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Man in custody after high-speed chase

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

A Midland man remained in custody Sunday after an early morning, high-speed chase ended with an officer-involved shooting, officials said.

Justin Martinez, 27, allegedly led officers from the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety on a high-speed chase toward Big Spring around 3:30 a.m. after evading a traffic stop in Midland under the suspicion that he was driving while intoxicated, according to Texas Ranger Sgt. Don Williams. Martinez was crossing into an oncoming lane of traffic and back across the median at a high rate of speed, according to a Big Spring Police Department press release.

Justin Martinez: Man is charged in custody after an early morning, high-speed chase that ended with an officer involved shooting, officials said. Martinez was transported with gunshot wounds to Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring then airlifted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Big Spring police and Howard County deputies joined the pursuit with information that the driver was possibly armed with a hostage, and officials were able to stop the vehicle in the 3700 block of West Highway 80 using gunfire. No hostages were found in the vehicle, authorities said.

Martinez was transported with gunshot wounds to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring then airlifted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. No other injuries were reported as a result of the pursuit.

The suspect was released from the hospital Sunday afternoon, according to Williams, and was taken into custody by the Midland County Sheriff's Office on a felony charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. A bond had not been set as of late Sunday night.

Williams was not able to say specifically what kind of weapons were involved in the officer-involved shooting or how many wounds the suspect sustained due to an ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers.

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LICKING THE HOMELESS PET PROBLEM

Cindelia Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Humane Society volunteer Sally Dickerson leans over as Gretchen, a Boston terrier mix, gives her a kiss Friday at PetSmart Animal Charities.

Coalition prepares for pet adoption weekend

By Shanna Sissom
City Editor

Heading into the May 4-6 National Adoption Weekend, those close to the PetSmart Charities adoption center reflect on the successful adoption rates thus far.

Having opened Nov. 12, 2011, the new animal shelter located inside PetSmart and operated by staff and volunteers of Midland Humane Coalition had seen a total of 343 adoptions at midpoint last week.

"It's been really good," said Norma "Steg" Stegall, executive director of the coalition. "Every week is different, but we average 12-14 adoptions each week."

Midland Animal Services transports dogs and cats deemed adoptable after they have been spayed or neutered and received shots. An adoption fee of $95 for dogs and $65 for cats also includes a microchip and city tag.

"For the number of pets adopted, I think that's really good considering

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MARC begins autism outreach

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Katy Morrow had never even heard of autism until about nine years ago.

She and her husband were told their son, James, now 10, might have a developmental disorder. Their pediatrician wrote the phrase down on a prescription pad, tore it out and invited them to go home and do some research.

They weren't given any references for therapy, not any information describing what the autism spectrum might mean for their son and not any clear directives about what to do next. It wasn't that the medical community didn't want to help, she said, there just weren't a lot of places in Midland for them to send the Morrows.

With the advent of MARC's Autism Outreach/Development Program – which kicked off in recent weeks -- Morrow and others involved with the organization are hoping that will change.

"You get your plane reservation to go get help," Morrow said, describing the options many parents have found in years past. "We want to change that. There are centers around the country but they're not here.

If they can be in other parts of the world, why can't they be here?"

MARC launched phase I of its autism program recently and has begun offering one-on-one counseling and in-home therapy for children and adults who've been diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder. Eventually, they aim to have a center for autism established that could offer individual coaching, referrals to other services and even a live-in behavior program that could work with clients for up to a year and help to prepare them for life among their peers.

"Our goal is to be like a guidepost for families," said Charlotte Bosecker, MARC executive director. "We will help walk them

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MIDLAND 101

By Jenny Patterson

Who is Henry Koontz and where is his boulevard?

In the early days of Midland, north-south streets in downtown were named after the stops on the rail line across Texas westward from Mineola, while east-west roads were named for states, i.e., Michigan, Illinois, Texas, etc. Later, notable Midlanders were honored by having their names on streets such as the Scharbauers, Midkiffs, Nobles and Wadleys.

In recent years, some streets were named after developers' family members such as Mames, which connects Wadley to Midland Drive. The naming is much like the tradition of some companies to name an oil well after a female family member.

In northwest Midland, there is a tiny stretch of road, which does not belong to the city, that connects the south serv-

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Koontz Boulevard off Loop 250 accessing Home Depot and Target.

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Frances Marie Barnett Lewis

Frances Marie Barnett Lewis, 74, of Midland, TX was born on July 16, 1937, in Laurel, Mississippi, and went to be with her Lord and Maker on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. She was devoted to Christ, her husband, children, grandchildren, and anyone that she came into contact with.

She was the daughter of Lester and Hazel Barnett. From early childhood she was baptized and attended the Church of God in Laurel, Mississippi, where her father was a music minister and whom she strived to be like. She attended Myrick High School and Jones County Junior College, where she received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. She loved life, she loved going, she loved people, and she never met a stranger.

In the fall of 1962 she met and fell in love with Kermit Lewis while working at Dixie Electric. They married on April 5, 1963, in Laurel, Mississippi, and they were blessed with three children, Perry, Kim, and Tammy. In the early years of their marriage they were transferred to several cities following Kermit's job before returning and settling in Kermit's hometown of Midland, TX. Besides being a devoted mother and housewife, Frances had a working career outside the home at West Texas Welders Supply and Midland Farmers Co-op. She retired at the age of 60 after working 15 years at the Co-op and devoted her time to her grandchildren and running the farm. Not only did she devote her time for her own children and grandchildren, Frances also opened her home and heart to numerous children who she considered her own and they considered her as a mother and grandmother. She lovingly became known as "Mamaw" to all.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Hazel Barnett; in-laws, Bill and Lois Roush and Leonard Lewis; daughter-in-law, Shelly Lewis; and brother-in-law, Sonny Grant of Mississippi.

She is survived by her husband, Kermit Lewis of Midland, TX; son, Perry Lewis and his children, Ben, Blair, and Bryce Lewis, all of Midland; daughter, Kim and her husband, Tony Foster and their children, Kelsey, Kade, and Kourtney Foster, all of Midland; daughter, Tammy and her husband, Kevin Shelton and their daughter, Mollie Shelton of Hico, TX; her sister, Marge Grant and her son, Duane Rogers of Mississippi; and her sister, Carolyn and her husband, Harry Collins and their daughter, Tanya Bounds from Mississippi. She is also survived by a number of great nieces and nephews.

First off we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. We also like to give special thanks to her caregivers, Trista Robertson; Maryland Cantu; and Priscilla Campos. Thanks to all of her doctors and everyone with Hospice that loved her.

Visitation will be held 2pm-4pm, Sunday April 29, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10a.m. Monday April 30, 2012 at Kellview Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that you make donations to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri Midland, Texas 79701 or your favorite charity.

Student loan agreement? Not so fast

By David Espo
Associated Press

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the political campaigns still taking shape, President Barack Obama, Republican challenger Mitt Romney and lawmakers of both parties say they want to protect college students from a sharp increase in interest rates on federally subsidized loans.

Agree, they might, and act they surely will. But first, they settled effortlessly into a rollicking good political brawl.

In less than 72 hours, what might have looked like a relatively simple matter mushroomed into a politically charged veto showdown that touched on the economy and health care, tax cuts and policies affecting women. Accusatory campaign commercials to follow, no doubt.

"This is beneath us. This is beneath the dignity of this House and the dignity of the public trust that we enjoy," protested House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio as he and Democrats both maneuvered for position.

Evidently not.

"It shouldn't be a Republican or a Democratic issue. This is an American issue," Obama said in North Carolina last week as he broached the topic of legislation in a move to gain support from students in the fall election. He urged his listeners to tweet their lawmakers and urge them to block an increase in interest rates on federally subsidized loans issued beginning July 1.

There was partisan pop behind Obama's message, though.

Over two days of campaign-style appearances on college campuses, he quoted one unnamed Republican lawmaker as saying she had "very little tolerance for people who tell me they graduate with debt because there's no reason for that." Another GOP lawmaker likened student loans to "stage three cancer of socialism," he said. Both Republicans quickly said they had been quoted out of context.

Within a day, Romney told reporters he agreed on the need to prevent the rate increase, while conceding nothing to Obama in the search for political advantage. "I support extending the temporary relief on interest rates for students," he said, and cited "extraordinarily poor conditions in the job market" in a jab at the president's handling of the economy.

Congressional Democrats announced they would write legislation to prevent a doubling of the current 3.4 percent interest rate, and cover the $6 billion cost by requiring more wealthy individuals to pay Social Security and Medicare payroll tax.

It was a not-so-subtle reprise of a campaign perennial, the allegation that Republicans want to cut programs benefiting those who aren't rich to protect tax cuts for those who are.

"Let's be honest," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "The only reason Democrats have proposed this particular solution to the problem is to get Republicans to oppose it, to make us cast a vote they think will make us look bad to the voters they need to win the next election."

He then accused Democrats of wanting to pay for the legislation "by raiding Social Security and Medicare, and by making it even harder for small businesses to hire."

Democrats noted that the Republican-written budget included no provisions to block the increase in the interest rate. It was evidence, they added, that if the GOP had its way, the cost of borrowing would double soon. Two conservative groups, the Heritage Foundation and the Club for Growth, both opposed the change, but only about 30 GOP House members voted against it.

The Democratic charge brought a rebuttal from Boehner, who said at midweek that the Republican-controlled House would vote quickly to prevent the interest rate from rising. "The issue is not a partisan issue," he said, echoing Obama on one point. "No one here expected interest rates would go up in the fall."

Then he, too, put his thumb on the political scales.

The Republican bill would cover the $6 billion cost by slicing into a fund to cover preventive health care costs. That expanded the struggle to include one of the Republicans' own campaign planks — the promise to repeal what they deride as "Obamacare," and failing that, to dismantle it piece by piece.

Charge gave way to counter-charge having little or nothing to do with student loans.

Democrats said the health care fund Republicans had targeted was evidence of a "war on women."

"Give me a break," protested Boehner on the House floor. Addressing Democrats, he said, "you may have already forgotten that several months ago you voted to cut $4 billion out of this fund to pay for the payroll tax cut."

By then, the White House weighed in with a veto threat, which House Republicans promptly ignored in passing its version of the measure on a near party-line vote of 215-195.

With that, Congress, its approval rating mired in the teens, went on a one-week vacation.

Cody Duty/Houston Chronicle

Kae Pennywell, left, and her husband Dennis Pennywell hold a photo of their son, Aaron, and his girlfriend at the time, as they stand in front of his car Saturday in Spring. Aaron was hit and killed by drunk driver Michael D. Giacona, 39, June 25, 2011. The Pennywells recently obtained his car from the insurance company and plan to use it to show others what happened.

Drunken driver's public punishment suspended

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Although a drunken driver has been temporarily allowed to stop wearing a sign saying he killed a young man, the victim's supporters are rallying to make sure the community remembers the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

Some passers-by were hostile to Michael Giacona last weekend when he stood at the site of the crash with a sign reading "I Killed Aaron Coy Pennywell While Driving Drunk." Giacona ran a red light last June and hit 20-year-old Pennywell's vehicle.

It was the first of four Saturdays that Giacona, 39, had been ordered to stand all day at the intersection. He also spent 90 days in jail after the fatal crash, was placed on two years' probation and must wear an ankle-monitoring device, according to court records.

On Friday, Harris County Court-at-Law Judge Michael R. Fields ordered that for his safety, Giacona would stop the public punishment and his sentence would be re-evaluated this week, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Pennywell's relatives and friends gathered Saturday at the intersection, where the victim's smashed black Mustang was displayed to serve as a warning of the dangers of drinking and driving. They said they didn't want people to forget, since Giacona was absent from the site.

"It is just disheartening that he's just going to get a slap on the hand again and walk away," Lisa Dentler told the newspaper.

The victim's mother, Kae Pennywell, said she didn't know the people who had cursed at Giacona the previous weekend.

"The judge put him out there for public humiliation," she said. "He should have expected some of that. But nobody threatened his life."

Pennywell was taping together a medley of signs along the fence of the crash site. One was a large portrait of her son, which the family puts there for holidays and plans to leave on the fence until graduation as a reminder to young drivers, she said.

Locals pitched in their support by making an appearance at the crash site, and many — including some who don't know the family — said they planned to return next weekend.

"It could have been one of my kids," said Karon Frigo. "It could have been anyone's kid."

Flooding disperses invasive plant, fish species

Associated Press

BETHEL, Vt. — Last year's hurricanes and flooding not only engulfed homes and carried away roads and bridges in hard-hit areas of the country, it dispersed aggressive invasive specie.

In Vermont, the floodwaters from Tropical Storm Irene and work afterward to dredge rivers and remove debris spread fragments of Japanese knotweed, a plant that threatens to take over flood plains wiped clean by the August storm.

The overflowing Missouri and Mississippi rivers last year launched Asian carp into lakes and oxbows where the fish had not been seen before, from Louisiana to the Iowa Great Lakes. Flooding also increased the population along the Missouri River of purple loosestrife, a plant that suppresses native plants and alters wetlands.

"It's quite an extensive problem around the country and it's spreading," said Dr. Linda Nelson, aquatic invasive species expert with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The agency's budget for controlling invasive aquatic plants has grown from $124 million in 2008 to $135 million for fiscal year 2012.

Dr. Al Cofrancesco, director of the Corps' Invasive Species Center in Vicksburg, Miss., said invasive species are not a problem when they're in their native range.

"There are things that keep them in natural balance. The problem occurs is when we move into areas where they don't have those natural controls or regulators and they expand very rapidly," he said.

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NEW YORK

Van plunges off road into zoo grounds; 7 killed

An out-of-control van careered across several lanes of traffic on a highway overpass Sunday, then plunged more than 50 feet off the side of the road and landed in a ravine on the grounds of the nation's largest city zoo, killing all seven people aboard, including three children, authorities said.

The van apparently flipped over a 4-foot-high iron fence before landing upside-down on the Bronx Zoo property. The cause of the crash was unclear, and police said they didn't yet know how fast the van was traveling. A city official said the guardrail's height would be one of the safety issues investigated.

The victims were three girls, ages 3, 5 and 10, an 84-year-old man and three women, ages 80, 45 and 39, police said. The 45-year-old woman was driving. The victims' names weren't immediately released.

WASHINGTON

Weaker al-Qaida still plots payback for bin Laden raid

A year after the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida is hobbled and hunted, too busy surviving for the moment to carry out another Sept. 11-style attack on U.S. soil.

But the terrorist network dreams still of payback, and U.S. counterterrorist officials warn that, in time, its offshoots may deliver.

A decade of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that has cost the U.S. about $1.28 trillion and 6,300 U.S. troops lives has forced al-Qaida's affiliates to regroup, from Yemen to Iraq. Bin Laden's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, is thought to be hiding, out of U.S. reach, in Pakistan's mountains, just as bin Laden was for so many years.

"It's wishful thinking to say al-Qaida is on the brink of defeat," says Seth Jones, a Rand analyst and adviser to U.S. special operations forces. "They have increased global presence, the number of attacks by affiliates has risen, and in some places like Yemen, they've expanded control of territory."

WASHINGTON

Obama, Clintons deepen political and policy ties

Once a tense rivalry, the relationship between President Barack Obama and Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton has evolved into a genuine political and policy partnership. Both sides have a strong incentive in making the alliance work, especially in an election year.

For Obama, Bill Clinton is a fundraising juggernaut, a powerful reminder to voters that a Democrat ran the White House the last time the economy was thriving. For the spotlight-loving former president, stronger ties with the White House and campaign headquarters mean he gets a hand in shaping the future of the party he led for nearly a decade.

Obama's re-election campaign has put Bill Clinton on notice that he will be used as a top surrogate, further evidence of how far the two camps have come since the bitter days of the 2008 Democratic primary between Obama and Hillary Clinton, now his secretary of state.

The current and former president teamed up to address supporters in Virginia Sunday night, the first of three joint appearances at fundraisers for Obama's campaign. The Obama campaign expected more than 500 people at a reception at the home of Terry McAuliffe, a close adviser to both Clintons and one of the most ardent protectors of their political brand, with tickets starting at $1,000. Eighty people paid $20,000 a head for a dinner afterward.

Clinton told the crowd that Obama is "beating the clock" to restore the economy to health. Digging out of similar financial holes has historically taken five to 10 years, Clinton said.

"Barack Obama deserves to be re-elected president of the United States," Clinton said, because he has clear objectives for the country and is meeting them.

Neither Clinton nor Obama mentioned presumed Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney by name, but both Democrats zinged Romney for his economic plan and foreign policy credentials.

LOS ANGELES

'Avengers' hurtles to $178.4M overseas debut

The superhero saga "The Avengers" lived up to its blockbuster buzz with $178.4 million in overseas ticket sales days before it opens in U.S. theaters.

Domestic audiences generally passed on a bunch of new flicks as fans seem to be in anticipation mode for Disney's "The Avengers," which debuts Friday in the United States after launching in 39 other countries a week earlier.

The huge overseas launch will help fan the frenzy already in place for "The Avengers," the superhero mash-up of Marvel Comics idols whose cast includes Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Jeremy Renner and Samuel L. Jackson.

The Sony Screen Gems ensemble comedy "Think Like a Man" was No. 1 domestically for the second-straight weekend with $18 million.

Four movies were bunched up for the No. 2 spot in the $11 million range: Sony's animated comedy "The Pirates! Band of Misfits" with $11.4 million; the Warner Bros. romantic drama "The Lucky One" with $11.3 million; Lionsgate's blockbuster "The Hunger Games" with $11.25 million; and Universal's romantic comedy "The Five-Year Engagement" with $11.2 million.

With an asterisk, WTC is back on top in NYC

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One World Trade Center, the giant monolith being built to replace the twin towers destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks, will lay claim to the title of New York City's tallest skyscraper on Monday. Workers will erect steel columns that will make its unfinished skeleton a little over 1,250 feet high, just enough to peak over the roof of the observation deck on the Empire State Building.

The milestone is a preliminary one. Workers are still adding floors to the so-called "Freedom Tower" and it isn't expected to reach its full height for at least another year, at which point it is likely to be declared the tallest building in the U.S., and third tallest in the world.

Those bragging rights, though, will carry an asterisk.

Crowning the world's tallest buildings is a little like picking the heavyweight champion in boxing. There is often disagreement about who deserves the belt.

In this case, the issue involves the 408-foot-tall needle that will sit on the tower's roof.

Count it, and the World Trade Center is back on top. Otherwise, it will have to settle for No. 2, after the Willis Tower in Chicago.

"Height is complicated," said Nathaniel Hollister, a spokesman for The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats, a Chicago-based organization considered an authority on such records.

Experts and architects have long disagreed about where to stop measuring super-tall buildings outfitted with masts, spires and antennas that extend far above the roof.

Consider the case of the Empire State Building: Measured from the sidewalk to the tip of its needle-like antenna, the granddaddy of all super-tall skyscrapers actually stands 1,454 feet high, well above the mark being surpassed by One World Trade Center on Monday.

Purists, though, say antennas shouldn't count when determining building height.

An antenna, they say, is more like furniture than a piece of architecture. Like a chair sitting on a rooftop, an antenna can be attached or removed. The Empire State Building didn't even get its distinctive antenna until 1952. The record books, as the argument goes, shouldn't change every time someone installs a new satellite dish.

Mark Lennihan/AP

One World Trade Center, now up to 100 floors, rises above the Manhattan skyline in New York. Today, One World Trade Center — being built to replace the twin towers destroyed on 9/11 — gets steel columns to make its unfinished framework a little higher than the Empire State Building's observation deck, to become the tallest building in New York.

Excluding the antenna brings the Empire State Building's total height to 1,250 feet. That was still high enough to make the skyscraper the world's tallest from 1931 until 1972.

From that height, the Empire State seems to tower over the second tallest completed building in New York, the Bank of America Tower.

Yet, in many record books, the two skyscrapers are separated by just 50 feet.

That's because the tall, thin mast on top of the Bank of America building isn't an antenna, but a decorative spire.

Unlike antennas, record-keepers like spires. It's a tradition that harkens back to a time when the tallest buildings in many European cities were cathedrals. Groups like the Council on Tall Buildings, and Emporis, a building data provider in Germany, both count spires when measuring the total height of a building, even if that spire happens to look exactly like an antenna.

This quirk in the record books has benefited buildings like Chicago's recently opened Trump International Hotel and Tower. It is routinely listed as being between 119 to 139 feet taller than the Empire State Building, thanks to the antenna-like mast that sits on its roof, even though the average person, looking at the two buildings side by side, would probably judge the New York skyscraper to be taller.

The same factors apply to measuring the height of One World Trade Center.

Designs call for the tower's roof to stand at 1,368 feet — the same height as the north tower of the original World Trade Center. The building's roof will be topped with a 408-foot, cable-stayed mast, making the total height of the structure a symbolic 1,776 feet.

So is that needle an antenna or a spire?

"Not sure," wrote Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the building.

The needle will, indeed, function as a broadcast antenna. It is described on the Port Authority's website as an antenna. On the other hand, the structure will have more meat to it than your average antenna, with external cladding encasing the broadcast mast.

Without that spire, One World Trade Center would still be smaller than the Willis Tower in Chicago, formerly known as the Sears Tower, which tops out at 1,451 feet (not including its own antennas).

Debate over which of those buildings can truly claim to be the tallest in the U.S. has been raging for years on Internet message boards frequented by skyscraper enthusiasts.

As for the Council on Tall Buildings, it is leaning toward giving One World Trade the benefit of the doubt.

"This is something we have discussed with the architect," Hollister said. "As we understand it, the needle is an architectural spire which happens to enclose an antenna. We would thus count it as part of the architectural height."

But, he noted, the organization has also chosen to sidestep these types of disputes, somewhat, by recognizing three types of height records: tallest occupied floor, architectural top, and height to the tip.

Hollister also pointed out that, technically speaking, One World Trade Center isn't a record-holder in any category yet, as it is still unfinished.

"A project is not considered a building until it is topped out, fully clad, and open for business or at least occupiable," he said.

The debate doesn't quite end there.

Neither of the Willis Tower nor One World Trade are as high as the CN Tower, in Toronto, which stands at 1,815 feet. That structure, however, isn't considered a building at all by most record-keepers, because it is predominantly a television broadcast antenna and observation platform with very little interior space. The tallest man-made structure in the Western Hemisphere will continue to be the 2,063-foot-tall KVLY-TV antenna in Blanchard, N.D.

As for the world's tallest building, the undisputed champion is the Burj Khalifa, in Dubai, which opened in 2010 and reaches 2,717 feet.

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HENRY
2 Corinthians 5:17
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Seliger to hold Guard hearing

AUSTIN — The Senate Natural Resources Subcommittee on Interim Charge Number 3 will meet at 1 p.m. Monday in Odessa to discuss the inclusion of the dunes sagebrush lizard on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service endangered species list and the negative implications such action would have on the oil and gas industry.

The meeting will be held in UTPB's Mesa Building, Multipurpose Room No. 2130.

Invited and public testimony will be taken. Public testimony will be limited to three minutes.

Conaway Q and A

Congressman Mike Conaway will be in Midland on Tuesday to provide a legislative update.

He will be available from 6-7:30 p.m. at Casa de Amigos, 1101 Garden Lane, to address constituents and answer questions.

For more information, call Corbette Padilla in Conaway's office at 687-2390.

Meetings schedule

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. today
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Midland County Freshwater District No. 1
4:30 p.m. today
1700 W. Wall St.

Community calendar

■ Midland Book Review Unit is to meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Bill Bartlett, Western poet and illustrator, will present the program.

To make luncheon reservations, call 683-2138.

Fire Department retirement

The Midland Fire Department will hold a retirement ceremony for Battalion Chief Chad Clark today at Central Fire Station.

Clark was hired Oct. 1, 1992. He promoted to driver in 1994; promoted to captain in 2003; and promoted to battalion chief May 13, 2009.

How to submit

■ Births. Have information and a picture about a newborn son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter you want in the paper? Call Managing Editor Mary Dearen at 687-8852.

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Talk show schedules

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KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Vertel
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local News reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com/

KWEL (AM 1070)
6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon Laura Ingraham
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-8 p.m. Jason Moore
8-9 p.m. Michael Savage
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show
3-6 p.m. The Doug Gottlieb Show

Today in history

Today is Monday, April 30, the 121st day of 2012. There are 245 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about $15 million.

In 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.

In 1997, ABC-TV aired the "coming out" episode of the situation comedy "Ellen" in which the title character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, acknowledged her homosexuality.

MARC

From 1A

through everything."

Dana Daniel, a board-certified behavioral analyst who was hired for the program, said in this first phase, they'll assess each child and come up with a specific treatment plan that meets that individual's needs.

She along with Shilah Garrigan, a behavior analyst, will then utilize different therapy techniques to address some of the delays and challenges that child is experiencing.. Often kids with autism experience delays in communication, in their ability to help themselves with certain tasks and in adjusting to new situations, among other things. Garrigan said they'll utilize therapies to help teach everything from basic skills like getting dressed to skills required when going out to eat and adapting to new situations to academic skills.

"We have a lot of different methods," Daniel said.

Bosecker said MARC completed a needs assessment a few years ago and continued hearing during its research that the needs of families with an autistic child were not being fully met in Midland.

Bynum School helps with academics, the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center offers various therapies and other places, like Big Fun Gymnastics, are using creative techniques to reach children with an autism spectrum disorder.

But, there isn't a single place for families to go and learn about the disorder when they first receive a diagnosis. And, there isn't anyone that's consistently able to offer in-home services that can help to stabilize a child and their family.

"There still was this lacking with services to provide in-home support," Bosecker said.

Morrow said when James was diagnosed they spent hours researching and travelling in an effort to address his needs. It would have been great if there was a central place they could have gone to start understanding what a diagnosis of autism means as well as a place that could have offered therapies and referrals to all of the other resources in town.

"I just can't tell you how many hours and dollars it would have saved us," she said.

Daniel said they're registering clients now for in-home services.

MARC's board also is working toward the realization of an autism center.

Bosecker said they anticipate needing to raise $5 million to construct the center. Doing so by next year would be ideal, she said, but they're aiming to meet the needs of families with what they have in place now and to expand into a full center whenever that becomes feasible.

They've broken down the autism outreach program into three phases. After the center is established and offering services to those with autism, Bosecker said they hope to create a childcare program that would be open to both those with developmental delays and those without a disorder in an effort to help both populations learn to better interact and understand one another.

For now, she said, they're glad to offer in-home therapy.

Kathleen Petty can be reached at kpetty@mrt.com.

Want to learn more?
On the web: www.marcino-tx.org/
MARC will host an open house for its autism outreach program at 6:30 p.m. on May 22 at 2701 N. "A" Street.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Humane Coalition Adoptions Director Norma "Steg" Stegall plays with Darla on Friday at PetSmart Animal Charities.

ADOPTION

From 1A

the size of our community, but we'd like to see those numbers even better," said LuAnn Morgan, board member of Midland Humane Coalition. "I'd like to encourage people to get out there and adopt pets; they're usually the best pets you can find, the ones you find at a shelter."

Animal Services Director Paul O'Neill reports his agency has taken in about 15 percent more dogs compared to this point last year, but euthanization numbers are down over last year, which was the best on record when it came to the number of animals being spared.

"So far, I believe it is a success," O'Neill said of the new shelter. "We are the smallest market in this country that has one of these PetSmart adoption centers," he added.

Describing her job as a passion, Stegall explained how rewarding it is to see homeless pets matched with good homes. She said they're expecting a big turnout this weekend, and are preparing to have more volunteers than usual on-hand.

Overall, the shelter is in need of more volunteers, she added, and also foster homes for pets.

"We need foster homes for large dogs, kittens or cats, but mainly large dogs," Stegall said. Those fostering animals typically keep them at home during the week and bring them back on the weekends until adopted in a forever home.

Sally Dickerson is a volunteer and self-described "foster mom."

"I have four dogs of my own, and I have adopted out probably 12 fosters since I started this," Dickerson explained. "A lot of people ask me how do you give them up. If I can find a really good home for them, then I can find room for another one."

But there doesn't seem to be enough foster homes to go around.

"We really could use help with foster homes," Morgan also said.

The adoption event this weekend is being held Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday.

"Adoption is one of the key ways to save pets and end pet homelessness, not to mention enrich our own lives with a loving companion," said Susana Della Maddalena, executive director of PetSmart Charities Inc.

Shanna Sissom can be reached at shanna@mrt.com.

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From 1A

ice road of Loop 250 to the Home Depot parking lot, cutting through the Logan's and Chuck E. Cheese eateries.

According to the Midland city manager's office, the son of Henry C. Koontz Jr. named the road in May 1995 in honor of his father. The younger Koontz was a San Antonio real estate developer with an interest ownership in Midland property being platted and developed on the northwest part of Loop 250. The property, on the south side of the loop, adjacent to the frontage road, had two streets that the city required to be named before the final plat could be approved. One of them was Koontz Boulevard.

"The son decided to honor his father, a second-generation rancher in South Texas and who ran the HK ranch in Inez, close to Victoria," the city manager's office reported. "He and his father were instrumental in bringing, establishing, and upgrading the Brahman breed to Texas. Henry Koontz Jr., was killed by a drunk driver in a traffic accident in 1986."

The city spokesperson received the information from Mary Sue Koontz, Koontz's first wife.

Jimmy Patterson' book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" will be published in 2013. You can reach him at Jimmyleepatterson@gmail.com.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Brian H. Portillo, 31, of Iraan, was arrested Saturday on charges of violation of probation and theft valued between $1,500 and $20,000.

Robert D. Richardson, 22, of Denison, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief valued between $1,500 and $20,000.

Joseph G. Westmoreland IV, 27, of Crane, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Carey R. Williams, 51, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Stephen K. Wright, 22, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Debate rages over severity of child porn sentences

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Their crimes are so loathsome that some hardened courtroom veterans recoil at viewing the evidence. Yet child-pornography offenders are now the focus of an intense debate within the legal community as to whether the federal sentences they face have become, in many cases, too severe.

By the end of this year, after a review dating to 2009, the U.S. Sentencing Commission plans to release a report that's likely to propose changes to the sentencing guidelines that it oversees. It's a daunting task, given the polarized viewpoints that the commission is weighing.

The issue "is highly charged, both emotionally and politically," said one of the six commissioners, U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell.

On one side of the debate, many federal judges and public defenders say repeated moves by Congress to toughen the penalties over the past 25 years have badly skewed the guidelines, to the point where offenders who possess and distribute child pornography can go to prison for longer than those who actually rape or sexually abuse a child. In a 2010 survey of federal judges by the Sentencing Commission, about 70 percent said the proposed ranges of sentences for possession and receipt of child pornography were too high. Demonstrating their displeasure, federal judges issued child porn sentences below the guidelines 45 percent of the time in 2010, more than double the rate for all other crimes.

On the other hand, some prosecutors and members of Congress, as well as advocates for sexual-abuse victims, oppose any push for more leniency. At a public hearing in February, the Sentencing Commission received a victim's statement lamenting that child pornography offenders "are being entertained by my shame and pain."

"They need to be taught how much pain they inflict and a greater term of imprisonment will teach them that, (and) will comfort victims seeking justice," the victim said. "I don't believe that short periods of imprisonment will accomplish these things."

Once completed, the Sentencing Commission report will be submitted to Congress, which could shelve it or incorporate its recommendations into new legislation.

Already, the commission has conveyed some concerns. In a 2010 report on mandatory minimum sentences, the commission said the penalties for certain child pornography offenses "may be excessively severe and as a result are being applied inconsistently."

However, similar misgivings voiced by the commission in previous years failed to deter Congress from repeatedly ratcheting up the penalties — including legislation in 2003 that more than doubled average sentences for child pornography crimes.

Many of the offenses carry a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison, and the guidelines call for additional penalties — known as enhancements — based on a range of factors, such as the age of the children depicted in the imagery and whether a computer was used in the crime. As of last year, the median sentence was seven years.

In a recent article for the journal of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, former Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and former federal prosecutor Linda Dale Hoffa criticized the approach by Congress.

"The fact that child pornography offenders can be given longer sentences than child abusers or violent offenders reflects a lack of care by Congress," Specter and Hoffa wrote.

Firefighters salvage home owned by church

From staff reports

Midland firefighters extinguished a residential fire late Sunday, and continued to investigate its cause into the night.

Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1408 E. Pennsylvania Ave. at 9:21 p.m. that began in a shed connected to the back of the house, according to Ken Whiting, Midland Fire Department's battalion chief.

The flames traveled into the attic to the kitchen, located about two-thirds of the way through the residence, he said.

Though smoke could be seen billowing throughout the home, Whiting said the inside of the house only sustained light to medium smoke damage and wasn't considered a total loss. He believed there were people in the residence when the flames started, but no injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Seven units were called to the scene, and firefighters had the flames extinguished within 20 minutes after arriving. The home is owned by a local church that was renting it to a family, Whiting said.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Texas was working with the displaced family to find housing, he added.

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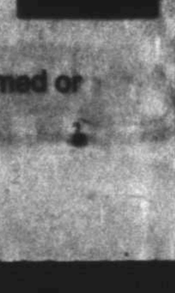

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More families building their own tornado shelter

By Phillip Rawls, Holbrook Mohr and Jim Salter
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — When deadly twisters chewed through the South and Midwest in 2011, thousands of people in the killers' paths had nowhere to hide. Now many of those families are taking an unusual extra step to be ready next time: adding tornado shelters to their homes.

A year after the storms, sales of small residential shelters known as safe rooms are surging across much of the nation, especially in hard-hit communities such as Montgomery and Tuscaloosa in Alabama and in Joplin, Mo., where twisters laid waste to entire neighborhoods.

Manufacturers can barely keep up with demand, and some states are offering grants and other financial incentives to help pay for the added protection and peace of mind.

Tom Cook didn't need convincing. When a 2008 tornado barreled toward his home in rural southwest Missouri, Cook, his wife and their teenage daughter sought refuge in a bathroom. It wasn't enough. His wife was killed.

Cook moved to nearby Joplin to rebuild, never imagine he would confront another monster twister. But he had a safe room installed in the garage just in case.

On May 22, Cook and his daughter huddled inside the small steel enclosure while an EF-5 tornado roared outside. They emerged unharmed, although the new house was gone.

"It was blown away completely — again," he said. "The only thing standing was that storm room."

Generations ago, homes across America's Tornado Alley often came equipped with storm cellars, usually a small concrete bunker buried in the backyard. Although some of those remain, they are largely relics of a bygone era. And basements are less common than they used to be, leaving many people with no refuge except maybe a bathtub or a room deep inside the house.

The renewed interest in shelters was stirred by last year's staggering death toll — 358 killed in the South and 161 dead in Joplin. So far this year, more than 60 people have perished in U.S. twisters.

Safe rooms feature thick steel walls and doors that can withstand winds up to 250 mph. They are typically windowless, with no light fixtures and no electricity — just a small, reinforced place to ride out the storm. Costs generally range from $3,500 to $6,000.

Dave Martin/AP

In this April 23 photo, Freddie Wooten and his dog Max stand in front of the storm shelter he built at his own expense in Henager, Ala., following the 2011 tornado. When deadly twisters chewed through the Midwest and South in 2011, thousands of people in the killers' paths had nowhere to hide. Now many of those families are taking an unusual extra step to be ready next time: adding tornado shelters to their homes.

Sizes vary, but most hold only a few people. They can be bolted to the floor of a garage or custom-fitted to squeeze into a small space, even a closet. Some are so small occupants have to crawl inside. A few are buried in the yard like the old storm shelters of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Before the twister devastated Joplin, the Neosho, Mo., safe room manufacturer called Twister Safe had four employees. Now it has 20.

"Business has probably quadrupled, at least," owner Enos Davis said. "We're selling 400 to 500 a year now, compared to maybe 100 before."

Twister Safe's spike in business is even more impressive in Missouri, which does not offer grant money for safe rooms, opting to use its share of federal disaster money for community shelters.

Missouri's choice spotlights a debate in states seeking better tornado protection: Is disaster aid better spent on safe rooms in individual homes or on larger public shelters designed to protect hundreds or thousands of people?

The downside of public shelters is getting there. Even with improvements in twister prediction, venturing out into a rapidly brewing storm is perilous.

"I wouldn't get my family into a car and run that risk," Joplin Assistant City Manager Sam Anselm said. "If you have the opportunity to put something in your house, that's what we would encourage folks to do."

In January, more than 50 people sought safety in a dome-shaped public shelter as a tornado ripped through Maplesville, Ala. No one was hurt.

"The shelter did what it was supposed to do," Mayor Aubrey Latham said.

Since 2005, 31 community shelters have been built in Missouri using FEMA funds, and nine others are under construction, according to Mike O'Connell of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency.

That number is about to grow. Joplin voters earlier this month approved a $62 million bond issue that will be combined with insurance money and federal aid to build storm shelters at every school. The shelters will double as gyms, classrooms or kitchens.

After more than five dozen tornadoes struck Alabama on April 27, 2011, FEMA gave the state $17 million for safe rooms. More than 4,300 people filed applications for grants. Of those, nearly half have been approved. The others are still being reviewed.

"They absolutely save lives," said Art Faulkner, director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Alabama is also using $49 million in FEMA money for community shelters.

Following the 2011 tornadoes, nearly 6,200 applications were submitted to Mississippi's "A Safe Place to Go" program, which also uses FEMA funds. That was more requests than the program's $8 million could fund.

Among those who received money were Renee and Larry Scales of Smithville, Miss., where 16 people died in a 2011 twister, including both of Renee's parents. They built a dome-shaped bunker buried in their yard.

"I don't know how many have been put in Smithville, but it seems like every house has one," Renee Scales said.

Since 2009, nearly 16,000 people in Arkansas have received rebates of up to $1,000 to add residential safe rooms.

In Joplin, the state's preference for community shelters leaves residents to pay for safe rooms out of pocket. But for many, the cost is well worth it.

Last May, Debbie and Darrell Nichols hunched inside their safe room in the garage as soon as the tornado sirens began blaring. The roof of their neighbor's home came crashing through their kitchen, and it probably would have killed them. Inside the reinforced room, they were unhurt.

"We were holding hands and holding onto each other," Debbie Nichols said. "Then you hear the glass breaking and the roar, and your ears begin to pop. We walked out, and it was like a scene from 'The Wizard of Oz.'"

Betty Harryman was in a Joplin hospital about to have open-heart surgery when the twister hit. Her bad heart probably saved her life: Her home was leveled.

So when Harryman rebuilt, she added a small safe room where she keeps bottled water and a battery-operated light, fan and radio.

"After what happened," she said, "we thought it would be stupid not to have a safe room."

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Opinion

Private industry often overlooked in China

■ Those who want to emulate the biggest threat to the U.S. often overlook the real reason for China's miracle.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

China-envying New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman likes to muse about how wonderful it would be if the United States could be like China for a day.

The scandal engulfing former rising star Bo Xilai, the cashiered Communist Party boss of the city of Chongqing, suggests how this magical day might go down.

A popular governor who rose to prominence based on his anti-corruption campaign while illicitly enriching himself would fall from grace. His wife would be accused of murdering a foreign businessman. His security chief, whom he relied upon to run an extensive spying operation on potential foes, would seek asylum at a foreign consulate, fearing for his life. State and federal security forces would have a standoff outside the consulate. The entire nation would become obsessed with the case, but the government would prevent anyone from searching the Internet for information about it. Everyone would assume that the government would control the political fallout by arranging a nice show trial for the disgraced governor.

Such would be the joys of China-for-a-Day, according to the Bo Xilai script. The Bo affair doesn't truly tell us anything new about China. But the lurid details — the body of the allegedly murdered British businessman cremated without an autopsy; Bo's privileged son partying as a student at Oxford and Harvard — might jolt some China-enviers out of their feverish delusions about the glories of the "Beijing Model."

It's not just Thomas Friedman. Andy Stern, the former president of the Service Employees International Union, wrote an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal titled "China's Superior Economic Model." He cited Bo — and his "people-oriented development in Chongqing" — as one of the impressive assets of "Team China." The book "What the U.S. Can Learn From China" appeared earlier this year. (It asks, among other things, "How does the Chinese political system avoid partisan rancor, but achieve genuine political accountability?") President Barack Obama has used China's public investments as a prod for adopting similar policies at home and said longingly of one of China's technological advances, "That used to be us."

The Bo scandal shows the Chinese system to be as thoroughly rotten as one would expect of a kleptocratic police state. What is unusual is only that it wasn't kept under wraps. The country is run by a small number of Mafia-style families jostling with one another for power and profits. China's power brokers are quasi-feudal lords with networks of cronies grasping all that they can. The sisters of Bo's wife, Gu Kailai, controlled a $126 million network of international businesses, according to Bloomberg News. They got rich on the families-and-friends program.

If China's economic rise has been something to behold during the past three decades, it is not a tribute to the technocratic proficiency of China's rulers. In China's mixed system, it is the genuinely private companies that are more economically efficient. The World Bank writes, "A recent study shows that between 1978 and 2007 total factor productivity growth (a measure of efficiency improvements) in the state sector was a third that of the private sector, which has proved to be the more powerful engine of growth and innovation."

China's economic miracle may well stall out before we get the opportunity to emulate its supposed wonders. China can't convert agricultural workers into manufacturing workers and suppress domestic consumption in the cause of creating an export-driven juggernaut forever. The World Bank report recommends that China move to the next stage of development by "reforming and restructuring state enterprises and banks, developing the private sector, promoting competition, and deepening reforms in the land, labor, and financial markets." In other words, it should learn from the U.S.

The existence of China envy is a testament to the allure of 9 percent GDP growth coupled with a few fashionable policies like support for high-speed rail and solar energy. On this basis, Friedman calls China's rulers a "reasonably enlightened group of people." Their spectacular repression, greed and Sopranos-like power struggles notwithstanding.

OUR VIEW

Collaboration needed for better roads, highways

It's no secret that the Permian Basin oil boom has placed a lot of stress on our roads and highways. It's good to see the Texas Transportation Commission is at least trying to meet these challenges.

The commission recently approved $40 million for maintenance and safety improvement on roads impacted by the state's energy industry. That is probably not enough in terms of what is really needed, but it is a start in keeping our oil fields connected with a solid road infrastructure.

Much of the road stress obviously comes from the energy sector as it moves heavy equipment all across this region.

It's amazing how much traffic a single well can generate. Bringing in one gas well takes about 1,184 trucks — or the equivalent of about 8 million cars, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. That number certainly caught our eye. It also makes it clear that we have to keep our roads repaired because it won't take long to break down all our area roads if they aren't serviced properly.

When you consider we have more than 100 wells being drilled at any given time in the Permian Basin, it's easy to see what kind of traffic we are putting on our roads. In this regard, the TTC has made a wise decision to sink additional funding into the road system in our part of the world.

But this has to be a two-way street. The oil and gas industry has to do its part in minimizing the degrading impact their trucks have on our road system. It is our hope the industry will do everything it can to aid the task being faced by road workers.

In fact, TxDOT has issued a release calling for more collaboration with the energy sector to lessen the impact now being felt in the Basin. TxDOT will begin work this summer to repair and make improvements where needed.

In our opinion, it is the responsibility and the duty of the energy sector to join with TxDOT's newly formed executive-level task force to study this issue. This is the perfect opportunity for both sides to understand the needs and capabilities of both sides. That should make it easier to develop strategies that will protect our roads and discover where future aid will be needed most.

We never want this issue to divide into adversarial roles within our state. The state and the oil industry are tied together with strong bonds, and it is right that they work together to solve the common problems they face.

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Time comes to fix up America

■ There is not an overnight solution to this country's infrastructure problem. We might as well get started before we fall farther behind.

LLEWELLYN KING
Hearst News Service

I'm asked with some frequency these days, What do I think the United States will look like in 25 years to 50 years?

Underlying this question is a real concern that we've lost our way as a nation, that the best is behind us and a strong feeling that the generations to come won't have it as good as we've had.

Actually, I think the United States will be fine. It'll still be a world power, but not as dominant as it is today and was in the 20th century. I think we'll still have one of the largest and most important economies in the world; that we'll still be a powerhouse of invention; and that our movies, music and other entertainment forms will still dominate the globe.

American English will continue to be the international means of communication. Sorry, Britain, there's no license fee on language.

A rosy picture, eh? Not quite.

The second, and maybe the more important question, is this: What sort of country will the United States be to live in? This picture is less rosy.

First, we're dividing into a country of the super-rich and the burgeoning working poor living unpleasantly. The movement of quality manufacturing jobs in the auto and steel industries to the South tells part of that story. The high-wage jobs of Michigan and the unionized North — jobs that pay about $35 an hour — to the union-free auto plants and factories of the South, which pay $14 an hour, is a harbinger of the future. Can less be more?

If the United States is going to have to hold down its wages, then we should fix the living space. That means the infrastructure. It's a mess and it'll take decades to bring it up to the standards of much of the rest of the world.

We need better roads (less time in traffic), repaired bridges, sewers, water systems and public transportation. We also should fix the parks — state and national — and build pedestrian areas where we can enjoy the great natural beauty of our rivers and woodlands. London and Paris and Vienna make their rivers places of beauty and recreation. New York runs highways along its rivers — highways where it should have cafes. Los Angeles has enclosed its streams in concrete.

London has refurbished Brunel's masterpiece of design, the St. Pancras railway station, to accommodate the new 200-mph trains that will whisk you to Paris in a little over two hours. Both the station and the trains are great achievements, achievements that can be enjoyed by traveler and visitor alike.

By contrast Union Station in Washington, D.C., a masterpiece in its day, is a mess. The tracks are inadequate. The station seating is inadequate, broken and mostly an afterthought. The restrooms are inadequate and dirty.

The majesty of the station has been destroyed by tawdry retailers and half-finished repairs. Decay permeates the place — maybe to prepare the passengers for the disreputable taxis outside. What an introduction to the capital of the free world. However, if you've just arrived on Amtrak, you might already be so dispirited you won't notice.

Likewise, the nation's schools need to be renovated. Leaky buildings seem more designed to prepare students for a lifetime of failure and decline than for a life of pride and accomplishment. "We make buildings and they make us," Winston Churchill said.

The case for fixing the nation's infrastructure is compelling. But it does not compel in Congress. Congress is hell-bent to hurt the infrastructure with cost cutting-measures that will — as has happened in Britain and Spain — as likely as not add to the deficit rather than reducing it.

A more believable use of the government's resources might be to start fixing America by diverting some of the defense budget to sprucing up and repairing the nation, yielding results in a timeframe of 25 to 50 years.

The story of another Churchill saying goes like this:

Churchill was walking in the garden of his beloved home, Chartwell, when he summoned the gardener and said, "I want you to plant an oak tree here."

The gardener, looking to Churchill and seeing a man approaching 90, said, "But sir, it'll take a hundred years to grow."

"Well, you had better plant it now, hadn't you?" averred Churchill.

Quite so. The future awaits.

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AROUNDTHEGLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AFRICA

Support from locals seen as key to capturing Kony

GULU — Adye Sunday isn't sure about the calls to kill or capture Lord's Resistance Army leader Joseph Kony. Though the elusive warlord abducted her when she was 13 and forced her to be one of his dozens of "wives," the 25-year-old says he's also the father of her two children.

"I don't see Kony as a bad person," she said in her native Acholi dialect through a translator, as she mixed batter for vanilla cupcakes to sell in Gulu's market while her 3 1/2-year-old daughter Betty watched. "Everything done in the bush is blamed on Kony, but to me he's not a bad person."

Forces now hunting for Kony in the Central African Republic, South Sudan and Congo are unlikely to find much sympathy for him as they might in Gulu in northern Uganda — 12 miles from where he was born — but some locals there have other concerns that complicate the military mission.

With more than 3,000 children abducted by the LRA since 2008, according to the U.N. and Human Rights Watch, families worry, for example, that troops hunting Kony will not be able to distinguish between the regular LRA fighters and their abducted children.

"They will tell you they would really like Joseph Kony to be captured and maybe killed, and the LRA disbanded, but our children that are in the bush — how can they be separated from the rebels?" said Tatiana Viviane, who works with a Central African Republic organization focused on helping the country's young people.

MEXICO

Yacht debris, bodies found off coast

ENSENADA — A 37-foot racing yacht was reduced to debris that looked "like it had gone through a blender," a searcher said Sunday after the boat apparently collided with a larger vessel, killing three sailors and leaving a fourth missing.

The U.S. Coast Guard, the Mexican navy and civilian vessels scoured the waters off the shore of both countries for the missing sailor from the Aegean, which was taking part in a 124-mile race that began Friday from Newport Beach, Calif., to Ensenada, Mexico. The sailboat, carrying a crew of four, was reported missing Saturday.

It was California's second deadly accident this month involving an ocean race.

Race officials said they had few explanations for what may have happened to the Aegean other than it must have collided with ship like a freighter or tanker that did not see the smaller vessel. The Coast Guard said conditions were fine for sailing, with good visibility and moderate ocean swells of 6-to-8 feet.

If the smaller boat was bobbing around in light wind, the crew might not have been able to get out of the way of a larger ship, perhaps a freighter, said Rich Roberts, a spokesman for the Newport Ocean Sailing Association, the race organizer.

NIGERIA

21 killed in church service attacks

KANO — Gunmen attacked worship services at a university campus and a church Sunday in northern Nigeria, killing at least 21 people in coordinated assaults that saw panicked Christians gunned down as they tried to flee, witnesses and officials said.

The deadlier attack targeted an old section of Bayero University's campus in the city of Kano where churches hold Sunday services, with gunmen killing at least 16 people and wounding at least 22 others, according to the Nigerian Red Cross.

A later attack in the northeast city of Maiduguri saw gunmen open fire at a Church of Christ in a Nigeria chapel, killing five people, including a pastor preparing for Communion, witnesses said.

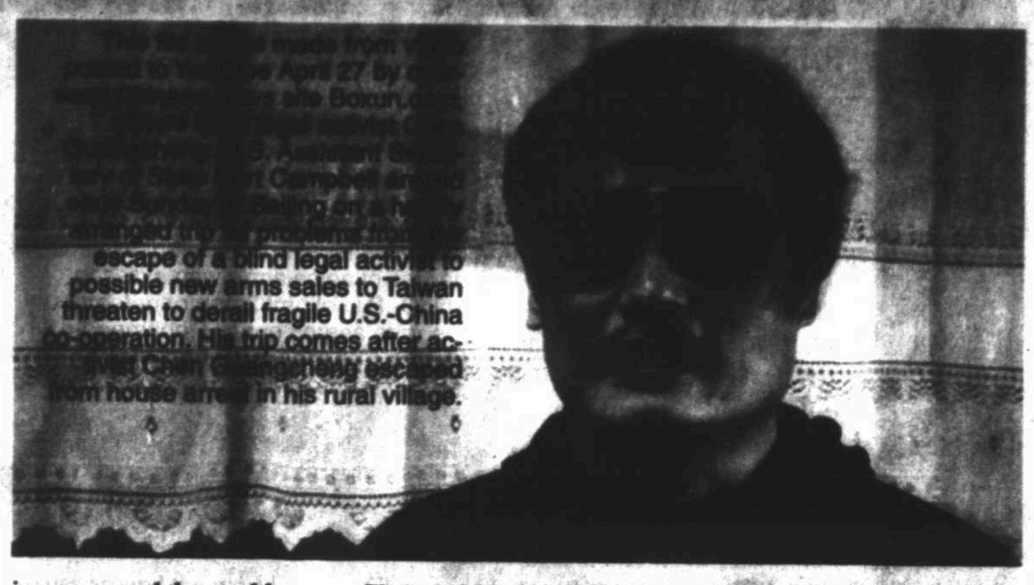
No group immediately claimed responsibility, but the attacks bore similarities to others carried by a radical Islamist sect known as Boko Haram.

The Bayero University attack occurred around an old theater and lecture halls where local churches hold services, Kano state police commissioner Ibrahim Idris said. The gunmen rode into the campus on motorcycles, then threw small explosives made out of soda cans around the area, Idris said.

Group: Blind Chinese activist under US protection

■ Midland-based activist group, ChinaAid, has promoted case.

By Scott McDonald
Associated Press



BEIJING — A blind legal activist who escaped house arrest in his Chinese village is under the protection of American officials, activists said Saturday, creating a diplomatic dilemma for the U.S. and China days ahead of a visit by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Chen Guangcheng, who has exposed forced abortions and sterilizations in villages as a result of China's one-child policy, fled from his guarded home a week ago in Shandong province in eastern China. Chinese-based activists say he was driven away by supporters and then handed over to others who brought him to Beijing.

The U.S. and Chinese governments have not confirmed reports that he was at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, which declined comment Saturday. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, originally due in Beijing next week, arrived early Sunday. He too did not comment to reporters.

A Texas-based activist group that has been promoting Chen's case said Saturday that he was in U.S. care and that Beijing and Washington were discussing the situation.

"Chen is under U.S. protection and high-level talks are currently under way between U.S. and Chinese officials regarding Chen's status," said a statement from the ChinaAid Association. The group said it was in contact with a person with knowledge of the situation.

Chen's whereabouts could be a major political complication for the two countries, with Clinton and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner due to arrive in China for strategic talks that begin Thursday on global economics and topics including the violence in Sudan and maritime claims in Asia's seas.

Chen's case comes as the United States is looking for help from China on many issues around the world, such as trying to restrain North Korea and Iran on their nuclear ambitions, and pushing Syria to observe a cease-fire in the fighting in that country. Bilateral disputes over trade, China's currency and U.S. relations with Taiwan are also issues that likely will be part of the strategic talks.

ChinaAid's founder, Bob Fu, said Chen's case was a benchmark for the United States and its human rights image around the world.

"Because of Chen's wide popularity, the Obama administration must stand firmly with him or risk losing credibility as a defender of freedom and the rule of law," he said in the statement.

"If there is a reason why Chinese dissidents revere the U.S., it is for a moment like this," Fu said.

Fu and Chinese-based activists say Chen slipped away from his closely guarded home on the night of April 22. His wife and 6-year-old daughter are still there.

Chen recorded a video as a direct address to Premier Wen Jiabao, condemning the treatment of him and his family and accusing local Communist Party officials by name. Activists sent the video Friday to the overseas Chinese news site Boxun.com, which posted part of it on YouTube.

Activist Hu Jia met with Chen after his escape and said people with Chen later called him. His wife later posted on Twitter a photo of Chen and Hu together in which the two men are smiling. Chen is wearing the same clothes seen in the video.

"They said, 'He is in a 100 percent safe place,'" Hu said. "If they say that, I know where that place is. There's only one 100 percent (safe) place in China, and that's the U.S. Embassy."

Hu's claim could not be verified. Police detained Hu for questioning Saturday afternoon and by early Sunday he had not been released, his wife, Zeng Jinyan, said on Twitter.

If Chen is in the U.S. Embassy of with U.S. officials at another location, it is not known how he would be able to leave or where he could go without Chinese permission.

Chen's escape, if ultimately successful, would boost a beleaguered civil rights community, which has faced rising arrests and other harassment over the past year.

In 1989, when Fang Lizhi, whose speeches inspired student protesters throughout the 1980s, fled with his wife to the U.S. Embassy after China's 1989 military crackdown on the pro-democracy movement, he was forced to stay there for 13 months while the countries discussed his fate.

Chen's case is more complicated because his wife and daughter are still in Shandong.

Fu said Chen's case should be handled through negotiations, like Fang's, and that his family should not suffer any reprisals.

"The odds are that it will be a long negotiation and a stalemate for a time," said Jerome Cohen, a Chinese law expert at New York University. "China has some cards to play, starting with Chen's wife and children plus the accomplices to his escape."

Chinese media have been silent on the case, and most words related to Chen and his village have been blocked online. Chinese political analysts have declined to comment.

A self-taught lawyer blinded by fever in infancy, Chen served four years in prison for revealing forced abortions and sterilizations in his and surrounding villages. Since his release in September 2010, local officials confined him to his home, beating him up on several occasions.

Chen was widely admired by rights activists at home who last year campaigned to publicize his case among ordinary Chinese and encourage them to go to Dongshigu village and break the security cordon. Even Hollywood actor Christian Bale tried to visit, but was roughed up by locals.

Amnesty International and other human rights groups called on the Chinese government to ensure the safety of Chen and his family, saying they had been abused during 18 months of illegal house arrest.

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YOURPROMPICS

Brittnie Myers and Jaxon Fields, Lee High School *Katelyn Pittman and Zackary Navarro, Monahans* *Tabitha Walton and Kevin Martin, Lee High School*

SPEAKING OUT: PROM

Prom gives boys all the control

In order to keep a clean conscience, I must first admit I have never attended prom, homecoming, Belle Ball, cotillion, a quinceañera, a formal, a masquerade ball, a school dance or anything more festive than a birthday party. The one time I accidently found myself at a rave, I played Draw Something until everyone stopped dancing. For this reason, this brief can simply be considered the opinion of someone on the outside looking in.

As any coherent reader will have guessed by now, I am going to attack prom. However, it will not be for the reasons you think. Yes, I believe buying a several-hundred-dollar dress you only will wear once is highly materialistic, but ultimately will benefit the economy. Yes, I am taking finals, AP exams, the SAT, the SAT Subject Tests and the ACT in the next few months, but I am certainly not delusional enough to think I would spend prom night studying. Yes, proms are often a haven for underage drinking, but a teenager with alcohol can drink in a park or at home just as easily.

The reason I object to prom is quite simple: boys. Whether or not one has a date to a school function is seen as determining their very worth. And because tradition dictates the boys do the actual inviting, girls must sit back in terror and hope they have someone to accompany them. This creates a culture where high school, and therefore close to brain-dead boys have complete and total sway over a girl's self-esteem. It creates an atmosphere of harsh competition, where the girl is judged solely on her looks, and is expected to reciprocate the honor of having a date by wearing extremely short dresses and dancing provocatively. Prom, for one night, tears away the studious façade of high school, and

Please see **PROM/3B**

See MC/Si MC took place April 21 on the Midland College campus.

Photos by Lindsey Bell

See MC/Si MC event was fun, informative

See MC/Si MC is an event to encourage all Midlanders that college is right for them. If you didn't go to Midland College's See MC/Si MC last Saturday, you missed out. This event was a large fair that had it all, from music to food. It was all for a good cause too, to inform Midlanders of all ages that college is the right choice for everyone and to encourage them to pursue an education.

I thought it was quite a success with a large, diverse group of Midlanders all engaged in both the fun and educating activities the college has to offer. I even had a little boy asking when he could come to college while visiting the Early College High School at MC booth I was volunteering at for my school.

It was so great to see everyone enjoying the Midland College campus, and I had so much fun helping with it. I can't wait for the college's next event, and I hope you will be able to join me too.

Court

From 1B

ing. He is valedictorian, a National Merit Commended Scholar and is part of the 2011-2012 Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Football Team. Hunter plans to major in petroleum engineering at Texas A&M University, where he has been named both a Lechner and Nelson Scholar.

CLAIRE MICHELLE BEHRMANN, daughter of Cheryl and James Behrmann, is a member of the varsity volleyball team, National Honor Society, Texas Scholars and participated in Model Organization of American States. She is a four-year academic letterman, two-year varsity volleyball letterman, two-year academic all-district, one-year academic all-state and a state qualifier for Business Professionals of America. Claire plans to attend the University of Texas and major in communications.

DAVORIAN TREYVON MARION, son of the late Sabrina Marion, is the senior class president and a member of academic decathlon. He is involved in Students in Philanthropy and theatre production. He has won the Junior Lion Award, the Hero Award and was named Mr. Integrity in 2010 and Mr. Friendly in 2011. Davorian plans to attend Baylor University and major in pre-law.

SARAH AVERY ALVAREZ, daughter of Josie and Bobby Alvarez, is a two-year member of student council, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Texas Scholars. She is an active member at First Baptist Church in Midland. She was named Miss Integrity 2010, Homecoming Princess her sophomore and junior year and 2011 Homecoming Queen. Sarah plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in speech pathology.

TANNER PATRICK CULP, son of Annette and Tim Culp, is captain of the varsity football team and a member of National Honor Society. He is involved in Young Life of Midland and enjoys playing golf. He is a two-year academic all-state letterman, was in Homecoming Court 2011 and received all-district honorable mention as quarterback and the Offensive Back MVP Award. Tanner plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in petroleum engineering.

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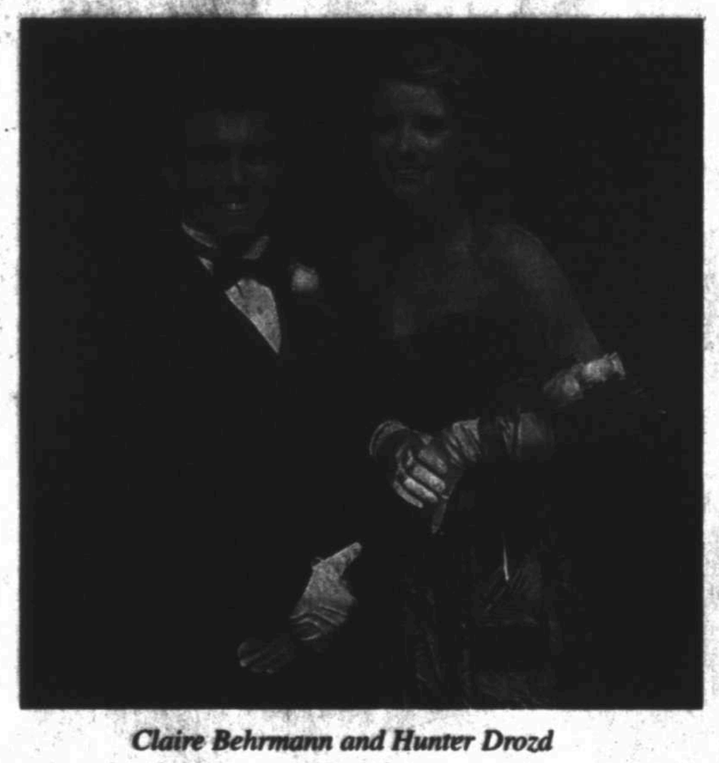

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Classical Indian dance offers opportunity to experience culture

There are many different kinds of dance, such as jazz, hip-hop and ballet, but if someone asks me what kind of dance I love the most, my reply is something definitely out of the ordinary.

My answer would be Bharatnatyam (buh-ra-thuh-nat-yuim), a classical Indian dance. Originating from South India, this style of dance is close to my roots and dear to my heart. I was born and brought up in the U.S., but I always have tried to learn about my heritage and culture. I have gone to dance classes since I was 5 years old, and I hope that I will continue to dance for the rest of my life.

My favorite part of dance is that each movement in each dance tells a story and brings it to life. The feeling of standing on stage after performing is priceless and gives me a sense of accomplishment. I have come to appreciate dance more because it requires dedication and stamina. I love dance, and I am glad I had the opportunity to experience my culture through dance for the past 10 years. I hope everyone finds something they love to do and that they will pursue it.

KIRSTEN M. GEDDES, 16, is a homeschooled junior.

Interests: Reading, acting, dancing, singing, listening to music, writing, video and computer games, and hanging with friends.

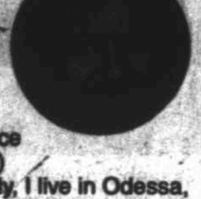
Activities: President of the Kaleidoscope Company of the Permian Playhouse Community Theater of Odessa.

What I like about living in Midland: We have a lot of nice stuff to do here. Our mall's very nice, we have some amazing restaurants, and we have some cool stores, like Barnes & Nobles and Best Buy.

LINDSEY BELL, 16, is a junior at Early College High School at Midland College.

Interests: I enjoy spending time with friends and doing outdoor activities such as hiking, rafting and skiing.

What I like about living in Midland: Since I recently started driving and having family in Dallas; one thing I enjoy about Midland is the simplicity of being able to get around easily.



YEENA AGUSALA, 14, is a freshman at Trinity School.

Interests: Volleyball, reading, flute, piano, violin, painting, ping-pong, singing, tennis, badminton, swimming, sewing, riding my bicycle, rollerblading, learning new languages, gardening, art, learning history, writing, and jumping rope.

Activities: Volleyball, tennis, art, flute, piano, voice lessons, Indian classical dance (Bharatnatyam)

What I like about living in Midland: Technically, I live in Odessa, but I go to school in Midland. I like it this way because I get the best of both towns. What I like about Midland is the way everyone knows each other. Midland being close-knit makes it more like one big family instead of a town of strangers.

Anna Cain, 16, is a junior at Trinity School.

Interests: science, philosophy, history, writing, travel

Activities/organizations: National French Honor Society, heavily involved in Trinity Drama Department, annual participant in Regional/State Science Fair, attorney at Midland Teen Court

What I like about living in Midland: Being unable to go anywhere without meeting someone you know.

Natalie Mulvahill, 15, is a home-schooled freshman.

Interests: Writing, reading, acting, hiking, art, photography, having adventures with friends and siblings, traveling, exploring, Latin, humanities

Activities: West Texas Writers club, theater at Art and Soul studio, piano, art

What I like about living in Midland: I enjoy living only a relatively short distance from camping and hiking sites such as the Davis Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns. Coming from Houston, I appreciate the dry climate and cool weather in the mornings. Also, Rock the Desert is a super fun event.

PROM

From 1B

forces teenage girls into a harsh and misogynistic world.

- Anna Cain

Junior prom: Fun dress rehearsal for next year's event

Prom, for a teenage girl, is comparable to her wedding. I have yet to experience that moment, but I recently went through the next best thing, junior prom. I have to be honest, I never really knew there was a junior prom. Nobody ever makes movies or writes songs about junior prom, so I was oblivious that it even existed. But when my friends started looking at dresses and asking me what mine would look like, I was hooked.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to take a last minute trip to El Paso or Dallas to find my fairy tale dress. Instead I went to the ever-so-glamorous Midland Park Mall to scavenge for the perfect dress. To my relief and surprise, I didn't need a four-hour car ride to get the dress I wanted. The first store we hit and first dress I tried on was too perfect to scavenge any longer. Great shoes and jewelry were easy finds as well a clutch my Grandma got me a couple Christmases ago and the outfit was complete.

The day of prom was a wondrous day of prepping and pampering that I will never forget. The day feels like it is all about you and everyone is catering to you to make your prom perfect. It began with tanning to make sure I didn't blind anyone with my ghostly paleness. This part did not feel so glamorous. I don't know about you but being sprayed down with nasty coloring wasn't the most fun experience for me, but a necessary one nonetheless. I then got the most gorgeous hair styling done by my aunt, Paula Johnson. It was so beautiful that after I left her house I was almost statuesque for hours trying to prevent any hair from moving out of place. Finally I went to a makeup artist at Ulta to help with my makeup last minute and she did an amazing job. I didn't think the day could honestly get any better, but I was wrong.

When I arrived at the junior prom, it was even better than I could have ever imagined. It included hours of fun and dancing spent with my entire school. It seemed like such a silly event before, since I attend such a small campus, but it was absolutely perfect. Everyone at our campus did such a great job getting junior prom together and it was one of the nights I will always remember. I cannot wait for next year's senior prom!

- Lindsey Bell

Don't let prom define who you are

Who needs theater? In high school we have all the drama we could want, especially during prom season. Although prom can be fun and exciting, it also has a lot of potential to be stressful. Many weeks ahead, girls often are worrying how to find the perfect but affordable dress, what shoes to match it with, how to do their hair, what kind of makeup, what color nail polish, which jewelry to wear and who they will to go with.

Added to that is the drama of who asked who to prom, who didn't, and will he/she ask me to prom. This aspect of prom can hurt feelings and create awkward situations, especially for people who just broke up, and those who were not asked out or who asked, but were refused.

Sometimes teenagers can turn events like prom into a competition in which people score status points for things such as being the best dressed, arriving with the cutest guy/girl and getting asked to dance by the most people.

Maybe for you, prom is the best night of your life, or at least a fun event you won't forget for a long time. If so, good, and please enjoy yourself! That's exactly what prom should be. If you're the kind of person who wants to go to prom, but gets flooded in the stress and anticipation of it, or you didn't get asked out, remember that prom (despite what the movie says) doesn't determine who you are or what you're worth. It's just one night, and because everyone's thinking about how they look, nobody else is criticizing what you're wearing nearly as much as you are.

- Natalie Mulvahill

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (N)		Castle "Undead Again" (N)	KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Mother (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Two and Half (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Pa Maka Loa" 1/2	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seln. "The Sponge"	Seinfeld "The Pitch"	Gossip Girl "Raiders of the Lost Art" (N)		Hart of "The Race and the Relationship" (N)		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	South Park
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	6	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Raised "The Family in the Feud" (N)		House "The C-Word" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Jack Van Impe	Joe McGee	Update News	Jonathan Hansen	Light of the Southwest				House Call	CCM Ministries	Andrew G. Roth	Alan Lee
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	The Voice "Live Semifinal Performances" The top eight artists face off in the semifinals. (N)				Smash "Tech" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateN (N)
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antique "Atlanta (Hour Three)" (N)		Antique "Providence (Hour Three)"		America Revealed "Electric Nation" 3/4		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	14	Una familia con suerte				Abismo De Pasion		La Que No Podia Amar		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Hasta que el dinero nos separe	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	SVU "Competence"		SVU "Deception"		My News	Earl	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX		340	65		165		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(:30) Sports 24/7		Bill Maher		[illegible]		(:45) Making	Gervais	Mayweath	Boxing WCB		
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	[illegible]		Veep	Girls	Game of Thrones		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		
HBO5		304	70	16	102		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		Movie
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	(:30) Sex Games	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	(:45) Hot Ln	[illegible]	
FLEX				96			[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Movie
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	[illegible]		Weeds	Weeds	Borgias "Stay Dogs"		Nurse J.	The Big C	Borgias "Stay Dogs"	Nurse J.	The Big C	
TMC		336	67	22	152	26	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Scared "Portsmouth County, VA"		Beyond Scared Straight "Lieber"		Beyond Scared Straight		Scared "Oklahoma County, OK"		Scared "Mecklenburg County, NC"		Beyond Scared Straight "Lieber"	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	CSI: Miami "Dead Air"		CSI "Open Water"		The Pitch (N)		The Pitch		Mad Men		(:05) The Killing	
BET		58	26		40		(6:00) 106 & Park (L)		[illegible]				Game	Game	Game	Game	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Wedding	Wedding	Housewives NJ		WivesNJ "Poker Face"		Bethenny (N)		Watch (N)	Bethenny	Ever After	Wives NJ
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		The Costco Craze		Cruise Inc.		Apocalypse 2012		Mad Money		Cruise Inc.	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	American Chopper:		American Chopper:		Am. Chopper "Fired"		Death Row		Am. Chopper "Fired"		Death Row	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Jessie	[illegible]			(:10) Austin	(:35) A.N.T.	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball (SP) (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NFL Live (N)		SportsCenter Special "Draft Wrap-Up"				NFL Live		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Life of the Teenager		American Teen (N)		Make or Break (N)		Life of the Teenager		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Meat Men	Diners	Diners	Diners
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Toronto Blue Jays Site: Rogers Centre -- Toronto, Ont. (L)						Rangers Live (L)		Premier League Review Show		SportsDay OnAir	WPT Poker World Fight Night
FX		31	31	59	64	69	[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Smith (VS. Action) Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.						[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Smith (VS. Act) Brad Pitt.					
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		Property	Property	House (N)	House (N)	Love It or List It		Property	Property
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pickers "Jurassic Pick"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	American Pickers		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	TBA	TBA	[illegible] August Rush (07, Dra) Keri Russell, Freddie Highmore.				[illegible] The Memory Keeper's Daughter (08, Dra) Gretchen Mol, Dermot Mulroney.				[illegible] August Rush Freddie Highmore.	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Live!	SportTlk
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	[illegible] Lethal Weapon 4 Mel Gibson.				[illegible] A Bronx Tale ('93, Dra) Chazz Palminteri, Robert De Niro.						WaysD	WaysD
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Eureka "Lost"		Eureka		Eureka (N)		Lost Girl (N)		Eureka "Force Quit"		Lost Girl	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seln. "The Slicer"	Seinfeld "The Slicer"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan Alec Baldwin, Damon Wayans Jr.		The Office "Goodbye, Michael"	
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	[illegible] Stay Away...		[illegible] Nobody Lives Forever				[illegible] Conspirators (44, Adv) Hedy Lamarr.				[illegible] Daddy Long Legs	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Corazon valiente		Relaciones Peligrosa		Al rojo	Sin senos no paraiso	Decision	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Undercover Boss: Abroad "Domino's"		Undercover Boss "GoodLife Fitness"		Undercover Boss: Abroad "Sodexo"		Undercover Boss: Abroad "Viridor"		Undercover Boss "GoodLife Fitness"		Undercover Boss: Abroad "Sodexo"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					Inside the NBA (L)	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	(6:00) Awar	Home Imp	Home I.	Home I.	Everybody Loves Raymond "The Apartment"						Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Ambush"		NCIS "Tribes"		WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE Monday Night Raw		[illegible] Fast & Furious (2009, Action) Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Vin Diesel.			
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death

Release of 'Titanic 3D' lets moviegoers fall in love again

LINDSEY BELL
Staff Writer

In 1997, famous director James Cameron created an epic classic about two star-crossed lovers from differing social classes who meet on the most famous ship in the world. This story based on the voyage of the Titanic was a hit film that made more than $21 million in the box office opening weekend and has snagged 11 Oscars, 81 various awards and 49 nominations over the years. To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the RMS Titanic sinking, Cameron re-released this classic movie in 3D. Making a 3D version of films seems to be the trend for most movies these days, but many wondered, why Titanic?

During Easter break, I had the chance to experience James Cameron's remade classic in 3D and many of my friends asked me why I would pay to go see something I could just watch at home for free.

They wondered, as did I, what could 3D really do when the blockbuster film already makes you feel so involved in the action packed romance of Rose and Jack.

"Titanic 3D" is a great way to look back and get into the movie that has stolen so many hearts for the past 15 years since its original release. It takes you into the journey of Rose and Jack and makes you feel like one of the passengers aboard the RMS Titanic. I loved the entire three hours and felt like the movie was reborn again with a new aliveness I missed when I originally saw this film. Many more must have either agreed with me, or been as curious as I was, because the movie made $11.6 million at the box office on its re-release weekend. This in combination with its original sales and overseas sales, make for a grand total of $2 billion in overall ticket sales. Whether you have seen the original or this will be your first time, I recommend you join in as millions of others have and see "Titanic 3D" while it is still in theaters. You will be able to fall in love again or for the first time, and will enjoy the film like never before.

Titanic 3D is still showing at Odessa's Hollywood Theaters Permian Palace 11.

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Theater workshop focuses on 'The Hunger Games'

KIRSTEN CRIPPEN

"The Hunger Games" is a phenomenon that has swept the entire nation. While most people who read the book enjoy it, but are glad they are not a part of the battle to the death, my sisters and I jumped at the chance to participate in our very own Hunger Games. (Completely fake, of course!) Lubbock Community Theater was putting together an acting workshop with a Hunger Games theme, and when my family was conveniently in Lubbock that same weekend, it seemed like fate was calling our names. So, what exactly was it like to be in our very own Hunger Games? The experience was different, exciting and definitely one I'll never forget.

Once all 20 of the "tributes" had arrived and were signed in at the Bodyworks Gym, our instructors took us to a back party room to start the workshop. We began with going over some of the basic info from "The Hunger Games;" the characters, the districts and themes within the novel. After comparing Caesar Flickerman to Ryan Seacrest and imaging how the tattoos and piercings of today soon could become just like the cosmetic disfigurement of the Capitol, we proceeded into some acting exercises. These included walking around the room imagining we were surrounded by bubbles or in the desert at night, and playing a game called "Zip! Zap! Zop!" that focused on passing energy to other people. Unfortunately before long, the play games were over, and the Hunger Games were about to begin. Because this year was a quarter quell, all the children of the districts were required to participate, so instead of drawing the names of the tributes, the tributes drew which district they were from. Because there were only 20 children, a few of the districts had only one child, including my own District 12, and District 10 had no tributes at all. The Reaping went quickly and quietly, with only a few children protesting their district choice, and soon we were on our way to the Capitol and a pizza lunch break.

Once the tributes had a chance to eat, we were moved to another room where we proceeded to fill out character sheets to help us create a character. It asked us questions about our family, our best and worst memories of living in our districts and what we wanted our life to be like at age 25. We each picked a small costume piece or a prop to help us with our character and began to walk as someone from our district might walk. Pretty soon it was time for us to begin our training, and we were escorted to an above-ground ropes course to test our courage and agility. This is how we would get our score for the Hunger Games, since the "Gamemakers," or the instructors, were carefully watching us. As the training came to a close, one of the instructors acted as our interviewer for the final event before the games: the tributes interviews. My character was May Smith, a 17-year-old girl from District 12 who never had to work because her family was better off than most. When asked the questions that were on my sheet, I had to answer with the same responses I had written down, but all the while saying them in character. Each of the 20 tributes went through the interview, and then it was time: the 2012 Annual Hunger Games had begun.

Our Hunger Games was a laser tag course, with each tribute going against the other — no teams. As the game progressed through its seven minutes, each player would end up with only five lives. Once these lives were gone and your vest went dark, you were officially "dead." The person with the highest number of points at the end of the game was considered the survivor of the Hunger Games. I am proud to say I came in ninth place, and was not the first to die like I thought I would be. In the end, the Hunger Games turned out well for everyone.

This workshop was something truly unique, and an event I won't forget. Getting to participate in theater exercises and examine such a great book series and movie in detail made a lasting impression on my sisters and me. This helped me not only to expand my horizons as an actor, but helped to remind me what "The Hunger Games" is really all about at its core. It's not just about children fighting to the death, it's about standing up for what you believe, and not allowing the public to mold you into something you're not. It's about courage, family, innocence, faith and, most of all, love.

Courtesy photo

Participants in a Lubbock Community Theater workshop act like they are walking in freezing cold weather.

ANNA CAIN

Library offers latest books, new technology

It has become fashionable these days to spend $20 on a book you only will read once. Novels are priced like DVDs, and the $50 bookstore gift card my Grandpa sends me every holiday never goes as far as I would like. And while it is easy to sit back and turn on the movie you have seen several dozen times, there is something about re-reading books that is quite a bit harder. Libraries are obviously smarter and more economical, but the majority of modern teenagers seem to deny they even exist.

The Midland County Library was an absolute hallmark of my childhood. I vividly remember as a preschooler, going for story time every Wednesday. As a first-grader, I read almost every history book in the children's section. When I was in third grade, my brother and I spent an entire summer borrowing every single episode of the good old Star Trek series on DVD. And when I was in sixth grade, and eagerly reading every popular teen series I could get my hands on, I used the inter-library loan system to make the already well-stocked young adult section absolutely limitless.

And then, like every child, I simply stopped going to the library. A few weeks ago, I got in contact with a branch librarian who opened my eyes.

The basic problem most teens have with libraries is they are not seen as relevant. On the surface, this makes total sense. Retailers are forced to keep up to date by consistently having the latest titles; library books always seem to be decades old. However, the library says that in addition to "ordering young adult books like crazy," there also has been a push to expand into new technology. Now, with only a library card, anyone can put library books on their Nook or Kindle. Our library has begun participating in a music downloading program called Freegal, where anyone can get three songs a week, completely free. These programs on their own are stunning, but it is more surprising absolutely no one knows about them.

Our own Midland County Library is opening a new location and actively recruiting teens to help with the planning. (Anyone interested in helping out should call the branch or downtown library, 699-0629 and 688-4323, respectively.) Plans for this location include a media lab to make videos, quiet study rooms, and a 2,200-square-foot teen area. There is even talk of creating a media box, which is basically a machine that dispenses DVDs with the swipe of a library card. Additionally, on Saturday the library is hosting a Free Comic Book Day, where anyone can pick up new releases from Diamond Publishers.

This is a town where people will spend 12 hours watching Tim Tebow and Switchfoot. This is a town where everyone will go eat at that one new restaurant just to welcome it to Midland. And yet, surprisingly, absolutely awesome developments like those happening at our own library are ignored. No one can deny reading and books are still cool. If they weren't, "The Hunger Games" would not have made an unfathomable amount of money at the box office this weekend. So why is there a prevailing mentality that all books must be purchased and the library is only for extremely young or extremely old people? Our library is, dare I say it, cool.

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In Balance continues to help autistic spectrum disorder

For eight years now, Seth Woodard's mom, Mary Woodard, has been taking him to Missy Dwyer at In Balance Vestibular Therapy. During that time she has seen her son make huge progress in walking, communicating and in how he functions overall in life.

Diagnosed early in life with autistic spectrum disorder, Seth could not walk more than a few steps without falling down; he did not speak verbally, instead using a few signs; he rarely interacted with others and he had no interest in any kind of activity.

Over his eight years of In Balance sessions, Seth would be hard to recognize compared to how he was at five. He walks with no problems, even easily negotiating steep steps at a recent Texas Rangers ballgame. He smiles readily, shakes hands with people and even makes jokes. Still a person of few words, he says those words readily and with a sparkle in his eyes. He chooses his own music to be played during his activities—and he has his favorites of those, including the surfboard, which he stays on with ease.

At his first visit eight years ago, Missy had to physically make Seth do all of the activities. She was exhausted afterwards and Mary, Seth's mom, thought there was no way they would be allowed to come back. But eight years later Missy is still helping him make more progress.

Mary reports that they had tried other therapies before starting In Balance, with no noticeable success. So it is understandable that she was skeptical about In Balance being any different from the rest. But Seth's continued progress has kept her coming back again and again over the years. "Missy can get Seth to do and say things that nobody else can," she says.

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Sports

Rebels, Bulldogs get ready for spring football

Morton wants Lee to see physical and mental gains

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Lee's 2012 season opener against El Paso Americas is 124 days away, but today, the Rebels hope to begin instilling the habits that will lead to victories in September and October.

At 4:30 p.m. today, Lee will hold its first practice of the spring season, which will conclude with the annual spring game May 25 at Grande Communications Stadium.

And while it may seem early to be cutting down on five-yard penalties, Lee coach James Morton said now is the time to do so — not the fall.

"Players are guilty of not seeing the correlation between what you do in the offseason and what you do during the season," Morton said. "We want to see how much we've matured mentally in regards to discipline, which is real high on my radar right now."

A big reason for that is that Morton said his team, generally one of the least penalized in the district, was the most penalized last season.

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Morton

Yenzer

Midland High sees competition at most every position

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

After graduating a heavy number of starters from last season, the Midland High football team has plenty of questions to answer as it prepares for the 2012 season. But, that's nothing new to Bulldogs coach Craig Yenzer.

The Bulldogs begin spring football practice today at Memorial Stadium with hopes of getting a head start on some of the questions they need to find answers for heading into next season. The Midland High varsity will practice Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. Beginning next week, they'll have Monday and Wednesday practices beginning at 4:30 p.m. while Tuesday's and Thursday's practices will remain at 6 p.m. Each Thursday during the first three weeks of spring practice will be done in a scrimmage format.

The Bulldogs' spring practices will conclude with the spring game at 7 p.m. May 24.

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'The golfer's mentality'

Lee's Thomas says she's more focused than ever as state approaches

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Blain Huddleston has seen a change in Libby Thomas over the last year.

Thomas still has a streak in her that Huddleston likes to call "goofy," but what the Lee golf coach has seen this season is a fire and determination he didn't see last year.

Yes, Thomas, a junior at Lee, will still do things like playing the guitar and have fun during a practice when she can, but when it comes to golf Huddleston sees a more focused, player determined to reach all her goals this year.

"She talks more golf this year than she has in the past," Huddleston said. "Last year, it was kind of like, 'I should've made this,' but now she goes over every shot and we talk about every shot. The golfer's mentality is coming out in her."

As Thomas gets ready to compete in the Class 5A State Golf Tournament today and Tuesday at Onion Creek Golf Club in Austin, Thomas said she is more focused than she's ever been in her career, and it all started last summer.

Thomas said she was able to break through a mental barrier of being able to shoot consistently in the low 70s, and much of her change came from a workout regimen that even she admits she started getting serious about a little less than six months ago.

Not only does Thomas feel like she's in better shape, but she also said it's improved her mental game and made her more aware of her swing and how she plays. And that's made practice for this week that much easier as now, instead of working to improve so much, she can work to maintain how well she's playing.

"It used to be I'd either hit the ball really far but really right or left, or really short and in the fairway," Thomas said. "Now I've been able to hit it long and in the fairway, and it's also helped with

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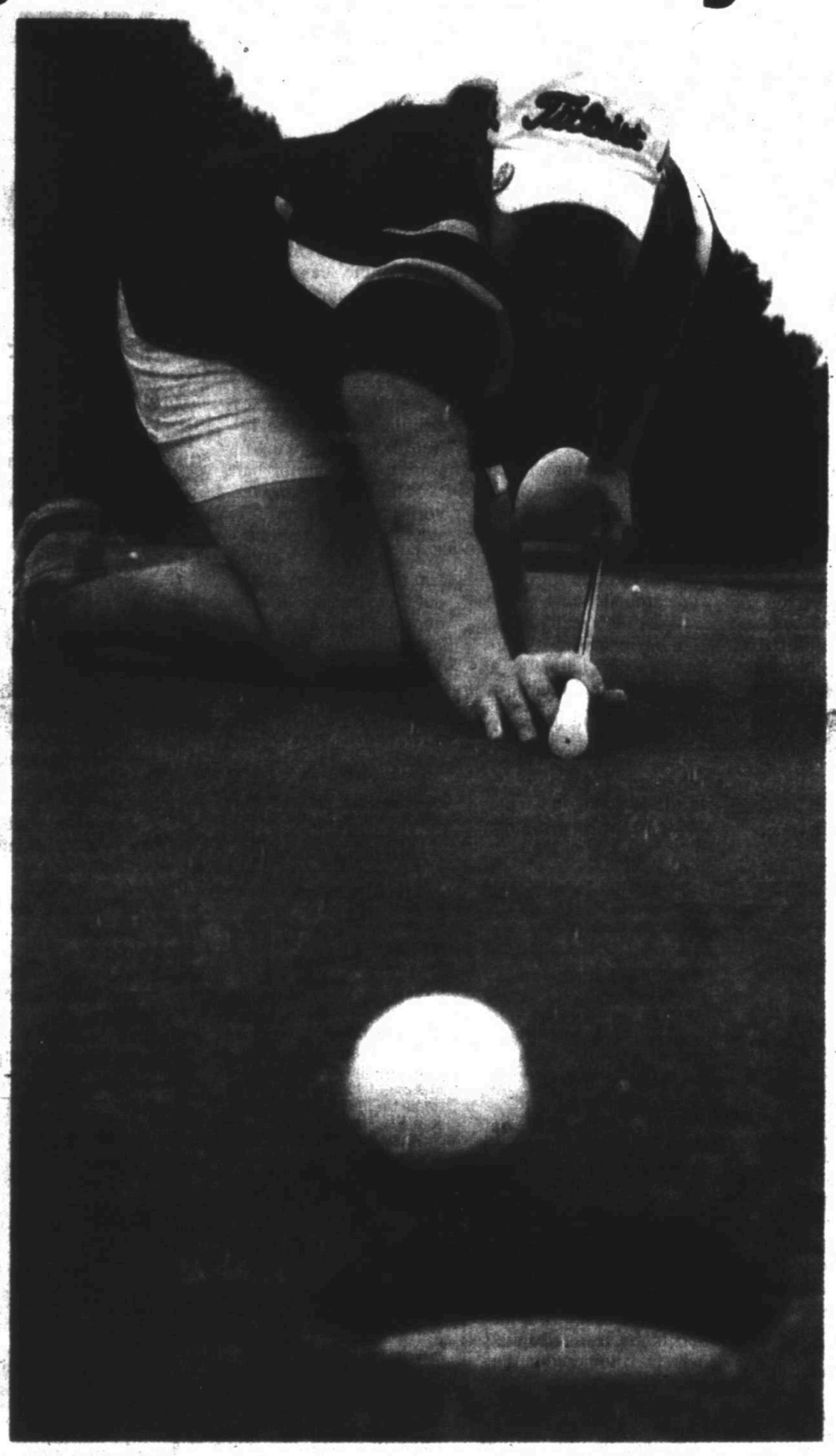
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Lee's Libby Thomas will be making her first appearance in the UIL State Golf Tournament today and Tuesday at Onion Creek Golf Club in Austin.

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Crumbliss bats in winning run as 'Hounds top Missions

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Conner Crumbliss considered himself lucky to have reached base three times earlier in Sunday's game against the San Antonio Missions with three infield singles.

Using his speed and well-placed hits, Crumbliss was one of the few Midland RockHounds to have any success against Missions starter Andrew Werner.

But with Werner out of the game in the eighth inning, the RockHounds made their comeback, and this time a ball hit into the air into the outfield by Crumbliss proved to be the game-winner in a 7-5 come-from-behind victory in front of 4,239 fans at Citibank Ballpark.

RockHounds 7
Missions 5

Crumbliss

Peterson

Crumbliss' one-out sacrfice fly to center field scored Shane Peterson from third base as part of a five-run eighth inning that helped to erase the bad memories of Saturday night's 9-6 loss to the Missions in which the RockHounds blew a 5-0 lead early in the game.

"It starts with one person catching a break, and then the next thing you know, you have three guys on and you score a run, then another run," said Crumbliss, who was 3-for-4 with the sacrifice fly. "I don't think we were ever out of it. The dugout stayed in it and got good team hits."

Added Midland manager Steve Scarsone, "Anytime you come back and score five in the bottom of the eighth, that's huge, not only for the game but it shows a lot of character and the guys didn't quit. Outstanding."

The RockHounds trailed by as much as 5-0 in the game before a two-run home run to right field by Dusty Coleman in the seventh inning against Werner got Midland on the board and gave the RockHounds at least a fighting chance in the eighth inning.

Up until that point, Werner had been tough to score on as the left-hander continued to work his way out of jams anytime the RockHounds threatened.

"We just couldn't get that big hit to keep a rally going," Scarsone said. "I guess we were waiting for the right

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Parker's 28 leads Spurs over Jazz in Game 1

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — This was not another early playoff letdown by the San Antonio Spurs. For the first time in four years, they won a series opener.

But more important to them was Tony Parker looking like his old postseason self.

Putting together his best playoff game since 2009, Parker scored 28 points and the top-seeded Spurs erased four years of putting themselves in 0-1 holes to start the playoffs, beating the Utah Jazz 106-91 in Game 1 of their first-round series Sunday.

It marked the 11th straight win for the Spurs dating to the regular season, and kept the Spurs from being hounded by the same doubts that emerged this time last year when they also entered the playoffs as the No. 1 seed, only to be ousted by Memphis.

Spurs 106
Jazz 91

San Antonio leads series, 1-0

"I think everybody knows what happened last year," Parker said. "Everybody's motivated this year, but we don't even talk about it."

What Parker — and coach Gregg Popovich — have talked about is the All-Star's unremarkable series against the Grizzlies a year ago. Popovich told Parker that he thought his star point guard tried harder with the French national team last summer than in the playoffs, and Parker vowed to return with a different attitude.

He's making good on it so far.

The Jazz, meanwhile, hung close for three quarters in the franchise's first playoff game without Jerry Sloan since 1988. Paul Millsap led Utah with 20 points, but the Jazz couldn't keep up when the NBA's top 3-point shooting team began burying them with three in a two-minute burst to finish the third.

"The biggest thing we're going to learn is the different ways to guard the pick and roll, and what worked and what didn't," Jazz guard Gordon Haywood said. "We can't let them get to the paint as easily, because it's kick out 3's and dump down's and whatever. So we have to do better at that."

Game 2 is Wednesday in San Antonio.

Hayward scored 17 points and Al Jefferson had 16 for the Jazz, who present the Spurs problems with a bigger frontcourt but contributed to their own doom with 16 turnovers.

"But we are a young team," Millsap said. "Things like that happen."

Tim Duncan added 17 points and

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PLAYOFFS BEGIN

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Maddi Kalt reaches to tag a Palo Duro runner at home plate during a Feb. 24 softball game. The Lady Mustangs begin their playoff run today. See a capsule for today's game on Page 2C.

Drillers' defense overwhelms Skyforce

From staff reports

The West Texas Drillers rebounded from their first loss of the season by routing the Texas Skyforce, 32-0, Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Driller defense was dominant, never allowing Texas into the red zone and recording a safety on a sack by Corey Hill and Fred Thrweatt.

Randy Means, Joseph Clater and Jerry Zachery all scored rushing touchdowns in the game, and quarterback Walter Washington hooked up with Edgar Baiza Jr. for the Driller's final touchdown of the game.

The Drillers will visit the Lubbock Outlaws on May 5 before closing out the season at home May 12 against the Texas Tornados.

LEE

From 1C

So, in addition to seeing strength and speed gains this offseason, Morton hopes to see mental growth as well.

"I think everybody in the state of Texas makes strength gains and speed gains," Morton said. "We're hoping that we make bigger gains than anybody else on the mental side."

The Rebels have reason to believe they can be one of the more savvy teams in the district with returning starters at key positions, including the first returning starter under center that Morton has had at Lee in Talor Nunez.

But, like any year, nobody's starting position is guaranteed this time of year, and Morton is looking forward to the position battles that will start today as Lee has seen its numbers increase this season.

"The story of life is about competition — competition makes us better. We've definitely got that here in our program," Morton said. "(Our) numbers have gotten better, so we've got better competition between our one-huddle and two-huddle."

What else this newfound depth has given Morton is a chance to try players at different positions, and not in the form of two-way players, which dotted the Rebel roster last season.

"This year, we've got more depth, so with more depth, finding all those crossover guys and all that stuff is not as important," Morton said.

Instead, Lee can afford to try players at different positions to fill needs.

For example, Waylon Roberson was a unanimous selection to the All-District First Team as a junior defensive tackle this past season.

Now, with Michael Morales returning from injury and 5-foot-11, 315-pound Nate Horrell coming off of a fine season in Morales' place, Morton said Lee is trying the 6-foot, 375-pound Roberson out on the offensive line.

The move is not only a sign of the size that Lee now sports in the trenches, which the Rebels worked to take advantage of last season, but of the depth that Morton hopes will help them in 2012.

"We'll see how it goes," Morton said, "I can still see (Roberson) crossing over, especially in short yardage situations playing defense, but it'll be big for him for sure."

Morton said he's most looking forward to the competition in the trenches on both sides of the ball and in the secondary, where standout safeties Darian Long and Evan Chamblee must both be replaced.

What else excites Morton is the first senior class that he has seen from their freshman year on and incoming talent from two junior varsity teams that lost a combined two games.

But, even with all the experience in the program, Morton is most excited to get to work, because he knows that's what it will take, even at this time of year, to be successful in the fall.

"There's quite a few people back — sometimes people think that ensures a win, and sometimes it sure doesn't, depending on the type of kids you have," Morton said. "But, because of the type of kids we have, I like that part."

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COMPETITION

From 1C

Over the next few weeks, Yenzer and his coaching staff hope to figure out a few things about the team and its personnel.

"We'll run uptempo practices with a lot of competition," Yenzer said. "We want to create a lot of competition. We really need to take a good, hard look at a lot of these guys and get to know them."

The Bulldogs are needing to replace key starters all over the field, particularly on offense where every starter from last year's squad graduated. On defense, the Bulldogs' most experienced players are in the secondary, but there will be a lot of new faces and names playing along the defensive line and linebackers.

It's a big change from last season when the Bulldogs had a lot of positions already figured out. However, Yenzer said last year is the anomaly and this year's spring is a much more typical situation.

"Normally, with a program trying to be a numbers-type program, this is much more like the norm," Yenzer said. "Some years you have more to replace than others. It's funny the positions we had more questions about last year we're more comfortable with this year and the ones we were more comfortable with last year are the ones where we have more questions this year. But, when you're graduating as many as we are every year, this is going to be the norm."

One thing that Yenzer never considered, though, was not having spring practice, despite moving into the larger District 2-5A. A couple years ago when Midland High was playing in the 10-team District 2-5A, Yenzer opted not to have spring practice and went with an extra week of two-a-days in the summer before the regular season.

That wasn't even an option for the Bulldogs this time around.

"We didn't really like (not having spring)," Yenzer said. "It's hard after all these years to not have spring. First of all, we're not in a 10-team district, but the schedule really fell in a nice way, too. Our open week is in the third week of the season when the other teams in the district will be starting district play. We pretty much get an extra week of evaluation if we need it."

But, the fall is still several months away, and Yenzer is just looking forward to some spring ball.

"This is one of my favorite times of year," Yenzer said. "It's all about evaluation and it's exciting. I'm really excited to get out there and see how far our guys have come."

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HOUNDS

From 1C

opportunity. They sure do make me nervous sometimes."

Matt Lollis (1-2) relieved Werner in the eighth inning and got Josh Horton to fly out to left to begin the frame. But then the RockHounds began to string hits together as Michael Choice and Michael Spina had back-to-back singles. Then on a hard grounder hit by Jeremy Barfield, third baseman Edinson Rincon misplayed the ball, and it allowed Barfield to reach on the error and Choice to score from third to pull the RockHounds to within 5-3.

After Shane Peterson singled to load the bases, Ryan Lipkin had a good at-bat as he just avoided swinging at a ball which would have been the third strike. Instead, Lipkin stayed alive and then reached out to punch the ball into left field to score Spina and Barfield to tie the game at 5. Dusty Coleman then followed with a 1-2 single of his own into shallow right. At the time, it appeared Peterson had a chance to score from second base, but he was held by Scarsone at third base. Scarsone said the decision to hold Peterson at third was more of a precautionary move at the time.

"Shane got no break on it, and he was almost waiting for that ball to drop," Scarsone said. "As much as I would have loved to have sent him and possibly could have scored him, with one out we had the pitcher on the ropes and it didn't feel right. You've got a half a second to make that decision. With Crumbliss coming up, he's a tough out and he's a tough guy to double up even though they had brought the infield in. Just kind of went with percentages there."

As predicted by his manager, Crumbliss did come through, but not after a tough battle at the plate against Lollis. Finally, on a full count and after the seventh pitch of the at-bat, Crumbliss lifted the ball into center field and just deep enough for Peterson to get a good jump from third and score on the play and give the RockHounds their first lead of the game, 6-5.

"I was just thankful that Peterson is our fastest guy," Crumbliss said. "I don't know if anybody else would have scored on that. I was just trying to get it deep enough and see if he could score on that. I was just trying to stay away from the double play and get it out of the infield."

Josh Horton added some insurance two batters later when he laced a single to left to score Lipkin for the 7-5 advantage.

In the ninth, Jonathan Ortiz earned his fourth save of the season by striking out Nathan Freiman — one of the best power hitters in the Texas League who had homered in the eighth — with a runner at first base.

James Simmons (1-2) picked up the win in relief of Sonny Gray after allowing just one run on one hit with two strikeouts.

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'HOUND BITES: The RockHounds moved above .500 on the season with the victory and are now 12-11 overall and 5-4 at Citibank Ballpark. … RockHounds 2B Tyler Ladendorf was 0-for-4 at the plate but extended his on-base streak to 14 games when he was hit by a pitch in the five-run eighth inning. Ladendorf also worked at 10-pitch at-bat before he was clunked in the upper back by Matt Lollis. … It was an unusual start for RockHounds pitcher Sonny Gray as he had trouble locating his pitches early. He walked four in the first two innings before settling down and lasted through six. "He was a little erratic early, but he settled real nice in the last four innings, which was "good," Midland manager Steve Scarsone said. "You like to see that from a pitcher. It's part of a maturing process. He knew he had to stick with certain pitches and start getting ahead in the count, and that was a big difference."

TODAY'S PROBABLES: The teams conclude their four-game series at 6:30 p.m. today as Midland is expected to send RHP Shawn Haviland (0-1, 6.90 ERA) to the mound against San Antonio's RHP Hayden Beard (0-2, 6.98).

ROCKHOUNDS 7, MISSIONS 5

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Fuentes cf	3	2	1	0	Crumbliss lf	4	0	3	1
Valdez ss	4	0	0	0	Ladendorf 2b	4	0	0	0
Gyorko 2b	4	0	2	2	Horton dh	5	0	2	1
Freiman 1b	5	1	2	2	Choice cf	5	1	3	0
J. Decker dh	4	0	0	0	Spina 1b-3b	4	1	2	0
C. Decker rf	4	0	0	0	Barfield rf	4	2	1	1
Rincon 3b	4	0	1	0	Gil 3b	3	0	0	0
Arraz lf	3	1	1	0	Peterson pr-lb	1	1	1	0
Solis c	4	1	1	0	Lipkin c	4	1	2	2
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San Antonio						
Werner	7.0	10	2	2	4	6
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Sosa	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
Midland						
Gray	6.0	7	4	4	4	4
Simmons W, 1-2	2.0	1	1	1	0	2
Ortiz S 4	1.0	0	0	0	1	2

WP — Gray. HBP — by Lollis (Ladendorf).
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AP source: UK Olympic doping ban declared illegal

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

LONDON — Sprinter Dwain Chambers and cyclist David Millar will be eligible to compete for Britain at the London Games after the country's lifetime Olympic ban for doping offenders was found to be unlawful by sports' top court.

A Court of Arbitration for Sport panel has decided the British Olympic Association's 20-year-old bylaw now violates the World Anti-Doping Agency code, a person familiar with the ruling said Sunday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the CAS verdict is not being publicly released until Monday.

Britain, the only country to enforce lifetime bans for dopers, will now have to remove the sanction from its Olympic regulations.

And both Chambers and Millar, who have worked with authorities to help officials crack down on doping, can try to qualify to represent Britain at the July 27-Aug. 12 Olympics.

Chambers, who won a bronze medal in the 60 meters at the world indoor championships in March, served a two-year ban after testing positive for the steroid THG in 2003. Millar was suspended in 2004 for two years after testing positive for the blood-boosting agent EPO.

HSSOFTBALLTODAY

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN AT DALLAS FIRST BAPTIST

When/where: 3:30 p.m. today, Dallas First Baptist softball field

Records: Midland Christian 13-18; First Baptist N/A

Last game: Fort Worth Southwest Christian 16, Midland Christian 3

Notes: Midland Christian was a couple wins away from winning at least a share of the TAPPS 1-4A title couple weeks ago but lost its last four district games against Fort Worth Southwest Christian and Grapevine Faith. … Dallas First Baptist finished second in its district, earning the Lady Saints the right to host this opening round playoff game.

Next: Winner plays the winner between Houston Northland Christian-Corpus Christi John Paul in a regional playoff game.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

LOCAL GOLF/TENNIS STATE QUALIFIERS

State Schedules

Golf

Class 5A Tournament
Today-Tuesday, Onion Creek Golf Club, Austin

Class 4A Tournament
Today-Tuesday, Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin

Class 3A Tournament
Thursday-Friday, Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin

Class 2A Tournament
Thursday-Friday, Roy Kizer Golf Course, Austin

Class A Tournament
Thursday-Friday, Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin

Local Qualifiers

Class 5A
Girls
Libby Thomas, Lee

Class 3A
Boys
Andrews (G.K. Morrison, Hunter Montgomery, Erik Wallinder, Casey Fowler, Josh Bassett)
Big Spring (Tyler Bryan, Ryan Pollard, Tate Kennedy, Devin Robeson, Jason Guevara)
Girls
Andrews (Sarah Black, McKenzie Long, Kalli Jennings, Whitlee Woods, Payton Payne)

Class A
Boys
Ranish (Turner Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Nathan Braden, Ty Self, Quinton Coppedge)
Girls
Britni Cook, Garden City
Clarissa Molina, McCamey

Tennis

Class 5A
Today-Tuesday, World of Tennis at Lakeway

Class 4A
Today-Tuesday, World of Tennis at Lakeway

Class 3A
Today-Tuesday, Penick-Allison Tennis Center, Austin

Class 2A
Today-Tuesday, Penick-Allison Tennis Center, Austin

Class A
Today-Tuesday, World of Tennis at Lakeway

Local Qualifiers

Class 2A
Boys Singles — James "Kyle" Stevenson, Forsan
Girls Singles — Sydney Holdampf, Forsan

Class A
Mixed Doubles — Kelly Cook-Taylor Polson, Grady

THOMAS

From 1C

control and touch shots. With the muscle control you know where your muscles are supposed to be when you hit a ball at a certain distance."

Thomas' consistency has been reflected in her play through the invitational season this spring at Lee, but her biggest change has come in being able to put bad shots behind her and stay steady throughout a round.

That was shown during the regional tournament when Thomas rebounded from four straight bogeys on the first day to shoot a 71 and then shoot a 73 on the final day to qualify for the state tournament.

In previous years, Thomas said she might have let those holes affect her and her round might have been pushing 80, but now she's been able to rebound and stay steady and it's a major reason she is playing in Austin this week.

"My game is at a whole new level, and that break through I had last summer, it's carried over into now," Thomas said.

What also has Thomas confident entering this week is that she knows many of the players she will be seeing on the leaderboard at the tournament this week. Thomas travels to a number of different American Junior Golf Association, or AJGA, events around Texas and the country each year, and she realized last year that many of the players she would have to beat she has already played against.

Yes, playing in the state tournament offers a different set of pressure in that she is representing her school and her city, but having familiarity with the players gives Thomas a comfort level when she plays.

"You are playing the same people, and actually it's the same turf but it's just from a different angle," Thomas said.

That big tournament experience has proven invaluable, Huddleston said, and it's a reason she's had so much success playing at the high school level. But he added what has helped her break through to the state tournament was her ability to focus on what she wanted to do and stay focused on her goals.

"I think that goes with maturity," Huddleston said. "She's a goal-oriented person, and she gets the goals she sets. I'm proud of her and the way she's done it."

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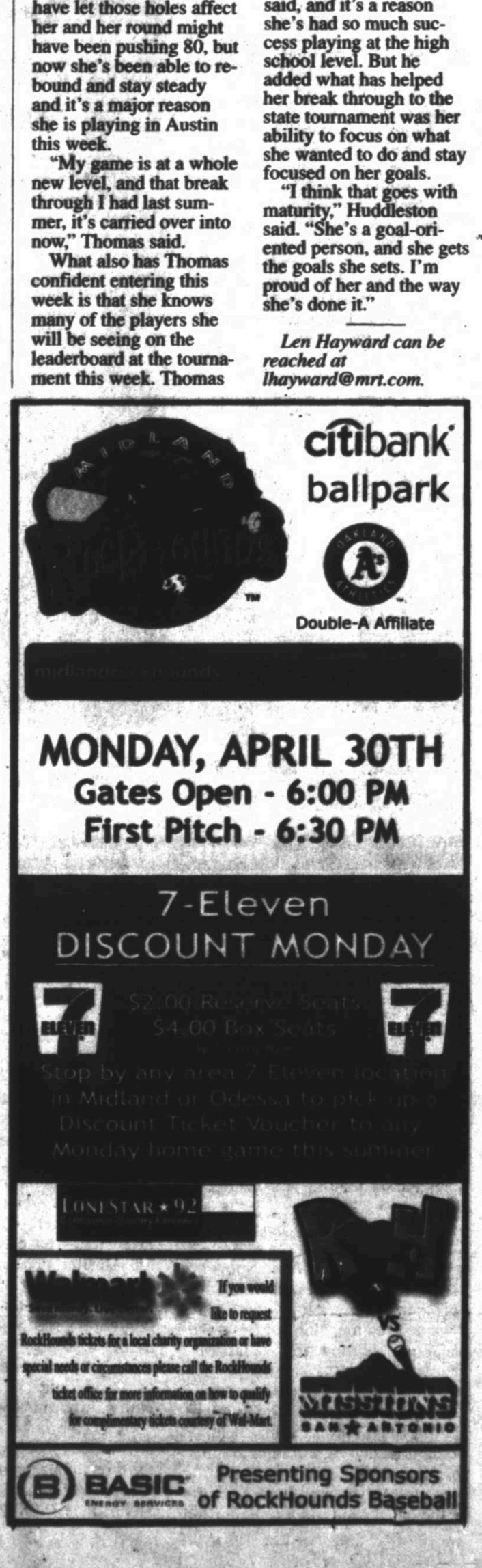

NHL

National Hockey League Playoff Series
Conference Semifinals
(Best-of-7)
Sunday
Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3, OT
Philadelphia 1, New Jersey 0
Phoenix 5, Nashville 4, Phoenix leads series 1-0
Today
Washington at NY Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES
FLYERS 4, DEVILS 3, OT

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New Jersey	1	1	1	0	3
Philadelphia	1	2	1	1	4

First Period—1, New Jersey, Parise 3 (Elias), 3:18.
Second Period—2, Philadelphia, Briere 6 (Voracek), 8:07. 3, Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 4 (Giroux), 8:44. 4, New Jersey, Zajac 4 (Parise, Rolston), 13:33 (pp).
Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Giroux 7 (Timonen, Hartnell), 4:15 (pp). 6, New Jersey, Sykora 1 (Carlson), 11:22.
First Overtime—7, Philadelphia, Briere 7 (Voracek), 3:46.
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 15-3-4-4—26. Philadelphia 6-8-15-7—36.
Goaltenders—New Jersey, Brodeur, 4-0-0, 91 saves. Philadelphia, Bryzgalov, A—19,972 (19,537). T—2:35.

COYOTES 5, PREDATORS 4

	1	2	3	T
Nashville	1	1	2	4
Phoenix	1	3	1	5

First Period—1, Phoenix, Vermette 5 (Tinordi, Boedker), 8:32. 2, Nashville, A.Kostitsyn 3 (Ellis, Spaling), 17:13.
Second Period—3, Phoenix, Hanzal 2 (Vrbata, Whitney), 3:47. 4, Phoenix, Vrbata 2 (Whitney, Yandle), 7:05. 5, Nashville, Hornqvist 1 (Suter, Fisher), 11:20 (pp). 6, Phoenix, Pyatt 3 (Doan), 11:50.
Third Period—7, Nashville, Suter 1 (Weber, Radulov), :33 (pp). 8, Phoenix, Doan 2 (Morris, Vermette), 3:53.
Shots on Goal—Nashville 9-15-8—32. Phoenix 12-19-8—39.
Goaltenders—Nashville, Rinne. Phoenix, M.Smith. A—17,217 (17,135). T—2:38.

NBA

NBA Daily Playoff Glance
(x-if necessary)
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Sunday
San Antonio 106, Utah 91, San Antonio leads series 1-0
L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 88, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0
Atlanta 83, Boston 74, Atlanta lead series 1-0
L.A. Clippers 99, Memphis 98, L.A. Clippers lead series 1-0
Today
New York at Miami, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 106, JAZZ 91

UTAH (91) Hayward 2-6 12-12 17, Millsap 8-14 4-6 20, Jefferson 8-18 0-1 16, Harris 3-9 0-0 7, Howard 0-4 0-0 0, Carroll 3-8 0-0 7, Fesenko 3-5 1-4 7, Tinsley 3-9 2-2 8, Morris 2-5 0-2, Burke 1-2 4-5 6, Alexander 0-0 0-0 0. Evans 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-76 23-30 91.

SAN ANTONIO (106) Leonard 2-5 2-2 6, Duncan 7-14 3-5 17, Diaw 4-5 1-1 9, Parker 10-19 8-10 28, Green 1-3 0-0 2, Ginobili 3-10 1-2 7, Jackson 4-8 4-4 14, Bonner 3-5 0-0 6, Splitter 2-4 0-2 4, Neal 2-5 0-0 5, Blair 2-5 1-2 5, Mills 0-0 0-0 0. Anderson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-84 20-28 106.

Utah	22	25	23	21	—	91
San Antonio	29	26	31	21	—	106

3-Point Goals—Utah 4-13 (Tinsley 1-1, Carroll 1-3, Hayward 1-4, Harris 1-4, Howard 0-1). San Antonio 6-17 (Bonner 3-4, Jackson 2-4, Neal 1-2, Ginobili 0-2, Green 0-2, Leonard 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 51 (Jefferson, Millsap 9), San Antonio 52 (Duncan 11). Assists—Utah 17 (Tinsley 5), San Antonio 25 (Parker 8). Total Fouls—Utah 24, San Antonio 18. Technicals—San Antonio Coach Popovich, A—18,581 (18,797).

LAKERS 103, NUGGETS 88

DENVER (88): Gallinari 7-14 5-6 19, Fertel 4-8 2-3 10, Koufos 0-1 0-0 0, Lawson 3-11 1-2 7, Affalo 3-11 3-4 9, Harrington 4-14 0-0 10, McGee 0-6 2-4 2, Miller 5-13 2-3 12, Brewer 3-8 3-3 11, Mozgov 2-5 2-2 6, Stone 0-0 0-0 0, Hamilton 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-90 20-27 88.

L.A. LAKERS (103): Ebanks 5-6 2-2 12, Gasol 6-14 0-0 13, Bynum 5-7 0-0 10, Sessions 6-11 0-0 14, Bryant 11-24 9-11 31, Barnes 1-6 0-0 2, Hill 5-10 0-0 10, Blake 3-7 0-0 9, Eyenga 1-1 0-0 2, Goudelock 0-0 0-0 0, McRoberts 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-86 11-15 103.

Denver	14	28	24	24	—	88
L.A. Lakers	27	23	27	26	—	103

3-Point Goals—Denver 4-14 (Harrington 2-4, Brewer 2-4, Miller 0-1, Lawson 0-2, Affalo 0-3). L.A. Lakers 6-17 (Blake 3-6, Sessions 2-3, Gasol 1-2, Bryant 0-2, Barnes 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 56 (Miller, Fertel 8), L.A. Lakers 58 (Bynum 13). Assists—Denver 17 (Miller 7), L.A. Lakers 22 (Gasol 8). Total Fouls—Denver 18, L.A. Lakers 22. Technical—Fertel, Bryant. L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A—18,997 (18,997).

HAWKS 83, CELTICS 74

BOSTON (74): Pierce 5-19 2-3 12, Bass 3-7 2-2 8, Garnett 8-19 4-4 20, Rondo 10-18 0-0 20, Bradley 4-12 2-4 10, Sherman 2-2 0-2 2, Pietrus 0-2 0-0 0, Pavlovic 0-0 0-0 0, Dooling 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 32-82 10-13 74.

ATLANTA (83): Johnson 3-15 5-6 11, Smith 6-20 6-9 22, Collins 2-5 0-0 4, Teague 5-10 3-4 15, Hinrich 4-8 0-0 12, Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, M.Williams 1-5 0-0 2, Green 1-2 0-0 2, Pargo 2-4 0-0 5, McDaniels 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 31-76 14-21 83.

Boston	19	17	18	21	—	74
Atlanta	20	18	19	26	—	83

3-Point Goals—Boston 0-11 (Dooling 0-1, Bradley 0-2, Pietrus 0-2, Pierce 0-6). Atlanta 7-20 (Hinrich 4-8, Teague 2-2, Pargo 1-2, Smith 0-1, Johnson 0-4). Fouled Out—Bass. Rebounds—Boston 47 (Garnett 12), Atlanta 58 (Smith 18). Assists—Boston 18 (Rondo 11), Atlanta 16 (Johnson 5). Total Fouls—Boston 24, Atlanta 18. Technicals—Rondo 2. Ejected—Rondo. A—19,298 (18,729).

CLIPPERS 99, GRIZZLIES 98

L.A. CLIPPERS (99): Butler 5-12 2-2 12, Griffin 7-15 3-4 17, Jordan 2-4 1-2 5, Paul 5-12 4-5 14, Foye 1-4 0-0 3, Martin 2-3 0-0 4, Williams 3-6 0-0 7, Bledsoe 2-3 0-0 5, Aminu 4-8 0-0 9, Evans 3-3 1-4 7. Totals 39-76 17-23 99.

MEMPHIS (98): Gay 8-20 2-3 19, Randolph 3-13 0-0 6, Gasol 6-10 2-2 14, Conley 5-8 2-4 17, Allen 2-4 2-2 6, Mayo 5-12 5-5 17, Speights 4-10 0-2 8, Pondexter 2-2 0-0 5, Arthur 2-4 0-0 4, Cunningham 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-85 11-18 98.

L.A. Clippers	16	23	25	35	—	99
Memphis	28	24	27	19	—	98

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 6-18 (Young 3-4, Williams 1-1, Foye 1-3, Bledsoe 1-3, Griffin 0-1, Paul 0-2, Butler 0-4). Memphis 11-18 (Conley 5-5, Mayo 4-6, Pondexter 1-1, Gay 1-2, Randolph 0-1, Aminu 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 59 (Evans 13), Memphis 48 (Speights 9). Assists—L.A. Clippers 19 (Paul 11), Memphis 19 (Conley 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 19, Memphis 22. Technicals—Jordan, Paul, Williams, Speights. A—18,119 (18,119).

PGA Tour

Zurich Classic of New Orleans Scores
Sunday
At TPC Louisiana
Jonesville, La.
Purse: $6.4 million
Yardage: 7,495; Par 72
Final Round
(x-a-am amateur, c-course of playoff)

Angel Cabrera (500), $1,152,000	-20
Brian Davis (300), $691,200	-20
Luke Donald (180), $345,600	-20
Graeme McDowell (100), $230,400	-20
Ryan Palmer (100), $230,400	-20
Webb Simpson (100), $230,400	-20
Alex Cejka (67), $153,600	-19
Charles Howell III (67), $153,600	-19
Matt Kuchar (67), $153,600	-19
Hunter Mahan (51), $96,000	-18
Mike Weir (51), $96,000	-18
Chris Couch (40), $51,840	-17
Doug Garwood (40), $51,840	-17
Fred Funk (40), $51,840	-17
Ryan Moore (40), $51,840	-17
Kevin Stadler (40), $51,840	-17
Cameron Beckman (31), $38,400	-16
Chris Stroud (31), $38,400	-16
Tim Wilkison (31), $38,400	-16
Ben Curtis (24), $28,800	-15
Jim Furyk (24), $28,800	-15
Charles Howell III (24), $28,800	-15
Chris Kirk (24), $28,800	-15
Bill Haas (21), $21,600	-14
Jerry Kelly (21), $21,600	-14
Steve Marino (21), $21,600	-14
Rory Sabbatini (21), $21,600	-14
Rich Beem (18), $17,280	-13
Ben Crane (18), $17,280	-13
Jason Gore (18), $17,280	-13
Tim Clark (15), $14,400	-12
Ryan Moore (x-a-am)	-12
Bill Haas (c-a-am)	-12
Ryan Palmer (c-a-am)	-12
Webb Simpson (c-a-am)	-12
Tim Wilkison (c-a-am)	-12
Ryan Palmer (c-a-am)	-12
Webb Simpson (c-a-am)	-12
Tim Wilkison (c-a-am)	-12

AL Boxes

RAYS 6, RANGERS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
DJnngs lf	4	0	1	1	Kinsler 2b	5	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	3	1	1	0	A.Ardua ss	3	1	1	0
Longoria 3b	4	0	1	0	Hamilton lf	4	1	0	0
Zobrist rf-2b	4	1	0	0	DMurphy dh	4	0	1	1
Kpnger 2b	3	1	2	1	Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0
Zelhsn pr-2b	0	0	0	0	Napoli 1b	4	0	1	0
Joyce dh	4	0	0	0	Torrealba c	4	0	0	0
Shndgs ss	3	0	0	0	Rios cf	2	1	1	0
B.Upton cf	4	1	2	0	Mostoy ph-rf	2	0	0	0
Molina c	4	0	1	1	MGnzlz p	0	0	0	0
					Ogando p	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	11	3	Totals	36	2	7	2

Tampa Bay	031	100	100	—	6
Texas	100	010	000	—	2

E—Rodney (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Texas 8. 2B—Zobrist (4), B.Upton (1), Scott (5), Sb—DeJennings (1), Zobrist (2). SB—Andrus (5). CS—C.Pena (1), Longoria (2). SF—S.Rodriguez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Price W,4-1	6	1-3	6	2	1	6
Jo.Peralta	1	2-3	0	0	0	3
Rodney S,7-7	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
D.Holland L,2-2	7	6	5	5	2	6
M.Lowe	1	2	0	0	1	0
Feldman	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Rodney (Napoli). WP—M.Lowe.
T—3:19. A—43,475 (48,194).

INDIANS 4, ANGELS 0

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf	3	0	0	0	Brantly cf	3	1	2	0
H.Kndrc 2b	4	0	0	0	Kipnis 2b	4	0	1	0
Bailey 1b	4	0	0	0	Choo dh	4	0	0	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	0	0	Hafner dh	4	0	1	0
K.Morls dh	4	0	2	0	Donald pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Trumo rf	4	0	0	0	C.Santn c	4	0	1	0
Trahan 3b	3	0	0	0	Hannhn 3b	2	0	0	0
V.Wells lf	3	0	0	0	Duncan lf	3	0	1	0
Mathis ss-2b	1	0	0	0	Mcdon 1b	4	0	1	0
Iannetta c	3	0	1	0	Cnghm rf	3	1	1	0
Bourjos pr	0	0	0	0					
Aybar ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	29	0	3	0	Totals	31	4	9	1

Los Angeles	000	000	000	—	0
Cleveland	000	000	004	—	4

E—Tor.Hunter (1), Jepsen (1), C.Santana (1). DP—Los Angeles 2, Cleveland 1. LOB—Los Angeles 5, Cleveland 7. 2B—C.Santana (3). SB—M.Izturis (5). S—Hannahan. SF—Duncan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
E.Santana L,0-5	7	7	2	0	2	3
Jepsen	1	2	2	1	0	0
Cleveland						
D.Lowe W,4-1	7	2-3	3	0	0	2
Pestano	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
C.Perez	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:22. A—15,421 (43,429).

- BLUE JAYS 7, MARINERS 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 1b	4	1	1	1	YEscor ss	5	0	1	0
Ackley 2b	5	0	1	0	K.Johnsn 2b	3	0	1	1
I.Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	Bautista rf	4	1	1	0
Liddi 1b	4	0	0	0	J.Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	0	1	0	Encarnc dh	1	2	1	1
MSndrs cf	3	0	1	0	Thame lf	3	0	1	0
Olivo c	4	1	2	1	RDavis ph	1	0	0	0
Jaso dh	3	0	1	0	Hyman cf	4	0	0	0
Kawak ss	3	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	2
					Rasms cf	4	1	0	0
					Arencibia c	4	1	1	1
Totals	34	2	8	2	Totals	32	7	8	6

Seattle	100	000	001	—	2
Toronto	002	011	03x	—	7

E—Olivo 2 (3). LOB—Seattle 9, Toronto 6. 2B—Ackley (6), Seager (7), M.Saunders (8), Jaso (1), Y.Escobar (4), Thames (3), Lawrie (1). HR—Figgins (2), Olivo (2), Encarnacion (7), Mathis (2). SB—Olivo (1), Bautista (2), Encarnacion (4). S—Figgins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Vargas L,3-2	6	4	2	2	3	4
Furbush	1-3	2	2	2	0	1
Furbush,	2-3	2	3	3	1	1
Toronto						
H.Alvarez W,1-2	6	6	1	1	3	1
E.Crawford	1	0	0	0	0	0
Janssen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cordero	1	2	1	1	0	1

H.Alvarez pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP—by Delabar (Encarnacion). WP—Cordero.
T—2:36. A—22,320 (49,260).

ORIOLES 5, ATHLETICS 2

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp dh	3	0	0	0	Reimold lf	4	0	1	0
Pringle ss	4	0	1	0	Hardy ss	4	0	1	0
Reddick rf	4	1	2	0	Marlins rf	4	0	1	0
Crespo cf	4	0	2	1	AJ.Jons cf	4	1	0	0
Jaakola 1b	3	0	0	0	Willrms c	4	0	1	0
Barton ph-1b	1	0	1	0	EnChvz pr	0	1	0	0
S.Smith lf	3	1	2	1	C.Davis dh	2	1	1	0
Wieters c	4	0	0	0	Sweeney dh	2	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	4	0	0	0	MrRynl 1b	3	0	0	0
L.Hughs 3b	3	0	0	0	Andrino 2b	3	0	2	0
Matusz p	0	0	0	0	Totals	32	2	6	1
Totals	32	3	7	2					

Baltimore	000	000	005	—	5
Oakland	000	000	000	—	0

One out when winning run scored.
E—Colon (1). DP—Oakland 2, Baltimore 1. LOB—Oakland 6, Baltimore 4. 2B—Crespo (4), Barton (4), Reimold (8), Mar.Reddick (4), Weiters (2). HR—S.Smith (2), Barton (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Colon	8 1-3	7	2	2	1	5
Balfour L,0-1	0 2-3	3	1	0		
Baltimore						
Tom.Hunter	7	7	2	2	1	2
O'Day	1	0	0	0	1	1
Strop W,3-1	1	1	0	0	1	0

Balfour pitched to 3 batters in the 9th.
T—2:31. A—31,793(45,971).

YANKEES 6, TIGERS 2

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Avisnn cf	4	0	1	0	Jeter ss	3	1	2	0
Boesch rf	4	1	2	0	Grndrs cf	3	1	1	2
MCarr 3b	4	0	1	1	ARdrgz 3b	4	1	1	0
Fielder 1b	4	1	1	1	Cano 2b	4	0	2	1
Infante 2b	4	0	0	0	Teixeira 1b	4	0	0	0
Raburn lf	3	0	0	0	Swisher rf	1	0	0	0
Dirks lf	1	0	0	0	R.Ruiz ph-pr	2	1	1	1
Peralta ss	3	0	0	0	Russell ss	4	0	1	0
Laird c	2	0	0	0	Ellsbry dh	4	1	2	0
Worth 2b	2	0	0	0	CSwirt c	5	1	1	0
Totals	31	2	6	2	Totals	36	6	12	6

Detroit	000	101	000	—	2
New York	000	000	21x	—	6

LOB—Detroit 4, New York 10. 2B—Fielder (2), M.Cabrera (2). HR—Fielder (3), Grandersn (8), An.Jones (3). S—Grandersn. SF—Cano.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Scherzer L,1-3	4 2-3	7	3	3	7	4
Alburquerque	1 2-3	3	2	2	2	2
Belisario	1 2-3	1	1	1	0	1
New York						
Sabathia W,3-0	8	4	2	2	2	8
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—3:11. A—43,084 (50,291).

WHITE SOX 4, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsbry cf	3	0	0	0	De Aza cf	3	1	1	1
Aviles ss	3	0	0	0	Ldldrm 3b-1b2	1	0	1	0
Sweeny rf	3	0	0	0	Ramirez ss	4	0	1	0
Ortiz dh	3	0	1	0	Konerko dh	4	0	1	0
Middlbrks 1b	3	0	0	0	Rios rf	4	0	1	0
Nava rf	3	0	1	0	Viciedo rf	4	0	2	1
Ross c	3	0	1	0	Flowrs c	3	0	1	0
Shppch c	2	0	0	0					
Stinnch ph-cf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	30	1	3	1	Totals	30	4	8	4

Boston	000	000	100	—	1
Chicago	300	000	01x	—	4

DP—Boston 1. LOB—Boston 4, Chicago 8. 2B—Ortiz (9), HR—A.Dunn (5). SB—Lillibridge (6). S—Lillibridge.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Beckett L,2-3	6 2-3	6	3	3	3	8
Bowman	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
R.Hill	2-3	1	1	1	2	0
Tazawa	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
Gavin W,2-1	6 2-3	3	1	1	1	9
Reed	1	0	0	0	1	1
Thornton S,1-1	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:58. A—22,811 (40,615).

TWINS 7, ROYALS 4

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Getz 2b	3	0	1	0	Span cf	4	1	1	0
Y.Blnchr ph	1	0	0	0	J.Carroll ss	3	1	1	0
AGordn lf	4	1	1	0	Mauer c	4	1	1	1
Butler dh	4	0	3	0	Wngh lf	5	2	3	2
Francoeur rf	4	0	1	0	Morrson 1b	4	1	1	0
Francr rf	3	1	0	0	Valencl 3b	4	1	3	2
Mostks 3b	3	1	2	2	Doumit dh	3	0	1	2
S.Perez c	3	0	0	0	Plouffe rf	3	0	0	0
AEscor ss	4	0	1	1	CThms rf	0	0	0	0
Dyson cf	4	0	1	0	ACasill 2b	4	0	1	0
Mdlrk 1b	3	0	0	0	Dozier 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	9	4	Totals	34	7	11	7

Kansas City	010	200	001	—	4
Minnesota	403	000	10x	—	7

E—A.Escobar (2), Moustakas (2). DP—Kansas City 1, Minnesota 2. LOB—Kansas City 6, Minnesota 9. 2B—A.Gordon (4), Wlnghsm (1), Morrison (5), Doumit (3). 3B—Wlnghsm (1), Valencia (1). HR—Moustakas (3). SB—A.Escobar (5), Dyson (1). CS—Span (2). SF—Doumit.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
B.Chen L,0-3	2 2-3	6	6	6	2	1
Adcock	5 1-3	5	1	1	3	3
Minnesota						
Marquis W,2-0	6	6	3	3	0	1
Burton	1	0	0	0	1	0
Perkins	1	1	0	0	1	0
Capps	1	2	1	1	0	1

HBP—by Burton (Moustakas). WP—Capps.
T—3:02. A—34,201 (39,500).

MLB Boxes

REDS 6, ASTROS 5

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Schafer cf	2	0	1	0	Stubbs cf	5	1	0	0
Bogovcs cf	3	0	1	0	Cozart ss	4	1	2	1
Pence rf	5	2	2	0	Votto 1b	3	0	1	0
Lowrie ss	4	1	2	3	Phillips 2b	4	0	0	0
JDMrtnz lf	3	0	0	0	Bruce rf	3	1	1	1
Ad.Ldock 2b	4	0	1	0	Ludwick lf	4	0	0	0
Mrtnez 1b	4	1	1	1	Frazier 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Johnsn 3b	4	1	2	0	Marshll p	0	0	0	0
J.Castro c	4	0	1	0	Hanignr c	3	1	2	0
Lyles p	2	0	0	0	Mesoraco ph-c	1	0	1	0
WLopez p	0	0	0	0	Latos p	1	0	0	0
DvCrpnr p	0	0	0	0	Arroyo p	0	0	0	0
Wilhelm p	0	0	0	0	Ondrusk p	0	0	0	0
Maxwll ph	1	0	0	0	Ondrusk p	0	0	0	0
					Rolen ph-3b	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	11	5	Totals	32	6	9	6

Houston	110	021	000	—	5
Cincinnati	000	210	21x	—	6

LOB—Houston 8, Cincinnati 8. 2B—Altuve (7), C.Johnson (6), Cozart 2 (7), Votto (10). HR—Lowrie (2), Mr.Johnson (1), Votto (2), Bruce (5). SB—Cozart (1), Bruce (3). CS—Schafer (3). S—Lyles, Latos.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Lyles	6	4	3	3	3	5
WLopez	0	2	2	0	0	0
Dav.Carpenter	1	1	0	0	0	0
Wilhelm H,1	1	2	1	1	2	3
Cincinnati						
Latos	6 1-3	10	5	5	0	4
Arroyo	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Ondrusek W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Marshall S,5-6	1	0	0	0	0	1

W.Lopez pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
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CUBS 5, PHILLIES 1

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Campen cf	4	2	2	0	Rollins ss	3	0	1	0
Barney 2b	3	0	0	0	Pierre lf	3	0	0	0
SCastro ss	3	0	2	0	Pence rf	4	0	1	0
LaHair 1b	4	2	3	0	Wggnm 3b	3	0	1	0
Jo.Baker c	4	0	1	0	Victorino cf	4	0	1	0
Dolis p	0	0	0	0	Nix 1b	3	0	0	0
Marmol p	0	0	0	0	Schndr c	3	0	0	0
Gilbert 3b	4	0	1	0	Galvis 2b	3	0	1	0
Mather lf	3	1	1	1	Kndrick p	1	0	0	0
WCastll c	4	0	0	0	Mayrry ph	1	0	0	0
Garza p	3	0	0	0	Contrrs p	0	0	0	0
DeJesus rf	1	0	0	0	Hermdn p	0	0	0	0
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Baltimore	14	6	.636	—	—	7-3	W-2	5-4	9-2
Tampa Bay	14	8	.636	—	—	8-2	W-1	8-1	6-7
New York	12	9	.571	1 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W-2	6-4	6-5
Toronto	12	10	.545	2	2	6-4	W-2	6-4	6-6
Boston	10	11	.476	3 1/2	3 1/2	6-4	L-1	3-5	7-6
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	11	9	.550	—	—	6-4	W-1	4-7	7-2
Chicago	11	11	.500	1	3	5-5	W-1	4-7	7-4
Detroit	11	11	.500	1	3	5-5	W-1	6-5	5-6
Kansas City	6	15	.286	5 1/2	7 1/2	3-7	L-1	0-10	6-5
Minnesota	6	15	.286	5 1/2	7 1/2	3-7	W-1	3

COMMENTARY

Cowboys' draft could be a real 'downer' for NFC East passers

Tom Orsborne
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Eli Manning is set to host "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. Wouldn't it be fitting if that princess of pessimism, Debbie Downer, made a special appearance to remind him that his days of dominating the Cowboys could be over?

I say remind because I'm pretty sure the Giants quarterback realized last week that Dallas is finally serious about improving its defense.

What else could he conclude after watching the Cowboys trade up eight spots in the first round to select Morris Claiborne?

Fans should applaud Jerry Jones' bold move. In the LSU cornerback, Dallas bagged the draft's top defensive player. With Claiborne starting opposite free-agent signee Brandon Carr, the Cowboys are finally equipped to deal with a division that boasts quarterbacks like Manning, Michael Vick and Robert Griffin III and receivers such as Victor Cruz, Hakeem Nicks, DeSean Jackson, Jeremy Maclin, Santana Moss and Pierre Garcon.

"The receivers we have to cover are outstanding and the passing games we have to face are outstanding," Jason Garrett said. "There are very few weeks we go into a ball game saying of our opponent, 'Those guys don't throw it very well.' They all throw it well and you need really good cover guys."

Dallas could have one of the best in Claiborne.

Jones was convinced after watching the Giants defensive line harass Tom Brady in the Super Bowl that he had to find a pass rusher in the draft to pair opposite DeMarcus Ware. Only one problem: There weren't any elite pressure players available.

But there was an elite cornerback.

In the days leading up to the draft, the Cowboys discussed whether they should trade up from the 14th pick. Everyone at Valley Ranch agreed there was only one defender that would justify taking such a risk: Claiborne.

Then on Thursday afternoon, Dallas got lucky. The Rams, owners of the No. 6 spot, called to say they were willing to swap spots in the first round and would only ask for the Cowboys' second-round pick.

Some argue Dallas should have stuck with No. 14 and selected, say, LSU defensive end Michael Brockers and then grab another starter in the second round.

But that's short-sighted thinking. Claiborne is a difference maker at a premium position. Brockers' future seems bright, but he's not an elite player at a crucial spot. Pair Brockers with Ware, and the Cowboys defense is only a step above ordinary. Couple Claiborne with Ware, and you've got a much-improved unit with linchpin players at two key positions.

GOLF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

ZURICH CLASSIC: At Avondale, La., Jason Dufner beat Ernie Els with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff Sunday in the Zurich Classic to win for the first time in 164 starts on the PGA Tour.

LPGA

MOBILE BAY LPGA CLASSIC: At Mobile, Ala., Stacy Lewis won the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic on Sunday for her second LPGA Tour title, holding off hard-charging teen Lexi Thompson by a stroke.

PGA European

BALLANTINE'S CHAMPIONSHIP: At Seoul, South Korea, Austria's Bernd Wiesberger won the Ballantine's Championship for his first European Tour title, closing with a 4-under 68 for a five-stroke victory.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington argues with home plate umpire Dan Bellino after Ian Kinsler was called out on strikes in the seventh inning Sunday in Arlington. Washington was ejected during the argument.

Price, Zobrist lead Rays over Rangers

Associated Press

Rays 5
Rangers 2

ARLINGTON — David Price beat Texas for the first time in 10 career starts and the Tampa Bay Rays won 5-2 Sunday night, becoming the first team to take a series from the Rangers this season.

Ben Zobrist had three hits and an RBI and Price earned his fourth victory in five starts. Tampa Bay touched up Texas starter Derek Holland (2-2) for five extra-base hits in a nine-hit outburst.

Price (4-1) struck out six and walked one in 6 1-3 innings. He gave up two runs and six hits.

Fernando Rodney loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, then jammed Ian Kinsler on a soft liner back to the mound for his seventh save.

The Rangers played most of the game without slugger Josh Hamilton, the American League leader in home runs and RBIs He left in the third inning with back stiffness and is day to day.

Hamilton was injured while recording his 25th RBI on a single to center field in the first inning that scored Elvis Andrus.

The outfielder winced as he ran back to the dugout after being forced out on a fielder's choice on Adrian Beltre's grounder to second. He was slow to come out on the field for the start of the second and stayed in the dugout for the start of the third.

Rangers manager Ron Washington was ejected on his 60th birthday.

Tampa Bay took two of three in Texas, marking the first loss in seven series this season for the Rangers, who entered the game 13-1-1 in their last 15 series at home. They had won a team-record 12 consecutive series dating to last season.

Hamilton's departure left a hole in the lineup against Price, who entered 0-6 with a 5.30 ERA against the Rangers — including two starts in the AL division series.

The Rangers put runners on second and third with one out in the fifth but managed to score only Yorvit Torrealba on Andrus' groundout to second. David Murphy, who replaced Hamilton, struck out to end the threat.

Murphy fanned three times in three at-bats.

Zobrist, who was 3 for 4 with a double and a triple, was one of five Rays with RBIs. Jeff Keppinger, Luke Scott, Sean Rodriguez and Desmond Jennings — whose triple in the seventh scored the team's fifth run — all had run-producing hits against Holland, who turned in his second straight ineffective start.

Tampa Bay knocked the Rangers' left-hander around for six hits — including four for extra bases — and four runs in the second and third.

Zobrist led off the second with a triple and was followed by run-scoring hits from Keppinger and Scott and a sacrifice fly by Rodriguez that scored B.J. Upton.

Holland walked Carlos Pena to start the third and gave up a run-scoring double to Zobrist.

MLB ROUNDUP

AMERICAN LEAGUE

YANKEES 6, TIGERS 2

NEW YORK — CC Sabathia steadied New York's rocky rotation with eight sharp innings, Alex Rodriguez passed Willie Mays for eighth on the career RBI list and the Yankees beat the Detroit Tigers 6-2 on Sunday despite leaving 14 men on base in the first six innings.

Rodriguez drove in two runs without hitting the ball out of the infield, leaving him with 1,904 RBI. He singled on a dribbler down the third-base line with the bases loaded in the second, the Yankees' only hit in six plate appearances with three men on. Chris Stewart slid under catcher Gerald Laird's tag on Rodriguez's grounder to shortstop in the seventh.

INDIANS 4, ANGELS 0

CLEVELAND — Derek Lowe pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning and the Indians scored three runs on Angels errors.

Lowe (4-1) retired 12 batters on ground balls, including Albert Pujols three times. Pujols also struck out against Chris Perez, extending his career-long homerless streak to 117 at-bats.

WHITE SOX 4, RED SOX 1

CHICAGO — Gavin Floyd carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning, Adam Dunn hit a two-run homer and the White Sox snapped a five-game losing streak.

Floyd (2-3) struck out nine in 6 2-3 innings, yielding one run and three hits. He improved to 7-0 with a 3.21 ERA in nine career appearances against Boston.

ORIOLES 5, ATHLETICS 2

BALTIMORE — Wilson Betemit hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning after Matt Wieters doubled in two runs, giving the Orioles an unlikely victory.

Oakland starter Bartolo Colon took a four-hit shutout into the ninth without allowing a runner past second base.

TWINS 7, ROYALS 4

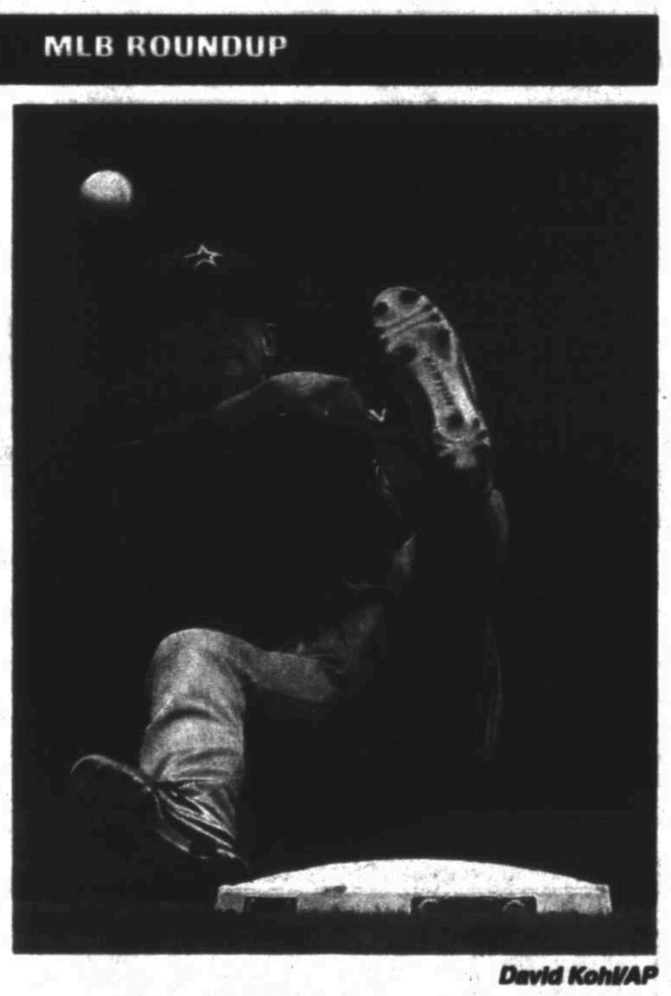
MINNEAPOLIS — Josh Willingham had three hits and the Twins snapped a six-game losing streak.

Jason Marquis (2-0) threw six strong innings for Minnesota, which also got three hits and a pair of RBI from Danny Valencia.

BLUE JAYS 7, MARINERS 2

TORONTO — Edwin Encarnacion hit his third home run in three games for Toronto, and Henderson Alvarez won for the first time since August.

Jeff Mathis added a two-run homer as the Blue Jays broke open a close game with a five-run eighth inning.



David Kohl/AP

Houston Astros shortstop Jed Lowrie throws to first base during the fifth inning Sunday in Cincinnati. The Reds won 6-5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

REDS 6, ASTROS 5

CINCINNATI — Jay Bruce's fourth home run in four games, a tiebreaking shot in the eighth inning, lifted Cincinnati to a comeback win over Houston.

Bruce hit the first pitch from reliever Fernando Rodriguez (0-3) into the right-field seats for his seventh homer of the season. Bruce has hit home runs in a career-high four consecutive games, one short of tying Cincinnati's club record.

DODGERS 2, NATIONALS 0

LOS ANGELES — Chris Capuano struck out nine while combining with two relievers on a four-hitter, James Loney drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single and the Los Angeles Dodgers completed a three-game sweep of the Washington Nationals with a 2-0 victory Sunday.

CUBS 5, PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Matt Garza pitched one-hit ball for seven shutout innings and struck out 10 as Chicago beat Philadelphia.

BREWERS 3, CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Zack Greinke worked six strong innings and Jonathan Lucroy's two-run double capped a three-run sixth as Milwaukee beat St. Louis to avoid a three-game sweep.

BRAVES 4, PIRATES 3

ATLANTA — Tim Hudson labored through five tough innings to win in his return from back surgery and Atlanta held on in the ninth to beat Pittsburgh.

DIAMONDBACKS 8, MARLINS 4

MIAMI — Wade Miley held Miami hitless until the sixth inning and Jason Kubel drove in three runs for Arizona.

METS 6, ROCKIES 5, 11 INNINGS

DENVER — Ike Davis singled in the go-ahead run in the 11th inning and New York overcame two tying homers allowed by its bullpen to beat Colorado.

GIANTS 4, PADRES 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Pablo Sandoval homered to back Madison Bumgarner's fourth straight victory, and San Francisco denied San Diego its first series win of the season.

Mike Neff gives John Force Racing 6th straight win

BAYTOWN — Mike Neff gave John Force Racing its sixth straight Funny Car victory to open the season, beating Ron Capps on Sunday in the final of the NHRA Spring Nationals.

Neff had a pass of 4.239 seconds at 301.67 mph at Royal Purple Raceway, while Capps hazed the tires and finished in 4.476 at 211.79.

John Force won the season-opening Winternationals and Robert Hight took the next four events.

Morgan Lucas won the Top Fuel competition, Vincent Nobile topped the Pro Stock field, and Andrew Hines took the Pro Stock Motorcycle division. Lucas beat Antron Brown with a pass of 3.848 at 320.81, Nobile topped Dave Connolly at 6.595 and 210.14, and Hines edged Hector Arana Jr. at 6.905 and 194.52.

Power wins 3rd straight Sao Paulo 300

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Will Power loves racing in Brazil.

Power had a flawless race to win IndyCar's Sao Paulo 300 for the third straight time Sunday, extending his dominance on the streets of South America's biggest city.

The Australian was hardly challenged at the 2.5-mile, 11-turn Anhembi circuit, taking control of the race from the start to finish ahead of American Ryan Hunter Reay.

"I think I love Brazil, I love Sao Paulo," Power said.

Japan's Takuma Sato had a great run to finish third for his first podium after starting only 25th and overcoming a drive-thru penalty, while Brazilian Helio Castroneves was fourth after starting 18th. Three-time defending series champion Dario Franchitti recovered from an early spin to finish fifth.

It was Power's third straight victory after four races this season, and Penske's fourth straight. It is the first time the team wins four in a row to start the season, dating to the introduction of CART in 1979. Penske also won the first three races of the year in 2010.

Power became the first driver since Scott Dixon in 2007 to win three consecutive races. It was the Australian's 18th career victory at IndyCar.

"Something is clicking there very well," Hunter-Reay said. "I don't think it's a coincidence at all that they've won as many as they've won this season. Three out of four, that's astonishing."

Power led the most laps and clearly was faster than the rest of the field on Sunday, but had to fend off Hunter-Reay on a couple of late restarts, including one with five laps to go. Power crossed the line less than a second ahead of the American.

"I was giving absolutely everything I had to keep Ryan behind," said Power, who started from the pole position. "A solid day when you look at it, very solid, no mistakes."

Reay said he knew his best chance was to try to make a move at the restarts.

"I was certainly going hard, giving Will Power every bit of the fight that I had in me going into Turn 1. I tried to get him on the outside," the Andretti Autosport driver said. "It was a good race, a lot of fun, but came out just a little bit short."

NHL PLAYOFFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FLYERS 4, DEVILS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Danny Briere scored 4:36 into overtime to give the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Sunday in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series

Briere had his second chance at the winner count minutes after an apparent goal was overturned on review because he kicked it into the net. He also scored in the second period.

He wasted no time making up for the missed opportunity, firing a slapper past Martin Brodeur for his seventh goal of the playoffs. Brodeur was screened in front by Philadelphia forward James van Riemsdyk.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Philadelphia.

Van Riemsdyk and Claude Giroux also scored for the Flyers.

Zach Parise, Travis Zajac and Petr Sykora scored for the Devils.

COYOTES 5, PREDATORS 3

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Shane Doan, Radim Vrbata and Antoine Vermette each had a goal and an assist, Mike Smith made 30 saves, and Phoenix avoided its usual overtime theatrics, beating Nashville to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

Martin Hanzal and Taylor Pyatt also scored for the Coyotes. Ryan Suter, Patric Hornqvist and Andrei Kostitsyn scored for the Predators.

Phoenix scored three times on 19 second-period shots. The Coyotes built a two-goal lead early in the second period. Nashville twice cut it to one only to see Phoenix quickly respond.

The Coyotes did not go into overtime for only the second time in eight playoff games.

The best-of-seven series shifts to Nashville for Game 3 on Wednesday night.

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NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LAKERS 103, NUGGETS 88

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant scored 31 points, Andrew Bynum posted the Lakers' first playoff triple-double in 21 years with an NBA postseason record-tying 10 blocked shots, and Los Angeles thoroughly controlled the tempo in a playoff-opening 103-88 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday.

Bynum, the Lakers' All-Star center coming off his best regular season, also had 10 points and 13 rebounds while incredibly blocking 11 percent of the Nuggets' 90 shots.

Bynum had the Lakers' first playoff triple-double since Magic Johnson in the 1991 NBA finals. Fellow 7-footer Pau Gasol added 13 points, eight rebounds and eight assists as the playoff-tested Lakers never trailed.

Danilo Gallinari scored 19 points for the sixth-seeded Nuggets, but the NBA's second-youngest playoff roster struggled to run.

Game 2 is Tuesday night.

HAWKS 83, CELTICS 74

ATLANTA — Josh Smith scored 22 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, leading Atlanta over Boston in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference playoffs, the final minute turning ugly when Celtics star Rajon Rondo was ejected for bumping an official.

The Hawks, who led by as many as 19 in the first half, were clinging to a four-point lead when Rondo lost his cool with 41 seconds remaining — and may have cost himself a chance to play Game 2 Tuesday night.

CLIPPERS 99, GRIZZLIES 98

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Chris Paul hit a pair of free throws with 23.7 seconds left, and the Los Angeles Clippers rallied from 27 down to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 99-98 Sunday night in the opening game of the Western Conference series.

Rudy Gay missed a 15-footer with 0.9 seconds left after the Grizzlies squandered a lead they held for the first 47 minutes.

The Clippers lost Caron Butler to a broken left hand. But Nick Young scored 19 points off the bench, including three 3-pointers in the midst of the Clippers' 26-1 run. Paul finished with 14 points, and Blake Griffin had 17. Butler had 12 before leaving the game.

Spurs

From 1C

11 rebounds for the Spurs, who despite boasting the No. 1 seed for a second straight year hadn't won a Game 1 in its last six postseason series. The last one was a double-overtime win over Phoenix in 2008, which was also round the last time that the Spurs entered the playoffs as healthy as they are now.

But they didn't leave this game entirely scot-free.

Center Tiago Splitter sprained his left wrist and didn't return after scoring four points in 8 minutes. The severity of the injury wasn't immediately known, but even with arguably the deepest Spurs team in the Duncan era, San Antonio would sorely miss their 7-footer.

Parker shook off a slow start to shoot 10 of 19 from the floor. He also had eight assists in his best playoff game since scoring 43 against Dallas in 2009.

"We needed this one. We played a pretty good game. It wasn't brilliant," said Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, who had seven points. "But it was steady and we kept fighting. It took us awhile, but we broke it in the fourth quarter."

The Jazz may be bigger, but are well short on playoff experience compared to the Spurs. To that end, Utah coach Tyrone Corbin put Josh Howard back in the starting lineup for Game 1, even though the Jazz rolled into the postseason winners of five in a row with DeMare Carroll at small forward.

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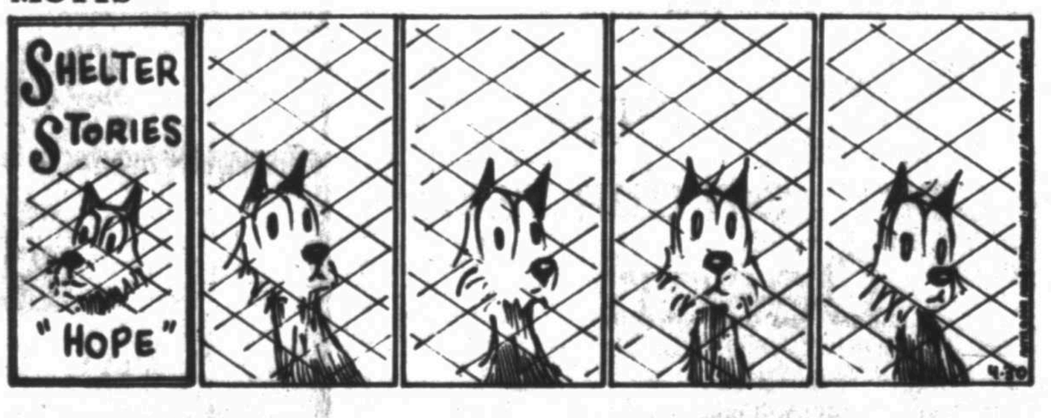

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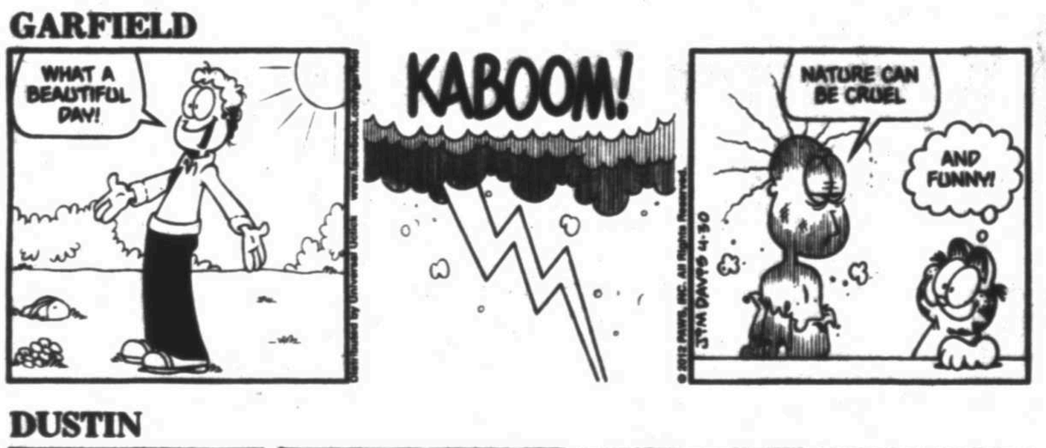

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TUESDAY Sunny high 95 low 66

WEDNESDAY Mostly sunny high 96 low 68

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect partly sunny skies and a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. today with a high around 89 and south winds between 10 and 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions and a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. with a low around 68 and south winds between 15 and 30 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies and a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. with a high around 95, a low around 68 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 96 and a low around 68.

The high on Sunday reached 88 while the low dropped to 69. The record high for April 29 is 95 set in 1947 and 2011. The record low is 38 set in 1998 and 1991.

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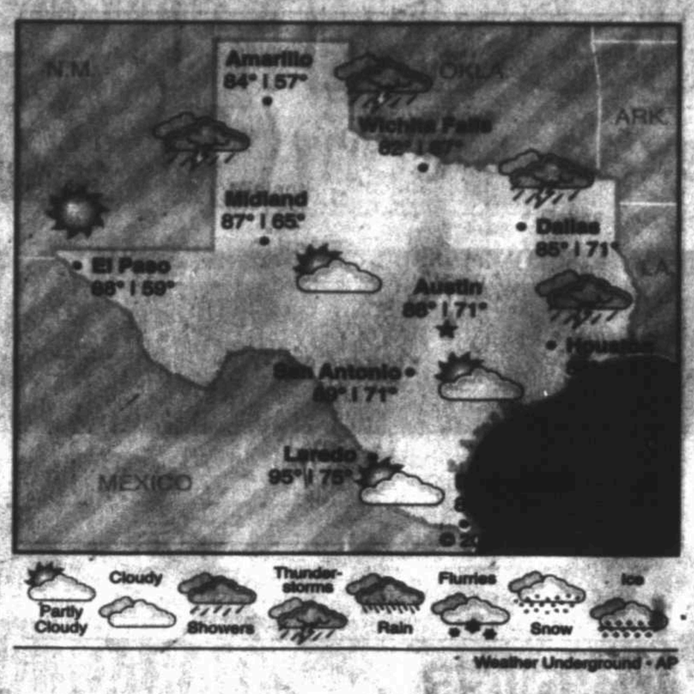
High pressure off the New England coast will support dry weather over the Northeast and coastal Middle Atlantic states Monday. Farther to the west, a front moving through the central Appalachians will bring showers and thunderstorms from West Virginia through the Carolinas.



Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.05 in.
Total for year	1.35 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.50 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	88
Low	69
Normal high	83
Normal low	54
Sunrise	7:03 a.m.
Sunset	8:29 p.m.

Absence of table manners turns dinner into disaster

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My 11-year-old niece, "Nina," has no table manners. I was surprised at her inappropriate behavior because her parents are well-educated people who were raised with good table manners.

I didn't say anything when Nina slathered clotted cream on her scone with her fingers, but I was disgusted. I did suggest she use a spoon after she scooped rice out of a communal bowl with her hand. Both of these incidents happened in restaurants.

Is there anything I can do when I must eat with this child? I know it may have been wrong of me to correct Nina in front of her mother, but we were all eating from the same bowl. Should I ignore her ignorance of basic table manners and keep my mouth shut? — LOST MY APPETITE IN HOUSTON

DEAR LOST YOUR APPETITE: By age 11, children should have mastered basic table manners. (Not eating with one's fingers is one of the basics.) Is your niece learning-disabled? If the answer is no, you should discuss this with your sibling. Nina is at an age when she needs to know what's expected of her when she's out in public.

DEAR ABBY: My son came out of the closet last year. My first reaction was to tell him it was OK. (I had already suspected that he was.) I love him dearly and we're a close family. His brothers and sisters also accept and love him.

My husband and I are now struggling because we're not sure how God really views gays and lesbians. To listen to some religious people, my son will go to hell. I can't believe that God would create a person to be this way, then turn his back on him.

I tried reading the Bible, but the wording was hard to understand. I don't want to talk to my pastor about it because, even though I have accepted my son for who he is, I still have trouble talking to people about it because I'm not sure how they'll react. Do you believe a gay person will go to heaven? — SOMEWHERE IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR SOMEWHERE: I believe that entrance to heaven is based upon a person's character, not his or her sexual orientation. Today, because of modern scientific studies, we know more about homosexuality than was known when the Bible was written, and that sexual orientation is not a "choice."

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter keeps hinting that we should give her money for her in vitro fertilization. We have concerns based on many issues, but the bottom line is we're not sure if she can handle motherhood.

Our daughter's marriage is shaky, and she struggles with many of her relationships and commitments in life. She is basically disabled by anxiety. Not only do we believe we should stay out of this, but we also think they can afford the procedure themselves. We would be happy for them if they had a child, but we prefer to avoid the money connection. What do you think? — UNDECIDED IN MISSOURI

DEAR UNDECIDED: If you give your daughter money, it would be better spent on counseling and medication to help her overcome her anxiety disorder. A baby will not fix a shaky marriage, and could very well complicate it. Because your daughter and her husband can afford to pay for it themselves, they should not be hitting you up to fund the endeavor.

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A K J 10 6 ♡ K 9 ◇ 7 2 ♣ 10 6 5 2

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — Partner's response has done little to improve your holding. For the moment, you have to content yourself with a simple two spades and see what develops.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10 7 ♡ A 9 8 5 ◇ K J 7 6 ♣ Q 7 3

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A — That depends on your methods. If you play limit raises, this hand qualifies as a sound jump to three hearts. If you play weak jump raises and forcing no-trump responses, use that here.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A 10 7 ♡ K J 9 5 3 ◇ 8 5 4 ♣ 10 6

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A — Don't let that fifth heart tempt you into doing something rash. You have a sound raise to two hearts and no good reason to stretch it. Bid it.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q 8 7 4 ♡ K 9 3 ◇ K 10 6 2 ♣ 9 3

Partner opens the bidding with one no-trump. What do you respond?

A — You have just enough to invite game — 8 HCP with good intermediates. However, your ruffing value in clubs means that spades could be the right spot if partner has four-card support, so start with a Stayman two clubs.

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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 Monday, April 30, 2012:

This year, do not take offers or good will for granted. People will need feedback more than they have in the past. You could discover that you missed an opportunity or a friendship has soured. If you are single, a potential long-term relationship could appear. Be grateful rather than critical. If you are attached, work on your appreciation for each other. Your bond will grow stronger as a result. VIRGO makes it clear how he or she feels about you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Move quickly with the rising sun. The results will be far better than if you were to wait. Realize you cannot satisfy some people, especially one person you consider difficult. Confusion sets in later today. You'll need to sort through information to find a resolution. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Fatigue might be dulling some of your innate resourcefulness. Once you energize and become more resilient, you will discover how much you have to offer. Time works with you today. A misunderstanding involving a meeting time is possible. Confirm now rather than later. Tonight: A loved one is calling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Listen to everyone's feedback. Each person wants to put in his or her two cents. The problem is that you need a reality-based approach. A child or loved one could be overwhelming you with his or her needs. You might want to avoid this person for now. Tonight: Head home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You easily could go overboard and not be able rein yourself in. Stop trying to please everyone else. In the afternoon, you'll initiate a long-overdue conversation. News that comes to you could be distorted. Be a fact-finder. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You can get nearly anything rolling. The issue might be figuring out what to do with your powerful energy. If you have no answer, just enjoy the day. Others seem to be in harmony with you. Later today, you might feel that a frivolous indulgence is in order. Why not? Tonight: Go for the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision in the morning. You could feel restricted or cramped in some manner. Your best bet is not to act until midafternoon or later, when your energy is likely to change. You will feel better. Tonight: Exercise your free will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You have an exactitude that not only impresses others but also encourages you to take action. If you can do just that before midafternoon, do so. Later on, your creativity and imagination will soar. Tonight: Do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Know that others are watching you; whether they approve will make little difference. You still are likely to do what you want. Your creativity surges by late afternoon in a brainstorming session or from surfing the Web. Don't hold yourself back. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You wish you could take off, and you just might if an opportunity opens up. Your mind focuses on yonder places and people, or maybe you just want to book a flight to an exotic spot. By late afternoon, you'll remember everything you should have done. Tonight: Working late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to iron out an agreement or situation with a partner. There is no reason to think you can't. You might want to initiate the first step, as you are more serious and/or determined. The tone lightens up as the day passes to night. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Deal directly with a friend or loved one. The problem might be finding a quiet, secluded space where the two of you can talk. Others simply want to be around you; they cannot get enough of you. Be flattered instead of frustrated. Tonight: Spend time with a special person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Defer to others, and understand that you need to handle a matter differently. Focus on what you can accomplish. By late afternoon, a sense of creativity will come over you and reveal many more options than you even thought possible. Tonight: Sort through invitations, then decide.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Cloris Leachman (1926), singer Bobby Vee (1943), actor Al Lewis (1923)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 Ginger cookies
6 Take down __: humble
10 1040, for example
14 Stand-up in a club
15 Close by
16 Ireland's best-selling solo artist
17 Plentiful
18 __ Bell
19 Sinister look
20 Christian led by the Pope
23 Passionate
24 "Amadeus" subject
27 Paper with NYSE news
30 300, to Caesar
31 Federal agency support org.
32 Michele of "Glee"
33 Lotion ingredient
35 Road for Caesar
37 Brook or lake fish
39 Equine that originated in Italy's Campania region
42 Iraqi currency
43 "Please please?"
44 Wedding cake level
45 Part of USDA: Abbr.
46 RR depot
48 Big name in kitchen gadgets
50 Harris and McMahon
51 1862 Tennessee battle site
53 Dolly the sheep, e.g.
55 Slatted window treatment
60 Tiny dog biter
62 Balkan native
63 Eagle's nesting
64 Nerd
65 Machu Picchu resident
66 Boa or mamba
67 Like an optimist's point of view
68 Big Dipper component
69 Facilitated

DOWN
1 Capone facial mark
2 Pitcher Hideo
3 Clock radio letters
4 Seasoned rice dish
5 Like many postcard photos
6 Continent with penguins
7 Like bogs
8 Apiece
9 Cleans and brushes, as a horse
10 __ Navidad
11 Diet soda claim
12 Deli bread choice
13 Fold, spindle or mutilate
21 Director DeMille
22 Disinclined
25 Acted in an environmentally conscious way
26 Spuds
27 Comedian Sykes and a fish
28 "... in a one-horse open __"
29 "Can We Talk?" comedienne
31 Nature Valley snack
34 Govt. antipollution org.
36 Inbound flight approx.
38 Decay
40 Welles of "Citizen Kane"
41 Watergate president
47 Grad student's paper
49 Having just hit a double, say
52 Like a faulty pipe
53 Approximately, in dates
54 Supreme Court justice Kagan
56 Camping gear
57 Some nest eggs, briefly
58 Swoosh logo company
59 Accomplishment
60 WWII leader
61 Brit's bathroom

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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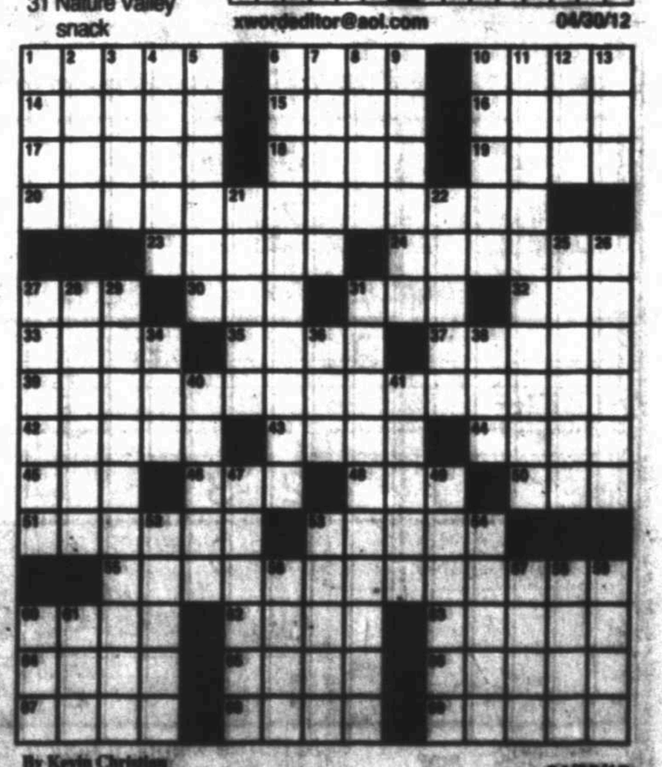

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Due to tremendous growth Stanley Ford in Andrews is looking for Management positions in Service and Parts.

Also, need dependable people for parts counter help, service advisors, sales, porter, car detailer and a receptionist. MUST be able to pass a drug test, back ground check and have a good driving record.

We offer health insurance and other benefits. Please email your resume to mcalhaney@stanleyautogroup.com or fax to 432-524-5645.

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT

Billing Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Confidential FT
Billing Clerk/Administrative Assistant needed full time. Assist billing department with invoicing, filing, etc. Candidate must have excellent multitasking and organizational skills. Accounting knowledge will be helpful. Hours 8-5 M-F. M- 24 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Office Administrator
Crossfire, LLC FT
Crossfire, LLC, an industry leading oilfield service company is currently hiring for an office administrator in Midland, TX. Responsibilities will include data entry, office management and assisting upper management as required. Qualified candidate must possess proficient computer skills in MS Word and Excel, be dependable, have clean driving record and ability to pass pre-employment drug screening. Bachelor's degree in business management or similar is preferred. Email cover letter and resume to carol.johnson@crossfire-llc.com.

OFFICE MANAGER
Our office is searching for an Office Manager that is energetic, knowledgeable in the dental field and enjoys a fast pace. We offer a challenging opportunity in a team oriented environment where your talent and involvement is truly appreciated. Please send resumes to 4610 N. Garfield Ste. A9 Midland, TX 79705.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Superintendent, Carpenters & Laborers
Campbell Construction Co. FT
Campbell Construction Company seeking Superintendent, Laborers and Carpenters.
Pre-employment drug test required
Good Benefits Salary DOE
Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland or send resume to
PO Box 11293, Midland, TX 79702 or fax to (432) 683-5943

Contract Fieldman
Confidential FT
Wanted experienced, honest, hard working contract fieldman to oversee long term, approximately two years, production and workover project with minimal supervision. Could work into full time position depending upon job performance. Some drilling experience would also be a plus. Will be responsible for implementing workover program, new well completions, and repair of existing producers and injection wells. Will be responsible for monitoring daily cost. Need to be able to carry out work prognosis, and know when adjustments need to be made. Very good pay and good people just trying to accomplish a goal without egos getting in the way. Need to be able to work with pumpers. Work area is one hour south of Odessa. To make the situation work will need to be able to communicate details over the phone and email reports in the evenings. Age not a factor, the more experience the better References, resume of work experience, and desired pay need to be furnished when replying. M- 30 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Forum Energy Technologies Flow Equipment manufactures the highest quality pressure flow control equipment and well completion / stimulation products. We also supply a variety of flowline services.

We are currently accepting applications / resumes for a Warehouse / Shipping and Receiving technician.

Essential qualifications are experience in warehouse and product and freight knowledge required; operation of powered industrial trucks required; product knowledge of piping fitting, valves, and specialty items associated with the oil and gas industry equipment preferred.

Please send your resume to careers@f-e-t.com with the position you are applying for in the subject line, visit the careers section at www.f-e-t.com, or, you can mail, drop-off or fill out an application at 3738 Kermit Highway, Odessa, TX 79764.

Forum Energy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Regulatory Analyst

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a Regulatory Analyst in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

+ Regulatory compliance and filings for Company operated wells in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico
+ Obtaining Permits to Drill for new drilling activity
+ Timely submission of post drilling requirements for all Company wells
+ Water flood operations and injection well permitting
+ Annual filings as required by state and federal agencies
+ Written and verbal communication with regulatory agencies concerning production and operations of wells

The qualified applicant will have 3 - 5 years of office experience in the oil and gas industry, with 1 - 2 years of regulatory experience preferred. A broad knowledge of operations and regulatory functions in Texas, New Mexico, and Federal Lands. Strong communication, written communication, and verbal communication skills a must.

Energen offers a highly competitive salary, which includes a bonus plan and complete benefits package.

For immediate consideration, please go to: www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under Careers to complete an online application.

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Petroleum Engineer
LCS Production Company FT
Progressive independent oil company seeks Petroleum Engineer with in-depth knowledge and demonstrated experience (10+ years) in reservoir, water flooding, horizontal drilling and stimulation for immediate hire. Unmatched compensation and great benefits with carried interest in projects. Qualified candidates should consider this opportunity to leave that boring job and earn a career in the short window of this current boom. If you want to get paid for what you bring to the table, send your resume to:

LCS Production Company
Petroleum Engineer Search
P. O. Box 6663
Abilene, TX 79608

Or email resume to: lmorris@smithpipe.net

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$1,000.00 Sign on Bonus for CNA's
Competitive Pay Scale

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Front Desk
Confidential FT
DENTAL: Front Desk position available for cosmetic and general practice. Must have excellent health insurance and dental insurance, scheduling and dental office exp. Excellent salary and benefits for experienced person. If you would like to be a part of a dental team that changes lives, please fax your resume to 432-367-0636. NO phone calls please.

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Confidential FT
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Registered Dental Assistant
Midland Park Mall Dental Cntr Texas License
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Fax resume 432-694-7927

Sitters/CNA'S
Nurses Unlimited, INC FT
Nurses Unlimited, INC seeking experienced Sitters/CNA'S to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. Call 432-522-5060. All Shifts Available. E.O.E.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Breakfast Host & Maintenance
Holiday Inn Express FT
5309 N. Loop 250 W. Apply in person
Midland, TX 79707 No phone calls
Now hiring part time Maintenance & Breakfast host. Prof. appearance required. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

General Manager
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New Marriott SpringHill Suites coming to Midland now accepting resumes. Please submit to careers@insignianmgmt.com.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Assistant
Natural Gas Services Group FT
Immediate opening for a Human Resources Assistant. Requirements are 2 years Benefits Administration and 3 years of Payroll Administration experience. Responsibilities will included Multi-state payroll and benefit Administration and processing, new hire orientation, establish and maintain personnel files and reports. Excellent Salary & Benefit Package. For more Information or to submit resume contact: Employment@ngsgl.com or call 432.262.2700

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Janitor
Stonegate Fellowship FT
Currently looking for a qualified Janitor to fill an evening position in the operations department. Schedule: Sunday thru Thursday evenings with some weekends. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package to the successful candidate. To apply send resume to: resumes@stonegatefellowship.com or drop off resume to: 6000 West Wadley Ave.

Painter/Make Ready
MAINTENANCE NEEDED: Dakota Apartments is now hiring a Painter/Make Ready. GREAT BENEFITS/PAY. Apply online at www.bhmanagement.com or in person at 5101 North"A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705. EOE

OTHER JOBS

All Positions
Schlotzsky's FT/PT
Schlotzsky's is hiring full and part-time positions. Salaried Assistant Managers and Shift Leaders Flexible scheduling, clean grease free restaurant, **$8.00 - $10.00 an hour.** Please come by 5211 West Wadley or 1109 Andrews Highway to apply.

Blender/Warehouseman
Baze Chemical, Inc. FT
Baze Chemical, Inc. Is seeking a Blender/Warehouseman at our Odessa location. Responsibilities include blending and loading chemical with forklift and other duties as needed. Experience a plus, but will train the right person. We offer 401K w/matching funds, Medical Insurance and Dental coverage. Sick and Vacation days. Qualified candidates please bring resume to 3801 Mankins, Odessa, Texas. Or mail to PO Box 13166 Odessa, Texas 79768 or may. Email to mcarter@bazechemical.com, attn: Curtis Baze.

CINDY CLEAN NOW HIRING FOR PART TIME
$12 per hr. $50 sign on bonus! Must be over 18, non-smoker, available 8am to 5pm, have a car, and a cell phone. Call (800) 914-4670 ext. 5, leave message and mention Midland or online at www.cindyclean.net.

Custodian
First United Methodist Church FT/PT
Tremendous opportunity in a wonderful work environment for the right person. After completing a 90 day probationary period with our custodial crew, health insurance, sick leave, pay raise and paid vacation will be offered. Seeking hard working applicants. Contact Bobby Darst at bobbydarst@firstmethodistmidland.com or 432.682.3701

Floral Designer
Fancy Flowers FT
3211 W. Wadley Ste. 2B
Seeking an experience Floral Designer. Please apply within at address above or fax resume to: 432-686-0599.

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Maids and Janitors
Confidential FT
Now hiring Maids, Janitors and people with floor care experience. Great PT jobs. Work Monday-Friday 5:30pm-8:30pm. Apply at:1307 N. Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm.

Motorcycle Service Dept.Position
Golden Suzuki Honda Kawasaki Yamaha
306 E. 2nd St.
Odessa, TX
Looking for person who is honest, courteous & self-motivated.
Please apply in person or send resume to clintgolden1@yahoo.com

MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE
Looking for responsible individuals who can be at work on time, work at both a steady and fast pace. Hours are from 12pm to 9pm. Ability to work overtime and **MUST BE ABLE TO PASS INITIAL and RANDOM DRUG TEST**. Serious applicants can apply at 2800 SCR 1207 Midland, TX. Drive over I-20 on S. Midkiff to County Road 113 and turn east. First Building on the right side.

RV Sales Dept.Position
Golden Coach & Marine
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Odessa, TX
Looking for person who is honest, courteous & self-motivated.
Please apply in person or send resume to clintgolden@yahoo.com

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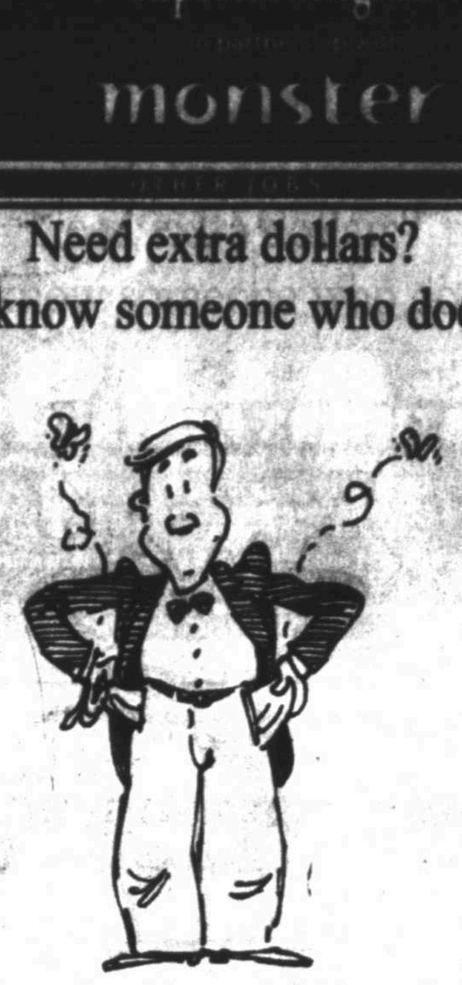

Part time delivery drivers needed for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Early morning hours. Must have car and phone.

Contact:
Tony:687-9002

Positions Available
Aus Mex Tortilla Factory now hiring . Call Jose Gomez at 432-558-8824 or 432-561-6866

Preschool Teacher
The Cottage of Mama Bears is looking for FT and PT Preschool Teacher, M-F 7am-5:30pm . Must be able to pass background check and have HS Diploma. Apply in person at 1904 W. Illinois.

Sam's Club is Now Hiring For Following Positions:
• Cashier • Overnight • Carts • Cafe • Meat Market
Flexible schedules required. Apply at the store kiosk in person at 1500 N. Tradewinds, Midland, TX 79706 or online at www.samsclub.com.

Sam's CLUB

Sand Blaster & Powder Coater
R Coating FT
Sand blaster or coater needed. Salary depending on experience. Must pass drug test and have own transportation. Call 432-528-8747.

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS & PT JANITORIAL STAFF
Midland Y.M.C.A. is hiring Summer Camp Counselors & PT Janitorial staff. Gym membership, included. Apply at 800 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please.

Warehouse Helper/ Laborer
Valid Texas Driver's License required. Apply at: Mid-Tex of Midland Inc. 5206 West Wadley, Midland, TX.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Direct Care Staff Member
High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time employment. This person should at least 25 years of age, have a good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, HS diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned and the work consecutive days (including nights). The current positions open are for a direct care staff member working 2-3 evenings during the week 3p-11p and rotating weekends. (Weekends include a full day on Saturday and Sunday) or awake nights working 10p-8am. We are also filling the lifeguard position for the summer. Call for an application at 432-694-7728 or download at www.highsky.org. You can drop or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX 79707. Attn: Karen Baker. For inquiries or a full job description you can contact Karen Baker at karenb@highsky.org. No phone calls please. Position closes 4/30/12.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All PT/FT Positions
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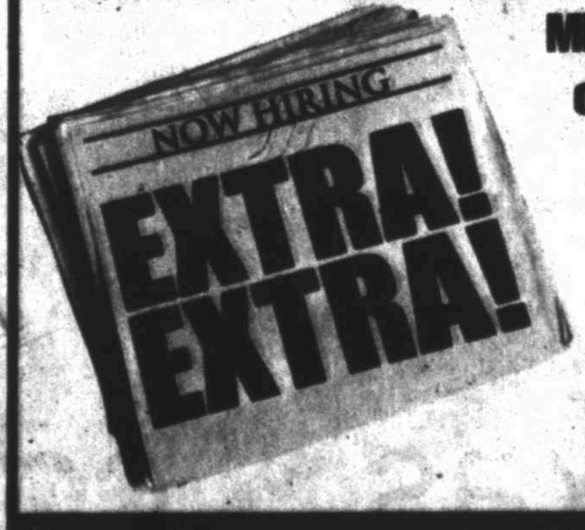
Bartender & Waitresses
Flash's Cantina FT
Mixed beverage Bartender, starting $8 per hour and waitress positions starting at $5 per hour. Only 15 minutes away in Gardendale. Please fill application out at: 4506 E. US Hwy 158, Gardendale between 5 and 9pm .

DELIVERY DRIVERS
Earn up to $20 an hour. Jason's Deli in Midland is now hiring delivery drivers. Earn a good hourly pay, plus a per-run fee to help cover gas, and keep all of your tips. Also you will be eligible for a **$150 bonus** after your first 30 days. Must have your own vehicle and insurance. Apply within Jason's Deli at **4610 N. Garfield**. EOE.

Dishwasher
The Garlic Press FT/PT
Midland, TX 79705
The Garlic Press is hiring a Dishwasher. Apply in person at Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 1pm or 5:30 and 7pm.

OTHER JOBS



Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)
Part-Time Shift Work Available
Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.
Starting pay is $9.50 hourly.

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We have started construction of a new state-of-the-art dealership. This is your chance to get in on the ground floor. We provide all our team members with a great benefits package.
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We Will Train You!
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Outside Sales
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Outside Sales Associate needed for oilfield equipment manufacturer. Must have extensive oilfield sales experience and strong interpersonal skills. Interested candidates should send resume to: lmorris@smithpipe.net

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

We're Raising the Bar!

The Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative.
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.

The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full benefits package.
If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Excellent command of English and written skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with strong communication, reporting and math skills

Midland Reporter-Telegram
Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
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Sales
Dinette Designs and Barstools FT
Full time furniture sales person. Will train the right person. Must pass background and drug test. Non smoking enviorment and apply in person only at 1025 North Midkiff.

Sales
VCI FT
Sales person needed. Looking for a dependable, reliable, self motivated individual to sell in the permian basin. Company car provided. Salary and benefits DOE. Call 432-563-2233.

SKILLED LABOR

All Positions
Kwik Kar Wash & Service Center FT
3314 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, TX 79707
All Positions needed: Wash Technicians, Cashiers, Lube Shop Technicians including Management. $9 an hour an up depending on experiege, health benefits available. Come by to fill out application or call 432-978-7192.

DELIVERY DRIVER & SERVICE TECH
Culligan Water Systems now hiring. Please apply in person 10018 W. Business I-20, Midland. Benefits, 401K, and insurance provided.

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General Labor & CDL Truck Driver
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Vacation, dental and health insurance. Must pass drug screen. CDL required for truck driver. Apply in person, 8am-5pm, 10600 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX 79765.

SKILLED LABOR

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Must have experience, CDL license, class B or better. Top pay, 401K, vacation, insurance, uniforms. Must pass drug test and DOT background review. Apply at Tessco: 3217 East FM 700, Big Spring,TX 79720 or Call 432-263-0633.

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Freightliner of Odessa is now seeking an Experienced Alignment Tech and Service Advisor, experienced preferred but will train the right person with good customer skills and great attitude. We offer a great working environment, good pay with benefits, and room for growth and advancement. If interested please apply at 1100 S. Grandview Ave, Odessa, TX.

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Plumber Helpers & HVAC Tech
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Plumber Helpers needed, self motivated. Also EXPERIENCED HVAC Tech. Call 432-687-4507.

Service Technicians Needed
Weidner Apartment Homes FT
Weidner Apartment Homes is seeking Service Technicians to care for a few of our apartment communities in Midland. Responsibilities: Assist in the preparation of apartments for occupancy, respond to service requests, performs maintenance and repairs on electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, as well as small and large appliances. Qualifications: Experience in apartment maintenance or related field preferred, strong verbal communication skills, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Please apply online at: www.weidnercareers.com or fax resume to 1-877-399-9012.

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Hiring full-time salaried shop foreman. Requires 3 yrs. minimum verifiable experience w/ diesel and heavy equipment, as well as supervisory experience. Pay negotiable DOE. Health, vision, and dental ins. 100% paid! Apply in person at 9400 S. Service Rd., Coahoma, TX, or call 432-394-4604.

Shop Foreman
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Experienced Crew Chief, SIT and Rodman (will train). Positions available at Watson Professional Group Inc. Email resume to pwatson@wpg-us.com or mail P.O. Box 11186 , Midland, TX 79702.

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Now accepting applications for Welders & Fabricators. Top pay, 401K and paid vacation. Apply in person: 3750 Kermit Highway, Odessa, TX 79764.

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CDL Class A Drivers
Contractor looking for CDL Class A Drivers to hire in the West Texas area. Call toll-free 1-800-830-2205 to apply. If after hours leave a msg.

CDL Drivers
Baker Concrete Construction, Inc. FT/PT
Baker Concrete Construction, Inc. (BCCI) has upcoming positions for CDL drivers to operate concrete mixer trucks. BCCI offers competitive wages and work hours. Positions will be working in the Tahoka/O'Donnell Texas area.
Job Requirements:
- Must have a CDL Driver's License Type B
- Must have a current DOT Medical Card
- Must pass Motor Vehicle Report (MVR)

You can apply online at www.bakerconcrete.com or call 575-763-7889
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers
South Environmental Services, Inc. FT
CDL Drivers Needed: South Environmental Services is looking to hire CDL drivers for belly dump. Class A CDL required. Please call Justin between 8am and 4pm. 432-894-6207

CDL Drivers
Superior Well Services FT
Superior Well services is hiring for the following positions: Bulk Drivers, Pump Operators, and Cement Supervisors. CDL and experience is a must. Great Benefits and a 401K. Salary based on experience, Apply at 6001 West Industrial Ave. Midland TX 79706. No phone calls please.

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Silverline Transportation 432-563-1894
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call for interview or online @ www.silverlinetr.com

COMMERCIAL LICENSED DRIVERS
Well established Hydro Excavation Company looking for Commercial Licensed Drivers to operate excavation trucks. Experience in Hydro Excavation, a plus, but not necessary. You will be on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We will provide all the proper training. We offer benefits and a good working environment. We need applicants to be able to Read and Speak English to pass safety courses. Job involves some driving, but more operating the truck PTO functions. Please call Laura at our office @ 432-563-3555.

Crude Oil Driver
Immediate Openings! Post, Texas, Crude Oil Driver. Competitive weekly pay, paid training, excellent benefits: Vacation, 401K, medical, life, flx plan, dental, and vision. Class A CDL- X required. 2 yrs T/T exp. or 1 yr. w/ driving school req. Minimum age 23. Contact: Lori Hernandez 800-737-9981 Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm, or apply online at www.mipe.com. EOE

Delivery Driver
West Texas Nuclear Pharmacy FT
Delivery driver wanted. Must pass drug test and background check, have clean driving record and be able to lift/maneuver 55lbs. Telephone, computer, basic written and basic math skills a plus. Call 699-0692 between 8am & 2pm Mon-Fri for more information. Or apply online at cardinalhealth.com, Requisition number 12001794.

Local Truck Driver
Confidential FT
CDL Class A. Haz Mat Desirable/Not Required. Bi-Lingual a Plus. Local Routes Monday-Friday. Some Weekends. Call: 806-781-0387

Management Position
Thrifty Car Rental at the Midland International Airport is seeking a qualified individual to fill an open management position at our location. Must have excellent customer service and management skills. Previous car rental experience would be a plus. Please stop by our location for more information or to complete an application.

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Marketplace

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Furniture

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