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Judge gets indigent defense funds to cover increase

State funding to program could shift depending upon what Legislature decides to do

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Having spent 118 percent of his budget for indigent defense already this year, Judge Kyle Peeler was granted Monday an additional $76,000 to cover the expenses.

County auditor Veronica Morales said the overage of about 18 percent in costs to provide attorneys to those without means to hire their own defender comes, in large part, because Peeler is hearing more criminal cases than his predecessor. Peeler initially was granted $59,800 in the budget for indigent defense, but took over from Judge Al Walvoord, who typically just heard juvenile cases and therefore needed fewer indigent defenders, Morales said.

In comparison, she said Judge Marvin Moore, the other county court-at-law judge, was allotted $92,000.

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Peeler's request isn't one Morales said they should expect to see from every court. But, county officials said the cost of indigent defense has continued to rise.

The county anticipates spending $1.2 million to $1.3 million this year on the service, Morales said. Of that, only $61,940 is covered by state grants.

Judge Mike Bradford said they were concerned funding would drop even further with the present state budget situation. He'd said the county was going to look into what it could do to further ensure those being provided a defender really were without the money or assets to hire their own attorney.

A bill passed in the Senate this month would work to create additional state funds for the program by levying higher fees on some Class C misdemeanor offenses at the justice and municipal court levels.

If a similar bill filed in the House were to pass, legislators estimate the fees would bring in another $68.9 million over the coming biennium, according to a bill analysis. The

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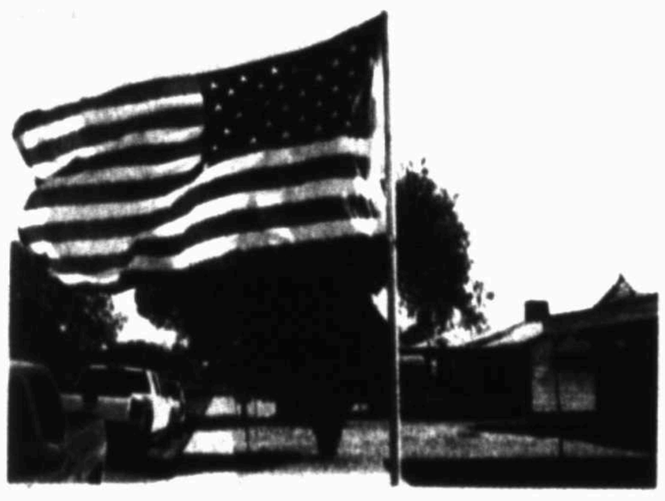
Andrews honors fallen soldier



Photos of Sgt. John Paul Castro, who was killed Friday by small arms fire in Afghanistan, adorn a table in the living room his mother's home in Andrews. Castro's mother, Carmen Castro, also included in the display her son's first baseball bat. TOP: Flags were set up in neighborhoods in Andrews to honor Castro.

Community unites to honor soldier killed in Afghanistan

ANDREWS — For one block along 5th Street, a dozen American flags lined the sidewalks Monday afternoon and more were being placed throughout town to honor a fallen Andrews soldier.

Such displays of respect were what Jerry Bevel set out to find Monday morning. He remembers when his own son Cpl. Ray Bevel was the first Andrews soldier killed during combat in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and the way the community came together and placed flags to honor him.

He wanted to do the same thing for the Castro family.

"What they're going through, I went through four years ago," Bevel said. "We had fantastic support for us and we want to make sure they have the same support."

On Saturday, the Department of Defense announced that Army Sgt. John Paul Castro was killed Friday by small arms fire in Afghanistan. He was 25 years old and a highly decorated officer.

Castro grew up in Andrews and graduated from Andrews High School in May 2004. He loved being active outdoors, helping anyone that he could and played tuba in the high school band. Since he

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Story and photos by Audrie Palmer

Experts: Drought could continue in southern US

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The extreme drought that has gripped parts of nine states — most of them in the South — is expected to drag on for several months or intensify, posing a risk for more wildfires, agriculture problems and water restrictions, national weather experts said Monday.

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Portions of Texas and a small part of eastern Louisiana are the only parts of the nation that rank in the National Weather Service's worst drought condition category, said Victor Murphy, the climate service program manager for the National Weather Service's southern region, based in Fort Worth. The "exceptional" drought level happens once every 50 to 100 years, he said.

Much of the rest of Texas and Louisiana are in extreme drought conditions — the worst in 20 to 50 years — as are parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Florida and tiny portions of Colorado and Kansas. Other areas of those states are experiencing severe and moderate drought conditions, along with parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

May is "pretty much our last chance to mitigate this thing," because that month typically brings the most rainfall in many of the bone-dry states, including Texas and Oklahoma, which need about 4 inches of rain in the next month, Murphy said.

The widespread drought was spawned last year by La Nina, a condition that changes wind and air pressure patterns.

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Former president accompanies injured vets on grueling bike ride through Big Bend

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

A group of young veterans, accompanied by a special guest, began a grueling 100-kilometer, or 62.1-mile, mountain biking trek through Big Bend National Park in the heat Monday afternoon. Though the narrow, single track trails aren't much wider than the bikes they ride, they have all fought bigger battles to be where they are today.

The 14 "Warrior" riders, along with former President George W. Bush, knocked out 12 miles of the three-day journey Monday upon arrival at the park. The group said they planned to leave early in the morning for Tuesday's 30-mile and Wednesday's 20-mile trek.

For most of the riders, like Iraq veteran Andy Hatcher, the activity has been key in their rehabilitation.

Hatcher grew up playing a variety of sports and, following in the footsteps of his father, became a reconnaissance Marine at the age of 17. He was deployed to Iraq in 2004 during the second Battle of Fallujah. He suffered severe injuries to his right leg — which he ultimately had to have amputated — after his vehicle was struck by an explosive device.

Hatcher said medical specialists were searching at that time for ways to keep young military service members and veterans who have suffered permanent physical injuries motivated through rehabilitation. One program created out of that need was the

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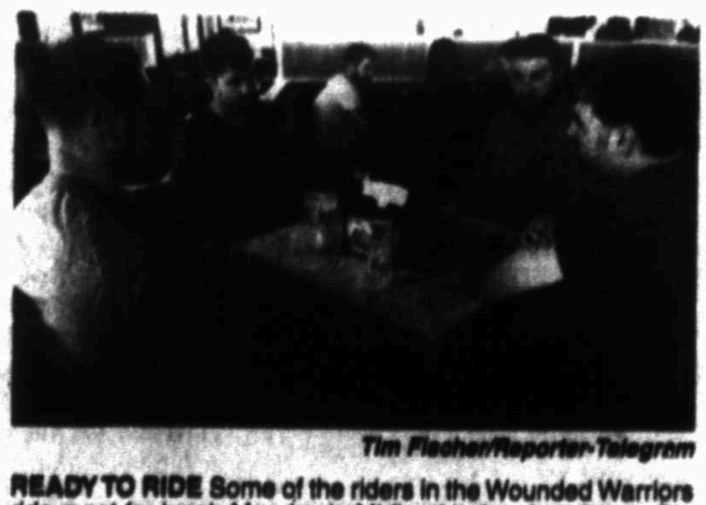

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READY TO RIDE Some of the riders in the Wounded Warriors ride meet for lunch Monday in Midland before heading to Big Bend for a 100K bike ride with former President George W. Bush. Dillon Behr, Kenny Butler, Jake Lerner, and journalist Steve Hayes with Weekly Standard and Fox News.

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funds would come from a $10 fee levied for conviction of a Class C offense other than those relating to a pedestrian or parking of a vehicle. Another $2 document recording fee would be charged on non-judicial filings, according to the bill.

How much of that Midland County would see if the bills were to become law is unclear. State grants are apportioned based on a formula that considers a county's size and needs, meaning there likely would still be a gap even if the funding pool were larger.

According to the Task Force on Indigent Defense, costs for misdemeanor and felony indigent defense have gone up in cities of every size since 2008. In 2009, $186 million was spent in Texas on indigent defense; of that amount, about $28 million was covered by state grants, according to the task force.

Randy Prude, county commissioner for Precinct 4 who presided over the court Monday in Bradford's absence, said commissioners didn't have much choice but to approve Peeler's request. Budgeting for and providing defenders to those who don't have the ability to hire someone is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The offering also is dictated in the Texas Constitution.

"I don't think we're going to have any ability to say no," Prude said after the court discussed whether it could grant just part of Peeler's request.

Speaking on behalf of Peeler, who was selecting a jury Monday, Sheriff Gary Painter said Peeler has taken on several cases from Moore and was not asking for more than is needed.

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Midland County Library to welcome new head librarian

From staff reports

More than eight months after the former director resigned, Midland County officials said they will welcome a new head librarian in the coming weeks.

Holly Darby, Human Resources director who has been overseeing the library operations, said a librarian has been selected and hired, but his name has not yet been made public. The librarian is expected to start in time for the preliminary budgeting process, County Judge Mike Bradford said.

With the knowledge a director is coming, commissioners said Monday they wanted to wait on approving large-scale changes to the physical appearance of the library until the new director has a chance to assess the facility.

An item on Monday's agenda requested funds for the construction of a library director's office. There also was discussion of opening up the fiction section to make it more accessible to patrons and moving cataloguing out of the public area.

Jimmy Smith, commissioner for Precinct 1, said he'd prefer to do only what's needed now and address the other issues in the future and with the new director. Other commissioners agreed and the issue was tabled.

Darby said the goal of the proposals is to have all of the library's administration in a central place rather than throughout the building. By shifting cataloguing employees, she said it would better allow them to accomplish their jobs because they would have fewer interruptions.

For now, commissioners agreed to fund the repair of the building's wheelchair lift.

The wheelchair lift that has been out of commission will be fixed at a cost of $8,962, of which half must be paid up front. Tim Harris, facilities director for the county, said the repair will entail an overhaul of most of the unit.

Fixing the lift is a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act because it provides the only way for those in wheelchairs to reach the periodicals, public access computers and the meeting room, Harris said.

Darby said they will rework the library's policy to ensure the lift doesn't break as frequently as in the past. The lift is only supposed to hold 750 pounds, but a sign on the unit for the past several years has indicated the limit is 2,000 pounds, Harris said.

Without a lift, Harris said they would have to install a ramp. Under ADA requirements, the ramp would have to be about 40 feet long because of its slope, which there isn't room for, he said.

Once the new director begins, Diana Decker, who has been serving as the liaison between the court and the library, will stay on staff to work on special projects at the library, she said.

In other business, commissioners:

- Authorized the county judge to sign and accept the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant. The federal grant is anticipated to be around $14,600 but thus far only $6,132 has been allocated, Sheriff Gary Painter said.
- Agreed to reject all bids for washers and dryers for the new Midland County Detention Center. Instead, the county will purchase the items through state contract because the total cost through that method is estimated at $48,103 while the lowest bid was $53,575.
- Clarified the overtime policy for the Midland County Pretrial Bonding employees. Staff can be paid overtime for extra hours worked on the weekend but have to take compensation time for overtime during weekdays.
- Acknowledged donations to the Midland County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol. Kory Bates and Katy Clark gave $205 and Mark and Tammy Adkins gave $250.
- Authorized a member of the Juvenile Department to attend a conference in Las Vegas on July 10-11.
- Recognized Greg Travland, of the 441st District Court, as employee of the month.

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Challenged Athletes Foundation's Operation Rebound. Sports would become a central part of Hatcher's life once again.

A mere five months after Hatcher's surgery, he completed the Wounded Warrior Project's "Soldier Ride," a trek via bicycle from Washington, D.C., to New York City. The journey took seven days and covered 450 miles. Hatcher has participated in multiple Olympic and Ironman triathlons as well, and recently earned a spot on the U.S. Paralympic National Cycling Team.

"It was long and slow-going, but I fell in love with riding bikes," the veteran said. Hatcher said his house has been overtaken by cycling gear, and "it's a surprise he even has room for a bed," said his friend, Nick Steshko.

Bush discovered mountain biking after his own injuries kept him from his favorite pastime of running, said Paul Morse, former deputy director of photography for the White House. A doctor told the former president that he would need to find a new hobby that would be easier on his aging knees.

"I've been with him since he first started riding," Morse said. "He loves the sport. People really underestimate how strong he is — they find out within the first mile how tough he is."

Bush already had a reputation among the cyclists who met for lunch in Midland before flying to Big Bend on Monday. Though some cracked competitive jokes, all said they were honored to have the chance to ride with the former president.

"He could put us all to shame," Steshko said. "Mr. Bush likes to 'sit forward in his saddle,' so to speak."

Sgt. Maj. Chris Self of the U.S. Army Special Forces, who was one of the first veterans to be invited to the Big Bend trip, had a chance to ride with the former president in 2009. Self's right leg was amputated in 2006 after it was paralyzed by a bullet wound.

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FOOT SOLDIER Jonathan Copsey wears his Ride 2 Recovery socks as he and other riders with the Wounded Warriors prepare Monday to head to Big Bend for a 100k ride.

"I'm pretty sure nobody's going to pass President Bush," Self said. "He rides hard."

The Warrior 100k Ride is the inaugural event for the Social Enterprise Initiative of the Bush Center, which aims to highlight organizations and individuals that improve their communities. Partners of the event include military support organizations Challenged Athletes Foundation, Ride 2 Recovery, World TEAM Sports and Wounded Warriors Project.

Lt. Col. Patty Collins, a battalion commander at Fort Hood, said most of the riders know each other through either their time in the military or school and participation in one of the ride's partner projects.

"It's like degrees of separation," said Collins, who is the lone woman in the group. "I think what's so important is first of all the camaraderie for us — we share so many common things, whether it's time in the military or an injury."

Both individual and corporate sponsors like Trek Bicycle Corp. helped fund the event. The group received enough donations for a chartered flight to Lajitas, where they will stay in a resort between long days in Big Bend.

"We're told to treat these guys like VIPs," said Michael Dorff, who previously worked for Bush's administration and volunteered to help with logistics in Midland. "The president's people told us to treat them better than the president."

Hatcher said he was looking forward to spending time with the president, who hand-delivered Hatcher's purple heart to him in a Maryland hospital in 2004.

"It's an opportunity for Mr. Bush to treat guys who are working hard," Hatcher said. "Life isn't over when you lose a limb."

As the "wounded warriors" prepared to fly out of Midland on Monday afternoon, Self pulled out a bag of coins bearing the emblem of the 4th Battalion of the 5th Special Forces Group. He handed them out to the group and held onto one to give to Bush. Known as a tool to build morale in the military, these challenge coins not only represented the task ahead of the wounded soldiers but also honored them for their service.

"None of us would have had the chance to do this if we hadn't gotten hurt; there's kind of an irony in that," Collins said. "But it's a celebration of your achievements — of what you can do."

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was 4 years old, he played baseball and his bedroom at his mother's home still displays the trophies he acquired over the years.

Over the weekend, his mother, Carmen Castro, dug out his first baseball bat and added it to a memorial table set up in her living room, adorned with the Army's picture of her son, his wedding picture and other family photos.

He left behind his wife Delia; 6-year-old stepson Kamren Buchholz; and daughter Natalia, who will be 2 years old in July. Carmen Castro said her son was planning to return from his tour in Afghanistan in August and she was going to take vacation time to visit him and his family at their home in Clarksville, Tenn.

Castro enlisted in the Army in June 2004 with his best friend and went off to boot camp the next month.

"Once he was there, it was where he wanted to be involved. That's where his heart was," said older sister, Blanca Castro.

His enlistment didn't come as a surprise to the family; they thought the military was a perfect fit for him since he was athletic and enjoyed staying fit.

Carmen remembers the first thing her son would do when he came home on breaks was get dressed in his uniform and bring her a dozen roses to the hospital where she works.

"The staff would tell me, 'Your son is so handsome,' and I would feel so proud of him," she said Monday as family and friends came through her home offering their condolences.

She remembers his love of Mexican food and the big smile he would get when he would come home and find her cooking in the kitchen.

"He'd say, 'Oh Ma, you're making fresh tortillas,'" she recalled with a smile.

Castro's mother said she was at work at the hospital Friday when no one could find her to give her the news of her son's death. Another family member then called her to tell her that her youngest had been killed, and she said she couldn't breathe. Co-workers took her to the emergency room where she spent three hours trying to recover.

Castro was awarded the Purple Heart twice for his other tours in Iraq. During his first tour, he was hurt two weeks before he was scheduled to come home after his crew drove over an IED, or a roadside bomb, and several were killed. Castro was critically injured and flown to a hospital in Germany for treatment. Carmen Castro said she didn't get to talk to him for a month while he recovered.

Then he came home to Andrews in a wheelchair.

City officials, friends and families stopped by the house to welcome him back. For a month, he stayed with his mother until the Army sent him to Fort Campbell for therapy.

Then it was time for his second tour in Iraq.

Again he was injured, that time not as severely and his mother said he didn't even contact her to let her know he was hurt because he didn't want her to worry.

"As soon as he'd get well, he'd go back," she said. "I was so proud of him."

He was set to finish up his third and current tour in Afghanistan and was planning to re-enlist again but was wanting to change jobs from the field of infantry, his sister said. Her brother was planning to transfer his family to Washington.

Being the youngest of their family — Blanca is the oldest and brother David is two years older — didn't hinder Castro from being energetic and always trying to get everyone together.

"You can't help but share his enthusiasm. He was always about togetherness and doing something as a family. He was always trying to make sure everybody was having a good time," she said.

His aunt Rosa Elba Gonzales said she treated Castro like he was one of her own sons and remembers him as polite and a hard worker.

"He didn't care how hard the work was going to be, he just liked to help people," she said. "He was full of life and we're going to miss him."

The family said they are waiting for confirmation from the military but are hoping to have Castro in Andrews by Thursday or Friday. He will later be buried in Tennessee.

Blanca Castro said the family is grateful and thankful to those in Andrews who have stepped forward to help out since the news of her brother's death.

"We want to make sure the community knows that he's a hero in our eyes and what he did for our country was the ultimate sacrifice," she said. "His heart was in it 100 percent in doing what he loved."

Patriot Guard Riders State Capt. Teresa Galloway was in Andrews late Monday delivering 1,000 handheld American flags that are to be passed out around the community. She said the services for fallen soldiers never get any easier.

"Anybody who serves in the military deserves all the honor and respect. Without them, we wouldn't be standing here today," she said.

Larger flags will be available at the Cpl. Ray's Coffee Shop for a $5 donation, Bevel said. Castro's death came one day shy of the four-year anniversary marking his son's death and he said he will ride with the PGR group to honor the second Andrews fallen hero.

"I remember what it did for me and I'm just trying to pay that back," he said. "The biggest thing we worry about is 'Was it all in vain?' But what we got to realize from this town is it's not in vain and that's what's important."

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QUICK FACTS FROM AP:

- The Army said Castro suffered wounds when his unit was attacked by small arms fire.
- He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.
- Castro received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with Valor device; Army Achievement Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; North Atlantic Treaty Organization medal and Combat Infantryman Badge.
- Castro is survived by his wife, Delia Castro of Clarksville, Tenn.; daughter, Natalia Castro of Fort Benning, Ga.; and stepson, Kamren Buchholz of Clarksville, Tenn. He also is survived by his mother, Carmen Castro of Andrews; and father, David Castro of Odessa.
- A memorial service will be held for Castro in Afghanistan. Fort Campbell holds a monthly Eagle Remembrance Ceremony to honor fallen Screaming Eagles. The next ceremony will be held May 11 at 4 p.m.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

- PBPA public rally against including the dunes sagebrush lizard on the federal Endangered Species list, 5 p.m., Midland Center, 105 N. Main St.
- Classic Movie Club: "Shop Around the Corner," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.
- 2011 MS Dinner of Champions honoring George Thomas Abell, Gladys Hanger Abell & The Abell-Hanger Foundation at The Petroleum Club of Midland. For more information, please contact Sharon Rader at sharon.rader@nmss.org or 522-2143.

Meetings schedule

City Council
10 a.m. today
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Community Development Week: Visit a target area

In celebration of National Community Development Week (April 25-30), the city of Midland's Community Development Office invites the public to view accomplishments in one of its target areas.

A common meeting area will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday at 1111 Johnston St. Significant work within the target area has been accomplished by several city departments, local housing non-profits and the San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church.

Mack Brown in Midland

University of Texas head football coach Mack Brown and his coaching staff will be appearing 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday at Midland Center.

Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Longhorn Foundation at 512-471-4439.

Movie in the Park

The city of Midland will hold this year's first Movie in the Park program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Parks Department will show "Karate Kid" (2010). Other Movies in the Park dates are May 14 ("Soccer Mom"), May 20 ("Bucket List"), June 11 ("Toy Story 3") and July 23 ("Megamind").

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Correction

Reporter-Telegram writer Kirsten Geddes was misidentified in the @TallCityTeens section in Monday's edition. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, April 26, the 116th day of 2011. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 26, 1986, a major nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in Ukraine (then part of the Soviet Union) as an explosion and fire caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. At least 31 people died fighting the plant fire, but the number of other deaths resulting from the disaster remains in dispute.

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Va., on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1946, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.

In 1986, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Bowser."

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

One year ago: A Haitian judge dismissed kidnapping and criminal association charges against 10 American missionaries who'd been detained for trying to take a busload of children out of the country after the Jan. 2010 earthquake, but said that Laura Silsby, the last of the 10 still in jail, would face a lesser charge. (Silsby was freed in May 2010 after being convicted of arranging illegal travel and sentenced to time served.)

Today's birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 78. Actor Jet Li is 48. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 46. Actor Channing Tatum is 31.

Texas lawmakers look to strip away transgender marriage rights

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Two years after Texas became one of the last states to allow transgendered people to use proof of their sex change to get a marriage license, Republican lawmakers are trying to roll back the clock.

Advocates for the transgendered say a proposal to bar transgendered people from getting married smacks of discrimination and would put their legally granted marriages in danger of being nullified if challenged in court.

One of the Republican sponsors of the legislation said he's simply trying to clean up the 2009 law in a state that bans same-sex marriage under the constitution.

"The Texas Constitution," Sen. Tommy Williams said, "clearly defines marriage between one man and one woman."

The legislation by Williams, of Houston, and Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, of Brenham, would prohibit county and district clerks from using a court order recognizing a sex change as documentation to get married, effectively requiring the state to recognize a 1999 state appeals court decision that said in cases of marriage, gender is assigned at birth and sticks with a person throughout their life even if they have a sex change.

Most states allow transgendered people to get married using a court order that also allows them to change their driver's license, experts said. Some advocates for the transgendered say the Texas proposal would not only prevent future transgendered marriages but also open up the possibility that any current marriage could be nullified.

"It appears the goal is to try to enshrine a really horrifying ruling and making it law in the state of Texas," said John Nechman, a Houston attorney whose law firm does work for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community.

Gov. Rick Perry's spokesman Mark Miner said the governor never intended to allow transgendered people to get married. He said the three-word sex change provision was sneaked through on a larger piece of legislation Perry signed two years ago regarding marriage licensing rules for county and district clerks. Perry, a Republican, supports efforts to "clarify the unintended consequences" of that law, Miner said.

"The governor has always believed and advocated that marriage is between a man and a woman," Miner said.

Williams said he understands that some people's gender cannot easily be determined when they are born and they later have an operation that could change the originally assigned gender.

"It is an emotional issue," Williams said. "I can appreciate that."

But when asked about claims of discrimination, Williams insisted his goal is to simplify marriage licensing for clerks who are trying to balance the 2009 law with the 1999 Texas appeals court ruling.

"They shouldn't have to resolve these issues," Williams said. "We have confused them."

Williams' legislation has cleared a committee vote and now awaits approval by the full Senate, which is predominantly Republican. The version in the GOP-dominated House has not yet been given a hearing.

Some advocates for the transgendered say that even if the legislation is passed, transgendered people could still get marriage licenses using other state and federally-issued documents such as a drivers' license or passport. But without the weight of a court order officially recognizing their gender reassignment, they worry any legal challenge, such as a divorce or estate dispute, would nullify the marriage.

"We want to be recognized as people. We want to have the same rights as all of you," Lisa Scheps of the Transgender Education Network of Texas said at a March hearing on Williams' bill. No one testified in favor of the legislation.

Kolkhorst, who authored the 2009 law that allowed the sex change documentation to be used in getting marriage licenses, did not respond to messages left at her office seeking comment on why she now wants to take it out.

The 2009 law originally was filed without the sex change document provision, but House records show Kolkhorst put it in as part of a lengthy amendment in the last month of the session. The changed legislation passed the House and Senate and Perry signed it into law a month later.

"It would be terrible for Texas, now that it finally caught up with the rest of the country, to take a step back," said Shannon Minter, an attorney for the national Transgender Law and Policy Institute. He said most states allow marriages for people who have undergone sex reassignment surgery.

Nikki Araguz was at the Capitol last week to lobby against the legislation. Her husband, a volunteer firefighter, was killed in the line of duty in July and she is being sued by her dead husband's family over control of his $600,000 estate.

Araguz had a final sex change operation in October 2008, two months after they were married, and says her husband knew and supported her. His family argues the marriage should be voided because Araguz was born a man and same-sex marriage is not legal in Texas. A hearing is scheduled for May 13.

"This is crazy. I feel like this is a personal attack on me," Araguz told The Associated Press. "If this bill is passed, it essentially means women like myself who have had reconstructive surgery will not be allowed to marry their heterosexual partner."

Chris Tomlinson/AP

TRANSGENDER LAWSUIT In this April 20 photo, Nikki Araguz stands in front of a monument to fallen volunteer firefighters in Austin. Araguz is a transgendered woman whose husband died while fighting a fire in Wharton County in 2010, and she now faces a lawsuit claiming her marriage was not valid. Two Texas lawmakers have introduced legislation that would repeal a state law that recognized transgender marriages in 2009.

Lawmaker seeks to label cartels terrorists

By Julian Aguilar
Texas Tribune

A Texas congressman is seeking to designate seven of the top Mexican cartels as "foreign terrorist organizations," a move he says would give law enforcement in the U.S. enhanced tools to combat the cartels.

Critics of the proposal, by U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, fear such a designation could harm Mexico's ability to wage its own fight against the cartels — and damage the U.S.'s relationship with its southern neighbor.

McCaul's legislation, HR 1270, targets the Arellano Felix Organization, Los Zetas, La Familia Michoacana, and the Beltran Leyva, Sinaloa, Juarez and Gulf cartels.

It would permit the government to freeze funds tied to the organizations and qualifies people found guilty of aiding the cartels for 15 additional years of prison time. A life sentence is possible if the aid — including providing, among other things, identification documents, lodging, training, weapons and transportation — leads to the death of a person.

"The definition under federal law of terrorism says 'to intimidate a civilian population or a government by assassination or kidnappings.' To me the cartels fall squarely into that definition," says McCaul, a former chief of counter terrorism and national security in the U.S. attorney's office. "I am concerned that Mexico is losing this war against the drug cartels and so are we."

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, fears that it could further complicate Mexican President Felipe Calderon's current battle against crime.

"I think this will damage our relationship with our partner Calderon, who has risked so much to fight the drug cartels," Cuellar says. "And I think this will only strengthen his political opposition. He doesn't work in a vacuum."

McCaul's legislation has gained a nod of support from U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso. A former Border Patrol sector chief and previous chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Reyes represents the district directly across Ciudad Juarez, where drug violence has claimed more than 8,100 lives since 2008.

But convincing the Mexican government to embrace the initiative may prove to be an uphill battle, analysts say.

"There is no question that (the proposal) is extremely upsetting to the Mexican government and they have been pretty vocal in rejecting the notion," says Eric Olson, a senior associate at the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. "There it's organized crime, it's vicious. But they are not ideologically motivated and the Mexican government is trying to make a strong distinction between those things."

DROUGHT

From 1A

It brought warmer-than-normal temperatures and less rainfall to the southern and central U.S., drying out grass and shrubs that have become fuel for wildfires that have ignited and raged out of control in several states.

Since Jan. 1, New Mexico wildfires have scorched more than 390 sq. miles and destroyed 15 homes. Among the fires was a massive 15,000-acre blaze that firefighters were still battling Monday south of Carlsbad, said Dan Ware, a spokesman for the New Mexico State Forestry Division.

So far this year Florida grass fires have blackened about 87 square miles, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Forestry.

Texas wildfires have burned more than 2,900 sq. miles since the beginning of the year, destroying about 400 homes and leading to the deaths of two firefighters, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Overnight storms in North Texas only brought short-term relief to a small parched area of the state but did help firefighters get a 127,000-acre fire 70 percent contained, Murphy said. The only significant rainfall on the horizon is for Arkansas, but too much rain there could bring flooding, he said.

Based on weather forecasts, the drought likely will persist and even get worse in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma — as well as in eastern Arizona, eastern Colorado and western Kansas, said David Brown, regional climate services director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. But a little improvement is predicted for a small band stretching from the middle of Oklahoma across northern Texas and Louisiana, Brown said. Drought conditions are expected to improve in eastern Oklahoma, and much of Arkansas and Florida, he said.

"The drought doesn't just lead to elevated risks for wildfires, but it affects agriculture because of spring planting and also puts a stress on water resources," Brown said.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

VIRGINIA

FDA to regulate e-cigs as tobacco products

RICHMOND — The Food and Drug Administration said Monday that it plans to regulate smokeless electronic cigarettes as tobacco products and won't try to regulate them under stricter rules for drug-delivery devices.

The federal agency said in a letter to stakeholders Monday that it intends to propose rule changes to treat e-cigarettes the same as traditional cigarettes and other tobacco products.

The news is considered a victory for makers and distributors of the devices, which continue to gain popularity worldwide.

E-cigarettes are plastic and metal devices that heat a liquid nicotine solution in a disposable cartridge, creating vapor that the "smoker" inhales. A tiny light on the tip even glows like a real cigarette.

WASHINGTON

Report: Climate change worsens Western water woes

Climate change is likely to diminish already scarce water supplies in the Western United States, exacerbating problems for millions of water users in the West, according to a new government report.

A report released Monday by the Interior Department said annual flows in three prominent river basins — the Colorado, Rio Grande and San Joaquin — could decline by as much 8 percent to 14 percent over the next four decades. The three rivers provide water to eight states, from Wyoming to Texas and California, as well as to parts of Mexico.

The declining water supply comes as the West and Southwest, already among the fastest-growing parts of the country, continue to gain population.

PENNSYLVANIA

Misaddressed marijuana goes to elderly couple

UPPER DARBY — Police said an elderly Pennsylvania couple was the unintended recipient of a very seedy delivery: a five-pound brick of marijuana.

Police in Upper Darby, just outside Philadelphia, say the couple paid little attention to the package when it was delivered last week. Not recognizing the name, they left it on their porch, expecting it to be picked up.

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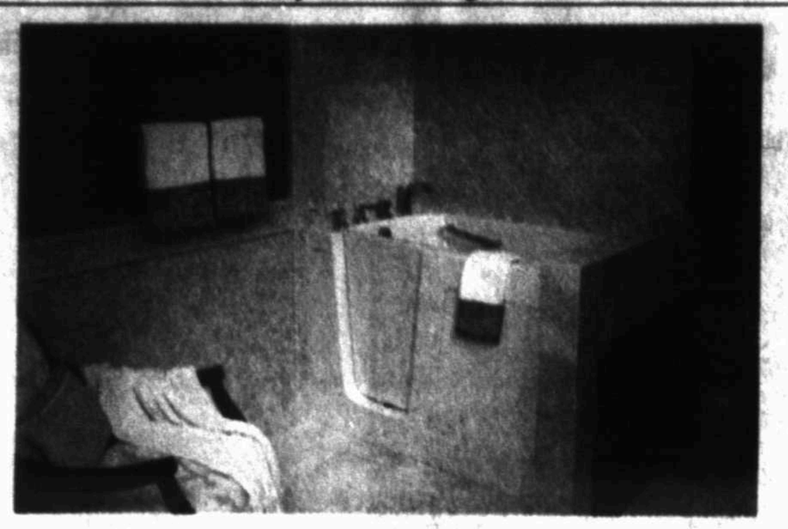

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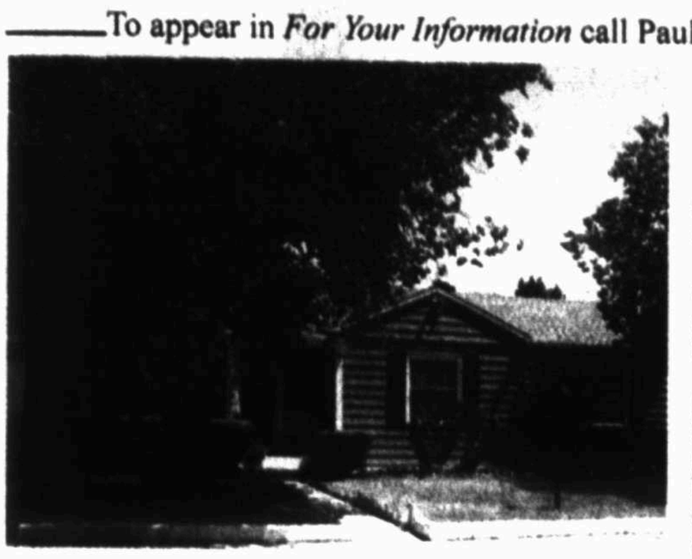

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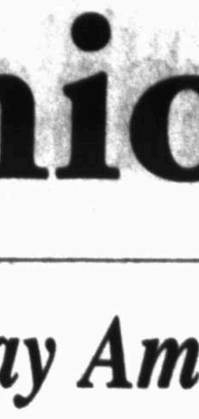

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Few phrases capture the sense of this nation's indestructible grandeur than the promise that a government commitment to repay a loan is backed by the "Full Faith and Credit of the United States."

It means, according to various dictionaries, "an unconditional commitment to pay interest and principal on debt ... no matter what." The Standard & Poor's company less elegantly assigns an "AAA" designation to the highest quality securities, which have always included those issued by the U.S.

It's obvious where this is going: We are faced with a spreading perception that those who lead the government are squandering precious faith in the country's financial credit. S&P recently fired a warning shot by reducing its description of U.S. sovereign debt from "Stable" to "Negative" while retaining the AAA rating for government debt — for now.

Obvious though it may seem, it is still startling to read that the Standard & Poor's committee of experts was predicting there was a one-in-three chance that S&P would lower the all-important triple-A rating within the next two years because "we believe there is a material risk that U.S. policymakers might not reach agreement on how to address medium and long-term budget challenges by 2013."

It caused immediate stock market reflux. The Treasury Department hastily put out an antacid statement insisting that S&P is "underestimating the ability of America's leaders to come together." Is it possible someone wrote that with a straight face and the folks at Treasury so OVER-estimate the potential for meaningful accommodation?

What's really incredible is how much the warning shocked everybody, given all the loose cannon fire from Democrats and Republicans alike that could result in failure to raise the debt ceiling. That eventuality would make the S&P assessment moot since U.S. financial credibility would tank on its own.

Technically, U.S. borrowing tops out in mid-May, although the accountants at Treasury say they could probably play a few games with the ledgers and avoid default until there are no tricks left. Think July. That's not a lot of time. Connecticut Democrat Jim Himes, who sits on the House Financial Services Committee, calls it "messing with live ammunition."

The tough choices are well known. President Obama's own Deficit Commission laid them out in December. But he wants yet another bipartisan task force, a congressional one, headed by Vice President Joe Biden, with the legislative leaders of both parties to agree on a the solution. The first meeting is set for May 5.

Never mind that Biden seemed to doze off during the president's recent budget speech. Hope springs eternal that this group would produce a deficit-cutting plan that would make good economic sense. It would also prove to Standard & Poor's that, when cornered, U.S. leaders are fully capable of making long overdue tough decisions.

If they do, they would finally lift the heavy weight of debt that has been built by the extravagance of those who have called themselves leaders but were really just followers, sadly pandering to their voters' whims of the moment. They're still doing it today partly because tea party-supported rookies in the House seem to have no earthly idea what a disaster a government default would mean.

All that wild rhetoric can spiral out of control and cause that heavy weight to collapse on the entire well-being of the United States of America. A full return to rock-solid status as a world power could take decades.

What's really amazing is how these politicians antagonize the very people they're trying to impress. The latest Washington Post-ABC News poll released April 20 shows President Obama's disapproval at 50 percent of the respondents, the Democrats in Congress at 60, Republicans 63. So it's not just the people at Standard & Poor's who have their doubts. For a lot of us, the people who run our government will need to show they deserve our full faith and credit.

OUR VIEW

No reason a lizard should shut down a region

If you've never heard of a 3-inch West Texas desert scavenger known as the dunes sagebrush lizard, don't feel bad. Few of us in the Permian Basin will even recognize the name. However, if the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service includes this evasive creature on its Endangered Species listing, the little lizard will be known by just about every family connected to the oil industry.

Should this lizard go active on the endangered list, it could shut down oil and gas operations in portions of southeast New Mexico and in West Texas, including the Texas' top two oil producing counties — Andrews and Gaines — for a minimum of two years and as many as five years.

A public rally to oppose this move is being sponsored by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association at 5 p.m. today at Midland Center. Congressman Mike Conaway will speak, as will Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

We certainly support the stance of the PBPA in this matter because we see no reason why the threatened lizard and the oil industry can't coexist. At least, this should be the goal. To seek any other solution could wreck the economy of the Permian Basin for years to come.

Of course, a sane approach could be hard to come by. We fear the issue may be motivated politically, and that is the danger we must guard against while letting sane minds interact in a way to see that all concerns are met.

It makes no sense to save a creature and yet destroy a region's industry when both could be accommodated. But stranger things have happened, and that places us on our guard at a time when we can't afford to turn off a vital energy source for our nation.

Gas prices are nearing all-time highs, the nation is involved in foreign conflicts, and there simply is no backup source of fuel ready for mass production at a reasonable cost. We need to be doing more to enhance oil production than searching for ways to shut the industry down.

We could make a lengthy case on why the data on the lizard is achieved through flawed methodology, but there is no need to even go there. It is more feasible to save the lizard while conducting normal business operations. If sane men can't find a solution to this problem, then we potentially can not produce any goods or services that will not pose a threat to all species. We simply have to learn to coexist. It's the only answer that really works.

For now, the stance being taken by the PBPA is proper and direct, and we support their stance on this issue.

Tax break on yachts cast as helping economy

■ Supporters don't want to lose business to Florida, but analysis on the original bill said it would cost Texas $1.4 million annually in lost tax revenue.

PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio express-News

AUSTIN — A tax break for big yachts might seem like a long shot in these tough times, but a Houston lawmaker is floating the idea as an economic issue.

Republican Rep. John Davis said other states have paved the way for his proposal — primarily Florida, which backers of his bill say is No. 1 in boat sales to Texas' No. 2.

"We're losing our yacht sales in Texas to Florida," said Davis, whose House Bill 2187 first caught the eye of the Texas Observer and has since been discussed on Sean Hannity's website.

Davis said it's not so much a big break for yacht owners as an effort to keep the economic activity surrounding the vessels, including repairs and boat slip fees.

"We're losing a lot of downstream jobs and sales tax revenue," he said, because Florida has limited sales taxes on yachts to $18,000.

Davis' bill, as filed, would limit the amount of boat tax to $15,625 — the amount normally due on a $250,000 vessel — regardless of sales price. He said he's changing that to match Florida's $18,000 maximum.

The fiscal analysis on the original bill said it would cost Texas $1.4 million annually in lost tax revenue, but supporters including yacht brokers note the figure doesn't take into account the ripple effect of Texas losing yachts.

Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, said at a Ways and Means hearing on the proposal that he felt like "I just walked through the Twilight Zone."

"So this bill is a tax break for mega-yacht owners?" Villarreal said, asking Davis later. "Have you considered turning this into an omnibus bill, and including limousines and fur coats and other luxury items? Because you know, we haven't cut education enough this session, and there apparently aren't enough nursing homes on the verge to close. What else can we do to bleed the state?"

Villarreal later apologized, telling Davis that being on the budget-cutting Appropriations Committee is taking its toll.

When I asked him if he had a yacht, Davis went to the window in the House chamber and pointed down at the parking lot to a white truck: "That's my yacht."

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Apparently a Washington liaison with a dim view of Washington suits the Texas Senate just fine. Senators voted 27-4 to confirm Gov. Rick Perry's appointment of Chip Roy as director of the Office of State-Federal Relations. Roy helped write Perry's anti-Washington book "Fed Up!" and, at his confirmation hearing, had some tough words about a free-spending, intrusive federal government and his desire to empower state officials to push back. Consideration of his appointment was delayed but finally OK'd last week with the only "nos" coming from Democratic Sens. Rodney Ellis of Houston, Jose Rodriguez of El Paso, Kirk Watson of Austin and Royce West of Dallas. Now, one GOP senator said, it just remains to be seen whether budget cuts ultimately leave Roy with an office to direct.

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Perry himself heads back to Washington (or as he likes to call it, "the devil's city") for Saturday's White House Correspondents' Association dinner. He'll be Politico's guest.

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Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, is one of the lawmakers who can be quite candid on Facebook. Guess who she's talking about here: "It pains me to see persons vote 'Yes!' who would be expected to vote 'No!' regarding critical cuts to higher ed, public ed, and health/human services. How some persons sleep at night is beyond me. Years ago, after a heart-wrenching loss to fund a priority program, I wrote a note to the prevailing senator: 'There will be blood on your hands.'"

GUEST EDITORIAL
Amarillo Globe-News

It's a shame Texas was left out of shuttle sweepstakes

Hurt feelings and politics aside, it's curious — to say the very least — that Texas has been left out in the cold in the sweepstakes to house three retiring space vehicles.

The Obama administration recently announced that the three remaining shuttles that have flown into space are going to be housed in California, Florida and Washington, D.C. A fourth vehicle — the Enterprise, which was used as a prototype ship that never flew into space — will remain in New York.

But, but, but ... why didn't NASA decide to send one of these vehicles to the Johnson Space Center just south of Houston, which has been the control center for every one of the nation's shuttle flights?

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, pounced on the Texas snub, declaring in a statement that "it is clear political favors trumped common sense and fairness in the selection of the final locations for the orbiter fleet."

He added, "There is no question Houston should been selected as a final home for one of the orbiters."

Cornyn has a point.

Indeed, Amarillo has an emotional stake in the shuttle program, which will soon end when Endeavor completes its final mission. In February 2003, the shuttle Columbia disintegrated on its re-entry after a 16-day mission, with Amarillo native Rick Husband at the controls as the mission commander. Husband and his six crewmates died in that tragic event.

Whether politics drove the decision never will be known for sure. Imagine, though, if the administration had picked Houston over, say, California. Would that have exposed President Obama to critics who would accuse him of trying to make Texas a "swing state" in his quest for re-election? Probably.

But the decision has been made. The Johnson Space Center, given its huge role in the space program pre-dating even the shuttle program, deserved one of the shuttles.

It's a shame Texas has been left out.

DOONESBURY — By Garry Trudeau

Barbour rules out 2012 presidential run

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour ruled out a 2012 presidential bid Monday, saying he lacked the necessary "absolute fire in the belly" to run and wasn't ready for the "all-consuming effort."

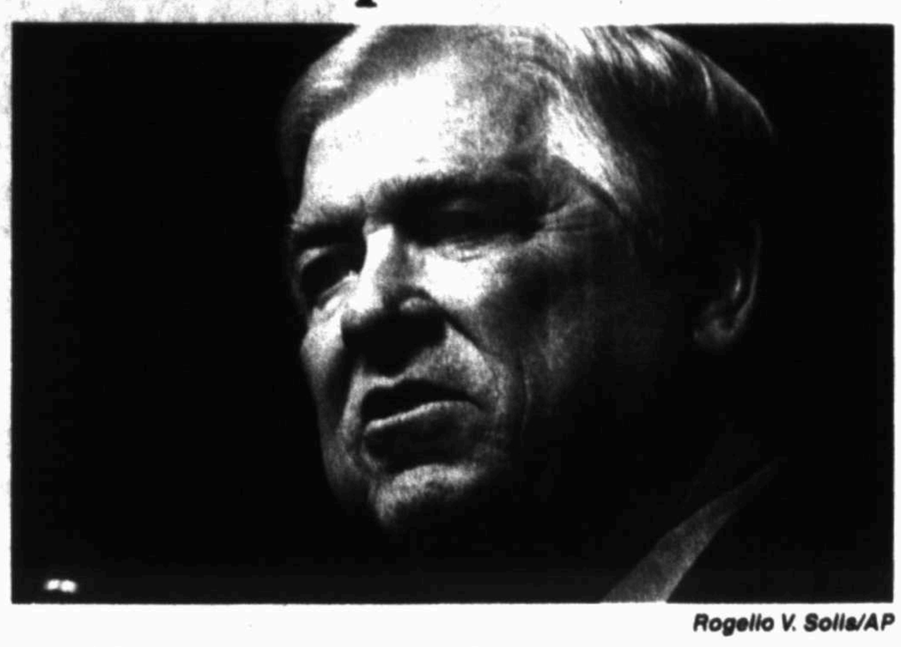
The announcement was unexpected, given the two-term governor's recent visits to several states with early presidential contests, including Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. He also had lined up political advisers for a possible run, and he had tested an economy-focused campaign speech in Chicago last month.

The stout governor had even lost some weight as advisers had suggested.

"I will not be a candidate for president next year," the Republican, 63, said in a news release. "This has been a difficult, personal decision, and I am very grateful to my family for their total support of my going forward, had that been what I decided."

"A candidate for president today is embracing a 10-year commitment to an all-consuming effort, to the virtual exclusion of all else," Barbour said in his statement. "His (or her) supporters expect and deserve no less than absolute fire in the belly from their candidate. I cannot offer that with certainty, and total certainty is required."

Barbour, a fiscal and social conservative and an accomplished fundraiser, would have been a formidable contender had he entered the race. But his hurdles to the GOP nomination would have been high, too. He's a former lobbyist and former Republican National Committee chairman who would have tried to woo a GOP primary electorate that's underwhelmed by Washington insiders.



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WON'T RUN In this April 21 file photo, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour speaks in Jackson, Miss. Barbour says he won't be a presidential candidate for 2012.

Wrote Barbour: "Hundreds of people have encouraged me to run and offered both to give and raise money for a presidential campaign. Many volunteers have organized events in support of my pursuing the race. Some have dedicated virtually full time to setting up preliminary organizations in critical, early states and to helping plan what has been several months of intensive activity.

"I greatly appreciate each and every one of them and all their outstanding efforts. If I have disappointed any of them in this decision, I sincerely regret it," he added.

Barbour was first elected Mississippi governor in 2003, and his first term was defined by Hurricane Katrina, which left a wide swath of destruction across south Mississippi when it struck in August 2005. He persuaded federal officials to give Mississippi billions of dollars for storm recovery, and he easily won a second term in November 2007.

As chairman of the Republican Governors Association from June 2009 through November 2010, Barbour traveled to dozens of states to campaign for GOP candidates, and it was widely believed he would use that perch to run for president.

Barbour, a native of Yazoo City, was political director for the Reagan White House in the mid-1980s, then helped found the Washington lobbying firm Barbour Griffith & Rogers in 1991. The firm's client list included a range of corporate interests, from Microsoft to tobacco and utility companies.

Trump: Obama wasn't qualified for Ivy League

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Real estate mogul Donald Trump suggested in an interview Monday that President Barack Obama had been a poor student who did not deserve to be admitted to the Ivy League universities he attended. Trump, who is mulling a bid for the Republican presidential nomination, offered no proof for his claim but said he would continue to press the matter as he has the legitimacy of the president's birth certificate.

"I heard he was a terrible student, terrible. How does a bad student go to Columbia and then to Harvard?" Trump said in an interview with the Associated Press. "I'm thinking about it. I'm certainly looking into it. Let him show his records."

Obama graduated from Columbia University in New York in 1983 with a degree in political science after transferring from Occidental College in California. He went on to Harvard Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude 1991 and was the first black president of the Harvard Law Review.

Obama's 2008 campaign did not release his college transcripts, and in his best-selling memoir, "Dreams From My Father," Obama indicated he hadn't always been an academic star. Trump told the AP that Obama's refusal to release his college grades were part of a pattern of concealing information about himself.

"I have friends who have smart sons with great marks, great boards, great everything and they can't get into Harvard," Trump said. "We don't know a thing about this guy. There are a lot of questions that are unanswered about our president."

Katie Hogan, a spokeswoman for Obama's re-election campaign, declined to comment.

Trump, a wealthy businessman and reality TV host, has risen to the top of many polls in part by his outspoken call for Obama to release his long form birth certificate. The state of Hawaii has released a certificate of live birth indicating Obama was born there on August 4, 1961, but that has not quelled critics who believe Obama was born outside the United States and is therefore not qualified to be president.

The so-called "birther" controversy has dominated the early stage of the 2012 GOP nominating contest, with Trump leading the charge.

Ailing housing markets outweigh ideology

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shutting down Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should fit seamlessly into the Republican drive to shrink government. After all, keeping the ailing mortgage giants afloat has cost taxpayers $150 billion and many in both parties want private lenders to finance a bigger share of the nation's $11.3 trillion residential mortgage market.

But House and Senate Republicans pushing bills to phase out both federally run companies are learning how fear, politics and old-fashioned lobbying can trump ideology.

Even in the GOP-run House, leading proponents of doing away with Fannie and Freddie aren't predicting victory. As a precaution, they're advancing eight bills taking bite-sized swipes at the issue. In the Democratic-led Senate, a sister measure by 2008 presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., faces long odds, and the Banking Committee's top Democrat and Republican are wary of quickly reshaping the market for financing home purchases.

"There's no consensus on it," House Financial Services Committee Chairman Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., conceded in an interview this month about a sweeping overhaul bill by Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas. "I can't promise we will build consensus."

Fannie and Freddie don't issue mortgages but buy them from the original lenders, thus providing cash for more loans. They then package many mortgages into securities that they resell to investors, using a government guarantee that lets them pay a lower yield than their few competitors.

Bachus calls Hensarling's bill "the gold standard" for Republicans. It would halt government backing of Fannie and Freddie and end or dramatically reduce their role in mortgage financing within five years. The goal is to turn the mortgage market over to banks and other private lenders, who have shied away during the relentless real estate bust of the past few years.

With housing still staggering from foreclosures and low prices, some Republicans worry that erasing the federal role in the mortgage market could rattle the housing industry and perhaps the entire economy. Without the government guarantee of mortgage products that Fannie and Freddie enjoy, the cost of mortgages likely would rise, making homes less affordable.

"You can't do that," Rep. Gary Miller, R-Calif., a solid conservative and real estate developer from just east of Los Angeles, says of proposals to end the federal role in financing mortgages. "It would devastate the housing market."

Average home prices in the Los Angeles area have dropped 33 percent in five years, three times the national average, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Feeding lawmakers' concerns are real estate agents, mortgage bankers and home builders, powerful constituencies and campaign contributors. The bankers and builders brought throngs of members to the Capitol last month to visit legislators, and the realtors are coming in May.

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MOSCOW

Leaders accused of neglecting Chernobyl legacy

Ex-Soviet governments are failing to protect their people from the deadly legacy of the Chernobyl disaster, former cleanup workers and environmental groups charged Monday on the eve of ceremonies commemorating the 25th anniversary of the world's worst nuclear accident.

Russia, Ukraine and Belarus have cut the benefits packages for sickened cleanup workers in recent years, and many workers complained directly to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev as he handed them awards for their work at a ceremony in Moscow.

The blast on April 26, 1986, spewed a cloud of radioactive fallout over much of Europe and forced hundreds of thousands from their homes in the most heavily hit areas in Ukraine, Belarus and western Russia. The disaster did not become public knowledge for several days, because Soviet officials released no information until 72 hours after the accident.

The explosion released about 400 times more radiation than the U.S. atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima. Hundreds of thousands were sickened and once-pristine forests and farmland remain contaminated. The U.N.'s World Health Organization said at a Kiev conference last week that among the 600,000 people most heavily exposed to radiation, 4,000 more cancer deaths than average are expected to be eventually found.

BEIRUT

Thousands of Syrian troops raid rebellious city

Thousands of soldiers backed by tanks and snipers moved in before dawn to the city where Syria's anti-government uprising began, causing panic in the streets when they opened fire indiscriminately on civilians and went house-to-house rounding up suspected protesters. At least 11 people were killed and 14 others lay in the streets — either dead or gravely wounded, witnesses said.

The military raids on the southern city of Daraa and at least two other areas suggested Syria is trying to impose military control on the centers of protests against President Bashar Assad, whose family has ruled Syria for four decades. Residents and human rights activists said the regime wants to terrify opponents and intimidate them from staging any more demonstrations.

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban: Prison escape tunnel took 5 months to dig

KANDAHAR — During the long Afghan winter, Taliban insurgents apparently were busy underground.

The militants say they spent more than five months building a 1,050-foot tunnel to the main prison in southern Afghanistan, bypassing government checkpoints, watch towers and concrete barriers topped with razor wire.

The diggers finally poked through Sunday and spent 4 1/2 hours ferrying away more than 480 inmates without a shot being fired, according to the Taliban and Afghan officials. Most of the prisoners were Taliban militants.

Accounts of the extraordinary prison break, carried out in the dead of night, suggest collusion with prison guards, officials or both.

JAPAN

Officials launch massive search for tsunami bodies

SHICHIGAHAMA-MACHI — Soldiers prodded marshy ground with slender poles and cleared mounds of rubble by hand Monday as 25,000 troops mounted Japan's largest search yet for the bodies of nearly 12,000 people missing in last month's earthquake and tsunami.

The operation was the third intensive military search since the March 11 disaster, which splintered buildings, flattened towns and killed up to 26,000 people along Japan's northeastern coast.

With waters receding, officials hope the team, which also includes police, coast guard and U.S. troops, will make significant progress during the two-day operation. By Monday evening, 38 bodies were found, the military said.

In the town of Shichigahamamachi, a line of about two dozen Japanese soldiers walked in unison across soggy earth and muddy pools, plunging their poles about 2 feet into the muck to ensure they don't miss any bodies buried below.

Several dozen other soldiers cleared mountains of rubble by hand from a waterfront neighborhood filled with gutted and teetering houses.

LIBYA

NATO strike on Gadhafi HQ raises pressure on him

TRIPOLI — The latest NATO airstrike on Moammar Gadhafi's compound that reduced parts of it to a smoldering ruin steps up pressure on the increasingly embattled Libyan leader as he struggles to hold onto the western half of the country.

A Libyan government spokesman denounced Monday's bombing as a failed assassination attempt, saying the 69-year-old leader was healthy, "in high spirits" and carrying on business as usual.

A separate airstrike elsewhere in Tripoli targeted Libyan TV and temporarily knocked it off the air, a government spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

Since an armed uprising erupted in mid-February, Gadhafi has been clinging to control in the western half of Libya, while opposition forces run most of the east.

LONDON

Human cannonball dies in stunt accident

British police said a man has died after a safety net gave way during a human cannonball performance at a "daredevil" stunt show in southern England.

Police in Kent said Monday the show was canceled after the 23-year-old died.

They said they believe the death was caused by the safety net "failing to engage," but did not provide further details.

"Scott May's Daredevil Stuntshow" said on its website all shows have been canceled "due to unforeseen circumstances."

The show has toured the U.K. since 1991, and features Monster Truck destruction, car-crushing and crashes, fire stunts and the human cannonball.

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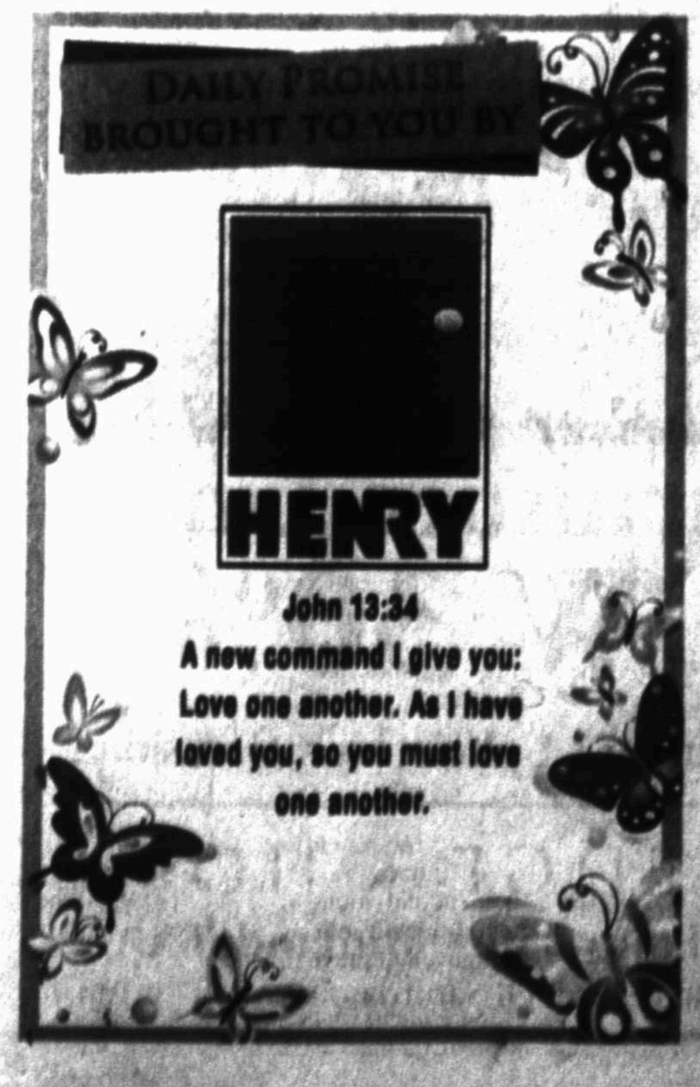

Local & State

Ward Street bridge could get update

Facelift might happen this summer if City Council decides to advertise for bids today

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The Ward Street bridge may be getting an update this summer if the City Council agrees today to advertise for bids to rehab the structure.

City Engineer David Beard said the project would include a replacement of the bridge's deck, as well as improvements to the existing structure. The bridge is safe at this point, he said, but if not tended to could become a hazard in the future.

"There's been some modifications made to it in the past, and it's just to a point where we need to do something to it," Beard said, adding traffic and weather have taken a toll. "It's one of those things if you don't do maintenance on it, it could get to the point it wouldn't be safe."

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper set the probable cost for the project at $570,827, Beard said, though that is an estimate. The work would be paid for from the funds allocated to improve the Jal Draw after costs for that project came in at less than expected, he said.

If the council moves forward with the project, Beard said they hope to have construction started by June so the bridge can be ready and re-opened near the beginning of the school year. Located on Ward Street just north of Wadley Avenue, Beard said the bridge serves students at both Goddard Junior High and Emerson Elementary so they wanted to have it closed when school is out of session. In shutting down the bridge, he said, they should be able to move the project along faster than would be possible otherwise. If started in June the city aims to have work completed in September, he said.

As part of its improvements, the sidewalk will be improved to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards and to provide more pedestrian safety, according to a document filed with the council's agenda.

The Jal Draw project, which is finishing up near the Ward Street bridge, should be done by the end of May, Beard said.

City officials had initially slated completion of the draw for the beginning of 2011. Beard said the project was slowed, in part, because high oil prices have made it challenging to find truck drivers to bring the concrete blocks in needed to line the draw.

The blocks were purchased at a cost of about $1 million from a company in San Antonio and brought to Midland from a plant in Kermit. Beard said they anticipate having the last of the blocks, which are

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A HERO REMEMBERED

Mourners gather to honor fallen fireman

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

DUMAS — Firefighters from across the state gathered Monday to pay respects to a fireman who was fatally burned while battling one of dozens of wildfires that have scorched more than a million acres in Texas this month.

Friends and relatives also filled a church in the Texas Panhandle town of Dumas and remembered 49-year-old Elias Macias Jaquez as a good friend and good firefighter who will be missed.

When Jaquez, a volunteer with the Cactus fire department, got the call that a wildfire was blazing nearby, he didn't ask whose land it was or what might be threatened, said Jim Clements, a deacon at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church where the service was held.

"And that's a lesson for all of us. That's a strong lesson," he said. "That's really the life that Elias lived as a firefighter."

The Mexican-born father of four daughters worked at a meat-packing plant in Cactus. He died last week at a Lubbock hospital 11 days after he suffered third-degree burns over 60 percent of his body battling a wildfire near Dumas, about 40 miles north of Amarillo.

Jaquez, a volunteer firefighter for two years, was the second Cactus man killed in wildfires in the past five years. In 2006, Roberto Chavira, 42, died with three other men as the group headed to work at an oil drilling location. The four men were among the 12 people who died during wildfires that burned almost a million acres in the Panhandle in

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Associated Press

Dumas firefighter Anthony Anderson stands at attention on top of the fire engine transporting the casket of Cactus volunteer firefighter Elias Jaquez during his funeral procession Monday in Dumas. Jaquez died Wednesday from injuries he suffered while battling a wildfire in Moore County on April 9.

Associated Press

Firefighters from different departments, including some from as far away as California, line up outside Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church before the funeral services for volunteer firefighter Elias Jaquez on Monday.

Grass fire in Midland contained

From staff reports

A grass fire in north Midland was contained without structure loss or injury on Monday.

The fire was reported just after 3:20 p.m. at County Road 60 and Avalon Drive, according to the city of Midland. Four Midland Fire Department units and three Northeast volunteer units responded to the scene.

The fire was contained Monday afternoon. It burned about 10 acres, according to the city of Midland.

Traffic was blocked from going west at Holiday Hill Road and Briarwood Avenue at about 3:35 p.m. to allow firefighters to work, but was later reopened.

2nd teen says man committed sexual assault

■ Salvation Army resident already jailed on charge of online sexual solicitation.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff's Office investigators have filed an additional charge against a Salvation Army resident after a second 14-year-old girl came forward claiming the two had sex.

A charge for sexual assault of a child was filed Monday against Brandon Michael Hurley, age 20. Hurley has been held at the Midland County Detention Center on a $25,000 bond since his April 1 arrest for online solicitation of a minor by sexual conduct.

According to an arrest affidavit, an investigator with the Midland County Sheriff's Office was contacted by an assistant principal at an MISD junior high school who told law enforcement that the teen victim, a student at the school, had told another student she had sexual contact with Hurley.

Hurley told detectives during a jail interview that he had sex with the girl twice at her father's home.

In an interview Monday with investigators, the victim reported the two had engaged in sex four times between October and December and then once in Midland in January at her apartment.

She told detectives that she has had no contact with Hurley since her mother caught the two of them in the apartment about two months ago.

The girl also told authorities that she lied about her age and told Hurley when they met that she was 16 years old, the affidavit states.

A $50,000 bond was to be set for the additional charge late Monday.

Hurley was previously arrested earlier this month after he allegedly propositioned a different 14-year-old girl for oral sex via a text message.

Authorities learned of the proposition after seizing the girl's phone following the arrest of another man believed homeless. Investigators said Mark Dustin Brock, 27, was arrested for indecency with a child by sexual contact after the victim's father found her being fondled in her bedroom.

Detectives discovered several messages between the girl and Hurley that were sexual in nature, authorities said. The messages allegedly

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It's time to join Andrews in honoring another fallen soldier

SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

With news over the weekend of the combat death of Sgt. John Castro, of Andrews, the number of fallen Permian Basin residents, or those with close ties to the community, has reached 18.

It's a causality of war tally this newspaper has respectfully kept since March 23, 2003, with the first Basin death of Army Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Villareal Mata. His convoy was ambushed in Iraq.

Castro, 25, is the second Andrews death resulting from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. His fatal wounds were suffered when his unit was attacked by small arms fire in Afghanistan. Castro's death came exactly four years and two days after that of Cpl. Ray Bevel, 22, also of Andrews. Bevel succumbed to wounds suffered in Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated during combat operations.

Reporter Audrie Palmer spent some time in Andrews on Monday, where Castro's family understandably was grieving and the community was preparing to honor him.

American flags were beginning to show up all over town, and a thousand of them were being distributed by the Patriot Guard Riders alone. Assisting in the effort was Cpl. Bevel's father, as he reached out to another family feeling the pain he carries.

What we would learn about Castro is he loved people and baseball, and especially liked to play the sport with children. He leaves behind a wife and infant daughter. His mom recalled with fondness the times her son would return from tours of duty, dress in his Army uniform and show up at the hospital where she works with a dozen roses.

Those are no doubt memories his mother will cherish for a lifetime.

Every one of these 18 young men has been honored and long will be remembered by our community.

Somewhere along the way, I've become friends with some of their family members and have seen how losing a son or brother to war has affected them.

"It's not something you ever get over, but you try to live with it one day at a time," a Gold Star mother once told me. "It never gets easier," she added. The American Gold Star Mothers Club was formed after World War I to provide support for mothers who had lost children to war.

It's a club no mother wants to join.

As Andrews residents prepare to honor their second young war hero, no doubt the rest of us will join them, if even in our thoughts and prayers.

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BRIDGE

From 1B

being used to line the draw and prevent dirt walls behind area homes from collapsing, should be delivered by next week.

In other business, the City Council will consider on first reading enacting a drought contingency plan that would allow the city to levy fines on those not following outdoor water restrictions. Before fines could be given, the ordinance would have to pass a second reading. Mayor Wes Perry said they may not have to enact the ordinance if citizens voluntarily cut back on their water use. If that doesn't happen, he said, they could have the ordinance finalized by May 10.

Council members, among several other measures, also will look at approving on first reading a landscaping ordinance that would apply to new non-residential development. The plan that was crafted over about nine months is meant to provide more options than the current standards while also incentivizing water efficiency, city staff told the Planning and Zoning Commission when it was approved there.

The council will meet at 10 a.m. today in Council Chambers, 300 N. Loraine Street.

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FIRE

From 1B

about a week's time.

Jaquez's death has hit the small town of about 2,500 hard, said Steve Schmidt-Witcher, its town manager.

"I know it's affected the morale throughout the city," he said late last week. "I think the city pulled together extremely well for the family.

Jacquez is the second firefighter killed this year while battling wildfires. Eastland firefighter Gregory Mack Simmons died April 15 when he and other firefighters fled their fire truck trapped in a pasture. Simmons died after apparently being hit by a vehicle in the smoky area, officials have said.

After a few days of less windy and more humid weather across Texas, firefighters in the western part of the state are preparing for conditions for wildfires to worsen beginning tomorrow.

Texas Forest Service officials say conditions are ripe for more wildfires Tuesday in areas west of a line from Fort Worth to Eagle Pass.

More than 840 wildfires have consumed more than 2,900 square miles (1.8 million acres) across Texas since Jan. 1. Of the state's 254 counties 211 have burn bans.

CHARGE

From 1B

discussed oral sex, among other acts.

Hurley allegedly admitted to police that he did have an electronic sexual relationship with the girl, but said she had told him on Facebook that she was 17. The girl denied to authorities that she lied about her age.

At the time of his arrest, Hurley was living at the Salvation Army homeless shelter on the 300 block of South Baird Street, police said.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Joshua Cobos, 21, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of assault on a family member.

Leslie Flores, 21, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Alexander Grado, 27, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Diego Cisneros, 23, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Joe Gonzalez, 36, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Manuel Gonzalez, 30, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault of a date or family member.

Juan Porras, 18, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault of a public servant.

Steven Robertson, 26, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

Frank Smith, 56, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland County deputies on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Casey Jones, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Abraham Nieto, 17, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, abandoning or endangering a child and possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Jose Ramirez III, 35, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on charges of aggravated sexual assault and assault of a family member.

Ruben Rodriguez, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of sexual indecency with a child.

Myra Smith, 41, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Tyler White, 26, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of abandoning or endangering a child.

Christopher Bowman, 26, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Mark Brock, 27, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Kyle Burton, 22, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland County deputies on two charges of violation of probation.

Charles Cobb, 32, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on a charge of violation of probation.

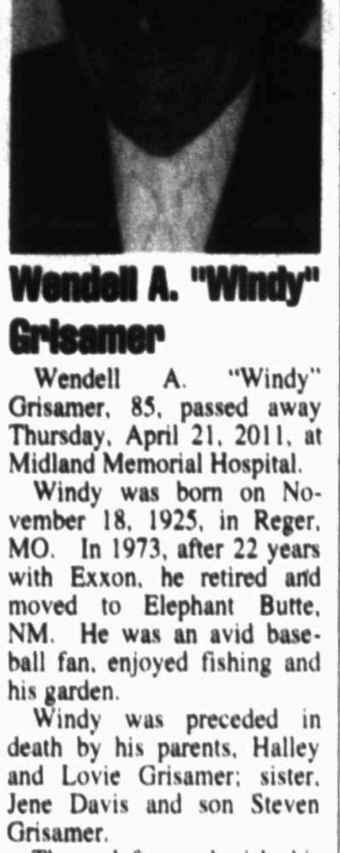
Tyler Poor, 19, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by the 385th District Court on a charge of intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle.

Jacinto Sanchez, 25, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by the U.S. Marshal Service on a charge of evading arrest and detention with a vehicle.

Christi Stirman, 31, was arrested Thursday by Midland police on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intention to commit another felony.

Tracy Youngblood, 43, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland County deputies on charges of unlawful restraint and abandoning or causing imminent danger to a child.

Obituaries



Wendell A. "Windy" Grisamer

Wendell A. "Windy" Grisamer, 85, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Windy was born on November 18, 1925, in Reger, MO. In 1973, after 22 years with Exxon, he retired and moved to Elephant Butte, NM. He was an avid baseball fan, enjoyed fishing and his garden.

Windy was preceded in death by his parents, Halley and Lovie Grisamer; sister, Jene Davis and son Steven Grisamer.

Those left to cherish his memory include daughter, Sherry Ladd and son-in-law, Butch Ladd of Midland, TX; son Rock Grisamer of Elmendorf, TX; five grandchildren, Kimberly Meadows, Shana Walker, Brittany Grisamer, Kody Grisamer, all of Midland, TX; Lindsay Grisamer of Tulsa, OK, five great- grandchildren of Midland, TX and two nieces of Midland, TX.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Resthaven Memorial Park.

The family of Windy Grisamer wishes to express sincere thanks to Dr. Paul Best, Dr. M Patel, Dr. Cholia, the Progressive Care Unit and CCU at Midland Memorial Hospital and staff and friends at Saddleridge.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Josephine B. Goodson

Josephine B. Goodson, of Midland, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2011. She was born February 1, 1924, to Ila and Charles Bowden. Born in Kansas City, MO, she was an only child. She married Hubert "Tink" Goodson on March 11, 1946 in Kansas City, MO. Josephine worked in the healthcare field for many years in Kansas City and in Midland. She volunteered for the Midland Memorial Hospital auxiliary. She loved crocheting, decorating, reading mystery novels, and her pets. She also loved spoiling her grandchildren. She taught her grandchildren card games and how to cook.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Hubert "Tink" Goodson; her mother and father; and one great-grandson, Branum Welch.

Josephine leaves behind three children, Dru Ann Boler and husband, Larry, Charlie Goodson, George Goodson and wife, Karen; four grandchildren, Greg, Robin, Loretta and Mandy; eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand child. She will be greatly missed.

Visitation for family and friends was held at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2011.

A Graveside service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

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Dr. Thomas Albert Sinclair Jr.

Dr. Thomas Albert Sinclair, Jr. passed away April 23rd, 2011 in Kerrville, Texas. He was born June 28, 1922 in the Houston Heights to Mary Ella "Daisy" Sinclair and Dr. Thomas A. Sinclair.

He attended Reagan High School, where he met his one true love, Lucille Brashear. They were married November 8, 1941 while attending The University of Texas in Austin. Dr. Sinclair graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas and completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Hermann Hospital.

Dr. Sinclair founded his private practice and practiced medicine at Heights Hospital (a hospital founded by his father, Dr. Thomas A. Sinclair, Sr.) where he delivered over 3500 babies during his career. Tom and Lucille were founding members of Chapelwood United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father Dr. Thomas A. Sinclair, his mother Mary Ella "Daisy" Sinclair, his wife Lucille Brashear Sinclair and his sisters, Elizabeth Zarr Flowers and Marjorie Woods.

He is survived by his sons, Thomas Albert Sinclair, III and his wife, Lelani, of Houston, Richard Fred Sinclair and his wife, Marilyn of Kerrville, his daughter, Mary Ann Sinclair Majors and husband, Lee of Midland; 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, April 27th at 11:30AM at First United Methodist Church in Kerrville, Texas. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you please contribute to Peterson Hospice of Kerrville, TX. or the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Lydia Byrtle Gifford

On April 20th, surrounded by family, Byrtle Gifford passed from this earth.

Byrtle is preceded in death by her husband, Joe, and her daughter, Carole Pellegrino and her husband Robert Pellegrino. She is survived by her son Joe and his wife Emily and their eight children: Susie Locker, her husband, Karl, and their four children; Sally Robb, her husband, Brad, and their six children; Daniel, his wife, Debra, and their son; Charlie, his wife, Liz, and their three children; O'Shea, his wife Chris, and their two children; Taylor Smith, her husband, Chad, and their three children; Marissa Smith, her husband, David, and their two children; and, Sarah Beaufait and her husband Sam. Byrtle is also survived by her daughter Carole's four sons: Mark and his wife, Nancy; John and his children; Dan and his wife, Annette; and Doug and his wife, Debbie and their children. In total, she is survived by 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at 1:00 PM at the First Christian Church in Midland, Texas, officiated by Rev. Mike Hunter. There will be a visitation on Tuesday, April 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Graveside services will be in Enid, Oklahoma at the Memorial Park Cemetery at 10:00 AM on April 29th, officiated by the Central Christian Church of Enid.

We are very grateful to the compassionate caregivers in the Younger Center at Manor Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Manor Park Inc., 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707.

Death Notices

Bette J. Winterrowd

Bette J. Winterrowd, 68, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2011 in Odessa.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Winterrowd; and two nephews.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday April 27, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with visitation on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, come and go.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Charles B. Godfrey

Charles B. Godfrey passed away on Monday, April 25, 2011, in Midland.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2011, at First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife; one son; a son-in-law; one granddaughter; one sister; a brother; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Pascual H. Galindo

Pascual H. Galindo, 86, of Odessa, passed away Sunday April 24, 2011.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Odessa Funeral Home.

Stewart McLellan

Stewart McLellan passed away Sunday, April 24, 2011.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Victoria S. Diaz

Victoria S. Diaz, 83 of Midland, passed away on Sunday April 24, 2011, in Midland.

She is survived by her five sons, Martin Diaz, Juan Antonio Diaz, Ralph Diaz, David Diaz, and Jesse Diaz; eight daughters, Tina Moseley, Frances Gloria, Ramona Perales, Anna Aguirre, Terry Burge, Isabel Rey, Elva Siqueiros, and Juanita Diaz; forty-two grandchildren; thirty-four great grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A Rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Chapel, 405 N. Terrell. A Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday April 27, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at San Miguel Archangel Catholic Church "Formally San Juan Catholic Church". Interment will follow to Fairview Cemetery.

W.R. "Bud" Allcorn

W.R. "Bud" Allcorn passed away Sunday, April 24, 2011.

Survivors include June Simpson, Eric Lirly, Tim Lirly; and three nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 5100 N County Road 1150, Midland.

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

Police: Intoxicated man fires shotgun at sister

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland man remained in jail Monday evening after allegedly firing a shotgun at his sister while intoxicated on Easter Sunday.

Alexander Leigh Grado, 49, is being held on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Officers responded to the 900 block of North Weatherford Street a little after 10 p.m. on Easter to a report of shots fired. The victim told police her brother and ex-boyfriend showed up to the residence intoxicated and began an altercation, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

During the argument between the victim and her ex-boyfriend, Grado exited a white 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe holding a shotgun. The woman said he pumped one round into the chamber and fired it in her direction, the report stated.

He then rushed toward her and pointed the weapon at her two kids, she told police.

Grado and the ex-boyfriend left the residence in the vehicle.

She told police she was having issues with her whole family after she ended the relationship because the family really liked her ex-boyfriend.

Police saw the vehicle in the area shortly afterward and conducted a felony traffic stop. Grado continued driving and turned north down the east alley on the 1000 block of North Weatherford Street. Police said Grado threw the shotgun out of the vehicle, the report stated.

Police found three unexpended shotgun shells and one expended shell on him when he was searched.

Grado was alone in the vehicle. The ex-boyfriend has not been charged with any crime.

Grado has been arrested by Midland police multiple times for possession of marijuana, assault, interfering with an emergency call, evading arrest and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, he could serve up to 20 years in prison.

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Casa de Amigos works to highlight seniors' talent

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

SAVE THE DATE

Seniors Got Talent will take place 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hispanic Cultural Center. To sign up to compete, call Isabel Gonzales at 682-9701 or visit 1101 E. Garden Lane.

Howard McCright has always been an extrovert.

As a 20-year Army veteran turned mechanic and welder, though, McCright said performer never was worked into his professional job description.

So when he gets the chance to take the stage, he takes advantage. And at 82, he said, he knows how to engage a crowd.

After his rendition of "A Phone Call from God" at last year's "Seniors Got Talent," event, McCright was awarded first place and given the chance to perform at the annual Senior Celebration.

"When I didn't come in third and I didn't come in second, I thought, 'Maybe I'll come in first,'" he said. "I was pleased."

Registration ends today to compete at the second "Seniors Got Talent" show planned for Saturday. McCright said he encourages anyone who thinks he or she has something to share to take part.

Isabel Gonzales, senior services program director at Casa de Amigos, said the event is a great way to showcase that some of the community's oldest citizens still are participating in the talents they mastered decades ago.

"Like McCright — who continues to work and performs at area churches — she said many of the seniors in their programs are more active now than they were before retirement.

"They're very proud of their talents," she said. "It gives them the opportunity to do something they're still doing."

She said the talent show was created after meetings with an advisory council of community members that helps Casa de Amigos properly tailor its programs toward older citizens.

"We wanted something interesting and good for the seniors," she said.

Performances are judged on creativity, talent and showmanship and can include anything from singing to playing an instrument to performing a skit or comedy routine.

The first-, second- and third-place winners then will perform at the Senior Celebration scheduled for May 10. The annual celebration provides a day of entertainment for area seniors and also is a hub of information on medical and other services that seniors can use, Gonzales said.

McCright said his performance was based on a skit he heard of about 30 years ago that centered around a conversation with God about praying, reading the Bible and tithing. While humorous, he said, it also makes people examine their lives, which is why he enjoys sharing it.

"It got a lot of laughs, but it does make people think," he said.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution (N)		Dancing Results (N)		Body of Proof "Society Hill" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Mark Ruffalo, Jamie Oliver
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Ships in the Night"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Standoff"		The Good Wife "VIP Treatment"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman	Will Ferrell, Twilight Singers	(:35) LateLate
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	One Tree Hill (N)		Hellcats "Before I Was Caught" (N)		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park	SouthPk "Gnomes"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two/Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Glee "Born This Way" (N)			Raising Hope (N)	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Raymond	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Closure"	
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Black "Cuba: The Next Revolution" (N)		Frontline "Post Mortem"		Independent Lens "Marwencol" (N)		Charlie Rose		Tavis Smiley	
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PLEX			96			★★ Geronimo: An American Legend		★★★ A River Runs Through It						(:10) ★★★ The Crucible Winona Ryder.			
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BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Wives "Hairy Mess"		Pregnant in Heels (N)		Wives "Hairy Mess"		Pregnant "Clueless"	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Tax Cheat		60 Minutes		60 Minutes		Mad Money		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dead C. "New Blood"		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Hogs Gone Wild (N)		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Wizards	Wizards	★ Belle's Magical World			Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Shake Up	Shake Up	Montana	Montana
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	E:60 (N)		Year Quarterback (N)		Clock	SportsCenter	Special (N)		SportsCenter		Tonight	NFL Live
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FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
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	Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars		Cake	Cake	Chopped (N)		Challenge		Cake	Cake
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Spurs Insider	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark - Arlington, Tex. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Sports Day Draft	The Great Ride	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½ Men	2 1/2 Men	★★ Baby Mama ('08, Com) Tina Fey.				★★ Baby Mama ('08, Com) Tina Fey.				★★ Fever Pitch	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	HouseH	House	Property	Property	Property	Property
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Only in America		Top Shot		Top Shot		Top Shot (N)		Top Shot (N)		Top Shot	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers "Know when to Fold"		American Pickers "Buddy's Booby Trap"		I Want a Baby (N)		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine	Met Your Mother
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
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El Paso librarian cites role of books in society

By Ramon Renteria
El Paso Times

EL PASO —

Dionne Mack-Harvin does not have a wonderful library experience story to share.

"It was not a love of books and a love of reading that drew me into the profession," she said.

Mack-Harvin grew up first in South Carolina and later in Harlem, exposed mostly to the Bible and a 1950s set of World Book encyclopedias.

"I never walked into a library until I moved to New York at age 10. When I did, the person at the desk was very rude," she said. "I believed a library was not for us even as I was growing up in the '70s."

Mack-Harvin is completing her fourth month as director of the El Paso Public Library system, the first African-American to serve in that position. She succeeded Carol Brey-Casiano, now with the U.S. State Department.

Mack-Harvin, 38, is responsible for 13 libraries and a bookmobile, 170 employees, and an annual operating budget of about $8.4 million.

A college librarian encouraged Mack-Harvin, who already had credentials in history and African-American studies, to consider library science as a possible option for making a difference in her community.

African-Americans represent less than 1 percent of all public librarians nationwide, according to various national surveys.

"For me, it's been all about how public libraries play a crucial role in society," Mack-Harvin said recently.

Throughout her career, Mack-Harvin has tried to create libraries as places that welcome and accommodate anybody, regardless of their language or background.

In New York, Mack-Harvin started out as an entry-level librarian and quickly moved up the ranks, eventually becoming chief of staff and responsible for various projects and raising money. She became executive director of the Brooklyn Public Library system in 2007.

While the New York City media suggested that a widely publicized scandal involving layoffs eventually forced her out, Mack-Harvin said she simply decided to explore other options after 15 years in Brooklyn's library system.

"Things there were very political. I chose not to have any open commentary about what had happened internally," she said. "You learn from it and move on."

She is credited with starting various projects in the Brooklyn Public Library system including the African-American Heritage Center, recently renamed and dedicated in her honor.

Former colleagues and others described Mack-Harvin as an energetic young professional and a rising star in the library science world.

"Ms. Mack-Harvin brings a rare mix of technical competence, visionary leadership and financial expertise which she garnered from her past experience," said Debbie Hamlyn, El Paso deputy city manager who headed the search committee.

"Her experience in creating credible partnerships and effective boards was strong. Those are areas in our system that need injection to grow the system with private sector support."

Mack-Harvin applauds El Paso city government for continuing to support the library system when libraries across America are having to close buildings and lay off personnel because of spending cuts. She is convinced the El Paso system is underfunded, like others across Texas and the nation, but not stagnant.

"When you look at per-capita funding for El Paso and the growth in population, there is a true gap that we have to start to think strategically about how to bridge," she said.

"Although we don't have everything, city government has managed to keep us pretty stable. I've been very happy with what I've found."

One of her first assignments: administering an $8 million broadband grant that will add 950 more computers to various sites across El Paso.

Before she arrived, El Paso had already established a library foundation to raise money for various projects.

"People's hearts are in the right place. That's the most important thing in how we move this organization forward," Mack-Harvin said.

Arrest warrant issued in Fast Freddy's incident

From staff reports

Justin Lee Perez: Wanted on a charge of aggravated assault.

An arrest warrant was issued for a 23-year-old Midland man after police said he's suspected of attempting to run someone over with a car at Fast Freddy's Pool Hall.

Justin Lee Perez is charged with aggravated assault with a motor vehicle after police say he attempted to run over an armed security guard while at the pool hall around 1:55 a.m. on April 17.

An officer, who was on regular patrol, heard several gunshots from the area that evening and upon arrival discovered Steve Baldwin, a 37-year-old armed security guard, had discharged his firearm several times into a black Honda.

Baldwin stated to police that he was attempting to detain the suspect, Perez, when Perez tried to run him over with his black Honda.

Perez fled the scene and was later located in a field off Cotton Flat Road. He suffered non-life threatening gunshot wounds and was treated and released at Midland Memorial Hospital, the release states.

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Love, Harvey Cross, Ronnie & Michael Kitterberry

STATE BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

FORT WORTH

Possum Kingdom Lake fires closer to being put out

Rainy conditions have helped crews battling wildfires in North Texas do more to control the stubborn blazes.

The Texas Forest Service on Monday reported the Possum Kingdom Lake wildfires, which scorched nearly 127,000 acres, are nearly 70 percent contained. At least 167 homes and two churches were destroyed by this month's wildfires in the recreational area located 70 miles west of Fort Worth.

Meanwhile, the agency reported 75 to 80 percent containment on the West Texas Trans-Pecos Complex north and west of San Angelo, where forecasters had been worried that dry, windy weather would create ideal conditions for wildfires on Tuesday.

HOUSTON

Mayor wants impact statement for coal plant

Houston Mayor Annise Parker has asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to require an environmental impact statement for developers of a coal-fired electric power plant proposed for the shores of Matagorda Bay.

The 1,200-megawatt White Stallion Energy Center project proposed for Bay City, about 75 miles south of downtown Houston and outside the federal air pollution nonattainment area covering Houston, Galveston and Brazoria County.

In a letter to the colonel in charge of the Corps' Galveston District, Parker expressed concern that the project would destroy sensitive wetlands needed for hurricane storm surge protection and indirectly lead to erosion of the coastline because of needed dredging.

JOSHUA

Funeral Wednesday for slain deputy

Funeral has been scheduled for a North Texas sheriff's deputy killed in a shootout with an Oklahoma man that also left the suspect dead.

Funeral is scheduled for Johnson County Deputy Clifton Taylor on Wednesday morning at the Joshua High School auditorium in Joshua, about 20 miles south of Fort Worth.

A statement from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office says the graveside services will be private.

The 31-year-old deputy died in a shootout Saturday while he and two colleagues responded to a domestic disturbance call in the small town of Venus. Sheriff Bob Alford identified the dead suspect as Wesley Davis, an Oklahoma man whose wife said had threatened her, her sister and another person.

Venus is a town of about 2,900 residents about 30 miles southwest of Dallas.

HOUSTON

Rice gets $3.2M grant to study hurricane prep

Rice University is getting more research money to help the Houston and Galveston areas better prepare for another devastating hurricane like Ike.

The school on Monday announced a $3.2 million grant from the Houston Endowment, which previously awarded $1.3 million to the school.

Hurricane Ike swamped the Galveston area in September 2008, causing more than three dozen deaths.

Storms strike North Texas, spinning off funnels

Associated Press

DALLAS — A persistent, severe thunderstorm crept Monday across North and East Texas, spawning at least a dozen tornadoes and scattered reports of damage, authorities said.

The twisters and funnel clouds generated by the afternoon storm were relatively weak, mostly striking open country south of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but there were some reports of damage to a mobile home, metal shed and uprooted trees.

There were no immediate reports of injury.

The storms were associated with an atmospheric boundary between moist and dry air and a stationary front that has been oscillating between North Texas and southern Oklahoma.

National Weather Service meteorologist David Huckaby in Fort Worth said the storm was cyclical, meaning that as one end was losing strength, the other end was regenerating. That kept the storm raging all afternoon long until after sunset, when the heat that fueled it was lost.

However, Huckaby said more of the same was expected Tuesday in North Texas.

At least two funnels that formed briefly, then dissipated, were televised live from news helicopters flying in open country south and southwest of Dallas-Fort Worth.

The first televised funnel formed briefly around midafternoon Monday about 30 miles southwest of Fort Worth, between Cleburne and Glen Rose. It was unclear how long it was on the ground, but spotters reported that it touched down briefly. A thin, rope-like funnel was later seen near Itasca, about 50 miles southwest of Dallas.

Ellis County emergency management coordinator John Patterson said five people were left homeless when a suspected tornado tore the roof from their mobile home in the Avalon community, 40 miles south of Dallas. They were given shelter in the gymnasium of community school, which also suffered damage.

Roofs were damaged and trees blown down near the rural community of Emhouse, 45 miles south of Dallas, said Eric Meyers, Navarro County emergency management coordinator.

Otherwise, reported damage was mostly confined to uprooted trees in Cleburne State Park, about 35 miles southwest of Fort Worth, and broken limbs elsewhere.

Strong thunderstorm winds toppled a travel trailer and destroyed a metal shed in Sulphur Springs, about 70 miles northeast of Dallas.

Bow your heads ... in case it does rain

■ Our governor asks for prayers for rain. Are prayers for the elderly and education sure to follow?

By Ken Herman
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — We are now done with the 72-hour, gubernatorially proclaimed "Days of Prayer for Rain in the State of Texas," so gubernatorially proclaimed by Rick Perry, our gubernor.

"Throughout our history, both as a state and as individuals, Texans have been strengthened, assured and lifted up through prayer," Perry said last week in issuing the proclamation.

"It is fitting that Texans should join together in prayer to humbly seek an end to this ongoing drought and these devastating wildfires, and for the safety of the brave firefighters and emergency management officials who have worked tirelessly to protect lives and property around the state."

Amen.

In the "Now, therefore" section of the proclamation, Perry says, "I urge Texans of all faiths and traditions to offer prayers ... for the healing of our land, the rebuilding of our communities and the restoration of our normal and robust way of life."

Amen, again.

The drought-fueled fires are frightening, offering us a reminder of why we always should be grateful for public safety personnel who do so much to protect us and our property. Almost 400 homes have been destroyed, and more than 1.8 million acres have been engulfed by flame.

We all should be offering condolences to the family of firefighter Elias Jacquez, 49, who died of injuries suffered battling an Amarillo-area fire, and Gregory Simmons, 51, who died when he was hit by a vehicle as he fled a firetruck trapped in a blaze in Eastland County.

It is not surprising that Perry, and all people of faith, should turn to prayer to seek relief from the drought (though isn't that appealing to the power that people of faith also think created the drought?).

Perhaps a tad more surprising was Perry's appeal to another authority. Our governor asked President Barack Obama to issue a drought-related disaster declaration that would make Texas eligible for federal assistance.

"As wildfires continue to rage across our state, Texas is reaching its capacity to respond to these emergencies and is in need of federal assistance," Perry said in announcing the disaster declaration request.

So far, no declaration from D.C. Perhaps the Texas secessionists are on to something. Perhaps we'd get help more quickly if we were seeking foreign aid from Washington.

Maybe we need to do more by way of storing water for use during our seemingly annual droughts. Maybe we could call it the nonrainy day fund. But maybe our current governor would resist using it, insisting that we'd be better off suffering through a current drought because a worse one might be a-coming.

Maybe he'd say it's better to be thirsty than to tap into the non-rainy day fund.

Isn't that kind of the approach he is taking on the state's rainy day fund that could be used to help address our current money drought?

Any day now, perhaps we will see a Perry proclamation proclaiming "Days of Prayer for Public Schools and Old People In Nursing Homes in the State of Texas." As we know, prayer can't hurt.

And such a proclamation would quell all talk that Texas schoolkids and old folks don't have a prayer.

Ed Todd

Man condemned for killing 2 loses appeal

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused an appeal of a Dallas man sent to Texas death row for fatally stabbing his two stepsons during a savage attack that also killed his wife more than three years ago.

Thirty-seven-year-old Robert Sparks was condemned for the September 2007 slayings where 9-year-old Harold Sublet Junior was stabbed at least 45 times. Ten-year-old Raekwon Agnew was similarly stabbed. Sparks' wife, Chare Agnew, died of 18 stab wounds. Evidence also showed he raped his then 12- and 14-year-old stepdaughters.

The high court's rejection Monday came in Sparks' direct appeal of his conviction. Sparks previously had a 12-year prison term for aggravated robbery in Dallas. He does not have an execution date and has other appeals he could file in the capital murder case.

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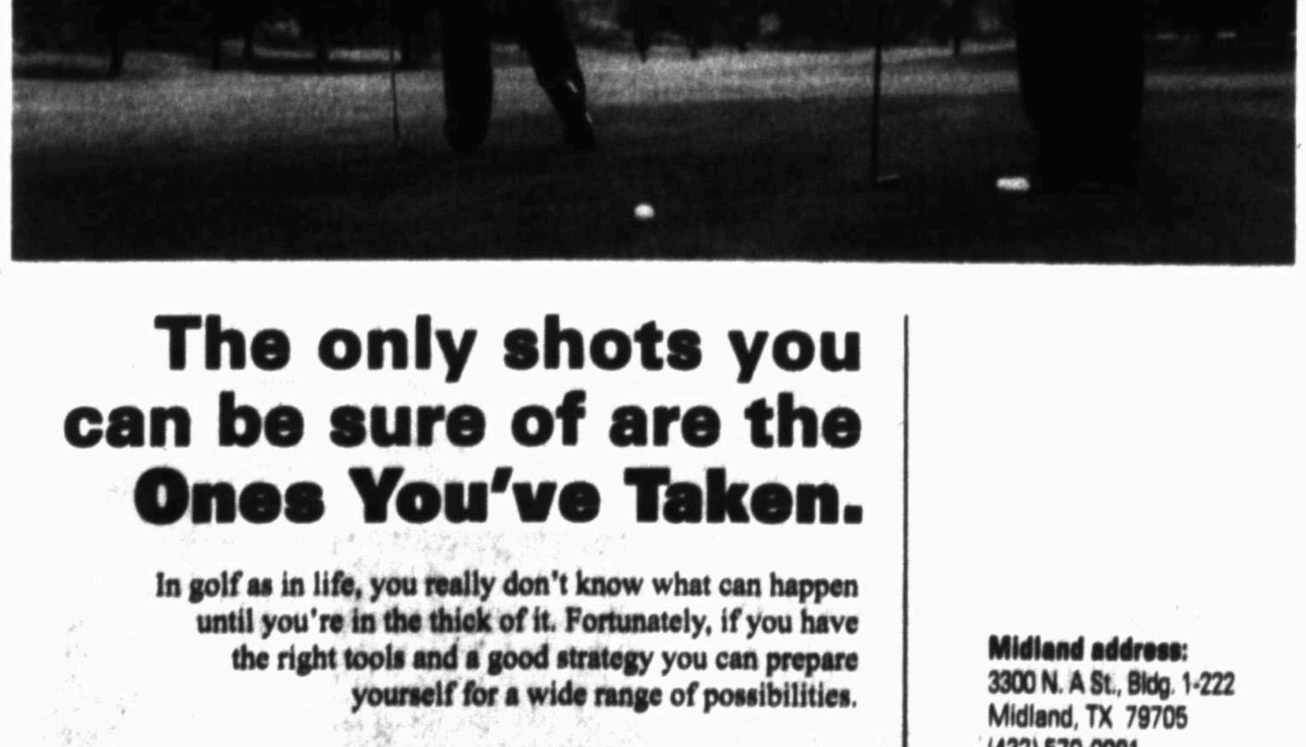

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WEDNESDAY Sunny high 79 low 44

THURSDAY Sunny high 89 low 57

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 95 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 51 and west winds between 30 and 35 mph decreasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 79, a low around 44 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 89 and a low around 57.

The high on Monday reached 86 while the low dropped to 60. The record high for April 25 is 98 set in 1943 and 1996. The record low is 39 set in 1937.

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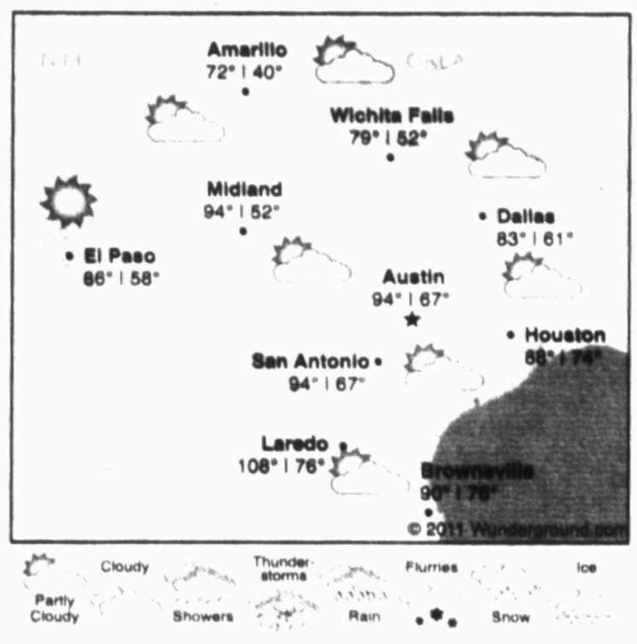
A storm centered over Illinois today will bring rain from Nebraska to New England. cold front trailing the storm south into Texas will produce more severe thunderstorms from North Texas to Ohio. The main areas of concern for damaging weather will be in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma as well as the middle Mississippi Valley, where several tornadoes may strike.



Precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.00 in.
Total for year	.0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.2.06 in.

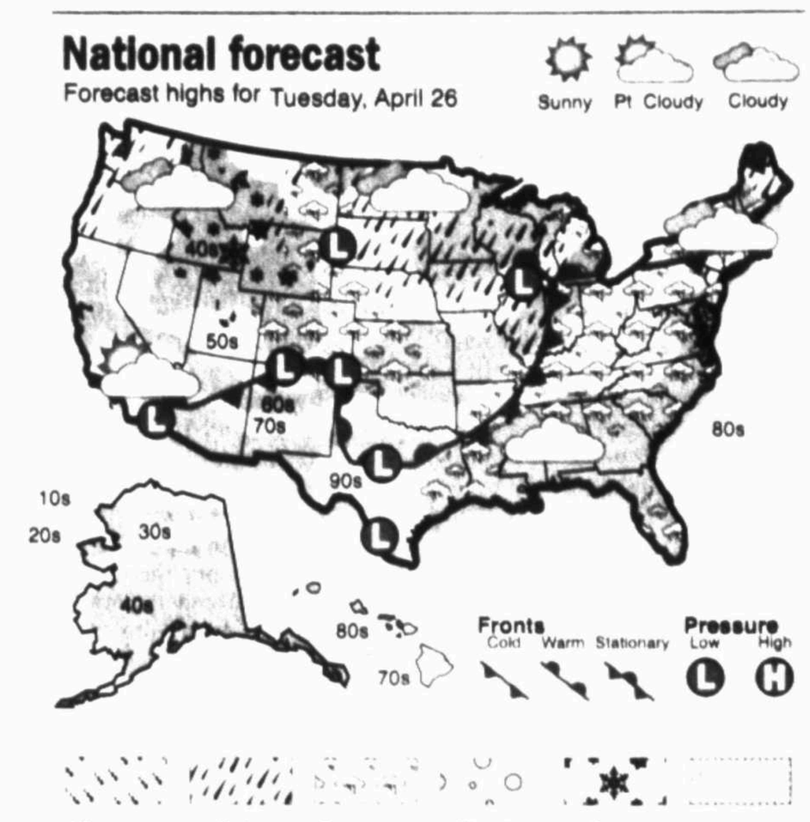
Monday's temperatures

High	86
Low	60
Normal high	81
Normal low	52

Sunrise ... 7:08 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:25 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, April 26



Freebies from charities can be used without feeling guilt

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "Feeling Guilty in North Carolina" (March 18), who feels guilty using address labels, calendars and notepads from organizations soliciting donations. Last year, for about six months, I collected all the requests for donations I received. Abby, the total was 532 requests from 119 organizations! Yes, I'm overwhelmed, and I no longer feel guilty about tossing them. I sent all of them letters requesting they delete my name from their lists. One hundred eighteen ignored my request. One asked how often I want information from them.

I give the notepads and other enclosures to Goodwill and shred the labels. Ironically, I receive more labels now than ever before, even though I pay most bills online and by email rather than write. I donate less than I ever have in the past because I feel so hounded, so in my case, it has worked against them. — KAREN H. IN FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR KAREN: Thanks for the input. Letters from readers complaining about charitable donation requests with labels arrive in my office on a daily basis, so you can imagine the mail I have received in response to the one I printed from "Feeling Guilty." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, receive many "gifts" from organizations soliciting for donations. My view is, if they're using my donation to send gifts, then they really don't need my money. They should be using donations to help whomever or whatever it is they're soliciting for. I don't feel guilty in the least for using the labels, gifts, etc. I give to organizations that do not send out freebies; that's how I direct my charitable donations. — SABRINA W., SOUTHGATE, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a professional fundraiser and I, too, receive the pads and address labels. I do not give to every organization that sends them, but I do use what they send. No one should feel guilty for doing so. Nonprofits buy and rent lists from companies, and they don't expect everyone to respond. Nonprofits aren't trying to make anyone feel guilty or trick them; they just want to do the work of the causes you love to support. — SUZANNE L., STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: Many solicitation letters have a small box at the bottom asking you to indicate if you would like to be taken off their mailing list. It's worth the 44 cents to return it.

Some areas recycle junk mail. After removing the address labels, the rest can be put in the recycling bin with newspapers. Note pads, greeting cards and calendar gifts could be donated to a military personnel drive, thrift store, nursing home or community center. — MARY F., STUART, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: We contacted the post office and were instructed not to open the envelope, to write "Refused — Return to Sender" on the front and put it back in the mailbox. The post office can then decide what to do with it. — SANDRA M., MUKWONAGO, WIS.

DEAR ABBY: There's nothing "free" when organizations try to guilt us into sending money. My solution for all this junk is to use the labels and anything personalized if I like them; if not, destroy them. Anything else I give to a nursing home, local children's museum to use for crafts or to the Goodwill. When coins are attached, I put them in a jar and give them to my church. — CLAIRE P., PORTLAND, MAINE

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 5
♥ K 9 5
♦ A J 10 9 8
♣ J 9 7

WEST
♠ J 10 9 3
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ 6 4 3
♣ K 10

EAST
♠ Q 8 7 4 2
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q
♣ 6 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A Q 8 5

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

There is usually more than one way to develop any tricks you might need to fulfill your contract. The art is to combine as many lines as possible without endangering your contract. Here is a fine example.

The auction is simple enough. With a balanced 12 points and a source of tricks in a minor facing an opening no-trump, there is no need to look for any contract other than a no-trump game. There's no sense in wasting time and asking for trouble with any other action.

West led the jack of spades, attacking the chink in declarer's armor. There are seven fast tricks, and the two needed can be developed in either minor but, since the defenders have at least three spade tricks that can be established quickly, declarer can afford to lose the lead only once. It might seem that two finesses in either minor is the best way to go, but that means declarer must commit to just one line.

Best is to win the spade in hand and lead a diamond to the ace. Here, an honor falls and declarer can simply continue diamonds to come to 10 tricks. But suppose only low cards appear. Now declarer must abandon diamonds and run the jack of clubs. If that loses to the king and a spade comes back, declarer will win in dummy and should continue with the nine of clubs to the queen. Should both defenders follow with low cards, next comes three rounds of hearts, winning on the table. If the suit breaks evenly or if the jack comes down, the ninth trick is there in hearts. If not, declarer finally leads dummy's last club and decides whether to finesse East for the 10 or play for an even split. All in all, a better than 90 percent chance to bring home the bacon.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 26, 2011:

This year, you make waves, as you are able to lead and manifest. This combo of talent might be a far bigger asset than you realize, especially within your community and business circle. Others respect your organization and drive more and more. Networking becomes unusually successful, especially during the summer. You also will enter a new luck and life cycle. Others who don't know you sense an innate power. Your charisma emerges. If you are single, after May you will have many choices to make. Don't lose sight of the ultimate goal. If you are attached, you and your sweetie need to use spring 2011 for more private time together. Summer could mark a period of great happiness in your relationship, if you so choose. PISCES likes you and makes an excellent friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Use today to forge ahead on a key plan or idea. You know when enough is enough. Say so instead of thinking those thoughts. The other people involved are not mind readers and need to know. Tonight: Make it a point to get extra rest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are on top of your game. Listen to what is being shared within your immediate circle before deciding which way to go. An adviser who might not be evident to many people gives you important feedback. Tonight: A must happening, which could become a fun event.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture rather than focus on your concerns. With detachment comes success. Walk in another person's shoes. A friend is full of exciting ideas. Listen! Tonight: Join a friend after work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Investigate new possibilities as seen through your eyes. Also brainstorm with key associates. The path you choose could be quite off the beaten track. You might hesitate for a little while. Go for it. Tonight: Detach and relax. Try music, exercise or TV as a vehicle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others and take the pressure off of yourself. Although you like to be on center stage, sometimes letting others develop their strengths and at the same time identify with one of your many roles could be very important. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You could be trying to make a difference at work. The problem might be that others don't see you in this role. They might think you are trying to make a good impression or manipulate a situation. Tonight: Off for some exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to revise some of your ideas once a partner or friend presents the other side. Not getting caught up in your ego could be very important here. Others appreciate candor as opposed to grandiose statements and bravado. Tonight: Stop bragging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Realize what has happened in a personal or domestic situation. You cannot color another's opinions before you even listen to them. Avoid being on center stage. Your positive attitude attracts many at the workplace. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Listen to your inner voice. Conversations are active yet pique an unusual amount of interest. Use your people skills — not to manipulate, but to help someone relax and open up. Tonight: Count on making it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Be aware of what you have to offer. Don't sell yourself short. Modesty is one thing; insecurity is another issue. Sometimes insecurity seeps in. Be aware of those moments. Tonight: Hold off on a conversation until you are comfortable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You are on prime-time TV. Your words strike many as accurate and generous. You know when to call a halt to someone's pitch. You have no tolerance for ridiculous or worthless conversations, even if you try. Tonight: Listen to what is going on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Reach out for someone whose wisdom you respect. This person's knowledge will point you down the appropriate path professionally. You also can be secure in the knowledge that your personal business won't be tossed everywhere. Tonight: Nap; then you might feel great!

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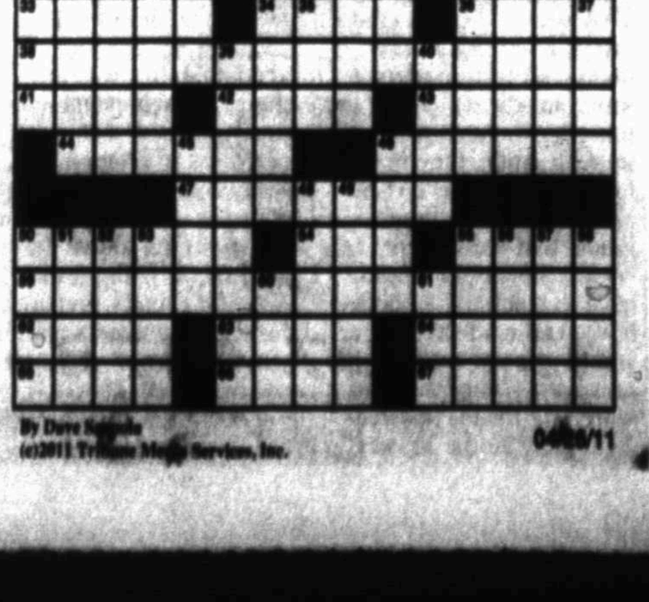

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Education

Imagination leads Lee Freshman students to global finals

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The fictitious, mysterious and abstract town of Couldbeville has been overrun with trash and needs a solution to eliminate the problem.

"Our town's name is 'Couldbeville' because it could be a great place, but it's not," said Bethany Shropshire.

With Dr. Seuss-like lyrics, the group of four students — part of the Lee Freshman High School team of Destination ImagiNation program — act out their skit that won them a spot in the global finals which are May 23-29 in Knoxville, Tenn.

"We've come upon a peculiar town unlike any you've ever seen," McKenna Smith says.

The townspeople love the way the trash sparkles in the street. They haven't been to school because it's being used as a landfill space. They cannot find their sky and have limited space.

That's before "the Thing" comes and shows them a tool that could help them pick up the trash and litter polluting their town. As the residents clear their areas, the backdrop and props of their area change to pleasantries.

During the competition, teams must promote and make a commercial to advertise the product they are showcasing and demonstrating for the judges. This year, the LUGNUTS team from Lee Freshman designed a piece of equipment that must move various materials and objects from the top of a 10-foot tower into a pool of water.

But instead of creating just any sales promotion for the judges, the students wrote their own poem and created a skit with props.

The team members have been together since the fourth grade, when they all attended Carver Center together, says team manager Sara Burleson. This will be their third trip to the global finals, having gone also in the fifth and eighth grades.

This year, though, the team placed first out of 360 teams at the state tournament in Lubbock on April 2, said Burleson. Four teams were sent from the Midland ISD gifted and talented program at Carver. The sixth-grade GEM students also medaled at the competition; they received sixth place.

Destination ImagiNation is an educational program that provides students with the chance to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem-solving, Burleson added. More than 100,000 students in 30 countries are involved. Teams must solve open-ended challenges and present solutions at tournaments.

The LUGNUTS team — Smith, Shropshire, Jessi Webb and Chandler Cavitt — said this year, they chose to branch out from a typical news scene-style commercial. They wanted to provide a storyline behind the use of the equipment they developed.

"We wanted to show that our machine could really help someone," Smith said.

Shropshire said being involved in the program has given her an opportunity to be herself and not be judged by others.

Cavitt said when he first joined the program in the fourth grade he didn't really know much about it, but now, is looking to pursue a career in aerospace or nuclear engineering.

During January and February, the team spent almost every day after school preparing for the regional and state competitions.

Now, as they paint their sets and finish building props and practicing with their device, they look forward to the global competition where they say it will be more relaxed.

The students agree said they are excited to see other teams from around the world and how they approached the challenge in the instructions and the equipment they created for the competition.

"No one's machine looks exactly the same," Cavitt said. "I'm curious to see how others solved it."

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Tim Fischer/Midland Reporter-Telegram

TOWER TASK Chandler Cavitt uses his "machine" to practice taking objects off the top of a 10-foot tower and place them into a section in the pool as part of the Destination ImagiNation competition.

Making the Grade

ALPINE — Four Midlanders were among those recognized at Sul Ross State University's annual Honors Convocation.

Geoffrey Schuette received the Gilley Mathematics Excellence Award, and **Jeffrey Scott Laing** was named the Julius Dasch Outstanding Undergraduate Geology Student.

Eden Simon and **Jamie Kneisley** each received an Education Excellence Award.

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Midland High School senior **Caitlin Oliver** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Vance and Debbie Oliver.

Oliver

She is a member of Legend, mixed choir, Spanish Honor Society and National Society, is a Texas Scholar and academic letterman.

She is a blood donor and Symphony Belle and volunteers at Christmas in Action, Midland County Public Library and Museum of the Southwest Children's Museum. She is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

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Midland Christian School senior **Stephen Withrow** of Odessa has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Mike and Judy Withrow.

Withrow

He is a member of the baseball team and National Honor Society and was first-team All-District and second-team All-State.

He attends First United Methodist Church in Odessa.

Withrow plans to attend Midland College.

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Midland High School senior **Christina Flores** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Max and Rose Flores.

Flores

She is secretary of the National Honor Society and Interact, member of the Spanish Honor Society, yearbook staff, tennis team and Students in Philanthropy. She is an academic and tennis letterman.

She volunteers at Helping Hands, Keep Midland Beautiful and Rays of Hope, she is a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church's retreat team and volunteers with vacation Bible school.

Flores plans to attend Midland College and University of Texas and major in speech pathology.

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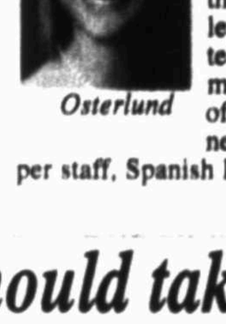
Midland High School senior **Olivia Osterlund** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Eve and David Osterlund.



Osterlund

She is captain of the volleyball team, is a member of the newspaper staff, Spanish Honor Society and National Society and is a Texas Scholar. She is first-team All-District.

She volunteers with Safe Place, is a Symphony Belle and is a preschool Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church.

Osterlund plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.

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Lee High School senior **Olivia Wallace** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Rita Wallace.

She is a member of band and Senior Girls and is a Texas Music Scholar.

She attends Christian Life Center.

Wallace plans to attend Midland College.

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BIRD PROJECT Alex Harbour, 10, from left, Shelby Schmidt, 9, and Ananya Iyyangar, 9, input information about hummingbirds into a database last week at Carver Center. Gifted Education Midland fourth-grade science students are observing hummingbird behavior for the Texas Park and Wildlife Department.

Greenwood High School senior **Jocelin Drennan** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Ed and Gwen Drennan.

Drennan

She is a member of National Honor Society and swim team, is editor of the newspaper and president of Points and Picas and is a member of the All-State team.

Drennan plans to attend the University of Nevada and major in journalism.

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Lee High School senior **Javier Juarez** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Martha and Jesus Juarez.

He is president of the debate team, AVID and Spanish Honor Society.

He is a member of St. Michael's church youth group. He volunteers at Casa de Amigos and Habitat for Humanity and attends Teen Flow.

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Two Grady High School students are headed to the UIL state meet May 5-6.

Senior **Josue Rodriquez** will be competing in the science contest, and sophomore **Gerry Adkins** will be competing in the social studies contest.

Trinity picks Bell to lead upper school

Staff reports

Chuck Bell has been appointed Upper School Head at Trinity School, effective July 1.

Bell

"Chuck is one of the most amazing human beings I've ever met, and perhaps the greatest teacher I have known," said Trinity Headmaster Chip Prehn. "He is a true servant leader with state-of-the-art skills as an educator. He models everything Trinity School stands for. He brings tremendous personal and professional gifts to the work of ensuring the high quality of our Upper School. I feel God has blessed us beyond our expectation."

Bell was chairman of the science department at Midland High School before retiring from Midland Independent School District in 2008 and began teaching science at Trinity School.

Bell earned a master's degree in science education from the Peabody School and Vanderbilt University and earned several kinds of certifications, including the Physics Enhancement Program Two at Texas A&M.

He grew up in Brazil and remains fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

Standardized tests should take into account two kinds of test-takers

Stacey Callaway
Scharbauer Elementary School sixth-grade English language

I had a hard time figuring out what to write for my column this time. I could again extol the virtues of reading, or I could recount personal experiences with my own child or classroom. Neither seemed right. The last week of April brings the TAKS test, and I must admit, my mind is focused on that for the moment.

Starting in third grade, every public elementary school student in Texas takes the reading and math TAKS tests. Fourth grade brings a writing assessment, and fifth-graders get tested in science. So by the time my students get to me in sixth grade, they're old pros at taking the TAKS.

When I taught third grade, that definitely wasn't the case. I would have to teach my students how to take a test. We would practice reading the passages, going back and searching for the answer, then navigate the answer choices. We practiced every Friday all year long, and by the time test day rolled around during the first week of March, my students and I nervously completed our task.

As an educator, I can't say that I love teaching testing strategies or giving standardized tests. However, I do believe that TAKS has a place in our classrooms. Just a few years ago, I taught in a state where tests such as the TAKS were not given. We took an achievement test each spring, but the accountability wasn't there. An achievement test measures how a student performs in relation to his/her peers in the same subjects. As a result, many questions are above the grade level being tested. You can't really prepare for an achievement test; you either know the material or you don't.

The TAKS Test is a criterion-referenced test, meaning a student is measured by how well he/she has mastered certain skills. The skills tested are given to each teacher in the TEKS, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Each grade level and subject area has a list of TEKS. So in a sense, we know exactly what's being tested. There's your accountability.

Standardized tests should not be the only way our students are measured. I see students every year who perform beautifully in class, but when that big test rolls around, the nerves set in. Testing anxiety is not uncommon, especially when so much is riding on the results.

As a teacher, my job is to look at the whole picture a student presents. I do take the TAKS into account, but that's just one piece of the puzzle. I find that I learn more about a student by observing him or her all year long. I can tell you what most of my students are reading at any given time, whether or not they enjoy reading or think they have me fooled by the page turning they do. I grade daily assignments, mediate the partner work they participate in and read countless writing samples all year long. I get to hear their thoughts and views, not just see the answer choices they marked on a testing form.

During the last two weeks, we did a genre study on tests. We discussed the similarities and differences between testing and the authentic reading we do every day. My students and I talked a lot in my classroom about how test writers do not know them. The students can't explain what they "meant" to put, or why one answer choice makes better sense to them than another. The only thing some far-away person will care about is whether or not the correct answer is bubbled in. For some of my students, that's fine. They want a right or wrong answer to mark so that they can continue on to the next question. For others it presents more of a challenge. They like to discuss why an answer is correct, or sometimes why an answer should be correct. They are beyond the test, and the test is sometimes holding them back.

In my dream world of education, I think both types of students should be taken into account. Having criteria by which to measure a group is necessary, but we also need to account for the higher thinkers in the bunch — the ones who can go beyond the four choices and look for connections that isn't as obvious to everyone.

This week marks the last time I will give the TAKS. Next year I'll administer the STAAR, the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness. So far, we just have bits and pieces about this new test. I do know, however, that my teaching will not change significantly. I will still encourage my students to think outside the box, even if that box is the test we take.

Sports

NFL lockout ruling

Judge orders end to NFL lockout.
See story on Page 4C.

Evaluating players key as Lee spring practices start

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Today's first day, the whole week for that matter, of spring practice for the Lee football team could be one of the most important times for the Rebels not only this spring but for this fall.

Third-year Lee head coach James Morton said that this week will be big because a number of players will be evaluated in different or new positions. It's an effort to best identify and evaluate the players that best fit each position, and could possibly entail the Rebels using a few more two-way players next season.

The bottom line for Morton and his staff is that they want to get the best 22 players on the field.

"We've got about 40-50 percent of our juniors and seniors in second positions, and we are trying to evaluate those guys and see how many crossover players we have," Morton said Monday.

Morton said he and his staff have been evaluating and ranking players since January during off-season workouts. Lee is coming off a 6-4 season that ended without a playoff berth.

Morton said this first week of the spring and the rest of the spring will give him an idea of what needs they have and who can play multiple or new positions.

Morton

"We had several players that were stacked up at the same position," Morton said. "We want to try and spread those guys out. That's our No. 1 goal."

Morton used the example of Jacob Howard as someone who could move to a different position. Howard had played fullback much of last year, but Morton said because the fullback position may not be used as much in certain sets, they are working Howard in on defense.

Morton said that the squad will hold a workout on Saturday morning, and scrimmage that evening, and on Sunday coaches will begin evaluations after the first week.

By Monday morning, Morton said they will have narrowed down the percentage of players that will be learning multiple positions.

"We have about 50 percent of the players that are crossover players right now, and we will drop that down to about 20 percent, and that 20 percent will go through the rest of the spring," Morton said. "Then when we come back in the fall, I'd say we will get about 10-15 percent."

One area that Morton is especially ready to evaluate is the offensive and defensive lines. Both lines will see some turnover heading into next season, and Morton said it will be a competitive spring on both sides of the ball.

The biggest thing for Morton, though, is that he said he thinks both will be better this next season. As a team last season, Lee averaged 331 yards a game, including 154 yards on the ground.

Defensively, though, Lee gave up 383 yards a game, including more than 250 yards rushing a game.

"I really believe we are going to get better," Morton said. "I'm kind of antsy to see our physical-

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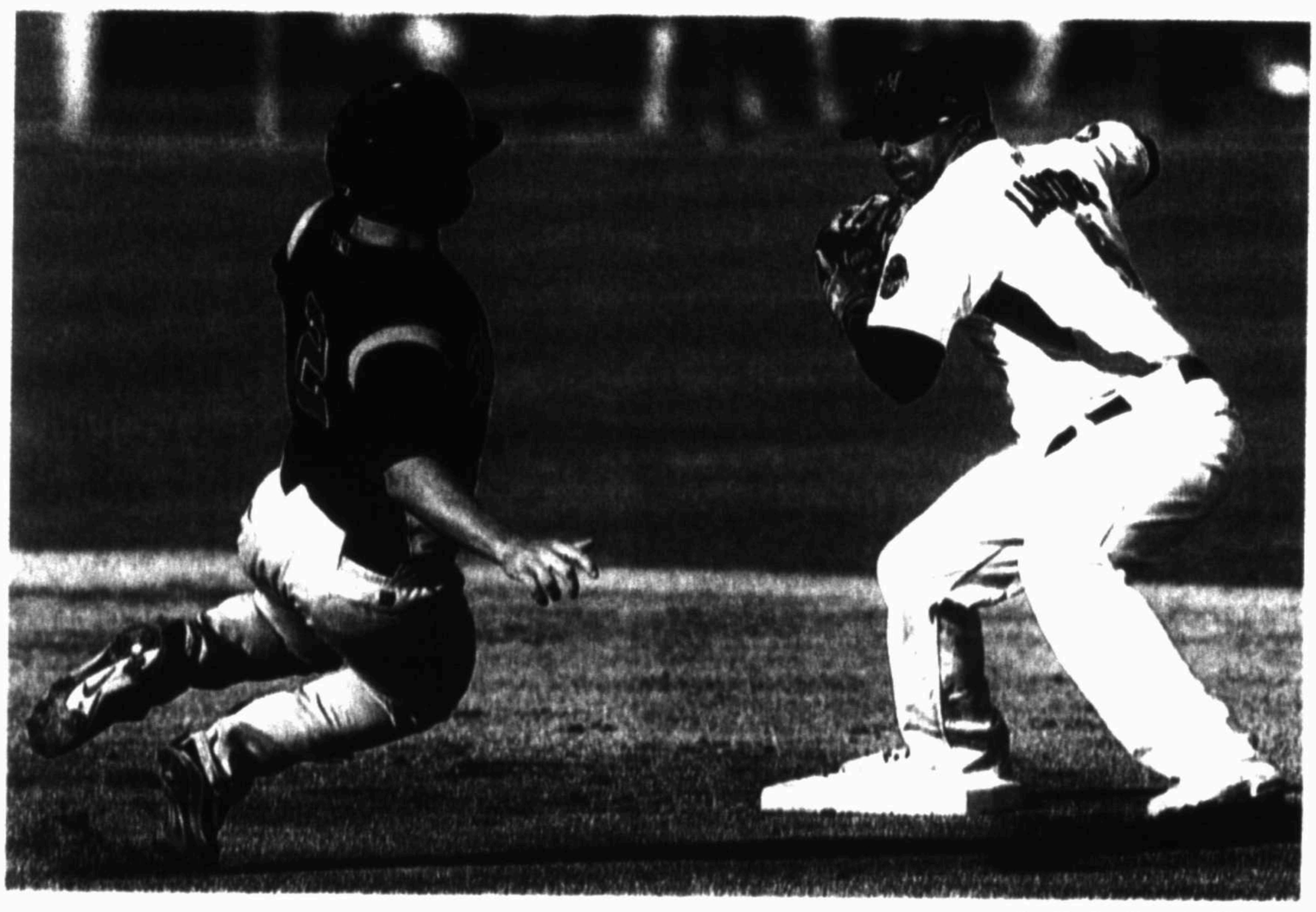
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GOOD DEFENSE Midland's Tyler Ladendorf throws to first to complete the double play after forcing out Corpus Christi's Brandon Wikoff on Monday at Citibank Ballpark. The RockHounds won,10-8

RockHounds score 10 runs to defeat Corpus Christi

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

As a leadoff hitter for the Midland RockHounds, Jermaine Mitchell knows that it's his job to set the table for the rest of the hitters to follow.

The center fielder did just that on Monday night as he got on base all five times he went to the plate as he was 2 for 3 with a home run, four RBI, two runs scored and walked twice and helped the Midland RockHounds outlast Corpus Christi for a 10-8 victory to begin a four-game series at Citibank Ballpark.

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Like they had against the San Antonio Missions in a 3-1 series loss, the RockHounds fell behind early but battled back in part because of a five-run fourth inning and then had the bullpen hold on.

"We're just trying to stay positive, which is the biggest key," Mitchell said. "We're staying positive and fighting. We don't ever give up and we never say die. We've got a lot of guys on this team who are really good and we all want to win."

Mitchell was a key to the RockHounds' big fourth inning rally. The RockHounds trailed 3-2 heading into that inning but Jeremy Barfield (2 for 4, 2 RBI) led off the frame with a solo home run to center field. Then after Kent Walton and Tyler Ladendorf drew walks, Mitchell connected for a monster three-run home run to right-center field.

"I was looking for a pitch up and (Hooks starter Jonnathan Aristil) threw me a pitch up. I was kind of sitting on a changeup and I hit it," Mitchell said.

Later in the inning, Stephen Parker gave the 'Hounds a 7-3 lead when he doubled home Grant Green (3 for 5), who reached on a double.

However, the Hooks made a rally of their own as they scored four runs on five hits in the fifth against RockHounds starter Carlos Hernandez (4-0) to tie the game at 7.

Hernandez wasn't his usual sharp self as he allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits to see his ERA go from 3.24 to 5.40. Midland manager Steve Scarsone said Hernandez will learn from this outing.

"I hate to see when we jump out to a lead and he can't shut it down in the next inning," Scarsone said. "I know he's frustrated about the same thing. We had a little chat after the game, but these are the things that help you grow. We're not down on him. We just hope he can shut down a batter to keep an inning from going."

The RockHounds didn't waste time getting the lead back with two runs in the bottom of the fifth. With the bases loaded, Mitchell drew a two-out walk by reliever Cesar Carrillo (1-1), and then Matt Sulentic scored on a wild pitch to give Midland a 9-7 advantage.

That walk by Mitchell just shows how well he's seeing the ball. On this current homestand, Mitchell is 10 for 20 with four walks.

"I'm trying to stay positive because

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MCS doubles team set for TAPPS 4A state tournament

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Keli Key-Wilson promised Midland Christian tennis coach Jon Lanier she would return to play tennis her senior year.

Lanier, though, was a little skeptical considering that Key-Wilson spent most of her high school athletic career on the volleyball court.

But after volleyball season ended this past November, there was Key-Wilson ready to play tennis for the first time since she was an eighth grader. It seems the move to head back to the tennis court has paid off for Lanier, Key-Wilson and her doubles partner Caren Vestal.

TAPPS 4A STATE TENNIS

When: Today-Tuesday
Where: Waco Regional Tennis Center
Midland Christian lineup
Boys Singles: Garrett Nelson, Johnathan Dorman
Boys Doubles: Austin Rohwer-Jacob Bradford; Jacob Hamil-Dane Buendel
Girls Singles: Jules Fletcher-Caitlin Bell
Girls Doubles: Caren Vestal-Keli Key-Wilson; Kalinda Wight-Katie Vaughan

Key-Wilson and Vestal will head to the TAPPS 4A State Tournament in Waco today as the top seeded team in girls doubles, and complete what has been a whirlwind season for the two friends in tennis. The two-day tournament begins today at the Waco Regional Tennis Center.

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High school softball playoff pairings set

From staff reports

The Class 5A bi-district playoff series for the Lee and Midland High softball teams were set on Monday.

The Lady Bulldogs, who finished the season with a 21-12 record and are the No. 1 seed coming out of District 3-5A, will face Arlington Martin, the No. 4 seed from District 4-5A, in a three-game series beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday at Cisco High School. The second game is slated for Noon, with the third, if necessary game, scheduled 30 minutes after Game 2.

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Martin is 18-14 this season.

Lee, meanwhile, will travel to Jim Ned High School in Tuscola to take on Arlington Bowie. The Lady Rebels, who are the No. 3 seed in District 3-5A, will face the Lady Volunteers in a three-game series beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Tuscola. The second game is slated to start at 2 p.m. Saturday, and possible third game will start 30 minutes after Game 2.

Greenwood, which finished as the runner-up in District 4-3A with an 11-18 record, will take on Presidio in a Class 3A bi-district game at 5 p.m. Saturday in Alpine.

Midland Christian will travel to Waco on Saturday to take on Waco Reicher at noon in a TAPPS 4A bi-district game.

In baseball, Midland Christian will be the top seed out of TAPPS 1-4A and will begin the playoffs at noon Saturday against Tyler All Saints at Christensen Stadium.

Vernon Davis/Dallas Morning News

HOLD ON TO THE BALL Dallas Mavericks center Tyson Chandler (6) is defended by Portland Trail Blazers point guard Andre Miller (24) and small forward Gerald Wallace (5) on Monday during the first half of play in Game 5 of the NBA Western Conference Playoffs at American Airlines Center in Dallas.

Mavs bounce back to win Game 5 vs. Trail Blazers

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

DALLAS — Holding another double-digit lead going into the fourth quarter, the Dallas Mavericks found a great way to protect it. They just stood and watched the Portland Trail Blazers miss 10 straight shots.

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Dallas leads series, 3-2

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Dirk Nowitzki scored 11 of his 25 points in the third quarter and the Dallas Mavericks avoided another late collapse to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 93-82 Monday night to take a 3-2 lead in their first-round series.

Tyson Chandler had 14 points and 20 rebounds — his most ever in a playoff game — and Jason Kidd had 14 assists to make sure Dallas bounced back strong from blowing a 23-point lead over the final 14 minutes of Game 4.

Now the Mavericks have two days to rest up before trying to close out the series in Game 6 on Thursday night in Portland. It won't be easy as the Trail Blazers have won all four meetings there this season.

History is certainly on Dallas' side to pull out the series. Of the previous 157 series tied at 2, the Game 5 winner has come out on top 83 percent of the time.

Portland led for much of the first half and was within 75-65 when Game 4 star Brandon Roy made an open jumper at the start of the fourth quarter. But then the

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Former Texas Rangers pres hired to run Dodgers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Texas Rangers president J. Thomas Schieffer was hired by Commissioner Bud Selig on Monday to run the Los Angeles Dodgers, less than a week after Major League Baseball took over operation of the franchise from owner Frank McCourt.

Schieffer was an investor in the ownership group headed by George W. Bush and Rusty Rose that purchased the Rangers in 1989. He was the club president from 1991-99 and the franchise's general partner from November 1994 until June 1998.

In seizing control of the franchise, MLB told the Dodgers that any expenditure of $5,000 or more would have to be approved.

"Tom is a distinguished public servant who has represented the nation with excellence and has demonstrated extraordinary leadership throughout his career," Selig said in a statement. "The many years that he spent managing the operations of a successful franchise will benefit the Dodgers and Major League Baseball as a whole."

The Fort Worth native was the club's partner in charge of ballpark development before the 1994 opening of the Rangers' new stadium. The Rangers won their first three AL West titles in 1996 and 1998-99 during Schieffer's tenure.

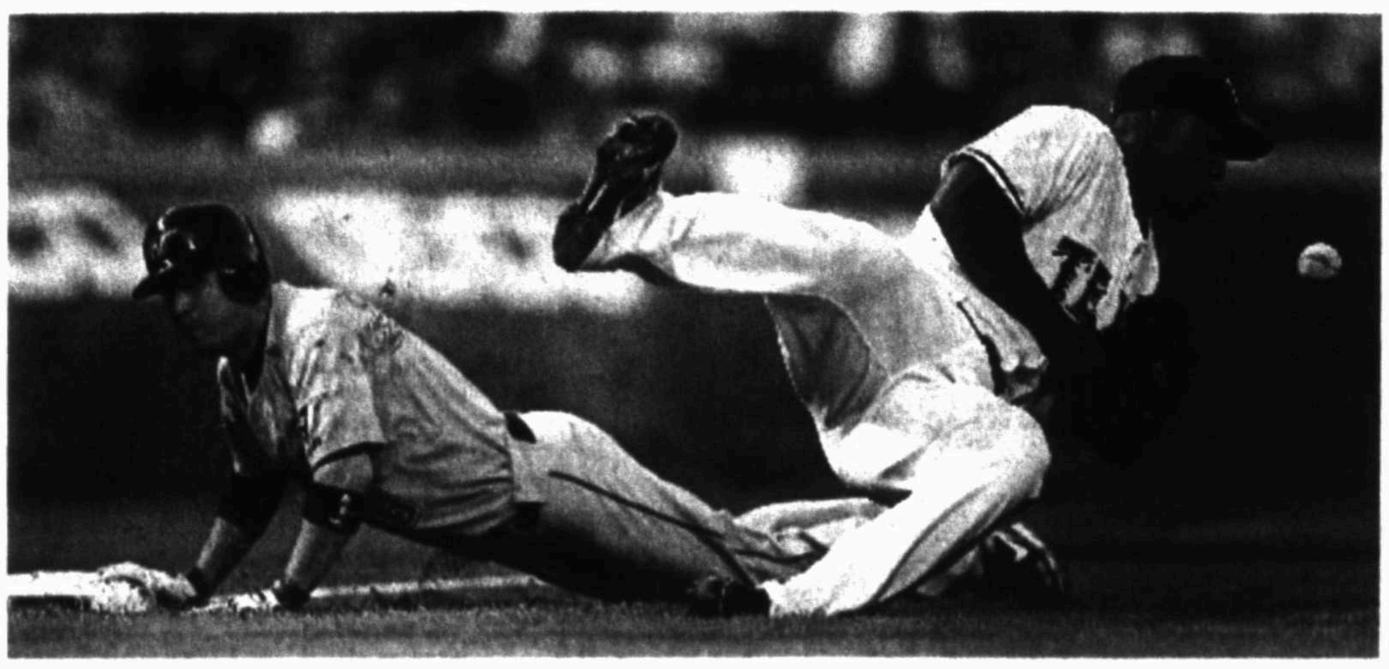
As the president of the Rangers, Schieffer was a member of several significant MLB committees and boards, including the 1999 Blue Ribbon Task Force on Baseball Economics. An attorney who specialized in oil and gas matters and investment management, the 63-year-old Schieffer served three terms as a Democrat in the Texas House of Representatives after being elected at the age of 25.

Schieffer served as the U.S. ambassador to Australia from 2001-05 and then as the ambassador to Japan from 2005-09 under President George W. Bush.

Once one of baseball's most powerful franchises, the Dodgers have been in near constant turmoil since October 2009, when Jamie McCourt filed for divorce a week after husband Frank fired her as the team's chief executive.

Selig told Frank McCourt last Wednesday he would appoint a MLB representative to oversee all aspects of the business and the day-to-day operations of the club.

MONDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP



Paul Moseley/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ALL OVER THE PLACE Texas Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre (29) can't handle the throw from left fielder David Murphy allowing Toronto Blue Jays shortstop John McDonald (6) to slide safely into third base Monday during the 2nd inning at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

American League

BLUE JAYS 6, RANGERS 4: At Arlington, Corey Patterson and Jose Bautista homered on consecutive pitches from Colby Lewis in the fifth, and tough-luck starter Kyle Drabek finally got another win for Toronto.

Juan Rivera added a two-run shot in the fifth off Lewis (1-3), who gave up six runs and seven hits while throwing 95 pitches in five innings. He struck out three and walked four.

Drabek (2-0) had gotten a no-decision in three consecutive starts that the Blue Jays won after he had pitched into at least the sixth. The right-hander gave up three runs and five hits in six innings.

Texas designated hitter Michael Young extended his hitting streak to 15 games with an RBI double off the right-field wall that made it 6-3 in the sixth.

WHITE SOX 2, YANKEES 0: At New York, Phil Humber held the Yankees hitless until Alex Rodriguez grounded a single up the middle with one out in the seventh inning Monday night, and the Chicago White Sox made the effort stand up with a 2-0 victory over New York.

The White Sox, who won for only the second time in 12 games, snapped a 23-inning scoreless drought in the fourth when Carlos Quentin doubled and scored on Adam Dunn's grounder. Chicago added a run in the ninth after a popup fell behind the mound.

Sergio Santos got the final four outs for his first save and Chicago's second save in eight chances this season. He gave the White Sox a scare, allowing a leadoff single to Curtis Granderson before Mark Teixeira hit into a double play. Rodriguez struck out to end it.

Humber (2-2) struck out five and walked two in seven innings.

A.J. Burnett (3-1) had his best outing of the season, pitching eight innings for the first time since Aug. 15. He gave up three hits and walked two, falling to 8-1 in April with New York.

National League

MARLINS 5, DODGERS 4: At Miami, Omar Infante lined a two-out RBI single that left fielder Jerry Sands misjudged in the ninth inning, capping a two-run rally that helped the Florida Marlins beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 on Monday night.

Both runs were unearned. Scott Cousins' two-out grounder scooted under the glove of shortstop Jamey Carroll for an error to score the tying run.

Chris Coghlan was then intentionally walked to load the bases, and Infante lined a 1-0 pitch to left. Sands started in, braked and leaped, and the ball sailed over his glove.

The Marlins' ninth comeback win this season received a boost from All-Star shortstop Hanley Ramirez, who was mired in a 2-for-27 slump coming into the game and held out of the starting lineup. He pinch-hit with two outs in the ninth and Florida trailing 4-3, and his single put runners at first and third.

Because of the fielding lapses, Jonathan Broxton (1-1) blew a save for the first time in seven chances.

Brian Sanches (3-0) extended his scoreless streak to start the season to 13 2-3 innings with a perfect ninth.

PIRATES 4, NATIONALS 2: At Pittsburgh, Brandon Wood's two-run double in his first game for Pittsburgh was part of a four-run fourth inning.

Paul Maholm (1-3) retired the final 13 batters he faced in seven strong innings as Pittsburgh made up the original series opener that was postponed by rain on Friday.

Wood, picked up on waivers from the Los Angeles Angels on Friday, gave the Pirates their first lead with a two-run double.

Announced paid attendance was 12,457, but only about 2,600 made it through the turnstiles on what wasn't originally a scheduled game night. Also contributing to the poor showing was rain that caused a 21-minute delay and a Penguins playoff game at the same time.

Joel Hanrahan struck out pinch-hitter Rick Ankiel looking with runners on first and third and two outs in the ninth to finish his sixth save.

John Lannan (2-2) allowed four runs on five hits and two walks with three strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings.

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HS SOFTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Bi-district

Class 6A

Weatherford (Wit) vs. Odessa High (F3, 17-13), 8 p.m. Friday, Snyder HS

El Paso Hanks (R1) vs.Lubbock High (T2, 16-14), Game 1: 9 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, Bul Ross State University, Alpine

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 32-0) vs. El Paso Montwood (P1), Game 1: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 2: 30 minutes following Game 1; Game 3 (if necessary): 6 p.m. Monday All games in Carlsbad, N.M. and CD1

Odessa Permian (R3, 22-9) vs. Arlington High (T4, 16-7), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene Wylie HS

Plano (W8, 30-3) vs. Keller Central (R7, 18-9), TBA

Mansfield (R5, 19-8) vs. Haltom (T6, 22-9) Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Mansfield HS; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Haltom HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 7 p.m. Monday, Mansfield HS

Irving Nimitz (W6, 19-8) vs. Mansfield Legacy (F5), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Nimitz HS; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Legacy HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Denton Guyer (R7, 23-6) vs. Lewisville Hebron (T8), TBA

Midland High (W3, 21-12) vs. Arlington Martin (F4, 19-14), Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Cisco HS

Lubbock Monterey (R2, 21-12) vs. El Paso Franklin (T1), 5 p.m. Saturday, Pecos HS

El Paso Americas (W1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (F2, 12-18), Game 1: 2 p.m. Saturday; Game 2: 30 minutes following Game 1; Game 3 (if necessary): 4 p.m. Tuesday. All games at Seminole HS

Arlington Bowie (R4, 24-8) vs. Lee (T3, 22-11), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Jim Ned High School

Keller (W7, 25-5) vs. Flower Mound (F8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Keller Timber Creek HS

Richland (R6, 21-6) vs. Midlothian (T5, 18-7), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Midlothian HS; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Richland HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

South Grande Prairie (W5, 26-5) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (F6), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, South Grande Prairie HS; Game 2: Noon Saturday, Hurst L.D. Bell HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 7:30 p.m. Monday, Colleyville Heritage HS

Flower Mound Marcus (R8) vs. Southlake Carroll (T7, 17-14), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 7:30 p.m. Monday. All games at Coppell HS

Other Area Pairings

Class 3A

Greenwood (R4, 11-18) vs. Presidio (T5), 5 p.m. Saturday, Bul Ross State's Lady Lobo Field, Alpine

Iowa Park (R6) vs. Big Spring (T5, 15-18), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Graham HS

TAPPS 4A

Midland Christian (12-25) at Waco Reicher, Noon Saturday

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"They are a great combination, not only because they are good friends but there is not a ball that (Key-Wilson) can't run down," Lanier said.

What has helped make this partnership so successful in a short period of time is Key-Wilson's ability as a competitor and athlete to adjust, Vestal's experience as a doubles player and the fact that two are best friends.

Put all of that together, and the pair didn't take too long to adjust to each other and the type of tennis each play. Key-Wilson said she had to adjust to playing tennis again after playing volleyball for so long, but that adjustment was made this spring and the pair started moving foward.

"Our game styles complement each other," said Vestal, who will be making her fourth consecutive appearance at the state tournament. "It's tough competition at state, and it's the best we will get all year."

Key-Wilson said that Vestal is a little more aggressive when it comes to playing, while Key-Wilson said she is more consistent. But what helps make this pairing work is the different type of serves the two offer during a match.

Lanier said Vestal has a flat serve that is more straight, but powerful, while Key-Wilson's serve moves and is what he calls a "slider."

"It has a really nasty spin on there, and it throws people off because Caren has that big, flat service," Lanier said. "It's been tough for teams."

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PRACTICES

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ness and our mentality."

The Rebels do lose a number of players at the skill positions, including quarterback Adrian Horton, and Morton said Talor Nunez is one of the few players that returns with quarterback experience. He said that Luke Stice, who also plays linebacker, could see some time at quarterback this spring.

Lee's spring game is scheduled for May 20 at Grande Communications Stadium, with the sophomores set to go at 6 p.m. and the varsity squad at 7 p.m.

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ROCKHOUNDS

From 1C

baseball can be up and down," Mitchell said. "But the main thing is to have fun, and that's what I'm trying to do."

Scarsone said the way Mitchell has played this season shows his maturity.

"I had him last summer down in Stockton and there were times he got frustrated and tried to do too much," Scarsone said. "I think he's trying to stay within his own game and not feel like he has to do everything for us. He feels comfortable setting the table and he knows he's got some boys behind him to get him in."

The RockHounds bullpen once again slowed down an opposing offense in the late innings as Jonathan Ortiz was outstanding with 2 2/3 scoreless innings, and then Fautino De Los Santos picked up his third save by allowing one run on two doubles in the ninth.

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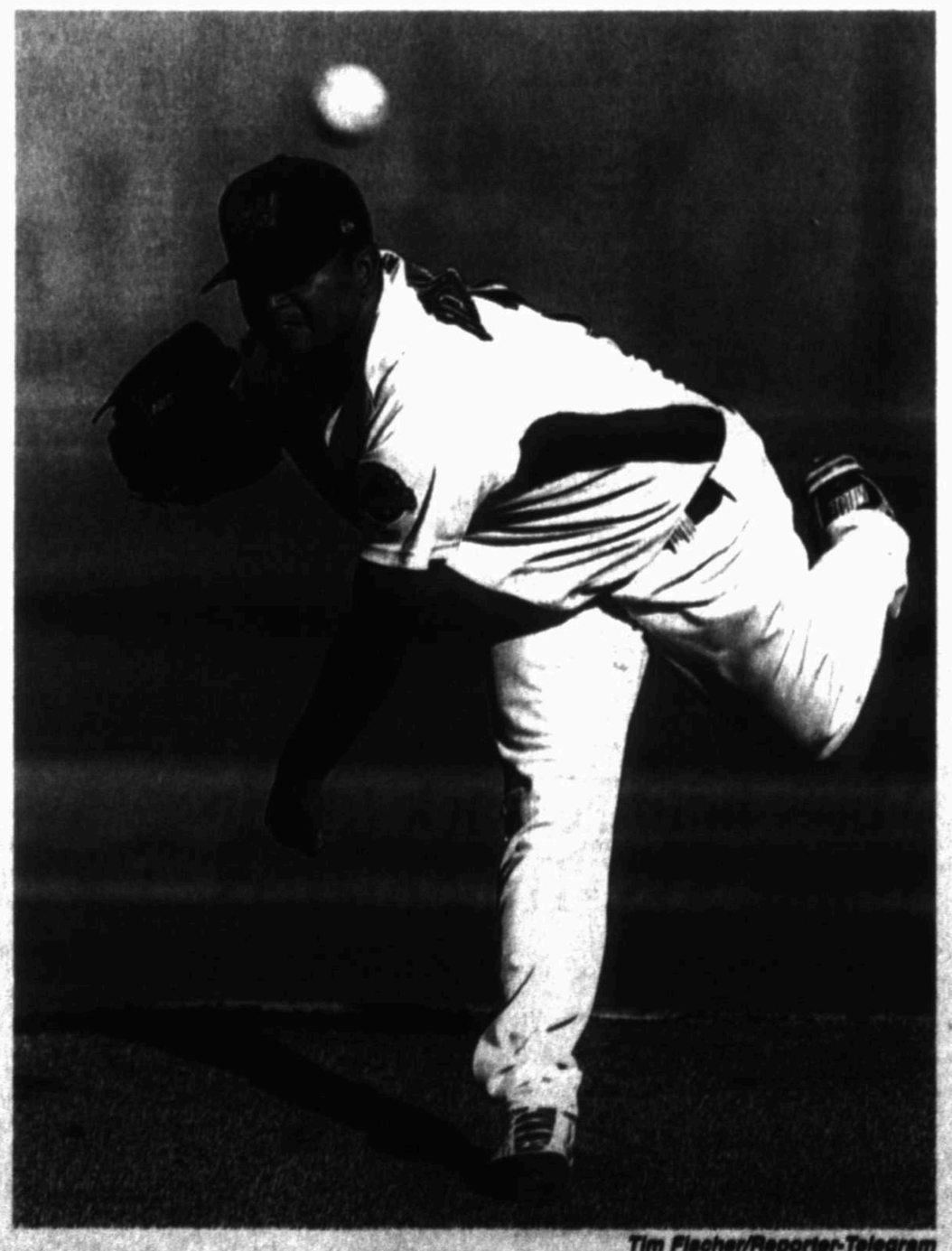
'HOUND BITES: RockHounds leadoff hitter Jermaine Mitchell led off the game by reaching first base in an unconventional manner. He struck out but still reached on a passed ball by Hooks catcher Federico Hernandez. Mitchell also forced an error on a pickoff attempt by pitcher Jonnathan Arietti to reach second base, then stole third base, before scoring on a ground out by Stephen Parker. "That's baseball, when you put a little pressure and (the defense) has to do some things," Midland manager Steve Scarsone said. "We like those type of runs." ...Hooks center fielder T.J. Steele made a nice over-the-shoulder catch to rob Petey Paramore of a possible extra base hit in the fourth inning. ...Former RockHound and 2005 Texas League MVP Andre Ethier extended his hitting streak to 22 games on Monday with a single in his first at-bat against Florida. Ethier's Los Angeles Dodgers lost the game 5-4.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: The RockHounds host the Hooks in the second game of the series at 6:30 p.m. today as Midland is expected to send LHP Anthony Capra (0-1, 6.40 ERA) to the mound against Corpus Christi RHP Russ Seaton (1-0, 7.71).



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

CONTINUING TO THROW Midland Rockhounds starting pitcher Carlos Hernandez delivers a pitch Monday night at Citibank Ballpark against the Corpus Christi Hooks.

ROCKHOUNDS 10, HOOKS 9

Corpus Christi	ab	r	h	bi
Barnes 2b	5	1	3	0
Wheat lf	5	1	1	0
Hernandez c	5	2	2	2
Gaston cf	5	1	2	1
Steele cf	0	0	0	0
Von Gerned 1b	5	0	1	1
Flores 3b	4	0	0	0
J Hernandez ph	0	0	0	0
Espinosa dh	4	0	0	0
Dykes ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	39	5	9	4

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Mitchell cf	5	2	1	0
Green rf	5	1	1	0
Parker dh	5	1	1	0
Arietti ss	5	1	1	0
Ortiz 1b	4	0	1	1
Garfield lf	4	0	0	0
Dykstra 2b	4	0	0	0
Walton c	4	0	0	0
Lallemand ph	1	0	0	0
Paramore p	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	5	5	1

Corpus Christi 101 021 000—5
Midland 101 021 00x—5

E — Arlet, Parker (2). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Corpus Christi 8, Midland 6. 2B — Barnes (2), Hernandez 2 (2), Wheat (2), Von Gerned (4), Flores (5), Green (2), Parker (4), Ortiz (4). SB — Barnes (4), Mitchell (3), Gaston 2 (8), Lallemand (1), Dykstra (8).

Corpus Christi	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arietti	5.0	2	1	1	2	4
Carrillo L, 1-1	1.2	3	3	3	1	1
Alfaro	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
Bernal	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Midland						
C Hernandez W, 4-0	5.0	11	7	7	0	3
Ortiz	2.0	1	1	1	0	0
De Los Santos	1.1	0	0	0	0	2
WP — C Hernandez, Alfaro. Balk — Arietti. T — 3:00. A — 5,027.						

Texans may turn to draft to bolster defense

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Based on their history and last year's performance, the Houston Texans would seem likely to look for help on defense in Thursday's NFL draft.

Houston has used its first pick on a defensive player in six of the past seven drafts — the exception is offensive tackle Duane Brown, taken with the 26th overall pick in 2008.

The Texans have the 11th overall pick this time. They finished 6-10 last year, with most of the blame falling on a defense that ranked last against the pass (267.5 yards per game) and 30th overall (376.9 yards per game).

General manager Rick Smith said the Texans won't automatically take a defensive player in the first round this year.

"We're not opposed to taking an offensive player," Smith said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "It just hasn't worked out that way over the last few years. But I wouldn't make the assumption that that's what we'll do (take a defensive player), just based on our past history."

Still, Houston ranked 23rd in both interceptions (13) and sacks (30) in 2010, and defensive coordinator Frank Bush was fired.

Smith acknowledges that the draft is rich with defensive talent, particularly among linemen. And the Texans will move to a 3-4 defensive alignment under new coordinator Wade Phillips — a scheme with increased responsibilities for the men up front.

"We have to evaluate the players based on their ability to perform in the defense that we're going to play," Smith said. "That's incumbent on us to find the players who fit the scheme, and will be able to do what we'll ask them to do."

If the Texans want to complement defensive end Mario Williams with another pass rusher, they could take a hard look at Missouri defensive end/linebacker Aldon Smith, who entered the draft after two college seasons. The 6-foot-4, 263-pound Smith had 17 sacks and 29 tackles for loss in only 23 games with the Tigers.

Or Houston may opt to take a defensive back in the first round for the second straight year, possibly Prince Amukamara from Nebraska. The 6-foot, 206-pound Amukamara intercepted five passes in 2009, but none in 2010 — mostly because quarterbacks avoided throwing his way.

Houston's pattern of taking defensive players in the first round has produced mixed results.

In 2006, Houston surprised everyone by taking Williams with the top overall pick, leaving Reggie Bush and Vince Young on the board. Williams has developed into one of the league's top pass rushers, ranking fourth in sacks in 2007 (14) and making the Pro Bowl in 2008 and '09.

Houston also drafted middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans early in the second round in 2006, and Ryans was named the league's top defensive rookie. Linebacker Brian Cushing, Houston's first-round pick in 2009, tied Ray Lewis for the most tackles in the AFC in his first season (134) and was voted the league's top defensive rookie.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
Monday's Scores

Memphis 104, San Antonio 86, Memphis leads series 3-1
Dallas 93, Portland 82, Dallas leads series 3-2
Oklahoma City at Denver, late

Today's Games

Atlanta at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TEXAS SERIES GLANCES
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Memphis 3, San Antonio 1

Sunday, April 17: Memphis 101, San Antonio 98
Wednesday, April 20: San Antonio 93, Memphis 87
Saturday, April 23: Memphis 91, San Antonio 88
Monday: Memphis 104, San Antonio 86
Wednesday: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA
x-Friday, April 29: San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 1: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA

Dallas 3, Portland 2

Saturday, April 16: Dallas 89, Portland 81
Tuesday, April 19: Dallas 101, Portland 89
Thursday, April 21: Portland 97, Dallas 92
Saturday, April 23: Portland 84, Dallas 82
Monday: Dallas 93, Portland 82
Thursday: Dallas at Portland, 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 30: Portland at Dallas, TBA

MONDAY'S BOX SCORES
MAVERICKS 93, TRAIL BLAZERS 82

PORTLAND (82): Wallace 5-11 6-6 16, Aldridge 6-15 0-0 12, Camby 2-4 0-0 4, Miller 8-14 1-2 18, Matthews 3-7 2-4 8, Batum 5-12 0-0 12, Roy 2-7 1-2 5, Fernandez 1-4 2-3 5, C.Johnson 0-0 2-2 2, Mills 0-0 0-0 0, A.Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Barron 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-74 14-19 82.

DALLAS (93): Marion 6-14 2-2 14, Nowitzki 8-18 9-11 25, Chandler 3-4 8-12 14, Kidd 1-7 2-2 4, Stevenson 0-3 0-0 0, Terry 8-18 3-3 20, Stojakovic 3-7 1-2 9, Barea 2-6 0-0 4, Haywood 1-1 1-3 3, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-78 26-35 93.

Portland	20	23	20	19	— 82
Dallas	15	29	31	18	— 93

3-Point Goals—Portland 4-16 (Batum 2-7, Miller 1-1, Fernandez 1-2, Matthews 0-2, Wallace 0-2, Roy 0-2), Dallas 3-17 (Stojakovic 2-4, Terry 1-5, Nowitzki 0-1, Stevenson 0-2, Kidd 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 45 (Aldridge, Wallace 9), Dallas 57 (Chandler 20). Assists—Portland 13 (Miller 7), Dallas 22 (Kidd 14). Total Fouls—Portland 24, Dallas 19. Technicals—Portland Coach McMillan, Portland defensive three second, Dallas defensive three second. A—20,837 (19,200).

GRIZZLIES 104, SPURS 86

SAN ANTONIO (86): Jefferson 0-4 0-0 0, Duncan 3-7 0-0 6, McDyess 2-5 0-1 4, Parker 9-12 4-4 23, Ginobili 5-13 2-2 14, Hill 4-7 1-2 10, Bonner 2-4 0-0 4, Splitter 5-9 0-1 10, Neal 3-6 4-4 11, Green 1-4 0-0 2, Blair 1-4 0-0 2, Novak 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-75 11-14 86.

MEMPHIS (104): Young 3-7 2-4 8, Randolph 3-7 5-5 11, Gasol 3-5 3-4 9, Conley 6-15 2-2 15, Allen 5-10 2-2 12, Battier 3-5 2-2 9, Mayo 4-10 1-2 11, Arthur 7-10 0-0 14, Haddadi 0-1 0-0 0, Vasquez 4-4 0-0 9, Smith 2-2 0-0 4, Powe 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 41-81 17-21 104.

San Antonio	26	24	15	21	— 86
Memphis	21	27	30	26	— 104

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 5-18 (Ginobili 2-6, Parker 1-2, Neal 1-2, Hill 1-3, Jefferson 0-1, Green 0-2, Bonner 0-2), Memphis 5-12 (Mayo 2-3, Vasquez 1-1, Conley 1-2, Battier 1-3, Allen 0-1, Randolph 0-1, Young 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 41 (Splitter 9), Memphis 46 (Randolph, Gasol 9). Assists—San Antonio 16 (Ginobili 4), Memphis 22 (Conley 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 16, Memphis 19. Technicals—McDyess. A—18,119 (18,119).

Coll. Baseball

Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through April 24, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Virginia	40-4	496	1
2. South Carolina	31-8	494	2
3. Vanderbilt	35-5	493	3
4. Texas	**30-10**	**490**	**4**
5. Florida	31-10	488	6
6. Oregon State	29-8	486	7
7. TCU	**29-11**	**484**	**10**
8. Texas A&M	**29-11**	**483**	**8**
9. Georgia Tech	30-11	481	9
10. Arizona State	28-9	480	12
11. Cal State Fullerton	28-11	477	5
12. Florida State	31-10	474	18
13. UCLA	21-14	468	11
14. Miami	27-13	465	20
15. Oklahoma	29-11	463	16
16. Fresno State	28-7	460	13
17. North Carolina	32-10	458	14
18. Connecticut	26-12-1	455	26
19. Southern Miss	30-9	450	22
20. UC Irvine	26-10	448	24
21. Oklahoma State	28-12	447	15
22. Arkansas	28-11	445	17
23. Stetson	31-9	444	21
24. California	24-12	442	19
25. Clemson	25-14	439	—
26. Charlotte	31-9	437	30
27. Stanford	19-13	436	—
28. Rice	**28-16**	**433**	**25**
29. Kent State	26-12	430	—
30. St. John's	21-13	428	—

Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through April 24 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

Team	Record	Pvs
1. Virginia	40-4	1
2. South Carolina	31-8	2
3. Oregon State	29-8	3
4. Vanderbilt	35-5	4
5. Florida	31-10	5
6. Texas A&M	**29-11**	**6**
7. Texas	**30-10**	**7**
8. Arizona State	28-9	9
9. Florida State	31-10	10
10. Cal State Fullerton	28-11	8
11. TCU	**29-11**	**11**
12. Georgia Tech	30-11	13
13. Fresno State	28-7	12
14. Oklahoma	29-11	17
15. Southern Miss	30-9	19
16. Miami	27-13	25
17. Stetson	31-9	18
18. North Carolina	32-10	14
19. Oklahoma State	28-12	16
20. California	24-12	15
21. Stanford	19-13	—
22. Troy	30-10	—
23. Connecticut	26-12	—
24. UCLA	21-14	20
25. Rice	**28-16**	**22**

BASEBALL

AL Boxes

BLUE JAYS 6, RANGERS 4

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	5	1	2	0	Kinsler 2b	3	0	1	1
CPttrsn cf	4	1	2	3	Andrus ss	4	1	1	0
Bautist rf	2	1	1	1	MiYong dh	4	0	2	1
Lind 1b	3	1	1	0	ABeltre 3b	4	0	0	0
JRiver dh	3	1	1	2	N.Cruz rf-lf	3	1	1	1
JMolin c	4	0	0	0	DvMrp lf-cf	4	0	0	0
Snider lf	3	1	1	0	Torreal c	4	1	2	1
JMcDnl 2b	4	0	1	0	Morlnd 1b-rf	4	0	0	0
Wdwrd 3b	4	0	0	0	Borbon cf	2	1	1	0
					Napoli ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	6	9	6	Totals	33	4	8	4

Toronto	000	060	000	— 6
Texas	000	012	001	— 4

DP—Toronto 2, Texas 3. LOB—Toronto 4, Texas 4. 2B—Kinsler (5), Mi.Young 2 (11). 3B—Jo.McDonald (1). HR—C.Patterson (2), Bautista (8), J.Rivera (1), N.Cruz (6), Torrealba (3). CS—C.Patterson (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Drabek W,2-0	6	5	3	3	2	2
Rzepczynski	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Frasor	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Rauch S,4-4	1	1	1	1	0	1
Texas						
C.Lewis L,1-3	5	7	6	6	4	3
Bush	3	2	0	0	1	0
Strop	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:49. A—22,915 (49,170).

WHITE SOX 2, YANKEES 0

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Pierre lf	4	0	0	0	Jeter ss	4	0	0	0
AlRmrz ss	4	0	1	0	Grndrs cf	3	0	1	0
Quentin rf	4	1	1	0	Teixeir 1b	3	0	0	0
Lillirdg pr-rf	0	1	0	0	AlRdrg 3b	4	0	1	0
Konerk 1b	3	0	1	1	Cano 2b	3	0	0	0
A.Dunn dh	2	0	1	1	Swisher rf	2	0	0	0
Rios cf	4	0	1	0	Posada dh	3	0	0	0
Przyna c	3	0	0	0	Martin c	3	0	0	0
Bckhm 2b	3	0	0	0	Gardnr lf	2	0	0	0
Morel 3b	3	0	0	0	AnJons ph	0	0	0	0
					Chavez ph	1	0	1	0
					ENunez pr-lf	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	5	2	Totals	28	0	3	0

Chicago	000	100	001	— 2
New York	000	000	000	— 0

DP—Chicago 2, New York 2. LOB—Chicago 4, New York 4. 2B—Quentin (12). SB—Lillibridge (3), Granderson (2), E.Nunez (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Humber W,2-2	7	1	0	0	2	5
Sale	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
S.Santos S,1-1	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	1
New York						
A.J.Burnett L,3-1	8	3	1	1	2	2
R.Soriano	1	2	1	1	1	0

HBP—by Humber (Swisher).
T—2:41. A—40,506 (50,291).

NL Boxes

MARLINS 5, DODGERS 4

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Florida	ab	r	h	bi
Miles 3b	4	0	0	1	Coghln cf	4	3	3	2
Carroll ss	4	1	2	1	Infante 2b	4	0	1	1
Ethier rf	3	0	1	0	GSnchz 1b	4	0	1	1
Kemp cf	4	1	1	0	Stanton rf	4	0	0	0
Sands lf	4	0	3	1	Sanchs p	0	0	0	0
Loney 1b	4	0	1	1	Dobbs 3b	4	0	1	0
Barajs c	3	0	0	0	J.Buck c	4	0	0	0
GwynJ pr	0	1	0	0	Bonifac lf	3	1	1	0
Navarr c	1	0	0	0	DMrph ss	3	0	0	0
DeJess 2b	4	1	2	0	HRmrz ph	1	1	1	0
Garlnd p	1	0	0	0	Nolasco p	2	0	0	0
Padilla p	0	0	0	0	R.Webb p	0	0	0	0
Thams ph	1	0	0	0	Choate p	0	0	0	0
Broxtn p	0	0	0	0	Mujica p	0	0	0	0
					Cousins ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	10	4	Totals	34	5	8	4

Los Angeles	000	100	210	— 4
Florida	001	001	012	— 5

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—Carroll (3). DP—Los Angeles 1, Florida 3. LOB—Los Angeles 8, Florida 7. 2B—Kemp (8), Sands (4), Dobbs (2). HR—Coghlan 2 (4). SB—Carroll (3), Sands (2). S—Garland 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Garland	7	4	2	2	1	4
Padilla	1	2	1	1	1	0
Broxton L,1-1	2-3	2	2	0	2	1
Florida						
Nolasco	6 1-3	7	3	3	2	4
R.Webb	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Choate	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Mujica	1	2	1	1	0	0
Sanches W,3-0	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Nolasco.
T—2:53. A—11,633 (38,560).

PIRATES 4, NATIONALS 2

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Espinosa 2b	4	0	0	0	McCtchn cf	3	0	1	0
Desmond ss	4	1	1	0	Tabata lf	3	1	0	0
Werth rf	3	1	2	0	Diaz rf	4	0	0	0
LaRoche 1b	3	0	1	2	Walker 2b	4	1	2	0
Morse lf	4	0	0	0	Pearce 1b	2	1	0	0
Ramos c	4	0	1	0	Overbay 1b	1	0	0	0
Hairston cf	2	0	0	0	Wood 3b	4	1	1	2
Ankiel ph	1	0	0	0	Snyder c	3	0	1	1
Bixler 3b	3	0	0	0	Cedeno ss	3	0	0	0
Lannan p	2	0	0	0	Maholm p	2	0	0	0
Coffey p	0	0	0	0	Bowker ph	1	0	1	0
Gaudin p	0	0	0	0	Meek p	0	0	0	0
Nix ph	1	0	0	0	Hanrahan p	0	0	0	0
S.Burnett p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	31	2	5	2	Totals	30	4	6	3

Washington	200	000	000	— 2
Pittsburgh	000	400	00x	— 4

E—Werth (2), Desmond (7). DP—Washington 1, Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Washington 5, Pittsburgh 5. 2B—Werth (5), Br.Wood (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
Lannan L,2-2	5 2-3	5	4	4	2	3
Coffey	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Gaudin	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Burnett	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh						
Maholm W,1-3	7	4	2	2	2	8
Meek	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hanrahan S,6-6	1	1	0	0	1	2

T—2:37 (Rain delay: 0:21). A—12,457 (38,362).

ROCKIES 5, CUBS 3

Colorado	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Fowler cf	3	1	1	0	Fukdm rf	5	1	5	0
Herrer 2b	3	0	0	0	Barney 2b	5	1	1	2
CGnzlz lf	4	0	0	1	SCastro ss	5	0	0	0
Tlwtzk ss	4	1	0	0	JeBaxr 3b	4	1	3	0
Helton 1b	4	0	1	1	C.Pena 1b	4	0	0	0
S.Smith rf	4	1	1	0	Byrd cf	4	0	2	0
JoLopz 3b	3	1	0	1	ASorin lf	3	0	0	1
Lndstr p	0	0	0	0	Soto c	3	0	0	0
RBtncr p	0	0	0	0	Garza p	2	0	0	0
Spirghs ph	0	0	0	0	RJhnsn ph	0	0	0	0
Street p	0	0	0	0	Smrdzj p	0	0	0	0
Iannett c	4	0	0	0	DeWitt ph	1	0	0	0
Rogers p	2	1	1	0	Mateo p	0	0	0	0
Wggntn 3b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	33	5	4	2	Totals	36	3	11	3

Colorado	030	020	000	— 5
Chicago	300	000	000	— 3

E—Garza (1), S.Castro 3 (7). DP—Colorado 1. LOB—Colorado 4, Chicago 12. 2B—Je.Baker (4). 3B—Fowler (1). HR—Barney (1). SB—Spilborghs (1). CS—Tulowitzki (1). S—Herrera. SF—A.Soriano.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Rogers W,3-1	5 1-3	8	3	3	4	3
Lindstrom	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
R.Betancourt	1	1	0	0	0	1
Street S,8-8	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Garza L,0-3	6	3	5	1	1	7
Samardzija	2	1	0	0	0	2
Mateo	1	0	0	0	1	2

HBP—by Rogers (Re.Johnson).
T—3:12. A—37,417 (41,159).

REDS 9, BREWERS 5

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Stubbs cf	5	2	3	0	Weeks 2b	5	1	2	0
Bruce rf	4	2	1	2	CGomz cf	4	1	1	1
Votto 1b	5	1	1	0	Braun lf	5	1	2	2
Phillips 2b	4	2	3	3	Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0
Gomes lf	5	1	1	1	McGeh 3b	5	1	2	0
JrSmth p	0	0	0	0	Kotsay rf	3	0	1	0
Cairo 3b	5	0	1	0	YBtncr ss	4	1	1	0
Hanign c	4	1	1	2	Lucroy c	4	1	2	1
Janish ss	3	0	0	0	Narvsn p	1	0	0	0
Arroyo p	3	0	1	1	Kintzlr p	0	0	0	0
Ondrsk p	0	0	0	0	Almont ph	1	0	0	0
Hermid ph	1	0	0	0	Brddck p	0	0	0	0
Bray p	0	0	0	0	Counsll ph	1	0	0	0
Masset p	0	0	0	0	Hwkns p	0	0	0	0
Heisey lf	0	0	0	0	BBoggs ph	1	0	0	0
					Mitre p	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	9	12	9	Totals	37	5	10	4

Cincinnati	016	000	002	— 9
Milwaukee	000	010	112	— 5

E—Janish (1). LOB—Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 9. 2B—Votto (7), Phillips (6), Hanigan (3), Weeks (4), McGehee (8), Lucroy (2). HR—Bruce (3), Braun (8). SB—Stubbs 2 (8), Bruce (3), Braun (3). SF—C.Gomez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Arroyo W,3-2	6 1-3	6	2	1	2	4
Ondrusek	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Bray	1-3	1	1	1	1	0
Masset	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Jor.Smith	1	2	2	2	0	1
Milwaukee						
Narveson L,1-1	2 1-3	8	7	7	1	2
Kintzler	2 2-3	2	0	0	0	5
Braddock	2	0	0	0	1	3
Hawkins	1	0	0	0	0	2
Mitre	1	2	2	2	1	1

Balk—Narveson.
T—3:18. A—35,794 (41,900).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	12	7	.632	—	—	7-3	L-1	8-4	4-3
Tampa Bay	11	11	.500	2 1/2	1	7-3	W-2	6-7	5-4
Boston	10	11	.476	3	1 1/2	8-2	W-5	5-4	5-7
Toronto	10	12	.455	3 1/2	2	4-6	W-1	6-5	4-7
Baltimore	8	12	.400	4 1/2	3	2-8	L-3	5-7	3-5
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	13	8	.619	—	—	5-5	L-3	7-2	6-6
Detroit	12	10	.545	1 1/2	—	7-3	W-4	6-3	6-7
Kansas City	12	10	.545	1 1/2	—	4-6	L-3	9-5	3-5
Minnesota	9	12	.429	4	2 1/2	5-5	W-3	4-3	5-9
Chicago	9	14	.391	5	3 1/2	2-8	W-1	4-6	5-8
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	14	8	.636	—	—	5-5	L-1	10-3	4-5
Los Angeles	12	10	.545	2	—	5-5	L-4	4-6	8-4
Oakland	11	11	.500	3	1	5-5	W-2	4-5	7-6
Seattle	8	15	.348	6 1/2	4 1/2	4-6	L-2	5-8	3-7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	15	6	.714	—	—	7-3	W-5	7-4	8-2
Florida	14	7	.667	1	—	8-2	W-2	9-4	5-3
Atlanta	11	12	.478	5	4	6-4	W-3	4-5	7-7
Washington	10	11	.476	5	4	5-5	L-1	5-4	5-7
New York	9	13	.409	6 1/2	5 1/2	5-5	W-4	5-8	4-5
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	12	10	.545	—	—	7-3	W-1	6-6	6-4
Cincinnati	12	11	.522	1/2	3	4-6	W-1	7-6	5-5
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	1	3 1/2	4-6	L-1	7-4	4-7
Chicago	10	12	.455	2	4 1/2	4-6	L-2	6-7	4-5
Pittsburgh	10	12	.455	2	4 1/2	5-5	W-1	3-6	7-6
Houston	8	14	.364	4	6 1/2	5-5	L-1	4-6	4-8
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Colorado	15	7	.682	—	—	5-5	W-1	6-4	9-3
Los Angeles	12	12	.500	4	3 1/2	6-4	L-1	7-5	5-7
San Francisco	10	11	.476	4 1/2	4	5-5	L-4	4-5	6-6
Arizona	8	12	.400	6	5 1/2	3-7	L-4	4-5	4-7
San Diego	8	14	.364	7	6 1/2	3-7	L-4	3-9	5-5

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Chicago White Sox 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Toronto 6, Texas 4
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Boston (C.Buchholz 1-2) at Baltimore (Britton 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 2-2) at Cleveland (Masterson 4-0), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 2-2) at Detroit (Coke 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Litsch 1-1) at Texas (Harrison 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (W.Davis 2-2) at Minnesota (Liriano 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (McCarthy 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Chatwood 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 4, Washington 2
Florida 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Colorado 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia at Arizona, late
Atlanta at San Diego, late

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (C.Young 1-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Morton 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-2) at Florida (Volstad 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 3-0) at Chicago Cubs (J.Russell 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 3-0) at Houston (Norris 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 3-0) at Milwaukee (Estrada 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Oswalt 3-0) at Arizona (D.Hudson 0-4), 8:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Jurrjens 1-0) at San Diego (Harang 4-0), 9:05 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
Monday's Scores

Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 2, series tied 3-3
San Jose at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARY
LIGHTNING 4, PENGUINS 2

Pittsburgh	1	0	1	— 2
Tampa Bay	1	1	2	— 4

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 1 (Talbot), 8:23. 2, Tampa Bay, Purcell 1 (Malone, Downie), 16:36.
Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Bergenheim 2 (Moore, Downie), 5:44.
Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Staal 1 (Niskanen, Kennedy), 3:48. 5, Tampa Bay, Downie 1 (Lecavalier, Gagne), 4:55. 6, Tampa Bay, Malone 1 (Ohlund), 9:34.
Missed Penalty Shot—Conner, Pit, 9:10 second.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 7-9-13—29. Tampa Bay 9-7-5—21.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury. Tampa Bay, Roloson. A—20,309 (19,758). T—2:31.

CHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Turner Conference
Colorado vs. Rapid City

Friday, April 29: Colorado at Rapid City, 8:05 p.m.
Saturday, April 30: Colorado at Rapid City, 8:05 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3: Rapid City at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
Thursday, May 5: Rapid City at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 7: Colorado at Rapid City, 8:05 p.m.
x-Monday, May 9: Rapid City at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 11: Colorado at Rapid City, 7:35 p.m.

Berry Conference
Allen vs. Bossier-Shreveport

Friday, April 29: Bossier-Shreveport at Allen, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 1: Bossier-Shreveport at Allen, 7 p.m.
Rest of schedule TBA

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	3	1	2	11	9	2
Philadelphia	3	1	1	10	4	2
Houston	2	1	3	9	7	5
Columbus	2	1	3	9	5	4
New England	2	2	3	9	8	9
D.C.	2	3	1	7	9	12
Toronto FC	1	2	4	7	7	10
Chicago	1	3	2	5	9	12
Sporting KC	1	3	1	4	10	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	4	1	3	15	10	7
Real Salt Lake	4	0	0	12	8	1
Seattle	2	2	3	9	7	7
Colorado	3	3	0	9	8	7
Portland	2	3	1	7	9	13
FC Dallas	2	3	1	7	8	9
Chivas USA	1	2	3	6	5	6
Vancouver	1	3	3	6	10	12
San Jose	1	3	2	5	6	9

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's Games

D.C. United at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

San Jose at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Sporting KC at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at Seattle FC, 9 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
New England at Chivas USA, 9:30 p.m.

MEXICAN LEAGUE

GROUP 1 TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Tigres	16	9	5	2	21	9	32
Chivas	16	6	7	3	21	12	25
Monterrey	16	6	5	5	20	18	23
Santos	16	6	2	8	20	22	20
Estudiantes	16	4	5	7	20	31	17
Necaxa	16	3	5	8	8	19	14
GROUP 2 TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Atlante	16	7	3	6	26	16	24
Atlas	16	6	5	5	19	16	23
America	16	7	2	7	29	28	23
Toluca	16	5	6	5	27	25	21
San Luis	16	4	8	4	20	18	20
Pachuca	16	4	5	7	15	24	17
GROUP 3 TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Pumas	16	10	5	1	27	11	35
Morelia	16	8	4	4	29	24	28
Cruz Azul	16	7	4	5	25	20	25
Puebla	16	5	3	8	16	24	18
Queretaro	16	4	4	8	15	31	16
Jaguares	16	3	2	11	11	29	11

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

West Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	6	0	0	1.000	358	258
San Jose	5	2	0	.714	431	384
Utah	3	3	0	.500	377	342
Spokane	2	4	0	.333	338	341
Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	4	2	0	.667	314	272
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	321	292
Kansas City	2	4	0	.333	306	336
Tulsa	2	4	0	.333	246	310
Iowa	2	4	0	.333	304	342

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	5	1	0	.833	362	257
Orlando	4	2	0	.667	321	294
Georgia	4	2	0	.667	326	297
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	250	347
New Orleans	1	5	0	.167	225	307
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	257	219
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	277	292
Milwaukee	1	5	0	.167	239	315
Philadelphia	1	5	0	.167	290	337

Friday's Games

Tulsa at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh at Georgia, 6:35 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.
Arizona at Spokane, 9 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP World Tour Serbia Open Results
Monday
At SRPC Milan Gale Muskatirovic
Belgrade, Serbia
Purse: $643,270 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 7-6 (0), 6-1.
Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3.
Janko Tipsarevic (7), Serbia, def. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (0).

Estoril Open Results
Monday
At Estadio Nacional
Oeiras, Portugal
Purse: Men, $655,060 (WT250); Women, $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 6-3, 6-3.
Kevin Anderson (7), South Africa, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-4, 6-3.
Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Gastao Elias, Portugal, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 5-2, retired.

Women
First Round

Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Magali de Lattre, Portugal, 6-3, 6-1.
Alisa Kleybanova (1), Russia, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-2, 6-2.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands (5), United States, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Mathilde Johansson, France, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Romina Oprandi, Italy, def. Zheng Jie (7), China, 6-4, 6-2.
Elena Vesnina (6), Russia, def. Barbara Luz, Portugal, 6-1, 6-1.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-2, 6-1.

WTA Barcelona Ladies Open Results
Monday
At David Lloyd Club Turo
Barcelona, Spain
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Silvia Soler Espinosa, Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Alexandra Dulgheru (2), Romania, def. Zuzana Kucova, Slovakia, 6-1, 5-0, retired.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Marion Bartoli (1), France, 6-4, 6-1.
Jill Craybas, United States, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-3.
Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-3, 7-5.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, 6-4, 7-5.

ATP World Tour BMW Open Results
Monday
At MTTC Iphitos
Munich
Purse: $655,060 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Mikhail Youzhny (1), Russia, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 7-5, 6-2.
Sergiy Stakhovsky (8), Ukraine, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 5-1, retired.
Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Robert Kendrick, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Marcos Baghdatis (4), Cyprus, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

'Hounds Watch

Monday's Score
Midland 10, Corpus Christi 8

Today's Game
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m., Citibank Ballpark

Records
Midland 10-7, Corpus Christi 7-10

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Sunday	Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
San Antonio 6, Midland 5	Midland 10, Corpus Christi 8		Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

CYCLING

Tour de Romandie, prologue, (same-day tape), 3 p.m., Versus

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB Network
Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN
Toronto at Texas, 7 p.m., FSS
St. Louis at Houston, 7 p.m. FSS Plus
Atlanta at San Diego, 9 p.m., MLB Network

NBA BASKETBALL

Playoffs, first round, game 5, Atlanta at Orlando, NBA Network
Playoffs, first round, game 5, Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT
Playoffs, first round, game 5, New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Playoffs, first round, game 7, Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., Versus
Playoffs, first round, game 7, Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m., Versus

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Midland Christian at TAPPS 4A State Tournament, Waco Regional Tennis Center

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Named J. Thomas Schieffer monitor for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

American League

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Activated RHP Michael Wuertz from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Bobby Cramer to Sacramento (PCL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Selected the contract of INF Josh Wilson from Reno (PCL). Placed INF Willie Bloomquist on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 22.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Activated C Dioner Navarro from the 15-day DL. Optioned C A.J. Ellis to Albuquerque (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Jose Contreras on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 22. Selected the contract of RHP Michael Stutes from Lehigh Valley (IL). Promoted RHP Chance Chapman from Reading (EL) to Lehigh Valley and RHP Jordan Ellis from Clearwater (FSL) to Reading.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled RHP Evan Scribner from Tucson (PCL). Optioned LHP Wade LeBlanc to Tucson.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Signed INF Brian Ruggiano.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Released RHP Ryne Tacker.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Acquired RHP Kyle Wright from Rockford (Frontier) for cash and a player to be named.
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed OF Jorge Cortes and RHP John Holdzkom.

Can-Am League

BROCKTON ROX—Signed OF Palmer Karr.
PITTSFIELD COLONIALS—Signed INF Jerod Edmondson and C Scott Knazek.
QUEBEC CAPITALES—Signed RHP Anthony Sullivan and INF Seth Henry.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed 3B P.J. Sequeira. Released SS Marcel Champagne.
FLORENCE FREEDOM—Acquired RHP Joe Tarallo from Gary SouthShore (AA) for a player to be named. Signed 1B Mark Samuelson.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed RHP Spencer Shelton.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed RHP Justin Hall and LHP Vidal Nuno. Traded RHP Steve MacFarland to San Angelo (North American) for future considerations.

North American League

CALGARY VIPERS—Signed INF Wilver Perez.
SAN ANGELO COLTS—Signed INF Travis Calloway, INF Butch Bailez and INF Danny Hernandez.

HOCKEY
American Hockey League

HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Assigned D David Urquhart to Wheeling (ECHL).

Central Hockey League

FORT WAYNE KOMETS—Activated F Sean O'Connor from league suspension.

MOTORSPORTS

WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL—Named Elizabeth Mayer public relations manager.

WINTER SPORTS

U.S. BOBSLED AND SKELETON FEDERATION—Announced women's interim bobsled coach Dave Owens will step down June 30.

COLLEGE

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE—Suspended BYU baseball players Ryan Bernal, Bret Lopez, Brock Luker and Blake Torgerson three games and publicly reprimanded Wes Guenther and BYU baseball coach Vance Law, and suspended New Mexico baseball players Luke Campbell, Quay Grant, Cory Maltz, Jonathan Mata and John Michael Twichell three games and publicly reprimanded Mitchell Garver for their involvement in an altercation after their game on April 23.
CALIFORNIA—Named Lindsay Gottlieb women's basketball coach.
FLORIDA—Named Matt McCall men's assistant basketball coach.
PENN STATE—Named Guy Gadowsky men's hockey coach.
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI—Named Marty Gross men's associate head basketball coach.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

SPRINT CUP POINTS
Through April 17

1. Carl Edwards	295
2. Jimmie Johnson	290
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	278
4. Kevin Harvick	268
5. Kurt Busch	267
6. Kyle Busch	257
7. Ryan Newman	253
8. Matt Kenseth	252
9. Juan Pablo Montoya	246
10. Clint Bowyer	245
11. Paul Menard	242
12. Tony Stewart	240
13. Jeff Gordon	234
14. Mark Martin	226
15. A.J. Allmendinger	226
16. Greg Biffle	221
17. Denny Hamlin	195
18. Kasey Kahne	194
19. Martin Truex Jr.	192
20. David Ragan	191
21. Marcos Ambrose	188
22. Jeff Burton	185
23. Jamie McMurray	181
24. Joey Logano	179
25. Bobby Labonte	178
26. David Reutimann	174
27. Brad Keselowski	171
28. Brian Vickers	155
29. David Gilliland	149
30. Regan Smith	142
31. Robby Gordon	128
32. Casey Mears	116
33. Dave Blaney	105
34. Bill Elliott	100
35. Andy Lally	98
36. Tony Raines	81
37. Ken Schrader	44
38. Terry Labonte	40
39. J.J. Yeley	26
40. Michael McDowell	25
41. Michael Waltrip	20
42. Brian Keselowski	3

NATIONWIDE POINTS
Through April 23

1. Justin Allgaier	264
2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	264
3. Jason Leffler	262
4. Reed Sorenson	260
5. Trevor Bayne	260
6. Elliott Sadler	259
7. Aric Almirola	257
8. Brian Scott	228
9. Kenny Wallace	216
10. Michael Annett	184
11. Steve Wallace	182
12. Josh Wise	178
13. Mike Bliss	172
14. Joe Nemechek	169
15. Jeremy Clements	168
16. Mike Wallace	156
17. Scott Wimmer	146
18. Eric McClure	139
19. Derrike Cope	137
20. Ryan Truex	134

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK POINTS
Through April 22

1. Johnny Sauter	187
2. Timothy Peters	184
3. Matt Crafton	183
4. Ron Hornaday Jr.	182
5. Cole Whitt	175
6. Austin Dillon	163
7. Todd Bodine	148
8. Clay Rogers	142
9. Max Papis	142
10. Parker Kligerman	136
11. Ricky Carmichael	131
12. David Starr	129
13. Craig Goess	129
14. Brendan Gaughan	127
15. Miguel Paludo	126
16. James Buescher	125
17. Nelson Piquet Jr.	116
18. Jason White	112
19. Justin Lofton	111
20. Brad Sweet	109

NHRA

NHRA Leaders
Through April 17
TOP FUEL

1. Del Worsham, 389. 2. Larry Dixon, 312. 3. Antron Brown, 309. 4. Tony Schumacher, 272. 5. Spencer Massey, 262. 6. Shawn Langdon, 244. 7. Doug Kalitta, 216. 8. Morgan Lucas, 210. 9. Brandon Bernstein, 202. 10. Steve Torrence, 171.

FUNNY CAR

1. Robert Hight, 349. 2. Mike Neff, 300. 3. Jack Beckman, 289. 4. Cruz Pedregon, 283. 5. Matt Hagan, 241. 6. Johnny Gray, 224. 7. John Force, 217. 8. Bob Tasca III, 212. 9. Ron Capps, 190. 10. Jeff Arend, 187.

PRO STOCK

1. Greg Anderson, 336. 2. Jason Line, 333. 3. Greg Stanfield, 317. 4. Mike Edwards, 264. 5. Vincent Nobile, 253. 6. Erica Enders, 221. 7. Ron Krisher, 220. 8. Rodger Brogdon, 210. 9. Allen Johnson, 182. 10. Shane Gray, 166.

Formula One

POINTS
Through April 17

1. Sebastian Vettel	68
2. Lewis Hamilton	47
3. Jenson Button	38
4. Mark Webber	37
5. Fernando Alonso	26
6. Felipe Massa	24
7. Vitaly Petrov	17
8. Nick Heidfeld	15
9. Nico Rosberg	10
10. Kamui Kobayashi	7
11. Michael Schumacher	6
12. Sebastien Buemi	4
13. Adrian Sutil	2
14. Paul di Resta	2

IndyCar

POINTS
Through April 17

1. Dario Franchitti	122
2. Will Power	115
3. Tony Kanaan	87
4. Oriol Servia	80
5. Mike Conway	74
6. Alex Tagliani	73
7. Scott Dixon	66
8. Ryan Briscoe	66
9. Simona de Silvestro	66
10. Vitor Meira	64
11. Raphael Matos	57
12. Danica Patrick	57
13. Takuma Sato	56
14. Helio Castroneves	56
15. Marco Andretti	54
16. J.R. Hildebrand	49
17. James Hinchcliffe	44
18. Justin Wilson	44
19. Charlie Kimball	44
20. Sebastian Saavedra	43
21. Graham Rahal	42
22. Ryan Hunter-Reay	40
23. James Jakes	40
24. Sebastien Bourdais	34
25. E.J. Viso	34
26. Ana Beatriz	28
27. Simon Pagenaud	24
28. Paul Tracy	14

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through April 24
All-Around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $84,370
2. Cody Ohl, Hico, $30,924
3. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $20,544
4. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., $19,147
5. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $18,945
6. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D., $18,545
7. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., $17,318
8. Jesse Sheffield, Austin, Colo., $17,223
9. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D., $13,424
10. Derick Fleming, Roosevelt, Utah, $13,237

Bareback Riding

1. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $47,337
2. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah, $44,363
3. Will Lowe, Canyon, $37,962
4. Joe Gunderson, Agar, S.D., $25,598
5. Chris Harris, Itasca, $25,311
6. Clint Cannon, Waller, $25,260
7. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore., $24,926
8. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta, $24,799
9. Bo Casper, Fort Scott, Kan., $23,686
10. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, $23,099

Steer Wrestling

1. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., $37,639
2. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif., $32,197
3. Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D., $27,545
4. Sean Mulligan, Coleman, Okla., $26,990
5. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La., $25,849
6. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., $25,184
7. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., $24,632
8. Darrell Petry, Beaumont, $24,107
9. Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla., $23,140
10. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo., $22,179

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $35,537
2. Chad Masters, Clarksville, Tenn., $34,976
3. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif., $27,842
4. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., $26,803
5. Joel Bach, Millsap, $26,266
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $26,089
7. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $24,491
8. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont., $22,034
9. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz., $22,011
10. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz., $22,001
11. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., $21,323
12. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla., $18,418
13. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla., $18,181
14. Turtle Powell, Stephenville, $17,771
15. Brady Tryan, Huntley, Mont., $16,046

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $37,960
2. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $35,537
3. Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif., $27,842
4. Patrick Smith, Midland, $26,089
5. Allen Bach, Weatherford, $25,226
6. Kory Koontz, Sudan, $23,881
7. Rich Skelton, Llano, $22,034
8. Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., $22,001
9. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., $21,980
10. Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga., $21,323
11. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz., $20,335
12. Jhett Johnson, Casper, Wyo., $19,476
13. Kollin VonAhn, Durant, Okla., $18,418
14. York Gill, Stephenville, $17,134
15. Matt Garza, Las Cruces, N.M., $16,797

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, $44,403
2. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La., $34,413
3. Bradley Harter, Weatherford, $29,250
4. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., $28,570
5. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., $26,523
6. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, $26,423
7. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., $25,613
8. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., $21,665
9. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn., $19,987
10. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa, $17,743

Tie-down Roping

1. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $42,075
2. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., $37,447
3. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $36,510
4. Cody Ohl, Hico, $27,200
5. Adam Gray, Seymour, $25,950
6. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., $25,047
7. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, $24,846
8. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $24,298
9. E.J. Roberts, Stephenville, $23,536
10. Monty Lewis, Hereford, $23,502

Steer Roping

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $34,917
2. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $18,584
3. Walter Priestly, Robstown, $17,224
4. Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla., $16,756
5. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, $13,983
6. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, $12,729
7. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $11,539
8. Will Gasperson, Decatur, $10,922
9. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., $10,224
10. Bryce Davis, Abilene, $7,563

Bull Riding

1. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash., $66,359
2. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $43,782
3. Cody Whitney, Asher, Okla., $39,446
4. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla., $36,439
5. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., $33,548
6. Clayton Foltyn, El Campo, $31,738
7. Jacob O'Mara, Prairieville, La., $30,457
8. Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo., $29,556
9. Ardie Maier, Timber Lake, S.D., $29,003
10. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo., $28,523
11. Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo., $27,566
12. Clayton Williams, Carthage, $25,164
13. Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo., $24,582
14. Chance Smart, Philadelphia, Miss., $22,067
15. Douglas Duncan, Alvin, $21,925

Barrel Racing

1. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, $73,362
2. Jody Sheffield, South Weber, Utah, $67,014
3. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore., $46,807
4. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., $40,145
5. Jill Moody, Letcher, S.D., $39,411
6. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., $35,824
7. Jane Melby, Backus, Minn., $27,230
8. Britany Fleck, Mandan, N.D., $26,083
9. Kenna Squires, Fredonia, $22,635
10. Tana Renick, Kingston, Okla., $22,602

GOLF

PGA Tour

FedExCup Leaders
Through April 24

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1. Mark Wilson	1,207	$2,482,585
2. Luke Donald	1,144	$2,754,057
3. Phil Mickelson	1,089	$2,161,531
4. Martin Laird	1,054	$2,198,585
5. Gary Woodland	1,048	$2,034,530
6. Nick Watney	985	$2,304,400
7. Brandt Snedeker	875	$2,031,100
8. Aaron Baddeley	[illegible]	$1,978,316
9. Matt Kuchar	843	$1,888,233
10. Bubba Watson	839	$1,752,617
11. Rory Sabbatini	820	$1,573,194
12. Jonathan Vegas	816	$1,490,350
13. Charl Schwartzel	808	$1,786,104
14. D.A. Points	798	$1,584,080
15. Hunter Mahan	743	$1,480,094
16. Steve Marino	734	$1,482,158
17. Jonathan Byrd	703	$1,404,145
18. Brendan Steele	689	$1,318,584
19. Spencer Levin	669	$1,312,384
20. Dustin Johnson	659	$1,461,572
21. Vijay Singh	630	$1,275,435
22. Bill Haas	625	$1,103,728
23. Justin Rose	615	$1,270,168
24. Webb Simpson	605	$1,087,755
25. Y.E. Yang	581	$1,223,690
26. Jason Day	573	$1,274,300
27. Charley Hoffman	525	$907,394
28. Kevin Na	509	$946,466
29. Jason Dufner	504	$968,898
30. Tommy Gainey	504	$917,697
31. Steve Stricker	501	$1,040,423
32. Adam Scott	487	$1,149,257
33. Chris Kirk	479	$798,323
34. Jimmy Walker	443	$796,609
35. J.B. Holmes	433	$915,656
36. Fredrik Jacobson	433	$986,582
37. Brian Gay	422	$849,282
38. K.J. Choi	416	$872,240
39. Brendon de Jonge	416	$882,641
40. Marc Leishman	414	$700,591
41. Ryan Palmer	407	$793,341
42. Geoff Ogilvy	403	$799,927
43. J.J. Henry	386	$613,197
44. Graeme McDowell	384	$827,800
45. Chris Couch	382	$660,451
46. Ryan Moore	379	$797,873
47. Ricky Barnes	376	$681,877
48. Charles Howell III	375	$698,080
49. Robert Allenby	374	$718,632
50. Jim Furyk	374	$680,858

Champions Tour

Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through April 24

Player	Points	Money
1. Tom Lehman	772	$621,[illegible]
2. John Cook	580	$612,097
3. Nick Price	536	$601,663
4. Russ Cochran	483	$564,[illegible]
5. Jeff Sluman	409	$449,750
6. Olin Browne	345	$340,750
7. Michael Allen	316	$360,013
8. Joe Ozaki	302	$318,420
9. David Frost	281	$332,628
10. Mark McNulty	281	$313,970
11. Mark Wiebe	273	$326,872
12. Bernhard Langer	240	$306,455
13. David Eger	230	$315,246
14. Jay Don Blake	218	$229,[illegible]
15. Rod Spittle	202	$279,106
16. Fred Funk	192	$248,393
17. Tom Pernice, Jr.	162	$241,767
18. Mark Calcavecchia	160	$208,010
19. Corey Pavin	158	$230,975
20. Hale Irwin	157	$202,230
21. Mark O'Meara	156	$243,300
22. Kenny Perry	135	$154,958
23. Scott Hoch	135	$149,186
24. Larry Mize	133	$182,490
25. Tom Watson	130	$162,350
26. Keith Fergus	129	$228,487
27. Peter Senior	84	$168,041
28. Wayne Levi	78	$92,630
29. Ian Baker-Finch	78	$78,850
30. Jay Haas	70	$164,578
30. Brad Bryant	70	$126,210
30. Tom Kite	70	$130,505
30. Fred Couples	70	$98,267
30. Robert Thompson	70	$78,747
35. Jim Rutledge	65	$110,920
36. Steve Lowery	51	$80,[illegible]
37. Ted Schulz	43	$136,536
37. Hal Sutton	43	$95,535
37. Gary Hallberg	43	$89,[illegible]
37. Sandy Lyle	43	$45,013
41. Joey Sindelar	41	$87,[illegible]
42. David Peoples	40	$90,377

LPGA Tour

Through April 3

Player	Trn	Money
1. Yani Tseng	5	$570,476
2. Karrie Webb	5	$486,443
3. Stacy Lewis	5	$371,660
4. Sandra Gal	4	$302,379
5. I.K. Kim	4	$271,144
6. Michelle Wie	4	$256,661
7. Jiyai Shin	5	$217,112
8. Morgan Pressel	5	$211,721
9. Cristie Kerr	5	$205,476
10. Paula Creamer	5	$194,116
11. Angela Stanford	5	$174,657
12. Brittany Lincicome	5	$162,739
13. Sun Young Yoo	5	$157,931
14. Na Yeon Choi	4	$144,049
15. Katie Futcher	3	$128,610
16. Juli Inkster	5	$118,479
17. Mika Miyazato	4	$117,864
18. Amy Yang	5	$109,094
19. Suzann Pettersen	4	$106,994
20. Anna Nordqvist	4	$98,024
21. Mindy Kim	3	$84,344
22. Catriona Matthew	4	$82,644
23. Maria Hjorth	4	$75,980
24. Stacy Prammanasudh	5	$66,619
25. Sophie Gustafson	4	$62,464
26. Ai Miyazato	4	$62,227
27. Song-Hee Kim	5	$62,453
28. Beatriz Recari	5	$55,272
29. Shanshan Feng	5	$54,401
30. Se Ri Pak	5	$53,251
31. M.J. Hur	4	$52,413
32. Julieta Granada	5	$50,608
33. Inbee Park	5	$50,280
34. Jimin Kang	5	$49,288
35. Kristy McPherson	5	$49,198
36. Amanda Blumenherst	5	$48,020
37. Karine Icher	4	$48,017
38. Katherine Hull	4	$47,723
39. Momoko Ueda	5	$46,276
40. Meaghan Hart	4	$46,046
41. Christel Boeljon	4	$42,970
42. Seon Hwa Lee	4	$42,311
43. Karen Stupples	4	$41,141
44. Natalie Gulbis	4	$40,291
45. Kyeong Bae	4	$40,084
46. Vicky Hurst	5	$39,256
47. Meaghan Francella	4	$38,752
48. Chella Choi	3	$37,966
49. Paige Mackenzie	3	$37,260
50. Pornanong Phatlum	4	$35,296

Nationwide Tour

Money Leaders
Through April 17

Player	Trn	Money
1. Mathew Goggin	4	$124,975
2. Brenden Pappas	4	$116,575
3. Daniel Chopra	2	$108,000
4. Brett Wetterich	1	$90,000
5. Bubba Dickerson	4	$80,475
6. Darron Stiles	4	$75,014
7. Matt Every	2	$71,058
8. Luke List	4	$60,620
9. Alistair Presnell	3	$59,000
10. Erik Compton	3	$54,005
11. Russell Knox	1	$52,800
12. Cliff Kresge	4	$43,406
13. Tommy Biershenk	4	$39,860
14. Julian Etulain	4	$35,274
15. Andrew Buckle	4	$32,645
16. Won Joon Lee	4	$30,601
17. Rich Barcelo	4	$30,180
18. Steve Wheatcroft	4	$30,063
19. John Kimbell	4	$29,720
20. Doug LaBelle II	4	$29,480
21. Marco Dawson	4	$29,128
22. Ron Whittaker	4	$28,884
23. Scott Brown	4	$28,635
24. Clayton Rask	4	$27,000
24. David Vanegas	3	$27,000

FIGHT SCHEDULE

April 30

At Buenos Aires, Luis Lazarte vs. Ulises Solis, 12, for Lazarte's IBF junior flyweight title; Roberto Bolonti vs. Isidro Prieto, 10, heavyweights.
At Panama City, Panama, Rafael Concepcion, vs. Hugo Ruiz, 12, for the interim WBA World bantamweight title.
At Mexico City, Raul Garcia vs. Rommel Asenjo, 12, for Garcia's WBO strawweight title; Jesus Geles vs. Ramon Garcia Hirales, 12, for Geles' WBO interim junior flyweight title.
At Texcoco, Mexico, Gilberto Keb Baas vs. Adrian Hernandez, 12, for Baas' WBC light flyweight title.

May 1

At TBA, Thailand, Drian Francisco, vs. Tepparith Singwancha, 12, for the interim WBA World super flyweight title.

May 6

At Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas (ESPN2), Diego Magdaleno vs. Gilberto Sanchez Leon, 10, junior lightweights.

May 7

At Osaka, Japan, Koki Kameda vs. Daniel Diaz, 12, for Kameda's WBA World bantamweight title.
At Copenhagen, Denmark, Evander Holyfield vs. Brian Nielsen, 12, heavyweights.
At Neubrandenburg, Germany, Sebastian Sylvester vs. Daniel Geale, 12, for Sylvester's IBF middleweight title; Karo Murat vs. Otis Griffin, 12, for the vacant IBF Inter-Continental light heavyweight title; Danny McIntosh vs. Eduard Gutknecht, 12, for McIntosh's European light heavyweight.
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Manny Pacquiao vs. Shane Mosley, 12, for Pacquiao's WBO welterweight title; Wilfredo Vazquez Jr. vs. Jorge Arce, 12, for Vazquez's WBO junior featherweight title; Mike Alvarado vs. Ray Narh, 12, for the vacant WBC Continental Americas light welterweight title; Kelly Pavlik vs. Alfonso Lopez, 10, super middleweights.

Judge orders end to NFL lockout, league appeals

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Seven weeks into the NFL lockout, players have an early triumph over the owners in court.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson ordered an immediate end to the lockout Monday, siding with the players in their bitter fight with the owners over how to divide the $9 billion business.

The fate of the 2011 season remained in limbo: The NFL responded by filing a notice of appeal questioning whether Nelson exceeded her jurisdiction, seeking relief from the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis. Hours later, the league filed a motion for an expedited stay, meaning it wants Nelson to freeze her ruling to let the appeals process play out.

What will happen in the next few days is murky.

Players may very well show up at team facilities on Tuesday; whether they'll be allowed access is unclear. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told ESPN that the league doesn't intend to start the league year until it has "an opportunity to seek a stay."

DeMaurice Smith, the head of the NFLPA, said on ESPN2 that they planned to give players "guidance" about what to do moving forward and said players were eager to resume court-ordered mediation to resolve the pending litigation.

"My hope is really is that there's somebody on the other side who loves football as much as our players and fans do," he said.

Nelson

Vikings linebacker Ben Leber, who will be a free agent, wasn't sure what would happen Tuesday.

"It sounds like there's a possibility that there might be a door open for us, no pun intended, to go in," he said. "But I really think that it's in the best interest of the players because this is such a sensitive time to stay back and let the dust settle."

Nelson's ruling was a stern rebuke of the NFL's case, hardly a surprise given the court's history with the league and her pattern of questioning during a hearing here three weeks ago in St. Paul, Minn.

In a room packed with lawyers, players and league officials, Nelson politely but persistently questioned NFL lawyer David Boies about his repeated argument that she shouldn't have jurisdiction over a labor dispute with an unfair negotiation charge against the players pending with the National Labor Relations Board.

In her ruling, Nelson rejected that contention. She recognized the NFL Players Association's decision to "de-unionize" as legitimate because it has "serious consequences" for the players.

Nelson even referenced her colleague, U.S. District Judge David Doty, who has frequently ruled for the players in the past. Not only did she declare that players are likely to suffer harm by the lockout, a legal requirement for granting the injunction, Nelson wrote that they're already feeling the hurt now.

She cited their short careers, arguing that monetary damages wouldn't be enough relief.

What Nelson didn't do on Monday, however, was tackle the issue of the antitrust lawsuit filed last month when the union broke up. That, she wrote, "must wait another day."

If the injunction is upheld, the NFL must resume business in some fashion.

It could invoke the 2010 rules for free agency, meaning players would need six seasons of service before becoming unrestricted free agents when their contracts expire; previously, it was four years. The requirement for unrestricted free agents would be four years rather than the three years before 2010. There also was no salary cap in 2010, meaning teams could spend as much — or as little — as they wanted.

And the NFL would need to determine whether offseason workouts can be held while the appeal is pending.

Owners imposed the lockout after talks broke down March 11 and the players disbanded their union. A group of players filed the injunction request along with a class-action antitrust lawsuit against the league.

Jim Quinn, an attorney for the players, said the pressure is on the league.

"They better act quickly, because as of right now there's no stay and, presumably, players could sign with teams," Quinn said. "There are no guidelines as of right now, so they have to put something in place quickly."

In a statement, the NFL again argued its belief that "federal law bars injunctions in labor disputes" and expressed confidence the appeals court would agree.

"But we also believe that this dispute will inevitably end with a collective bargaining agreement, which would be in the best interests of players, clubs and fans. We can reach a fair agreement only if we continue negotiations toward that goal," the NFL said.

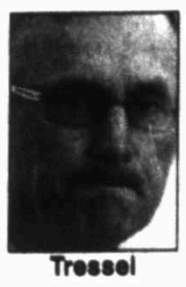
Nelson heard arguments on the injunction at a hearing on April 6 and ordered the two sides to resume mediation while she was considering her decision. The owners and players, who failed to reach consensus after 16 days of mediated talks earlier this year, met over four days with a federal magistrate but did not announce any progress on solving the impasse.

They are not scheduled to meet again until May 16, four days after Doty holds a hearing on whether players should get damages in their related fight with owners over some $4 billion in broadcast revenue.

NCAA alleges Tressel lied to hide NCAA violations

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In a sharply worded rebuke of Ohio State's Jim Tressel, the NCAA on Monday accused the 10-year coach of withholding information and lying to keep Buckeyes players on the field who had accepted improper benefits from the owner of a tattoo parlor.


Tressel

In a "notice of allegations" sent to the school, the NCAA said Monday that the violations relating to the coach are considered "potential major violations."

Ohio State was not cited for the most serious of institutional breaches since Tressel hid information from his superiors for more than nine months. The university has 90 days to respond to the ruling body of college sports' request for information before a scheduled date before the NCAA's committee on infractions on Aug. 12 in Indianapolis.

In a 13-page indictment of Tressel's behavior, the NCAA alleged that Tressel had "permitted football student-athletes to participate in intercollegiate athletics while ineligible." It also said he "failed to deport himself (with) honesty and integrity" and said he was lying when he filled out a compliance form in September which said he had no knowledge of any NCAA violations by any of his players.

Athletic director Gene Smith said he would have "no comments until the case is resolved." The university issued a statement that the allegations were consistent with what it had already self-reported to the NCAA on March 8.

NCAA panel members attended bowl-sponsored retreat

By Frederic J. Frommer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nine of the 11 members of an NCAA panel that will help decide the Fiesta Bowl's fate attended a bowl-sponsored retreat that included free meals, resort rooms and golf outings.

The nine names all showed up on a 2008 "Fiesta Frolic" attendee list obtained by Playoff PAC in a public records request. The group provided the list to the Associated Press.

The NCAA Postseason Bowl Licensing Subcommittee is scheduled to meet with Fiesta Bowl officials this week in New Orleans, but won't make a decision on whether to revoke the bowl's license until later this spring. The Fiesta Bowl, played at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., is one of four bowls that rotate hosting the Bowl Championship Series national title game.

"This is a jury of the bowl's former freeloaders," charged Bryson Morgan, co-founder of Playoff PAC, which advocates switching to a playoff system to determine a national college football champion. Morgan questioned how a decision by the panel members can be considered credible given their attendance at the Fiesta Frolic.

An internal report by the bowl last month detailed about $45,000 in reimbursements to employees for political donations, an apparent violation of federal and state laws. It also uncovered lavish and inappropriate spending, such as $33,000 for a Pebble Beach, Calif., birthday bash for CEO and President John Junker, $13,000 for the wedding and honeymoon of an aide, and a $1,200 strip club tab for Junker and two others. Junker has been fired.

The Fiesta Frolic was recently renamed the "Valley of the Sun Experience & Fiesta Bowl Seminars." The report quoted a bowl official as saying some attendees requested a name change to make it sound less like a "boondoggle." According to the report, the Fiesta Bowl pays for hotel expenses, two dinners, two rounds of golf, and offers spa certificates to certain participants. Spouses' expenses are picked up as well, and sponsors such as Nike provide complimentary gifts. Attendees pay for their own travel.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois in Midland. To mail your information, send it to: Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas, 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Archery

Indoor Archery League
For: Men and women of all ages
When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday nights
Where: Sports Center, 2900 W. Front St.
Cost: $70 for a 10-week league
For more info: Call Charles at 683-4540 or e-mail dsuss@3mid.com

Baseball

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting.

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438.

Midland Steelies seeking players
What: 10U, 9U and 8U.
For more info: Call Isaac Miramontes 559-3836, Ken Sapet 934-4084 or Sal Sanchez 894-2007.

Private Baseball instruction
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandoddessa.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox 685-4143 or 553-3714.

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Mid-American Youth Tournaments
For: Boys and girls, fourth-12th grade
For more info: Call 316-284-0364 or visit www.mayb.com

Vertical jump, speed and agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Summer Pro/Am Basketball League
What: Regional Development Basketball League
For: Players 18 and up and teams for summer basketball league to start in June
For more info: Call 866-206-9073, ext. 4399

Don Eddy Basketball Camp
When: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., June 20-24
Where: Trinity School Gymnasium
For: Age 8 through 12th grade
Cost: $195
For more info: Call coach Young at 528-5206 or go to www.deeb.com

Billiards

Eight and Nine ball leagues
When: Every Sunday and Wednesday, 6-8:30 p.m.
Where: Fast Freddy's, Midland
Sign-up at: Basin Billiards or Fast Freddy's
For more info: Contact Bob Schultz, league director, 689-3113.

Booster Clubs

Midland High Softball
When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.
Where: MHS Youth Center
For more info: Call Russell at 561-8687.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Mellon Post 684-5178 or Cactus Lanes 694-6177.

54th Mid'mess Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesday
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725.

Rook and Roll Two-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Fridays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725.

Camps/Clinics

Tae Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure.

CCM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 6:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6945, Brandi at 687-7058 or Elizabeth at 689-8068.

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-2:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551.

NFL Character Camp
When: June 6-8, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., incoming grades 5-8; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., incoming grades 9-12; June 9-11, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., incoming grades 7-12
What: Featuring a number of former NFL players as instructors
Where: Greenwood High School
Note: Space is limited
Cost: $225 (does not all need to be paid at once)
For more info: Register at www.nflcharactercamp.com

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m. third Monday of every month
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 802
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6833

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682 2551

Football

Strength, speed, agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2396.

Golf

Swing Speed Training
For: All ages and handicaps
For more info: Contact Sandy at 325-250-6150, Gloria at 325-277-1155 or Evelyn at 325-864-2496.

Masters Golf Demo Days
When: Wednesday-Friday
Where: Masters Golf Center, Midland
For more info: Contact 570-4499

Gymnastics

Next Level Gymnastics
What: Preschool, Learn-to-Gymnastics, All-around, T&T, Boys, special needs
For more info: Call 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3156.

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-6139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8664

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8664

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 950 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9021 or (469) 348-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Mon.-Thurs., 5-6 p.m.
What: Kenpo, Judo, Jujitsu, Kenpo-KungFu
For: Ages 5 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 699-8444.

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic and athletic advice
For more info: Call Jacob Bartillano at (915) 240-1050.

Super F League looking for administrative staff
What: The West Texas Super "F" Futsal League is looking for league staff members
For more info: Go to www.westtexas.superfleague.com

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Club Practice
When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Hogan Park
For more info: 697-6416

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua at 661-7147.

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 684-0892

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Elephant at Put-Putt Golf on Loop 250
For more info: Visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com or call Greg Larson at 620-8124.

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512 762-1020 or 682-0988.

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Claws
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition: featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap, 5 stats and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com.

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gail and Terrel
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Speed and Agility Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For: All Ages
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Softball

Mizuno Chaos
What: The Mizuno Chaos girls fastpitch softball club is looking for players to fill out their roster for the fall and 2010 season for the 10U and 12U teams.
Contact: Call Abby for the 10U team at 432-557-8674; call Tom for the 12U team at 432-934-4718.

Throwing velocity and swing speed training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MUGS/ASA Umpires Needed
When: Each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: MUGS umpire building
For more info: Call David Edens at 684-0805 or Mack Gipson at 694-2837.

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100.

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 413-3173 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch.

Cinco de Mayo Softball Tournament
When: Saturday, May 7
Where: Rio Rancho Softball Complex, San Angelo
Cost: $135 per team
For more info: Call Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910.

Swimming

CCM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $40 per month
Prerequisites: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke.
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
When: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755.

CCM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available.
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 p.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Diving Instruction
When: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners than advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasizes skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Competitive Dive Team
What: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of CCM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes 6 on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of CCM diving. Concentrates on developing Olympic level skills, national and international level
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for CCM Swim Team tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditioning resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

What: USTA Team Tennis Leagues
When: Adults 18 & older starting April 25
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: Sherry, 620-8610 or Email: www.midlandtennis@aol.com

What: USTA Women's Lone Star Team League (18 & older) Novices
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046 or 296-0901

Midland Tennis Club (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club having free tournaments and ladders for all ages and all levels for members. Annual dues are $60 Adults, $30 Youths, $140 Families.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join.

Midland Tennis Club Tournaments 2011
What: Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
When: May 21-22, June 25 July 23-24, August 27-28, September 10-11, October 8-9, October 22-23
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046. Enter Thursdays by 1:00pm prior to each tournament.

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 686-4600 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-0866

Agility Training & Injury Prevention
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MC Summer Tennis Program 2011
When: 9 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, Session 1: June 6-9 Session 2: June 13-16; Session 3: June 20-23, Session 4: June 27-30 and July 18-21
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Cost: $100 per week, families with multiple campers after full price is paid for first two, all other children attend same camp for half price
For more info: Contact Lance Armstrong at 687-4046

Track & Field

Speed and Power Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Volleyball

Vertical jump, agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer.
For more info: Call 262-6466 or visit www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Lee Reed Volleyball Camp
When: 3rd-6th grades, 8:30-10 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 10 a.m.-noon; Freshmen, 1-3 p.m.; May 31-June 3
Where: Abell Junior High gymnasium
For: Girls entering grades third through ninth
Cost: Grades 3-6, $60; Grades 7-9, $80
To register: Go to www.leereedvolleyball.com
For more info: Call Diane Bandover at 580-1648 or 580-0466 or e-mail at dandover@midlandisd.net

Midland High Volleyball Camp
When: May 31-June 2, 4th-6th grades, 6:30-10 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 10 a.m.-noon; 9th graders, 1-3 p.m.
Where: Midland High Gymnasium
For: Girls entering grades fourth through ninth
Cost: 4th-6th graders, $60; 7th-8th graders, $60; 9th graders, $60
For more info: Call Terri McCollum at 689-1139 or tmccollum@midlandisd.net

Walking

Midland Walkabout Aps Club Meetings
When: Fun walks, 10K, and Saturday morning of the month; Monday evening and Saturday at 8 a.m. of the month; Monday evening, weekly meeting, Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
What: All ages
For more info: Call Kim Rose 687-0588 or go to www.midlandwalkaboutaps.com

Lightning even series with Penguins

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Steve Downie scored to snap a third-period tie and Dwayne Roloson stopped 27 shots Monday night, helping the Tampa Bay Lightning beat Marc-Andre Fleury and the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 to force a Game 7 in their first-round playoff series.

The deciding game is Wednesday night in Pittsburgh, where Tampa Bay has already won twice this postseason, including an 8-2 Game 5 blowout that began its comeback from a 3-1 deficit in the Eastern Conference series.

Downie put the Lightning ahead for good, scoring just over a minute after Pittsburgh's Jordan Staal gave the Penguins life with a goal that made it 2-2 early in the third. Teddy Purcell, Sean Bergenheim and Ryan Malone also scored against Fleury, who faltered for the second straight game.

Pulled after yielding four goals on 14 shots in Game 5, Fleury couldn't protect an early lead and struggled again when Pittsburgh looked like it had regained momentum.

Downie's go-ahead goal came moments after Roloson rejected point-blank shots by Maxime Talbot and Pascal Dupuis. The Tampa Bay goalie also was at his best in the second period, when the Lightning killed four penalties and Pittsburgh's Chris Conner failed to score on a penalty shot that would have tied the score.

Malone beat Fleury, who had 17 saves, on a breakaway to make it 4-2 midway through the third.

Steven Stamkos, Simon Gagne and Pavel Kubina each scored two goals in the Lightning's Game 5 win, when Tampa Bay coach Guy Boucher encouraged his players to shoot the puck more in hopes of increasing opportunities for rebounds. The result was a barrage of goals that chased Fleury less than 15 minutes into the rout.

The Lightning started slowly this time, going nearly 11 minutes without getting a shot and falling behind when Talbot took advantage of Roloson's bad pass behind the net to feed DuPuis for his first goal of the series. That changed when Purcell scored on a rebound 8 seconds after the Penguins killed off a penalty.

Pat O'Meara/AP

LIGHTNING STRIKE Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Teddy Purcell (16) battles with Pittsburgh Penguins defenseman Ben Lovejoy (6) for the puck behind the net Monday during the second period in Game 6 of a first-round NHL Stanley Cup playoff series in Tampa, Fla.

Lightning	4
Penguins	2

Series tied 3-3

Spurs on the brink of early exit

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley had 15 points and seven assists to help the eighth-seeded Memphis Grizzlies rout the San Antonio Spurs 104-86 on Monday night and grab a commanding 3-1 lead in their opening series.

The Grizzlies already had made franchise history by winning their first playoff game in Game 1 and added their first playoff win at home. Now they are a game away from becoming the second eighth seed to knock off a No. 1 seed since the NBA expanded to a best-of-seven series and join the 2007 Golden State Warriors.

Game 5 is Wednesday in San Antonio.

Darrell Arthur added 14 points off the bench for Memphis. Tony Allen had 12, Zach Randolph and O.J. Mayo 11 apiece.

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 23 points, but he also had seven turnovers. Manu Ginobili had 14, Gary Neal 11, and George Hill and Tiago Splitter 10 each. Splitter, a rookie from Brazil, had not played previously in this series.

Tim Duncan had six points on his 35th birthday.

These are the same Spurs that won 61 games in the regular season. They opened up very energetic, shooting well and even had their first halftime lead in this series.

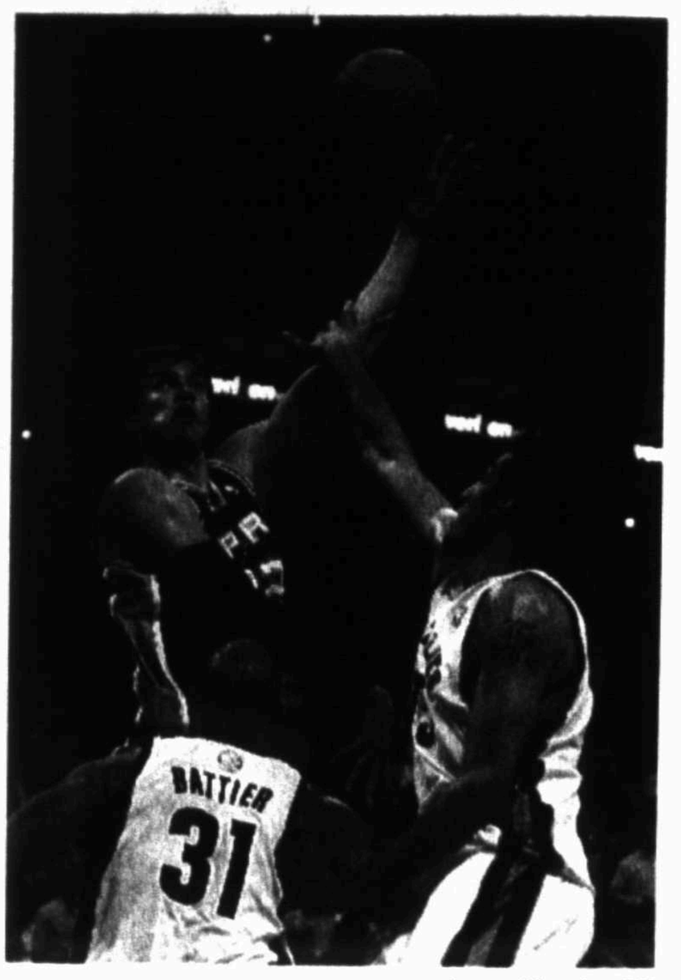
They finished the game with their starters on the bench for the final 5:43, and now the Spurs will be trying to avoid their second 4-1 opening series loss in three seasons.

The first three games had been tight with Memphis winning by no more than three points. The Spurs won Game 2 by six.

This time it was a rout once the Grizzlies took control by outscoring the Spurs 30-15 in the third quarter for the first time in this series after trailing at the half for the first time in the four games.

Memphis opened the second half with a 14-0 run with Gasol's two free throws at 11:04 putting the Grizzlies ahead to stay at 52-50. Sam Young's dunk capped the run at 7:41 of the third for a 62-50 lead. The Spurs, who shot 55.3 percent in the first half, missed their first five shots and were 6 of 15 from the floor. They also had seven turnovers in the quarter.

The Grizzlies had every fan up and waving the rally towels handed out, cranking up the noise with every Spurs' missed shot or mistake. Arthur ended the quarter by hitting a pair of jumpers to put Memphis up 78-65 at the end of the third.



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SPURS ON NOTICE San Antonio forward Tiago Splitter (22), tries to get a shot off around Memphis Grizzlies defenders Hamed Haddadi, right, and Shane Battier (31) on Monday during the first half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA playoff series in Memphis, Tenn.

Grizzlies	104
Spurs	86

Memphis leads series 3-1

Dialed In tops AP's final Derby list

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

A combination of major upsets and minor injuries have turned what appeared to be a strong Kentucky Derby field into a wide-open affair.

One-time top contender Uncle Mo finished third in the Wood Memorial as the 1-10 favorite, and is recovering from a gastrointestinal infection. His Derby status remains questionable.

The Factor wasn't one in the Arkansas Derby, finishing seventh as the 4-5 top choice.

Other Derby hopefuls, including To Honor and Serve, Premier Pegasus and Jaycito, have been sidelined with assorted ailments.

So, with less than two weeks before the Derby, the role of No. 1 on the AP's final Top 10 list of Derby contenders falls to Dialed In.

The lightly raced, 3-year-old colt trained by two-time Derby winner Nick Zito ran himself into the top spot by winning the Florida Derby by a head over Shackleford on April 3.

Since then, Uncle Mo's unbeaten record ended in the Wood; favorite Premier Pegasus, followed by new favorite Jaycito were scratched from the Santa Anita Derby; The Factor ran seventh in Arkansas; and 2-1 choice favorite Santiva finished ninth in the Blue Grass Stakes.

Neither the Lexington Stakes nor the Jerome Stakes produced a Derby contender over the weekend, leaving the rest of this week's Top 10 unchanged.

Risen Star winner Mucho Macho Man is No. 2, with Wood winner Toby's Corner at No. 3, followed by Uncle Mo and Arkansas Derby winner Archarcharch.

A little history, though, says a horse doesn't have to win a final prep race to win the Kentucky Derby. Since Strike the Gold won the Blue Grass followed by the Derby in 1991, only six others have completed the final prep-Derby double.

Zito will be glad to know that two of those horses won the Florida Derby before taking the Kentucky Derby — Barbaro in 2006 and Big Brown in 2008.

The other Derby winners who won their final prep are Charismatic (1999 Lexington), Fusaichi Pegasus (2000 Wood), War Emblem (2002 Illinois Derby) and Smarty Jones (2004 Arkansas Derby).

Mavs

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Trail Blazers began missing shot after shot. Some were contested, but many were good looks at the basket. The combination helped the Mavericks pull away.

The game changed in the third quarter, with Nowitzki powering a 15-5 run that put Dallas in control. Although the lead provided a nice cushion and the home crowd was louder than usual, nobody was taking anything for granted — certainly not Portland — after what happened on Saturday.

This time, though, the Mavs played smart. Their shots weren't always falling, but they were grabbing rebounds and drawing fouls. When Chandler caught a long rebound and J.J. Barea turned it into a layup for a 17-point lead, the Trail Blazers called time out to try calming things down. Dallas fans gave a standing ovation and started to exhale. The lead was at 17 for the first time and Chandler celebrated by walking to the bench with a huge smile, nodding his head and rocking his shoulders.

It only got better for Dallas. Kidd soon hit his first shot of the game, then Stojakovic ended a skid of 10 straight missed 3-pointers by the Mavs, pushing the lead to 20 with 4:24 left.

Portland actually shot better than Dallas — 43 percent to 41 — but the difference was on the boards. The Mavericks outrebounded the Blazers 49-37, with Dallas grabbing a whopping 20 on the offensive end. Chandler had 13 of his off his teammates' misses. It was the most for anyone in the playoffs since Shaquille O'Neal had 14 in 1991.

Jason Terry scored 20 points for Dallas and Shawn Marion added 14.

Roy scored just five points on 2 of 7 shooting over 26 minutes. He was booed when he first went into the game, but fans seemed to lose interest in him.

Bin Hammam: Blatter forced to find new ideas

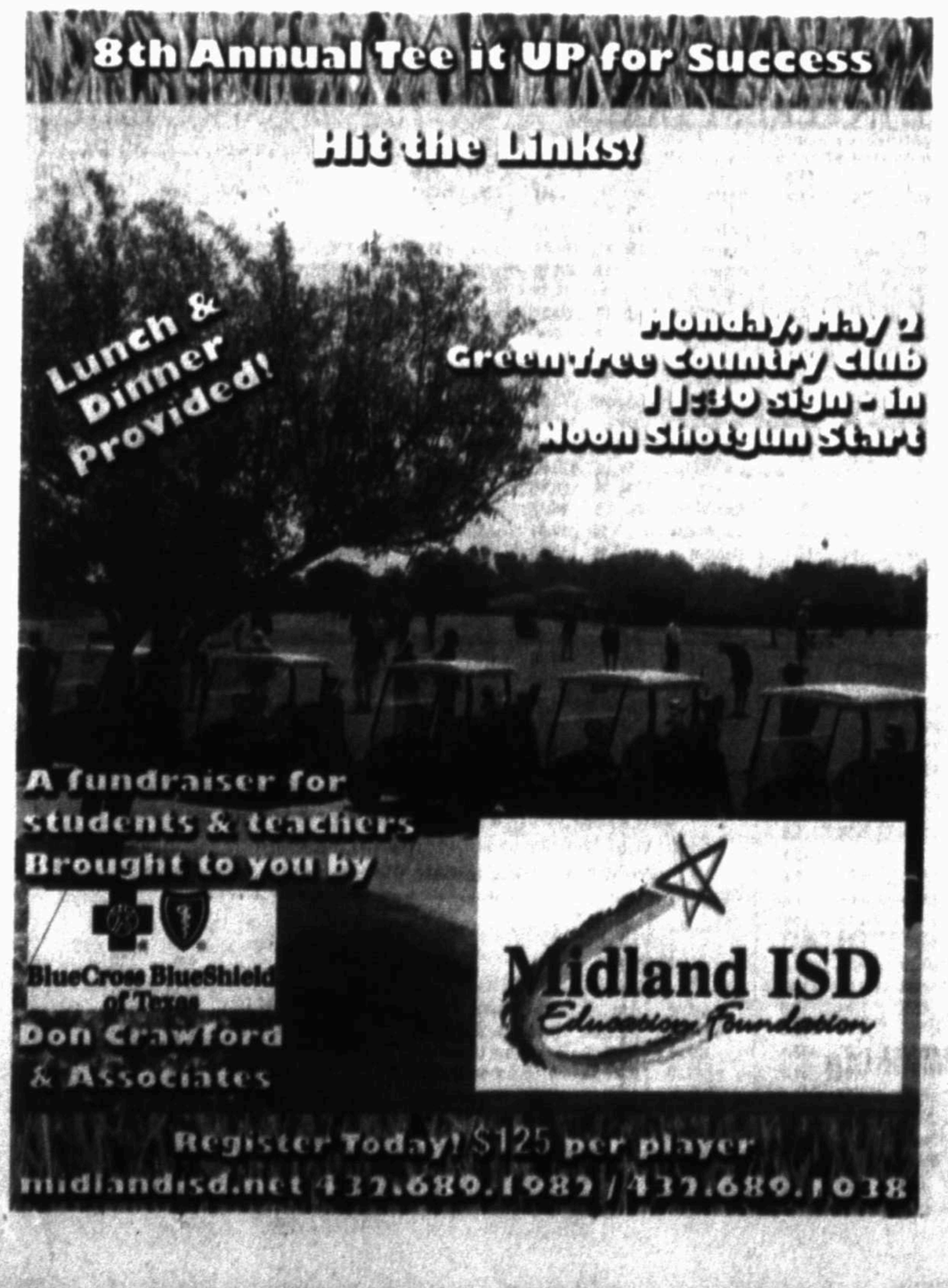
By Michael Casey
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The lone candidate challenging Sepp Blatter says many of the ideas now floated by the FIFA president may "not have seen the light of day" if he weren't fighting for re-election.

Mohammed Bin Hammam of Qatar, the Asian Football Confederation president, faces Blatter on June 1 in a vote to run soccer's governing body. Blatter has led FIFA since 1998, and the 75-year-old Swiss seeks a four-year term that he says will be his last.

On his blog Monday, Bin Hammam welcomed as long overdue Blatter's ideas to reform the organization. Titled "Time For a Fresh Approach," the blog posting echoed many of the themes Bin Hammam has pushed since announcing his candidacy last March, including the need for new leadership and greater transparency.

"To ensure we are not left behind by an ever-changing world, we have to be sure to think at least one step ahead. In recent times, that has not been the case at FIFA," Bin Hammam wrote. "But now, at last, Mr. Blatter is coming out with fresh suggestions about how to run the game's governing body that might not have seen the light of day had there not been a challenge to his leadership."



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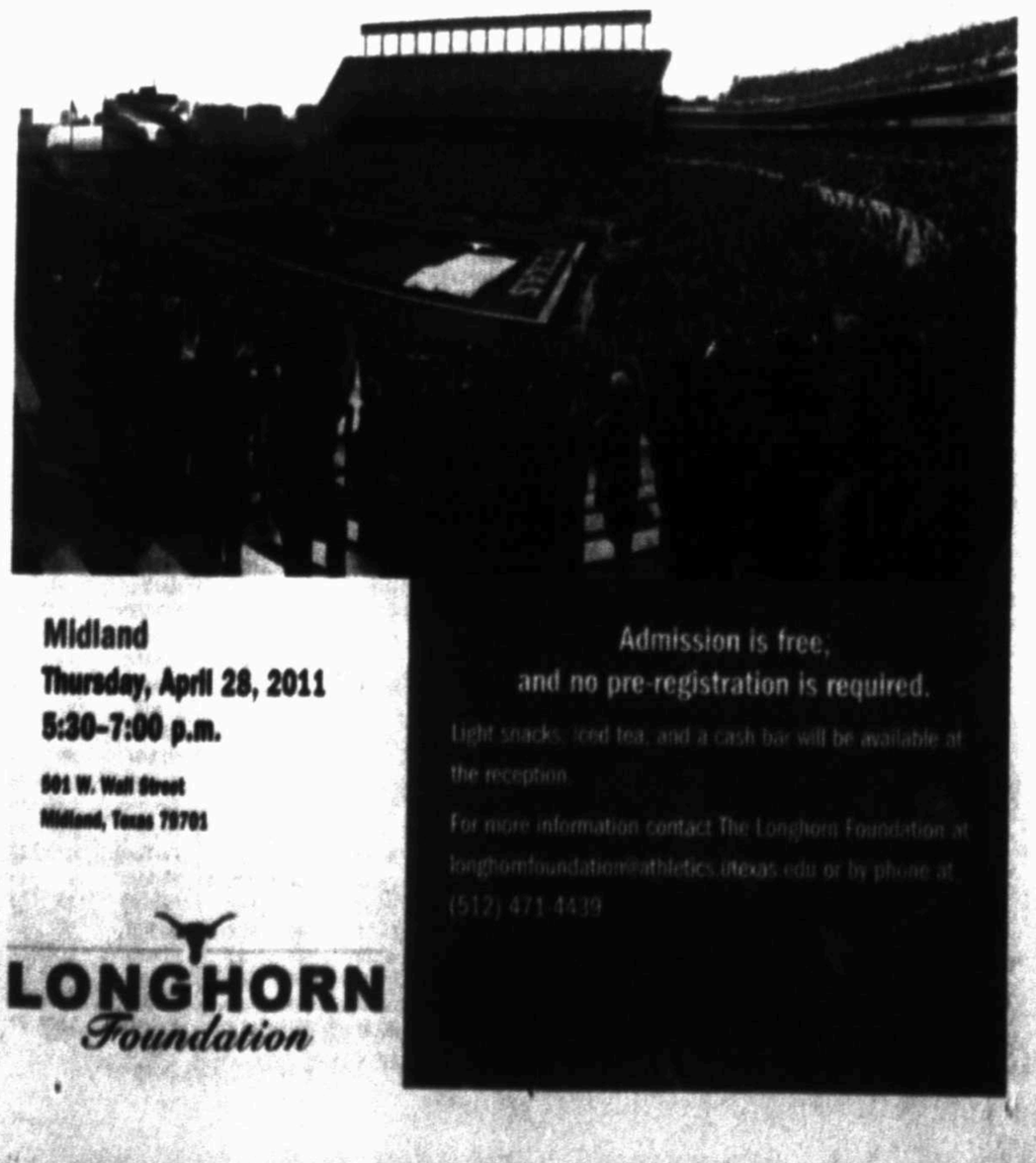

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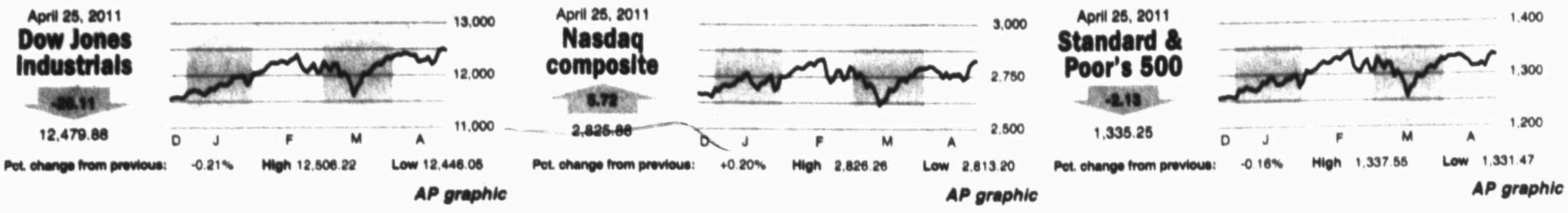

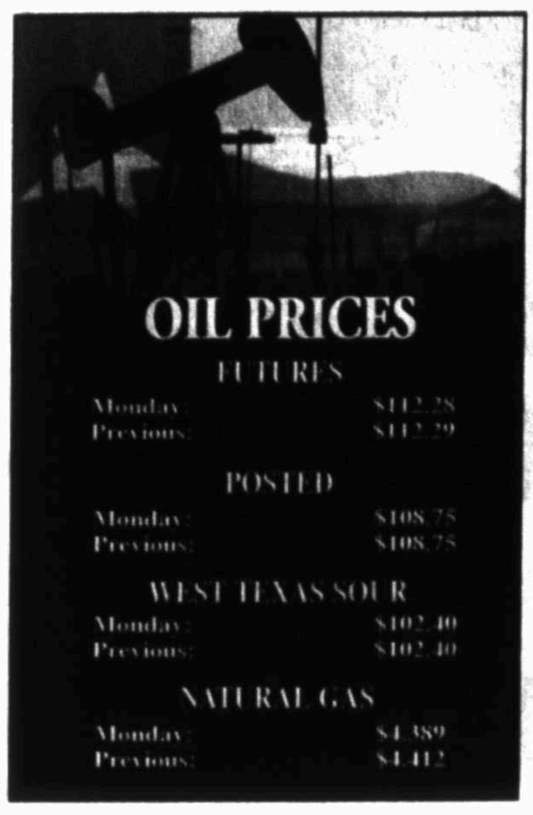

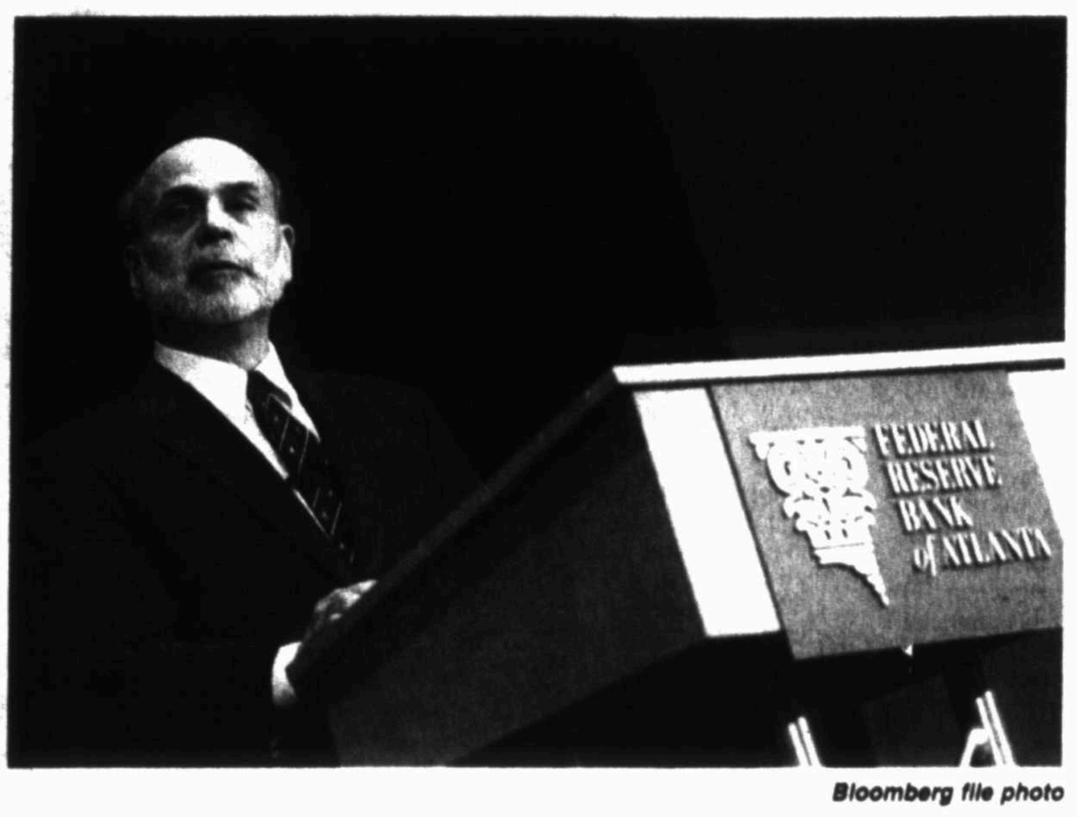

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PLANNING THE NEXT MOVE Ben Bernanke, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, speaks during the Financial Markets Conference in Stone Mountain, Ga., on April 4. With the economy showing signs of strength, the Fed debates what its next move will be.

Oil down a penny

Oil was flat Monday, as the dollar pulled back from lows set earlier in the day and investors awaited this week's Fed meeting.

Oil is priced in dollars, so it tends to fall as the dollar strengthens and makes crude more expensive for investors holding foreign money. While the dollar was down slightly versus other major currencies, it bounced back from earlier lows.

The dollar has been weak because investors think the Federal Reserve will continue to keep interest rates near zero when it meets Tuesday and Wednesday. Other central banks have been raising interest rates out of concerns about inflation. Rock-bottom U.S. interest rates make the dollar less attractive to investors.

Benchmark crude for June delivery lost a penny to settle at $112.28 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude lost 33 cents to settle at $123.66 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Gas pump prices continued to climb for the 34th straight day, to a national average of more than $3.86 per gallon, according to AAA. Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular has increased 32 cents since March 22. The average price is now a dollar more per gallon than a year ago.

In other Nymex trading, heating oil lost 1.73 cents to settle at $3.1989 per gallon and gasoline futures added less than a penny to settle at $3.2785 per gallon. Natural gas dropped 2.3 cents to $4.389 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar ends day mixed

The dollar was mixed against other major currencies Monday ahead of a key meeting of Federal Reserve policymakers that could affect how investors think the central bank will act later this year.

The euro edged up to $1.4585 late Monday from $1.4550 late Friday, less than a cent shy of a 16-month high of $1.4648 set last week. The British pound dipped to $1.6505 from $1.6516, while the dollar was worth 82.24 Japanese yen from 81.90 yen.

In other trading Monday, the dollar traded at 95.44 Canadian cents from 95.45 Canadian cents and fell to 0.8809 Swiss franc from 0.8860 Swiss franc.

Investors bought gold for June delivery, which rose $5.30 to settle at $1,509.10 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $29.57 Down 0.28

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $93.12 Down 1.87

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $105.70 Up 0.41

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $40.96 Down 0.07

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $33.24 Up 0.16

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $11.61 Down 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.05 Down 0.36

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	2318859	4.32	-.03
iShSilver	1829478	45.83	+.29
BkofAm	1107675	12.44	+.13
S&P500ETF	581783	133.64	-.14
GenElec	547174	19.89	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AirBrush rs	3.73	+.60	+19.2
Ennis Inc	20.03	+2.06	+11.5
CapitlTr	4.05	+.36	+9.8
Accuride	4.99	+.42	+9.2
IntlGame	17.84	+1.51	+9.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LinchPin g	418.22	-43.56	-9.4
Gramcy	2.62	-.22	-7.7
BarrickG	51.86	-3.77	-6.8
CityStCkg n	16.98	-1.22	-6.7
MLSel10 5-12	6.93	-.42	-5.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,388
Declined	1,654
Unchanged	115
Total issues	3,157
New Highs	200
New Lows	14
Volume	2,945,211,710

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GtPanSilv g	85519	3.60	-.32
AvalRare n	45493	9.40	+.08
AmApparel	43576	1.58	+.34
CFCda g	41398	24.99	+.19
RareEle g	40722	14.41	+.75

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Quepasa	8.84	+1.12	+14.5
Advntrx rs	2.55	+.19	+8.1
ChinaShen	4.81	+.36	+8.1
Versar	3.16	+.20	+6.8
ChiMetRur	4.24	+.24	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
B&HO	3.26	-.43	-11.7
SinusXM	5.10	-.61	-10.7
GtPanSilv g	3.60	-.32	-8.2
ChiArmM	2.15	-.17	-7.3
EngySvcs	3.11	-.23	-6.9

DIARY

Advanced	182
Declined	305
Unchanged	32
Total issues	519
New Highs	20
New Lows	3
Volume	124,039,159

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	801835	21.94	+.48
SirusXM	510615	1.96	+.03
Cisco	422810	17.10	+.16
Microsoft	327399	25.61	+.09
Popular	245813	3.24	+.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ramtrn	2.95	+.56	+23.4
AcadiaPh	2.73	+.49	+21.9
HansenMed	3.48	+.44	+14.5
CentEuro	12.63	+1.59	+14.4
Aegerion n	18.80	+2.20	+13.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FstIndTch n	22.00	-4.30	-16.3
Multiband	3.41	-.45	-11.7
AvidTch	18.93	-2.40	-11.2
Delcath	7.36	-.90	-10.9
SinoCEn rs	3.67	-.45	-10.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,189
Declined	1,395
Unchanged	146
Total issues	2,730
New Highs	122
New Lows	22
Volume	1,458,079,382

As economy strengthens, Fed weighs what's next

By Jeannine Aversae
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is increasingly confident in the economy and about to end a $600 billion program to support it. Now for the next step — figuring out how to keep inflation from taking off.

Since late last year, the Fed has bought government bonds to keep interest rates low. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are expected to signal this week that they will allow the program to expire as scheduled in June.

The end of the bond-buying program would mean that, aside from tax cuts, almost all the extraordinary measures the government took to prop up the economy are over. Congress is fighting over how deeply to cut federal spending, not whether to spend more for stimulus.

Since the Fed announced the plan last August, worries that the economy would fall back into recession have all but disappeared. The private sector is adding jobs, and the stock market is at its highest point since the summer of 2008.

But higher oil and food prices pose a threat. If companies are forced to raise prices quickly to make up for escalating costs, that could start a spiral of inflation. Exactly how much of a threat inflation poses to the economy right now is a matter of disagreement within the central bank.

A vocal minority, including the Fed regional chiefs in Philadelphia and Minneapolis, believe the Fed may need to raise interest rates by the end of this year to fight inflation. The Fed has kept its benchmark interest rate near zero since December 2008.

And, Richard Fisher, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, argues that the Fed has done its job and should consider halting the bond program now, not in June. "Now we at the Fed are nearing a tipping point," Fisher told reporters earlier this month, referring to inflation.

The majority — including Bernanke, vice chairwoman Janet Yellen and William Dudley, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York — believe interest rates should stay low longer, and the bond-buying program should run its course.

Bernanke has predicted that the jump in oil and food prices will cause only a brief, modest increase in consumer inflation. Excluding those prices, which tend to fluctuate sharply, inflation is still low, he has argued.

Bill Gross, who manages the world's largest mutual fund at Pimco, worries that rates on Treasury bonds will rise when the Fed stops buying them. If other buyers don't step in and there's less demand for Treasury bonds, then the rates, or yields, on those bonds would rise. That would drive down prices on bonds. Rates on mortgages, corporate debt and other loans pegged to the Treasury securities would rise, too. Higher borrowing costs could slow spending by people and businesses, and slow the overall economy.

Fed officials and others believe that because the end of the program has been well telegraphed, it won't have much of an impact on bond rates. That was the case in 2010 when the Fed ended a $1.7 trillion stimulus program.

The bond-buying program was the Fed's second since the recession, and is known as "quantitative easing," or "QE2" for short. The economy would have to be in serious danger of tipping into another recession for the Fed to consider embarking on a third round.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	30.55	-.13	+4.0
Abraxas	...	...	5.12	-.04	+12.0
AdamsEx	.81e	...	11.21	-.09	+4.4
AMD	...	14	8.70	-.01	+5.4
AlcatelLuc	...	...	6.22	+.08	+110.1
Alcoa	.12	24	16.89	-.08	+9.7
AlonUSA	.16	...	14.28	-.10	+138.8
Amgen	...	11	54.89	+1.00	-.4
Anadarko	.36	82	79.00	-.07	+8.7
Apache	.60	14	122.60	-.72	+2.8
Apldmtrl	.32f	18	15.30	+.06	+8.9
ATMOS	1.36	17	33.46	+.03	+7.2
AutoData	1.44	22	50.17	+.17	+14.9
BP PLC	.42a	...	44.66	-.06	+6.1
BakrHu	.60	37	73.74	-.74	+29.0
BkofAm	.04	23	12.44	+.13	-8.7
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	24.31	-.57	-36.4
BarrickG	.48	16	51.86	-3.77	-2.5
BasicEnSv	...	...	29.57	-.28	+79.4
BerkHa A	...	16	123445.00	-346.00	+3.5
BerryPet	.20	34	52.12	+.24	+19.3
BlkHillsCp	1.48f	19	33.40	+.04	+11.3
BostonSci	...	21	7.31	+.15	-3.4
BrityBg	1.32	16	27.74	+.08	+4.8
BrodeCm	...	20	6.18	+.22	+16.8
BrownFA	1.25e	22	70.60	+.19	+1.7
BrownFB	1.25e	22	71.79	+.19	+8.1
CVS Care	.50	14	36.02	+.19	+3.6
Cameron	...	23	54.14	-.39	+8.7
Caterpillar	1.76	26	108.85	-.57	+16.2
Celestic g	...	19	11.01	-.09	+13.5
CntryLink	2.90	12	39.39	-.12	+14.7
ChesEng	.30	11	32.51	+.16	+25.5
Chevron	3.00	11	107.42	+.71	+17.7
Chicos	.20	23	14.93	-.04	+24.1
Chimera	.59e	6	3.95	+.01	-3.9
Citigrp	.04f	16	108.99	+.14	+23.1
Cisco	.24	13	17.10	+.16	+15.5
Citigrp	...	19	4.32	-.03	+6.4
CliffsNR	...	91	99.15	+1.07	+16.9
CocaCola	1.88f	19	67.74	+.14	+8.6
ColgPal	2.32f	17	79.80	+.75	-.9
ConocPhil	...	21	74.15	+.83	+15.6
ConsAgra	.80	16	24.85	-.07	+6.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	...	106.70	+.41	+20.8
ConocoPhil	2.64f	12	80.48	+.26	+16.2
Corning	.20	9	20.27	+.12	+4.9
CrackerB	.88	13	50.61	-.07	-7.6
CrosTim	2.83e	16	46.70	+.17	+14.6
DCP Mid	2.47f	47	43.22	+.05	+15.6
DTE	2.24	13	49.41	-.06	+9.0
Dataram h	...	...	2.03	+.05	+29.1
Dawson	...	...	40.96	-.07	+28.4
Dell Inc	...	11	15.36	+.11	+13.5
DeltaAir	...	13	9.00	-.05	-28.6
DevonE	.68f	9	86.21	-.80	+12.4
Disney	.40f	19	41.93	-.34	+11.8
DowChm	1.60f	22	39.36	-.10	+18.3
EMC Cp	...	31	28.29	-.16	+23.5
EOG Res	.64f	...	110.24	+1.63	+30.7
EmipDist	1.28	19	31.72	+.02	-0.2
Energen	.54f	15	62.42	+.13	+29.3
EngyTsfr	3.56	45	54.09	+.39	+4.4
EnPro	...	13	38.61	+.36	-7.1
EntPrPt	2.39f	36	43.66	+.32	+4.9
EricsnTel	.35e	...	13.06	+.15	+13.5
Exterran h	...	...	22.47	...	-8.2
ExxonMbl	1.76	14	86.22	-.14	+17.8
FifthThird	.24f	16	12.92	-.24	-12.0
Ford M	...	8	15.54	+.11	-7.4
ForestOil	...	21	35.09	+.19	-7.6
FMCG s	1.00a	11	84.79	-.06	-8.6
FreseniM	...	...	3.67	-.06	+16.8
GATX	1.16f	25	40.80	-.20	+18.3
GenDiesl	.80	...	7.94	+.06	-8.5
GMInv	.40a	...	25.82	+.06	+8.3
GenElec	.60f	18	19.89	-.06	+8.7
GenMot n	...	11	31.14	+.19	-16.5
GlaxoSkl	...	12	39.20	+.14	+8.2
Goltsmn	...	...	5.15	+.02	+112.8
GoldKtn	1.16	21	66.92	-1.11	-1.3
GlPlantSk	.80	12	19.60	+.04	+2.8
Halliblrtn	.36	21	50.65	+.16	+34.0
Hasbro	1.80	17	40.37	-.20	+1.3
HewlettP	.32	10	40.53	-.06	-9.7
Hilsdrd	...	...	91.01	+.26	-4.4
HuntBnk	.04	21	6.57	+.11	-4.4
iShJapn	.14e	...	10.21	-.01	-4.4

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iShSilver			45.83	+.29	+51.9
iShEMkts	.64e	...	49.77	-.41	+4.5
iS Eafe	1.42e	...	62.07	...	+6.6
iShR2K	.89e	...	84.34	-.11	+7.8
IntegrysE	2.72	22	50.46	+.16	+4.0
Intel	.72	10	21.94	+.48	+4.3
InterDig	.40	13	45.36	-.55	+8.9
IntlGame	.24	21	17.84	+1.51	+.8
JPMorgCh	1.00f	10	44.61	-.07	+5.2
JohnJn	2.16	14	64.11	+.04	+8.7
KimbClk	3.80	14	64.34	-1.21	+1.8
KindME	4.56f	47	77.34	+1.30	+10.1
KindMM	4.56f	61	67.66	+.36	+1.5
LegacyRes	2.12f	...	33.24	+.16	+15.7
LeeEnt	...	...	1.64	+.01	+67.3
Lilly	...	...	5.30	-.10	-17.1
MagellCp s	1.20f	...	16.16	-.34	+6.8
McDnlds	2.44	16	77.13	+.22	+.5
Merck	1.82	17	34.33	+.29	-4.7
MerrillMed	...	47	24.06	+.84	+61.9
MexcoEn	...	89	11.61	-.19	+51.5
MicronT	...	8	11.33	-.19	+41.3
Microsoft	.64	9	25.61	+.09	-8.2
MorgStan	.20	13	25.78	-.70	-8.3
Nabors	...	98	31.58	+.25	+36.0
NatGrid	7.04e	...	49.70	+.01	+12.0
NOVAtarg	.44	20	70.40	+.17	+18.1
NokiaCp	.55e	...	6.66	+.05	-15.9
NvMAd	.80	...	12.89	+.06	-1.8
NvPtII	.07	...	12.89	...	-8.5
NuvPI	.92	...	12.46	+.01	-8.6
NBTPfB	.84	...	13.16	+.01	+.8
NTXGI	.96	...	15.17	+.10	+1.7
Nvidia	...	45	15.61	+.29	+22.1
OasisPet	1.84f	16	100.39	+.14	+8.8
Oracle	.24f	23	34.83	+.08	+11.3
PerTech	...	23	4.85	+.04	+13.0
PerkDtl	...	...	7.15	+.09	+66.6
PetBrtlS	.89	51	50.64	+.01	+48.1
PetChE	.60	...	14.71	+.01	+1.8
Pmtair	1.35a	16	22.35	+.11	-1.5
Pfizer	.88f	29	20.14	+.05	+15.0
PotashCp	.08	20	100.57	+.57	+15.0
PrimeAAA	3.58f	57	66.00	+.09	+8.8
Popular	...	...	3.24	+.08	+8.2

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PwShs QQQ	.36e	...	58.49	+.15	+7.4
Praxair	2.00f	27	106.81	+.30	+11.9
PrmEgy	...	37	28.10	+.39	+46.2
ProUltSlv rs			14.56	-.16	-62.9
ProctGam	2.10f	17	63.37	+.10	-1.8
RAM Engy	...	...	2.06	+.04	+12.0
RangePR	.16	...	69.11	-1.10	+18.1
Rowan	...	18	41.81	-.40	+19.8
RoyDShllA	3.36	23	75.05	+.36	+12.4
SpdrDJIA	3.00e	...	124.55	-.24	+7.7
SpdrGold	...	...	146.87	+.13	+5.9
S&P500ETF	2.34e	...	133.64	-.14	+6.3
SabnR	3.75e	19	69.06	+.71	+16.0
SanderPm	.68f	7	46.27	+.44	+18.4
SandRidge	...	15	12.41	+.19	+69.8
Sapient	...	30	12.65	+.18	+4.4
Schlmbrg	1.00	24	86.06	+1.79	+5.4
SeagateT	.72	6	18.20	+.06	+21.1
SigmaAld	.72f	22	67.27	+.51	+1.1
SilvWhtn g	.12	40	41.03	+1.33	+5.1
SirusXM	...	...	1.96	+.03	+20.2
Smucker	1.76	17	72.97	-.62	+11.2
SwstAirl	.02	10	11.81	+.20	+11.3
SprintNex	...	...	4.80	-.01	+13.5
SPDR Fncl	.16a	...	16.06	-.02	+.8
SunocoLg	4.72f	9	39.42	+.69	+5.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TaiwSemi	.47e	...	12.28	-.28	-2.1
TelefBrasil	1.98e	...	35.86	-.03	+13.3
Tenethlth	...	3	5.86	+.11	+2.8
Tesoro	...	13	27.64	+.09	+49.1
TexasPnrm	.78e	14	48.71	+.70	-12.3
3M Co	2.20f	17	94.12	+.20	+9.1
Trahmrk	.84	11	66.34	+.56	+10.9
TriContl	.28e	...	14.89	+.02	+7.8
TylerTech	...	83	23.70	-.12	+14.2
UBWY	1.20	18	25.10	-.22	-14.0
US Bancrp	.50f	13	25.09	-.10	-7.1
Vale SA	.90e	...	33.57	+.03	-2.9
ValeroE	.20	51	29.11	+.06	+25.9
VangEmg	.82e	...	50.25	-.43	+4.4
Vulcanhl	1.00	...	43.84	+.16	-1.2
Walgrn	.70	18	42.46	+.04	+9.0
Wealthfrnt	...	...	20.50	-.07	-9.7
WellsFargo	.48f	12	28.56	+.02	-7.8
WstnRefin	...	...	18.60	-.30	+76.7
WhitngPt s	...	32	72.67	+.35	+24.0
WmsCos	.50	24	32.02	+.05	+29.5
XcelEngy	1.01	15	24.06	+.01	+8.2
Xerox	.17	21	10.69	-.19	+12.9
Yahoo	...	20	17.11	+.26	+2.9
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,500.00	6,914.52	Dow Jones Industrials	12,479.86	-26.11	-.21	+7.79	+11.38
5,404.33	3,672.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,300.81	+10.09	+.19	+3.80	+11.45
452.40	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	418.49	+.12	+.03	+3.83	+8.17
8,545.78	6,356.89	NYSE Composite	8,468.32	+19.11	+.22	+6.54	+10.82
2,468.04	1,699.19	Amex Index	2,446.62	+5.18	+.21	+10.79	+33.09
2,840.51	2,091.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,825.86	+5.72	+.20	+5.82	+12.01
1,344.07	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,335.25	-2.13	-.16	+6.17	+10.16
14,276.84	10.80	Wilshire 5000	14,185.92	-19.44	-.14	+6.89	+11.22
859.08	587.66	Russell 2000	844.23	-1.41	+.17	+7.79	+14.89

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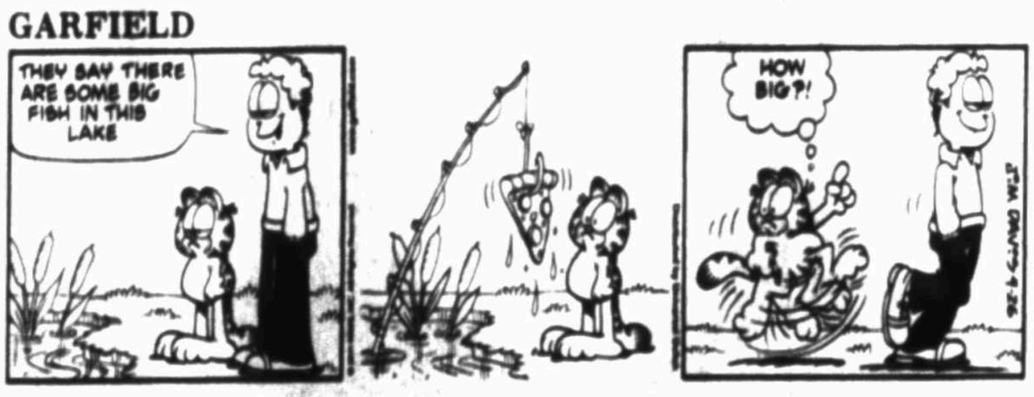

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FOUND 2 dogs. Grafa Area. 1 black male Lab. 1 Golden retreiver 559-9159.

FOUND BLACK male Dachshund, after fires at Leisure Estates. No collar. 631-5044.

FOUND FEMALE Yorkshire Terrier mix, has red & black collar & flea collar. 528-5989

FOUND SMALL black female German Shepherd, near Garfield/Castleford. 528-0516.

FOUND YOUNG male red and white Border Collie mix. Big Spring St. 664-0171.

FOUND LARGE dog. Lab Wermaraner Mix. Midland Dr & Andrews Hwy. 518-221-3600.

LOST 5 YEAR old neutered male dewclawed, black & white, long haired, partially shaved cat. Lost on 3400 block of County Rd 1220. Reward. 432-528-8611, 528-8983

LOST BLACK male Chihuahua, answers to PJ, lost around Tremont area. Call 638-2714.

LOST ENGLISH Bulldog, male, red brindle and white neutered. Scarborough and I Street. Call 432-682-1814 or 817-676-5510.

LOST LARGE gray fat female cat near Texland Estates. Call 432-230-2952.

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Passenger Cars

ACURA 2003 CL S Type, XM radio, fully loaded, $8,500 OBO. 432-599-7009

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CAUSE No. P-16580
ESTATE OF BILLIE G. RUPPE, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BILLIE G. RUPPE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BILLIE G. RUPPE, Deceased, were issued on April 19th, 2011, in Cause No. P-16580, regarding Will dated April 2, 2010, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: COLETTA C. RUPPE IVY, Independent Executrix, whose address is 2947 Castle Woods Lane, IA 52001.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 20th day of April, 2011.

/s/ COLETTA C. RUPPE IVY
Independent Executrix

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BMW 2001 325i White, sports package, 114K miles. $9,950. 432-553-7332

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CHEVROLET 1995 Corvette Convertible, 40K mi, all new tires. $14,000 obo 213-2893

CHEVY 2009 Malibu, 64K miles, $2,000 down with pick up payments. Call 352-9739

DODGE 2005 Neon, 4 cylander, 89k miles $3,400 FORD 1994 Mustang 8 cylander, $1,400 432-238-3185.

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FORD 2003 Taurus Gray, leather, 4 dr, 91K, nice car $4,750 352-8999

FORD 2004 Mustang 40th Edition, v6, white clean & good running condition. 88K miles, $6400 obo. 556-7930.

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HONDA 2004 CIVIC EX, 42k mi, red, excellent condition, $9,900. 934-3881, 230-7376

HONDA 2005 Accord EX, 83,600 mi, leather, loaded, geat car, $11,500. 230-7387

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2008 BMW
(2) 528i & (2) 535i Assorted colors, all leather seats, all nicely equipped 13k - 40k miles

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White/Tan 4X4

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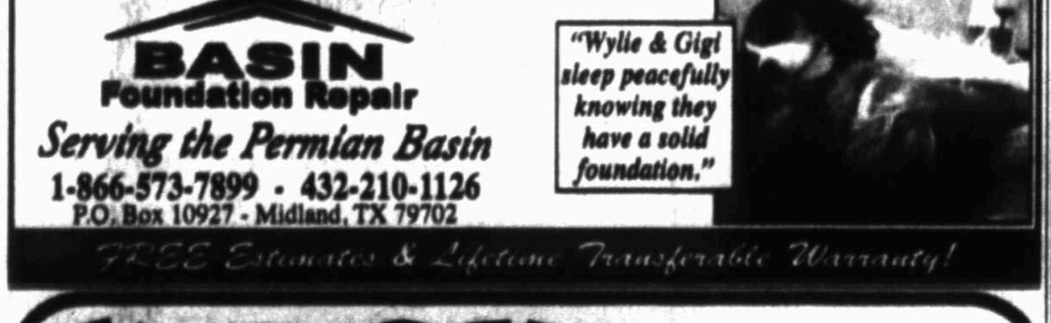

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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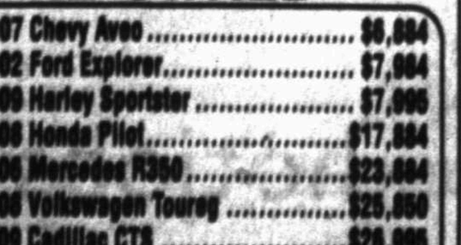

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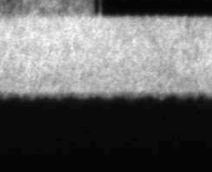

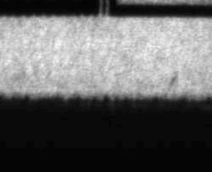

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SHOCKING POWER

In this April 16 photo provided by Bonnie Burkett, above, a tornado moves through Colerain, N.C. The photographer, Richard Burkett, snapped the picture shortly before he and his wife took cover in a closet underneath their stairs. The tornado hit their barn and came over their house seconds after the picture was taken. AT RIGHT Debris is scattered into a tree as the sun rises over a mobile home community in Dunn, N.C., April 19 after a tornado ripped through the area April 16.

AP Photos

15-state tornado outbreak deadliest since 2008

By Randolph Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The devastation is stunning — homes and lives shattered as the deadliest swarm of twisters in three years battered up to 15 states. Ultimately, this could turn out to be among the top 10 three-day outbreaks for number of tornadoes, though experts can't be sure until all the reports are sorted, said Greg Carbin of the federal Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

While tornadoes occur regularly, their power always shocks.

This time it was storms battering their way from Oklahoma to North Carolina, claiming at least 44 lives, almost half of those in North Carolina. It was the deadliest since Feb. 5, 2008, when 57 died in the "Super Tuesday" election day tornadoes in the Southeast. And that was the highest tornado death toll since 76 died in 1985.

"A major storm system like this is going to happen every few years, usually in April or May," said Carbin.

While May is the nation's busiest month for twisters, they surge sharply in April, and most early spring tornadoes strike the Southeast and South Central states.

Indeed, the biggest tornado outbreak on record occurred April 3-4, 1974 when 147 confirmed twisters touched down in 13 states, claiming 310 lives in the United States and 8 in Canada.

For about the past 30 years, the United States has averaged 135 tornadoes in April, the highest number being 266 in 1974, according to Jake Crouch of the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

In these latest storms, the National Weather Service is investigating 267 preliminary tornado reports — including 97 in North Carolina on Saturday. But many of those will turn out to be duplicates, Carbin said in a telephone interview

Such a large number of reports has become typical in recent years as more people watch for the storms and call them in. Normally more than half turn out to be duplicates and Carbin estimated that the final count for this series of storms will be around 140.

Teams are out assessing the damage now, but he said it can take several days to more than a week to make a final determination.

In this case, the storm system first developed over the Pacific and intensified when it got to the central Plains on Thursday where the dry western air collided with the warm humid air from the Gulf of Mexico.

From there, the storms developed "pretty much as expected" over Oklahoma, Carbin said. Overnight, the storms merged into a fast-moving front crossing Arkansas and into the Mississippi River Valley, drawing fuel from daytime heating, striking on into Mississippi and Alabama and then into the Appalachians by Saturday morning. Then the storms again strengthened with daytime heat for the third day of tornadoes, hitting North Carolina hardest.

It's that intersection of dry and wet air masses that sets up Tornado Alley, the region in the center of the country regularly pummeled by tornadoes.

Overall, from Thursday through Saturday, there were reports of funnel clouds in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

April's reputation as a deadly month was cemented in 1936 when a twister killed 216 people in Mississippi on April 5, and a day later another 203 died in Georgia. And 143 people died in Louisiana and Mississippi April 25, 1908.

Recent years tend to be marked by more tornadoes and fewer deaths, as forecasts have improved, along with communications, allowing people to prepare and also encouraging people to report funnel clouds to authorities.

Unlike tornado outbreaks of the past, the National Weather Service reports that nearly 90 percent of the past weekend's reported storms occurred in areas where tornado warnings were in effect. In central North Carolina, 97 percent of the tornadoes were in areas where warnings had been issued, with an average lead time of almost 26 minutes.

By contrast, before 1950 the use of the term tornado in forecasts was discouraged because of a fear that predicting them would cause panic. The first successful tornado forecast was made by Air Force meteorologists at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma in 1948.

There are plenty of time-killing websites

Dear PropellerHeads: My girlfriend just broke up with me, so I have more time on my hands. Do you have suggestions for some fun websites I can visit just to kill some time?

A: Might your wish to spend more time on the web be a clue to the break-up? We won't go there. For now I'll give you some suggestions of sites that will entertain you, allow for your self-expression (I'm guessing you could use some of that), and maybe even give you know-ledge to use for the future. Here goes!

Almost everyone has at least seen one or two clips from YouTube (www.youtube.com). It's a great resource if you're a music lover too. Visit YouTube and spend some time bop-ping to all the break-up songs. From Tammy Wynette's "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" to Katy Perry's "Hot N Cold", let's hope you gain some relationship insight as you listen.

One of my favorite sites to peruse when I have a little time on my hands is Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org). Wikipedia features a daily article to build your knowledge. But if that article doesn't grab you, you can search for any topic and find out tons of information. Might I suggest searching "breakup?" I think you could use a little help in that area.

The Millennials of my family love Reddit (www.reddit.com). It is a forum-style site where you can read other's posts and post yourself (i.e. the self-expression I mentioned earlier; just don't be a bore trashing your former love). I just read a post that suggested going to the gym after a breakup. Oh wait, that suggestion would get you AWAY from your computer and we don't want that. So spend some time on Reddit. If you're tired of only thinking of your breakup, you can click on sub-topic links on the top of the page that look interesting, or just click the "random" button and read whatever pops up.

If you just need a laugh to lift your spirits, take a look at FAIL Blog (http://failblog.org). Seeing others fail in their freaky attempts to do the simplest of things may be just you need to lift your mood.

The web is full of self-help options also. Want to build your vocabulary? Try spending some time with Merriam-Webster (www.merriam-webster.com) to view and learn their word of the day. Today's word is compurgator, meaning "one who under oath vouches for the character or conduct of an accused person." I sincerely hope you weren't counting on that kind of support from your former girlfriend.

Maybe a college psychology course on Human Happiness is just what you need to get back on track. Take a look at www.openculture.com/freeonlinecourses. There you will find over 350 free college courses available for download. If nothing else, perhaps you can impress your next prospect by spewing random knowledge you've gained from all of your free time.

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