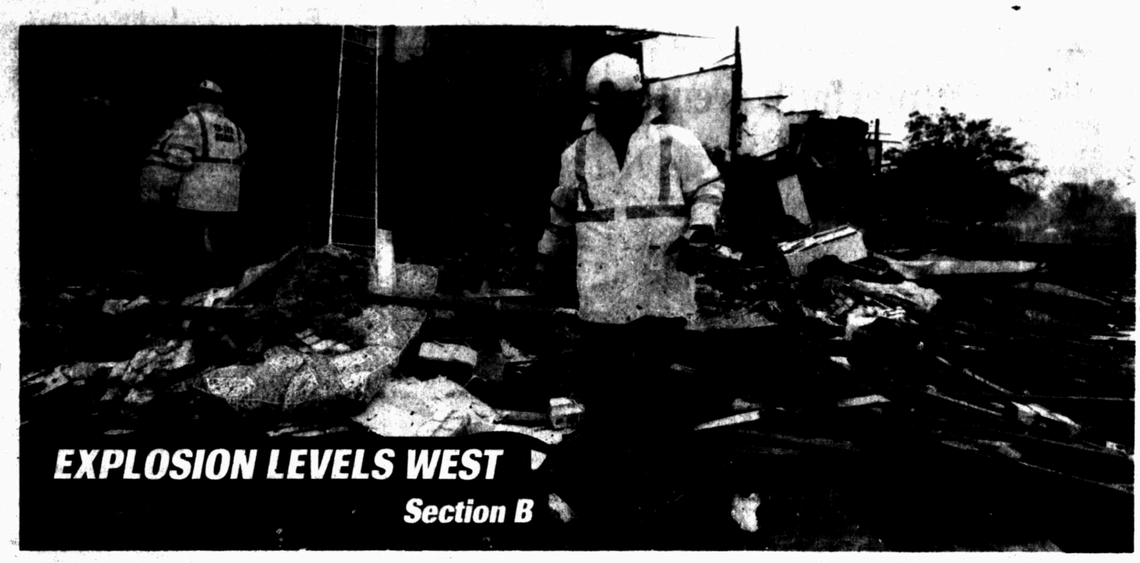

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WELCOME TO THE HALL

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Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame inductees, from left, Scott Sheffield; state Rep. Tom Craddick; Janet Stoltz, who represented her late husband Deane Stoltz; and Tim Leach were honored Thursday at Midland Center. A dinner celebrated the induction of the four new members into the hall of fame. Leach is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Concho Resources. Sheffield is chairman and chief executive officer of Pioneer Natural Resources. Stoltz ran his own independent oil and gas company at the time of his death in 2006. Each odd-numbered year, the museum inducts up to four members or teams selected from public nominations. The first members joined in 1968, and the Hall of Fame now numbers more than 100.

Running club honors Boston attack victims

By Joseph Basco
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Inside

The FBI on Thursday released photos of two suspects in the Monday bombing of the Boston Marathon.

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Despite the terror that impacted Boston and the running community Monday, local runners came together for a run at Wadley Barron Park on Thursday evening, showing that the community was resilient to fear.

"It is the running community that comes together and keeps going," said Shawn Hailey, president of the Permian Basin Running Club.

The group organized an event to honor the victims of Monday's Boston Marathon attack. PBRC handed out shirts, spoke a few words and had a lap of silence. But most importantly, they kept running.

One of Hailey's friends, U.S. Paralympic runner Jim Bob Bizzell, said runners have it in their blood to keep going. To give that feeling of endurance and motivation, Bizzell is going to Boston to meet with some of the victims who have lost their limbs.

"It broke my heart," Bizzell said about the attack. "I was speechless. Words can't explain my feelings."

Bizzell said it was like a new life for him when he lost his left leg because he had to adapt.

When he goes to Boston in a few weeks, he hopes to give the victims moral support, he said.

"I want to tell them that everything is OK, that this won't slow them down," Bizzell said.

The group that showed up Thursday evening to run did not let the tragedy stop them from meeting one another, bringing their sons and daughters and motivating each other to run.

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UTPB cleared for bachelor's of nursing program

By Meredith Moriak
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ODESSA — The opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing from UTPB finally became a reality Thursday when the Texas Board of Nursing granted initial approval, allowing the university to clear the final hurdle of program implementation.

UTPB will accept its first cohort of 40 junior-level nursing students this fall and an additional cohort of 40 students for spring 2014. The first graduating class of students prepared for the initial registered nurse licensure is expected in May 2015.

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State Board of Nursing closes Midland College vocational nursing program

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Online

Visit mywesttexas.com to read the State Board of Nursing proposal for a baccalaureate degree nursing education program at UTPB and to review UTPB's nursing program admission application.

"This is great news," said UTPB President David Watts in a news release. "This program will help meet an increasing need for nursing professionals to assume roles in practice and leadership within the Permian Basin and the state."

"Starting the BSN program at UT Permian Basin will help strengthen the nurse workforce," said Dorothy Jackson, director of nursing, in a news release. "It's been shown that the more education nurses have, the more ability they have to save lives."

Until Thursday, the only local program that allowed students to complete a BSN was the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing at Odessa.

Hoping to address the region's shortage of nurses, UTPB began the multi-year process of establishing a bachelor's degree of science in nursing by hiring Jackson and sending a letter of intent to establish a program with the nursing board in spring 2011.

The administration called for the renovation of a floor in the Mesa Building to make space for nursing instruction, including a nursing simulation center and faculty offices.

UTPB submitted its first proposal for a nursing program to the nursing board in February 2012 and a revised proposal in

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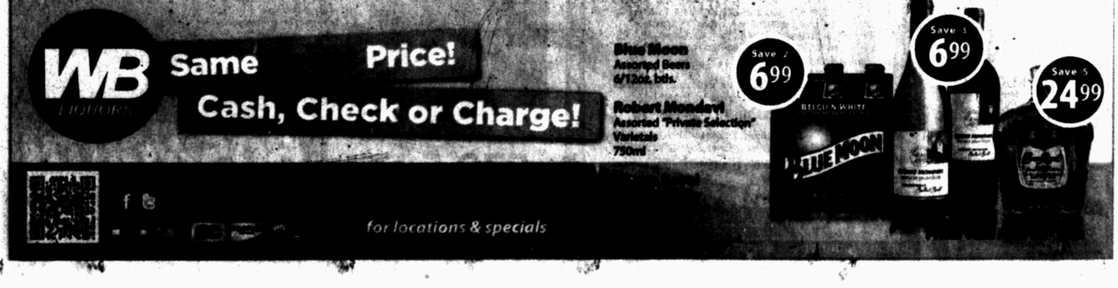

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Interfaith event promotes tolerance, understanding

By Maggie Pearson
MRT Correspondent

In an effort to promote peace and tolerance, leaders from different religious backgrounds met Wednesday night in Midland for an interfaith discussion. St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church played host to leaders of the Baptist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Mormon faiths and more than a hundred listeners.

"I'm reluctant to believe that any religion is wrong, so for me, it's (about) finding a way to correlate every religion to the other religions," said Adam Syed, a member of the audience and the Muslim Association of West Texas.

Syed's Muslim faith was represented on stage by Imam Wazir Ali, of Houston. The imam was one of the six who responded to a set of questions surrounding his faith and what role it plays in the day-to-day lives of people all over the world.

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Religious leaders from left, Rev. Randel Everett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Midland; Rev. Sam B. Hulsey, retired bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas; Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami of a Hindu Monastery in Kauai, Hawaii; Rabbi Holly Levin Cohn, of the Temple Beth El in Odessa; Jerry Zant, Odessa stake president of the Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints; and Imam Wazir Ali, of Masjid Warithud-Deen Mohammed in Houston, participate in an annual Interfaith Event on Wednesday at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church.

"It was the plan of God that the world is a pluralistic place," said Ali. "What he wants us to do instead of looking at pluralism and diversity as a problem is look at it as an opportunity to benefit from the genius of other human beings and other cultures."

Much of the night's messages — from all religions — had tones of tolerance, love, acceptance and harmony. Questions ranged from how the different faiths can co-exist peaceably in today's world to complex issues such as what each religion teaches about death, resurrection and an afterlife.

"Thank goodness the details are not real clear," Bishop Sam B. Hulsey said jokingly. Hulsey is retired from the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami, of Kauai's Hindu Monastery, explained to the West Texas audience that his faith does not teach about resurrection. The resurrection is such a foreign concept in the Hindu faith that he took time to explain the basis of it to people in the audience who might not recognize the term or know its meaning.

"This idea of the resurrection is focused on what's going to happen to the body ... where the Hindu idea is focused on not the body, but the soul," he said.

Despite differing views on the specifics, all leaders seemed in agreement on the existence of a higher power and that power's desire for humans to live peacefully and in harmony, always caring for the needs of others.

"It was a much more difficult thing to make the whole creation than it was to bring a man back to life. How can you reject faith in God if, when you were dead, he brought you to life?" Ali asked.

When asked about the most important thing that comes from the annual Interfaith Event of the Permian Basin, Syed said, "Sharing of knowledge, sharing of ideas, a quest for the truth."

Also participating in the discussion were the Rev. Randel Everett, of First Baptist Church; Rabbi Holly Levin Cohn, of Temple Beth El in Odessa; and Jerry Zant, stake president of the Odessa Texas Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

RELIGIOUSEVENTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Women's conference starts today

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, 200 N. Lincoln St., will host its sixth annual women's conference today and Saturday. The theme will be "Even on Broken Pieces Come Ashore." Events begin at 7 p.m. today and 10 a.m. Saturday. Speakers include author Karen Spencer, of St. Louis, Alice Austin, of Palestine, and Hattie Tennon and Constance Roberts, both of Midland. For more information, call Archia Jones at 889-7006.

Run Around the World race slated for Saturday

Living Way Foursquare Church is sponsoring Run Around the World 5K Run/Walk on Saturday at Scharbauer Sports Complex to benefit Didasko Children's Home in Honduras. The event will begin with a kids fun run at 8:30 a.m. The 5K walk/run begins at 9 a.m. Registration is $25 for the 5K and $5 for the kids run. For more information, visit active.com and search for Run Around the World or call Ashley at 770-6232.

Musical tells story from child's perspective

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 West Illinois Ave., will present Allen Pote's musical "Table for Five ... Thousand" at 10:15 a.m. Sunday. The musical presents the story of Jesus feeding 5,000 from a child's perspective. For more information, contact Bert Bostic at 683-4207.

Spring sermon series continues

Home Line Baptist Church, 4406 Mockingbird Lane, will continue a spring sermon series, "Keeping Your House a Home," 11 a.m. Sunday through April 28. Special prizes, including a tablet computer, baseball tickets and gift certificates, will be given at the end of the four-week program to whoever brings the most guests to Sunday services. For more information, call 250-2977.

RELIGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VATICAN CITY

Frugal pope nixes bonus for Vatican employees

The global economic crisis is hitting Vatican employees in their cassock pockets.

The Vatican said Thursday that Pope Francis, known for his frugal ways, decided Vatican employees won't be getting the bonus that traditionally comes with the election of a new pope.

In the past, the Vatican's 4,500-plus workers — both religious and lay — would receive an extra little something upon the death of one pope and another upon the election of his successor. In 2005, the total reportedly came to 1,500 euros (nearly $2,000) apiece.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said that given tough economic times — the Vatican posted a 15 million-euro deficit in 2011 — "it didn't seem possible or appropriate to burden the Vatican's budget with a considerable, unforeseen extra expense."

DETROIT

Final deal approved in lawsuit filed by Muslims against McDonald's

A judge has finalized a $700,000 settlement between McDonald's and members of Michigan's Muslim community over claims a Detroit-area restaurant falsely advertised food as prepared according to Islamic law.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Kathleen Macdonald gave the OK at a hearing Wednesday. She's overseen the case and refereed objections from outside groups since a preliminary deal was announced in January.

Ahmed Ahmed, the Dearborn Heights man who represents plaintiffs in the class-action, claims he bought a chicken sandwich in September 2011 at a Dearborn McDonald's but found it wasn't halal.

The settlement calls for distributing the money to Ahmed, a Detroit health clinic, Dearborn's Arab American National Museum and Ahmed's lawyers.

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Things to do

■ Children's event, American Girl, 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble

■ V.I.C. The Wobble Tour and Party Boyz, 7 p.m., Cabana, Odessa. Tickets: $25. Tickets at Vision Audio in Midland, Endless Horizons, Odessa or eventbrite.com. Includes car talent show.

■ AJRA Youth Rodeo at the Ector County Coliseum, Odessa.

■ "Jesus Christ Superstar," 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado Ave.

Coming Saturday

Comedian Bill Engvall, 8 p.m., Chaparral Center to benefit the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. His guests include Gary Brightwell, Nate Bargatze and John McDonnell. Tickets are $50, $85 and $95 and can be purchased at etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. For more information, call 498-2053 or visit www.midland-children.org.

Community calendar

■ The Jubilee Center of Midland will hold a fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Farmer's Market Downtown, 501 West Texas Ave.

The event will include food, live music, a silent auction and children's activities from 4 to 7 p.m. and a concert featuring Cory Yeager Band at 7 p.m.

Tickets for all events are $30 for adults age 12 and up and $15 for children. Concert-only tickets are $15 at the gate.

■ Museum of the Southwest is celebrating Astronomy Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Marian Blakemore Planetarium.

There will be free admission to the planetarium, family activities, free shows in the 360-degree Spitz Sci-Dome and solar viewing with the West Texas Astronomers. Also, NASA scientist Valerie Connaughton will speak at 4 p.m. on the Fermi Gamma Ray Telescope.

The dome shows that will be shown are "Kaluoka'hina: The Enchanted Reef," 11 a.m.; "Dawn of the Space Age," 1 p.m.; and "Black Holes," 3 p.m.

For more information, call 683-2882 or email to info@MuseumSW.org.

■ Home Hospice's annual Butterfly Release and Family Celebration is 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Carrasco Room at the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College. To have a butterfly released in memory of a loved one, call 570-0700. A $25 donation may be made to the Hospice House Foundation.

Celebrations also are planned for Andrews, Sunday; Odessa, April 27; and Big Spring, April 28.

■ Two food drives are planned for West Texas Food Bank, according to Paige Phelps, with the food bank.

JCPenney is collecting nonperishable items through April 30. Donations may be dropped off at the designated barrels located inside the store.

For more information, call JCPenney at 699-4347.

Leadership Midland is hosting a food drive through April 26.

Water Tracker

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

■ **Tuesday's total:** 13,175,000 gallons (CRMWD 9,280,000, Paul Davis fields 3,895,000)

■ **Wednesday's total:** 18,491,000 gallons (CRMWD 14,574,000, Paul Davis fields 3,917,000)

■ **April 10:** 14,903,000 gallons

■ Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 137,937 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 97,794 acre-feet. The average CRMWD delivery for March was 10,283,323. The current average for April is 12,281,235.

Gas prices in Midland

■ **Cheapest gas:** $3.35 (Murphy USA, Midland Drive/Briarwood Avenue)

■ **Most expensive gas:** $3.69 (Town & Country, Andrews Highway/Boeing Drive)

■ **Most common price:** $3.45

■ **Cheapest prices in West Texas:** Lubbock $3.11, Abilene $3.26, San Angelo $3.27, Odessa $3.30, Midland $3.35

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Today in history

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Harry S. Truman, bade farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Bomber Timothy McVeigh was convicted of federal murder charges and executed.)

Former official charged in district attorney slayings

Associated Press

KAUFMAN — A former Texas justice of the peace seeking revenge for a theft conviction that ended his judicial career carried out a plot with his wife to kill the men who prosecuted him, authorities said Thursday.

Eric Lyle Williams, and his wife, Kim Williams, are charged with capital murder in the slayings of Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland, his wife, Cynthia, and assistant prosecutor Mark Hasse.

Hasse and McLelland successfully prosecuted Eric Williams for theft last year, leading him to lose his law license and his position as justice of the peace — a judge who handles mostly administrative duties.

Authorities allege Williams, 46, was the gunman in all of the slayings. They said his wife, who is also 46, was the get-away driver when her husband shot Hasse on the street as he walked to work in January. They contend she was a passenger when her husband drove to the McLelland home to carry out those killings two months later, early on the morning of March 30.

"Basically, this was a collaborative effort between Eric Williams and his wife," Kaufman County Sheriff David Byrnes said at a news conference Thursday.

According to investigators, the prosecutors had been concerned Williams might be a threat to them, going so far as to carry handguns after his theft conviction last year. Though prosecutors had sought prison time for Williams, he was sentenced to probation.

Eric Williams is being held on $23 million bond, and his wife is being held on $3 million bond. Online jail records do not indicate attorneys representing the couple.

Criminal defense attorneys Toby Shook and Bill Wirskey, both former Dallas County prosecutors, have been appointed as special prosecutors in the case.

The arrest warrants lay out a meticulous revenge plan, in which Eric Williams rented a storage unit in a friend's name to store a cache of weapons and a car that authorities say is tied to the McLellands' killings.

MPD: Man arrested on aggravated assault charge

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly fracturing a man's skull during a fight earlier this month, according to his arrest affidavit.

Christopher D. Brem, 28, is being held on a $50,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

A Midland police officer responded to an assault complaint that occurred April 4. The affidavit does not provide a specific assault location.

The alleged victim said he was in a fight with a person when Brem came up behind him and struck him with a beer bottle on the side of the head. The victim fell to the ground, and Brem and the other person jumped on him and began striking him repeatedly with their fists before kicking him in the head and face, according to the arrest report.

A waitress from Fast Freddie's came out and broke up the alleged assault. The alleged victim suffered a fractured skull and subdural hematoma, which required surgery to repair, according to the report.

If convicted, Brem could face five to 99 years in prison.

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MFD: Station 5 response times faster without engine

By Tyler White
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Midland Fire Department's Station 5 has not had a fire engine since January, but MFD's fire chief said that cut has increased department efficiency.

MFD Chief Robert Isbell has replaced the fire engine to test out the use of a new first-response squad unit, which uses a retro-fitted pickup with emergency response and medical equipment.

During this testing process, the department has seen a 30-second improvement in fire and EMS response times in the area Station 5 typically covers, he said.

The fire department previously tried this unit type out for a month in early 2012 while the station's engine was out of service. Isbell reported faster response times during that test, as well, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

This change came about because Station 5's engine, at times, would have been tied up on Emergency Medical Service support calls when it could be used to put out fires, Isbell said. This replacement will resolve that issue, he said.

The department has received calls from residents concerned that Station 5 did not have adequate resources to fight fires in the station's coverage area.

Isbell said District 5 will be covered by engines from the three nearest stations — Central Station on Wall Street, Station 3 on Lamesa Road and Station 8 on Haynes Avenue — that have four-minute drive times to Station 5's coverage area, which is considered a very low risk fire district.

Isbell said those stations responded alongside Station 5 units during 50 percent of the fires in that area. Many times the other engines' response times were shorter, he said.

"We get better coverage, and it's just a better service for the citizens all the way around," Isbell said.

MFD Capt. Doug Van Zandt said the loss of the engine is not a major sacrifice. Station 5 primarily responds to EMS calls, which generally do not require an engine, he said. The first-response squad uses a more nimble and cost-effective vehicle that requires less expensive repairs, he said.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Christopher D. Brem, 28, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Avelardo Castillo Jr., 23, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jimmy L. Guillory, 28, of Gladewater, was arrested Wednesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Bailey H. Hair, 17, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault on a family or household member.

Max Hinojos, 17, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Dana H. Jaquez, 37, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

Debra N. Mansell, 37, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Jesus Marquez, 17, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on charges of robbery and obstruction or retaliation.

Joshua P. Ornelas, 24, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated and a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Charlie L. Rhodes, 25, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Kirby N. Shaw, 30, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Patric W. Sloboda, 30, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Elias A. Sosa, 34, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Andrew S. Torres, 39, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of fugitive from justice.

Elias R. Vasquez, 40, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to comply with sex offender registration duties.

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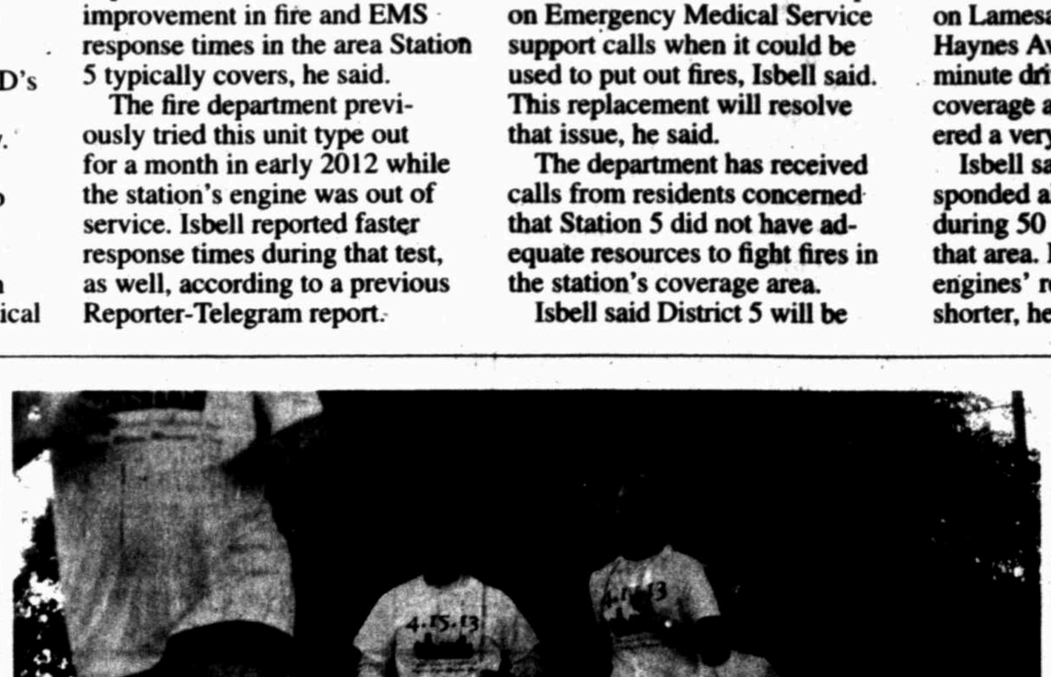

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Members of the Permian Basin Running Club run a silent lap Thursday around Wadley Barron Park in honor of the victims at the Boston Marathon. Check out more photos at mywesttexas.com.

CLUB

From 1A

Grace and Jeremy Jones joined the club for the first time. They said they have been looking for one to join, but after they found out the event was to honor the victims, it motivated them to go out.

"Running feels good and gives you more energy," Grace Jones said. "There's something about it that's invigorating."

But the tragedy still lingered in people's minds, just as how 9/11 is still remembered to this day, or here in Midland, the Nov. 15 train wreck. Hailey said the explosions that killed three people and injured more than 170 will be remembered for a while.

"That could have been us," Hailey said.

In the aftermath, just as how almost 50 people, current and new PBRC members, met on a Thursday evening, Hailey said the Boston Marathon might become even bigger than it has ever been the next time it takes place. It is a sign that the running community is not afraid to keep running.

How to help

American Red Cross Permian Basin Chapter Executive Director Stephanie Murphree said people can donate blood to United Blood Services, donate money for disaster relief or sign up for CPR classes to help out the victims of both the Boston Marathon victims and the West, Texas, fertilizer explosion victims.

Go to redcross.org/midland and unitedblood-services.com for more information.

Comedian Engvall pays it forward with MCRC show

By Bianca Montes
MRT Correspondent

Bill Engvall knows he's in Texas when the air is cleaner and the people are friendlier.

The Blue Collar Comedy Tour comedian will host and perform in a benefit comedy show Saturday for the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, a nonprofit organization that provides free occupational, physical and speech therapy to children up to 22 years old.

His premise: Paying it forward.

"If you've been blessed, it's your turn to help someone else," he said. "Sometimes we forget that."

For more than a decade, Engvall and his wife, Gail, have found ways to help the rehabilitation center using the gift of humor, "I can't think of a better way than with some laughs," he said.

And what gets his heart ticking is the results he sees in the children.

"You see the results," he said.

Engvall met Jessica, a client at MCRC, at the center when she could barely walk.

"Last time we were there she was telling me she is going to the high school prom to dance," he said.

Engvall said some people feel they can't be a part of paying it forward because they can't afford to give money.

But that's not what it's about, "any little bit helps. These kids need therapy," he said.

The show begins at 8 p.m. and takes place at the Midland College Chaparral Center. Comedians Gary Brightwell, Nate Bargatze and John McDonnell also will perform. Tickets for the show are still available and range in price from $50 to $95. To purchase tickets visit the website www.etix.com.

Engvall performs at the MCRC benefit every other year. The goal for this year's fundraiser — which also included a golf tournament — is $310,000, according to Renee Meiner, director of marketing and public relations for the center.

State closes MC nursing program

By Meredith Moriak
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The State Board of Nursing voted Thursday to close the vocational nursing program on Midland College's main campus after student scores on the national licensure examination failed to meet the mandatory passage rate during a stretch of four consecutive years.

However, MC's ability to offer a licensed vocational nursing (LVN) program at the main campus in Midland was not halted indefinitely. Immediately after voting to close the Midland campus program, the nursing board approved a request allowing MC to operate the LVN program on the main campus, as an extension of its MC Fort Stockton LVN program.

Midland College established an LVN program on the main campus in 1972 and on the Fort Stockton campus in 1980, with both sites collaborating to present similar curriculum and sharing clinical learning objectives. However, each branch is coded as a separate program by the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

The nursing board maintains the right to close a nursing program if NCLEX passage rates fall below 80 percent. In 2012, the NCLEX passage rate for Fort Stockton students was 83.33 percent, but only 68.89 percent for students from Midland College's main campus.

Students from the Midland campus program first failed to meet the 80 percent mark in 2009 when only 71.74 percent of students passed the NCLEX. At that time, the college was ordered to conduct a self-study report identifying things that needed to be changed.

Passage rates remained below the mandatory rate, 73.68 percent in 2010 and 75.41 percent in 2011, causing the college's accreditation status to slip from full-accredited to full-approval with warning and eventually to conditional in 2012 when it was not allowed to admit any new students. On Thursday its accreditation was ultimately revoked.

"It's been hard to admit failure," said Rex Peebles, MC's vice president of instruction. "80 percent is a high bar. In most things, 79 percent is not failure, but in nursing it is. It's hard to accept failure but we will rebuild this."

Knowing the nursing board would close the program on Thursday, Peebles said MC administrators sought the opportunity to continue operating the program as an extension of the Fort Stockton campus as a way to continue offering the program to students.

"We will still be in the business, and there will be no noticeable change for the students," Peebles said.

The 20 students on-track to graduate from MC' LVN program in May and the three students scheduled to graduate in August will be allowed to complete their studies at MC before the program officially closes down. At that time, the Midland campus will be established as an extension of MC in Fort Stockton, Peebles said.

According to nursing board rules, a program which has had approval withdrawn may reapply no earlier than 12 months from the date of program closure. Peebles said it is Midland College's intent to reapply for accreditation as one large program in the future.

Since problems with NCLEX passage rates began four years ago, Peebles said MC's administration has increased entrance qualifications for the program and realigned the program to provide students with three semesters of med-surg training, rather than the one they were provided previously.

Leadership changes also have been made within the program and MC has worked to bring on new faculty, Peebles said.

Peebles also told the Reporter-Telegram that each of the 13 LVN students who took the NCLEX in January passed. However, those percentages are not reflected in any materials reviewed by the board when deciding to close the program.

In addition to the vocational nursing program, Midland College offers an associate degree nursing program and an bridge program for LVNs wishing to obtain their ADN, Peebles said.

By the numbers

Midland College's NCLEX-PN examination pass rate

- 2012: 68.89 percent passed (31 passed of 46 tested)
- 2011: 75.41 percent passed (46 passed of 61 tested)
- 2010: 73.68 percent passed (42 passed of 57 tested)
- 2009: 71.74 percent passed (33 passed of 46 tested)
- 2008: 84.78 percent passed (39 passed of 46 tested)
- 2007: 82.13 percent passed (46 passed of 56 tested)

Online

Visit MyWestTexas.com to read the State Board of Nursing proposals to withdrawal approval of Midland College's vocational nursing education program and to establish an extension site/campus of MC's Fort Stockton vocational nursing education program in Midland.

2 more execs leave Penney as Ullman cleans house

Associated Press

NEW YORK — J.C. Penney is cleaning house.

The embattled department store chain announced Thursday that two top executives, Chief Operating Officer Michael Kramer and Chief Talent Officer Dan Walker, have left the company.

Kramer and Walker were among several executives hired in November 2011 by Penney's former CEO Ron Johnson. Johnson was ousted April 8 after his plans to reinvent the chain led to disastrous results.

The departures are the latest personnel changes from new CEO Mike Ullman, who had been Johnson's predecessor.

Since Ullman has been back at the helm, the Plano-based chain also rehired Ken Mangone as executive vice president, design and sourcing. Mangone is a Penney veteran who helped to bolster the company's store-label brands like St. John's Bay. Nick Wooster, fashion blogger and a former executive at luxury stores like Neiman Marcus who had replaced him, is now out.

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OXY DONATES $500K TO MUSEUM

Ron Brokmeyer, general manager of Permian Primary Development; Jeff Simons, general manager of Permian CO2 Business Unit; and Bill Albrecht, president of Oxy Oil and Gas Americas, talk with Kathy Shannon, executive director of the Petroleum Museum and Taylor Mayne, president of the museum board, Thursday morning as they deliver a letter on intent to donate $500,000 toward the renovations to the Petroleum Museum.

UTPB

From 1A

January 2013. On Jan. 24, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the creation of the program and establishing the department of nursing.

According to the program proposal approved by the nursing board Thursday, UTPB's curriculum is "designed to prepare the BSN graduate to be an advocate for safety and the promotion for health and wellness for individuals in a diverse and multicultural society."

The 120-credit hour degree is made up of 66 freshman- and sophomore-level credits that fulfill the university's core and nursing prerequisite requirements. The remaining 54 upper division hours are devoted to nursing courses. Among those 120 hours is a mandatory three-hour course on Spanish for health professionals.

Watts previously told the Reporter-Telegram he expects the program to attract students from all parts of the Permian Basin, including community college graduates who want to earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing for advancement and management positions.

UTPB's nursing program is meant to compliment other area programs, including the associate degree in nursing offered at Odessa College and Midland College, not compete with them, Bill Fannin, UTPB provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, previously told the Reporter-Telegram.

Fall semester applications are currently being accepted. To apply for admission to UTPB, contact the admissions office at 552-2605. For more information about the BSN program call 552-2560.

Man arrested on DWI charge after single-vehicle rollover

From staff reports

One man was arrested on a DWI charge Thursday night after rolling his car in a single-vehicle incident.

Midland police responded to the incident at about 8:40 p.m. on Business 20 near Loop 250.

The driver was eastbound on Business 20 when a tire on his vehicle popped. He lost control of the vehicle and rolled it into the south bar ditch, according to an officer at the scene.

The driver, Jose Avila, was not injured in the crash and he admitted to drinking alcohol, the officer said.

Explosives might have been left at gas drilling sites

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Police say they're investigating reports remains of small explosive devices were found at two natural gas drilling sites in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Shell Oil Co. spokeswoman Kelly OpDeWeegh said in an email Thursday the company contacted state police on April 12 after "charred debris" was found at an inactive drill site in Tioga County. Shell also informed authorities of a possibly similar finding on a different pad on March 21.

CAPITOLALMANAC

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texting while driving ban passes third House reading

The Texas House bill that makes texting while driving a criminal offense passed its third reading Thursday with a 97-45 vote, moving it to the Senate for consideration next week.

HB 63, co-authored by state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, makes texting, emailing or instant messaging on a mobile phone while driving a vehicle a misdemeanor with a $100 fine for first time offenders and a $200 fine for second time offenders.

Craddick said via telephone that 10 other states have already passed similar bills and cited a 2009 CBS News/New York Times survey that found 97 percent of those polled opposed texting while driving.

"As a legislator, I have a responsibility to make it safe to drive," Craddick said.

The Senate version, SB 28, is scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday. Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who co-authored the bill, said she is hopeful that the Senate will also pass the ban on texting while driving.

"Rep. Craddick and I are united in our effort to keep Texans safe on our roadways and to raise awareness of the dangerousness of texting while operating a motor vehicle," Zaffirini said via email.

But if the bill reaches the desk of Gov. Rick Perry, the bill could be vetoed, based on the governor's previous history with similar bills. In 2011, Perry vetoed HB 242, citing that it would micromanage the behavior of adults.

If Perry vetoes this legislative session's texting ban bill, two-thirds votes in the House and Senate could overturn it.

Craddick said he hopes Perry will look at this legislative session's version of the texting ban bill favorably.

House proposal reduces TCEQ authority

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will no longer have the authority to limit greenhouse gas emissions under a proposal the Texas House of Representatives passed on Thursday.

Lawmakers voted on a new provision that would instead require the agency better known as TCEQ to issue greenhouse gas emission permits under federal regulations. The federal Environmental Protection Agency currently has that responsibility in Texas.

Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown said the EPA currently has a backlog of permit requests in Washington and the bill would help Texas industries. The measure would also remove the right of citizens to contest permits granted by TCEQ through an administrative hearings process.

"The EPA and TCEQ have been in conversation, they agree the permitting process should come to Texas, so this is an agreed-to thing," Smith said. "If the EPA is forced to stop regulating greenhouse gases, the TCEQ will too."

Environmentalists, though, oppose the bill because they say it could lead to more climate changing pollution. They also complain the bill would take away the public's right to challenge permits issued by TCEQ.

Republicans and Democrats clash on redistricting

Texas Republicans proposed legislation on Thursday that would adopt the current political maps, but Democrats promised to fight the effort.

Amarillo Sen. Kel Seliger offered a redistricting bill to the Senate State Affairs Committee that would formally adopt interim maps drawn by a federal court in San Antonio last year. The maps for Congressional, state Senate and House districts were used for the 2012 election while a federal court in Washington DC reviewed maps drawn by the Legislature after minority groups filed a lawsuit to block them.

After the 2012 primary, that federal three-judge panel determined that the Republican-controlled Legislature intentionally discriminated against African Americans and Latinos, prompting Attorney General Greg Abbott to appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court and challenge the court's authority to review the maps under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Seliger throwing out the old maps and formally adopting the San Antonio court's interim maps would end the litigation.

"The interim maps represent the court's best judgment as to the maps that would be fully legal and constitutional," he said. "Enacting these lawful and constitutional interim plans will help bring to a close this chapter of redistricting, enacting these plans will practically ensure that the ongoing litigation over Texas redistricting plans will come to a swift end and bring some surety of the primaries ensuing."

House bill opens door to concealed handguns

Texas bars and sporting events, from the state high school basketball tournament to a Sunday afternoon game at Dallas Cowboys Stadium, would be open to concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons under a bill pending before a House panel.

The measure by Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, effectively rolls back most of the state's restrictions on where Texas' more than 500,000 concealed handgun license holders can carry their weapons. The law currently bans them from carrying their guns into sporting events, amusement parks, bars, hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, schools and places of worship.

Private property owners would still be able to ban weapons if they post a sign, but Springer's bill would make the gun-proud state of Texas vastly more open to concealed handguns.

Senate votes to cut training time for CHL

The Texas Senate has voted to drastically cut back the hours of training needed to get s state concealed handgun license.

The bill by freshman Sen. Donna Campbell, a Republican from New Braunfels, reduces the training requirement from at least 10 hours to at least four hours. The measure now goes to the House, where a similar bill is pending.

Training would still cover gun safety, gun storage and dispute resolution. Applicants would still have to pass firing range tests.

Texas Senate approves end-of-life bill

The Texas Senate has voted to give families more protections when doctors want to stop treating a terminally-ill patient.

The bill by Sen. Bob Deuell, a Greenville Republican and physician, says his bill gives the patient and their families more time to appeal the decision and access to medical records. It also requires hospitals to continue providing pain management and comfort care.

The bill also says that hospital ethics committees reviewing end-of-life decisions cannot consider a patient's gender, religion, ethnicity or financial status.

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OPINION

Obama's language of terror lacks meaning

■ In an effort to show he's on top of the situation, the president says a whole lot of nothing because there's not much to say.

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Terrorism is speech — speech that gathers its audience by killing innocents as theatrically as possible. The 19th-century anarchist Paul Brousse called it "propaganda by deed." Accordingly, the Boston Marathon attack, the first successful terror bombing in the U.S. since 9/11, was designed for maximum effect. At the finish line there would be not only news cameras but also hundreds of personal videos to amplify the message.

But what message? There was no claim of responsibility, no explanatory propaganda. Indeed, was it terrorism at all?

There was much ado about President Obama's nonuse of the word "terrorism" in his first statement to the nation after the bombing. Indeed, the very next morning, he took to the White House briefing room for no other reason than to pronounce the event an "act of terrorism."

He justified the update as a response to "what we now know." But there had not been any new information overnight. Nothing changed, except a certain trepidation about the original omission.

There was no need to be so sensitive, however. The president said that terrorism is any bombing aimed at civilians. Not quite. Terrorism is any attack on civilians *for a political purpose*. Until you know the purpose, you can't know if it is terrorism.

Sometimes an attack can have no purpose. The Tucson shooter who nearly killed Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was simply deranged, a certified paranoid schizophrenic. Or there might be some personal vendetta — a purpose, but not political. In the Boston case, conceivably a grudge against the marathon, its organizers or something associated with the race.

That, of course, is extremely improbable. (Schizophrenics are too disorganized to set off simultaneous bombs, for example.) It's overwhelmingly likely that the Boston attack was political, and therefore terrorism.

Nonetheless, the president's nonuse of the word was no big deal. Why then was he so sensitive that he came out the next morning to correct the omission?

Answer: Benghazi, in which the administration had been roundly and correctly criticized for refusing to call it terrorism for so long.

Benghazi, however, was totally different. There, the word mattered very much. There were two possible explanations for the killing of the four Americans: a deliberate preplanned attack (terrorism), or a spontaneous demonstration gone wild.

The administration tried to peddle the spontaneous demonstration story in order to place the blame on a mob incited by a nutty Coptic American who had made an offensive video. This would have spared the administration any culpability.

To use the word terrorism, meaning deliberate attack, would have undermined the blame-shifting and raised exactly the questions — about warnings ignored, inadequate security, absence of contingency plans — that have dogged the administration for months.

In Boston, in contrast, there is no question about deliberateness. Nor is anyone blaming the administration for inadequate warning or protection.

Here, the linguistic challenge for the president is quite different. What if this turns out to be the work of Islamists? The history of domestic attacks since 9/11 would suggest the odds are about 50-50, although the crude technique and the unclaimed responsibility would suggest a somewhat lower probability.

But if it is nevertheless found to be Islamist, will Obama use the word? His administration obsessively adopts language that extirpates any possible connection between Islam and terrorism. It insists on calling jihadists "violent extremists" without ever telling us what they're extreme about. It even classified the Fort Hood shooting, in which the killer screamed "Allahu Akbar" as he murdered 13 people, as "workplace violence."

In a speech just last month in Jerusalem, the president referred to the rising tide of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists as the rise of "non-secular parties."

Non-secular? Isn't that a euphemism for "religious," i.e., Islamist?

Yet Obama couldn't say the word. This is no linguistic triviality. He wouldn't be tripping over himself to avoid any reference to Islam if it was insignificant.

Obama has performed admirably during the Boston crisis, speaking both reassuringly and with determination. But he continues to be linguistically uneasy. His wavering over the word terrorism is telling, though in this case unimportant. The real test will come when we learn the motive for the attack.

As of this writing, we don't know. It could be Islamist, white supremacist, anarchist, anything. What words will Obama use? It is a measure of the emptiness of Obama's preferred description — "violent extremists" — that, even as we know nothing, it can already be applied to the Boston bomber(s). Which means, the designation is meaningless.

OUR VIEW

Midland ISD, MCS students deserve praise for hard work

Laurels

■ **For Sue Brannon**. For nearly 50 years Sue Brannon has been attending and then leading Republican conventions in Midland County. She has served on the board of the Midland County Republican Women since 1990, been a president of the board of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and of course, served as the chair of the Midland County Republican Party. Whether it is unapologetically Republican stances or a distinctive look, Brannon has embodied civic engagement, and it was right that the Texas Legislature honored her with a resolution for her decades of distinguished work.

■ **For MISD's Shining Stars.** The Midland Independent School District's Education Foundation held its Shining Stars Academic Recognition reception Sunday to honor the top five students from Lee and Midland and the top student from Coleman and Early College high schools.

The honorees include Jessica Monique Gutierrez, of Coleman High School; and Christiana Bernadette Lee, of Early College High School.

The students from Lee were Jordan Darling, Felipe Sinisterra, Sydney Taylor Ramirez, Eric Smith, Charles Michael Winkley.

The students from Midland High were Matthew Wade Fitzgerald, Morgan Elizabeth Kratzer, Zachary James Andrews, Jay McDoniel and M'Leah Kelsea Clepper.

■ **For Midland Christian's high school students.** These Mustangs spent the day Wednesday working on numerous projects across Midland and inside the Permian Basin. We appreciate that MCS promotes volunteering as part of the student experience. Giving back to the community is really part of what makes Midland special.

■ **For Lee's Ali Cowan.** The senior won a playoff to become the first Midland girls' golfer in two decades to win the Region I-5A championship. There was a time in the 1970s and 1980s when 5A medalist titles were norm as girls' golfers from Midland High and Lee combined to collect six titles from 1973 to 1983. These past champions are Mary Jane McDaniel, of Midland High, in 1973; Ann Wheeler, of MHS, in 1974; Liz Norton, of Lee, in 1975 and 1976; Michelle Marburger, of Lee, in 1980; Kate Mobley, of MHS, in 1983; and Paula King, of Lee in 1992.

It might not happen as often these days, which shows how impressive Cowan's championship is. Congrats and good luck at state.

■ **For the newest members of the Petroleum Museum's Hall of Fame.** State Rep. Tom Craddick, Concho CEO Tim Leach, Pioneer CEO Scott Sheffield and the late Deane Stoltz were honored Thursday as the latest inductees to the distinguished hall. We can't overstate what they have meant to the oil industry and our West Texas community.

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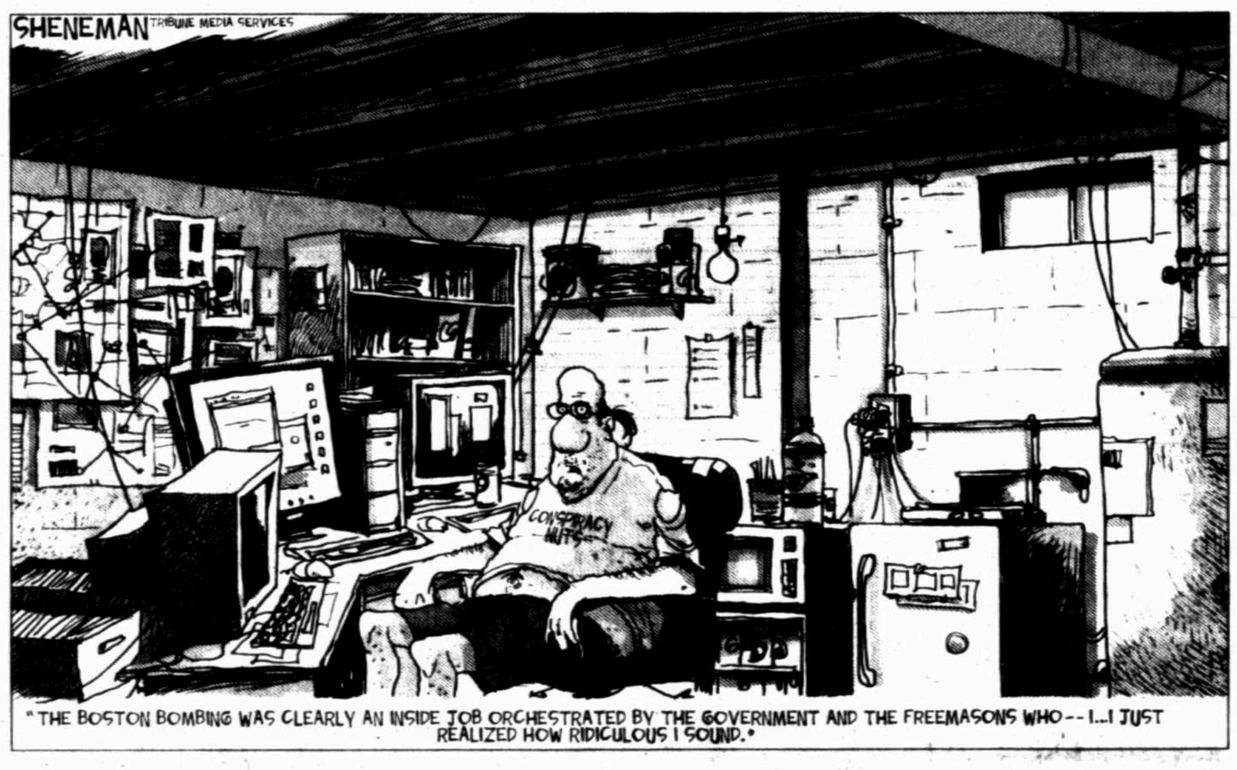

Is Perry a lame-duck governor?

■ There are Republicans who believe he's not running again, but with Perry, you never know.

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Here, from a recent "Inside Texas Politics" TV show on Dallas' WFAA, is how our gov announced he's finally ready to stop being our gov.

WFAA's Brad Watson: "Governor, thanks for joining us on 'Inside Texas Politics' again."

Gov. Rick Perry: "One more time."

Watson: "One more time."

Perry: "One last time."

"One last time"? That's it? After serving since shortly after the turn of the century, that's how Perry announces he won't seek re-election next year?

No, that's not it. The "one last time" referred to Watson, who, after 34 years at WFAA, has moved on to corporate communications at Luminant, a Dallas-based energy company.

So that leaves Perry's future open to ongoing speculation. Watson and co-host Gromer Jeffers of The Dallas Morning News pushed him about it to no definite conclusion, though Perry indicated we'd be nuts not to re-re-re-elect him.

"Here's the argument I make for running for re-election, and it's no different than a corporation that's having a good go of it," he said. "I think, inarguably, if you are a legitimate measurer of success, the state of Texas over the last decade, last 12 years, has had a very good run at it, better than any other state."

He talked about "continuity of philosophy," noting we've had the same governor and lieutenant governor and only two House speakers in that span.

"I'm not going to go on and on about what we've accomplished, but whether it's the Wall Street Journal or Forbes, CNN or Site Selection magazine, (they) pick Texas as the best place to do business, time after time," said Perry, who believes that's the best measure of success.

"So," he concluded, "why would you want to change your chief executive officer and your management team with that type of record?"

Perry won't announce his plans, which also could include a 2016 re-race for president, until sometime after the session ends in late May. There's no upside to self-declared lame duckhood during a legislative session.

But several key GOP lawmakers told me they and lots of their colleagues are operating under the assumption this is Perry's last session. A plugged-in GOP consultant said, "Nobody in the building thinks he's running again."

Exaggeration? Sure. But once you assure GOP legislators you won't attach their names to their comments, it's clear it's a prevailing sentiment. Among the things you hear is that there's a lack of a campaign structure for a Perry race in 2014. "He doesn't have in place what he needs," said a top GOP lawmaker.

A well-placed GOP legislative aide said: "The (GOP primary) is less than 11 months away. He's potentially facing a guy (Attorney General Greg Abbott) with $18 million, and he has no campaign. Some people really think he may run, but the smart money is on no."

Another senior Republican legislator — like many, a longtime Perry backer — said he "expects" and "hopes" Perry won't run. Nothing personal, he said, but it's time for Perry to move on. The lawmaker talked about how Perry's long tenure has kept a lid on the party's "B team," which is itching to move up.

Perry's relatively low-profile performance this session has not gone unnoticed. Unlike previous sessions, he did not designate any legislative emergencies, a process that can give priority to a governor's pet issues. And as one longtime GOP Capitol player noted in the wake of Perry's Monday news conference about his long-awaited tax-cut plan, "It's like he woke up a week and a half ago and realized there was a session going on."

"There was the State of the State (speech in early February) and then radio silence," the person said.

Ray Sullivan, a former top Perry aide and an experienced, cooler head about these things, reminded me that "historically it's been unwise to predict" Perry's next move. Correct.

Another former Perry adviser, who doesn't believe he'll run next year, told me: "In the end, nobody knows. Oh, he knows and the first lady knows, and we all may be surprised."

And wouldn't a Perry win next year be a fun surprise for GOP legislators now writing him off as a short-timer?

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Immigration backers determined to avoid Senate gun defeat

By Gary Martin
San Antonio Express-News

Although rejection of a bipartisan gun control measure could be an ominous precursor to trouble for immigration reform, supporters insisted Thursday that their powerful coalition will help them avoid a similar fate.

Democrats and Republicans supporting an immigration reform bill said varied interests, including labor and business, and public pressure on both political parties would propel immigration reform legislation to passage.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said powerful outside forces have helped defeat certain other initiatives in Washington.

"But on immigration, the opposite is proving true. I am convinced this issue will not fall victim to the usual partisan gridlock," Schumer said.

Republican Sen. John McCain, of Arizona, said the bill is supported by a growing number of GOP lawmakers following the last election where Latinos overwhelmingly supported Democratic candidates.

"Republicans have to compete," McCain said, and passage of the bill would help the GOP reach out to Latinos "on a level where we can compete in the battle of ideas."

Schumer and McCain were part of the four Democrats and four Republicans known as the Gang of Eight who drafted the immigration reform bill introduced earlier this week.

They were joined Thursday by leaders from religious organizations, the AFL-CIO, business groups, Latino and immigration advocacy groups in a public ceremony on Capitol Hill to publicly roll out the legislation.

Earlier, two Republican lawmakers, Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., and Sen. David Vitter, R-La., held a news conference to denounce the bipartisan bill as short on border security and an "amnesty" for undocumented immigrants.

Sessions was instrumental in defeating an immigration reform bill in the Senate in 2007.

They were flanked by law enforcement officers from several states who backed the call for more border security and strict enforcement measures.

The news conferences were held one day after a bipartisan proposal to expand background checks on gun sales was rejected by the Senate on a narrow 54-46 vote.

Gun control and immigration reform are seen as two politically contentious measures facing steep hurdles in both the Senate and House.

The Senate bill calls for $6.5 billion in new spending and 3,500 new Customs and Border Protection agents to increase security along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

It also would create a 13-year path for citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants who pay up to $2,000 in fines, pass criminal background checks and learn English.

Agricultural workers and children brought into this country illegally by relatives, known as "DREAMers," would be able to get citizenship within five years.

Anthony Romero, of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the bill unfairly excludes undocumented immigrants convicted of minor crimes, imposes fines on those can least afford them, and "needlessly expands wasteful border spending."

The Associated Builders and Contractors, meanwhile, said the number of visas for low-skilled workers, 20,000 in the first year, is too little to help the construction industry.

Despite the criticism and hurdles, 70 percent of Americans favor immigration reform, said Matt Barreto, a pollster and political scientist at the University of Washington.

Furloughs at airports begin Sunday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Air traffic controller furloughs scheduled to kick in on Sunday could result in flight delays of more than three hours in Atlanta, as well as significant delays in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York-area airports, federal officials said Thursday.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Federal Aviation Administrator Michael Huerta said they have no choice but to cut controller staffing by 10 percent, which will reduce how many planes airports can handle.

A spokeswoman for Airlines for America, a trade association for the airline industry, said the furloughs are unnecessary and airlines are considering suing the government.

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FBI issues photos of 2 suspects in Boston Marathon bombing

Associated Press

BOSTON — Plucking a couple of faces in baseball caps out of a swarming crowd, the FBI zeroed in on two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing and shared surveillance-camera images of them with the world Thursday in hopes the public will help hunt them down.

The somewhat blurry but still detailed photos and video depict one young man in a dark cap and another in a white cap worn backward, both wearing backpacks and one walking behind the other on the sidewalk near the finish line as marathoners run by.

The man in the white hat was seen setting down a backpack at the site of the second explosion, said Richard DesLauriers, FBI agent in charge in Boston.

"Somebody out there knows these individuals as friends, neighbors, co-workers or family members of the suspects," he said. "Though it may be difficult, the nation is counting on those with information to come forward and provide it to us."

They looked much like typical college students, but DesLauriers described them as armed and extremely dangerous, and urged anyone who sees or knows them to tell law enforcement and "do not take any action on your own."

Associated Press

This combination of images released by the FBI on Thursday shows two images taken from surveillance video of whom the FBI are calling suspect number 2, left, in white cap, and suspect number 1, right, in black cap, as they walk near each other through the crowd before the explosions at the Boston Marathon on Monday.

The break in the investigation came just three days after the attack that killed three people, tore off limbs and raised the specter of another terrorist attack on U.S. soil. FBI photo-analysis specialists have been analyzing a mountain of surveillance footage and amateur pictures and video for clues to who carried out the attack and why.

The volume of information is likely to grow, joined now by a torrent of tips from people who think they might know the suspects. In releasing the images, the FBI gambled that useful clues will emerge, not just time-wasting leads.

Authorities are selective in putting out images of suspects because doing so risks tipping off the hunted and losing the element of surprise. But it can be a last resort when authorities hit a wall trying to identify or capture someone.

Within moments of the announcement, the FBI website crashed, perhaps because of a crush of visitors.

The images were released hours after President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attended an interfaith service at a Roman Catholic cathedral in Boston to remember the dead and the more than 180 wounded in the twin blasts Monday at the finish line of the 26.2-mile race.

The FBI video is a compilation of segments, altogether about 30 seconds long. The planting of the backpack, as described by authorities, was not part of the footage made public.

The man in the dark hat was dubbed Suspect 1 by the FBI and appeared to be wearing sunglasses. The other, in the white hat, was labeled Suspect 2. Both appeared to be wearing dark jackets. The FBI did not comment on the men's height, weight or age range and would not discuss their ethnicity.

"It would be inappropriate to comment on the ethnicity of the men because it could lead people down the wrong path potentially," said FBI agent Greg Comcowich, a spokesman for the Boston FBI office.

The enlarged pictures of white-hatted Suspect 2 in profile and head-on were blurry but still remarkable in their detail — and more revealing than those of Suspect 1.

While authorities said the information on the men began coming together over the previous day or so, agent Daniel Curtin said the FBI did not release the photos earlier because "it's important to get it right."

Distribution of the images brought both encouragement and unease to some Bostonians.

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Man charged in letters case described as troubled

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — A Mississippi man charged with sending ricin-laced letters to the president and other officials was described Thursday as a good father, a quiet neighbor and an entertainer who impersonated Elvis at parties. Other accounts show a man who spiraled into emotional turmoil trying to get attention for his claims of uncovering a conspiracy to sell body parts on the black market.

Curtis

Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, wrote numerous Web posts over the past several years describing the event that he said "changed my life forever": the chance discovery of body parts and organs wrapped in plastic in small refrigerator at a hospital where he worked as a janitor more than a decade ago.

He tried to talk to officials and get the word out online, but he thought he was being railroaded by the government. Authorities say the efforts culminated in letters sent to President Barack Obama, a U.S. senator and a judge in Mississippi. "Maybe I have your attention now even if that means someone must die," the letters read, according to an FBI affidavit.

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WEST EXPLOSION

DEADLY BLAST

Rescuers search ruins of Texas fertilizer plant

By Nomaan Mercant and John Mone
Associated Press

WEST — Rescuers searched the smoking remnants of a Texas farm town Thursday for survivors of a thunderous fertilizer plant explosion, gingerly checking smashed houses and apartments for anyone still trapped in debris while the community awaited word on the number of dead.

Initial reports put the fatalities as high as 15, but later in the day, authorities backed away from any estimate and refused to elaborate. More than 160 people were hurt.

A breathtaking band of destruction extended for blocks around the West Fertilizer Co. in the small community of West. The blast shook the ground with the strength of a small earthquake and crumpled dozens of homes, an apartment complex, a school and a nursing home. Its dull boom could be heard dozens of miles away from the town about 20 miles north of Waco.

Waco police Sgt. William Patrick Swanton described ongoing search-and-rescue efforts as "tedious and time-consuming," noting that crews had to shore up much of the wreckage before going in.

There was no indication the blast, which sent up a mushroom-shaped plume of smoke and left behind a crater, was anything other than an industrial accident, he said.

On Thursday evening, several hundred people packed St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in downtown West for a non-denominational church service. A victim relief services chaplain said prayers and hymns were offered in honor of blast victims.

The explosion was apparently touched off by a fire, but there was no indication what sparked the blaze. The company had been cited by regulators for what appeared to be minor safety and permitting violations over the past decade.

The Wednesday night explosion rained burning embers and debris down on terrified residents. The landscape Thursday was wrapped in acrid smoke and strewn with the shattered remains of buildings, furniture and personal belongings.

Firefighter Darryl Hall choked up as he described the search.

"You're strong through it because that's your

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Above
A smashed car sits in front of an apartment complex destroyed by an explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, as firefighters conduct a search and rescue Thursday.

Left
A firefighter pauses while surveying the blast zone destroyed by an explosion at a fertilizer plant during search and rescue efforts in West, Thursday.

Bottom left
A person looks on as emergency workers fight a house fire after a nearby fertilizer plant exploded Wednesday in West.

Associated Press

Please say a prayer for the people of West

Editorial

God, bless the people in the Texas town of West,

Our hearts are breaking for this small farming community located 20 miles north of Waco.

Fifteen people are dead; more than 160 injured after an explosion at a fertilizer plant decimated the town. According to initial reports, the explosion shook the ground enough to register on the Richter scale.

The explosion "rained burning embers and debris down on terrified residents," according to the Associated Press. "It leveled a four-block area around the plant, badly damaging or destroying up to 75 houses, a 50-unit apartment complex, a middle school and a nursing home."

It would be significant to a city of 1 million. For a town of 2,600 residents, it's simply devastating.

We wish there was some heartwarming message to offer, perhaps about the resiliance of a town. That might be a message for tomorrow.

All we can ask is this. Please pray for the residents of this Central Texas community, and then act. Find out what reputatable organizations are offering assistance and then decide what you can give. It doesn't have to be a lot, just something that says you care for fellow Texans who are hurting.

Right now there is a lot of attention being given to the city of Boston, and rightfully so. But the people of West also deserve our attention.

We hope that one day there is a story to tell about resilience or resolve. Today's not that day. We think it is proper to grieve and pray for our fellow Texans and then step up and help. That's what Texans do.

American Red Cross
Web: www.redcross.org

Right
A fertilizer plant that exploded still smolders in West, Thursday. A massive explosion at the plant killed as many as 15 people and injured more than 160, officials said overnight.

Top right
Emergency workers assist an elderly person at a staging area at a local school stadium Wednesday in West.

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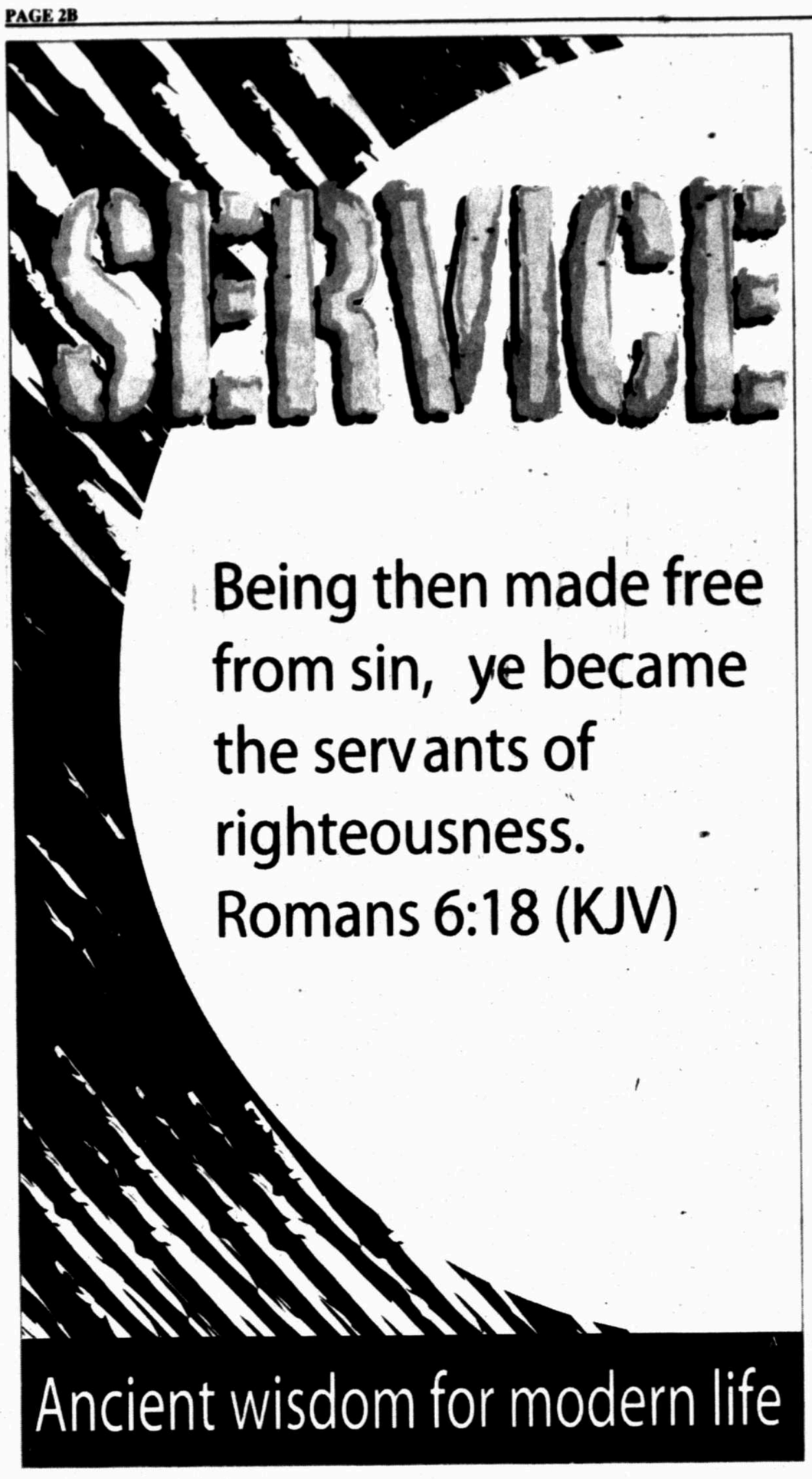

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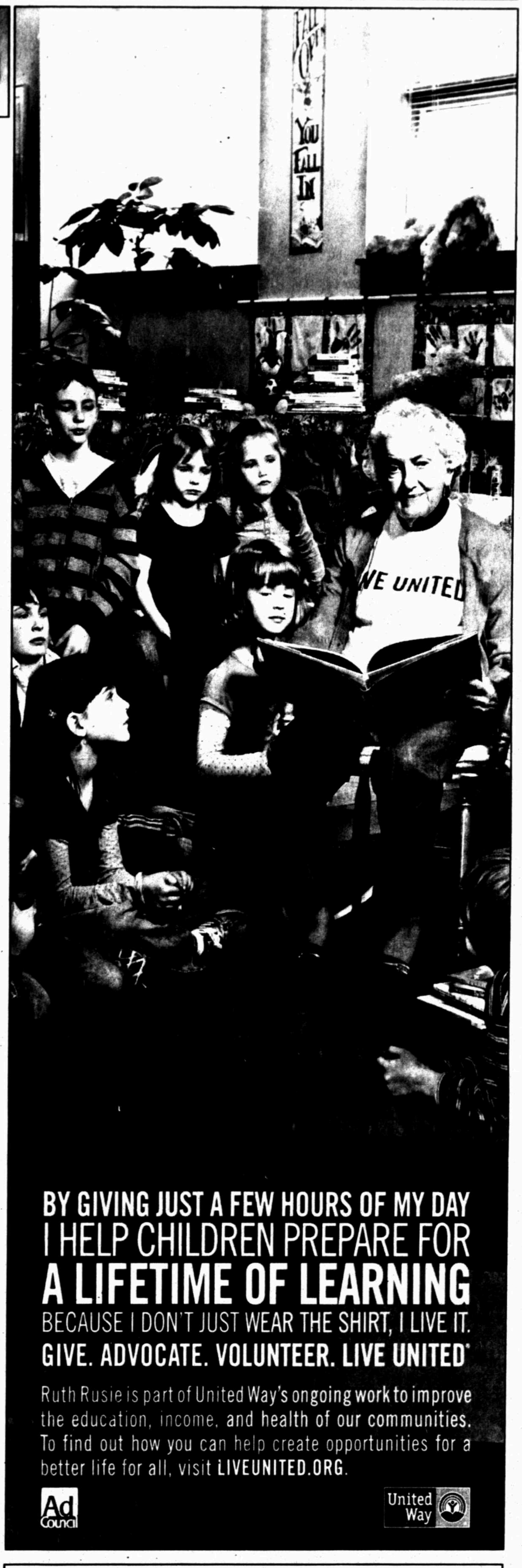

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KEY FACTS

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

A fertilizer plant exploded in the small Central Texas farming community of West, about 20 miles north of Waco, leaving as many as 15 people dead and at least 160 injured.

A look at the facts:

THE EXPLOSION

Three to five volunteer firefighters and a constable responded at 7:29 p.m. Wednesday to a blaze at the West Fertilizer Co. Firefighters recognized the seriousness of the situation and began evacuating people from the immediate area. About 20 minutes later, an explosion with the force of a small earthquake shook the ground and could be heard dozens of miles away. Flames and a huge mushroom cloud filled the sky. A four-to-five block area around the plant was leveled, destroying 50 to 75 homes, a middle school and a nursing home where 133 residents, some in wheelchairs, were trapped in rubble and evacuated. The main fire was under control by 11 p.m.

THE VICTIMS

Police said the death toll remained uncertain. Waco police Sgt. William Swanton estimated five to 15 deaths, among them the three to five firefighters who initially responded to the plant fire. More than 160 people suffered injuries such as broken bones, bruises, lacerations, respiratory distress, and some head injuries and minor burns.

THE RESPONSE

Dozens of emergency vehicles amassed at the scene in the hours after the blast. Firefighters used flashlights to search the area for victims and survivors. A football field was used as a triage center. American Red Cross crews from across Texas headed to the scene to help evacuated residents. About 20 members of the Texas National Guard were sent to the scene and Gov. Rick Perry activated Texas Task Force 1, an 80-member urban search and rescue team equipped with heavy rescue equipment.

THE CAUSE

Authorities say there is no indication the blast was anything but an industrial accident. But they still have not been able to get to the heart of the blast site.

WHY WAS THE BLAST SO BIG?

Investigators still are looking into the exact cause of the blast. But ammonium nitrate is used commonly as fertilizer because of its high nitrogen content that fuels plant growth, said Ronald Smaldone, an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Texas at Dallas. It's also used as a commercial explosive for mining and excavating because it's much more stable than dynamite.

Compounds with high nitrogen content become explosive under the right conditions because they form nitrogen gas as a byproduct.

If stressed, its chemical elements want to decompose into water and laughing gas, but the way they break apart is with a runaway explosive chemical reaction. "The hotter it is the faster the reaction will happen," said Neil Donahue, professor of chemistry at Carnegie Mellon University.

HISTORY

Ammonium nitrate is best known as the explosive used in the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

More than a dozen other explosions involving the chemical have occurred over the past century. The deadliest was exactly 66 years ago this week, on April 16, 1947, when a series of explosions that began with a blast on a French freighter filled with more than 2,000 tons of ammonium nitrate fertilizer rocked the huge waterfront petrochemical complex at Texas City, just southeast of Houston. At least 576 people were killed and 5,000 injured.

Others in the United States included 14 killed in Roseburg, Ore., in 1959; six firemen in Kansas City, Mo., in 1988; four people in Port Neal, Iowa, in 1994. In Belgium in 1942, 189 people were killed. In 2001, an explosion at a hangar containing 300 tons of ammonium nitrate at a chemical and fertilizer plant killed 31 people and injured more than 2,000 in Toulouse, France. Another in France killed 29 in 1947, 162 in North Korea in 2004, 37 in Mexico in 2007, and 18 in Romania in 2004.

WHAT'S NEXT

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board was deploying a large investigation team. The board has not investigated a fertilizer plant explosion before, according to safety board managing director Daniel Horowitz. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was sending a national response team composed of investigators, certified explosives specialists, chemists, canines and forensic specialists.

Associated Press writers Malcolm Ritter in New York and Seth Borenstein in Washington contributed to this report.

A plume of smoke rises from a fertilizer plant fire near Waco on Wednesday. A massive explosion at the West Fertilizer Co. killed as many as 15 people and injured more than 160, officials said Thursday morning.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

"We are blessed in Texas to have the best emergency response teams in the nation, and they were certainly at their best last night, quickly and efficiently taking control of the situation, tending to the wounded and helping keep a bad situation from getting worse. ... Anyone who grew up in a small town understands that this tragedy will touch every family in West and the surrounding communities in some way. I urge all Texans and Americans to join me in keeping the people of West and our first responders in your prayers as this situation continues to unfold."

— Texas Gov. Rick Perry

"Once again, our state's first responders have run toward disaster, putting their lives on the line for those they protect and serve. ... We will continue to pray for them and the countless Texans whose lives have been forever changed by this tragedy."

— Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst

"Our sympathies go out to our friends in the West Independent School District as they wrestle with the aftermath of Wednesday's massive explosion. I've spoken to district leaders and told them TEA will provide as much flexibility and support as possible as they work to reassemble their schools and community. I've been very impressed with the strength and resolve these local leaders have shown as they work to bring normalcy back to the lives of their children. I also appreciate all the support the Region 12 Education Service Center in Waco and surrounding districts are providing West ISD."

—Texas Education Agency Commissioner Michael Williams

Obama: Prayers for residents of West after blast

WEST — President Barack Obama says residents of a small Texas town have "the support of the American people" after a fatal fire and explosion at a fertilizer plant.

In a statement Thursday, Obama says he's praying for the tight-knit community of West and thanked first responders who worked through the night to extinguish the flames and treat the wounded.

Obama says his administration is in close contact with authorities on the ground in the farming community as the search-and-rescue operations continue.

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Gov. Rick Perry answers quetions about the state's emergency response to the explosion and fires in West, during a news conference, Thursday, in Austin. Perry called the deadly fertilizer plant explosion "a truly nightmare scenario."

Country icon sends prayer tweet after Texas blast

WEST — Country music legend Willie Nelson is sending out his prayers via Twitter after a deadly fertilizer plant explosion rocked West, a small community north of Waco near where he grew up.

"West has been in my backyard all my life," Nelson tweeted early Thursday. "My heart is praying for the community that we call home."

When not on the road touring, Nelson has lived in Austin since 1971. But he was born and grew up 120 miles north of the state capital, in tiny Abbott, which is about 5 miles north of West.

Czech ambassador to visit scene of plant explosion

WEST — The Czech ambassador to the United States is traveling to the town devastated by the fertilizer plant explosion that's killed as many as 15 people and injured more than 160.

Ambassador Petr Gandalovic was scheduled to arrive Thursday in West, which has an honorary consulate in recognition of the significant number of residents in the area with Czech heritage.

Martin Pizinger, spokesman for the Czech embassy in Washington, says Gandalovic "would like to support the community in their time of sadness." Pizinger says the ambassador intends to personally express the support of the Czech Republic.

Gandalovic, ambassador since 2011, has visited West before.

Pizinger says the explosion has dominated headlines in the Czech Republic.

Texas food banks activate to help blast victims

AUSTIN — The Texas Food Bank Network has mobilized to help victims of the blast in West.

The Capitol Area Food Bank in Austin began assembling family food boxes and bottled water to ship to families in West, where an explosion at a fertilizer plant destroyed dozens of homes, an apartment building and a nursing home.

The CEO of the Texas Food Bank Network, Celia Cole said all 21 food banks that are members of the network are ready to lend a hand and will accept donations for the blast victims.

Food banks are part of the emergency response to disasters. Cole said the network was awaiting any specific needs the community or first responders might have.

Blood center: Donors needed after West explosion

WACO — A blood center that serves Central Texas hospitals says donors are greatly needed due to the massive plant explosion that has injured more than 160 people.

Carter BloodCare said in a statement Thursday that it is sending blood to hospitals treating patients from the explosion in West, near Waco. It says blood "will be in great demand over the next two weeks" as officials work to replenish supplies used after Wednesday's incident.

A list of places to give blood is located at http://www.carterbloodca e.org.

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Emergency vehicles respond to the streets north of downtown West Thursday after a massive explosion at the fertilizer plant, Wednesday.

Paul Moseley/AP

Left
A firefighter stands on a rail line Thursday and surveys the remains of a fertilizer plant destroyed by an explosion in West. A massive explosion at the West Fertilizer Co. killed as many as 15 people and injured more than 160, officials said overnight.

Bottom left
Baylor University students hold a candlelight vigil outside Waco Hall for the victims of the West fertilizer plant explosion, Wednesday.

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EXPLOSION

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job. That's what you've been trained to do. But you're reminded of the tragedy and your family. And that it could be you," Hall said. "Then it's a completely different story."

While the community tended to its deep wounds, investigators awaited clearance to enter the blast zone for clues to what set off the plant's huge stockpile of volatile chemicals.

"It's still too hot to get in there," said Franceska Perot, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, later adding that she wasn't sure when her team would be able to start its investigation.

The precise death toll was uncertain. Three to five volunteer firefighters initially were believed to be among the dead, which authorities said could number as many as 15. But the state Department of Public Safety later said the number of fatalities couldn't be confirmed.

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department said one of its off-duty firefighters, Capt. Kenny Harris, was among those killed. Harris — a 52-year-old married father of three grown sons — lived in West and had decided to lend a hand to the volunteers battling the blaze.

The many injuries included broken bones, cuts and bruises, respiratory problems and minor burns. A few people were reported in intensive care and several more in critical condition.

First-responders evacuated 133 patients from the nursing home, some in wheelchairs. Many were dazed and panicked and did not know what happened.

William Burch and his wife, a retired Air Force nurse, entered the damaged nursing home before first-responders arrived. They searched separate wings and found residents in wheelchairs trapped in their rooms. The halls were dark, and the ceilings had collapsed. Water filled the hallways. Electrical wires hung eerily from the ceilings.

"They had Sheetrock that was on top of them. You had to remove that," Burch said. It was "completely chaotic."

Gov. Rick Perry called the explosion "a truly nightmare scenario for the community" and said he had been in touch with President Barack Obama, who promised his administration's assistance with operations on the ground.

Authorities said the plant handles both the fertilizers anhydrous ammonia and ammonium nitrate, the latter of which was used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and several other attacks, such as the first bombing attempt at the World Trade Center in 1993.

Ammonium nitrate makes big explosions, be they accidental or intentional, said Neil Donahue, professor of chemistry at Carnegie Mellon University. It is stable, but if its components are heated up sufficiently, they break apart in a runaway explosive chemical reaction, he said.

"The hotter it is, the faster the reaction will happen," he said. "That really happens almost instantaneously, and that's what gives the tremendous force of the explosion."

About a half-hour before the blast, the town's volunteer firefighters had responded to a call at the plant, Swanton said. They immediately realized the potential for disaster because of the plant's chemical stockpile and began evacuating the surrounding area.

The blast happened 20 minutes later.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board was deploying a large investigation team to West. The ATF team that investigates all large fires and explosions was bringing fire investigators, certified explosives specialists, chemists, canines and forensic specialists. American Red Cross crews were helping evacuated residents.

Records reviewed by The Associated Press show the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration fined West Fertilizer $10,000 last summer for safety violations that included planning to transport anhydrous ammonia without a security plan. An inspector also found the plant's ammonia tanks weren't properly labeled.

The government accepted $5,250 after the company took what it described as corrective actions, the records show. It is not unusual for companies to negotiate lower fines with regulators.

In a risk-management plan filed with the Environmental Protection Agency about a year earlier, the company said it was not handling flammable materials and did not have sprinklers, water-deluge systems, blast walls, fire walls or other safety mechanisms in place at the plant.

State officials require all facilities that handle anhydrous ammonia to have sprinklers and other safety measures because it is a flammable substance, according to Mike Wilson, of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

66 years ago this week, another deadly Texas blast

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

Texas is no stranger to ammonium nitrate fertilizer explosions.

Exactly 66 years ago this week, what remains the nation's worst industrial disaster occurred when a series of explosions rocked the huge waterfront petrochemical complex at Texas City, southeast of Houston and across the bay from Galveston.

At least 576 people were killed and 5,000 were injured.

Like the Central Texas blast Wednesday evening in West that may have killed as many as 15 people, the Texas City disaster began with a fire.

At about 8 a.m. on April 16, 1947, a thick reddish-orange smoke began billowing from the No. 4 hold on the 7,176-ton French freighter S.S. Grandcamp. Workers from the nearby Monsanto Chemical Co. plant joined hundreds of others near Warehouse Pier "O" at the Port of Texas City to watch.

The ship, which was carrying 2,300 tons of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, blew up at 9:21 a.m.

A second blast erupted five seconds later, followed by others.

The explosions were so powerful windows broke in Baytown, 25 miles away. Two small airplanes flying over the burning ship at the time of the blast were blown out of the sky, killing four people. A 15-foot tidal wave rolled from the explosion site, lifting a 150-foot-long oil barge out of the water and dropping it high and dry 200 feet away.

The S.S. High Flyer, a 6,214-ton freighter also loaded with ammonium nitrate at an adjacent pier, was torn from its berth and caught fire. Volunteer crews eventually gave up trying to pull the vessel from the area. Sixteen hours later, it blew up.

Shrapnel-like debris from the Grandcamp struck the Monsanto plant like a machine gun, igniting huge storage tanks and severing pipelines that spewed flammable liquids.

One of the fires burned for a week.

Twenty-seven Texas City firefighters who had gone to battle the initial blaze on the Grandcamp died in the blast. Crew members and many of the spectators along the shoreline were incinerated.

Authorities were able to identify 398 bodies. Another 178 people were listed as missing. Sixty-three bodies never were identified.

Some 227 Monsanto employees and contract workers were among the dead and the $15 million plant built in 1942 to produce synthetic rubber for the World War II effort was destroyed. Total damage was put a $67 million.

Results of a federal investigation filed 10 months later determined someone smoking in the hold of the Grandcamp was responsible, that a "No Smoking" rule wasn't enforced rigidly aboard the ship and inadequate amounts of water were pumped into the burning hold.

Today, a marker on a small plot of ground faces the port area a half-mile from the site of the initial explosion. A 10,640-pound anchor blown there in the blast is the centerpiece.

At an edge of town, and within view of the multitude of plants still there, 63 small pieces of pink granite mark the graves of 63 bodies that never were identified. The markers, about the size of building bricks, are in rows on either side of a reflecting pool and bear only a number that corresponds to numbers placed on the bodies when they were found.

Man's video of plant explosion goes viral

By Marc Ramirez
The Dallas Morning News

Hours later, Derrick Hurtt counted himself lucky.

"We didn't expect what we got," Hurtt said Thursday of his video footage documenting the inferno from which he and his 12-year-old daughter managed to escape.

"It was bad. We're very fortunate to be here."

In the video, posted to YouTube, a torrent of intensifying fire rages in the distance, billowing into angry gray.

Hurtt half-hangs out the driver's window of his pickup, capturing the sight with his iPhone.

Daughter Khloey sits beside him in the cab. They are about 200 yards away.

Then, a massive, split-second flash and — BOOM! — the monstrous crackle of an explosion.

The video would immediately go viral, with nearly 3 million views as of noon Thursday of the Hurtts' terrified reactions.

"Khloey, you OK?"

"Dad, Dad — I can't hear."

Chaos in the viewfinder: The cab interior, then shaky blue denim. The screen briefly goes black as a shower of debris clatters down around them.

Hurtt, who lives in West and works as a substation inspector for a power line company, had just picked Khloey up from an after-school program at West Middle School. They were on their way home when they noticed the fire.

"She wanted to take pictures," Hurtt told The Dallas Morning News. "I pulled into the parking lot. I figured we'd get the building collapsing and then get out. I knew it was bad, but I didn't think it was gonna be this bad."

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Known for its roadside kolaches, West home to Czech and German immigrants

Patrick Beach
Cox Newspapers

Before Wednesday night's fire and explosion, West, population 2,674 in the 2010 census, was perhaps best known to Texans as a popular stop on Interstate 35 for kolaches and Czech pastries roughly midway between Austin and the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The McLennan County town traces its roots to an 1850s settlement near a spring. By 1860, the census recorded a population of 311.

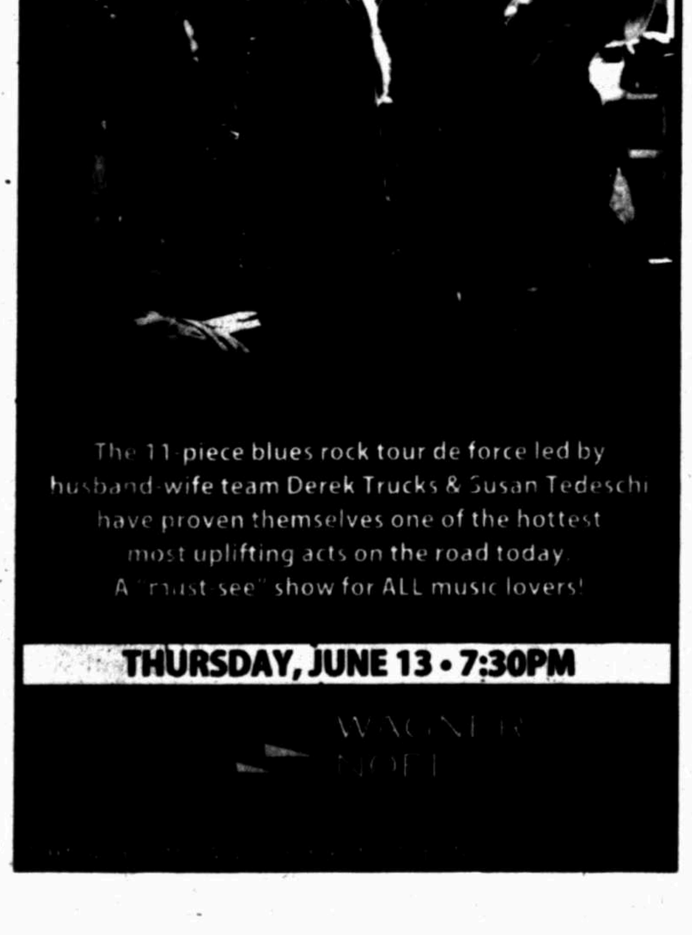
The present townsite was established in 1881 and was named for the town's first postmaster, Thomas M. West.

Its early growth was spurred by construction of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad in the 1880s, according to the Handbook of Texas Online. The area's economy grew with cotton and grain production, and cattle ranching. By 1900, West boasted a fire department, weekly newspaper, bank, cotton mill, several cotton gins, a hotel, schools and several churches.

In the early 20th century, the railroad brought large numbers of Czech and German immigrants to the community.

Today the annual Westfest, held on Labor Day weekend, draws tens of thousands in a celebration of the town's Czech and German heritage, not to mention its sausages, with events such as a kolache-eating contest.

The famed Czech Stop gas station and bakery was reported undamaged in the explosion.

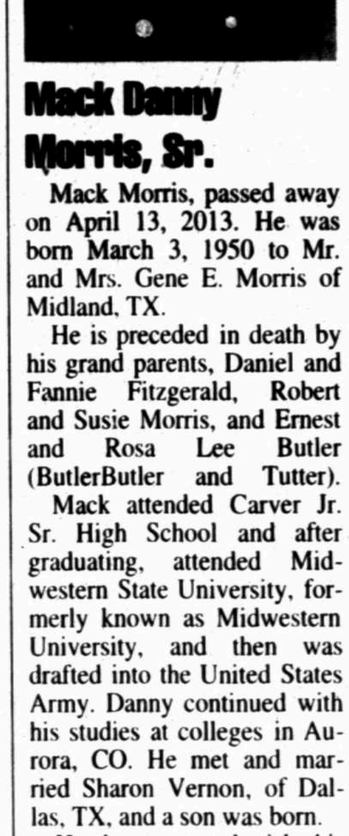


Obituaries

Audy Leon Darr

Audy Leon Darr, 87, of Midland, Texas entered his Heavenly home on April 18, 2013. He was born on April 19, 1926, in Forney, Texas to Audy and Irene Darr. Audy was a proud WWII decorated veteran, having served as a sergeant in the United States Army. He received, among other medals, the Purple Heart, with clusters. Audy retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Dallas. He was a faithful church member, serving for many years as deacon. He was a 60+ year member of the Belden Masonic Lodge. He and Faye raised their family in Garland, Texas. After retirement Audy settled with his beloved wife, Faye, to the Bryans Mill, Texas, Faye's birthplace. As Faye's health declined they moved to Midland. Audy was a devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather. He loved God, his family and his country. He enjoyed travel. Two of his favorite trips were to the Holy Land and to Washington, D.C. to see the WWII Veterans' memorial. He was an avid reader of history, especially the Civil War and Abe Lincoln. He served as judge in his voting precinct. Audy was preceded in death by his parents, Audy and Irene Darr, his wife, Faye, and his brother, Scott Darr. He is survived by his children, Frank Darr (Ann) of Round Rock, Debbie Bomar(Jim) of Midland, one sister, Sondra Holloway, of Dallas, two brothers, Bob Darr(Marilyn) of Ft. Worth, and Paul Darr (Mary Ann) of Strawn, sister-in-law, Betty Moon (Preston) of Bryans Mill, four grandchildren, Amber Englert (Justin) of Snyder, Phillip Bomar, of Puyallup, Washington, Kari and Lori Darr, of Round Rock, and two great grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank his caregivers, Saddle Ridge Lodge and Senior Care, of Midland. Visitation will be at 1pm on April 20th at Harrison Funeral Home in Naples, Texas, to be followed by Services at Harrison Funeral Home Chapel at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be directed to the Gideons Ministry or Veterans Association.



Mack Danny Morris, Sr.

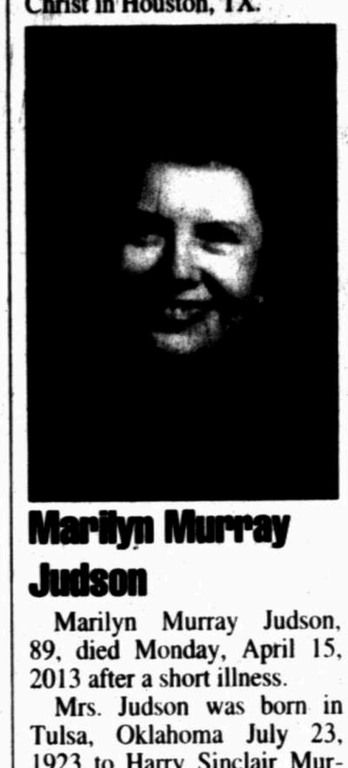
Mack Morris, passed away on April 13, 2013. He was born March 3, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Morris of Midland, TX.

He is preceded in death by his grand parents, Daniel and Fannie Fitzgerald, Robert and Susie Morris, and Ernest and Rosa Lee Butler (ButlerButler and Tutter).

Mack attended Carver Jr. Sr. High School and after graduating, attended Midwestern State University, formerly known as Midwestern University, and then was drafted into the United States Army. Danny continued with his studies at colleges in Aurora, CO. He met and married Sharon Vernon, of Dallas, TX, and a son was born.

He leaves to cherish his memories his son, Mack D. Morris, Jr. (Erika) of Houston, TX. And his daughter, Amber D. Morris of Dallas, TX. His parents, Gene E. and Pearlie Morris; three sisters, Mary Flunder, Jean Williams, of Midland, and DeSharon Edwards, of Houston, TX. Mack's grand daughters, Ambrieya, Brijonae, and Makala Morris. Four nephews, Anthony Flunder of Lubbock, TX, JeMel Edwards, Christopher Flunder, both of Midland, TX, Charles Williams of Miami, FL; and Danny's very special friend; Thelma Casel; and a host of aunties, cousins, and friends.

Memorial services for Mack Morris, Sr. will be held at the Lee Street Church of Christ, 101 N. Lee St., Midland, TX 79701, at 11:00am with eulogy by Bro. Greg Jones, Assistant Minister of the Shady Acres Church of Christ in Houston, TX.



Marilyn Murray Judson

Marilyn Murray Judson, 89, died Monday, April 15, 2013 after a short illness.

Mrs. Judson was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma July 23, 1923 to Harry Sinclair Murray and Berenice Carter Murray. During her childhood years, she lived with her family in various cities including Amarillo, Dallas. Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Memphis and Detroit. She graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois and attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

After graduating from Northwestern in 1946, she moved to Midland, joining her parents and her brother, Harry Sinclair Murray, Jr. Shortly after coming to Midland she began working for Shell Oil Company in the personnel department, where she met her future husband Edward Harry Judson. They were married on February 17, 1951 and were married for fifty-seven years, until her husband's death in 2008.

During her married years she devoted herself to her family, rearing three children. She served as a troop leader in the Girl Scouts, taught Sunday school and tutored children at Casa de Amigos. In addition, she was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as Regent in 1977/1978. Her husband and his two long-time business partners, Ken Williams and Bill Martin formed MWJ Producing Company in 1954. Marilyn and Ed started The Edmar Company in 1996 as an oil and gas operating company. She actively participated in the running of the company. Marilyn enjoyed travelling and with her husband saw much of the world on their many trips. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church from the late 1940's until her death.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and her brother, Harry Sinclair Murray, Jr. of Irving, Texas. She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Collins Murray of Irving, Texas and Winifred Judson Livingston of Kerrville, Texas and brother-in-law, Roger Judson of Houston, Texas; her children and their spouses, Judith Lyn Judson and Richard Coar of City Island, New York; Linda Judson and Jim Harrison of Atlanta, Georgia; and Don and Julie Biggs Judson of Midland, Texas; and her four grandchildren, David Edward Judson of Orlando, Florida; Anna Kathleen Harrison and Brian Thomas Harrison of Atlanta, Georgia; and Annabelle Claire Kate Judson of Midland, Texas.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St in Midland. Funeral services will begin with a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park, 4616 North Big Spring Street at 10:00 AM followed by funeral services at First Presbyterian Church, 800 West Texas Avenue, at 11:00. The service will be officiated by Pastor Steve Schorr. Honorary pallbearers are John Schlagal, Jack Blake, Lorenzo Dominguez, and Roger Judson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com Donations can be made to the Deacon's Fund (for community service) of First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas. This can be done online at www.fpcmid.org

Mark Riddle

Mark Riddle, formerly of Midland, passed away on April 15, 2013.

A visitation will be held on Friday April 19, 2013 from 6pm - 8pm at Ellis Funeral Home. There will be a 10am graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park on Saturday April 20, 2013.

Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Catalina Gavia Ceballos

Catalina Gavia Ceballos, 84 of Midland, passed away on Friday, April 12, 2013.

A funeral mass will be held this morning at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

She is survived by her family; two daughters Helena C Medrano and Priscilla A. Ceballos both of Midland, TX; her two brothers Ramon Gavia of Denton, TX, Joe Jessie Gavia of Midland, TX; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Irene Lueken

Irene Minyard Lueken age 93 passed away on April 16, 2013 in Odessa, Texas.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Friday April 19th at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday April 20th at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her children Diane Cheatham (Jim), Nelson Minyard (Denise), Melanie Sipes, and Cindy Kimmell (Bruce) and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Patricia Hinojosa

Patricia Hinojosa, 69, of Midland, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

She is survived by three daughters, Bonnie Parrez (Domingo), Linda Franklin (Michael), and Patty Lavigne (George); and a son, Omar Hinojosa (Marcena); eleven grandchildren; one brother, Steve Molenda; and a sister, Jean Molenda.

William Lee Townsley

William Lee Townsley, 72, of Andrews, passed away Tuesday, April, 16, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie of Andrews, TX; daughters, Dana and husband Herry Creger of Moore, OK, Amanda and husband Kasey Coleman of Odessa, TX; sons, Billy and wife Paige of Lubbock, TX, Justin and wife Kenna Townsley of Odessa, TX; along with nine grandchildren. (Papa, Dad, Daddy, Honey)you will be missed.

H-E-B launches donation campaign

From staff reports

In the wake of a fertilizer plant explosion in West that has leveled part of the town and left many injured, H-E-B donated $50,000 to the American Red Cross and has launched a statewide checkstand donation campaign benefiting the organization in response to the devastation.

One hundred percent of the donations will support American Red Cross disaster relief efforts, which includes sending relief supplies, mobilizing relief workers and providing financial resources to those affected by the disaster.

H-E-B activated its emergency response units and has integrated into the incident command post supporting local emergency management and law enforcement. H-E-B mobilized the H-E-B Eddie Garcia Mobile Kitchen and water tanker to West and donated much needed meals and water to the victims of the disaster and first responders. Food, water, snacks and medical supplies have been donated to local hospitals and nursing home facilities along with baby items such as diapers, formula and bottles to families displaced by the explosion.

The checkstand campaign offers H-E-B customers an opportunity to join H-E-B's support by adding a donation in increments of $1, $3 or $5 to their total grocery bill.

The H-E-B Eddie Garcia Mobile Kitchen, a 45-foot food preparation trailer can prepare approximately 2,500 hot meals per hour and easily dispatched to a community in need. In addition, H-E-B created a mobile Disaster Relief Unit (DRU), a 57-foot trailer retro-fitted with a mobile Pharmacy, Business Center, and ATM window.

Dispatch tapes reveal harrowing moments

By Seema Mehta
Los Angeles Times

In the moments after an explosion tore through a fertilizer plant in West dispatchers pleaded for help for downed firefighters, summoning assistance from nearby agencies and directing fire trucks, hazardous-materials units and other responders to scenes of destruction throughout the town.

"Y'all have anybody available, I am requesting you. They have firefighters down," a woman says early on. "Firefighters down. Again, there has been an explosion, there are firefighters down."

A responder calls from a home for senior citizens, describing it as "institutionally damaged."

"We have many people down," he says. "Police, please respond."

"I'm getting you everybody I can," a woman dispatcher responds. "You have deputies, you have Bellmead (Texas) fire, you have EMS. I'm sending everybody I got."

Agencies from throughout the area responded to the calls, sending fire trucks and ambulances, a bomb disposal unit and more. They were directed to the plant, a triage area, a burning middle school, an apartment building where people were stuck inside.

Then, suddenly, units were warned to back off the site amid fears of another explosion.

"Everybody needs to get away from there. Back all trucks away from the power plant," a man says.

"All units on scene, they need to load up and get out of there now ... . Lot of (inaudible) tanks filled over here, and they're full."

As of Thursday morning, authorities report that the explosion had killed as many as 15 people, and injured more than 160. Several firefighters were among the missing.

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Marathon runner witnesses double disasters

Associated Press

People keep asking Joe Berti if he feels unlucky.

A bomb exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon moments after Berti finished the race. Two days later, he was in his home state of Texas when he saw a fertilizer plant explode near Waco.

"I was just like, 'I can't believe this!'" said Berti, who said he had never witnessed an explosion before. Then he thought: "I just want to get out of here and get away from all these explosions."

But Berti, as it turns out, is far from unlucky. Instead, he feels fortunate. He left both tragedies unscathed, while members of his running group and his wife — who was closer to the Boston explosion than he was — were also unhurt.

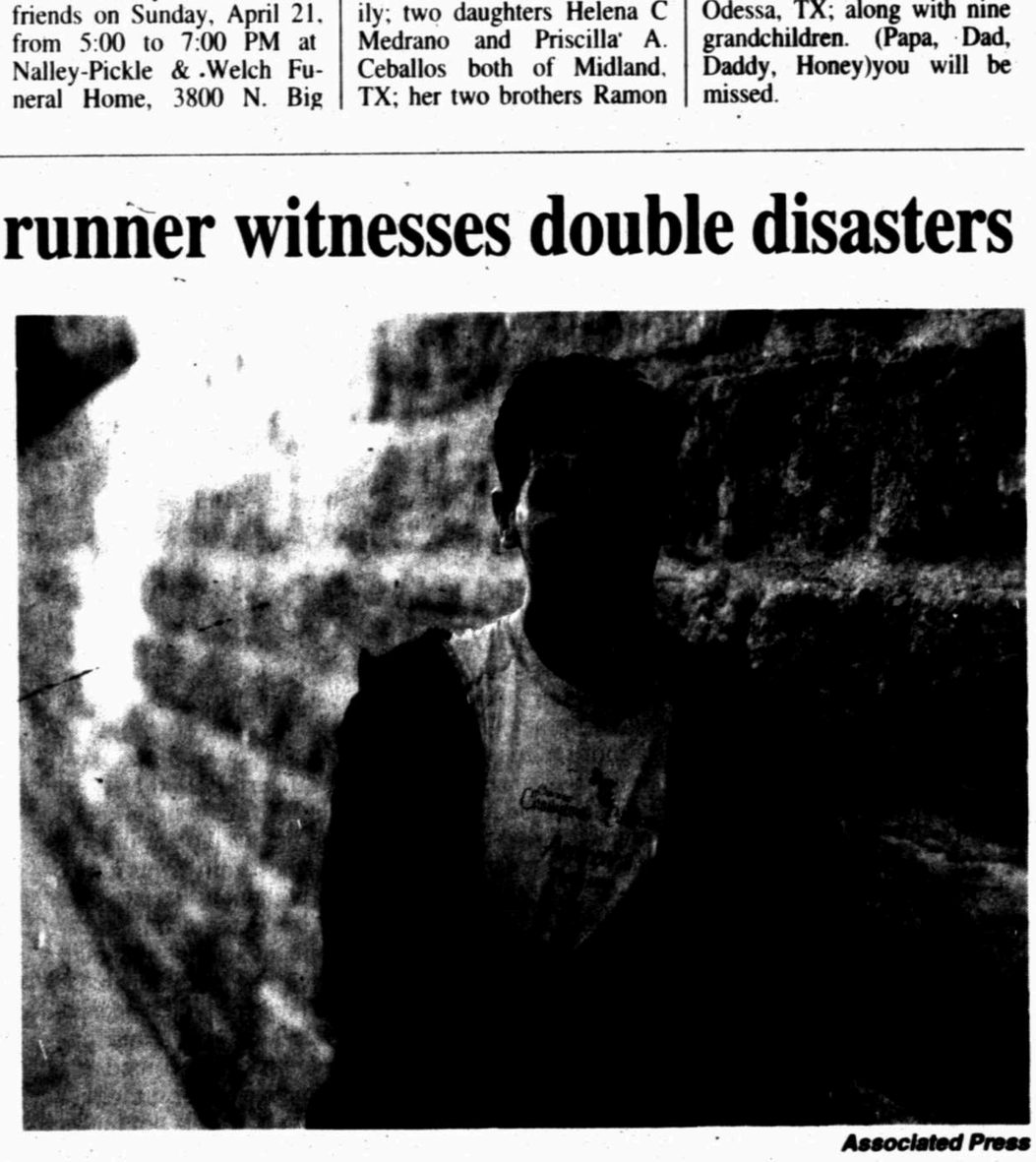
"It's a miracle," he said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. "People keep saying, 'Don't you feel unlucky?' and I was actually the opposite — saying not only do I not feel unlucky, but I feel blessed that my wife could be 10 yards from the explosion and not have a scratch."

The bombings in Boston, which happened about 10 seconds apart at the finish line of Monday's marathon, killed three people and left more than 180 wounded.

In West, which is near Waco, a fertilizer plant exploded Wednesday, killing at least five people, injuring more than 160, and leveling homes, apartments and a school.

"We're grateful that God has been merciful to us," said Berti's wife, Amy. "We are just praying for the people who were so much less fortunate than we were."

Berti's road to the Boston marathon started just a couple months ago, when he decided to run with Champions4Children, a charity that helps kids with rare or undiagnosed disorders and their families. He was one of eight Austin-area runners who ran the marathon with that group. Each ran for a sick child or "training partner," who tracked his or her runner's marathon progress from home.



Associated Press

Marathon runner Joe Berti poses for a photo in Austin on Thursday. Berti had just finished the Boston Marathon on Monday, seconds before twe bombs exploded at the finish line. Two days later, he was in his home state of Texas when he saw a fertilizer plant explode near Waco.

During the last four miles, the 43-year-old Berti, who wore bib number 25472, felt his body shutting down, and his pace slowed. But he was running for his partner Drew, and he vowed to finish.

"I had just run to the finish line and... (moments) later I heard the first explosion, and then turned around and saw the smoke," he said. "I knew immediately that it was a bomb. ... Then the second explosion occurred and I saw a wave of people running."

At that point, he said, he was so exhausted he couldn't run anymore. He worried about getting caught in a stampede. He was concerned about members of his running group who were behind him. He also thought about his wife, whom he was unable to reach and was probably wondering where he was. He told himself she was fine, because she was supposed to be at a restaurant.

"But then, I was like, 'She never listens to me, and she may have been at the finish line,'" a thought he quickly tried to remove from his mind.

As it turns out, Amy Berti and a friend were just yards from the first explosion. She had just taken a picture of Joe, and was heading to the finish line to find him when the bomb went off. She and her friend were both hit by shrapnel. Amy was uninjured, her friend was bruised.

But a woman right next to Amy had her leg torn off from the knee down, and lost all the fingers in her left hand. Amy Berti went to get help, and once that woman was being cared for, Amy's frantic search for her husband began.

His cellphone battery died. He wasn't on the bus. He wasn't in the medical tents.

"I had just watched him cross where that bomb was, so I didn't know if he made it through and I couldn't find him," she said. "I started to freak out a little bit."

After about an hour, the couple reunited at their hotel, both of them OK. They left Boston on Tuesday morning and returned to Austin, with every hope of getting back to life as normal with their two girls, ages 8 and 11.

Joe Berti went back to work. On Wednesday, he had a daylong meeting in Dallas, followed by a museum tour. He was heading home on Interstate 35 and nearing Waco Wednesday night when he saw black smoke up ahead to his left. As he drove closer, he saw — and felt — his second explosion in two days.

"You've got to be kidding!" he remembers thinking. He described the giant fireball as a massive force that shook his car. He said it looked like pictures of nuclear explosions that he has seen on television.

He didn't know what he had just witnessed — but he pulled over and took a picture.

"My next reaction was to get out of there because something fell on the top of my car — some debris or something fell from the sky," he said.

As black smoke billowed over the highway in front of him, Berti held his breath and drove through it. After a few attempts, he was able to reach his wife — sparing her another round of worry.

"I'm like, 'Honey, what is with your luck? Why are you in all of these places?" Amy Berti said. When a reporter suggested that Joe should stay home for a while, she joked, "We need to keep him moving. Maybe he just needs to stand in an open field."

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TODAY: Sunny High: 65 Low: 45

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 51

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 84 Low: 57

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 65 and a low around 45. Warmer temperatures are expected through the weekend. Watch out for gusty conditions as winds could reach 30 mph Saturday. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

Sunshine will carry over to Saturday, with a high of 65 and low of 45.

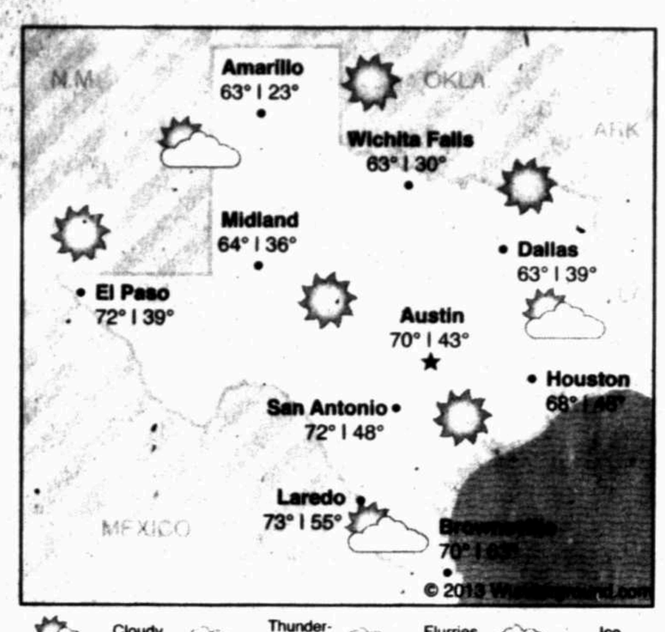
The high on Thursday reached 61, while the low dropped to 40. The record high for April 18 is 96 set in 1948 and 2011. The record low is 34 set in 1998 and 2008.

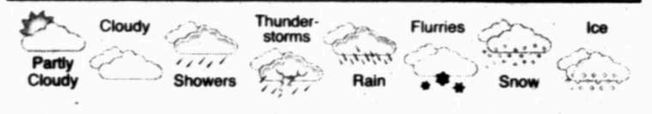
Weather Whys

Q: How can ridges or troughs tell us about the weather?

The type of air can often determine if it's going to be a nice day or stormy one, Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University said.

"Usually, strong ridges are accompanied by warm and dry weather conditions at the surface," he said. "On the other hand, strong troughs are often preceded by stormy and sometimes violent weather conditions. A strong upper air trough can often push a cold front through. So it's a good idea to notice where ridges and troughs are because they can affect the weather where you live."





Precipitation

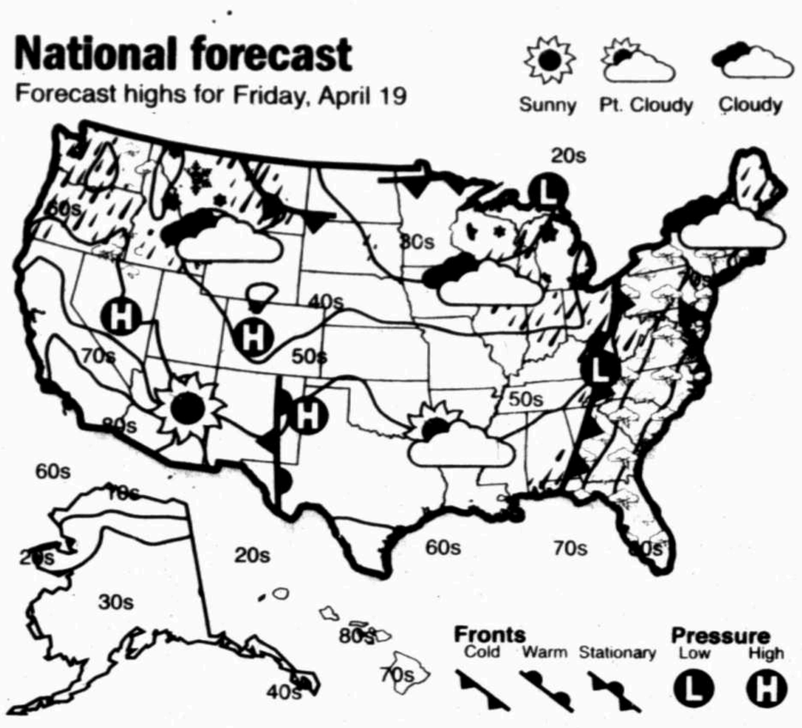
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.26 in.

Thursday's temperatures

High	61
Low	40
Normal high	80
Normal low	50
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:21 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, April 19



The harder husband works, the more wife cheats on him

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-year-old male, married for 26 years. I am hopelessly in love with my wife and still see her as the most beautiful woman in the world.

I have always been self-employed and have sometimes been at the extremes of feast or famine. During the bad times, I often worked 110-plus-hour weeks to save the ship.

Each time things have gotten really bad, my wife has had an affair to make up for the time, money and attention I can't provide her. I found out about her latest affair (her third) when I found a secret cellphone in her purse. For the past eight months, when she visited our daughter at college, she would check into a hotel with her lover.

I feel responsible for failing to meet her needs. She doesn't want a divorce but admits she doubts she will ever fully stop dating and says the effort she puts into deceiving me is proof she loves me and doesn't want to hurt my feelings.

I am amazed at the number of men willing to have sex with a married woman. My heart is broken, and I feel like a failure. Am I a fool to keep fighting for her? — HOPELESSLY IN LOVE

DEAR HOPELESSLY IN LOVE: I hope you realize that as "beautiful" as your wife may be, your relationship with her isn't a healthy one. Please go online and look up the definition of the word "codependency."

If your wife loved you, she would prove it by doing everything in her power to HELP you through the rough periods, including finding a job to help with the bills, not sneaking around with other men. That she would claim her deceit is "proof of her love," and that you would believe her, is amazing.

DEAR ABBY: What is proper etiquette for someone who takes pictures at a funeral?

I am a recent widow who received a package from an out-of-town relative. In it were several envelopes for my family. One of them was for my sister, who lives 40 miles away. I gave my sister a call and told her it looked like it contained a stack of pictures. She said I should go ahead and open it.

Inside were photos taken at my husband's funeral — pictures of the funeral home, inside the church, the casket and some of me and my daughter sitting at the gravesite. Abby, it was like going to the funeral all over again! The latter were particularly disturbing.

To me, it felt like voyeurism. Why would someone take pictures of such a sad event? I hope you print this and tell me and others what your opinion is so they may heed your advice — particularly my in-laws. — GRIEVING WIDOW IN INDIANA

DEAR GRIEVING: No one should take pictures at funerals without first having received permission from the immediate survivors such as the widow, widower or children.

That said, the practice is not as uncommon as you might think. After a period of time, family members have been known to find comfort in having them. Short of asking your permission, your trauma could have been avoided had the relative who sent the pictures thought to label the envelopes or include a note explaining what was inside them. That way, you wouldn't have had to view them until you were ready — if ever — and were prepared emotionally.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Do not be fooled. Those charming people seated to your left and right at the bridge table do not have your best interests at heart. But there is no need to submit meekly to their evil plots.

The auction is good old-fashioned Standard American. The only difference with a more scientific approach is that, if North-South employ transfer bids, North would be the declarer — and face the same predicament if East leads a diamond.

West led the ace of diamonds and continued with the nine. It was obvious what the defenders had in mind — a diamond ruff. That would do no harm if the spade finesse was going to be successful — declarer would lose only a diamond, a diamond ruff and the ace of trumps. But what if the spade finesse was doomed to fail?

There was no sure way to guard against that, but declarer did as well as possible. After winning the second trick with the queen of diamonds, declarer cashed the ace and king of clubs and ruffed a club with the eight of hearts. If West overruffed, that defender would have no way to get to his partner's hand for the diamond ruff.

When West followed to the third club, declarer exited with the queen of hearts to East's ace. West duly obtained a diamond ruff to complete the defensive book. But the partial strip had been successful. Down to nothing but spades, West was forced to lead from the king into South's combined tenace, and declarer's spade loser vanished!

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 19, 2013:

This year your energy is so high that you have difficulty keeping yourself contained. You will need to incorporate more physical activity into your life, or else your fuse will become shorter and shorter. If you are single, you will enjoy someone you meet after spring. This person likes to be active and is into sports. If you are attached, the two of you might take up a new hobby, sport or pastime together. LEO can be as demanding as you are!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your zest for living comes out, no matter what you say or do. Your spontaneity even becomes childlike, which allows for great conversations and many laughs. Start doing some research on a new, passionate interest. Tonight: Make your choices colorful and exciting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your instincts guide you, especially when dealing with a close family member. You could be put off by this person's attitude or habits. Let it go, as this characteristic is just a small part of their personality. By late afternoon, you'll start to perk up. Tonight: Celebrate the night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You can be very charming to others, but do not coerce them into agreeing to something that they won't enjoy, especially regarding weekend plans. Your upbeat attitude tends to break down barriers. Everyone wants a little bit of what you've got. Tonight: You flirt!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Your moodiness allows you to become a victim of overindulging. Curb your spending, and stay within your budget. Choose restaurants that support your diet. Take better care of yourself. Others will start treating you with more respect as a result. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You beam as you sense a change in the wind. Listen to what is being shared. A neighbor might have some interesting information to share with you. Know that there is a nugget of truth in what you are hearing. Invitations and requests come in. Tonight: Be around a crowd.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ If you're feeling out of sorts, take some much-needed personal time. You might want to find a trusted friend or relative to reach out to. This person makes an excellent confidant. Stop judging others — and yourself — so much. Tonight: Excuse yourself from festivities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Wherever you are, you can be found networking away among the crowds. You could make a surprising connection that you will value even more than you might realize. Touch base with someone you often think of but perhaps don't speak to. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Fatigue or negativity could be casting some darkness on your life. A partner will go out of his or her way to cheer you up. Express your appreciation, but try to eliminate an overwhelming issue. Speak to someone who can help you. Tonight: Stay sensitive to a close loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your mind opts to wander while you are left trying to be efficient. Share your thoughts in order to get some feedback. Afterward, you will be more present. Run your errands, and get as much done possible. A last-minute detail could slow you down. Tonight: Time to be impulsive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ A close friend pleads his or her case. Listen and respond accordingly. Allow more spontaneity into both your social and personal lives. You probably will enjoy yourself more once you relax. Life will be even more of an adventure! Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others often challenge you. Though you don't really care, you'll listen to the criticism or issue and evaluate it in your time. This lack of an immediate response could trigger a negative reaction. You defuse naturally hidden agendas. Tonight: Only where people can be found.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, both personally and professionally. Be realistic — you might need to ask for help. Understand that a certain call might not be returned. Be discreet when dealing with a difficult person. Tonight: Unwind without a whole lot of people around.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Ashley Judd (1968), actor Dudley Moore (1935), actress Kate Hudson (1979)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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20 __-Locka, Florida
21 Sum, sometimes
22 Country across the sea from Eritrea
23 "Small museum" piece
27 Oil-rich African country
29 City on the Rhone
30 "__ Theme": "Doctor Zhivago" song
32 Tram contents
33 Hog : sow :: rabbit : __
35 Freak (out)
36 Court cry
37 What the answers to starred clues end in, in more ways than one
40 Pigeon-loving Muppet
42 Fjord cousin
43 __ Victor
44 Bargainer with GM
45 LeVar's "Roots" role
47 Bender
51 Icky coating
53 "Dancer with many fans
55 Its young are called crias
57 Rock's __ Lobos
58 Touch clumsily
59 "Profit factors
62 Siouan tribe
63 __ d'amore
64 Terse observation
65 W.S. winner in four of the last five years
66 Flex
67 Leafy recess
68 Pirate played by Laughton

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3 Code talkers' tribe
4 5-Across's home: Abbr.
5 Lose it
6 Member of a large kingdom
7 Clear
8 Spa specimen
9 Lacking siblings
10 President with a B.A. from Columbia
11 Shoulder-length hair styles
12 The "you" in the 1968 lyric "Gee I think you're swell"
13 Imitated
19 Brain tests, briefly
21 "Put up your dukes, then!"
24 Break up
25 Statistician's input
26 Common folk group
28 __ Perce tribe
31 Seaweed extract
34 Beige relative
36 Atheist activist Madalyn Murray __
37 Dennis the Menace neighbor
38 German opener
39 Super Fro-Yo sellers
40 Eat at
41 Drop zone?
45 Dole's running mate
46 Put forth without proof
48 City SE of Roma
49 Ate (at)
50 "__ Scissorhands"
52 Checked for the last time?
54 Like one who is 52-Down
56 Fast horse
59 Pen's mate
60 Brief commitment
61 Crow's croak
62 Pen filler

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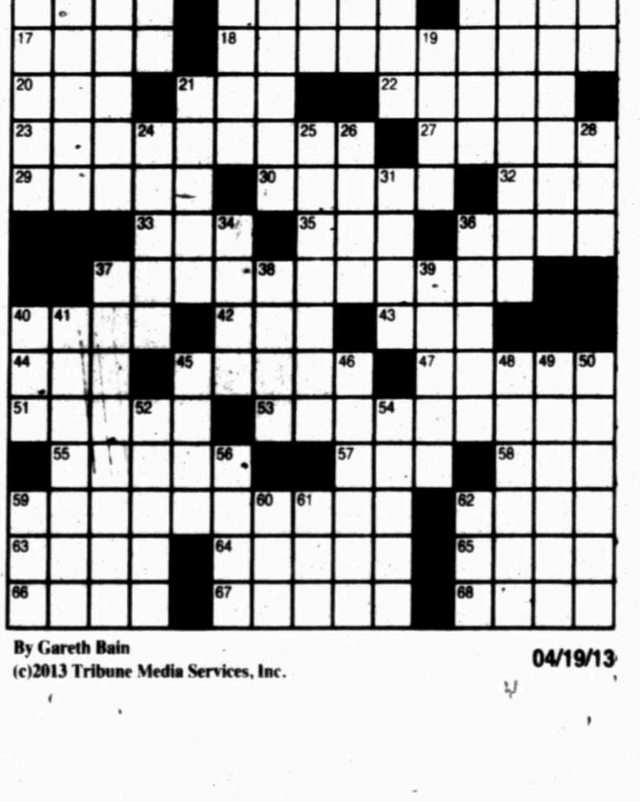

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Midland High's McCubbin just misses state berth

By Len Hayward
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LUBBOCK — Lucas McCubbin will look back on his experience at this year's Region I-5A golf tournament with a little bit of "What might've been."

McCubbin, a junior at Midland High, came off the cold and windy Rawls Course on Thursday feeling somewhat frustrated, knowing that three holes in his two rounds helped make the difference between him competing for a spot in the state tournament and staying home.

McCubbin shot an 82 on Thursday, and he had a triple bogey on the front nine and a double on the back nine. Those two holes, coupled with a triple-bogey on 18 on Wednesday, were shots he wasn't expecting to give up.

McCubbin finished the tournament at 159, six strokes away from qualifying for a playoff for

McCubbin

an individual state tourney berth. Andrew Paysse from Belton and Andre Guanlao from Justin Northwest had two-day totals of 153, and Paysse won the final qualifying spot in a playoff.

"I started out good and I was 1-over until about five, and then I tripled," McCubbin said. "It went south from there."

McCubbin said the conditions were tough as golfers not only had to face a stiff north wind on Thursday, but also frigid temperatures that were near freezing at the start of the round. McCubbin said he struggled to keep his hands warm, and couldn't find the consistency he needed in the cold weather.

"I couldn't feel my hands all day," McCubbin said. "The last couple of holes it finally warmed up and the wind died down, but I didn't lose my confidence."

McCubbin said he drove the ball well all day, but struggled to make putts when he needed to. But he said the experience in this tournament and this year, helped to "grow his game" and will prepare him for another run at the state tournament next year.

"I knew I had to shoot about

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A new experience

Track coaches prepare teams for area meet

By Jonathan Hull
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Area track coaches and athletes are gearing up for a new experience this weekend.

For the first time, teams from Class 2A to Class 5A don't get a week off between the district and regional meets thanks to the addition of an area meet. It's a move that has been met with mixed emotions from area coaches, although most are focusing more on the positive aspects of it.

"I think it might be a good deal," Midland High boys coach Jeff Streun said, "especially if you have good runners and can get more kids out. You get four out of the area meet instead of just two at region, so it gives more kids a chance to compete more."

Midland High and Lee will each be competing in the 1-5A/2-5A Area Track & Field Championships in El Paso today and Saturday, while Greenwood will join Big Spring and other district mates in the 3-3A/4-3A Area Track & Field Championships in Pecos over the weekend.

Lee girls coach Mike Connelly noted both the good and bad points of the area meet. It's when Connelly takes the strong Lady Rebels relay teams into consideration that he starts to worry about an area meet.

"It's good because we have the potential to qualify more kids for region," Lee girls coach Mike Connelly said. "Our situation makes you nervous. When you're first in the 400 relay and feel like you should definitely be in the regional meet, it makes you nervous. Relays are such volatile races. So much can go wrong like you can drop a baton and next thing you know you're not going to region."

Greenwood boys coach Adam Alba had the same concern as Connelly in regards to the area meet, but says he's come around on the idea.

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Greenwood's Morgan McKee competes in the girls high jump during the Ranger Relays on March 28 at Greenwood. McKee is one of several area qualifiers competing this weekend.

Andrews, Big Spring finish 1st, 2nd at regionals

By Len Hayward
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LUBBOCK — The Andrews boys golf team left little doubt Thursday afternoon about its status as one of the best boys golf teams in West Texas this spring.

Meanwhile, Big Spring also solidified its spot as one of the area's emerging programs.

Montgomery

Roberson

The two squads showed the rest of the region on Thursday that the road to the state golf tournament goes through the West Texas oil path as Andrews completed a dominating two days by winning its second straight regional title, and Big Spring took second to earn its second straight state tourney berth.

The Mustangs shot a stellar 295 as a team Thursday during the final round in cold and windy conditions, and combined with Andrews' first-round total of 297 it finished at 592 and won by 26 strokes over the Steers.

Big Spring finished second for the second straight year with a second consecutive 309 on Thursday to finish at 618, finishing 14 strokes ahead of third-place teams Gatesville and Abilene Wylie.

"Actually, I told them half-jokingly, 'Go shoot 295 today to show that we are for real, and we don't want these other regions to think we are a one-hit wonder'," Andrews coach Jeff Miller said. "I didn't really think we could shoot that, but they went out and proved me wrong. I'm so proud of these kids."

All five of the Mustangs shot 80 or better Thursday, and it was a freshman that led the way on the brutal day.

Freshman Tanner Montgomery shot a 3-under 69 on Thursday and won the medalist title with a two-day total of 140, which was 4-under par for the two days. Montgomery had five birdies, an eagle, a double bogey and two bogies on Thursday.

"It wasn't easy, I will tell you that much," said Tanner Montgomery, who

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Midland College's Gaby Muniz, back, throws to second after scooping up a grounder that got past Taylor Daniels, front, on Feb. 15, at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex. Both players are injured heading into this weekend's series with Howard College as injuries have plagued the Lady Chaps this season.

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MC plagued by injuries, inconsistencies

By Oscar LeRoy
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All Naomi Posada can do is shake her head when discussing the injuries that have plagued her and her Midland College softball team this year.

Injuries have become so common for the Lady Chaparrals this season, that players are used to stepping into different roles than what they originally expected.

"All of us have to always work hard, because you never know when an injury is going to happen," said Posada, the Midland High grad and freshman infielder. "It's so common now that it's like, who's it going to be today? You have to know how to play every position. I've gone from (playing) short to second to third (this week)."

Added fellow freshman infielder Leanna Meyer, "It has been like this all year long. I think the people that go in for (the injured players) kind of get used to working hard, playing for them. I feel like we don't really ever know what's going to happen, so you just have to go with it."

The Lady Chaparrals (36-22, 12-8 in WJCAC) have had to deal with a lot of adversity this season because of injuries and youthful inexperience. But they know that's just part of the game, and they have to brush all that aside this weekend when they play No. 8-ranked Howard College (43-9, 18-2) in a four-game WJCAC series.

MC coach Tommy Ramos — whose program has seen the most trying season since its early years in the late 90s — said regardless of the opponent, records and rankings, the focus for his Lady Chaparrals should be on themselves.

"We want to keep things simple, execute, play hard consistently and try to get going in the right direction heading into the regional tournament (next month)," Ramos said. "We want to come out here, compete, and work on those little things."

One of those little things that

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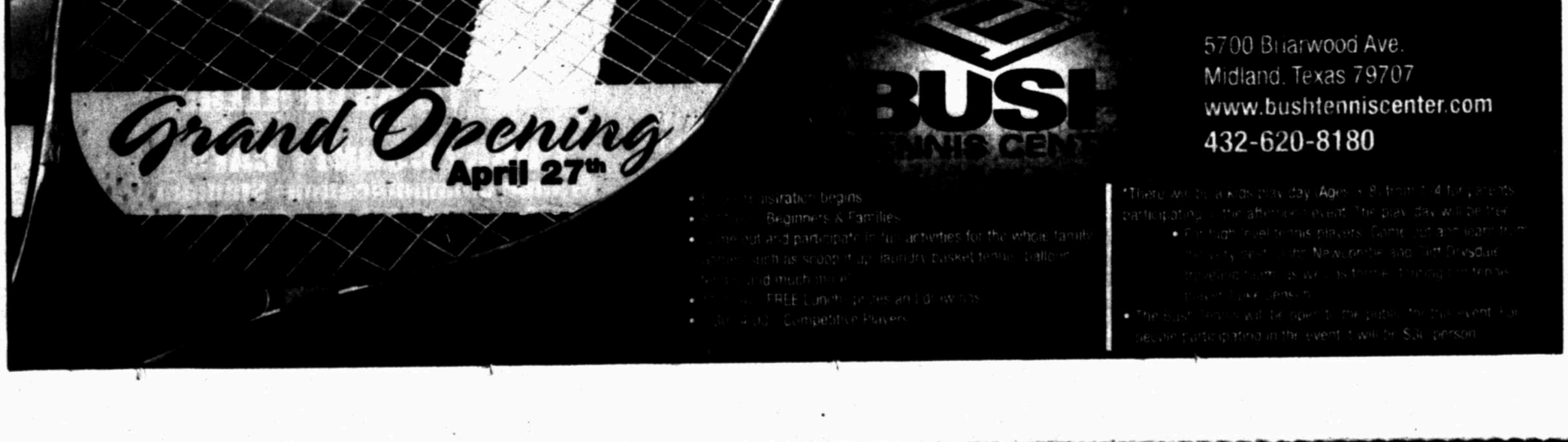


MCBASEBALL/SOFTBALL

BY OSCAR LEROY

Softball

MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. NO. 8 HOWARD COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. today, Midland College softball field; doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Foundation Field, Big Spring

Records: Midland College 36-22, 12-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Howard College 43-9, 18-2

Notes & quotes: The Midland College softball team is coming off a 3-1 weekend in which it split a doubleheader against Frank Phillips College and swept Clarendon College in a doubleheader. MC coach Tommy Ramos said that split against the Lady Plainsmen was disappointing. "That evening (after the split) we talked a little bit about just changing our approach," Ramos said. "Against Clarendon, I thought (the Lady Chaparrals) came out with more effort and more energy, and a sense of urgency." ... Howard is coming in leading the rest of the WJCAC pack by three games. ...The Hawks lead the WJCAC and the NJCAA with a .412 batting average and are third in the league with a team ERA of 3.20. In contrast, MC leads the WJCAC in team ERA with a 2.20 and is fourth in hitting with a .338 team batting average. ... Leading the Hawks at the plate is sophomore 3B Jazzmin Arrant with a .534 average, 20 home runs and 53 RBI; C Elizabeth Torres is batting .521 with 16 home runs and 72 RBI, while infielder Megan Granado is hitting .474 with 15 home runs and an NJCAA-best 83 RBI. Greenwood grad and freshman Hawks pitcher Kendall Maddox is 7-2 with a 3.23 ERA this season. "I don't think there's going to be a weak spot in the lineup that we're going to be able to relax," said Ramos about facing Howard. "We're going to have to be very careful pitching to them, work to get outs and limit our fielding mistakes."

Next: Luna Community College at Midland College, 1 p.m. April 26; Howard College at Clarendon College, 1 p.m., April 26

WJCAC Baseball

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	18	6	34	10
Midland College	**18**	**6**	**31**	**11**
Odessa College	15	9	27	13
Frank Phillips	15	9	25	13
Howard College	15	9	26	16
Western Texas	11	13	16	26
Luna CC	7	13	8	25
Clarendon	6	14	10	20
El Paso CC	6	18	10	33
NMMI	5	19	13	29

Last weekend's series results

Midland College 4, Odessa College 0; Howard College 3, El Paso CC 1; New Mexico JC 4, New Mexico Military Institute 0; Western Texas College 3, Luna CC 1; Frank Phillips College 3, Clarendon College 1

This weekend's series

Clarendon College at Midland College; Odessa College at Frank Phillips College; Luna CC at Howard College; New Mexico Military Institute at Western Texas; El Paso CC at New Mexico JC

WJCAC Softball

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	18	2	43	9
Odessa College	15	5	37	17
El Paso CC	15	5	18	18
Midland College	**12**	**8**	**36**	**22**
Western Texas	8	12	21	31
Luna CC	8	12	17	26
Clarendon	2	18	14	26
Frank Phillips	2	16	2	35

Last weekend's series results

Midland College 1, Frank Phillips 1; Odessa College 2, Clarendon College 0; Midland College 2, Clarendon College 0; Odessa College 2, Frank Phillips College 0; Howard College 3, Luna CC 1; El Paso CC 4, Western Texas 0

This weekend's series

Midland College vs. Howard College; Odessa College vs. Western Texas College; Luna CC at El Paso CC; Frank Phillips College vs. Clarendon College

CLARENDON COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheaders of seven and nine innings beginning at 3 p.m. today and noon Saturday, Christensen Stadium

Records: Midland College 31-11, 18-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 10-20, 6-14

Last WJCAC series: Midland College 4, Odessa College 0; Frank Phillips College 3, Clarendon College 1

Notes & quotes: Midland College is playing some pretty good baseball coming into this series, having won seven consecutive games, including a key four-game sweep of rival Odessa College last weekend. "They're just focused on the task at hand and trying to get on the same page," said MC coach David Coleman about his Chaparrals. "They're locked into winning right now." ... Thanks to that sweep last weekend, the Chaps go into this weekend tied for the lead in the WJCAC with New Mexico Junior College. Both the Chaps and Thunderbirds lead the rest of the WJCAC pack by three games. Coleman said his team just needs to take care of business this weekend against the Bulldogs. "We need to play well. Plus, it's that time of year where we need to continue to elevate our game and start preparing ourselves for regionals," Coleman said. ... While MC is in good shape to make next month's Region V Tournament in Grand Prairie, Clarendon needs a lot of work to just to be in consideration for the postseason. Coleman said the Bulldogs have some good hitters who are scrappy at the plate, and although he doesn't know much about Clarendon's pitching, Coleman said his hitters just need to try to match up and handle what their pitchers can do. ... Clarendon and Midland are tied for fourth in the WJCAC with a .343 team batting averages. On the mound, MC is third in the WJCAC with a 4.03 team ERA, while Clarendon is last in the league with an 11.59 ERA. ... The rotation for the Chaps this weekend will be sophomore RHP Jason Zgardowski (6-0, 2.56 ERA) followed by sophomore RHP Cody Brown (3-2, 4.84) in today's doubleheader. Starting Saturday's first game will be freshman RHP Thomas McIlraith (6-2, 2.50), while the starter for the series finale will be determined by who's left out of the bullpen.

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; Clarendon College at Seward County (Kan.) Community College, 3 p.m. Wednesday

Mustangs earn No. 2 seed with win

From staff reports

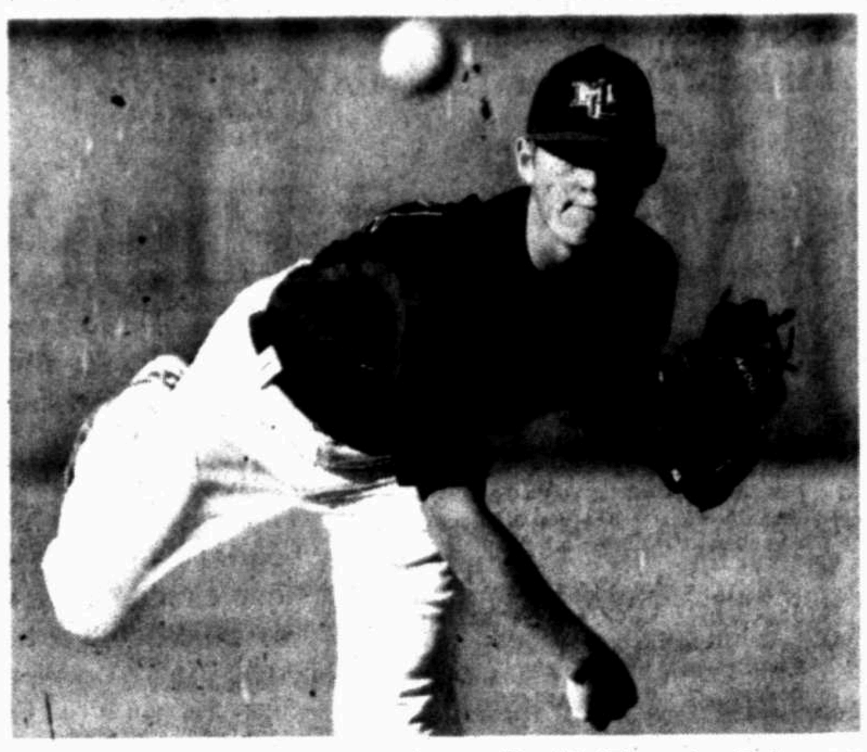
On Senior Night at Christensen Stadium, Midland Christian overcame an early deficit to coast to an 11-4 victory against Lubbock Trintiy to wrap up TAPPS 1-4A play.

The win clinched the No. 2 playoff seed in TAPPS 1-4A for Midland Christian (23-11, 9-3), who will now have a home game to open the playoffs.

Trinity went up 3-0 in the top of the first, but the Mustangs responded on a two-out rally in the bottom of the frame, scoring four runs, capped by a two-run single by starting pitcher Hayden Wood that put MCS up for good.

Wood went 2 for 3 in the game with three RBI and was one of three Mustangs, along with Ethan Crooks and Javi Lazano, with multiple hits in the game. Crooks and Lazano were 2 for 2 in the game while Crooks had an RBI and a run scored.

The Mustangs added two runs in the fourth and a run in the fifth before blowing the game open with four runs in the sixth.



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Midland Christian's Hayden Wood pitches against Lubbock Trinity on Thursday at Christensen Stadium. See a photo gallery from Thursday's game at www.mywesttexas.com.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, LUBBOCK TRINITY 4

Trinity	**300 010 0**	**—4 8 1**
MCS	**400 214 x**	**—11 13 1**

S. Priggers, M. Havens (5), K. Zamora (6) and K. Wilsford. Hayden Wood, Grant Little (4), Ethan Crooks (6) and Colton Chalker, Bailey Blain (4). W — Wood. L — Priggers. 2B — MCS: Corby Ogden, Morgan Munguia, Jerron Rodriguez.

Records: Trinity 7-15, 0-12 in TAPPS 1-4A; MCS 23-11, 9-3

Next: Midland Christian at Lubbock Cooper, 7 p.m. Friday

HSSOFTBALLCAPSULES

BY JONATHAN HULL

DISTRICT 2-5A ODESSA PERMIAN AT NO. 20 LEE

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Gene Simmons Field

Records: Permian 25-7, 10-5 in 2-5A; Lee 27-5, 12-3

Last game: Permian 12, Amarillo Tascosa 1; Lee 4, Lubbock Coronado 2

Last meeting: Lee 5, Permian 3 (8) on March 14

Notes: Both teams have clinched a playoff spot, but the Lady Rebels are still in contention for the No. 2 seed out of the district. As long as they defeat Permian, and Midland High loses to San Angelo Central today, the Lady Rebels would be the No. 2 seed in the postseason and play the No. 3 seed from District 1-5A. If they lose or Midland High wins, the Lady Rebels become the No. 3 seed and face 1-5A's No. 2 team. ... Permian is locked in as the No. 4 seed in the postseason. ... Lee is coming off its biggest win of the season, defeating No. 1 Lubbock Coronado on Tuesday. The Lady Rebels got a pair of solo home runs in the sixth and seventh innings to secure the win. Junior shortstop Ciara Sheppard homered in the top of the sixth, while sophomore Cidney Martin put the ball over the fence to lead off the seventh inning. ... Martin was the hero for the Lady Rebels' first game against Permian, hitting a three-run homer in the top of the eighth inning that ultimately served as the game-winner for Lee.

Next: Odessa Permian vs. TBA, bi-district playoff game; Lee vs. TBA, bi-district playoff game.

2-5A softball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-Lubbock Coronado	14	1	30	2
x-Midland High	**12**	**3**	**27**	**6**
x-Lee	**12**	**3**	**27**	**5**
x-Odessa Permian	10	5	25	7
Odessa High	8	8	17	14
Abilene High	6	9	17	13
San Angelo Central	4	11	9	20
Abilene Cooper	1	14	12	21
Amarillo Tascosa	1	14	9	22

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title

Saturday's Scores

Lee 4, Lubbock Coronado 2; Midland High 12, Amarillo Tascosa 1, 5 innings; Abilene High 5, Abilene Cooper 3; Odessa High 5, San Angelo Central 3. Odessa Permian is idle.

Today's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Lubbock Coronado at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m. Odessa High is idle.

END OF REGULAR SEASON

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

Records: Central. 9-20, 4-11 in 2-5A; Midland High 27-6, 12-3

Last game: Odessa High 5, Central 3; Midland High 12, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Last meeting: Midland High 12, Central 2 on March 14

Notes: Midland High has wrapped up its playoff berth but is still fighting Lee for the No. 2 seed in the district. The Lady Bulldogs simply need to beat San Angelo Central or have Lee lose today in order to clinch the second seed. ... This will be Central's final game of the season. The Lady Bobcats are on a three-game losing streak and were shut out twice in that span. ... Midland High scored 12 runs on 12 hits and five Central errors in its first meeting with the Lady Bobcats on March 14. Sidney Betcher had four RBI in the game, while Alexis Lopez was 2 for 4 with a triple and three RBI.

Next: San Angelo Central's season is complete; Midland High vs. TBA, bi-district playoff game.

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Abilene

Records: Coronado 30-2, 14-1 in 2-5A; Cooper 12-21, 1-14

Last game: Lee 4, Coronado 2; Abilene High 5, Cooper 3

Last meeting: Coronado 18, Cooper 2 on March 14

Next: Lubbock Coronado vs. TBA, bi-district playoff game; Abilene Cooper's season is complete

ABILENE HIGH AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Amarillo

Records: Abilene High 17-13, 6-9 in 2-5A; Tascosa 9-22, 1-14

Last game: Abilene High 5, Cooper 3; Midland High 12, Tascosa 1

Last meeting: Abilene High 16, Tascosa 2 on March 15

Next: Abilene High's and Amarillo Tascosa's seasons are complete.

MC

From 1C

Ramos would like to see significant improvement in is fielding. Going into this series, MC's fielding percentage of .930 is in the middle of the WJCAC pack and its 112 errors committed is the second-most in the conference this year. Those miscues in the field have contributed to some of the team's losses.

"If there's one or two errors, that's one or two too many," Ramos said. "With the injuries that we have, we're not deep enough to recover from that."

Ramos and the Lady Chaps agreed that errors can also be attributed to the lack of continuity on the field. For this weekend's series, infielder Taylor Daniels (arm) is out, outfielder Gaby Muniz (shoulder) is questionable, and infielder Savannah Koke (hamstring) is also questionable.

Posada is one of those players who's had her share of injuries this season, dealing with a hip injury and then a dislocated finger.

"In high school, I played softball and volleyball and I just remember being out for a week, but that's about it," she said. "This year, it's different. It's hard to sit out because I've never been used to just sitting out. I know most of us don't like getting injured and we try our best to get back as soon as we can."

Despite those injuries, the Lady Chaps refuse to put their heads down and remain confident that they can have a good series against a very talented Howard team.

"I know it's going to be a game where we have to work hard the whole time," Posada said. "Everything has to be on point, defense and offense. It's pretty nerve-racking, but I think we're ready."

Added Meyer, "I think as long as we play together and play hard the whole game, we'll be OK. We're pretty good at starting, but we haven't finished games very well. It'll be tough (this weekend) but I think we're capable of beating them."

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TRACK

From 1C

"At first, I was kind of against it because it was just another chance for a kid to drop a baton or something else to go bad," Alba said. "But thinking about it a little more, in some ways it makes more sense. The fourth fastest finisher in a district might be better than the fastest kid in another district. This gives that fourth fastest kid a chance to still get to region."

But not all area coaches are nuts about the idea of an area meet. Big Spring girls coach Nick Roberson is wary of this added stage.

"I'm not a big fan of the area meet and prefer a regional qualifier," Roberson said. "This is kind of risky for the superior athletes. If you've got a relay that is state medalist caliber, it's just one more handoff that can easily be botched and can keep them from competing.

"It's good for the bubble kids, but the nerves and pressure on the superior athletes is a disadvantage. They're pretty much fighting themselves, knowing if they do what they're supposed to do then they get in more times than not."

But Roberson notes there's nothing he nor his athletes can do about the area meet, so they better be prepared to perform at a high level.

"I'm pretty much approaching it like a championship meet," Roberson said. "I've always been a fan of regional qualifier meets to give the body a little time to heal, but we have to keep up the intensity this week. If you mess up, you're out, so it's a championship meet."

To that fact, coaches have noted how much easier it has been to keep athletes focused on the task at hand, which can be an issue this late in the school year.

"It does keep them mentally focused a lot more," Alba said. "We came back on Monday and the kids knew we had to get better this week or else we can't go to the places we want to go."

And the addition of the area meet re-emphasizes what competing at this time of year is all about.

"You have to compete and you have to get better," Connelly said. "This time of year, you just have to go out there and do it, or you're going to be staying at home."

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2 hits enough as RockHounds top Missions

From staff reports

SAN ANTONIO — Despite plating just two hits Thursday, the Midland RockHounds won their second straight game by holding on for a 2-1 win against the San Antonio Missions at Wolff Stadium.

A two-out, two-run blast to right by Jacob Goebbert in the top of the second was the difference in the game as Midland was out-hit 6-2 but made the most of its one opportunity, only leaving one runner on base.

San Antonio, meanwhile, left eight on base and was only able to push across one run on a Rico Noel sacrifice fly in the fifth.

RockHounds starter Josh Bowman impressed on the mound, holding the Missions to one run on three hits with three walks and three strikeouts in five innings.

After relief pitchers Carlos Fisher and Frank Gailey combined to allow no runs and three hits in 2 1/3 innings, Kyler Newby got the save by pitching a perfect final 1 2/3 innings with three strikeouts.

Goebbert and D'Arby Myers were the only RockHounds to get hits in the game as Goebbert went 1 for 3 with the home run and two RBI.

MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS 2, SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Chd Obrckr rf	3	0	0	0	Rymd Fnts rf	4	0	1	0
D'Arby Myrs cf	4	0	1	0	Rico Noel cf	2	0	1	1
Anthny Altt 1b	4	0	0	0	Evrtt Wllms lf	4	0	1	0
Jefry Mrte 3b	2	0	0	0	Tmmy Mdca 1b	3	0	0	0
Miles Head dh	3	0	0	0	Jake Blckwd 3b	4	0	1	0
Dsty Clmn ss	2	1	0	0	Jeudy Vldz 2b	3	0	1	0
Jake Gbbrt lf	3	1	1	2	Eddy Rdrgz c	4	0	1	0
David Frets c	3	0	0	0	A.J. Krby-Jns dh	4	0	0	0
Darwn Prz 2b	3	0	0	0	Chris Bssn ss	3	1	0	0
Totals	**27**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**

E — Marte (3). DP — Midland 2, San Antonio 1. LOB — Midland 1, San Antonio 8. 2B — Rodriguez (2). HR — Goebbert (2). SF — Noel. RBI — Goebbert 2 (6), Noel (4). SB — Myers (3), Noel 2 (9), Fuentes (6), Williams (3).

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San Antonio	**000 010 000**	**—1 6 0**

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Bowman W, 2-0	5.0	3	1	1	3	3
Fisher	1.1	1	0	0	0	3
Gailey	1.0	2	0	0	0	2
Newby S, 2	1.2	0	0	0	0	3
San Antonio						
Smith L, 1-1	5.0	1	2	2	2	7
Hynes	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Kelly	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Ibarra	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

WP — Bowman. HBP — by Smith (Marter), by Bowman (Valdez).

T — 2:36. A — 4,125.

RockHounds **2**
Missions 1

Texas League

First half

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	6	6	.500	—
Tulsa	6	7	.462	1/2
Springfield	5	7	.417	1
NW Arkansas	4	9	.308	2 1/2
South Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Frisco	8	4	.667	—
Midland	**8**	**5**	**.615**	**1/2**
Corpus Christi	7	5	.583	1
San Antonio	6	7	.462	2 1/2

Thursday's Scores

Northwest Arkansas 3, Tulsa 2
Midland 2, San Antonio 1
Frisco at Corpus Christi, late
Springfield at Arkansas, ppd., rain

Today's Games

Springfield at Arkansas, 5:10 p.m., 1st game
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 8:30 p.m., 2nd game

Stars burn Canucks in 3rd period for 5-1 win

Associated Press

DALLAS — Cody Eakin, Jamie Benn and Ray Whitney scored goals early in the third period to break open a tie game and help the Dallas Stars cruise to a 5-1 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Thursday night.

Vernon Fiddler and Erik Cole also found the back of the net and Kari Lehtonen returned from a three-game absence due to a groin injury to stop 37 shots for the Stars, who are 6-1-0 in their last seven games.

Dallas moved into a tie with Detroit for ninth in the Western Conference, trailing Columbus for the eighth and final playoff spot by two points. The Stars have five games remaining, including one against the Blue Jackets in Dallas on April 25 and the finale against Detroit at home on April 27.

Derek Roy, who was traded from Dallas at the trade deadline on April 2, scored for Vancouver, which had a chance to clinch a playoff spot with a win. The Canucks lead the Northwest Division by four points over Minnesota, which was playing San Jose in a late game.

Cory Schneider made 25 saves for the Canucks, who are 5-2-1 in their last eight outings and concluded a season-long five-game road trip with a 2-2-1 mark.

Dallas spotted the Canucks a 1-0 lead, tied it late in the second period and then scored three goals within the first 7:03 of the third. Lehtonen was outstanding in goal along the way.

With the teams tied 1-1 heading into the final period, the Stars' offensive assault began with Eakin's seventh of the season just 1:36 into the third. After slipping past Canucks defender Cam Barker at the blue line, Eakin rifled a wrist shot from the high slot that beat Schneider between the pads.

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Tulsa 2
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s, 8:30 p.m., 2nd

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- by Smith (Marter), by

SPORTSSCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(x-if necessary)
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Milwaukee vs. Miami

Sunday: Milwaukee at Miami, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23: Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25: Miami at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 28: Miami at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 30: Milwaukee at Miami, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: Miami at Milwaukee, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: Milwaukee at Miami, TBA

Boston vs. New York

Saturday: Boston at New York, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23: Boston at New York, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 26: New York at Boston, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 28: New York at Boston, Noon
x-Wednesday, May 1: Boston at New York, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: New York at Boston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Boston at New York, TBA

Atlanta vs. Indiana

Sunday: Atlanta at Indiana, Noon
Wednesday, April 24: Atlanta at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27: Indiana at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Monday, April 29: Indiana at Atlanta, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 1: Atlanta at Indiana, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: Indiana at Atlanta, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Atlanta at Indiana, TBA

Chicago vs. Brooklyn

Saturday: Chicago at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 22: Chicago at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 25: Brooklyn at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27: Brooklyn at Chicago, 1 p.m.
x-Monday, April 29: Chicago at Brooklyn, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: Brooklyn at Chicago, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: Chicago at Brooklyn, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City vs. Houston

Sunday: Houston at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24: Houston at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, April 29: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 1: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA

San Antonio vs. L.A. Lakers

Sunday: L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24: L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26: San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 28: San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 30: L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA

Denver vs. Golden State

Saturday: Golden State at Denver, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23: Golden State at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26: Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 28: Denver at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 30: Golden State at Denver, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: Denver at Golden State, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: Golden State at Denver, TBA

L.A. Clippers vs. Memphis

Saturday: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 22: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 3:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 30: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	43	33	10	0	66	147	106
N.Y. Islanders	44	23	16	5	51	129	127
N.Y. Rangers	43	22	17	4	48	108	101
New Jersey	43	16	17	10	42	99	115
Philadelphia	44	19	22	3	41	119	134

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Montreal	44	27	12	5	59	138	115
x-Boston	42	26	11	5	57	118	94
Toronto	44	24	15	5	53	134	123
Ottawa	43	23	14	6	52	107	92
Buffalo	44	19	19	6	44	114	130

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	44	24	18	2	50	135	122
Winnipeg	44	23	19	2	48	117	129
Tampa Bay	44	17	23	4	38	138	138
Carolina	43	17	23	3	37	112	138
Florida	43	13	24	6	32	102	153

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Chicago	42	33	5	4	70	139	87
St. Louis	43	25	16	2	52	114	106
Columbus	44	21	16	7	49	109	112
Detroit	43	20	16	7	47	108	110
Nashville	44	15	21	8	38	100	123

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	44	24	13	7	55	119	109
Minnesota	43	24	16	3	51	114	109
Edmonton	42	16	19	7	39	106	120
Calgary	43	17	22	4	38	116	147
Colorado	43	14	22	7	35	103	135

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	43	27	10	6	60	127	108
Los Angeles	43	24	14	5	53	122	107
San Jose	43	23	13	7	53	109	104
Dallas	43	22	18	3	47	123	127
Phoenix	43	18	17	8	44	111	116

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Thursday's Scores

St. Louis 2, Phoenix 1, SO
N.Y. Islanders 5, Toronto 3
N.Y. Rangers 6, Florida 1
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2
Ottawa 3, Washington 1
New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 0
Winnipeg 4, Carolina 3, OT
Dallas 5, Vancouver 1
Columbus at Los Angeles, late
Minnesota at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY'S TEXAS SUMMARY
STARS 5, CANUCKS 1

Vancouver	0	1	0	— 1
Dallas	0	1	4	— 5

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Vancouver, Roy 6 (Kesler, Hansen), 6:38. 2, Dallas, Fiddler 4 (Nystrom, Eakin), 12:09.
Third Period—3, Dallas, Eakin 7 (Smith, Larsen), 1:36. 4, Dallas, Ja.Benn 11, 4:09. 5, Dallas, Whitney 11 (Ja.Benn, Dillon), 7:03. 6, Dallas, Cole 9 (Robidas, Eriksson), 18:18 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Vancouver 12-15-11—38. Dallas 10-10-10—30.
Goalies—Vancouver, Schneider. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—16,571 (18,532). T—2:39.

Tennis

ATP World Tour
Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters Results
Thursday
At The Monte-Carlo Country Club
Monte Carlo, Monaco
Purse: $3.93 million (Masters 1000)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Third Round

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-3, 6-0.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2.
Rafael Nadal (3), Spain, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber (16), Germany, 6-2, 6-4.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-2, 6-4.
Stanislas Wawrinka (13), Switzerland, def. Andy Murray (2), Britain, 6-1, 6-2.
Richard Gasquet (7), France, def. Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, 7-5, 6-4.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Juan Monaco (14), Argentina, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	4	.733	—
New York	8	6	.571	2 1/2
Baltimore	8	7	.533	3
Toronto	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Tampa Bay	5	10	.333	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	9	6	.600	—
Kansas City	8	6	.571	1/2
Minnesota	6	7	.462	2
Chicago	7	9	.438	2 1/2
Cleveland	5	9	.357	3 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	12	4	.750	—
Texas	9	6	.600	2 1/2
Seattle	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Los Angeles	4	10	.286	7
Houston	4	11	.267	7 1/2

Thursday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 6, Texas 2
Seattle 2, Detroit 0
Arizona 6, N.Y. Yankees 2, 12 innings
Boston 6, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 6, 10 innings
Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 1

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 2-1) at Baltimore (Hammel 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-0) at Toronto (Morrow 0-1), 6:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 1-2) at Boston (Buchholz 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Anderson 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (J.Saunders 1-1) at Texas (Darvish 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Myers 0-2) at Houston (Harrell 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Worley 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Ani.Sanchez 2-0) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	13	2	.867	—
Washington	9	6	.600	4
New York	7	7	.500	5 1/2
Philadelphia	6	10	.375	7 1/2
Miami	3	13	.188	10 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	9	6	.600	—
Cincinnati	9	7	.563	1/2
Pittsburgh	7	8	.467	2
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	2 1/2
Chicago	5	9	.357	3 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	11	4	.733	—
Arizona	9	6	.600	2
San Francisco	9	7	.563	2 1/2
Los Angeles	7	8	.467	4
San Diego	5	10	.333	6

Thursday's Scores

Milwaukee 7, San Francisco 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Texas 2
Colorado 11, N.Y. Mets 3
Arizona 6, N.Y. Yankees 2, 12 innings
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Cincinnati 11, Miami 1

Today's Games

Atlanta (Hudson 2-0) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 2-1) at Baltimore (Hammel 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0) at Philadelphia (Halladay 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Slowey 0-2) at Cincinnati (Latos 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 1-2) at Milwaukee (Estrada 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Kennedy 1-1) at Colorado (Chacin 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Volquez 0-3) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 3-0), 9:15 p.m.

THURSDAY'S AL WEST BOXES

CUBS 6, RANGERS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	1	2	1	DeJess cf	4	1	2	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	SCastro ss	3	1	1	0
Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0	Rizzo 1b	4	1	1	2
N.Cruz rf	3	1	2	1	ASorin lf	5	1	1	1
Przyns c	3	0	0	0	Schrhlt rf	4	1	1	0
DvMrp lf	3	0	0	0	Castillo c	4	1	4	0
Morlnd 1b	3	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	4	0	2	2
LMartn cf	2	0	0	0	Barney 2b	4	0	0	0
Ogando p	1	0	0	0	Villanv p	3	0	0	0
D.Lowe p	0	0	0	0	Russell p	0	0	0	0
JeBakr ph	1	0	0	0	Hairstn ph	1	0	1	0
J.Ortiz p	0	0	0	0	Marml p	0	0	0	0
Frasor p	0	0	0	0					
LGarci ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	28	2	4	2	**Totals**	36	6	13	5

Texas .... 000 100 100 — 2
Chicago .... 014 010 00x — 6

DP—Texas 1, Chicago 3. LOB—Texas 0, Chicago 10. 2B—DeJesus (6), S.Castro (4), Schierholtz (6), Castillo (3), Valbuena (2), Hairston (1). 3B—DeJesus (1). HR—Kinsler (5), N.Cruz (2), Rizzo (4), A.Soriano (1). SB—S.Castro (2), Valbuena (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Ogando L,2-1	2 1-3	6	5	5	2	2
D.Lowe	2 2-3	4	1	1	0	2
J.Ortiz	2	2	0	0	0	3
Frasor	1	1	0	0	1	1
Chicago						
Villanueva W,1-0	7	4	2	2	1	6
Russell	1	0	0	0	0	1
Marmol	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by D.Lowe (Rizzo). WP—Ogando.
T—2:37. A—26,083 (41,019).

MARINERS 2, TIGERS 0

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
AJcksn cf	4	0	0	0	EnChvz cf	3	0	2	1
Dirks lf	4	0	0	0	Bay rf	4	0	0	0
MiCarr 3b	4	0	1	0	KMorls dh	4	0	1	0
Fielder 1b	4	0	2	0	Morse lf	4	0	0	0
VMrtnz dh	2	0	0	0	Smoak 1b	4	0	1	0
JhPerlt ss	3	0	1	0	Shppch c	3	0	1	0
Avila c	3	0	0	0	Ackley 2b	3	0	1	0
Infante 2b	3	0	0	0	Andino 3b-ss	3	1	2	0
D.Kelly rf	3	0	1	0	Ryan ss	2	0	0	0
					Seager ph-3b	1	1	1	1
Totals	30	0	5	0	**Totals**	31	2	9	2

Detroit .... 000 000 000 — 0
Seattle .... 000 000 20x — 2

DP—Detroit 1, Seattle 2. LOB—Detroit 5, Seattle 6. 2B—Fielder (6), K.Morales (5), Seager (8). CS—En.Chavez (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Verlander L,2-2	7	9	2	2	1	12
Coke	1	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle						
Iwakuma	6	3	0	0	1	2
Capps W,1-1	2	2	0	0	1	3
Wilhelmsen S,6-6	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:52. A—15,742 (47,476).

THURSDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 6, INDIANS 3

Boston .... 010 110 300 —6 9 0
Cleveland .... 010 010 010 —3 6 1

Lester, A.Miller (8), Uehara (8), A.Bailey (9) and Saltalamacchia; McAllister, Hagadone (6), Shaw (7), C.Perez (9) and C.Santana. W—Lester 3-0. L—McAllister 1-2. Sv—A.Bailey (2). HRs—Boston, Saltalamacchia (3).

ORIOLES 10, RAYS 6, 10 INNINGS

Tampa Bay .... 211 001 010 0 —6 11 0
Baltimore .... 030 010 200 4—10 14 1

Price, McGee (7), Jo.Peralta (8), J.Wright (9), B.Gomes (10) and J.Molina; Mig.Gonzalez, Matusz (6), O'Day (8), Ji.Johnson (9), Patton (10) and Wieters. W—Patton 1-0. L—J.Wright 0-1. HRs—Tampa Bay, Jennings (2), Longoria (3), J.Molina (1), Loney (1). Baltimore, Reimold (2), Pearce (1), Wieters (3).

BLUE JAYS 3, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago .... 000 000 010 —1 4 2
Toronto .... 100 020 00x —3 4 0

Sale, N.Jones (8) and Flowers; Dickey, E.Rogers (7), Loup (8), Janssen (9) and H.Blanco. W—Dickey 2-2. L—Sale 1-2. Sv—Janssen (5).

INTERLEAGUE

DIAMONDBACKS 6, YANKEES 2, 12 INNINGS

Arizona .... 001 001 000 004 —6 13 0
New York .... 000 001 001 000 —2 7 3

Corbin, D.Hernandez (8), Putz (9), Mat.Reynolds (10), Bell (11), Sipp (12) and M.Montero; P.Hughes, Logan (8), Chamberlain (8), D.Robertson (10), D.Phelps (11) and Cervelli. W—Bell 1-0. L—D.Phelps 0-1. HRs—Arizona, Gregorius (1), Prado (3). New York, Cano (5), Cervelli (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 7, GIANTS 2

San Francisco .... 000 100 001 —2 7 0
Milwaukee .... 232 000 00x —7 8 1

M.Cain, J.Lopez (7), Machi (7) and H.Sanchez, Quiroz; Gallardo, Mic.Gonzalez (7), Axford (8), Figaro (9) and Lucroy, Maldonado. W—Gallardo 1-1. L—M.Cain 0-2. HRs—San Francisco, B.Crawford (3). Milwaukee, Braun (3), Gallardo (1), Lucroy (2).

ROCKIES 11, METS 3

New York .... 100 001 010 —3 8 1
Colorado .... 100 101 62x—11 17 1

Niese, Edgin (7), Atchison (7), Familia (7), Hefner (8) and Buck; Garland, Volstad (8) and Rosario. W—Garland 2-0. L—Niese 2-1. HRs—Colorado, Rutledge (2), Fowler (7), Tulowitzki (4).

BRAVES 6, PIRATES 4

Atlanta .... 102 010 020 —6 10 0
Pittsburgh .... 110 110 000 —4 7 1

Teheran, Varvaro (6), O'Flaherty (8), Kimbrel (9) and G.Laird; Locke, Ju.Wilson (5), J.Hughes (7), Watson (8), Mazzaro (9) and R.Martin. W—Varvaro 1-0. L—J.Hughes 1-1. Sv—Kimbrel (7). HRs—Atlanta, B.Upton (2), C.Johnson (2), J.Upton (9), Gattis (5). Pittsburgh, R.Martin (1), P.Alvarez (1).

CARDINALS 4, PHILLIES 3

St. Louis .... 000 200 110 —4 7 0
Philadelphia .... 000 002 100 —3 13 0

Wainwright, Rosenthal (8), Mujica (8) and Y.Molina; Hamels, Mi.Adams (8), Papelbon (9) and Kratz. W—Wainwright 3-1. L—Mi.Adams 0-1. Sv—Mujica (1). HRs—St. Louis, Beltran (2).

REDS 11, MARLINS 1

Miami .... 000 100 000 —1 6 2
Cincinnati .... 001 442 00x—11 12 0

Fernandez, Maine (5), Rauch (7), A.Ramos (8) and Brantly; Cingrani, LeCure (6), Hoover (7), Simon (8), Broxton (9) and Mesoraco. W—Cingrani 1-0. L—Fernandez 0-1. HRs—Miami, Ruggiano (2). Cincinnati, Frazier (5).

LATE LINESCORES

PADRES 7, DODGERS 2

San Diego .... 000 311 110 —7 13 0
Los Angeles .... 001 000 001 —2 10 1

T.Ross, Brach (5), Thatcher (7), Thayer (7), Gregerson (8), Street (9) and Hundley; Kershaw, P.Rodriguez (6), Howell (7), Belisario (8), Jansen (9) and A.Ellis. W—Brach 1-0. L—Kershaw 2-2. HRs—San Diego, Ev.Cabrera (2), Denorfia (1), Blanks (1).

TIGERS 2, MARINERS 1, 14 INNINGS

Detroit .... 000 010 000 000 01—2 7 0
Seattle .... 000 000 100 000 00—1 11 2

Scherzer, Dotel (9), Coke (9), Villarreal (10), D.Downs (10), Alburquerque (11), Smyly (13), Benoit (14) and B.Pena; F.Hernandez, Wilhelmsen (9), Capps (11), O.Perez (11), Furbush (13), Beavan (14) and J.Montero. W—Smyly 1-0. L—Furbush 0-1. Sv—Benoit (1).

GOLF

PGA

RBC Heritage Scores
Thursday
At Harbour Town Golf Links
Hilton Head, S.C.
Purse: $5.8 million
Yardage: 7,101; Par: 71 (36-35)
First Round

Brian Davis	33-32	—	65
Kevin Streelman	34-32	—	66
Charley Hoffman	32-34	—	66
Marc Leishman	33-34	—	67
Jason Day	34-33	—	67
Johnson Wagner	35-32	—	67
Bo Van Pelt	34-34	—	68
Pat Perez	37-31	—	68
Bill Haas	35-33	—	68
Carl Pettersson	32-36	—	68
Webb Simpson	35-33	—	68
Ted Potter, Jr.	34-34	—	68
Glen Day	35-33	—	68
Camilo Villegas	35-33	—	68
Will Claxton	37-31	—	68
Gary Woodland	35-33	—	68
Tim Clark	32-36	—	68
Hunter Mahan	34-34	—	68
Richard H. Lee	37-31	—	68
Ryo Ishikawa	34-34	—	68
Justin Bolli	35-33	—	68
Steve LeBrun	35-33	—	68
Justin Hicks	35-34	—	69
Jerry Kelly	36-33	—	69
Lee Williams	34-35	—	69
Branct Jobe	34-35	—	69
Rory Sabbatini	37-32	—	69
Martin Kaymer	34-35	—	69
Luke Donald	34-35	—	69
Mark Wilson	33-36	—	69
Brendon de Jonge	35-35	—	70
Bob Estes	36-34	—	70
Darron Stiles	36-34	—	70
Ben Crane	35-35	—	70
Stuart Appleby	35-35	—	70
Lucas Glover	36-34	—	70
K.J. Choi	36-34	—	70
Jim Furyk	36-34	—	70
Stewart Cink	35-35	—	70
Tommy Gainey	37-33	—	70
Chris Stroud	37-33	—	70
Sang-Moon Bae	35-35	—	70
Chad Campbell	**34-36**	**—**	**70**
Cameron Percy	35-35	—	70
Ken Duke	36-34	—	70
Ricky Barnes	35-35	—	70
William McGirt	36-34	—	70
Robert Garrigus	37-33	—	70
Aaron Baddeley	35-35	—	70
Matt Kuchar	35-35	—	70
Chez Reavie	36-34	—	70
Nicholas Thompson	35-35	—	70
Harris English	36-34	—	70
Erik Compton	35-35	—	70
Jordan Spieth	36-34	—	70
Shawn Stefani	36-34	—	70
D.H. Lee	35-35	—	70
Hunter Haas	33-38	—	71
Scott Langley	34-37	—	71
David Mathis	37-34	—	71
Jeff Maggert	36-35	—	71
Josh Teater	34-37	—	71
Brian Harman	36-35	—	71
Brian Gay	35-36	—	71
Troy Matteson	33-38	—	71
Daniel Summerhays	37-34	—	71
Luke List	36-35	—	71
Morgan Hoffmann	35-36	—	71
Henrik Norlander	37-34	—	71
John Daly	37-34	—	71
Patrick Reed	36-35	—	71
James Hahn	34-37	—	71
Jason Dufner	36-35	—	71
Graeme McDowell	35-36	—	71
Jonathan Byrd	36-35	—	71
Billy Horschel	36-35	—	71
Tim Herron	34-37	—	71
Boo Weekley	35-36	—	71
Brad Fritsch	34-37	—	71
Luke Guthrie	37-35	—	72
Kevin Stadler	36-36	—	72
Trevor Immelman	35-37	—	72
Zach Johnson	37-35	—	72
Michael Thompson	37-35	—	72
Charlie Wi	38-34	—	72
Kevin Chappell	36-36	—	72
Jason Bohn	38-34	—	72
Jesper Parnevik	34-38	—	72
Ryan Palmer	37-35	—	72
Scott Brown	34-38	—	72
David Lynn	36-36	—	72
Jeff Klauk	35-37	—	72
John Rollins	38-35	—	73
Bryce Molder	36-37	—	73
Brandt Snedeker	35-38	—	73
John Mallinger	36-37	—	73
Steve Marino	35-38	—	73
Dicky Pride	35-38	—	73
Kyle Stanley	36-37	—	73
Vijay Singh	37-36	—	73
Ernie Els	36-37	—	73
Russell Henley	35-38	—	73
Chris Kirk	37-36	—	73
Jonas Blixt	36-37	—	73
Michael Bradley	36-37	—	73
Matt Every	32-41	—	73
Jin Park	35-38	—	73
Ben Kohles	37-36	—	73
Alistair Presnell	38-35	—	73
Jamie Donaldson	34-40	—	74
Stephen Ames	35-39	—	74
Roberto Castro	38-36	—	74
Nicolas Colsaerts	35-39	—	74
Graham DeLaet	39-35	—	74
David Hearn	36-38	—	74
James Driscoll	36-38	—	74
Justin Leonard	36-38	—	74
Peter Hanson	38-36	—	74
Charles Howell III	39-35	—	74
Steven Bowditch	37-37	—	74
Scott Stallings	37-38	—	75
Colt Knost	37-38	—	75
Greg Owen	36-39	—	75
Scott Gardiner	39-36	—	75
Casey Wittenberg	38-37	—	75
Brian Stuard	38-37	—	75
Joey Snyder III	36-39	—	75
Seung-Yul Noh	37-38	—	75
Matt Jones	38-37	—	75
David Lingmerth	41-34	—	75
Greg Chalmers	35-41	—	76
Robert Allenby	38-38	—	76
Daniel Nisbet	39-37	—	76
Jason Kokrak	40-36	—	76
Scott Verplank	37-39	—	76
Robert Streb	39-38	—	77
Fabian Gomez	40-37	—	77
Richard Sterne	38-39	—	77
Ross Fisher	36-41	—	77
Bud Cauley	35-43	—	78
Doug LaBelle II	41-37	—	78
Matt Bova	34-44	—	78
Sean O'Hair	40-39	—	79
Tag Ridings	42-43	—	85

European

Open de Espana Leading Scores
Thursday
At Parador de El Saler
Valencia, Spain
Purse: $1.96 million
Yardage: 7,052; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

Felipe Aguilar, Chile	35-33	—	68
Gary Stal, France	35-33	—	68
Morten Madsen, Denmark	35-33	—	68
David Higgins, Ireland	33-36	—	69
Craig Lee, Scotland	35-34	—	69
Joakim Lagergren, Sweden	32-37	—	69
R. Derksen, Netherlands	36-33	—	69
M. Southgate, England	34-35	—	69
G. Fernandez-Castano, Spain	33-36	—	69
Joel Sjoeholm, Sweden	35-34	—	69
Daniel Brooks, England	34-35	—	69
Phillip Price, Wales	34-36	—	70
Anthony Snobeck, France	36-34	—	70
Richard Finch, England	35-35	—	70
Edoardo Molinari, Italy	35-35	—	70
Jose Manuel Lara, Spain	36-34	—	70
Magnus Carlsson, Sweden	37-33	—	70
P. Uihlein, United States	37-33	—	70
Marc Warren, Scotland	34-36	—	70
Eddie Pepperell, England	33-37	—	70
David Howell, England	36-34	—	70
S. Wakefield, England	36-34	—	70

Also

Sergio Garcia, Spain	37-35	—	72
Francesco Molinari, Italy	34-41	—	75
M. Angel Jimenez, Spain	39-37	—	76
J. Maria Olazabal, Spain	37-39	—	76
Matteo Manassero, Italy	39-39	—	78
Shane Lowry, Ireland	39-39	—	78

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 59-65 degrees; 11.28' low. Black bass are slow to fair on spinnerbaits, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 58-63 degrees; 12.63' low. Black bass are slow to fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 17.68' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 59-64 degrees; 11.71' low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 57-64 degrees; 21.27' low. Black bass are fair on medium running shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 58-63 degrees; 18.42' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 59-64 degrees; 36.77' low. Black bass are fair on shakyheads, jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 59-65 degrees; 10.33' low. Black bass are fair on medium running crankbaits, drop shot rigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 64.18' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 9.04' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 58-63 degrees; 19.47' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 53-62 degrees; 30.67' low. No report available.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: 43.38' low. No report available.

MACKENZIE: 93.16' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 99.82' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 55.67' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 70-74 degrees; 52.08' low. Black bass are good on green tubes, Senkos, and spinnerbaits in 20-40 feet. Striped bass are good on Red Fins. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and trolling hellbender crankbaits. Catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 66-70 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastic worms and lizards. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water clear; 65-69 degrees; 7.50' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are good on live shad in coves. White bass are good on spinnerbaits and watermelon jigs. Crappie are very good on minnows early and under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and hot dogs. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water lightly stained; 63-67 degrees; 11.01' low. Black bass are good on redbug and green pumpkin Grande Bass soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits around docks in 3-5 feet. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are excellent on minnows and jigs off Kirkland docks and at Wild Duck Marina in 15-25 feet. Crappie are excellent on minnows and watermelon tube jigs over brush piles, off Kirkland docks, and at Wild Duck Marina in 5-18 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait in 5-10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait in 5-10 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water lightly stained; 66-70 degrees; 28.60' low. Black bass are good on Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, white Terminator spinnerbaits, and weightless wacky rigged green pumpkin Whacky Sticks along break lines of flats in 6-18 feet. Striped bass are fair trolling Curb's bucktail jigs and drifting live bait from Shaw to Flag Island. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps along Hog Island, and jigging Pirk Minnows and Tiny Traps above Paradise Point. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on live bait and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with live bait.

CANYON LAKE: Water lightly stained; 67-71 degrees; 9.46' low. Black bass are fair on root beer/green flake Baby Brush Hogs along break lines and deep flats in bays, and on topwaters and flukes in feeder creeks. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on Road Runners upriver in 5-15 feet. Crappie are fair on blue tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair in the upper end of the lake. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines and trotlines baited with live bait.

COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 65-69 degrees; 14.28' low. Black bass are fair on soft plastic lizards, crankbaits, jerkbaits, and electric blue worms. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water stained. Black bass are good on shallow running shad colored crankbaits over grass, and on watermelon and watermelon seed Carolina rigged soft plastic worms along the outside edges of grass. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 64-68 degrees; 5.59' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are good on minnows and chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are good on stinkbait, nightcrawlers, and liver.

GRANGER: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 0.46' high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on chartreuse jigs over brush piles. Blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and Zote soap. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch in the river.

LBJ: Water clear; 66-70 degrees; 0.37' low. Black bass to 4 pounds are good on chartreuse topwaters, watermelon flukes, and green pumpkin tubes along break lines of flats. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps and Tiny Traps. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse/white tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on live bait and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water lightly stained; 65-69 degrees; 0.53' low. Black bass are good on watermelon Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits along banks in Liberty Hill Park. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on orange/chartreuse jigs and minnows. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait. Blue catfish are fair on juglines baited with live bait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.

PROCTOR: Water lightly stained; 63-67 degrees; 3.62' low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on small spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and fresh shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 67-71 degrees; 1.90' low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are good on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE: Water lightly stained; 66-70 degrees; 6.59' low. Black bass are slow. White bass are good on watermelon soft plastics and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

HOUNDSWATCH

TODAY'S GAME
Midland 2, San Antonio 1

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at San Antonio,
7:05 p.m.
Wolff Stadium

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RECORDS
Midland 8-5, San Antonio 6-7

Tuesday	Thursday	Today	Saturday	Sunday
Midland 6, Arkansas 4	Midland 2, Arkansas 1		San Antonio at Midland 7:05 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland 2:05 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING

Formula One, practice for Bahrain Grand Prix, at Sakhir, Bahrain, 6 a.m., NBC Sports

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for STP 400, at Kansas City, Kan. (same-day tape), 1:30 p.m., Speed

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, pole qualifying for STP 400, at Kansas City, Kan., 3:30 p.m., Speed

BOXING

Champion Javier Fortuna (21-0-0) vs. Miguel Zamudio (24-1-1), for WBA interim featherweight title, at Atlantic City, N.J., 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Baylor at TCU, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

EXTREME SPORTS

X Games, at Foz Do Iguacu, Brazil, 2 p.m., ESPN

X Games, at Foz Do Iguacu, Brazil, 6 p.m., ESPN

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Open de Espana, second round, at Valencia, Spain, 8 a.m., TGC

Champions Tour, Greater Gwinnett Championship, first round, at Duluth, Ga., 11:30 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, The Heritage, second round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C., 2 p.m., TGC

LPGA, LOTTE Championship, third round, at Kapolei, Hawaii, 5:30 p.m., TGC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Kansas City at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB Network

NHL

Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Nashville at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NBC Sports

SOCCER

Mexican Primera Division, Leon at Chiapas, 7:25 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 4 p.m.
Midland Christian at Lubbock Christian, 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

1-5A/2-5A Area Meet, El Paso Ysleta, El Paso
3-3A/4-3A Area Meet, Pecos

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

Clarendon College at Midland College, 3 p.m. (DH)

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Howard College at Midland College, 1 p.m. (DH)

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Newman at UTPB, 1 p.m. (DH)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

St. Edward's at UTPB, 2 p.m. (DH)

TRANSACTIONS

ATHLETICS

USADA—Suspended American sprinter Shawn Crawford two years for failing to file his whereabouts information for out-of-competition testing.

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Sent LHP Franklin Morales to Greenville (SAL) for a rehab assignment.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Selected the contract of INF Brandon Laird from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned INF Brett Wallace to Oklahoma City. Designated LHP Xavier Cedeno for assignment. Sent LHP Travis Blackley to Oklahoma City for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Assigned OF Scott Cousins outright to Salt Lake (PCL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Sent 2B Adam Rosales to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Optioned LHP Bobby LaFromboise to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Hector Noesi from Tacoma.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Sent RHP Matt Garza to Kane County (MWL) for a rehab assignment. Assigned LHP Hiranon Takahashi outright to Iowa (PCL).

CINCINNATI REDS—Recalled LHP Tony Cingrani from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Justin Freeman to Louisville.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed LHP Chris Capuano on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Tim Federowicz from Albuquerque (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS—Reinstated 1B Joe Mahoney from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Kyle Skipworth to New Orleans (PCL). Selected the contract of INF Nick Green from New Orleans (PCL). Placed SS Adeiny Hechavarria on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 17. Transferred RHP Nathan Eovaldi from the 15- to the 60-day DL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Reassigned RHP Mike Fiers to Nashville (PCL).

NEW YORK METS—Optioned RHP Greg Burke to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled RHP Jeurys Familia from Las Vegas. Sent RHP Frank Francisco to St. Lucie (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed LHP John Lannan on the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Charlie Morton to Bradenton (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed OF Kory Drew and RHP Ryan Bean.

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Signed OF Nic Jackson.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES—Signed C Steve Domecus. Released INF Jared Bolden.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Released INF Yurendel deCaster and LHP Colton Pitkin.

Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Renier Roibal.

QUEBEC CAPITALES—Traded the rights to OF Rony Rodriguez and cash to Gary (AA) for OF Asif Shah.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS—Released LHP Rob Savarese and RHP Eric Federico. Traded RHP Adrian Martin to Camden for cash.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES—Traded LHP Nick Serino to Rockland for OF Jon Smith.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed LHP Patrick Crider to a contract extension. Signed OF John Schultz.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed RHP Hayden Simpson.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed LHP Chas Mye and C Isaac Wenrich.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Fired coach Byron Scott.

DETROIT PISTONS—Fired coach Lawrence Frank.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Announced the resignation of coach Doug Collins, who will remain with the club as an adviser.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed DE Jamie Blatnick, DE Kourtnei Brown, PK Chris Koepplin, P Brian Stahovich and FB Frank Summers.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed OT Eben Britton and OT Jermon Bushrod. Waived G Chris Riley.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed DE Pannel Egboh.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed LB Orie Lemon.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released LB Dexter Davis.

Canadian Football League

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS—Signed OT Ben Archibald to a contract extension.

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Released SB Terrian Crump, CB Ronnie Prude and WR Marcus Rivers.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Reassigned D Jordan Hendry to Norfolk (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled G Carter Hutton from Rockford (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Retained D David Savard on emergency recall.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled D Alex Petrovic form San Antonio (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Reassigned D Nathan Beaulieu to Hamilton (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled F David Ullstrom from Bridgeport (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with F Michael Kantor.

American Hockey League

AHL—Announced the Board of Governors has approved the relocation of the Houston Aeros to Des Moines, Iowa for the 2013-14 season and the transfer of ownership of the Peoria Rivermen from the St. Louis Blues to the Aquilini Investment Group.

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS—Signed C Lukas Sedlak to an amateur tryout agreement.

ECHL

READING ROYALS—Released G Max Strang from his amateur tryout agreement. Activated G Riley Gill from playoff reserve.

COLLEGE

LENOIR-RHYNE—Named Sam Perryman wide receivers coach and Tripp Merritt secondary coach.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today

At Tropicana Casino & Resort, Atlantic City, N.J. (ESPN2), Javier Fortuna vs. Miguel Zamudio, 12, for Fortuna's interim WBA World featherweight title.

Saturday

At London, Nathan Cleverly vs. Robin Krasniqi, 12, for Cleverly's WBO light heavyweight title.

At Madison Square Garden Theater, New York (NBC), Tyson Fury vs. Steve Cunningham, 12, IBF heavyweight eliminator.

At Alamodome, San Antonio (SHO), Canelo Alvarez vs. Austin Trout, 12, for Alvarez's WBC and Trout's WBA Super World junior middleweight titles; Andres Gutierrez vs. Salvador Sanchez, 12, for the vacant WBC Silver super bantamweight title; Omar Figueroa vs. Abner Cotto, 12, for the vacant WBC Silver light welterweight title; KeAndrae Leatherwood vs. Julian Williams, 10, junior middleweights.

At Mexico City, Victor Terrazas vs. Cristian Mijares, 12, for the vacant WBC super bantamweight title.

April 27

At Motorpoint Arena, Sheffield, England (SHO), Amir Khan vs. Julio Diaz, 12, welterweights; Deontay Wilder vs. Audley Harrison, 12, heavyweights; Nate Campbell vs. Terry Flannigan, 10, lightweights; Gary Sykes vs. Jon Kays, 10, super featherweights.

At Buenos Aires, Argentina (HBO), Sergio Martinez vs. Martin Murray, 12, for Martinez's WBC middleweight title; Luis Carlos Abregu vs. Antonin Decarie, 12, for the vacant WBC Silver welterweight title; Magomed Abdusalamov vs. Sebastian Ceballos, 10, Abdusalamov's WBC-USNBC heavyweight title; Damian Marchiano vs. Kiko Martinez, 10, super bantamweights; Gary Buckland vs. Fernando David Saucedo, 10, super featherweights.

At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHO), Danny Garcia vs. Zab Judah, 12, for Garcia's WBC/WBA Super World junior welterweight title; Peter Quillin vs. Fernando Guerrero, 12, for Quillin's WBO middleweight title; Daniel Jacobs vs. Billy Lyell, 10, middleweights.

At Citizens Business Bank Arena, Ontario, Calif. (HBO), Cristobal Arreola vs. Bermane Stiverne, 12, WBC heavyweight eliminator.

May 2

At Corona, Calif., Mauricio Herrera vs. Ji-Hoo Kim, 10, light welterweights; Miguel Acosta vs. Miguel Gonzalez, 10, lightweights.

May 3

At the Cosmopolitan Resort, Las Vegas (FSN), Francisco Vargas vs. Jose Aguiniga, 10, for the vacant NABF super featherweight title.

At TBA, Thailand, Yota Sato vs. Srisaket Sor Rungvisai, 12, for Sato's WBC super flyweight title.

May 4

At Mannheim, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko vs. Francesco Pianeta, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-IBO-WBO-WBA Super World heavyweight titles.

At the MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Robert Guerrero, 12, for Mayweather's WBC welterweight title; Daniel Ponce De Leon vs. Abner Mares, 12, for Ponce De Leon's WBC featherweight title; J'Leon Love vs. Gabriel Rosado, 10, middleweights.

May 6

At Tokyo, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Jaider Parra, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA junior lightweight title; Kohei Kono vs. Liborio Solis, 12, for Kono's WBA junior bantamweight title.

May 8

At Osaka, Japan, Kazuto Ioka vs. Wisanu Kokietgym, 12, for Ioka's WBA World junior flyweight title; Ryo Miyazaki vs. Carlos Velarde, 12, for Miyazaki's WBA World minimumweight title.

May 10

At Niagara Falls, N.Y. (ESPN2), Patrick Hyland vs. Eric Hunter, 10, featherweights; Leon Moore vs. Cornelius Lock, 10, featherweights.

At Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Okla. (SHO), Dierry Jean vs. Cleotis Pendarvis, 12, IBF junior welterweight eliminator.

May 11

At Doncaster, England, Jamie McDonnell vs. Julio Ceja, 12, for the vacant IBF bantamweight title.

At Hannover, Germany, BJ Flores vs. Francisco Palacios, 12, for the interim WBA cruiserweight title.

May 17

At Crocus City Hall, Myakinino, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title.

May 18

At Atlantic City, N.J. (SHO), Devon Alexander vs. Kell Brook, 12, for Alexander's IBF welterweight title; Lamont Peterson vs. Lucas-Martin Matthysse, 12, for Peterson's IBF light welterweight title; Shawn Porter vs. Phil Lo Greco, 10, welterweights.

At Cancun, Mexico, Shane Mosley vs. Pablo Cesar Cano, 12, welterweights; Roberto Manzanarez vs. Oscar Arenas, 10, lightweights.

Big Spring's Jones misses shot at state in 2nd-place playback

By Len Hayward
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LUBBOCK — Kie Jones has rarely faced a player with the type of style that Iowa Park's Sean Jackson used Thursday morning in a Region I-3A Tennis Tournament second-place playback.

Jackson's style is deliberate and uses a lot of lobs, while Jones, a senior at Big Spring, likes to rely on his power game. But Jackson's slow pace turned out to make the difference as he beat Jones 6-4, 6-2 in the playback to qualify for the state tournament at McLeod Tennis Center.

"He has a pretty weird style, and I don't think I've ever seen anybody play like that," Jones said after the match. "You can't make the dumb shots and have to win the big points, and he played well on the big points and that's what it came down to."

Jones advanced to the regional final, but dropped that match to Abilene Wylie's Rayce Roberson, 6-0, 6-0, earlier Thursday morning.

That loss, along with Jackson winning the third-place match, set up the playback. Jones was able to take an early lead in the opening set, but Jackson came back to win two breaks that helped win the set.

Jackson's style of lob shots and slow pace helped keep Jones on the run more than he wanted, and forced him into some uncharacteristic mistakes.

Jones

"He's a tough opponent and (has) a very odd style of game that you don't see very often," Big Spring tennis coach Dana Jones said. "He's probably the best lobber, maybe ever, and it is a contrast in styles. He didn't give Kie what he normally likes, he likes the big hitters, and (Jackson) played just a little bit better."

Jackson took a 3-0 lead in the second set, but Jones battled back to make it 3-2. Jackson, though, won the next three sets to clinch the victory.

"It's been a good year and we've had some good results," said Kie Jones, who will play tennis at McMurry University next year.

Andrews had all three of its doubles team advance to semifinals with two of the three winning third-place matches on Thursday. But the two teams that won didn't get a chance to play a playback for a state tournament berth.

The boys doubles teams of Dakota Brown and Trent Ward, who were seeded second in the draw, beat Pecos' Jason Martinez and Juan Samaguey, 6-1, 6-2. The girls doubles squad of Maritza Baeza and Nicole Salinas won third by beating Vernon's Lauren Stanley and Emily Gray, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

The mixed doubles squad of Jordan Davis and Candace Trevino lost to Abilene Wylie's Kunal Shah-Shree Patel, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 in that division's third-place match.

"I am super proud of the kids, and I think we had a great day," Andrews coach John Armstrong said. "Playing in the region we are playing in, it's the toughest region in the state, in my opinion. The fact that we had them in the three of the five semis, is a good day. I don't think Andrews has anything to be ashamed of."

Region I-3A Tennis Championships
McLeod Tennis Center, Lubbock
Thursday's Final Results
BOYS SINGLES
Third-Place Match
Sean Jackson (3), Iowa Park, def. Shane Holloway, Graham, 6-2, 6-0.
Championship
Rayce Roberson (1), Abilene Wylie, def. Kie Jones (2), Big Spring, 6-0, 6-0.
Second-Place Playback
Jackson (3) def. Jones (2), 6-4, 6-2.
BOYS DOUBLES
Third-Place Match
Dakota Brown-Trent Ward (2), Andrews, def. Jason Martinez-Juan Samaguey, Pecos, 6-1, 6-2.
Championship
Nital Patel-Rahil Patel (1), Abilene Wylie, def. Wyatt Newcomb-Brendan Thompson (4), Wylie, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-3.
GIRLS SINGLES
Third-Place Match
Genny Hay, Fabens, def. Chesney Goza, Liberty Hill, 6-1, 6-4.
Championship
Delaney Schroeder (1), Abilene Wylie, def. Hannah Galbraith (2), Burkburnett, 6-0, 6-3.
Second-Place Playback
Galbraith (2) def. Hay, 6-1, 6-3.
GIRLS DOUBLES
Third-Place Match
Maritza Baeza-Nicole Salinas (3), Andrews, def. Lauren Stanley-Emily Graf, Vernon, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Championship
Shelby Corn-Brittany Smyser (1), Abilene Wylie, def. Rachel McMillan-Sabra Zullo, Wylie, 6-0, 6-0.
MIXED DOUBLES
Third-Place Match
Kunal Shah-Shree Patel (3), Abilene Wylie, def. Jordan Davis-Candace Trevino, Andrews, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.
Championship
Weston Ueckert-Whitney Frazier (1), Abilene Wylie, def. Max Herber-Maggie Kennon (2), Vernon, 6-1, 6-1.

Stewart works hard to finish draw for invitational

By Len Hayward
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Racquet Club head professional Scott Stewart is possibly the hardest working man in tennis in Midland these days.

Each year, Stewart is faced with a little bit of a waiting game when it comes to bringing in players for the annual Racquet Club Invitational men's pro tournament.

He typically is able to get much of the field in place a week before to the event, but inevitably there is always a player or two he's waiting to hear from on whether they can come.

"It's always the same but it's just tough because there's so many events going on all over," Stewart said. "There's one in Sarasota, Fla., and Mexico City, and once I set the dates for my tournament I can't work around one or two guys. But it's been great because we get to see a great level of tennis."

It's a similar situation this season because as of Thursday, Stewart was waiting on some results but he did have 11 of the 12-player draw, including last year's champion and a familiar name to tennis.

Stewart said that Dimitar Kutrovsky, who won last year's event in two sets against veteran pro Robert Kendrick, will return, and also playing is Prakash Amritroaj.

Amritroaj is the son of V.J. Amritroaj, who played in some of the world's biggest tournaments and against some of the world's top players in the late 1970s and 80s. The younger Amritroaj is one of the best players in India and has been playing on the country's Davis Cup squad.

"I got (Prakash) lined up (Tuesday), and he's going to come play here and then go to South Africa on Tuesday," Stewart said.

The annual tournament will begin today with first round matches as the top four seeds will receive byes in the 12-player draw. Quarterfinals are set for Saturday morning, and semifinals set for 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday's final will take place at 1 p.m. on the stadium court at the Racquet Club.

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Draw

Racquet Club Invitational
Today-Sunday
Racquet Club
Today
First Round
12:45 p.m. — Josh Zavala, United States vs. Alexis Klegou, France, Court 1
Prakash Amritraj, India (1), bye
11 a.m. — Raony Carvalho, Brazil vs. Vlad Bondarenko, Ukraine, Court 1
Artem Sitak, Australia (3), bye
2 p.m. — Gonzal Escobar, Ecuador vs. Lester, Cook United States, Court 1
Ryan Rowe, United States (4), bye
James Meridith, New Zealand, bye
Dimar Kutrovsky, Bulgaria (2)
Saturday
Quarterfinals
10:30 a.m. and Noon
Semifinals, 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Sunday
Final, 1 p.m.

Champion Pro-Am Doubles
Friday
Semifinals
4:30 p.m. — Claudio Lenisa-Artem Sitak vs Ryan Moore-Prakash Amritraj, Court 1
4:30 p.m. — Luke Morrow-Dimitar Kutrovsky vs. Jeremy Earl-Ryan Rowe, Court 2
Sunday
Final, 10 a.m.

Stanton finishes 8th in I-2A golf tourney

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Stanton boys golf team finished eighth at the Region I-2A championships on Thursday.

Stanton shot 355 as a team Thursday, five strokes better than its round-one total, finishing with a score of 715 and moving past four teams in the final standings.

Levi Bryand led Stanton with identical first-and-second-round scores of 88 to finish with a 176.

Holliday won the boys team title with a total score of 652 while Clyde's Kinley Lee finished first in the medalist standings with a two-day score of 144.

Region I-2A Boys Championships
Final
Ratliff Ranch Golf Links
Thursday
Team Standings
(x-top 3 teams advance to state)
1. x-Holliday, 322-330—652; 2. x-Wall, 338-332—670; 3. x-Kermit, 325-348—673; 4. Sonora, 332-342—674; 5. Eastland, 333-349—682; 6. Nocona, 345-350—695; 7. Brady, 345-366—711; 8. Stanton, 360-355—715; 9. Bushland, 350-367—717; 10. Denver City, 363-360—723; 11. Spearman, 355-373—728; 12. Clyde, 376-362—738; 13. Childress, 358-381—739; 14. Lubbock Roosevelt, 355-389—744; 15. Littlefield, 384-402—786; 16. Friona, 393-399—792.
Top 10 Individuals
(x-top 3 finishers from non-qualifying teams advance to state)
1. x-Kinley Lee, Clyde, 71-73—144; 2. Jared Baker, Holliday, 72-76—148; 3. x-Hunter Hughes, Sonora, 75-76—151; 4. (tie) x-Jansen McBride, Sonora, 75-77—152; Ethan Drain, Wall, 79-73—152; 6. Mason Holcomb, Childress, 76-81—157; 7. (tie) Connor Willimon, Spearman, 74-85—159; Tye Masters, Wall, 76-83—159; 9. (tie) Logan Dent, Bangs, 73-87—160; Kwinton Reno, Early, 78-82—160.
Team Results
Holliday (322-330—652): Jared Baker, 72-76—148; Chris Beck, 128-125—253; Tye Lawson, 90-91—181; Brady Rodriguez, 81-81—162; R.J. Trainham, 79-82—161.
Wall (338-332—670): Zach Coon, 98-83—181; Luke Dacy, 86-93—179; Ethan Drain, 79-73—152; Tye Masters, 76-83—159; Kelton Niehues, 97-105—202.
Kermit (325-348—673): Eron Berzoza, 82-86—168; Brody Burns, 100-93—193; Adrian Carrasco, 86-92—178; Lucas Gordon, 79-85—164; Nathan Ornelas, 78-85—163.
Sonora (332-342—674): Sid Anderson, 89-102—191; Hunter Hughes, 75-76—151; Jansen McBride, 75-77—152; Gabe Rollert, 93-87—180; Kade Wimberly, 102-111—213.
Eastland (333-349—682): Andy Arrington, 90-89—179; Kolton Bishop, 85-98—183; Caleb Gully, 109-92—211; Josh Hallmark, 80-84—164; Blake Patton, 78-84—162.
Nocona (345-350—695): Bryce Dingler, 98-96—194; Tate Fenoglio, 77-87—164; Charles Malone, 84-84—168; Zach Trentham, 102-93—195; Shleby Womack, 86-86—172.
Brady (345-366—711): J.C. Jones, 90-95—185; Reid Myers, 81-91—182; Boden Polk, 90-99—189; Isaiah Regeon, 84-89—173; Skyler Stites, 93-91—184.
Stanton (360-355—715): Levi Bryand, 88-88—176; Ben Crockett, 89-91—180; Nathan Garlington, 98-85—183; Kyle Inman, 90-98—188; Drew Snellgrove, 93-91—184.
Bushland (350-367—717): Brady Boyd, 92-106—198; Brice Coon, 103-104—207; Brice Graham, 75-86—161; Quinn Maupin, 89-90—179; Camden Ostler, 94-87—181.
Denver City (363-360—723): Wyatt Beard, 88-81—169; Chase Gibson, 100-89—189; Garrett Louis, 87-92—179; Tristen McGary, 88-98—186; Christian Moroles, 104-105—209.
Spearman (355-373—728): Matt Martinez, 98-105—203; Brock Schroeder, 95-99—194; Trent White, 98-97—195; Connor Willimon, 74-85—159; Jake Willimon, 88-92—180.
Clyde (376-362—738): Brett Berry, 103-98—201; Justin Betz, 118-114—232; Kinley Lee, 71-73—144; Mason McMillan, 84-77—161; Tanner Miller, 127-117—234.
Childress (358-381—739): Austin Hayes, 92-98—190; Mason Holcomb, 76-81—157; Aaron James, 107-126—233; Seth Willis, 92-100—192; Konner Worthington, 98-102—200.
Lubbock Roosevelt (355-389—744): Ethan Donahoo, 90-93—183; Cooper Herrell, 87-96—183; Brenden Mauricio, 94-105—199; Chris Mendez, 111-105—216; Nathaniel Olavarrieta, 84-95—179.
Littlefield (384-402—786): Dylan Brown, 112-116—228; Seth Clayton, 83-88—171; Chris Duran, 90-95—185; Jimmy Garcia, 99-103—202.
Friona (393-399—792): Stephen Albarado, 89-96—185; Brandon Berend, 107-96—203; Trent Hickman, 110-107—217; Mason Loflin, 100-101—201; Brayden Pope, 97-106—203.
Other Medalists
Alpine: William Torres, 94-107—201.
Bangs: Logan Dent, 73-87—160.
Breckenridge: Cambell Toombs, 78-85—163.
Canadian: Hunter Hastins, 92-88—180; Johnny Swires, 86-91—177.
Coahoma: Colton Versteeg, 91-91—182.
Colorado City: Arden Alvarez, 88-85—173.
Early: Kwinton Reno, 78-82—160.
Idalou: Ryan Bruinton, 87-92—179; Colton English, 84-91—175.
Jacksboro: Dusty Massie, 83-86—169; Colton Owen, 94-94—188.
Merkel: Stetson Honey, 91-88—179.
Muleshoe: Colton Harris, 89-93—182.
Reagan County: Mason Baggett, 108-97—205.
Tulia: Bryce Shelton, 96-93—189.

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is the younger brother of Andrews senior Hunter Montgomery, who finished tied for fifth overall. "I just made putts, and hit it straight. It just shows that we want to come back and win state this year, we want redemption."

G.K. Morrison finished third after shooting a 2-under 70 on Thursday and a 144 for two days, Hunter Montgomery tied for fifth at 153, Josh Baltzell finished in a tie for ninth. Casey Fowler shot 157 over the two days as well for the Mustangs.

Overall, the Mustangs had only one score over 79 of the 10 rounds played the last two days. Plus, Erik Wallinder, playing in the tournament as an individual, also earned a state tournament berth with a par of 77s and finished tied for seventh at 154, showing just how good of a week it was for the Mustang golf program.

"This group, six of them have played every round for us (this spring), and they have rotated in and out of the top five," Miller said. "I haven't slept for three weeks, thinking one of them is going to have to sit in the cart beside me (at the state tournament). So, Eric Wallinder is my hero today. He got that third qualifying spot where all six get to play."

Big Spring, meanwhile, stayed consistent and didn't make up enough shots to catch rival Andrews, but they also didn't give up any ground on third-place squads Abilene Wylie and Gatesville.

Big Spring's 618 put them 14 strokes ahead of the two third-place teams, and also in the state tournament.

Devin Roberson, who shot a 73 on Wednesday, had his struggles and shot an 80 on Thursday and finished in a tie for fifth. But he was picked up by a 77 from Tyler Bryan, who was tied for seventh overall and Tate Kennedy a 76 to finish in a tie for ninth.

"We know going into it that all five of us, if someone has a bad day we are going to pick each other up, and we all have the ability to do that," Roberson said. "We are lot more experienced and a lot more confident about our game. We are all shooting lower this year, and we don't have as many high scores."

Big Spring will head to Austin for the second straight year looking to continue the success of the program that's been built over the last few years.

"It's awesome, and we are trying to get a program where it's kind of expected in Big Spring," coach Chris Joslin said. "That group of boys going back two years in a row with the same group, you couldn't ask for anything better for these guys."

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Region I-3A Boys Golf Championships
Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Thursday's Results
Final Round
(x-qualified for UIL State Championships)
Team Standings
1. x-Andrews, 297-295-592; 2. x-Big Spring, 309-309-618; 3. x-Gatesville (won playoff), 313-319-632; 4. Abilene Wylie, 310-322-632; 5. Llano, 315-318-633; 6. Levelland, 327-320-647; 7. Borger, 336-336-672; 8. Graham, 347-340-687; 9. Stephenville, 341-352-693; 10. Kennedale, 358-338-696; 11. Mineral Wells, 355-347-702; 12. Amarillo River Road, 364-343-707; 13. Pecos, 356-353-709; 14. Alvarado, 361-360-721; 15. Fort Stockton, 370-354-724; 16. Vernon, 379-368-747.
Top 10 Individuals
1. Tanner Montgomery, Andrews, 71-69-140; 2. x-Taylor Grant, Abilene Wylie, 68-74-142; 3. G.K. Morrison, Andrews, 74-70-144; 4. x-Brecken Bain, Levelland, 76-76-152; 5. (tie) Hunter Montgomery, Andrews, 76-77-153; and Devin Roberson, Big Spring, 73-80-153; 7. (tie) x-Erik Walinder, Andrews, 77-77-154; and Tyler Bryan, Big Spring, 77-77-154; 9. (tie) Josh Baltzell, Andrews, 76-79-155; Jordan Webb, Llano, 77-78-155; and Tate Kennedy, Big Spring, 79-76-155.
Team Scores
Andrews (297-295-592): G.K. Morrison, 74-70-144; Casey Fowler, 77-80-157; Tanner Montgomery, 71-69-140; Hunter Montgomery, 76-77-153; Josh Baltzell, 76-79-155.
Big Spring (309-309-618): Tyler Bryan, 77-77-154; Ryan Pollard, 82-76-158; Tate Kennedy, 79-76-155; Devin Roberson, 73-80-153; Jason Guevara, 80-92-172.
Gatesville (313-319-632): Zane Washburn, 81-75-156; Brantley Cole, 85-84-169; Bryce Cole, 74-82-156; Hunter Dean, 81-82-163; Ryan Phillips, 77-80-157.
Abilene Wylie (310-322-632): Taylor Grant, 68-74-142; Zach Cadton, 87-84-171; Curry Jones, 80-80-160; Tyler Bilbo, 77-84-161; Matt Redwine, 85-90-175.
Llano (315-318-633): Chance Craig, 79-79-158; Clayton Meyers, 83-80-163; Tyler McDonough, 77-81-158; Jacob Rodriguez, 82-91-171; Jordan Webb, 77-78-155.
Levelland (327-320-647): Chance Logan, 79-83-162; Zane Stafford, 82-78-160; Brecken Bain, 76-76-152; Ethan Hill, 90-83-173; Sam Dewbre, 106-103-209.
Borger (336-336-672): Dylan Coffer, 79-77-156; Taylor Blewett, 82-88-170; Kaylor Chatwell, 85-84-169; DeVontae Landers, 90-87-177; Cooper Jones, 90-98-188.
Graham (348-340-687): Ryan Buchanan, 78-84-162; Larry Cauthen, 81-81-162; Brody O'Dell, 91-80-171; Coby Bryant, 98-95-193; Dakota Cauthen, 97-96-193.
Stephenville (341-352-693): Colton Jeffress, 80-86-166; Tristan Dobson, 88-85-173; Jayse Snead, 90-93-183; Dylan Traweek, 96-96-192; CJ Cline, 83-88-171.
Kennedale (358-338-696): Cole Ward, 78-82-160; Josh Erwin, 94-81-175; Michael Page, 92-85-177; Joah Mitchell, 99-93-192; AJ Moseley, 94-90-184.
Mineral Wells (355-347-702): Reece Tarver, 83-77-160; Rylie Hill, 91-87-178; Nick Wendt, 92-90-182; Josh Hardee, 89-98-187; Conner Bradshaw, 105-93-198.
Amarillo River Road (364-343-707): Jared Miller, 91-81-172; Jordan Burkham, 85-91-176; Payton Pierce, 92-82-174; Nick Zetta, 96-89-185.
Pecos (356-353-709): Dalton Gilstrap, 88-83-171; Jared Windham, 84-85-169, Benito Molina, 86-86-172; Matt Mora, 98-108-206; Christian Muniz, 111-99-210.
Alvarado (361-360-721): Dylan Jennings, 85-81-166; Jacob Jones, 91-88-179; Lee Hardy, 91-93-184; Trenten Nunez, 103-100-203; Dustin Abshire, 94-98-192.
Fort Stockton (370-354-724): Omar Ramirez, 74-83-157; Raul Rodriguez, 97-92-189; Eusebio Ontiveros, 103-88-191; Kevin Marler, 96-104-200; Zach Simons, DQ-91-NS.
Vernon (379-368-747): Ty Dudley, 89-97-186; Conner Gillispie, 96-85-181; Zane McMahon, 93-88-181; Lance Glover, 101-98-199; Michael Myers, 115-110-225.
Other Medalists
Andrews: Erik Walinder, 77-77-154.
Burkburnett: Ryan Blackmon, 112-99-211.
Fort Worth Castleberry: Aden Wheat, 89-90-179.
Glen Rose: Kiley Word, 79-85-164; Peyton Lytle, 89-87-177.
Graham: Justin Escalon, 99-104-203.
Lampasas: Talon Wright, 85-85-170; Blake Graham, 95-86-181.
Lubbock-Cooper: Cole Fewin, 85-89-174.
Pecos: Phillip Workman, 103-111-214; Paul Hinojos, 102-102-204.
Perryton: Zach Farney, 98-94-192; Brandon Turner, 96-96-192.
Snyder: Kaleb Presley, 79-86-165; Reid Pinson, 78-80-158.
Springtown: Trey Skaggs, 84-87-171.

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three over and that would be going, but you are not going to do it shooting 10 over," McCubbin said. "But it was good."

Mansfield won the team championship with a two-day total of 602, with Southlake Carroll second at 619 and Flower Mound Marcus taking the third and final state spot at 628.

Permian shot a 328 and finished at 648 for the tournament.

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Region I-5A Boys Golf Championships
Thursday, at The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Final Results
(x-Qualified for state championships)
Team scores
1. x-Mansfield High Black, 299-303-602; 2. x-Southlake Carroll Black, 304-315-619; 3. x-Flower Mound Marcus, 312-316-628; 4. El Paso Coronado Gold, 314-318-632; 5. Colleyville Heritage, 318-315-633; 6. (tie) Mansfield High Gold, 319-320-639; and Grapevine, 319-320-639; 8. Waco Midway, 319-321-640; 9. Belton, 311-330-641; 10. Southlake Carroll Green, 324-319-643; 11. Abilene Cooper, 316-330-646; 12. Permian, 320-328-648; 13. Flower Mound High 316-344-650; 14. Arlington Martin, 341-335-676; 15. El Paso Coronado Blue, 344-348-692; 16. Fort Worth Paschal, 355-355-710.
Top 10 Individuals
1. Matt Gilchrest, Southlake Carroll, 72-73-145; 2. (won two-hole playoff) Luke Neely, Mansfield High, 78-71-149; 3. Andre Garcia, Mansfield High, 74-75-149; 4. (won one-hole playoff) x-Cory Churchman, Abilene Cooper; 73-78-151; 5. x-Kyle Karnei, Waco Midway, 74-77-151; 5. (won one-hole playoff) Andrew Paysse, Belton, 77-76-153; 7. Andre Guanlao, Justin Northwest, 73-80-153; 8. (tie) Chase Lansford, Colleyville Heritage, 78-76-154; and Dustin Lewis, Flower Mound Marcus, 77-77-154; and Drew Dewald, Copperas Cove, 77-77-154.
Team results
Mansfield Black (602): Andre Garcia, 74-75-149; Luke Neely, 78-71-149; Will Clark, 72-83-155; Hayden Fredrick, 85-80-165; Cole Barnett, 75-77-152.
Carroll Black (619): Matt Gilchrest, 72-73-145; Corbin Kasten, 79-76-155; Colin Kober, 78-84-162; Mason Greenberg, 77-83-160; Jorge Morillo, 77-83-160.
Marcus (628): Dustin Lewis, 77-77-154; Andrew Spear, 80-79-159; Nathan Limbacher, 82-83-165; Duncan Sutherland, 78-78-156; Grant Andries, 77-82-159.
Coronado Gold (632): Tanner Gore, 78-80-158; Dominick Haskins, 77-81-158; Thomas Gallardo, 81-78-159; Leo Gute, 82-87-169; Evan Macias, 78-79-157.
Colleyville Heritage (633): Drew O'Daniel, 81-79-160; Chase Lansford, 78-76-154; Hayden Deborah, 89-81-170; Patrick O'Neal, 79-83-162; Chandler Autrey, 80-79-159.
Mansfield Gold (639): Collin Clark, 76-80-156; Zach Howe, 81-79-160; Hunter Johnson, 83-84-167; Preston Woodard, 79-78-157; Kenneth Elliot, 83-83-166.
Grapevine (639): Jesse Bratz, 80-80-160; Austin Wade, 77-78-155; Kyle Heenan, 81-85-166; Ben Giles, 81-79-160; Zach Shane, 88-83-171.
Waco Midway (640): Blake Stock, 79-77-156; Kade Miller, 85-82-167; Coleman Curry, 85-93-178; Kyle Karnei, 74; Jacob Heppell, 81-85-166.
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Abilene Cooper (646): Cory Churchman, 73-78-151; Riley Casey, 77-83-160; Dakota Fortune, 84-81-165; Bear Bailey, 82-93-175; Sam Membrila, 86-88-174.
Permian (648): Kelby Bridges, 80-83-163; Parker Beaty, 85-84-169; Austin Almond, 80-79-159; Anthony Marin, 80-90-170; Andrew Moroles, 80-82-162.
Carroll Green (643): Colin Hamilton, 81-78-159; Hunter Glenn, 79-80-159; George Gardner, 82-81-163; Trent Hill, 82-80-162; Ben Fernandez, 87-82-169.
Flower Mound High (650): Bryant Evans, 72-83-155; Nathan Gray, 77-83-160; Patrick Doran, 86-84-170; Valentin Staubli, 85-89-174; Beau Miller, 82-84-166.
Arlington Martin (676): John Ganss, 87-83-170; Corbin McNutt, 84-76-160; Sean Henggeler, 86-90-176; Brett King, 91-86-177; Cole Billingsley, 84-90-174.
El Paso Coronado Blue (692): Kevin Coleman, 87-89-176; Chris Staffeldt 81-83-164; Jacob Monroe, 89-87-176; Sam Gallardo, 94-92-186; Noah Hicks, 87-89-176.
Fort Worth Paschal (710): Alberto Villalobos, 86-91-177; Grayson Benavides, 86-80-166; Grant Wagman, 90-96-186; Elliot Knight, 93-88-181; Parker Benavides, 94-97-191.
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El Paso Eastwood: Michael Salazar, 82-86-168.
Amarillo Tascosa: Jorey Knutson, 82-90-172.
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Midlothian: Karsten Green, 80-84-164.
Copperas Cove: Drew Dewald, 77-77-154.
Harker Heights: Logan Fox, 74-82-156.
Justin Northwest: Aaron Guanlao, 73-80-153.
Keller Fossil Ridge: Matt Killam, 83-82-165.
North Crowley: Conner Parish, 85-86-171.
Arlington High: Cole Wade, 84-85-169.
Flower Mound Marcus: Matt Schier 82-87-169; Matt Adler, 85-86-171.
Mansfield: Jordan Brown, 83-90-173.
Euless Trinity: Connor Eadie, 94-93-187.
Colleyville Heritage: Preston Godfrey, 88-82-170.

Odessa's Jones to face Abilene's Hale at Ector County Coliseum

By Ruben Ochoa
MRT Correspondent

Two of West Texas' top mixed martial artists will face off during 24/7 Entertainment's Enemy of the State mixed martial arts main event starting at 7:30 p.m. today at Ector County Coliseum.

In a battle for West Texas bragging rights, Odessa's Jarret Jones (6-6) will step into the cage against Abilene's Mitchell Hale (6-4).

"He's very athletic, he's got good cardio, and he's real tough," Jones said. "The main thing is to try to weather the storm and deal with whatever he brings."

Jones added that this will be the first time that he will be headlining a show, and the key will be to pace himself as he waits for his fight to start.

"This will be my first main event, I like to watch some of the fights and then get ready for mine," Jones said. "I will watch a few and then go back to warm-up and hit the mitts and rest and stay hydrated because I have a lot of time from the start of the show until my fight."

Also representing West Texas MMA will be Jeff Fraley who will be making his pro debut. Fraley and Jones train together but also own Basin Crossfit as partners.

"Jeff is making his pro debut at 185 against Samuel Trevino of Odessa," Jones said. "Jeff's been in my training camp, everything that I've had, he's also had. We brought down Felipe Costa (Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu world champion) for a week and also Jonatas Novaes (MMA fighter), and we train at West Texas MMA every day. With Basin Crossfit we are training all day long. The balancing act is not overtraining."

EVENT NOTES: Fourteen fights are currently scheduled for the event. …Tickets can be purchased at the Ector County Coliseum box office (432) 366-3541. … Prices range from $10 for kids 12 and under to $32 for general admission.

Yankees SS Jeter out until after All-Star break

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankees captain Derek Jeter will be sidelined until after the All-Star break because of a new fracture in his injured left ankle.

Jeter was hurt last October in the opener of the AL championship series.

Jeter

He played sparingly in spring training and started the season rehabbing at the team's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla.

After three straight days of workouts, the 38-year-old shortstop went to Charlotte, N.C., and was examined Thursday by Dr. Robert Anderson, who operated last fall.

"They did a new CT scan which revealed a small crack in the area of the previous injury, so we have to back off and let that heal," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said before New York played Arizona. "This is obviously a setback. In terms of speculating on when we might see Derek back with us, we'd be looking at some time after the All-Star break."

Jeter is among four All-Stars missing from the Yankees' lineup, joined by third baseman Alex Rodriguez (hip), first baseman Mark Teixeira (wrist) and outfielder Curtis Granderson (arm).

Cashman did not think Jeter did too much too soon in his rehabilitation.

"Clearly he hasn't done anything wrong," the GM said. "He was cleared to play. This is the third CT scan he's had. His prior two CT scans showed the healing and 100 percent healing. He wasn't cleared for the baseball activities and cleared to play until he had 100 percent healing, so this is a new fracture, but a small one. That's I guess the only good part. They kept saying the word small. But it's a setback, so it's not a good situation."

Jeter will not require surgery for the new break, Cashman said after speaking with Anderson.

Ogando struggles, Cubs defeat Rangers

Cubs	6
Rangers	2

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington said he was glad Thursday's game against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field was played.

That was pretty much the only thing he had to be glad about.

Starter Alexi Ogando was chased in the third inning, Texas batters got only four hits and the Rangers lost to the Chicago Cubs 6-2 on a soggy afternoon.

Despite torrential rains that caused citywide floods, the teams were able to play in an occasional drizzle. The Cubs and Texas were rained out Wednesday.

Alfonso Soriano hit his first home run of the season and Anthony Rizzo also homered for the Cubs.

Even with outcome, Washington was OK that the teams played.

"Wish for better results, but I am," Washington said. "It's one game we don't have to play when we return."

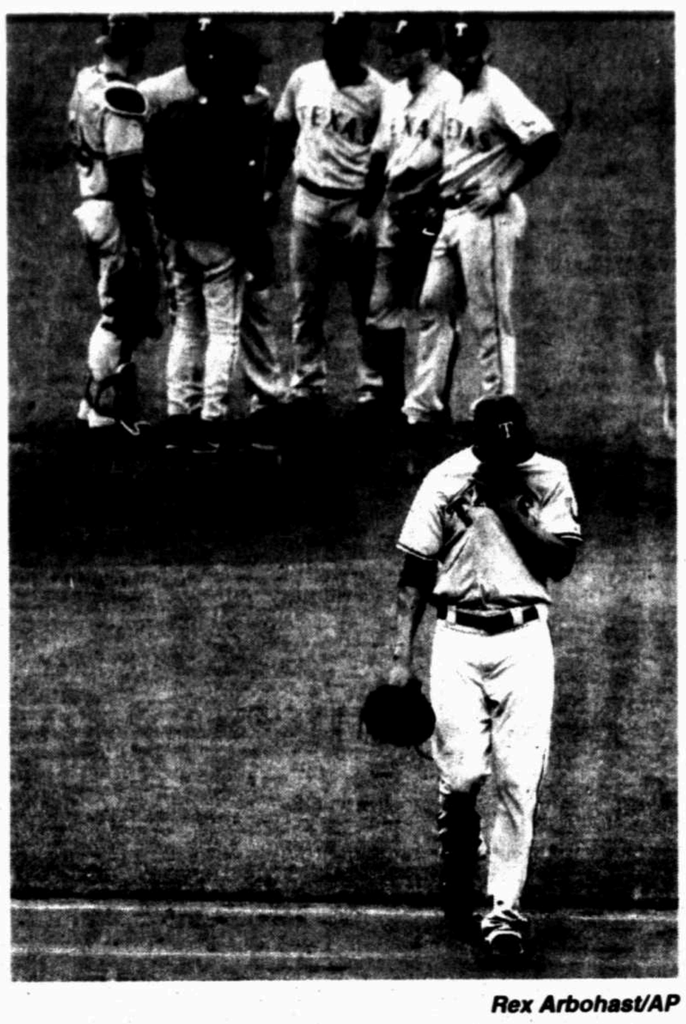
Ogando (2-1), however, might have liked the day off.

Before Thursday, Ogando had been 5-0 with a 1.88 ERA in eight career April starts. He had allowed just two earned runs in 16 2-3 innings this season.

Ogando lasted only 2 1/3 innings, giving up five runs on six hits while walking two.

The Texas right-hander said he was slipping on the mound, and had members of the grounds crew try to fix it during the Cubs' four-run third.

"On top of being out of control today, that mound didn't really help at all today," Ogando said.


Rex Arbohast/AP

Texas starting pitcher Alexi Ogando leaves the game after giving up five runs during the third inning Thursday against the Chicago Cubs in Chicago.

"It was difficult to command my fastball and that's going to affect all my other pitches," Ogando said. "That's why I had a difficult time today."

Cubs manager Dale Sveum said Ogando "looked a little out of whack."

"And we probably had a little bit to do with that," he said.

starts.

Said Washington: "Just wasn't his day."

The Texas bats also struggled against Carlos Villanueva (1-0).

The solo home runs hit by Ian Kinsler and Nelson Cruz were Texas' only runs, and the pair combined for all four of the Rangers' hits.

Villanueva pitched seven innings and gave up two runs and four hits while striking out six. Relievers James Russell and Carlos Marmol then pitched a scoreless inning apiece to end the Rangers' 3-3 road trip.

Over the six games, Texas scored 17 runs.

"It's just the way things are going right now. We split the road trip, which isn't bad. It's not what we want to do, it's not where are minds are at. But if we can get back home playing .500 ball on the road we feel good about it," Kinsler said. We only have three games at home, then it's back on the road, so we got to be prepared to play a little better on the road."

Rangers take donations for plant explosion victims

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Texas Rangers will hold a blood drive and accept donations this weekend for victims of the fertilizer plant explosion near Waco.

The Rangers said Thursday that the relief effort will take place during their home series against Seattle.

As many as 15 people were killed and more than 160 others were injured Wednesday night in the accident in the farm town of West, Texas.

The Rangers said fans can bring essential items all weekend for the victims and that cash donations also will be accepted. The team's food truck will head to West to make food and water donations.

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American League

RED SOX 6 INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND — Jon Lester pitched seven strong innings, Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a tiebreaking home run in the fourth and the Boston Red Sox earned their sixth straight win with a 6-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

The Red Sox return home to play Kansas City on Friday night, their first game at Fenway Park since Monday's bombings at the Boston Marathon. David Ortiz is expected back in the lineup for the first time this season after nursing an injured right Achilles.

Lester (3-0) held the Indians to two runs and four hits. Daniel Nava had two RBI while Saltalamacchia, Dustin Pedroia, Mike Napoli and Mike Carp each drove in a run.

ORIOLES 10 RAYS 6, 10 INNINGS

BALTIMORE — Matt Wieters hit a grand slam in the bottom of the 10th inning and Baltimore withstood four solo homers by Tampa Bay.

Nolan Reimold and Steve Pearce also homered for the Orioles, who took two of three from their AL East rivals. It was Baltimore's 17th straight extra-inning victory, including 16 last season.

After Nick Markakis led off the 10th with a single against Jamey Wright (0-1), Brandon Gomes came in to face Manny Machado, who reached on a bunt single that hugged the first base line. Adam Jones followed with a long single to the warning track that eluded right fielder Ben Zobrist, but Markakis held up at second and could only make it to third.

BLUE JAYS 3 WHITE SOX 1

TORONTO — R.A. Dickey threw six shutout innings before leaving with soreness in his neck and back during Toronto's victory over Chicago.

Dickey (2-2) retired his first 11 batters and allowed two hits, both singles. The reigning NL Cy Young Award winner walked one, struck out a season-high seven and lowered his ERA from 5.82 to 4.30.

MARINERS 2 TIGERS 0

SEATTLE — Kyle Seager hit a two-out RBI double off Justin Verlander in the seventh inning to break a scoreless tie and help Seattle beat Detroit.

The teams played the series finale about 13 hours after the Tigers' 2-1 victory in 14 innings Wednesday night, a game that featured a combined 40 strikeouts and ended with Justin Smoak tagged out at home plate in a collision with Detroit catcher Brayan Pena.

Interleague

DIAMONDBACKS 6 YANKEES 2, 12 INNINGS

NEW YORK — Cody Ross hit a go-ahead single in the 12th inning, Eric Chavez followed with a three-run double against his former team and Arizona beat New York after one fan came up with two home run balls, including Francesco Cervelli's tying drive in the ninth.

The Yankees failed to complete a three-game sweep after learning captain Derek Jeter again fractured his left ankle and will be sidelined until after the All-Star break.

National League

ROCKIES 11, METS 3

DENVER — It was 28 degrees when Jon Garland threw the first pitch Thursday, and he worked seven solid innings to give the Colorado Rockies an 11-3 win over the New York Mets in the wrap-up of a wintry series at Coors Field.

The crowd was announced at 18,341 as the Rockies matched a team record for the coldest home start. A game against the Montreal Expos on April 12, 1997, was played in a similarly frigid conditions.

BREWERS 7 GIANTS 2

MILWAUKEE — Yovani Gallardo homered and struck out six in his first start since being arrested on a drunken driving charge, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat San Francisco for a three-game sweep.

Gallardo (1-1) was arrested early Tuesday morning. The right-hander allowed five hits, one walk and one earned run in six innings.

CARDINALS 4 PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Carlos Beltran hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth, Adam Wainwright pitched seven solid innings and the St. Louis Cardinals held on to beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Philadelphia put runners at first and third with no outs in the ninth against Edward Mujica, but the fill-in closer retired three straight batters for his first save. The Phillies lost their fourth in a row.

BRAVES 6 PIRATES 4

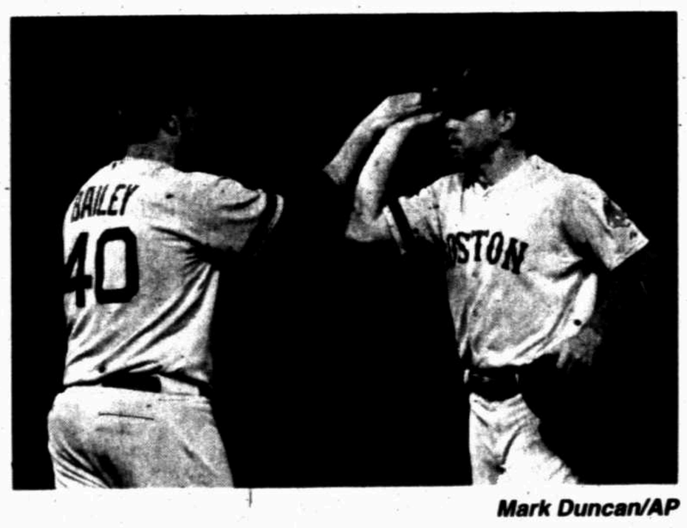
PITTSBURGH — Pinch-hitter Evan Gattis connected for a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Atlanta Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Atlanta brothers B.J. and Justin Upton homered in the same game for the second time this season as the Braves kept up their torrid play. Atlanta improved to a major league-best 13-2 after Gattis hit a sinker from Jared Hughes (1-1) into the left-field bleachers for the first pinch-hit homer of his career.

REDS 11 MARLINS 1

CINCINNATI — Shin-Soo Choo singled, doubled and scored twice, helping left-hander Tony Cingrani get a victory in his first major league start, and the Cincinnati Reds beat Miami for their fourth win in a row.

The 23-year-old Cingrani (1-0) gave up five hits, including Justin Ruggiano's solo homer, in five innings. He struck out eight and threw 102 pitches.


Mark Duncan/AP

Boston relief pitcher Andrew Bailey (40) celebrates with center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury after a 6-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday in Cleveland.

Cowboys get another finale against NFC East rival

Associated Press

IRVING — If the Dallas Cowboys have a third straight playoffs-or-bust finale against an NFC East rival, this one will be at home.

The Cowboys play Philadelphia at Cowboys Stadium on Dec. 29 to finish the regular season. With postseason berths on the line the past two years, Dallas lost at the New York Giants and at Washington.

Dallas will open against the Giants in a nationally televised night game for the second year in a row, this time on Sept. 8.

Peyton Manning is set to visit Cowboys Stadium for the first time with Denver on Oct. 6. Dallas will see former defensive coordinator Rob Ryan at New Orleans on Nov. 10.

The Cowboys' Thanksgiving opponent is Oakland on Nov. 28 — 11 days after their latest bye week since 1990.

Cowboys' Schedule

Date	Team	Time
Sep. 8	N.Y. Giants	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 15	at Kansas City	Noon
Sep. 22	St. Louis	Noon
Sep. 29	at San Diego	3:25 p.m.
Oct. 6	Denver	3:25 p.m.
Oct. 13	Washington	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Philadelphia	Noon
Oct. 27	at Detroit	Noon
Nov. 3	Minnesota	Noon
Nov. 10	at New Orleans	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	BYE	
Nov. 24	at N.Y. Giants	3:25 p.m.
Nov. 28	Oakland	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Chicago	7:40 p.m.
Dec. 15	Green Bay	3:25 p.m.
Dec. 22	at Washington	Noon
Dec. 29	Philadelphia	Noon

Texans go to San Diego to open 2013 season

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans open their 2013 season in San Diego on the first Monday night of the season with one of four primetime games for the two-time AFC South champions.

The NFL schedules were released on Thursday night while some of the Texans were attending Matt Schaub's foundation gala at a Houston hotel.

The Texans also have nationally televised games at San Francisco on Oct. 6, home against Indianapolis on Nov. 3 and at Jacksonville on Dec. 5. Houston will start on the road for just the second time in Gary Kubiak's eight seasons as head coach.

Other marquee games on Houston's schedule include visits to Baltimore on Sept. 22 and home games against New England on Dec. 1 and Denver on Dec. 22. The Texans' open date is Oct. 27.

Texans' Schedule

Date	Team	Time
Sep. 9	at San Diego	9:20 p.m.
Sep. 15	Tennessee	Noon
Sep. 22	at Baltimore	Noon
Sep. 29	Seattle	Noon
Oct. 6	at San Francisco	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	St. Louis	Noon
Oct. 20	at Kansas City	Noon
Oct. 27	BYE	
Nov. 3	Indianapolis	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Arizona	3:25 p.m.
Nov. 17	Oakland	Noon
Nov. 24	Jacksonville	Noon
Dec. 1	New England	3:25 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Jacksonville	7:25 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Indianapolis	Noon
Dec. 22	Denver	Noon
Dec. 29	at Tennessee	Noon

Armed Forces Bowl to be played Dec. 30

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The Armed Forces Bowl will be played Dec. 30 and feature Navy if the Midshipmen are bowl-eligible.

Bowl organizers announced the game, sponsored by Bell Helicopter, played at Amon G. Carter Stadium on the campus of TCU will kick off at 11:45 a.m. EST.

This is the first season in the 11-year history of the bowl in Fort Worth that it has a deal in place to take Navy. The Mountain West Conference will fill the other slot.

West braces for tough postseason matchups

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The West has been the better conference during the regular season, and now teams are looking for the payoff during the NBA postseason.

The conference has been so dominant that the second-seeded New York Knicks in the East would be only the No. 6 seed in the West.

Sure, the NBA playoffs will run through the defending champion Miami Heat and LeBron James, but Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said he prefers playing against the best to make his team better.

"That's why I like playing in the West instead of in the East," Hollins said.

But that makes it more difficult to get to the finals.

The matchups in the West should make for entertaining playoff drama, but only one survivor will play for the NBA title in June.

"We still have to play Western Conference teams in the playoffs," Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin said.

The West was so good that Memphis went a franchise-best 56-26 yet starts the postseason seeded fifth. They start their first-round series Saturday in Los Angeles against the Clippers who had to hold off Sacramento on Wednesday night to gain home-court advantage against Memphis.

Not only did five Western teams win at least 56 games this season, the conference also did very well against the East.

San Antonio was a West-best 25-5 against the East followed by Memphis (22-8) and the Thunder and Clippers (21-9), according to STATS LLC Inc. Denver, seeded third, struggled the most against the East and still went 19-11.

The best of the West also did very well against other good teams. Six posted winning records against teams .500 or better compared to only three in the East. Oklahoma City, the defending Western champ, went 30-17 and Denver was 31-17 — both were better than the Heat (28-13) in that category.

"There's no nights off in the West," Clippers guard Jamal Crawford said. "We got 56 wins, and it's been a dogfight most nights. That's got to help us in the playoffs."

That's what everyone is waiting to see — who will benefit the most from the battles.

And Crawford has a point: The more battle-tested teams are in the West.

Most of the top scoring teams were in the West; the East has several of the stingier defensive units.

Denver scored an NBA-best 106.1 points per game followed by Houston (106), Oklahoma City (105.7) and the Spurs (103). Miami, with James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, is the only team from the East in the top 10 and finished fifth averaging 102.9 points per game.

Schools, sports teams respond with help for West

By Will Parchman
Waco Tribune

As news of the tragic explosion in West filtered through the Waco community, several area schools and sports teams sprung into action.

The West and Robinson baseball teams were slated to play a rubber match at West today night that would have likely determined the District 17-3A champion. When Robinson coach Bryan Kent called West coach Cory Beckham on Wednesday night to check up on his status after West's devastating blast — Beckham was OK and out of town — it was obvious that priorities had changed.

"I just told him that it's not important," Kent said. "It's not the most important thing right now. We've been in contact with the UIL, and our kids at Robinson have been so supportive. I got texts last night, some after midnight just asking if we could do something for them. It was absolutely about what can we do."

Robinson has already clinched playoff berths in baseball and softball — as has West, which has enjoyed traditionally strong support for its state tournament-level baseball and softball programs — and Kent said Thursday both Robinson softball and baseball programs will donate the proceeds of their playoff T-shirt sales to families affected by the blast.

The Robinson baseball team plans to embroider West's interlocking "WT" baseball logo onto its hats for the playoffs, and Robinson's playoff shirts will feature a Czech flag to honor West's Czech heritage.

"That stuff doesn't help, but it just lets them know we're thinking about them and we're praying for them," Kent said.

As for the game, Kent said the plan is to tentatively postpone it until next week. The teams will go ahead with games on April 26, which was supposed to be the final day of the regular season, and they could make up the game the following day. It's equally possible both teams could finish the regular season with nine district games played instead of 10.

"You go down the hall or open a door in a classroom (at Robinson), and there are kids going down hall selling prayer cards just to raise money," Kent said. "There's a lot going on. It seems like everybody has the same thought, and it's 'What can I do to help?' "

The University boys' soccer team got the news as it prepared for its first-ever state semifinal game Thursday evening in Georgetown. University made the decision to outfit its players in black armbands for the game in honor of the events in West.

Elsewhere, West's District 17-3A compatriots did what they could to offer a helping hand. Connally athletic director Mike Rabe called West athletic director David Woodard early Thursday to offer up his facilities and resources for any displaced West athletes.

"We're opened up for anything they need right now," Rabe said.

Lorena athletic director Ray Biles said Lorena, in addition to offering up whatever help they can, plans to pick up the fees for West athletes traveling to the regional track meet in the Houston area next week.

"We have a lot of kids that have family and friends in West," Biles said. "Our communities are locked in from that standpoint. We have some kids that are absent today because they're up there helping."

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TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(4:30) Die Another...		★★★ Traffic ('00, Dra) Michael Douglas.					★★ The Company Men			(:15) Tim & Eric'...	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) Marked for...		★★ The Marine ('06, Act) John Cena.				★★ The Marine ('06, Act) John Cena.				Marked for Death	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		★★ Civil Brand ('02, Dra) Lisa Raye.				★★ Above the Rim Duane Martin.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Tabatha	(:45) Housewives Atl.		(:45) Housewives Atl.		(:45) Housewives Atl.		Atlanta	Watch	Real Housewives		Tardy...
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Treasure Detectives		The Car Chasers		American Greed		Mad Money		Treasure Detectives	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront --		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Sons of Guns		Guns "Loaded Up" (N)		Sons of Guns (N)		Blade (N)	Blade (N)	Guns "Under Siege"		Blade	Blade
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Austin	Dog Blog	Jessie	Gravity	Phineas	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Austin
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	X Games -- Foz Do Iguacu, Brazil (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NFL Live (N)		Interrupt	(:25) MFL Soccer Leon vs. Chiapas Jaguares (L)				Boxing Friday Night Fights Card TBA (L)				Tonight
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ When in Rome ('10, Com) Kristen Bell.				★★★ You Again ('10, Com) Kristen Bell.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Mavericks Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars vs. St. Louis Blues Site: Scottrade Center -- St. Louis, Mo. (L)					Stars Live (L)	SportsDay OnAir	Rangers Insider	Spotlight	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Shrek Forever After ('10, Ani) Mike Myers.					★★★ Shrek Forever After ('10, Ani) Mike Myers.					The Social Net...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) The Nanny...		Return to Nim's Island Bindi Irwin.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	House	Lived in My House?		FleaFlip	FleaFlip	HouseH	House	House	House	FleaFlip	FleaFlip
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		Pickers "Fast Eddie"		Pickers "Duke of Oil"		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Project Runway "Finale"		Hoarders	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN	38	39				The Grid	Poker Heads Up		NHL Hockey Nashville vs Chicago (L)					FB Talk	Overtime	Poker Heads Up	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Ninja	Ninja	Ninja	Ninja	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(3:30) Robin Hood		★★★ The Mummy ('99, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.						Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Defiance "Pilot"		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Defiance "Pilot"				D.S. Paranormal	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Beard"	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ Life as We Know It Two single adults become the guardians of a baby when the child's parents die suddenly.					We There Yet?	We There Yet?	We There Yet?
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:15) West Side S...		★★★★ His Girl Friday Cary Grant.				★★★★ Woman of the Year				Tender Comrade	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	El señor de los cielos	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Say Yes "I Do Again"	Say Yes to the Dress	Four Wedding "..and a Leprechaun" (N)		Say Yes to (N)	Say Yes to (N)	I Found the Gown	I Found the Gown	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	I Found the Gown	I Found the Gown
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Ladies in Red"		★★★ The Dark Knight ('08, Act) Christian Bale. Batman battles a madman known as the Joker who causes terror and mayhem for fun.						(:15) Dallas		(:15) Dallas	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Gone"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Manipulated"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Taboo"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Infected"		The Moment "Nascar Driver"		CSI: Crime Scene "CSI Unplugged"	
WGN	19	18				Arrow "Year's End"		Arrow "Burned"		Arrow "Trust But Verify"		Arrow "Vertigo"		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules "Fun Run"

Surprise Obama encounter boosts marathon runners

Bridget Murphy
Associated Press

BOSTON — Brian Ladley was a half-block from crossing the Boston Marathon's finish line when bombs detonated on either side of him.

Three days later, the 39-year-old runner, who was not injured in the blasts, got in line near the Cathedral of the Holy Cross by 7 a.m. Thursday, hoping to get a seat at an interfaith service to honor the victims.

Tickets ran out, but authorities saw his marathon jacket and plucked him and some other runners out of line to watch the service in a nearby school auditorium.

After it ended, Ladley found himself shaking hands with President Barack Obama.

"He was genuinely concerned for everyone and spoke to each person he met up close," the Brewster, Mass., resident said later. "I was too in awe to remember what he said to me."

Ladley, who is in the hospitality industry, said Thursday's experiences would help him heal from the trauma of the bombings.

"It was wonderful to have a moment with other runners and be able to share our stories," he said.

Boston resident Deborah Spirio-Turi was another marathon runner who got up early to get in line, but didn't get a ticket to the service Thursday.

The 55-year-old Neiman Marcus jewelry manager raised $16,000 in donations for the American Red Cross by running for the nonprofit's team. But the explosions forced her to stop after she ran 25.5 miles, and she's been overwhelmed by sadness since the attack.

Even if she didn't get into the cathedral, Spirio-Turi didn't want to be anywhere else Thursday.

"It didn't matter, I had to be there," she said.

In the end, she also was among the group of runners who met the president.

"He held my hand and that is what I will remember, the comfort of that," she said. "It was what the people in the room needed."

2004 Olympic 200 champ Crawford gets 2-year ban

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

Olympic gold medalist Shawn Crawford was suspended for two years by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Thursday for not giving full information about his whereabouts for out-of-competition drug testing, although his coach said he retired after the trials last summer and U.S. Track and Field said he filed retirement papers this year.

Bobby Kersee was caught off guard by the ban on Crawford, the 2004 Olympic 200-meter champion. At 35 years old, this suspension would all but end Crawford's career, but Kersee insisted he has already stepped away.

"I don't understand this. He hasn't put on spikes all year," Kersee told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "I just don't understand how this is allowed to happen? I think it's wrong. Eventually, the truth has to come out.

"A person who hasn't put on spikes all year, a married man trying to take care of his family and what does he get for the end of his career — a two-year ban? I don't understand."

There is paperwork an athlete needs to fill out in order to officially retire and be removed from the out-of-competition testing pool. U.S. Track and Field spokeswoman Jill Geer said Crawford filed his retirement papers this year.

In a statement released Thursday, USADA announced that Crawford, of Culver City, Calif., had three "whereabouts failures" in 18 months. That can include failing to provide regular information about how to be found for tests "and/or failure to be available for testing due to inaccurate or incomplete information," USADA said.

"If they (drug testers) show up at my track looking for an athlete of mine and for some reason or another I gave them the day off — because maybe their foot was hurting — I can inform them, 'Hey, someone is looking for you,' and I'll get them there," Kersee said. "But no one has come up to me and asked for a drug test for Shawn all year."

An email was sent to USADA. Crawford's ban began Wednesday.

His last big meet was at the Olympic trials last June in Eugene, Ore., where he finished seventh and didn't make the team for the London Games. His longtime agent, Kimberly Holland, tried to persuade him to keep sprinting, but his heart wasn't into it.

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Yesterday's Answer: RIVET, VINE, IONIZE, TAP; ZITI, ZONE, VIE, VIVA, PA, PER

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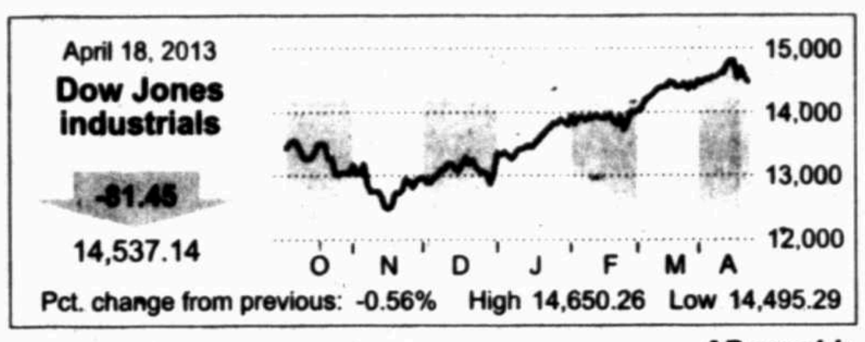

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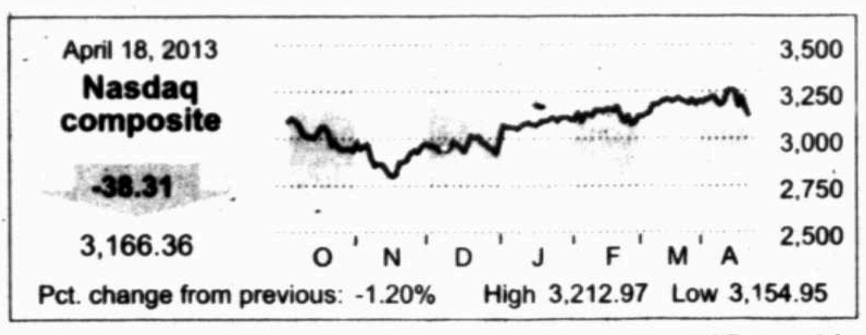

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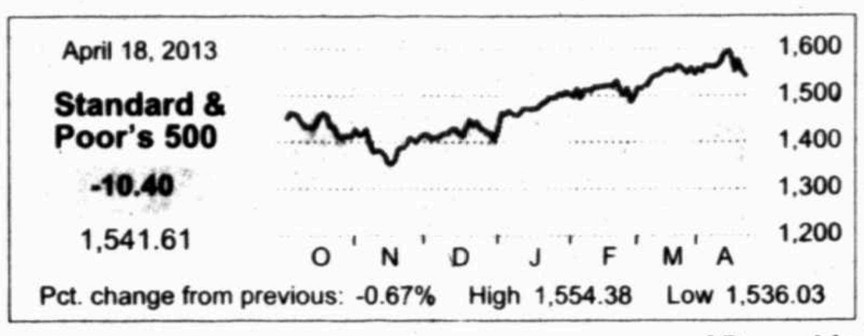

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FUTURES

Thursday:	$87.73
Previous:	$86.68

POSTED

Thursday:	$84.25
Previous:	$83.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday:	$80.95
Previous:	$79.95

NATURAL GAS

Thursday:	$4.401
Previous:	$4.214

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2152721	11.44	-.26
S&P500ETF	1514238	154.14	-.97
BariPVix rs	993129	22.04	+.97
NokiaCp	895286	3.17	-.41
SprintNex	864831	7.19	+.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrimusTel	12.35	+2.44	+24.6
CSVLgNGs	39.98	+4.84	+13.8
ITT Ed	14.92	+1.49	+11.1
GolLinhas	6.38	+.57	+9.8
PrSUltNG rs	59.51	+5.30	+9.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvNG	8.38	-1.43	-14.6
Greenhill	45.14	-5.95	-11.6
NokiaCp	3.17	-.41	-11.5
FairchldS	12.15	-1.33	-9.9
PrUShNG s	14.77	-1.54	-9.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,340
Declined	1,671
Unchanged	143
Total issues	3,154
New Highs	70
New Lows	56
Volume	3,786,006,276

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	62672	6.79	+.42
NovaGld g	51488	2.35	+.07
Rentech	32910	1.95	+.10
CheniereEn	31299	25.92	-.39
AlldNevG	29207	10.63	+.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AdcareHlt	5.88	+1.58	+36.7
SilvrCrst g	2.05	+.29	+16.5
Sandst g rs	7.02	+.68	+10.7
GoldResrc	9.45	+.79	+9.1
Oragenics	3.73	+.28	+8.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lannett	9.54	-.85	-8.2
ASpecRlty	2.07	-.18	-8.0
IncOpR	3.17	-.20	-5.9
OrionEngy	2.28	-.13	-5.4
MGT Cap	4.03	-.22	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	205
Declined	202
Unchanged	30
Total issues	437
New Highs	3
New Lows	31
Volume	85,580,885

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	747821	22.24	+.31
Microsoft	534372	28.79	-.04
PwShs QQQ	509099	67.17	-.95
Facebook n	387407	25.69	-.94
Cisco	348587	20.58	-.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Overstk	15.70	+4.24	+37.0
Crumbs un	4.25	+1.11	+35.4
UnivBusP	3.77	+.83	+28.1
Theravnce	32.56	+4.55	+16.2
DivrsRest	5.75	+.75	+15.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MecoxLn rs	5.18	-1.29	-19.9
Ultratech	29.88	-6.50	-17.9
UniPixel	32.35	-5.72	-15.0
ExactSci h	8.84	-1.14	-11.4
QKL Str rs	5.25	-.65	-11.0

DIARY

Advanced	924
Declined	1,470
Unchanged	128
Total issues	2,522
New Highs	35
New Lows	67
Volume	1,721,618,710

NM motel where Microsoft began is being redeveloped

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A Route 66 motor lodge in Albuquerque where Bill Gates and Paul Allen lived while launching Microsoft Corp. is being redeveloped into apartments as part of a neighborhood revival project.

Officials broke ground Thursday on the redevelopment of the Sundowner Uhuru Apartment Complex, one of many projects sought to help revive a once busy area of Albuquerque.

The federally-funded project will create 70 apartments for veterans, the homeless, mixed-income residents and residents with special needs.

The Sundowner was built in 1960 during the heart of Route 66 tourism.

Gates and Allen later lived at the Sundowner Motel when they wrote a version of the programming language BASIC for the Altair 8800 computer, invented in 1975 by the Albuquerque-based company MITS. The motel was used as a base camp in the mid-1970s before the pair moved Microsoft to the Seattle-area.

Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry says the motel was "ground zero" for the personal computer revolution and needs to be redeveloped for history.

"All these historic hotels up and down Route 66 have so many stories to tell," Berry said. "If the walls could talk...."

Justin Spielmann, the geoscience collections manager at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, said the motel "is practically where Microsoft started" and played a key role in the upcoming technology revolution.

"This is really the cradle where personal computing sort of came into its own," said Spielmann. "Albuquerque is really the seat of personal computers and the Sundowner plays into that origin."

The $9 million development includes plans for a growers market, retail and community space intended for small businesses.

Asbestos remediation on the motel was recently completed and constructed has started on a project official says will bring dozens of jobs to the city.

The Sundowner project is one of many slated for a once popular area of Albuquerque along Route 66.

In recent years, the area around the Sundowner, which was vacant, has been a high-crime zone and known for prostitution.

Blackstone drops out of race to buy Dell

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Buyout specialist Blackstone Group has abruptly ended its courtship of Dell Inc. less than a month after saying it intended to trump a deal with the slumping computer maker's CEO, according to a report published late Thursday.

The Wall Street Journal said that the Blackstone Group scrapped a plan to buy most of Dell Inc.'s outstanding stock for $14.25 per share. The newspaper cited unnamed people familiar with the matter in a story.

Blackstone didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

If Blackstone has backed out, Dell's board will have to disclose the change of heart. That would likely come in a regulatory filing or press release today.

Losing a potential bidder would be a setback to Dell shareholders unhappy about the Round Rock company's agreement to sell itself to CEO Michael Dell and a group of investors led by Silver Lake Partners for $24.4 billion, or $13.65 per share. Dell's stock has been trading above that price for most of the time since the deal with Michael Dell was announced in early February, signaling investors were betting other bidders with emerge with a better offer.

A special committee on Dell's board had said it believed Blackstone's proposal could be more lucrative than the deal struck with Michael Dell and Silver Lake. But the committee wanted to review the formal terms of Blackstone's bid before making a final assessment. That competing offer has now apparently evaporated.

A bidding duel for Dell could still unfold. Billionaire investor Carl Icahn, known for his irascibility, also has submitted a preliminary proposal to pay up to $15 per share for 58 percent of Dell's stock.

Blackstone's about-face comes amid more evidence of the deteriorating conditions in the PC market as more technology spending shifts to smartphones and tablet computers. Worldwide PC shipments plunged by 14 percent in the first three months of the year, according to International Data Corp., the steepest quarterly decline during the 19 years that the research firm has been tracking the market. Dell's PC sales slipped 11 percent during the quarter, leaving it as the world's third largest maker of laptop and desktop machines.

Michael Dell believes he can turn around the company by diversifying into more profitable niches such as business software, data storage and consulting. It could be a wrenching process, something that Michael Dell believes he will be able to do if he doesn't have to worry about Wall Street's fixation on short-term results. Under the deal with Michael Dell and Silver Lake, Dell Inc. would end its 25-year history as a publicly traded company.

Plato's Closet gets set to sell gently used clothes

Plato's Closet, in Cornerstone Shopping Center at 4400 N. Midland Drive, has been open since February buying gently-used brand-name clothing and accessories for teen and 20-something men and women. Now, the store has opened its doors for those wanting to buy designer clothing and accessories for a fraction of the original price. Accessories include shoes, belts, purses and jewelry. Typically, it buys items that have been in retail stores within the past 12 to 18 months.

"We were expecting a big crowd for our grand opening today, and that's what we got," said Megan Wilson, store manager. "We have been very well-received by the community so far, so I know that we are going to continue to do really well here. Since we are the only store of its kind in the area, people travel far to come sell – and now buy – clothes that are both fashionable and affordable. The most popular items that customers are looking for are the designer labels. People want to wear what is in style now, but at a price that is reasonable. We sell clothes in new condition at 50-70 percent off the original price."

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

From staff reports

Oil rises near $88 per barrel

Oil rose from a four-month low Thursday, while natural gas soared to the highest level in 21 months on signs of robust demand for the fuel.

Benchmark oil for May delivery rose $1.05, or 1.2 percent, to finish at $87.73 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Concerns over global economic growth have caused the price of oil and other commodities to drop sharply. This week China reported slower-than-expected economic growth while the International Monetary Fund lowered its outlook for world economic growth for this year.

Associated Press

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $39.18 Up 1.39

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $82.39 Up 1.23

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.41 Up 0.91

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $26.51 Up 0.71

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.63 Up 0.39

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.56 Down 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.37 Up 0.48

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.75 Unchanged

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	30	37.74	-.04	+12.0
Abraxas	...	...	2.23	+.18	+1.8
AdamsEx	.67e	...	11.50	-.08	+8.6
AMD	...	...	2.51	+.11	+4.6
Alcoa	.12	40	8.03	+.07	-7.5
AlonUSA	.16	13	15.75	+.14	-12.9
Amgen	1.88	20	107.46	-1.98	+24.7
Anadarko	.36	17	80.64	+1.19	+8.5
Apache	.80f	14	70.82	-.43	-9.8
Apple Inc	10.60	9	392.05	-10.75	-26.3
ApldMatl	.40f	...	12.92	-.13	+12.9
ArchCoal	.12	...	4.93	+.38	-32.7
ATMOS	1.40	17	42.96	+.01	+22.3
AutoData	1.74	22	64.63	-.72	+13.5
BP PLC	2.16f	6	41.09	+.86	-1.3
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.25	+.10	+6.3
BakrHu	.60	15	44.60	+.57	+9.2
BkofAm	.04	27	11.44	-.26	-1.5
BariPVix rs	...	...	22.04	+.97	-30.7
BarrickG	.80	5	17.98	+.33	-48.6
BasicEnSv	...	17	12.28	+.26	+7.6
BerkHa A	...	17	154526.00	-3174.00	+15.3
BerryPet	.32	14	47.28	+.29	+40.9
BlkHillsCp	1.52f	18	44.64	+.07	+22.8
BostonSci	...	...	7.09	-.19	+23.7
BrMySq	1.40	35	40.55	-.26	+25.8
BrownFA s	1.02a	27	71.21	-.07	+15.8
BrownFB s	1.02a	26	70.70	+.04	+11.8
CVS Care	.90	19	56.87	-.34	+17.6
Cameron	...	19	58.68	+.25	+3.9
Caterpillar	2.08	9	80.46	-.49	-10.2
Celestic g	...	14	7.72	-.10	-5.3
Cemex	.32t	...	11.13	-.42	+12.8
CntryLink	2.16m	29	36.85	+.09	-5.8
ChesEng	.35	...	18.96	+.49	+14.1
Chevron	3.60	9	115.59	+.78	+6.9
Chicos	.22	16	16.78	-.25	-9.1
Cimarex	.56f	17	70.67	+1.39	+22.4
Cisco	.68f	12	20.58	-.05	+4.7
Citigroup	.04	13	45.09	-.65	+14.0
ClayEng	...	14	39.18	+1.39	-2.0
CocaCola s	1.12f	22	42.10	-.45	+16.1
ColgPal	2.72f	23	118.57	+.72	+13.4
Comcast	.78f	17	39.99	-.63	+7.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	1.00	24	35.42	+.09	+20.1
ConchoRes	...	20	82.39	+1.23	+2.3
ConocPhil s	2.64	10	57.32	+.51	-1.2
Corning	.36	11	13.06	+.10	+3.5
CrackerB	2.00	17	80.47	-.26	+25.2
CSVelIVSt	...	...	19.93	-.93	+20.1
CrosTim	2.12e	12	28.89	+.96	+7.3
DCP Mid	2.76f	45	47.18	+.31	+13.0
DTE	2.48	20	72.05	+.10	+20.0
Dataram rs	...	...	2.26	+.16	+13.9
Dawson	...	23	30.41	+.91	+15.3
DevonE	.88f	...	53.10	+.30	+2.0
Disney	.75f	19	59.99	-.69	+20.5
DowChm	1.28	43	30.18	-.12	-6.6
eBay	...	26	52.82	-3.28	+3.6
EMC Cp	...	18	22.34	-.37	-11.7
EOG Res	.75f	55	115.31	+.49	-4.5
Elan	...	15	11.89	+.01	+16.5
EmpDist	1.00	17	22.42	+.33	+10.0
Energen	.58f	15	46.62	+.48	+3.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	11	47.67	+.08	+11.0
EnPro	...	21	47.73	-.01	+16.7
EntPrPt	2.68f	23	60.42	+.16	+20.6
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.67	-.16	+15.5
ExactSci h	...	...	8.84	-1.14	-16.6
ExterranH	...	...	23.82	-.27	+8.7
ExxonMbl	2.28	9	86.62	+.54	+.1
Facebook n	...	...	25.69	-.94	-3.5
FifthThird	.44f	10	15.92	+.12	+4.7
FordM	.40	10	12.75	-.18	-1.5
ForestOil	...	11	4.47	+.13	-33.2
FMCG	1.25	9	28.05	+.05	-18.0
FrozenFd h	...	...	1.38	...	+55.1
GATX	1.24f	20	49.87	+.27	+15.2
GabMultT	.80	...	8.54	-.12	+8.8
GAInv	2.00e	...	30.52	-.14	+9.7
GenElec	.76	18	22.67	-.09	+8.0
GtPlainEn	.87	18	23.24	+.05	+14.4
HalconRes	...	...	6.61	+.05	-4.5
Hallibrtn	.50f	13	37.71	+.02	+8.7
Heinz	2.06	24	72.29	-.03	+25.3
HewlettP	.58f	...	20.21	-.28	+41.8
iShBraz	1.57e	...	52.44	-.07	-6.3
iShJapn	.19e	...	11.22	-.08	+15.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.74e	...	41.05	+.01	-7.5
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	58.63	-.18	+3.1
iShR2K	1.70e	...	89.58	-.50	+6.2
iShREst	2.43e	...	71.04	...	+9.9
IntegrysE	2.72	17	59.46	-.01	+13.9
Intel	.90	11	22.24	+.31	+7.9
InterDig	.40a	6	40.04	-.83	-2.6
JPMorgCh	1.20	8	46.64	-.15	+6.8
JohnJn	2.44	23	83.18	-.72	+18.7
Keycorp	.20	11	9.33	-.20	+10.8
KimbClk	3.24f	23	101.36	+.70	+20.1
KindME	5.20f	51	90.04	+.78	+12.8
KindMM	5.20t	...	87.21	+.57	+15.6
Kinross g	.16	...	5.28	+.28	-45.7
LegacyRes	2.28f	19	26.63	+.39	+11.9
Lubys	...	30	6.91	+.26	+3.3
MktVGold	.46e	...	28.22	+.84	-39.2
McDnlds	3.08	19	101.91	-.63	+15.5
Merck	1.72	22	46.56	-.20	+13.7
MeritMed	...	24	11.08	-.26	-20.3
MexcoEn	...	...	5.56	-.15	-13.6
MicronT	...	...	9.23	-.16	+45.6
Microsoft	.92	16	28.79	-.04	+7.8
MorgStan	.20	...	20.31	-1.16	+6.2
Nabors	.16f	...	14.95	+.30	+3.5
NatGrid	3.17e	...	60.43	+.11	+5.2
NOilVarco	.52	11	64.61	+.47	-5.5
NokiaCp	...	...	3.17	-.41	-19.7
NvMAd	.80a	...	14.78	+.03	-2.8
NvPMI	.88	...	14.79	-.05	-.9
NuvPI	.86	...	14.50	+.02	-3.1
NSTFI3	.63a	...	14.61	-.07	-.1
NTXQI	.70	...	15.76	+.15	-.5
OcciPet	2.56f	14	79.91	-.54	+4.3
OnSmcnd	...	...	7.40	.48	+5.0
Oracle	.24	15	32.12	-.37	-3.6
ParTech	...	...	4.18	-.09	-14.7
ParkDrl	...	13	3.92	-.04	-14.8
PattUTI	.20	11	22.40	+.16	+20.2
PeabdyE	.34	44	20.46	+1.44	-23.1
Penney	...	...	15.16	+.39	-23.1
PennaRE	.72f	...	18.48	+.02	+4.8
PepsiCo	2.15	21	81.25	+2.40	+18.7
Prmian	.88e	11	12.49	+.06	+1.9
Pfizer	.96f	16	30.59	-.28	+22.0

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PioNtrl	.08	75	112.35	+.76	+5.4
PlainsAA s	2.30f	23	56.06	+.14	+23.9
PwShs QQQ	.86e	...	67.17	-.95	+3.1
Praxair	2.40f	20	109.78	-.45	+.3
PrmEgy	...	7	30.99	+1.25	+34.7
PrUVxST rs	...	...	8.56	+.68	-59.0
ProctGam	2.41f	20	79.87	+.81	+17.6
RangeRs	.16	...	74.55	+2.77	+18.7
RschMotn	...	14	13.50	-.41	+13.7
RiteAid	...	...	2.39	+.14	+75.7
Rowan	...	23	31.28	+.78	...
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	64.02	+.09	-7.2
SpdrDJIA	3.42e	...	145.18	-.77	+11.2
SpdrGold	...	...	134.30	+1.43	-17.1
S&P500ETF	3.18e	...	154.14	-.97	+8.2
SabnR	3.61e	13	48.15	+.92	+21.0
SanderFm	.68	24	58.42	+.08	+22.9
SanDisk	...	27	52.02	-3.70	+19.6
SandRdge	...	...	4.67	+.11	-26.5
Sapient	...	24	11.07	-.22	+4.8
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	71.00	+.03	+2.5
SigmaAld	.86f	20	76.01	+.66	+3.3
SiriusXM	.05e	6	2.99	-.01	+3.3
Smucker	2.08	22	101.53	-.23	+17.7
SprintNex	...	...	7.19	+.10	+26.8
SP Matls	.88e	...	37.32	-.11	+.6

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SP Engy	1.37e	...	74.71	+.63	+4.6
SPDR Fncl	.27e	...	17.83	-.19	+8.8
SP Inds	.86e	...	40.18	-.18	+6.0
SunocoLog	2.18f	15	62.13	-.07	+24.9
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	17.94	+.86	+4.5
TelefEsp	...	...	13.63	+.01	+1.0
Tesoro	.80f	9	49.61	+.47	+12.6
3M Co	2.54f	17	104.98	-.50	+13.1
Torchmark	.68f	11	58.67	+.13	+13.9
TriContl	.69e	...	17.30	-.09	+7.8
TylerTech	...	57	57.49	+.16	+18.7
UBWV	1.24	16	24.82	...	+2.0
Vale SA	.78e	...	15.94	+.12	-24.0
ValeroE	.80f	10	38.69	+.45	+13.4
VerizonCm	2.06	...	50.91	+1.37	+17.7
VulcanM	.04	...	46.03	-1.70	-11.6
Walgrn	1.10	22	48.71	+.16	+31.6
WellsFargo	1.00f	10	36.27	-.29	+6.1
WstnRefin	.48	7	30.51	+.51	+8.2
WhitingPet	...	12	44.57	+.02	+2.8
WmsCos	1.36f	27	37.38	+.41	+14.2
XcelEngy	1.08	16	30.48	+.15	+14.1
Xerox	.23f	9	8.63	-.29	+26.5
Yahoo	...	7	23.26	-.44	+16.9
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14,887.51	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	14,537.14	-81.45	-.56	+10.94	+12.13
6,291.65	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	5,944.16	-5.24	-.09	+12.01	+13.68
524.35	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	520.97	+1.53	+.29	+14.98	+14.12
9,256.13	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	8,921.18	-27.18	-.30	+5.66	+11.57
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,314.54	-10.38	-.45	-1.75	-3.61
3,306.95	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,166.36	-38.31	-1.20	+4.86	+5.28
1,597.35	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,541.61	-10.40	-.67	+8.09	+11.96
16,845.78	13,248.92	Wilshire 5000	16,234.26	-110.88	-.68	+8.26	+12.21
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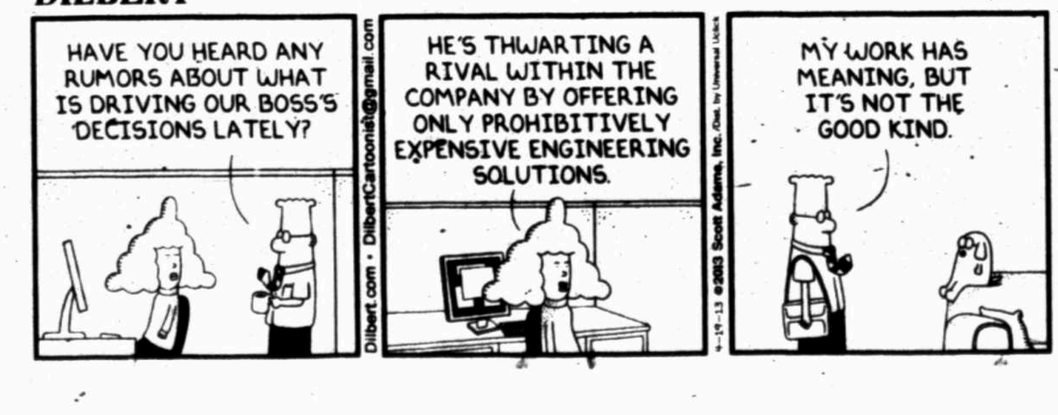

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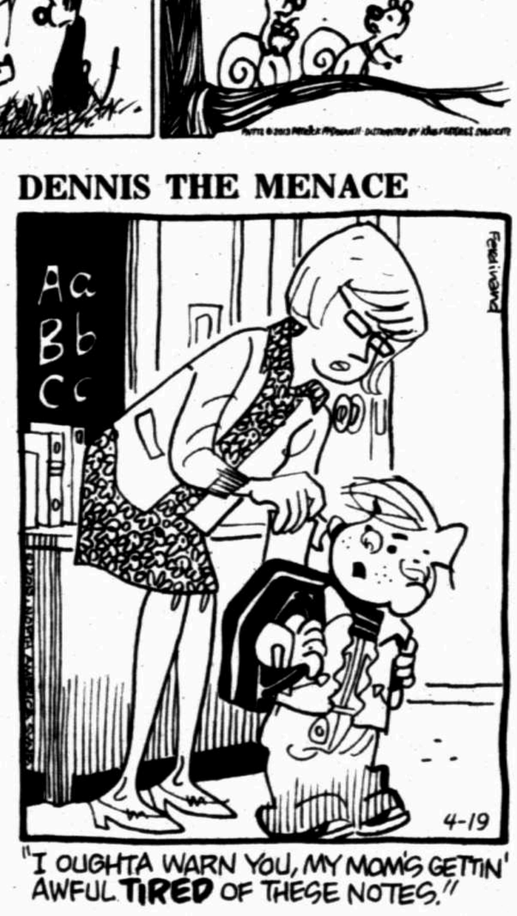

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY KAY UNDERWOOD FRYER, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of April, 2013, Letters Testamentary were issued to Rosanne Gerrard as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Kay Underwood Fryer, Deceased," being No. P-17,414 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Rosanne Gerrard, 2792 Morgan Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84124, within the time prescribed by law.
DATED this 18th day of April, 2013.

Rosanne Gerrard,
Independent Executrix of the Estate of
Mary Kay Underwood Fryer, Deceased

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Burlington Res. O&G Co-Mid, P.O. Box 51810, Midland, TX 79710, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a amend injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the McKnight formation, Waddell, W.N. Etal Well No. 509W. The proposed injection well is located 18 miles NW from Crane, Texas, in the Sand Hills Field in Crane County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval of 3330'-3470'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone (512) 463-6792)

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Chucker 20B #2 (Drilling Permit# 759260)

These wells are located in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, Glasscock County, Texas. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Keisha Stark of Apache Corporation at 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000 Midland, TX 79705, (432)-818-1000 by May 10th, 2013

Legal & Public Notices

NO. P17345
IN THE COUNTY OF COURT MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
ESTATE OF **LEAH ROCHELLE DENNIS SPEARS**, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF LEAH ROCHELLE DENNIS SPEARS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Leah Rochelle Dennis Spears, Deceased, were granted to Kelsey Seger on the 27th day of February, 2013, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present same to it within the time prescribed by law. Residence and post office address for these purposes is:
Estate of Leah Rochelle Dennis Spears, Deceased
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Attention: Andrew R. Seger

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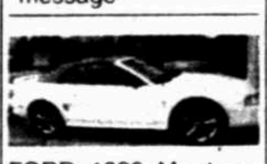

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CHEVROLET 2002 Suburban LT. 5.3L engine, 117k miles, fully loaded. Good conditions, needs transmission work, $6,000 obo. Call 432-249-1367

CHEVY 2007 Suburban LS, 5.3 engine, 89k miles, new tires, towing package, loaded, well kept, $16,900. 432-683-8345.

CHEVY 2007 Tahoe LTZ, Bermuda blue metallic, gray leather interior, 2nd row heated seats, 67k, navigation, sunroof, twin headrest DVD, 3rd row, loaded, $26,500. 432-620-9222.

GMC 2004 YUKON 2WD 4.8L Auto, 98K miles, White with Gray Cloth, Very Nice, $12,300, Midland, Call or Text (432) 557-0255

GMC 2005 Yukon, 86k miles, 3rd seat. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

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Level: 1 2 3 **4**

				2				1
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1	7			5		4		6
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		9				6		
2					8	9		
4				1			3	2
		1	9					
7				8				

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

6	7	1	9	8	2	5	3	4
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5	3	9	4	2	6	8	1	7
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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Appointment coordination,Event and meeting planning,Make travel arrangements,Record, monitor expenses,raise monthly invoice,Must possess a valid driver's license, send your cover letter and salary expectations to: eing11@aol.com

Administrative Assistant

Confidential FT

Full-Time Administrative Assistant needed in our engineering department. Must be proficient in Excel. Able to multi task and have good typing skills. Oil & Gas and RRC of Texas experience is a plus. Send resumes: c/o, M-39 Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

Data Entry Clerk

Crossfire, LLC, an industry leading oilfield service company is currently hiring for a Data Entry Clerk for our West Texas Office, located in Midland, Texas. For a complete job description and to send a resume, visit our website at: www.crossfire-llc.com

FILE CLERK

Our company is looking for an energetic person to join our team. We are located downtown Midland off of Illinois. This position is for a **File Clerk** - Duties include but aren't limited to: copying, being a runner for the office, filing files, breakroom duties with keeping it stocked. Must have own transportation. Our hours are 8:30am-5pm. Please email if interested. Pay to be discussed **courtney@dhc-cpa.net**

Office Manager/Receptionist

COM Aquatics PT

Office Manager and/or receptionist needed. Morning Shift. 30 hours per week. Competitive pay. Must be friendly, organized, and have basic computer knowledge. Drop off resume or fill out an application at COM Aquatics, Inc. 3003 North A Street. Midland, TX.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Representative

Oil Center Research, LLC FT

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Directional Coordinator/Salesman

Directional drilling company aggressively seeking experienced Coordinator and Salesman. Must have minimum 2 years experience. Reply to: resumes@aimdir.com

Operations Manager

Confidential FT

Oilfield trucking company seeking Operations Manager for the West Tx. area. Must have oilfield experience. Send all resumes to: svtrucking@yahoo.com

Seeking Position

35 years experience as a Heavy Equipment Operator Skilled Dozer, Loader, Excavator, Scraper Operator. Can operator Blade but less skill as others listed. Please Call Bill Kirk @ 325-365-3100.

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Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has positions open for 2 qualified Service Technician. Qualified candidate must have some knowledge of diesel motors and be able to pass drug screen & background check. Call 432-699-7744 or come by 2007 Westar Rd. 79706.

HEALTHCARE

Front Desk Coordinator/Reception

Gray Cosmetic and Family Dentistry FT

Gray Cosmetic and Family Dentistry is looking to hire a FT front desk coordinator), who is a confident individual with great communications skills, team player, and highly motivated in all phases of dentistry. Prefer someone with at least 1 year Dental experience but not necessary. No phone calls. Must bring in resume to 2701 W. Cuthbert in Midland or E-mail resume to drsgrayofficemanager@gmail.com

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New SpringHill Suites by Marriott now accepting resumes and applications for the following hourly positions: Front desk, bar tenders, maintenance, and housekeeping. Please email resumes to the following email address: careers@insigniamgmt.com or fax resume to 432-699-0979 or apply in person to 4410 N Midkiff Rd. Suite D 212, Midland, TX. 79705

OTHER JOBS

Multiple Positions

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OTHER JOBS

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Reynolds Brothers FT
Midland, TX 79701

Immediate opening for an Inside Sales Clerk at office supply store. Job includes answering phones, filling orders & waiting on walk-in customers. Must be prompt & dependable with a neat appearance. Benefits included. Send resume to: nr@reynoldsbros.com or apply in person at: 315 North Colorado.

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OFFICE

Susie's South Forty Confections now hiring! Must know QuickBooks, payroll, accounts receivable & payable. Must have experience and flexible hours. Email resume and references to **custservice@susiessouthforty.com**. For questions or info call **432-570-4040** and ask for Susie.

Safety Coordinator

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All Positions

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Midland, TX 79701

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All Positions

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant — **FT**
2700 N. Big Spring Street — **Apply in Person**
Midland, TX — **To fill out application.**

La Bodega Midland & Odessa, located at 7th & Dixie is now hiring for all positions.

Dish/Cook

Wall Street Bar & Grill FT
Midland, TX 79701

Hiring Dish & Cook. Free meal with shift. Apply in person: 115 East Wall St., Midland or call 432-684-8686.

General Manager, Breakfast Cooks & Servers

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Manager

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant — **FT**
1024 E. 7th — **Apply in Person**
Odessa, TX — **To fill out application.**

La Bodega Odessa, located at 7th & Dixie is now hiring for Manager position

Multiple Positions

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The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

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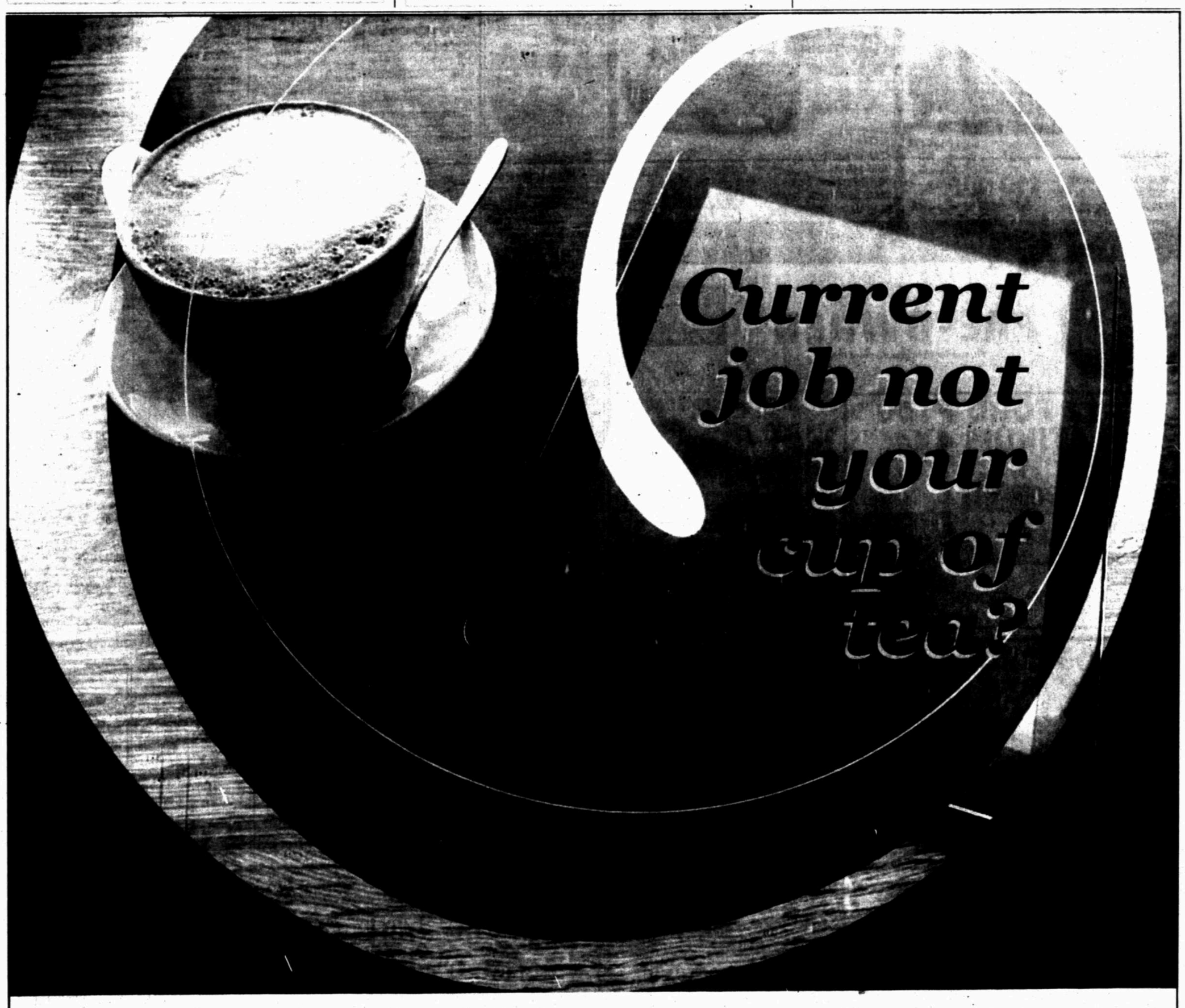

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MSRP $27,745
CONQUEST CASH $500

2012 GMC ACADIA

$444 mo.[2]

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GMC

PURCHASE PRICE $31,999 + TT&L

STK# CJ403855
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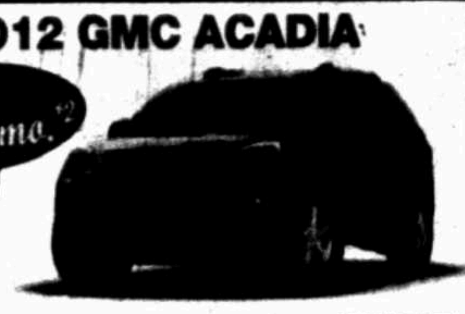
BERG ALLOWANCE -$1761

2012 GMC ACADIA

$458 mo.[2]



CRYSTAL RED

GMC

PURCHASE PRICE $32,999 + TT&L

STK# CJ402362
MSRP $34,535
BERG ALLOWANCE -$1,536

2012 GMC YUKON

$609 mo.[2]

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GMC

PURCHASE PRICE $43,999 + TT&L

STK# CR200359
MSRP $46,173
BERG ALLOWANCE -$2,174

2012 GMC YUKON

$722 mo.[2]

CRYSTAL RED

GMC

PURCHASE PRICE $51,999 + TT&L

STK# CR179916
MSRP $56,012
BERG ALLOWANCE -$4,013

2013 GMC SIERRA 1500

$487 mo.[1]

BLACK ONYX

STK# DG119603
MSRP $39,455
CUSTOMER CASH -$3,000
OPTION PKG DISCOUNT -$2,000
INCREMENTAL CASH -$1,000
GM TRUCK LOYALTY -$1,000
BONUS CASH -$1,000

GMC

PURCHASE PRICE $31,455 + TT&L

2013 GMC SIERRA 1500

$537 mo.[1]

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STK# DG120409
MSRP $42,055
CUSTOMER CASH -$3,000
OPTION PKG DISCOUNT -$2,000
INCREMENTAL CASH -$1,000
GM TRUCK LOYALTY -$1,000
BONUS CASH -$1,000

GMC

PURCHASE PRICE $34,055 + TT&L

2012 GMC SIERRA 2500HD

$631 mo.[1]

FIRE RED
DIESEL ENGINE

GMC

STK# CF105186
MSRP $48,935
CUSTOMER CASH -$4,000
TRADE ASSISTANCE -$1,000
BERG ALLOWANCE -$3,936

PURCHASE PRICE $39,999 + TT&L

2012 GMC SIERRA 2500HD

$739 mo.[1]

QUICKSILVER

GMC

STK# DF182006
MSRP $48,141
CUSTOMER CASH -$4,000
TRADE ASSISTANCE -$1,000
BERG ALLOWANCE -$2,501

PURCHASE PRICE $46,999 + TT&L

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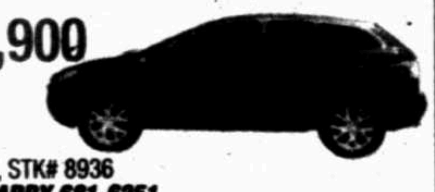

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2009 CADILLAC STS

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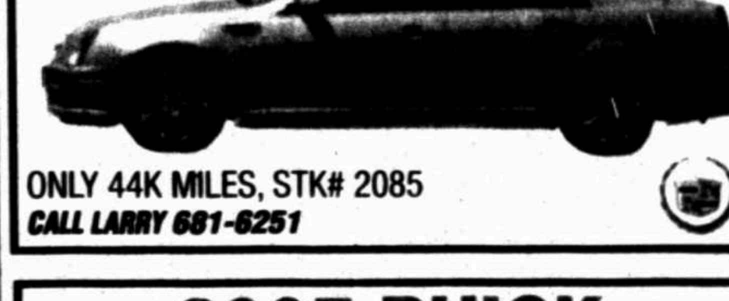

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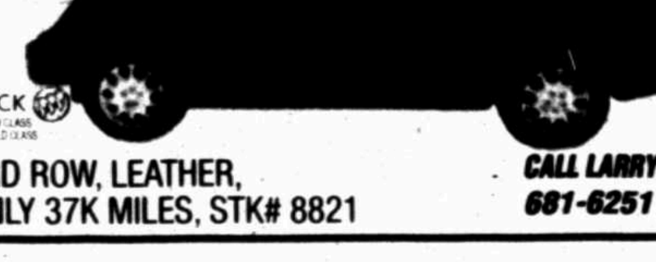

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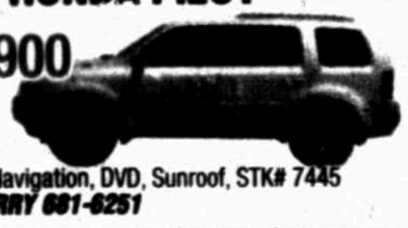

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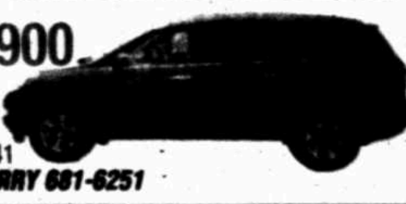

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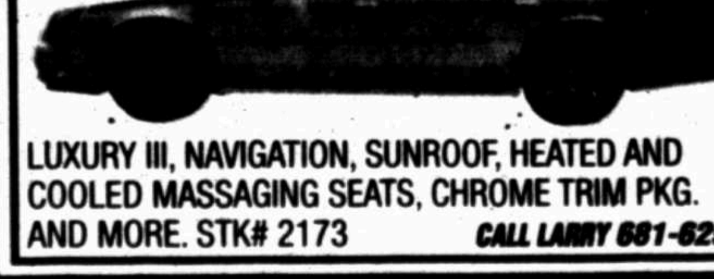

LUXURY III, NAVIGATION, SUNROOF, HEATED AND COOLED MASSAGING SEATS, CHROME TRIM PKG. AND MORE. STK# 2173
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4WD & SUV

MAZDA 2003 Tribute LX. V6, 115k miles, maroon, $3,500. Call 432-553-0253.

NISSAN 2007 Pathfinder V6, auto, 72k mi., $14,999. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222

SALEM 2012 Hemipshere Lite 5th wheel 29 ft. 2axles and 2 slides. $26,500. 806-548-0526 or 806-778-3952

TOYOTA 2011 Venza V6, leather, warranty, Navigation, $24,999 683-6222 or 559-4977

Commercial Vehicles

Heavy Equipment

'05 DODGE 3500 Quad Cab rear drive welding truck with '67 Lincoln redface both runs great. $23,000. 903-353-1170

2008 FORD F-650, 21' Recovery Solutions Steel Rollback bed w/wheel lift. Equipped w/ Cummins 6.7L Diesel, 240 HP/550 TRQ engine, Allison 2200 5/SP auto transmission. 1 owner, 167,274 miles, good shape, ready to work. Call Jim Golden/ Dale Byrom. 432-332-0361.

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TOW TRUCK; 2007 Ford F-350, equipped w/ Dynamic bed w/ wheel lift. Possible financing available. See at 315 E. 2nd St., Odessa.

Recreational Vehicles

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Thomasville Furniture, Noritake stoneware, Crystal, silver, Hummel figurine, jewelry, hummingbird collection, Sterling, Russian memorabilia, king bed w/ frame, hot tub, bedding, stereo & turntables, dresser, desk, ladies clothing, shoes, purses, coats & jackets, tools & garden equip, office supplies, mirrors, artwork, books, kitchen items, TV, linens, sewing items, cookbooks, shelving, Pewter coffee set, decorations, CDs & VHS tapes, patio furniture, luggage, yearbooks.

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Joseph and Team
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(Crane)
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Living Estate Sale
2113 Pagewood - Odessa
Thurs. - Sat. 10am-5pm
Sun. 1:30pm-4pm

Ethan Allen King size 6 pc. bedroom suite, 1930's Occasional tables, small French tables, Travertine coffee table, 2 French Vitrines, Victorian Settee, antique Roll Top desk, Library table, 1930's dining table & 6 chairs, mirrors, leather luggage, perfumes, Occupied Japan figurines, Tole tray, Gone With the Wind lamps, Limoges, Old Paris, Germany, Chintz, Cobalt Fenton, Carnival glass, women's spittoons, Cranberry, Chinese Rose china, Depression glass, Luster, Pressed glass, massive punch bowl, Black Memorabilia, Lux & Keebler miniature Cuckoo clocks, Oil lamps, Japanese Majolica, Wall pockets, Iron collection, Trivet collection, vintage kitchen items, cameras, records, stereo equipment, camping gear, antique scale, silver plate, costume & estate jewelry, antique quilts, Victorian cape, mesh purses, 1930's wedding gown, Collectible toys & books including Ertel Cars, Texaco banks, Mickey Mouse & battery op. toys. Vintage magazines and over two thousand books including Military, Gun, History, Novels, Hollywood, WWII, Art, Sports, Fishing, British Royalty & Antique. Paintings by Jimmie Tarleton and Jan Sprague. Girls bike. There are thousands of things to numerous to mention. Services provided by The Cats Meow, Visa, Amex, MC accepted.

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

1404 MOGFORD St., Fri. & Sat. 8am-noon. Furniture, couch, TV's, lamps, clothes & knick-knacks.

1801 COUNTRY Club Dr SATURDAY ONLY APRIL 20, 8am-2pm

2308 COLLEGE Ave. Saturday 8am-4pm. 4 family garage sale. Little girl clothing from 18 months-6 years, junior girl clothing, dresses, pants & blouses, dryer/works good,lots of toys and lots of miscellaneous. 413-0611

2311 Country Club Drive Saturday 8am-5pm; IPad for sale, men, women and baby clothes, household items, garage items, tools, knives, toys and lots more.

611 NORTH Madison, Fri. & Sat. 8am-3pm. Across from Hidalgo Park, refrigerators, electric stove, washer, exercise equipment, new underwear, lots of clothes & houseware items.

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale. 3203 W Luisiana Ave. Saturday only from 8am-1pm. Clothes, house decor, baby items, and miscellaneous.

79703

1500 MANOR Ct. Saturday only from 8:30-? Collectible, furniture, tools, lots of stuff.

309 S. Glenwood. Firday and Saturday 8AM - ? Desk, dresser, TV, 2 dog kennels, toy's, clothe's and more.

3314 BAUMANN Ave. Friday and Saturday from 8am - ? Furniture, clothes, & miscellaneous.

3807 BEDFORD AVENUE SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8-? Twin mattress and box spring set, bowflex treadclimber, dressor mirror, baby and toddler boys clothing, toys, toddler bedding set, garage door opener unit, car seats, house decor, and much more. EVERYTHING MUST GO!!!

4405 MONTY Dr. Friday and Saturday 8am-? Boys clothes, 2T-5T, Home items, and miscellaneous.

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

101 E. Oak St. Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8am-? Furniture, clothes, oil field equipment & clothes, lots of miscellaneous.

1613 WEST Pine Ave. Saturday 7-11am. Furniture- Very Nice Large Bookshelves, coffee & end tables, Little Tikes Outdoor PlaySet w/ slides, John Deere Power Wheels, Toro Lawn Mower, Kid's Bikes, lots of clothes - adult and childrens, shoes, large dog house, toys, misc.

1917 HUNTINGTON Saturday, April 20 7:00 AM -12noon baby crib, changing table, walkers, strollers, furniture, camping gear. Baby, children's and maternity clothes most like new, many still with tags

2016 COLEMAN Ct., Fri & Sat 8am-3pm. Multi-family estate sale: Sewing machine, lamps, art work, banquet tables, antiques, washing machine, 2 TV's, microwave, exercise equipment, bicycle, quilts, dolls, furniture, costume & antique jewelry, cedar chest, wedding decor, Christmas, student desk, 16" Scroll saw, 4 bar stools. Too much more to list.

2520 GULF (CORNER OF GULF & HUNTINGTON) IN THE ALLEY. Friday 9-2 (April 19th) and Saturday 8-? (April 20th): Furniture, appliances, household goods, adult clothing, books. Lots of miscellaneous. Cash Only.

2821 FRONTIER DR. Beds. TV, Coffee Table, refrigerator, Roll - Top Desk, Grill, Patio Furniture, Housewares, bedding, Washer and Dryer, - Housewares, Winter Coats, Misc

3102 SEABOARD. Saturday only, 7:30-2pm. Furniture, lamp, clothes, baby items. All proceeds to help friend with Alzheimers. No early birds.

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Yard & Garage Sales

79703

WE HAVE TOO MUCH STUFF
Multi-Family Garage Sale!
701 Austin Street - 79703
Saturday, April 20th
7am-1pm
We have cleaned out every nook and cranny to bring you great deals on great stuff! You are sure to find a little bit of everything...Clothing, furniture, home decor, foosball table, items for the patio & kitchen, and so much more! You don't want to miss this one!

79705

2505 FAIRVIEW Lane - Saturday 8 AM to Noon: Beige Broyhill sofa, vintage drop leaf table, antique insulators, king size comforter set, dishes, ceiling fan, Drake canister self from the Ivy Cottage, very nice women's petite size clothing, women's size 6 shoes, men's clothing, home decor, mosaic supplies, lots of misc. Everything will be half price starting at 11:00, except for the sofa, table and canister set. Directions: Go North on Garfield past Loop 250; turn left on Keswick; turn left on second street off Keswick: flag pole in front of house. Enter through West side in front, Please do not park in alley.

79706

1915 SOUTH CR 1083, Greenwood, Sat. 9am-Dark: 4000sf. Painted furniture, pottery, book shelves, China cabinet ,benches, chairs, plant stand, coffee tables & crosses. Everything marked down 70%. Everything must go!

4100 E Highway 158 Sp#26 (Valley View Mobile Home Park), Please park in alley YARD/ESTATE SALE on this Saturday the 20th from 9 am to 4 pm - Furniture, adjustable bed, lamps, pictures, kitchen items, baby items, Christmas items, clothes

4401 SOUTH County Rd 1200, Sat. April 13, 7:30am-3:00pm. Four family garage sale: lots of clothing, toys, home decor, kitchenware & baby items.

79707

3707 FAIRHAVEN Ct. Saturday from 8am-2pm. Furniture, craft supplies, small - plus size clothing, books, shoes, purses, kitchen items, artificial plants, cook books, jewelry and miscellaneous.

4423 GULF Thur -Fri 8-5. Saturday if needed. Baby bed, Baby items, Furniture, Decorative items, dont miss this one.

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

3900 EDGEBROOK Ct. Saturday 7:30am-11:30am. Electric clothes dryer, full bed, chest of drawers, camper shell, linens, kitchen & household items, TV, bath accessories & much more.

4508 CIMMARON Ave, 79707; Saturday only 8am-12noon; refrigerator, washer and dryer, queen bedroom set, misc items.

5705 Rio Grande. Friday 8am-? Saturday 9am-? , Clothes, mens, womens, kids, shoes, some furniture and household items.

HUGE GARAGE Sale. Benefitting Restoration Farm. Single Womens Ministry, Lots of boys and Womens clothes, toys, office furniture, desk chairs, home decor and much more. 7401 Briarwood Ave. Friday, 9am-2pm. Saturday 8am-2pm.

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RVs

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RVs

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RVs

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RVs

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