovery was accelerating and that Europe was stabilizing. Recent data both here and abroad has cast doubt on that optimistic outlook.

It started with the December jobs report on Jan. 10. The U.S. government said the economy created only 74,000 jobs in December, far below even the most pessimistic of expectations. Other reports have also dampened economic spirits. A private survey of U.S. manufacturers showed factory activity unexpectedly slowed in January, due in part to the cold weather affecting most of the country.

Other reports show overseas economies cooling. Chinese manufacturing, a driver of global economic activity, slowed to a six-month low in January. In Europe, inflation was near zero, a sign that the eurozone's recovery remains sluggish.

CORRECTION TIME?: The vast majority of investors believe that this year the stock market will experience a correction, the technical term for when a stock market index falls 10 percent or more. A research report by Goldman Sachs in 2013 gave a 62 percent chance that a correction would happen in 2014.

Investors say a correction is likely due to the massive gains the stock market had in 2013, as well as the long stretch since the last correction, which happened 30 months ago, in August 2011. Historically, stock market corrections happen every 18 months or so.

"People have been waiting for a while for the piece of news, event or data point that is going to cause the correction," said David Kelly, chief investment strategist with J.P. Morgan Funds. "A lot of people are looking for an excuse to sell."

WHAT FEAR?: Even though the Dow is down 7 percent this year, volatility and other "fear" gauges remain tame. The VIX, an often-quoted gauge of how much volatility investors should expect in the market, has remained low for the past 2 1/2 years. The index is at 19.51. That is less than half what it was during the August 2011 debt-ceiling crisis and the last stock market correction. Even the Russell 2000 index, which is made up mostly of risky small- to-midsized companies, is not down significantly more than the rest of the market. The Russell has fallen 6 percent this year versus the 5.2 percent drop in the S&P 500.

Gold, another place investors typical turn to in times of fear, has seen only modest interest from investors. It's up 5 percent — versus its 30 percent decline it had last year.

NO RECESSION EXPECTED: The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in the final three months of 2013, and there are no signs that it could slip back into recession. The Federal Reserve has started cutting back on its economic stimulus program, citing the recent strength in the U.S. economy.

"U.S. economic growth is not slowing down, it's just not accelerating as much as it was previously," said Krishna Memani, chief investment officer at Oppenheimer Funds.

As long as there is no risk of a recession and company earnings continue to expand — fourth quarter earnings are up 7.9 percent from a year earlier — any fall in the stock market would be minimal.

THE BULL STILL KICKS: The bull market that started in March 2009 is about to hit its five-year anniversary. And it was unstoppable in 2013, soaring nearly 30 percent and setting new all-time highs repeatedly.

If the correction happens, it's unlikely to last long. The market typically recovers in a few months. When the stock market had a correction in 2011, the S&P 500 index fell 18 percent from its July 2011 peak to its October 2011 low. However, the market recovered all of those losses by January 2012.

Oil gains

The price of oil rose slightly Wednesday as a report showed U.S. supplies rose less than expected last week.

Natural gas rocketed to a new four-year high before plunging back near $5 per 1,000 cubic feet on a continuation of the recent volatility in that market. And the average price for gasoline remained at $3.27 a gallon as the wild winter weather reduces driving and the need for fuel.

The benchmark U.S. crude contract for March delivery rose 19 cents to $97.38 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oil used by many U.S. refineries, gained 47 cents to $106.25 on the ICE exchange in London.

The Energy Department said supplies of crude oil rose 400,000 barrels last week, less than the 1.5 million barrel increase expected by analysts surveyed by Platts. But analysts cautioned that bad weather sharply curtailed imports, which will likely rebound once shipping conditions improve.

Natural gas soars

Gold, silver, platinum and palladium all rose.

April gold rose $5.70, or 0.5 percent, to $1,256.90 an ounce. Silver for March rose 38 cents, or 2 percent, to $19.81 an ounce. Palladium for the same month climbed $7, or 1 percent, to $707.10 an ounce. Platinum for April rose $5.90, or 0.4 percent, to $1,379.30 an ounce.

Copper for March fell 0.3 cents, or 0.1 percent, to $3.19 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1829337	177.35	-1.72
iShEMkts	1330434	37.78	.55
BkofAm	1261963	16.68	.05
B iPVix rs	721541	46.45	+2.90
SPDR Fncl	631764	21.01	-.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVLgNGs	41.28	+10.05	+32.2
ProSUltNG	62.70	+11.03	+21.3
Freescale	17.55	+2.25	+14.7
DrGMnBull	24.36	+2.87	+13.4
BiPNG	3.46	+.41	+13.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvNG	3.29	-1.50	-31.3
PrUShNG rs	37.48	-9.97	-21.0
Corpbanca	16.35	-3.04	-15.7
DrGMBear	33.30	-5.54	-14.3
TriumphGp	68.40	-9.02	-11.7

DIARY

Advanced	706
Declined	2,410
Unchanged	96
Total issues	3,212
New Highs	26
New Lows	93
Volume	3,831,970,704

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Organovo	82681	9.60	-.89
ChenereEn	54109	43.66	-.99
RexahnPh	45794	1.00	-.00
AldNevG	40281	4.55	-.11
NovaGld g	32565	3.06	-.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TanzRy g	2.12	+.31	+17.1
Organovo	9.60	+.89	+10.2
MexcoEn	7.50	+.59	+8.5
EmersnRad	2.24	+.15	+7.2
LiqTech	2.11	+.14	+7.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LadThalFn	2.54	-.18	-6.6
ChaseCorp	31.47	-2.15	-6.4
TelInstEl	5.25	-.33	-5.9
NanoVinc	4.57	-.26	-5.4
Oragenics	3.46	-.19	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	183
Declined	216
Unchanged	27
Total issues	426
New Highs	8
New Lows	2
Volume	114,085,876

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	673536	3.59	-.04
Facebook	671807	53.53	+.51
Microsoft	509416	36.66	-.39
PwShs QQQ	485318	84.90	.02
Yahoo	467961	34.89	-3.33

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AstroNova	9.67	+2.75	+39.7
Vringo	4.79	+.82	+20.7
EzcorpA	11.25	+1.49	+15.3
HorizPhm	10.95	+1.59	+18.2
KidMedia	3.47	+.47	+15.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Galectin un	33.10	-20.96	-38.8
PrognicsPh	4.50	-1.70	-27.4
DLH Hldgs	2.30	-.42	-15.4
TearLab	6.59	-1.38	-14.7
Control4 n	23.32	-3.21	-12.1

DIARY

Advanced	969
Declined	1,968
Unchanged	172
Total issues	3,109
New Highs	44
New Lows	93
Volume	2,016,774,652

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $85.03 Up 9.27

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $100.34 Up 0.51

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.71 Down 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $52.96 Up 1.32

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.81 Up 0.29

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.25 Down 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.35 Up 0.70

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.40 Down 0.08

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	19	33.91	.19	5.3
Abraxas		35	3.19		-2.2
AdamsEx	84e		12.45	.10	-4.7
AMD			3.48	.05	10.1
Alcoa	.12	36	11.99	-.14	+12.6
AlonUSA	.24a	19	15.49	-.08	6.3
AmAirl n			32.98	-1.02	+30.6
Amgen	2.44f	18	119.17	-1.53	+4.5
Anadarko	.72	23	81.29	+.18	+2.5
Apache	.80	12	81.02	-.97	-5.7
ApidMatl	40	80	16.73	-.02	-5.4
AriadP			2.60	.44	+11.6
ATMOS	1.48f	18	46.60	-.17	+2.6
AutoData	1.92	26	76.53	.50	5.3
BP PLC	2.28f	11	47.27	-.21	-2.8
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.17	.32	+1.5
BakrHu	.60	22	55.81	.43	+1.0
BkofAm	.04	17	16.68	.05	+7.1
B iPVix rs			46.45	+2.90	+9.2
BarrickG	.20		19.52	+.72	+10.7
BasicEnSv			16.97	.13	+7.5
BerkHa A		16	168748.00	-464.00	-5.1
BlkHillsCp	1.52	21	53.36	+.05	+1.6
BlackBerry			9.95	.09	+33.7
BrkfldSq	1.44f	32	50.22	-.85	-5.5
BrownFA	1.16	28	75.68	-1.69	+3.9
BrownFB	1.16	27	78.01	-1.57	+3.2
CVS Care	1.10f	19	67.35	1.17	-5.9
Cameron		19	56.73	.82	4.7
Caterpillar	2.40	16	90.62	1.85	2
Celestic g		21	9.93	+.08	4.5
CntryLink	2.16		28.59	-.36	10.2
ChesEng	.35	21	27.17	+.41	+.1
Chevron	4.00	9	116.00	-.84	-7.1
Chicos	.30f	16	16.46	-.19	-12.6
Cimarex	.56	21	96.67	-3.10	-7.9
Cisco	.68	12	21.65	.10	-2.7
Citigroup	.04	11	48.08	-1.52	-7.7
ClayEng	...	...	66.50	-2.95	-18.9
CocaCola	1.12	20	37.90	-.97	-8.3
ColgPalm s	1.36	26	61.59	-1.28	-5.6
Comcast	.90f	21	53.06	-.29	+2.1
ConAgra	1.00	17	31.86	-.88	-5.5
ConchoRes	...	45	95.78	-2.04	-11.3
ConocoPhil	2.76	10	65.82	-.39	-6.8
Corning	.40	12	17.16	+.06	1.7
CrackerB	3.00	19	96.71	2.26	12.1
CSVInvNG			3.29	1.50	62.8
CSVelVST			30.54	2.26	11.2
CrosTim	2.40e	14	30.70	+.27	+4.4
DCP Mid	2.93f	22	49.51	+.47	1.7
DTE	2.62	19	66.33	.04	1
Datarm rs			2.46	+.04	5.4
Dawson		16	32.13	-1.57	-5.0
DeltaAir	.24	2	29.92	.98	+8.9
DevonE	.88		59.01	-.28	-4.6
DxSCBr rs			18.59	+.73	+9.5
Disney	.86f	21	71.33	-1.55	-6.6
DowChm	1.48f	46	44.73	+1.67	+.7
eBay		24	52.19	.97	4.9
EMC Cp	.40	20	24.65	.73	2.0
EOG Res	.75	41	164.65	-2.57	-1.9
EmpDist	1.02f	17	22.64	-.06	-.2
Energen	.60f	26	70.14	.83	9
EngyTsfr	3.68f	10	53.82	.26	6.0
EnPro	...	47	72.59	-1.03	+25.9
EntPrPt	2.80f	23	64.16	+.39	3.2
Ericsson	.43e		11.95	.07	-2.4
ExterranH	...	24	34.23	-.61	+.1
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	95.11	-.54	-6.0
Facebook			53.53	1.61	2.0
FordM	.50f	12	15.26	.33	1.1
ForestOil		11	3.11	.17	13.9
GATX	1.32f	16	58.54	-1.20	+12.2
GabMultT	.80	...	10.64	-.07	-14.3
GAInv	2.10e	...	33.55	-.23	-4.7
GenElec	.88f	17	25.29	-.17	-9.8
GenMotors	1.20	15	36.35	.46	-11.1
GtPlainEn	.92f	16	24.35	-.03	+.5
HalconRes		18	3.48	.10	-9.8
Halliborton	.50f	17	48.20	-.13	-5.0
HuntBncsh	.20	13	9.20	-.15	-4.7
iShBrazil	1.44e		39.21	.84	-12.2
iShJapan	.13e		11.62	-.01	-4.3
iShChinaLC	1.02e		34.50	-.05	-10.1
iShEMkts	.86e		37.78	-.55	-9.6
iS Eafe	1.70e		64.38	-.73	-4.0
iShR2K	1.41e		111.34	-1.63	-3.5
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.51	.09	1.2
Intel	.90	13	24.68	-.22	-4.9
InterDig	.40	31	29.13	+.61	1.2
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	55.53	.21	4.4
JohnJn	2.64	18	88.90	-1.20	-2.9
KimbClk	3.24	19	107.01	-1.64	+2.4
KindME	5.44f	29	79.37	.81	1.6
KindMM	5.44f	47	74.55	1.34	-1.5
LegacyRes	2.36f		26.93	.18	-4.4
Lubys		48	6.76	-.07	-12.4
MktVGold	.19e		24.01	+.61	+13.6
McDnlds	3.24	17	93.15	1.03	-4.0
Merck	1.76f	31	52.21	.66	+4.3
MeritMed		58	14.46	-.17	-8.1
MexcoEn			7.50	+.59	+8.7
MicronT		14	22.71	.34	+4.4
Microsoft	1.12	14	36.66	+.39	2.0
MorgStan	.20	21	29.94	.14	-4.5
Nabors	.16	40	16.99	.14	
NatGrid	3.17e	...	64.31	-.55	-1.5
NOilVarco	1.04	13	73.03	.28	-8.2
NokiaCp			7.04	+.04	13.2
NvMAd	.80a	...	12.75	...	+4.9
NvPMI	.86	...	13.30	+.02	+7.5
NuvPI	.86	...	13.14	+.07	+6.6
NSTFI3	.63a		13.32	+.04	+3.4
NTXQI	.70a	...	13.26	+.01	+3.2
OcciPet	2.56	16	87.82	-.49	-7.7
Oracle	.48	16	36.97	.13	-3.4
ParTech	...	...	5.26	-.06	-3.5
ParkDrl	...	...	7.59	-.13	-6.6
PattUTI	.20	16	25.26	-.11	-.2
Penney			6.29	-.13	-31.3
PennaRE	.80f	...	17.92	+.30	-5.6
Pmiari	.87e	15	12.73	.22	-1.0
Petrobras	.27e		11.34	.32	-17.7
Pfizer	1.04f	15	30.11	-.31	-1.7
PioNtrl	.08	42	167.69	-6.80	-8.9
PlainsAAP	2.46f	18	49.40	-.53	-4.6
PlugPowr h			2.97	+.28	+91.5
PwShs QQQ	.88e		84.93	-.92	-3.4
Praxair	2.60f	22	127.33	+1.63	-2.1
PrmEgy	...	12	55.70	...	+10.3
ProctGam	2.41	21	77.64	-1.47	-4.6
ProUShSP			32.06	+.61	+8.1
Quaicom	1.40	18	71.12	.87	-4.2
RF MicD			5.35	+.46	+3.7
RangeRs	.16		85.26	1.26	+1.1
RegionsFn	.12	13	10.31	.22	+4.2
RiteAid			5.36	.19	+5.9
Rowan		14	31.57	.99	10.7
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	70.50	.04	-1.1
SpdrDJIA	3.52e		157.10	1.84	-5.1
S&P500ETF	3.35e		177.35	-1.72	-4.0
SabnR	4.01e	13	50.17	+.41	-.8
SanderFm	.80	13	72.30	-1.06	...
SandRdge	...	...	6.39	+.12	+5.3
Sapient	...	30	15.95	-.11	-8.1
Schlmbrg	1.60f	16	87.30	.46	-3.1
SigmaAld	.86	23	92.20	+.02	-1.9
SiriusXM		51	3.59	-.04	+2.9
Smucker	2.32	18	97.11	-2.20	-6.3
Sprint n			8.65	-.21	-19.5
SP CnSt	1.02e		40.90	-.73	-4.8
SP Consum	.77e		62.67	-1.02	-6.2
SP Engy	1.52e		84.20	-.47	-4.9
SPDR Fncl	.32e		21.01	-.25	-3.9
SP Inds	.87e		49.79	-.54	-4.7
SunocoLog	2.52f	20	75.93	+.40	+.8
Symantec	.60	22	24.15	+.85	+2.4
TeleFEsp	.47e	...	15.45	-.09	-5.4
Tesoro	1.00	15	51.85	+.97	-11.4
3M Co	3.42f	20	130.25	+.44	-7.1
Torchmark	.68	14	74.07	-.57	-5.2
TriContl	.68e	...	19.15	-.19	-4.2
21stCFoxA	.25		30.73	-.54	-12.6
TylerTech	...	94	104.19	-1.88	+2.0
UBWV	1.28f	17	29.30	-.59	-6.8
US NGas			26.73	+2.55	+29.2
Vale SA	.78e		13.57	+.37	-11.0
Vale SA pf	.78e		12.36	+.42	-11.8
ValeroE	1.00f	12	51.40	+1.20	+2.0
VangEmg	1.15e		37.29	-.67	-9.4
VenzonCm	2.12	12	47.69	+.33	-3.0
Vodafone	1.61e		37.31	+.14	-5.1
Vringo			4.79	+.82	+61.8
VulcanM	.04	...	62.26	+.68	+4.8
Walgrn	1.26	20	56.50	-.52	-1.6
WealthfInt			13.82	-.07	-10.8
WellsFargo	1.20	12	45.59	-.37	+.4
WstnRefin	1.04f	8	39.35	+.77	-7.2
WhitingPet		13	57.55	-.83	-7.0
WmsCos	1.61f	45	39.72	-.08	+3.0
XcelEngy	1.12	15	28.16	-.04	+.8
Xerox	.25f	11	10.61	-.27	-12.8
Yahoo		28	34.89	-3.33	-13.7

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	13,784.01	Dow Jones Industrials	15,738.79	-189.77	-1.19	-5.05	+13.14
7,591.43	5,757.05	Dow Jones Transportation	7,190.61	-87.01	-1.20	-2.84	+24.32
537.86	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	494.65	- .78	- .16	+ .83	+4.57
11,334.65	8,700.73	NYSE Composite	9,962.92	-103.93	-1.03	-4.21	+11.89
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,300.11	-34.24	-1.47	-5.20	-4.45
4,246.55	3,105.37	Nasdaq Composite	4,051.43	-46.53	-1.14	-3.00	+28.93
1,850.84	1,485.01	S&P 500	1,774.20	-18.30	-1.02	-4.01	+18.13
19,776.59	15,674.94	Wilshire 5000	18,981.64	-204.06	-1.06	-3.68	+19.85
1,182.04	894.24	Russell 2000	1,122.45	-15.79	-1.39	-3.54	+25.15

TODAY: Cloudy High: 23 Low: 22

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 52 Low: 36

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 23

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 50 Low: 32

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 62 Low: 32

TUESDAY: Partly sunny High: 48 Low: 33

Local forecast

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 23 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 22 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. There is a 50 percent chance of snow before noon.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 52 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 36 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 63 and a low around 23.

National forecast

A break from storms is expected from the upper Gulf Coast to Maine to much of the Midwest on Thursday. High pressure from the Canadian Prairies will be in control. Most areas will be colder than average, despite some sunshine. A few snow showers will occur around the central Great Lakes.

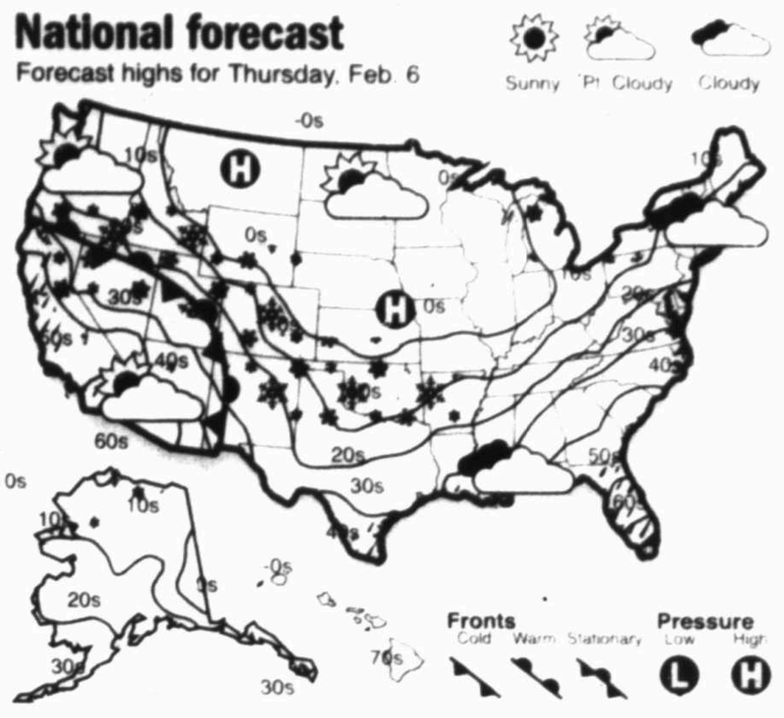
Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.24 in.
Year total	0.24 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.66 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	35
Low	22
Normal high	60
Normal low	33
Sunrise	7:39 a.m.
Sunset	6:27 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Feb. 6



Kids' hand held electronics may be more than fun and games

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: I am writing about the letter from "Holding My Tongue" (Nov. 8), the woman who was upset because many children were playing with electronic devices during her grandchildren's school concerts and recitals. While I agree that most children should pay attention to the event at hand, as the mother of two children on the autism spectrum, I have a different perspective.

There are apps and games designed to keep these children occupied and help them deal with the stress and anxiety of being in a large group of people. I should not have to leave my sons at home because they are on the spectrum, so a harmless, quiet game that allows them to participate without being disruptive is a godsend to me.

Sometimes it is not obvious WHY someone is doing something; so as long as it isn't disrupting the event, please try to be tolerant. — LAURA IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR LAURA: Your point is well-stated, and was one made by a number of parents of children with special needs. Readers had interesting comments on this topic, so I'm sharing a few:

DEAR ABBY: If there's a possibility young children could be unruly during a performance, I think they should be allowed to use a tablet or something to keep them occupied.

Sometimes it's hard to find a sitter or afford one. When children get dragged to programs they have no interest in, they lose patience and become fidgety. If given something to occupy their attention, as long as it has headphones, then I don't see a problem. I'd rather have that than kids shouting, screaming and crying because they're unhappy being there. — UNDERSTANDING IN LOUISIANA

DEAR ABBY: In this digital age, we have lost touch with basic common decency and respect for others. I not only notice this in children, but adults as well. I have seen people check their emails while they are in church, or couples sitting together at a restaurant, both fixated on their electronic devices and not speaking a word to each other.

It's sad to imagine what the next generation will be like if we don't start putting the devices down and interacting with each other again like human beings. I raised all three of my kids this way, so I know it's not impossible. — MAINTAINING HUMAN CONTACT

DEAR ABBY: When my precious mother passed away last summer, my sister-in-law brought two hand held games to the funeral. My niece and nephew played and played while the pastor spoke about my mother.

It was the last straw for me in a series of incredibly rude actions over the years. My children were also appalled. When respect is no longer taught at home, we sink to the lowest level as a society. — DEBRA ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR ABBY: I have stopped attending my friends' grandchildren's recitals because I, too, cannot tolerate rudeness. Many parents today just don't want to bother with their children. If there is a toy that can keep them busy, their parents "enable" them to grow up as idiots who can't appreciate the world and its beauty because their world is lived entirely on an electronic screen. — GEORGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: What parents who allow this type of behavior don't seem to understand is that it transfers to the classroom. Their children assume it's OK to ignore the teacher, the lesson and instructions that in some cases could save a life. — FRUSTRATED EDUCATOR IN MIAMI

DEAR ABBY: I used to conduct workshops for teachers on how to instruct with newspapers. When I started my lecture, I would begin by saying, "OK, teachers, turn off your iPads, iPhones and iPods, because I don't want to become iRate." They loved it, and it was a great kickoff for the lecture. — ALFRED IN TEXAS

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Too active?

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 6 5 2
♥ A K 9 8 3
♦ Void
♣ 8 7 4 3

WEST
♠ 8 7 4
♥ 7 2
♦ A Q 9 8 7 4 3
♣ 5

EAST
♠ Void
♥ Q J 5 4
♦ J 10 6 5 2
♣ K 10 9 6

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 9 3
♥ 10 6
♦ K
♣ A Q J 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	3♦	4♥*	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	6♦
6♣	7♦	Pass**	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Game forcing spade raise, good values
**First-round diamond control

Opening lead: Ace of ♦

East held some side assets that might have annoyed the opponents in a high-level spade contract, but not enough to think he could buy it in five diamonds. An immediate six-diamond bid would have been better. Over five diamonds, North was able to make a slam try with his five-heart bid. East's six-diamond bid was irrelevant, as South was accepting partner's slam try anyway. West's seven-diamond bid allowed East to show his void in that suit, and South was willing to bid seven. Was it a good grand slam? An old bridge slogan says "A good grand slam is one that makes."

South ruffed the opening diamond lead and drew trumps in three rounds, ending in dummy. The winning club finesse was next, followed by a heart to dummy to repeat the finesse. Had clubs split 3-2, South would have had 13 tricks. The 4-1 split left him with some work to do, but not much. West had promised seven diamonds in the auction, and showed up with three spades and a club in the play, so he could not hold more than two hearts.

South ran all of his trumps, coming down to one heart and one club in his hand and the king-nine of hearts in dummy. East had to find a discard from the queen-jack of hearts and the king of clubs. Regretting that he had ever entered this auction, he threw his cards in and conceded the grand slam! Well bid by North-South, but they had help!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Easter season: Abbr.
4 62-Across coat
7 Interest fig.
10 Long, on Molokai
11 Experience with enthusiasm
13 Pi follower
14 "Out" crier
15 Chic "Bye"
16 Charged particle
17 Detox place
19 Bridal emanations
21 Reminiscent of venison
22 Dweeb
23 Red state?
26 Easy gaits
29 Given a hand
30 Annabella of "The Sopranos"
31 Chased (after)
32 Whirling
34 Farm feed
35 Computer that once came in "flavors"
37 Biscuit, maybe
38 Strokes a 62-Across
39 Greek cheese
40 First name in one-liners
41 Actress Charlotte et al.
42 Fountain near the Spanish Steps
44 Buddy
45 __ 'acte
48 Flute part
50 Big enchilada
57 Babysitter's handful
58 New evidence may lead to one
59 Fawn spawner
60 With 62-Across, a hint to the starts of this puzzle's four longest Down answers
61 Slogan sites
62 See 60-Across

DOWN

1 Bit of mudslinging
2 Fruit of ancient Persia
3 Vatican Palace painter
4 Pet rocks, e.g.
5 News agcy. since 1958
6 Regret bitterly
7 Preceding
8 Numbskull
9 Bunches
11 Daedalus creation
12 Combativeness
18 Cremona artisan
20 Red Square honoree
23 Lacking purpose
24 Juice extractor
25 Grab, as a line drive
26 D.C. network
27 Like most bawdy films
28 Lays down the law
33 Fig. on 26-Down
36 Gave in
38 Groom with care
43 Unmoving
44 Hull stabilizers
46 "__ bien!"
47 Big name in IRAs
48 Rustle
49 "Take __!"
50 Aflame
51 Angst-filled genre
52 Killer Birds, e.g.
53 Calendar abbr.
54 Recipe instruction
55 Soft murmur
56 Barrel at a bash

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	D	D	L	E		M	O	D	E		U	S	M	A
C	R	E	E	S		O	T	R	O		N	E	A	T
C	Y	N	I	C		N	E	I	N	D	A	N	K	E
O	H	M	S		C	T	R	L		A	G	E	E	
S	E	A			O	H	O	L	Y	N	I	G	H	T
T	A	R	P	I	T	S		I	G	A		A	A	H
	T	K	O	S		O	N	O		S	L	Y	E	
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W	O	N	B	Y	A	N	O	S	E			V	I	A
	S	T	A	R		T	V	P	G		M	E	N	D
O	H	B	R	O	T	H	E	R		S	A	R	D	I
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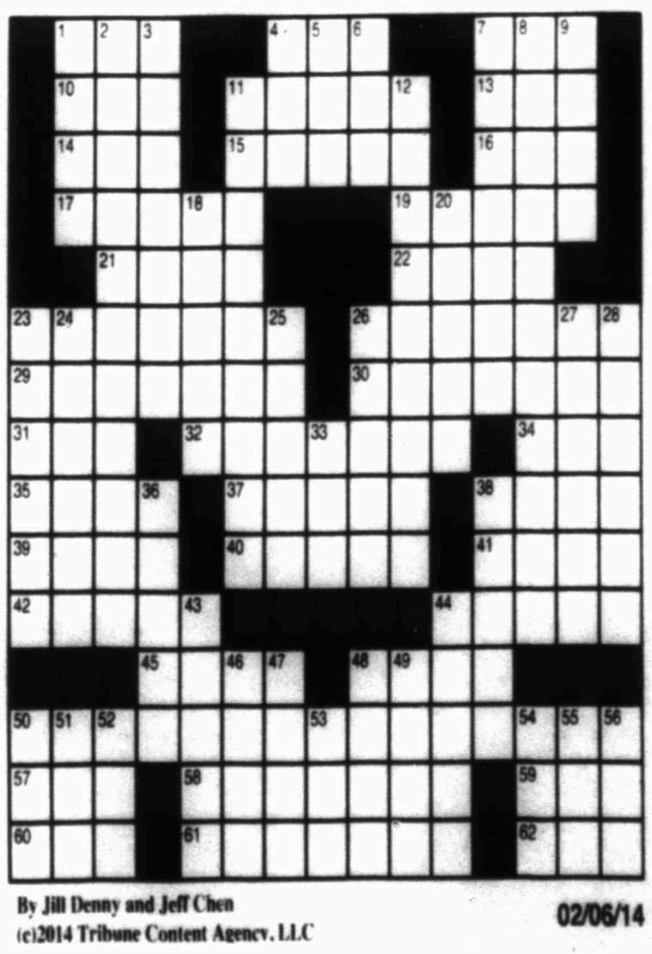

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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, Feb. 6, 2014

This year you could be witness to or involved in more misunderstandings than in the past. Confirm appointments. Repeat what you think you heard. Above all else, avoid snap judgments relating to interpersonal problems until the whole story is revealed. You will develop patience and self-discipline as a result. If you are single, establishing a calm relationship could be difficult, though the likelihood of meeting someone special increases after July. If you are attached, the two of you will learn to understand each other better. You also will develop more patience. TAURUS is a stick in the mud.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Confusion surrounds the best-laid plans. You are entering a period where you would be well-advised not to make any formal agreements, as they are likely to backfire. Tension over a money matter needs to be worked out before late afternoon. Tonight: Buy a treat for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Listen to a friend who always seems to be depressed. It is possible that this person could be going through a difficult period, and he or she just needs someone to express a more positive view. Showing compassion will encourage you to reach out to others. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might sense that you are off-kilter and choose to ignore those feelings. Don't. You will be feeling stressed out by a situation, perhaps involving your work or health. Work through your tension; otherwise, you could add to your problems. Tonight: Take a personal night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You could find a problem to be somewhat unresolvable at the moment. Everyone can have an "off" day, and that includes you. Don't push yourself so hard, and make it OK to play it low-key. Friends will seek you out. Tonight: Grab some munchies with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Don't count on others following through, as they could be experiencing some scheduling issues. If you want something done, do it yourself; otherwise, you will be left holding the bag. Observe what is happening around you. Tonight: Count on being the lead actor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Detach, even if you feel consigned to having a certain outcome. Mercury, the planet that rules your sign, goes retrograde today. Honor a change in your energy, and look for simple solutions. Avoid making any commitments right now. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by your thoughts, so make a point to carry out some must-do's. You will like the acknowledgment of a job well done. Get into a regular exercise program in the next few days, as tension could mount. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Understand that you have a tendency to be negative. Obviously, this attitude colors whatever you do. Use care with a child or partner, as this person seems to be more reactive than usual. You might need to mellow out, given the circumstances. Tonight: Be more optimistic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ If you have an important matter on your plate, get it done as early as possible today. Take care of yourself, and schedule necessary doctors' appointments. Don't indulge in any extremes or overindulgences, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are able to carry out a lot of responsibilities. A friend could feel neglected at the moment. Be aware that you might receive the cold shoulder. You will be more in touch with this person's feelings if you demonstrate your value of him or her. Tonight: Time for play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You'll want to air out a problem that has been on your mind, as you might not be comfortable with what has been going on. Don't take all the blame; others are involved, too. You will breeze through your daily routine, which might allow time for a talk. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Express your opinion without expecting agreement, and you will be OK. Be more open in how you deal with a problem person in your life. Others will be curious, and your information could be helpful. You might start to see this person in a different light. Tonight: Hang out.

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BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Bob Marley (1945), baseball player Babe Ruth (1895), former U.S. President Ronald Reagan (1911)

Texas A&M defeats Mississippi State

Associated Press

Texas A&M	72
Mississippi St.	52

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M, in citing a "sense of urgency" the Aggies said they repeated in every huddle, snapped a five-game losing streak with a 72-52 victory over Mississippi State on Wednesday night before 4,626 fans in Reed Arena.

Jamal Jones led the Aggies with 20 points and fellow forward Kourtney Roberson followed With 14. The Aggies (13-9, 4-5 SEC) and Bulldogs (13-9, 3-6 SEC) had lost eight consecutive games between them entering the contest, and A&M avenged an 81-72 overtime loss in Starkville, Miss., on Jan. 18 that kicked off the Aggies' losing streak.

"We've been talking about a sense of urgency in the past three days," said A&M guard Alex Caruso, who tallied a game-high 10 assists."

MSU, in playing its first game in history in College Station, traded leads with A&M until early in the second half, when the Aggies pulled away thanks to a relentless 16-0 run. A&M's defense held the Bulldogs scoreless for more than 10 minutes in that stretch — from the 16:26 mark (36-35) to 6:08 (52-37).

Billie Jean King won't attend Sochi opening

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billie Jean King will not attend Friday's opening ceremony of the Sochi Olympics in Russia because her mother is ill.

King, who was selected to help lead the U.S. delegation to the Games, has been outspoken in her opposition to Russia's anti-gay law. She also planned to attend ice hockey and figure skating events and meet U.S. athletes during her three-day visit to the games.

The White House announced Wednesday that former U.S. hockey player Caitlin Cahow, originally scheduled for the closing ceremony, will take King's place.

King told The Associated Press that because of her mother's "failing health, I will not be able to join the U.S. Presidential delegation at this week's opening ceremonies of the Sochi Olympics."

Betty Moffitt, her 91-year-old mother, lives in Arizona and has been ill for some time. King will be joined by her brother Randy Moffitt, a former pitcher for the San Francisco Giants.

"It is important for me to be with my mother and my brother at this difficult time. I want to thank President Obama for including me in this historic mission and I look forward to supporting our athletes as they compete in Sochi."

The openly gay former tennis star has said she would like sexual orientation added to the list of protections in the charter of the International Olympic Committee. King was chosen in December for the U.S. delegation, along with openly gay former Olympic figure skater Brian Boitano and Cahow.

In June, Russia passed a law banning gay "propaganda" to minors. In an interview with the AP last month, King said: "It should be a non-issue. It's just like people of color in our country and other places, it has to be a non-issue."

President Barack Obama has been publicly critical of the Russian anti-gay law and President Vladimir Putin's "cold-war" mentality on other issues. For the first time since 2000, the U.S. delegation to the Olympics will not include a president, former president, vice president or first lady.

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In this 2007 photo, tennis champion Billie Jean King is introduced during a town hall conversation hosted by the group Women for Hillary in New York. King will not attend Friday's opening ceremony of the Sochi Olympics in Russia because her mother is ill. King, chosen in December to help lead the U.S. delegation to the Sochi Games, has been outspoken in her opposition to Russia's anti-gay law and had planned to attend ice hockey and figure skating events and meet U.S. athletes during her three-day visit to the games.

The 70-year-old King, a social justice trailblazer who won 39 Grand Slam titles in her career, was tapped to enter the fray involving the delicate balance of Olympic sports and politics.

Other members of the U.S. delegation for the opening ceremony include former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul and presidential adviser Rob Nabors.

The White House statement said "The President extends his thoughts and prayers to Ms. King and her family in this difficult time."

Olympic TV Schedule
Friday
NBC

6:30-10:30 p.m. — Opening Ceremony
12:05-4 a.m. — Primetime Encore

Saturday
NBC

1:30-5 p.m. — Men's Ski Jumping; Individual K-95 Competition; Men's Biathlon - 10km Sprint Gold Medal Final; Men's Speedskating - 5000 Gold Medal Final; Women's Cross-Country - Skiathlon Gold Medal Final
7-10:30 p.m. — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Ice Dancing Short Dance, Ladies Short Program); Men's Snowboarding - Slopestyle Gold Medal Final; Women's Freestyle Skiing - Moguls Gold Medal Final
11 p.m.-midnight — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Pairs Free Skate); Men's Luge - Singles Competition
midnight-3:30 a.m. — Primetime Encore

NBCSN

2-4:30 a.m. — Women's Hockey - United States vs. Finland (LIVE)
4:30-8:30 a.m. — Women's Cross-Country - Skiathlon Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Men's Speedskating - 5000 Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
8:30-10 a.m. — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Ice Dancing Short Dance (LIVE)
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Ladies Short Program (LIVE), Pairs Free Skate (LIVE)
5-7 p.m. — Game of the Day: Hockey

MSNBC

2-9:30 a.m. — Women's Hockey - Canada vs. Switzerland (LIVE)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

TOP 25 MEN FARED WEDNESDAY

Syracuse (22-0) did not play. Next vs. Georgetown, Sunday.
2. Arizona (21-1) did not play. Next vs. Oregon, Thursday.
3. Florida (19-2) vs. Mississippi. Next vs. Alabama, Saturday.
4. Wichita State (23-0) did not play. Next at Indiana State, Wednesday.
5. San Diego State (19-1) did not play. Next at Boise State, Wednesday.
6. Villanova (20-2) did not play. Next vs. Seton Hall, Friday.
7. Cincinnati (21-2) did not play. Next vs. N. Illinois, Thursday.
8. Kansas (18-3) beat Baylor 84-52. Next vs. West Virginia, Saturday.
9. Michigan State (19-3) did not play. Next vs. Penn State, Thursday.
10. Michigan (19-3) did not play. Next vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
11. Duke (18-5) vs. Wake Forest. Next at Florida State, Saturday.
12. Michigan (19-3) did not play. Next vs. Ohio State, Saturday.
13. Oklahoma State (19-3) did not play. Next vs. Kansas, Saturday.
14. Kentucky (19-3) vs. Mississippi State. Next vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
15. Oklahoma (18-5) did not play. Next vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
16. Virginia (17-5) did not play. Next vs. Boston College, Wednesday.
17. Oklahoma (17-5) did not play. Next at West Virginia, Wednesday.
18. Iowa (17-4) did not play. Next vs. Illinois, Thursday.
19. Creighton (20-2) did not play. Next vs. St. John's, Wednesday.
20. Memphis (20-2) beat Rutgers 71-64. Next vs. Tulane, Saturday.
21. Oklahoma State (19-3) did not play. Next vs. Texas, Saturday.
22. Iowa State (17-5) did not play. Next vs. Kansas, Saturday.
23. Saint Louis (19-3) did not play. Next vs. Dayton, Wednesday.
24. Gonzaga (19-3) did not play. Next vs. Saint Joseph's, Wednesday.
25. Iowa (17-5) did not play. Next at Illinois, Thursday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Alabama 61, Auburn 56
Texas A&M 72, Mississippi St. 52
MIDWEST
Air Force 76, Utah 64
Akron 53, E. Michigan 48
Ball State 67, Buffalo 61
Bowling Green 72, W. Michigan 50
Butler 74, Xavier 64
Cincinnati 72, Rutgers 64
Cleveland St. 74, Milwaukee 71
Creighton 71, St. John's 64
DePaul 74, Marquette 72
Detroit 77, Youngstown St. 71
Drake 74, Missouri St. 64
Illinois St. 74, Indiana St. 64
Iowa 72, Northwestern 64
Kansas 84, Baylor 52
Kansas St. 72, Oklahoma 64
Kent St. 74, Ohio 71
Michigan 76, Penn St. 64
Michigan St. 74, Ohio St. 61
Minnesota 72, Nebraska 71, OT
Missouri 72, Tennessee 64
Northern Illinois 72, Central Michigan 70
Oklahoma St. 74, Iowa St. 71
Purdue 74, Illinois 53
Saint Louis 71, Dayton 64
Saint Mary's (Minn.) 74, Saint Joseph's 71
Southern Ill. 74, Bradley 71
Toledo 74, Western Mich. 71
Valparaiso 74, Loyola-Chicago 71
Wichita St. 74, Indiana State 61
Wisconsin 72, Northwestern 64
Youngstown St. 77, Detroit 71
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 74, Alabama St. 71
Alcorn St. 74, Grambling St. 71
Appalachian St. 74, Georgia St. 71
Arkansas 74, Tulsa 71
Arkansas St. 74, Troy 71
Austin Peay 74, Morehead St. 71
Bethune-Cookman 74, Savannah St. 71
Boston U. 74, Lehigh 71
Brown 74, Yale 71
Bucknell 74, Lafayette 71
Charleston So. 74, Coastal Carolina 71
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Florida St. 74, Clemson 71
Fordham 74, Duquesne 71
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North Carolina A&T 74, Savannah St. 71
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Oklahoma 74, Kansas St. 71
Oklahoma St. 74, Texas 71
Ole Miss 74, Alabama 71
Pittsburgh 74, Miami 71
Prairie View A&M 74, Alabama A&M 71
Presbyterian 74, Longwood 71
Radford 74, Presbyterian 71
Richmond 74, Saint Joseph's 71
Rutgers 74, Cincinnati 71
Saint Peter's 74, Mount St. Mary's 71
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Seton Hall 74, Villanova 71
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Stephen F. Austin 74, Sam Houston St. 71
Tennessee 74, Missouri 71
Tennessee St. 74, Tennessee Tech 71
Tennessee Tech 74, Tennessee St. 71
Texas 74, Oklahoma St. 71
Texas A&M 74, Ole Miss 71
Texas Southern 74, Prairie View A&M 71
Tulane 74, East Carolina 71
Tulsa 74, Louisiana Tech 71
FAR WEST
Oregon at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Utah Valley at Grand Canyon, 8 p.m.
Portland St. at Montana, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 8 p.m.
North Dakota at Weber St., 8 p.m.
N. Colorado at Idaho St., 8:05 p.m.
E. Washington at Montana St., 8:05 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Idaho, 9 p.m.
Pacific at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at Seattle, 9 p.m.
CS Northridge at UC Davis, 9 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.
N. Arizona at Sacramento St., 9:05 p.m.
Long Beach St. at UC Irvine, 9:30 p.m.
Oregon St. at Arizona St., 10 p.m.
Santa Clara at BYU, 10 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Calif.) at Loyola Marymount, 10 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara at Hawaii, 11 a.m.
EAST
Bryant at CCSU, 6 p.m.
Robert Morris at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at St. Francis (N.Y.), 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Wagner, 6 p.m.
Marist at Rider, 7:30 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart, 8 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 76, W. Kentucky 75, OT
FIU 53, UTSA 41
Oklahoma St. 76, Kansas 74
Tarleton St. 78, Midwestern St. 76, OT
Texas 88, Texas Tech 71
Texas St. 75, Louisiana-Monroe 70
UTEP 86, Louisiana Tech 75
West Texas A&M 96, Angelo St. 56
MIDWEST
Akron 71, N. Illinois 67
Ariz. at Tenn. ppd.
Aquinas 78, Cornerstone 64
Baker 79, Lake Forest 63
Bowling Green 72, W. Michigan 50
Concordia (Mich.) 58, St. Olaf 49
Concordia (Wis.) 75, Edgewood 74
Creighton 76, Georgetown 61
Davenport at Michigan-Dearborn, ppd.
Dayton 74, St. Louis 49
DePaul 78, Xavier 49
Drake 61, Hastings 42
Fordham 56, Saint Louis 49
Indiana U. 64, Maryland 54
Hope 86, Kalamazoo 54
Madonna 89, Lawrence Tech 64
Marquette 63, Seton Hall 60
Michigan St. 69, Illinois 53
Milwaukee Engineering 72, Marian (Wis.) 44
Nebraska 71, Wisconsin 70, OT
Olivet 74, Albion 56
Siena Heights at Lourdes, ppd.
St. John's 64, Butler 61
St. John's (Minn.) 83, Augsburg 74
St. Mary's (Minn.) 58, Carleton 44
St. Norbert 64, Lawrence 57
St. Thomas (Minn.) 65, Bethel (Minn.) 56
TCU 61, Iowa St. 60
Wis. Lutheran 87, Lakeland 76
Wis. Oshkosh 60, Wis.-Platteville 56
Wis. Superior 70, Wis. Eau Claire 56
Wis. Whitewater 81, Wis. Stevens Pt. 76, OT
Wright St. 81, Youngstown St. 64
SOUTH
Anderson (S.C.) 76, Coastal Carolina 71
Bluefield St. 72, Tolman 62
Bryan 81, Columbia (S.C.) 56
Carson-Newman 74, Lincoln Memorial 64
Catawba 64, Queens (N.C.) 44
Clayton St. 70, Lander 61
Coastal Carolina 71, Anderson (S.C.) 76
Georgia College 74, Montevallo 71
King (Tenn.) 64, Tusculum 44
Lenoir-Rhyne 69, Catawba 61
Maryville (Tenn.) 84, Covenant 73
Morgan St. 71, Coppin St. 44
Old Dominion 80, Florida Int'l 64
Point (Ga.) 80, Berry 71
South Florida 74, Memphis 46
Southern Miss. 74, Marshall 71
Stephen F. Austin 74, Sam Houston St. 71
Tennessee St. 74, Tennessee Tech 71
Tennessee Tech 74, Tennessee St. 71
Tulane 74, East Carolina 71
Virginia 74, Boston College 71
Wake Forest 74, Duke 71
Wofford 74, Furman 71
FAR WEST
Boise St. 74, Fresno St. 71
Wyoming 74, Colorado St. 71
EAST
Albany (N.Y.) 74, Binghamton 71
Bryant 74, Central Conn. St. 71
Canisius 74, Niagara 71
Cornell 74, Dartmouth 71
Fairleigh Dickinson 74, Wagner 71
Fairfield 74, Iona 71
Hofstra 74, Delaware 71
Iona 74, Fairfield 71
Lehigh 74, Bucknell 71
Longwood 74, Radford 71
Loyola (Md.) 74, Lafayette 71
Marist 74, Siena 71
Mount St. Mary's 74, Sacred Heart 71
Niagara 74, Canisius 71
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Radford 74, Longwood 71
Rutgers 74, Cincinnati 71
Sacred Heart 74, Mount St. Mary's 71
Saint Joseph's 74, Fordham 71
Siena 74, Marist 71
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FAR WEST
Idaho at New Mexico St., 7 p.m.
Long Beach St. at UC Irvine, 7 p.m.
Sacramento St. at N. Arizona, 7:30 p.m.
Montana St. at E. Washington, 8 p.m.
Pepperdine at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.
Idaho St. at N. Colorado, 8 p.m.
Grand Canyon at Utah Valley, 8 p.m.
UC Riverside at Cal State Fullerton, 9 p.m.
UC Davis at CS Northridge, 9 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at Portland, 9 p.m.
Montana at Portland St., 9 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
BYU at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.
Hawaii at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.
EAST
Ohio at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
Iowa at Penn St., 5 p.m.
Iona at Rider, 5 p.m.
Virginia at Boston College, 6 p.m.
Saint Peter's at Manhattan, 6 p.m.
UMBC at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Marist at Siena, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at Towson, 6 p.m.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
SOUTHWEST
SE Louisiana at Ferris, 7 p.m.
North Texas at Rice, 7 p.m.
Temple at SMU, 7 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Texas-Arlington, 7 p.m.
Georgia St. at UALR, 7 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Texas A&M-CC at Lamar, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Sam Houston St., 7:30 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas-Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Stephen F. Austin, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
UConn at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Oakland, 6 p.m.
UT-Martin at E. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Bradley at Loyola of Chicago, 7 p.m.
UMKC at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
IPFW at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at SIU-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.
Penn St. at Michigan St., 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Barber-Scotia at Winthrop, 3 p.m.
The Citadel at Appalachian St., 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at Elon, 6 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at FAU, 6 p.m.
UAB at FIU, 6 p.m.
LSU at Georgia, 6 p.m.
SC-Upstate at Lipscomb, 6 p.m.
ETSU at N. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
UTSA at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.
North Florida at Stetson, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at VCU, 6 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Wofford, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Florida Gulf Coast, 6:03 p.m.
Davidson at Samford, 7 p.m.
Austin Peay at Tennessee St., 7 p.m.
McNeese St. at Northwestern St., 7:30 p.m.
South Alabama at Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Murray St. at Belmont, 8 p.m.
UTEP at East Carolina, 8 p.m.
Tulsa at Louisiana Tech, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
Oregon at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Utah Valley at Grand Canyon, 8 p.m.
Portland St. at Montana, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 8 p.m.
North Dakota at Weber St., 8 p.m.
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Legal & Public Notices

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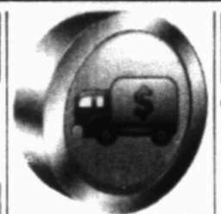

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Prem. Xenon. Assist & Bluetooth. 98k miles

2011 BMW X5 50i
Jet Black / Blk
Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Avtive seats
13k miles, CPO

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Jet Blk/Blk
Conv. Prem. Nav. SaT. Though Loading System, heated seats
4k miles. DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk
M sport., Tech, Prem., heated, head up display
6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem. Heated seats, rear view camera. Nav
4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Blk
Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k
Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem sound, Sport Prem
11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CLS550
Blk/Blk
Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

2012 BMW 328i Coupe
Mineral Wht/Oyster
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BUICK 1927 2 door sedan. FORD 1967 Custom 500. 2 door sedan. CHEVY 1953 1/2 ton 5 windows pickup. Dodge 1989 Dakota Sport 1/2 ton 4 wheel drive, convertible pick up. All rebuildable. Extra parts. Buy one for $4000 a piece, buy two for $3000 a piece, buy all four for $10,000. Call 432-254-7385

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1994 CHEVY 1500. $4,000. 193K miles. 4 wd, tow package, new tires. Call Sue 432-218-8380

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2002 F-250 Ford Lariat 7.3 Diesel 200K miles, lift kit, fully loaded, lots of extras. $16,5000. 432-425-5940 or 432-556-8667

2005 CHEVROLET 2500 HD Crewcab short bed 4 WD. Be sell owner 138K miles. Clean. 15 gallon fuel tank, bus extras. $24,000. Call 432-697-9960

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CHEVY 2001 Silverado extended cab, red, 130K miles, grill guard, tool box, bed liner, great condition. $6900. 432-687-5663

CHEVY 2004 Avalanche 1500 Z71 Black/Black Leather 4Dr 4WD 1 Owner 142K miles. Regular oil changes with synthetics. New brakes, new shocks, sun roof, heated seats, BOSE sound, towing package/trailer brake system. Very good condition for miles and year. Never in an accident. $9,500. 972-533-7757

CHEVY 2009 Silverado XCab 4x4. $17,500. We finance 683-6222 bnbmidlandtx.com

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Pickup Trucks

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FORD 1997 F250 XLT Crew Cab. Power Stroke Diesel. $6,995. We finance. 683-6222 bnbmidlandtx.com

FORD 2002 F250 Crew cab XLT 4x4 7.3 Powerstroke Diesel good condition. $9,975. 432-557-2130

FORD 2004 F-150 Supercrew Lariat 2WD for sale. New engine 149,900 miles, has minor wear and tear, overall in great condition. Title is clear and in hand, asking $11,000. Cash only. 432-312-2883

FORD 2008 F150 XLT Crew Cab. Low miles. Black. Lariat. $15,995. bnbmidlandtx.com

FORD 2010 F250 Lariat FX4 diesel. Black with black leather. 71k miles. $36,500. Call 432-413-5040

FORD 2012 F-150 super crew, 145" wheel base, eco-boost 3.5L engine, electronic 6 speed auto, fully loaded. $32,000. For qualified buyers. $5,000 cash down. $924.35 per mo. for 30 months. Call 432-770-1882

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Vans & Minivans

NEW TODAY!

2011 CHEVY 3-1/4 ton cargo van w/ shelving, 115k mi. Excellent condition. $13,500. Call 432-559-9465

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KIA 2012 Sedona Minivan 78k miles. Dual power sliding doors, DVD player, backup camera. $17,600. OBO. 432-978-8279

TOYOTA 1998 Sienna Van rebuilt transmission, ac/heater work, lots of new parts. $4,300. 432-349-0041

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2010 FORD Expedition EL Limited. 113,100 miles, like new. Navigation, sunroof, rear entertainment, fully loaded. $35,900. Call 432-556-3992

2011 SUBARU Outback Premium AWD Legacy. 3.66 6 cylinder, 5 speed. One owner, garage kept. 36K miles. $25K. Call 432-682-0849

CHEVY 2003 TAHOE garaged and well maintained. New tires, with less than 1000 miles on them. Original owner. Has 111,000 miles on it. $7500 obo. 432-352-3766 or 432-694-8831

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CHEVY 2005 Tahoe. $12,500. Maroon, 95K miles, great shape. Call Brett 432-528-7134

FORD 2007 EXPEDITION EL XLT. 138,500mi. Clean. Smokefree. Black & pwg leather, pwr folding 3rd row, 6 CD, DVD, sunroof, pwr adj pedals, Viper, Smart Start. $9500. 432-312-2493

JEEP 2006 Black Wrangler X 2 door. 26,700 K. $12,500. garage kept, great condition. Call 432-556-7724

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Commercial Vehicles

Tractors & Trailors

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RVs

FOR SALE
2012 Lexion 31' with 1 slideout. Leather Recliners, Granite Countertops, Arctic Package. Loaded! Pulled 1 time. Make Offer. Call 432-687-2621 after 5pm

RVs

BIG HORN 2013 Silverado, 37QB. 4 slide outs, 2 bath, 5th wheel bunk house. Fully loaded. All the bells and whistles. Out door kitchen, 3 TVs and fireplace, just to name a few. Lightly lived in by owner. $39,500. Call anytime. Located in Midland. 720-544-1827

FLEETWOOD 2004 Discovery, 36' Diesel, 4 slides, 17K miles, $94,000. Call 432-631-9868

KEYSTONE 2007 Montana 3400 RL Mid-Line, 37' when 12ft slide, awning, powered jacks, outdoor shower, leveling valve. Excellent condition. $22,500. OBO 432-655-7824

MONTE CARLO 2013 42' 4 slides, 2 bedrooms, washer/dryer, L&R sleeps 10, lots of extras, condition M/S, sell $34,500. JRO 817-798-4024

RV SPACES for rent. Northridge Mobile Park. Space $350 per month, furnished, water, hookup. 432-894-8236

USED RV'S for sale starting in the $4000 and more. Financing available. Call 281-370-0060. Can be delivered or picked up.

Recreational Vehicles

2006 KENNER 21 Bay boat, tandem trailer, 150 Mercury 2ph, max GPS, finishing mo for. Excellent condition. $13,500. 432-557-2130

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accountant

Oilfield Transportation Company Corporate Accounting Position. Accounting degree required. Experience a plus. Employee benefits include 401(k), Health, Dental, Vision. Send resume to E. L. Farmer, Attn: Human Resources, **P.O. Box 3512, Odessa, TX 79760** or email **lpipkin@elfarmer.com**

Accounting Manager

McClure Oil Company, Inc. is seeking an accountant with a minimum of **5 years** of experience in all aspects of oil and gas accounting including joint interest billing and revenue distribution.

This is a full time position with competitive salary (DOE) and benefits.

Send resume with references and salary requirements to: hr@mcclureoil.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

Graphic Artist

Graphic Artist help wanted. Seeking dependable, detail oriented, and creative person to join our team. Must be able to work in a fast paced environment and adhere to deadlines. Will be responsible for brainstorming and mocking up original ideas as well as creating, designing and producing artwork from client specifications. Must have knowledge of Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign. Please email resume to Luzi@centurygs.com

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Accounting Clerk

Oil company is currently seeking a full-time experienced Accounting Clerk for the Midland office. Duties include accounts payable, invoicing, handling hourly timesheets, managing expense reports, and other general office duties. Must have 3+ years of job related experience preferably in oil industry. Strong computer skills required including Excel, Word, and Outlook. Must be able to work independently and in a fast paced environment. All resumes should be submitted via email to mcormier@proesllc.com

Receptionist

Seeking friendly, organized, dependable & self motivated Receptionist Needed for our office. Computer skills required. Must answer phones, greet customer estimates & schedule appointments. Send resume to **M-14 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701**

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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Great hourly pay with quick advancement for highest dedicated staff. LEADERS, Nights & weekends. HS Diploma, Background check. Call 432-684-8270 for interview. Lionheart Montessori

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Available Positions

Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions: Sales Person (salary + bonus and 401k), Hand & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Rick Keller at 432-699-7743 for interview or email resume to rkeller@lighthouseenergy.org

Drilling Consultants Needed ASAP

Hiring oilfield job **consultants** [illegible] drillingconsultants79707@gmail.com

Entry Level Helpers

Production Lift Systems FT

[illegible] Entry Level Wireline and Swabbing **Helpers**. Full benefits. Must have valid [illegible] Apply at **14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701** or 432-699-1200

HEALTHCARE

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa

Monday-Friday, [illegible] Travel required. Midland, [illegible] 800-671-8364

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Fast paced dental office seeking full time [illegible] person to join our team. Strong communication skills required. Must be able to multi-task and have at least one year experience in the dental field. Must have office RDA preferred. [illegible] to: midlanddental@gmail.com or fax resume to 432-570-8053

Dental Office - Dental Assistant

Elite restorative and cosmetic practice seeks skilled dental chairside assistant for full or part time employment. Experience is required. Must demonstrate knowledge of computer charting and digital x-rays. Non smoker preferred. Great pay, benefits and a 4 1/2 hour work week. Send resume to M-12 co Midland Reporter-telegram, 201 E Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701

Medical Assistant/LVN

Dr. Bhuvana Balasekaran FT

Needed immediately MA/LVN for primary care office. Experience preferred. Benefits offered. Bring resume by 1301 West Wall St., Suite C, Midland, TX 79701

Optician Tech

Looking for someone with experience, who knows OfficeMate, to work full time at Total Vision Center. Apply in person at Music City Mall 4101 E 42nd, Ste 106 or email resume to office@dradcoxtvc.com

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Banquet Manager/Sales Coordinator

Now accepting applications for a Banquet Manager and a Sales Coordinator. Banquet Manager requires working knowledge of meeting room preparation, food catering, menu planning as well as directing staff to service the client. This is a hands on position. The Sales Coordinator is required to be proficient with computers, data entry, detailed, answering phone, speaking to clients, etc. This is a hands on position. Both positions offer excellent salary & benefits. Please apply at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 North Loop 250 W, Midland, TX 79706. EOE

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Hotel Staff

Accepting applications for food servers, banquet servers, bartenders, front desk agents, night auditors, maintenance personnel, and housekeeping room attendants. Excellent wages & benefits. Please apply at the Hilton Garden Inn or Towne Place Suites at 1301 North Loop 250 W, Midland, TX (432)689-0022. EOE

Housekeepers & Laundry Attendants & Front Desk Clerks

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - Loop 250 & Hwy 191 **FT/PT**

Full time and part-time. Bilingual a Plus! Please Apply at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Loop 250, Next to Kohl's

Housekeeping Manager

Accepting applications for a Housekeeping Manager. This position oversees the housekeeping department. Manages labor and expenses, trains new room attendants ensuring high standards are being met for guest satisfaction. Must be proficient with computers to run reports and place supply orders. Excellent salary & Benefits. Apply at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 North Loop 250 W, Midland, TX. (432)689-0022. EOE

Housekeeping Manager

Hiring Housekeeping Manager for Midland Hotel FT/PT

Salary position with benefits. Previous cleaning experience helpful and bilingual a plus. Please apply in person at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, next to Kohl's on Loop 250

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

General Manager

Management Opportunity! General Manager needed to oversee daily operations of busy Subway! Very competitive salary + quarterly bonus plan & awesome benefit package! Fax resume & salary history to 800-690-6499 today!

OTHER JOBS

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Suddenlink offers advancement opportunities, competitive pay & benefit package including 401K, medical, dental, vision, generous discounts on services & more!

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4 temp positions. Ag. Equipment Operator. 03/07/14 to 12/31/14. We offer $10.86 p/hr at the time work is performed. Housing provided, 48 hrs pwk. ¼ guarantee, and transportation and subsistence expenses to worksite paid after 50% completion of contract. Tools, equipment provided at no cost. Duties: drive, plant, harvest, store grain, repair, operate tractor, rock picker, plow, disc, drill, harvest equip, sprayer, grain truck. Minimum 3 months experience. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Whit Braden Farms, Big Lake, TX. Interested? Apply at nearest TX Workforce Commission, or call 572-475-1571, job order #TX2733991

All Positions

Firehouse Subs FT

Midland, TX 79701

Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162

DELIVERY DRIVERS / PHONE HELP

FLOWERLAND

Valentine's Day is just around the corner.
Hiring for Seasonal Help!
Drivers (must be 21) paid per delivery using your own vehicle,
phone help - taking orders for Valentine deliveries,
general help - process flowers and help in needed areas
Smoke free environment. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to
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JANITORIAL

PT

Now accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Hours worked 5:30pm-8:30pm, Monday-Friday. Apply at 1307 N. Big Spring.

Office Machines Technician

Midland based service company has an immediate opening for a Office Machines Technician. Applicants needs strong customer service skills plus a willingness to learn technical skills. Send resumes & salary requirements to P-107 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

OTHER JOBS

Resident Monitor, Relief Cook, Social Service Coordinator

Dismas Charities FT/PT

Midland, TX 79701

Dismas Charities is hiring Full, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, and Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop

CARTER'S

Sales Person **Full-Time**

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Commission sales, must be able to multitask. Detail oriented, connect with customers, and love furniture. Bring resume to Carter's Furniture at 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6 Midland, TX 79705

Security Officers

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Midland, TX 79701

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Vet Techs/RVT's

West Texas Emergency Vet Clinic - Seeking to expand by adding full/part time experienced **vet techs/RVTs**. Email **animalemergency@cableone.net** or come by **601 N. Grandview** to fill out an application. Competitive pay and flexible hours. Call Laura **432-614-9204** for more information.

WAREHOUSE BILLING CLERK

Position Includes: Daily warehouse paperwork including Billing, inventory, pulling orders, receiving & taking orders, & various other warehouse duties. 3910 S FM 1788, Midland - Rip Griffin Oil. Call or email Pito to schedule an interview. pberdoza@ripgriffin.com. 432-559-1900

Warehouse Person

Basin Engine and Pump FT

Basin Engine & Pump is looking for an industrial oilfield warehouse person. Pump and oil warehouse experience preferred. Position includes uniforms and a benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to randy@basinengine.com. Applications may also be filled out at 1914 South County Rd. 1083 Greenwood/Midland

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Bistro Attendant

The Courtyard by Marriott is currently looking to fill a part-time/full time Bistro Attendant. The ideal candidate must be customer focused, willing to go the extra mile for our guests and enjoy working in a high-paced, high-energy department. As a Bistro Attendant, you will handle all guest contact opportunities, including taking guests orders, prepping food, clearing tables, set up and clean up, bartending and providing overall outstanding customer service. This opportunity requires you be able to work any of the seven days/week during the day and night. Please contact Brenda Gill at 432-689-9400 or via e-mail at Brenda.gill@marriott.com

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are seeking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage, after taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance, Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE
(coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

Now Hiring 20 Warriors

Genghis Grill FT

Server, Host, Busser, Dishwasher, Grill Cook and Prep
Apply in person at 4517 N. Midkiff. EOE

Now Hiring

Lori's Cafe hiring chef, dishwashers & cooks. Experience required. Apply on site 2201 W. Wall

RETAIL JOBS

Cashier

Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Shifts will include evenings, and some Saturdays. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland

Retail Clerks

The UPS STORE 5023 FT

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SALES JOBS

Administrative Executive

Ashmore & Associates is seeking a highly motivated individual to serve as an Administrative Executive in our Midland office. This individual is expected to demonstrate exceptional office administration and receptionist knowledge, skills, and abilities, as well as perform a variety of standard duties to assist our local sales and account executive team. A Texas Life/Health insurance license is required within 12 months of hire. Generous benefits and paid leave packages. Salary range is dependent upon education and experience. Please contact Catherine Deininger (cdeininger@ashmoreassociates.com or 240-460-1278) for a complete job description or to submit your resume for consideration.

Sales And Designer

FLOWERLAND FT

Designer needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays required. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls please.

Sales Professional

The Nations #1 home improvement company in need of **Sales Professional**. Do you have what it takes to be a part of our team? We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated & energetic sales representative. Proven success in the Sales Field is a must. Generous commission & excellent earning potential. Must provide own transportation. Send resume to **M-13 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701.**

SKILLED LABOR

Exp Packer, fishing & DV Tools Service Supervisors

Only experience needs to apply. Excellent benefits, Salary & Commission BOE. Send resume to **blazer0623@yahoo.com** or **HR Department, P O Box 13625, Odessa, TX 79768.**

Licensed Service Plumbers

Apply in person at **1101 W. Florida** or fax resume to **682-2939**. Salary DOE. We offer benefits, paid holidays, paid vacation & 401k.

Mudloggers

Now hiring **mudloggers**. Experienced loggers need only apply. Call **325-728-1113** or send your resume to **patriot@patriotmudlogging.com**.

Multiple Positions

Nolan H. Brunson is looking for experienced **Winch/Tandem Operators**, **Haul Truck Drivers**, **Swampers**, and **Pumping Unit Inspectors** for its Midland yard. **Nolan H. Brunson** has been serving the Permian Basin for over 65 yrs, we offer top competitive wages, health/vision /dental insurance, 401k plan and paid holidays and vacations. **Nolan H. Brunson** is the premiere Pumping Unit Service company in the Permian Basin, with yards in Midland-Hobbs-Andrews. Please apply in person at **2306 N. FM 1788**.

Pipeline Operators

West Texas Gas, Inc. has an immediate openings for Pipeline Operators for the Big Spring/ Midland/ San Antonio areas. Primary responsibilities require experience in pipeline operations including measurement, regulation, line locates, routine maintenance, computer skills, cathodic protection systems, and regulatory compliance responsibilities. Benefits include group health insurance & 401K Plan. Salary DOE. Interested applicant can email resume to employment@westtexasgas.com

Single Hand Welder

Joe's Welding Service FT

Joe's Welding Service is currently seeking an experienced Single Hand Welder. Please call 432-682-4664

Winch Truck Drivers, Roustabout Pushers, Coaters

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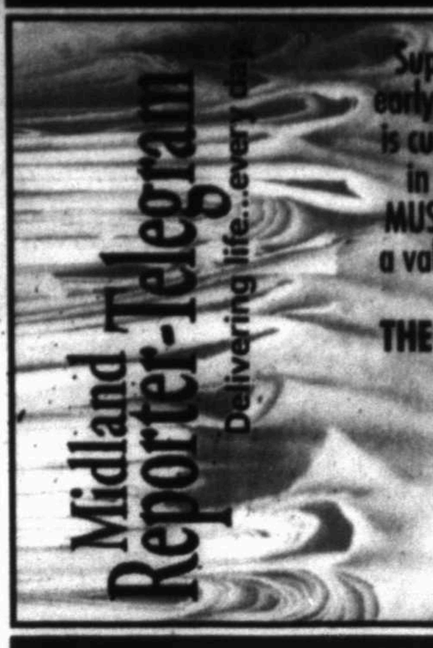

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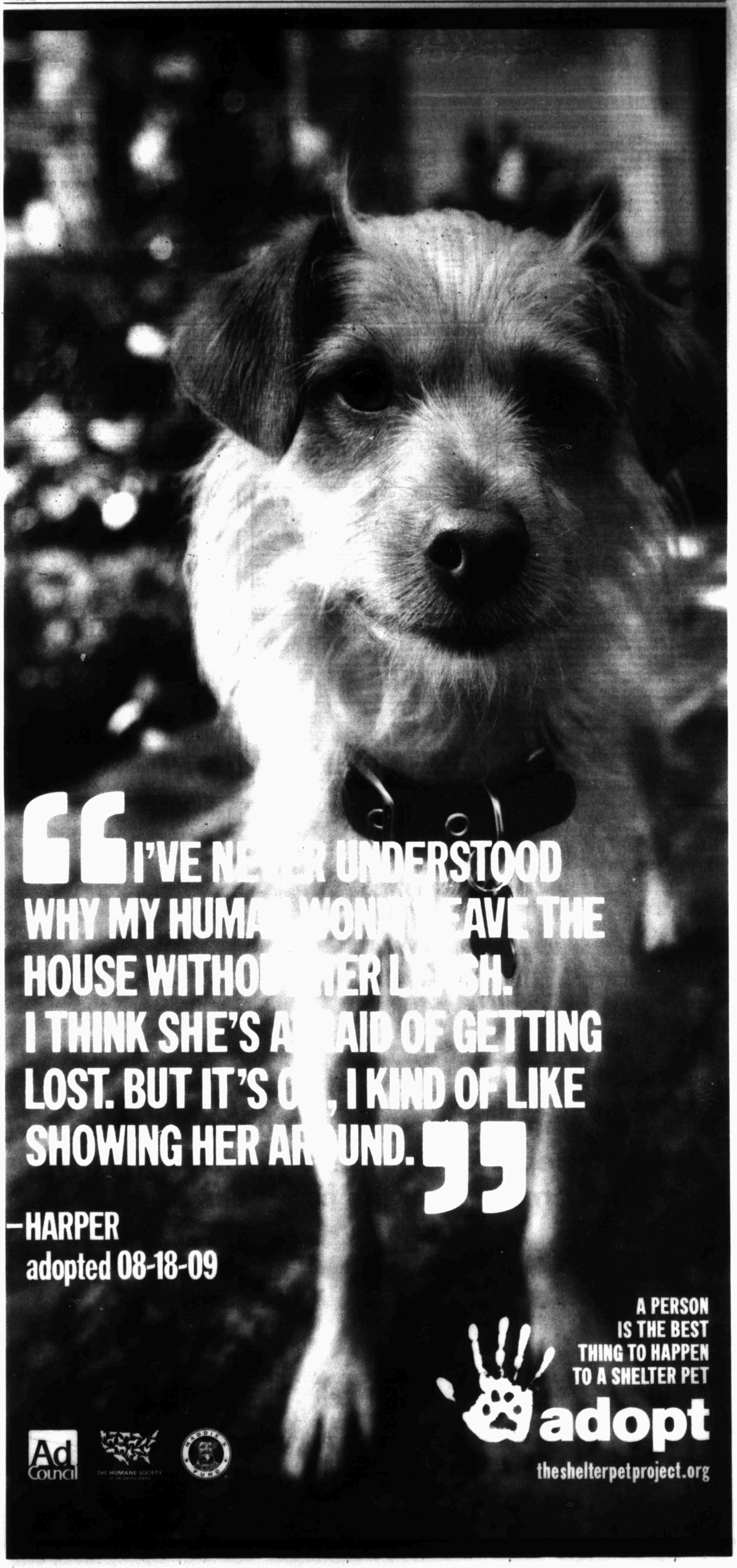
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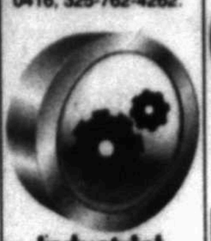

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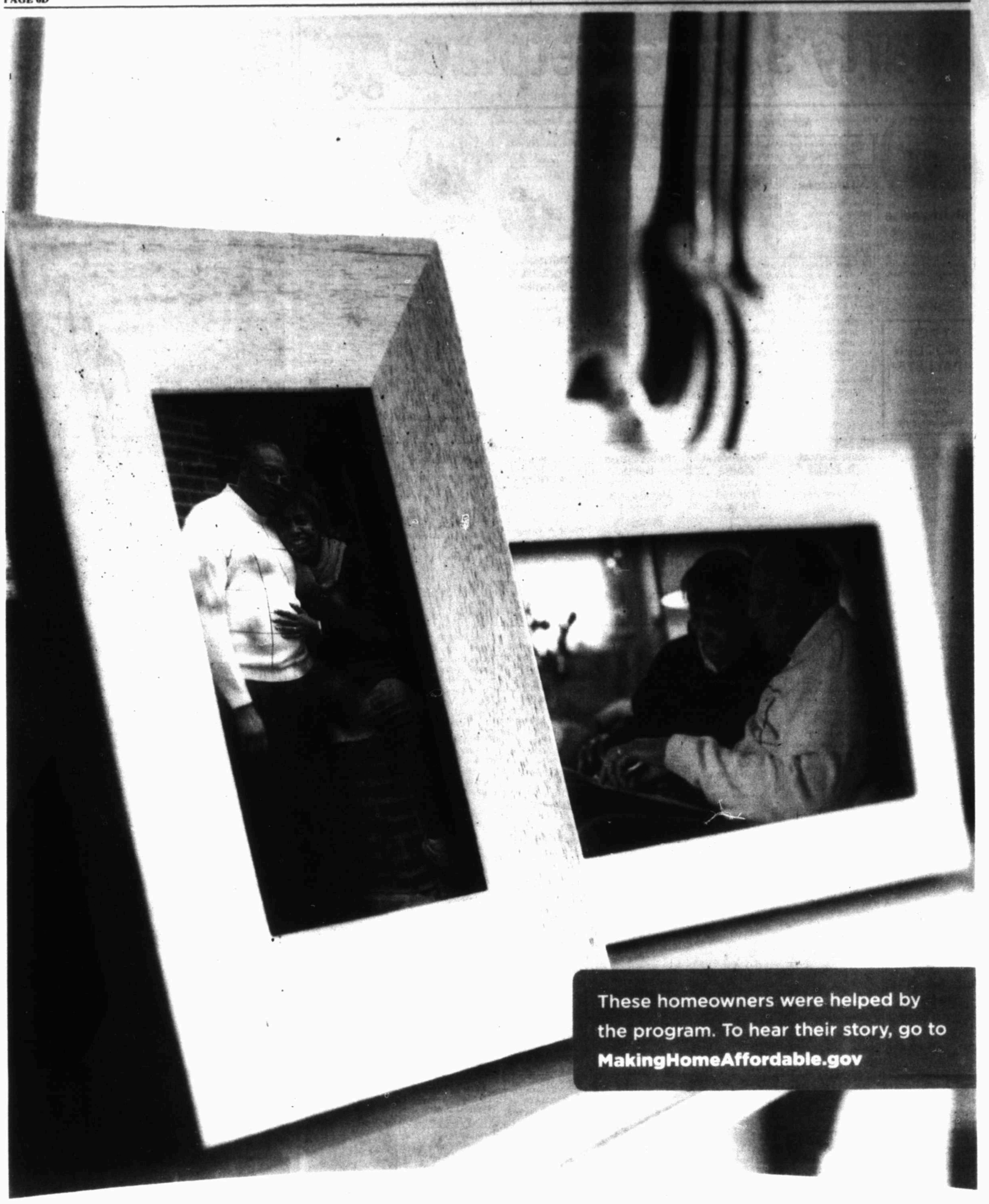

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Freedom Railroad

There once was a railroad that had no tracks, no trains, no whistles, no schedule. It ran through dark woods and swamps thick with snakes. Its "stations" were secret rooms and musty piles of potatoes.

The **Underground Railroad,** as it was called, was a series of secret paths and stations that helped runaway slaves find their way to freedom. The secret railroad ran from the southern United States to Canada.

At one time, in some states, it was legal to own people. They could be bought and sold like cows and horses. This was called **slavery.**

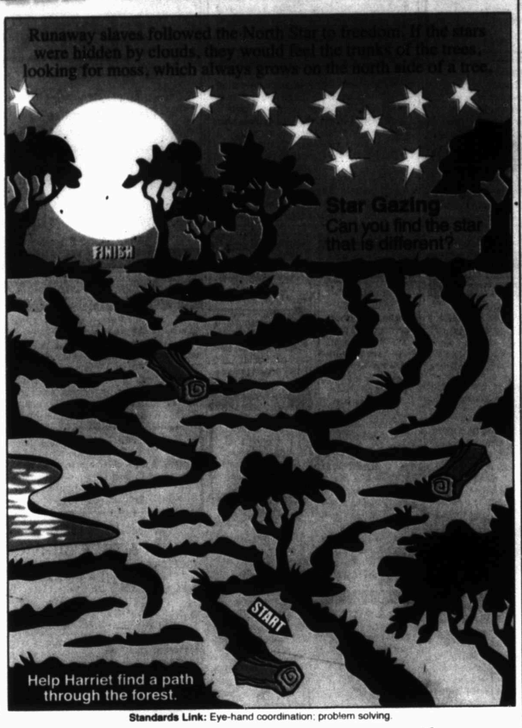
Many people thought slavery was wrong. They wanted to help slaves find a way to live free. This is how the Underground Railroad started. The kindnesses and concerns of thousands of strangers kept this freedom train "running."

Harriet Tubman: Courageous Conductor

"Conductor" was one of the most dangerous jobs on the Underground Railroad. Conductors were runaway slaves who led other slaves to freedom. One of the most famous was Harriet Tubman.

Harriet Tubman led more than 300 slaves to freedom. She once said, "On my Underground Railroad I never ran my train off the track, and I never lost a passenger."

Standards Link: History. Students understand the importance of individual action and character and how heroes from long ago made a difference.



Standards Link: Eye-hand coordination; problem solving.

Station Master Arrested

Thomas Garrett's home was a station on the Underground Railroad. He gave food and shelter to more than 2,500 runaway slaves. In 1848, he was arrested for helping runaway slaves. All of his property was taken away from him and sold. He had to pay a huge fine and was left penniless. Yet, he surprised the sheriff with what he said.

Use the code to find out what Thomas said.

"FRIEND, I HAVEN'T A 3ᗡ7779Z IN THE ᗡ7Z73, BUT IF THEE KNOWS OF A 6ƐƐ8ᗡ8Ɛ4 WHO NEEDS A 5Z49169Ɛᗡ, SEND HIM ᗡ4 ƐᗡƐ 54."

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD SECRET CODE

A = 9	E = 4	I = 8	M = 2	S = 3	V = 6
B = 5	F = 6	K = 1	O = 7	T = ᗡ	W = ᗡ
D = 3	G = 2	L = 7	R = Z	U = 6	

Standards Link: History. Students know historical accounts through the stories of people and their actions.

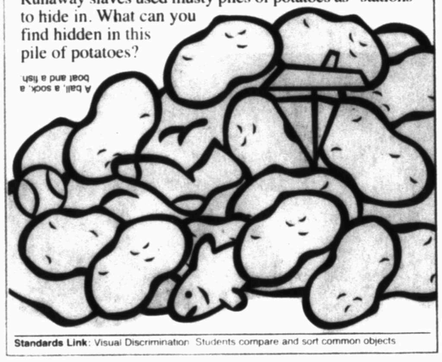
Extra! Extra! What can be owned?

Look through the newspaper and circle things that can be owned in green. Circle things that cannot be owned in red.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Potato Pile Puzzler

Runaway slaves used musty piles of potatoes as "stations" to hide in. What can you find hidden in the pile of potatoes?



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination. Students compare and sort common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

FREEDOM
RAILROAD
WHISTLES
SECRET
SLAVERY
GREEN
FACTS
MOSS
STATIONS
TRACK
SWAMPS
TRAIN
LOST
SOLD
FOOD

S	B	R	S	W	A	M	P	S	T
N	L	M	A	H	L	A	C	R	R
O	K	O	H	I	S	T	A	T	A
I	O	D	S	S	L	C	E	R	I
T	Y	E	M	T	K	R	D	O	N
A	N	E	T	L	C	M	O	S	S
T	G	R	E	E	N	A	O	A	I
S	H	F	S	S	F	E	F	B	D
Y	R	E	V	A	L	S	O	L	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

My Hero

My hero is my teacher, Mrs. Kitto. She is very nice and funny. We always play jokes. She is very sweet and teaches very well.

Nick Baiano, 6th grade, Hillander

My hero is President Bush. He was an amazing president and husband. He loved his job and tried to do his best at what he did and made careful decisions.

Natalee Boone, 6th grade, Hillander

The person I admire is my dad. He works really hard at his job. If it wasn't for him, I would have never moved to Midland and met all of my friends. Even though I am moving back to Houston because of his job, I still love and admire him. I also have another reason to admire him, he never gives up. To me, admiring someone isn't to be like them, it to want to reach goals like they did. Don't forget to be original though.

Claire Christmann, 6th grade, Hillander

My hero is my dad. I look up to him because he takes care of me, protects me, and loves me. He may get mad when I do something wrong, but I know it's the right thing to do.

Nicholas Forbus, 6th grade, Hillander

My hero is my dad. The reason why he is so special to me is because he takes me to do fun things and helps me succeed. He has been there with me since I was born. He has been at my baseball games, my basketball games, and football games. At anything that I have been in, he has been there.

Hayden Hall, 6th grade, Hillander

My hero is Desmond Howard because he was a star wide receiver. He won the Heisman Trophy while playing for Michigan State in NCAA Football. I look up to him because he helped to teach kids how to play football. He is a real leader to me because I play football and want to win the Heisman.

Zachary Wells, 6th grade, Hillander

BEYOND Kid Scoop

How We Overcome

Find a newspaper story about someone overcoming a great obstacle such as a health challenge, an accident, or an unfair law. Read the article and list the facts: who, what, when, where, why and how. Using the facts, write a one-paragraph summary of the article.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries using newspaper format.

ankle of his fellow man without
No man can put a chain about the
fastened about his own neck.
at last finding the other end

Cut out each line and place them in the correct order to read a quote by Frederick Douglass

Write On!

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