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Police: Driver killed victim intentionally

Odessa man accused of hitting victim with pickup; incident 4th alleged homicide this year

Christopher Hershel Caudill: Read the arrest affidavit online at www.mywesttexas.com.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A 25-year-old man died early Wednesday after police say he intentionally was run over in the parking lot of a restaurant in central Midland.

Andres Garcia was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital — where he died from his injuries — after he was struck in the parking lot outside Sedona Bar and Grill on Wadley Avenue about 11:29 p.m. Tuesday.

Garcia is the fourth victim of an alleged homicide in Midland County this year.

Midland police arrested Christopher Hershel Caudill, 29, of Odessa, and charged him with homicide after a witness told investigators Caudill told him he struck a man in the parking lot and fled the scene.

Witnesses told police that they saw a black Chevrolet pickup intentionally hit Garcia and leave the scene, according to an arrest affidavit.

Another witness told police he was at the bar with Caudill but that Caudill left the bar before he did. When the witness left the bar, he saw the ambulance and police cars and called Caudill. The witness said Caudill told him he had hit a man and left the scene.

Detectives then contacted Caudill, who declined to be interviewed. An arrest warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Billy Johnson.

Caudill was arrested and remains behind bars at the Midland County Detention Center on a $1 million bond.

This is the second homicide since the beginning of the year where a victim was killed after allegedly being run over intentionally by a vehicle.

On Feb. 4, MPD charged Keithan Ladevin Seales, 19, with a first-degree felony of murder after he allegedly struck a pedestrian intentionally in the 1200 block of East Parker Street about 3:47 p.m.

The pedestrian, 28-year-old Cody

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Read about how murder rates in Midland are on the rise despite lower crime rates overall, and get a look at the four alleged murders this year. Page 4A

DONATION DRIVE

James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

Midland firefighter Omar Hilburn collects donations Wednesday afternoon for the annual Fill the Boot campaign to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The drive is responsible for most of the MDA's yearly funding, and local donations go to help the more than 300 families using MDA services, such as clinics and the annual summer camp, said Angie Billingsly, the local MDA chapter is executive director. The goal is $100,000 in donations. Midlanders can donate through Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are four donation sites: Midland Drive and Loop 250; Midland Drive and Andrews Highway; Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue; and Garfield Street and Golf Course Road.

Parent says uniforms process unfair, starts petition

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

A Burnet Elementary parent against school uniforms started an online petition asking the school board to reconsider uniforms for her son's campus.

Feeling as if the school "bulldozed" uniforms on her and other parents, Tonya Alafa started the petition "MISD: Reverse the choice to make our elementary schools wear uniforms" on change.org.

Uniforms for Burnet and eight other elementaries were approved at Tuesday's MISD board of trustees meeting, but Alafa said she feels the process that school officials presented uniforms to parents was not fair.

Burnet Principal Debra Alba said she sent two letters regarding standardized attire home on Feb. 23 and March 30. In the second letter, parents were notified of parent meetings on April 3 and 4.

Alba said she believes giving parents less than a week notice was adequate because she also told them they could return a form to school, call the office or take an online survey.

"I gave them four different ways for input," Alba said. "If one way didn't work for them, they had many other options."

However, Alafa said the input she provided wasn't passed on.

"They were making it out like there were no disapprovals at our school, but there were," Alafa said, noting she called the school office twice and left messages with the secretary noting she did not approve of uniforms.

On Wednesday, Alba said "there were no messages to call any parents back at any point" regarding school uniforms. Documentation Alba presented to the board indicates only two parents called the school and both were in favor of uniforms.

Alafa said she feels like parents weren't given the adequate chance to voice their concerns about uniforms and said holding meetings at 8:15 a.m. and 5

Please see **PETITION**/4A

Bag ban to be discussed at regional council meeting

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Although the solution still is being debated, area leaders agree on at least one thing: Midland-Odessa has a litter problem.

It's an issue that's drawn increased attention as residents complain of fields filled with plastic bags and paper wrappers and one that area leaders plan to discuss when they meet Friday during a Texas Municipal League Region gathering.

"With all of the cities being present this, would be a good opportunity just to hear some thoughts on where they're at so we can move forward," said Jerry Morales, councilman at large.

Inside

Keep Midland Beautiful needs more volunteers than ever with all the litter. Page 1B

Because plastic bags are among the most visible trash, some citizens have asked for the cities to consider a ban on the items. Others believe educational tools or increased litter abatement budgets could be part of the solution.

The Odessa City Council in February tabled a plastic bag ban ordinance, saying it wanted to work on the issue with Midland. The Midland City Council came to a similar conclusion at its March retreat.

"We probably need to do something, and we probably need to do something with Odessa because the minute you drive out of town, a different law would be in place," said John James, councilman for District 3, speaking at the retreat. "I like the idea of taking these initiatives and taking a more regional approach."

Still, while the issue is one that needs to be addressed by Midland, Odessa and other area cities, James said he's not sure a bag ban is the solution.

"If the problem is plastic bags then,

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LUBBOCK (AP) — Police in this staunchly conservative West Texas city are keeping close tabs on a young entrepreneur's recently opened cleaning service that offers nude maids.

Lubbock police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said the owner of Fantasy Maid Service of Lubbock doesn't have a permit to operate a sexually oriented business and officers are watching for any violation, which would bring a $2,000 fine.

But owner Melissa Borrett insists she's not operating such a business. Customers pay $100 an hour for one maid or $150 an hour for two maids, and no touching is allowed, she said.

"I run a maid service," the 26-year-old entrepreneur said. "We really just clean houses. These girls are not performers. They're maids."

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#Check-out-the-new-library

Readers weren't entirely on the side of spending $4.6 million for technology, furniture and construction at the new branch of the Midland County Public Library.

Officials believe the investment will build a "forward thinking" "community living room" that will have dynamic technology elements and furnishings that allow for flexibility in the years to come.

Midland County in November purchased the facility near Loop 250 and Garfield Street for $3.2 million.

What you said

"If you will read the last few articles carefully on the library you will note we taxpayers are paying quite a bit of money for a study to see if we need a new library, after "we" purchased the property for $3.2 million that has a $2 million 2010 appraised value. As they say, if you cant work anywhere else you can always work for the government. I am against the project mainly due to the track record of our officials, build it first, then find someone to give you a study that shows you are right?

— tom2ooo

"For cities of our size, both the Midland and Ector County libraries are among the worst-funded in the nation. They are pathetic. Growing up in another state in the midwest, I had two amazing libraries, both of cities of 30,000 people. Both were bigger and had much larger collections than either Midland or Ector counties.

When I moved here, I was shocked at how pitiful our libraries are.

Now finally that's changing, and yet so many of you just want to complain about the cost. Now is the time to do this. It won't cost us any taxes or anything. ... This will give us a library we can finally be proud of. It truly looks incredible, and it is nice to see the county finally spend money on the library, an important part of our community. This plan is wonderful and will attract new people to the library as well.

— Midlander 27

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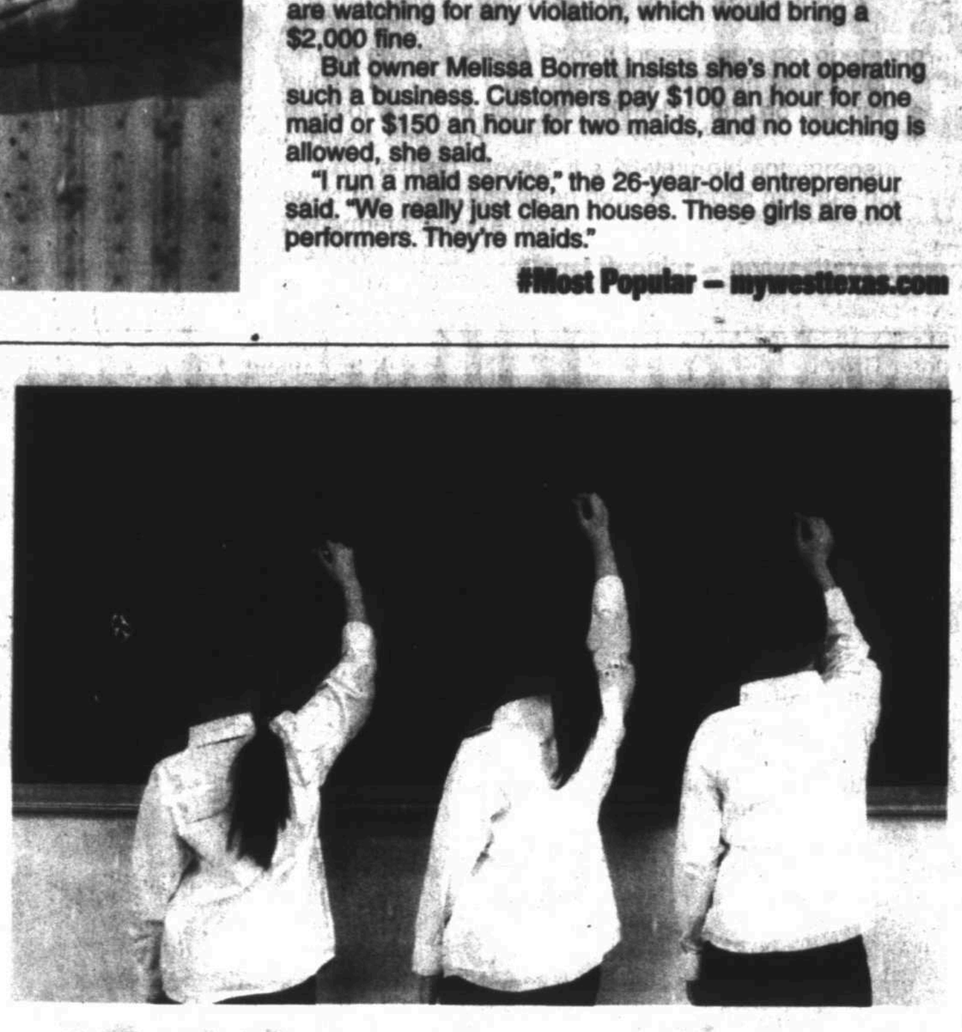

#Opinions-on-uniforms

Is this the second coming of Obamacare, where government is forcing people to purchase an item? We are not sure it has gone that far, but there is definitely a divide on whether the school district should require school uniforms.

Are you for school uniforms?

Yes yes yes and yes my daughter goes to carver center and has them and she and I love them! They aren't hard to find at all I have found them at just about every store around town as well as online! They don't cost anymore than normal clothes cost! Most likely cheaper or the same price I have found!!!!

— Stacy Norred

I am totally against uniforms and agree with some of the other parents it is ridiculous to have elementary kids in uniforms and pricey too! Its really taking advantage because they are just kids trying to be kids and find out who they are! What does MISD really want? For our children not to even want to attend public schools! They want to be their own individuals just as we are,they don't want to go to school and look like copy cats or clones of somebody else! MISD needs to really worry about other important issues like bullying and the teen suicides that have happened stop worrying about what our children wear...I think the restrictions on the clothes is already enough!!

— Lynda Ramirez

Putting kids in uniforms to try and reduce bullying is ridiculous. It's nothing more than a band-aid. Clothes Do not make a bully! Kids act out like that for reasons that should be addressed in their home, counselling, and/or positive mentor activities. I don't see why ALL kids have to be punished for bullying, especially when it doesn't fix the problem.

— Elizabeth Knight

By the way to all of those people complaining about price at Academy uniform shirts are $7 and the pants, shorts, and skirts are $12.... so much much cheaper!!!

— Christie Jewett

I have 3 kids that attend Henderson. I am a responsible parent and I make sure that my kids are dressed appropriately for school. Unless MISD wants to provide me with some sort of discount on buying uniforms for 3 kids then there is no way I am going to be supportive of this.

— Jennifer Munoz

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Congratulations to the theater departments from Lee and Midland high schools! Both schools competed in district UIL One Act Play competition in Abilene and are the only schools to advance to the next round.

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Feds agrees to share some Gulf oil spill documents

The Justice Department has agreed to turn over at least 100 scientific documents in response to BP PLC's claims that the federal government may have overestimated the amount of oil that spewed into the Gulf of Mexico from the company's Macondo well.

In a court filing Wednesday, Justice Department attorneys also vow to work with BP to resolve their dispute over the company's assertion that the government improperly withheld thousands of similar documents.

Last month, BP asked a magistrate to order the government to turn over roughly 10,000 documents that appear to relate to "flow rate issues" following the 2010 spill.

The government estimates 4.9 million barrels of oil spewed from the well, but the company says the government's earlier estimates may have been lower.

HOUSTON

Govt. lawyer: Oil rig owner hindering federal probe

A government lawyer says the owner of the oil rig that exploded and led to the massive 2010 Gulf oil spill is thwarting a federal board's efforts to make safety recommendations by not honoring its subpoenas.

Those recommendations would be aimed at preventing such an accident from happening again.

But an attorney for rig owner Transocean says the U.S. Chemical Safety Board lacks the authority to investigate such an incident.

The Justice Department and Transocean argued in federal court in Houston Wednesday over whether Transocean should comply with five board subpoenas. The board is one of several agencies investigating the April 20, 2010, explosion that killed 11 workers.

U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal is expected to make a ruling at a later date.

DMMD grants $50,000 to Hilton for upgrades

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The Hilton Midland Plaza was granted $50,000 Wednesday to put toward upgrading its entertainment venues as it transitions into a DoubleTree hotel.

In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the Downtown Midland Management District (DMMD) agreed Wednesday to provide $50,000 to MTP Hospitality Solutions to use for the upgrade and expansion of the Hilton's bar and other public areas that can draw people downtown.

"Having a convention-class hotel in downtown Midland is very valuable to downtown as a whole," said DMMD Chairman Scooter Brown.

Board member Dan Rush agreed. He said part of the DMMD's mission is to create traffic downtown. Whether it's through the improved rooms that are planned, the expanded Starbucks or the expansion and remodeling of the bar area, the Hilton's improvements only will help in achieving the DMMD's aim.

Hilton General Manager Keith Dial said the company plans to spend about $4 million on renovations to the hotel. It's will be rebranded the DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza, as are many of the Hilton's "tertiary market" hotels, he said.

"Being a destination in downtown has always been in my thoughts," Dial said.

Room renovations already are under way, Dial said. All rooms will be repainted and colors will be changed to brighter schemes. New drapes, lighting, artwork and other elements also will be included.

Starbucks will move toward the center of the lobby and expanded to include a gift shop area.

The bar will be expanded into the south lobby area and will include room for billiards, shuffle board and other games. Dial said the area will be well-lighted and include space for performances or events such as an open mic night.

The bar area already has seen increased traffic, and Dial said the expansion might provide a further draw for whose who want to do something to do downtown.

The current sidewalk cafe area will be glassed in and transformed into a private dining room area. The dining facility also will be upgraded to include different concepts.

A new buffet room will be created and the ballrooms upgraded, as well, Dial said.

"Every surface gets refinished," he said.

DMMD board member Ken Burgess said he's appreciated the Hilton's commitment to the community, especially through its involvement in the 2005 renovation. If downtown entities can help the hotel in this upgrade, Burgess said he is in full support.

Dial said it is expected that the rooms will be upgraded by August. The bar and other lobby improvements will be completed between October and January, depending on when final plans are approved, he said.

The hotel also seeks support from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board but has not yet made a presentation to the group.

The DMMD also:

■ Approved the Live Downtown Midland Event Grant Committee's recommendation to provide $25,000 in funding toward the 2012 Tall City Blues Fest.

The board and grant committee denied a second application that was submitted for the 2012 Celebration of the Arts. The group already had received hotel-motel tax funds for its event and was therefore ineligible for 2012 funding.

Natalie Shelton, executive director of the DMMD, said they see Celebration of the Arts as one of the most important downtown events and that they will encourage the group to apply for its 2013 festival that will be eligible for funds.

■ Executed a letter requesting the city's Code Enforcement office enforce code violations occurring at 400 W. Texas Ave., 310 W. Texas Ave. and 300 W. Texas Ave.

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LHS, MHS advance in one-act play, perform Friday

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Theater students from Lee and Midland high schools will pull out all the stops Friday as they compete with four other schools in the UIL One-Act Play area competition.

The schools placed first and second at the district competition April 5 in Abilene and will compete against El Paso Franklin, El Paso Hanks, Lubbock Coronado and Amarillo Tascosa Friday at Lee.

The top two schools from Friday's competition will advance to the regional competition Wednesday in Lubbock. Directors from both schools are hopeful they'll make it to Lubbock.

"I absolutely love the rush of competing and how challenging one-act is," said Lee student Tanner Pruitt, a lead in "Compleat Female Stage Beauty."

The play is set in a 17th century theater and chronicles the downfall of a male who garnered fame playing females and showcases how a woman, who previously had been barred from theater, became famous.

Want to go?

Midland High will perform at 2 p.m. and Lee High at 6 p.m. Friday in the Lee High School auditorium. El Paso Franklin, El Paso Hanks, Lubbock Coronado and Amarillo Tascosa also will perform.

Senior Jordan Causey plays the female lead and said the play is dynamic and different from other productions they've done because each character actually portrays two or three personalities.

Pruitt said his part is challenging because he plays four different characters in the production and has to work to make them all uniquely different.

"The voices are really hard because I want each one to sound and be different," he said.

Connecting with their characters has been a growing experience for the Midland High cast of "Spring Awakening," a play that chronicles 14- and 15-year-olds in the late 1890s as they come of age and deal with suicide, date rape, bullying and abuse.

MHS director Tiffany Gardner Moore said the play was an appropriate choice in light of the teen suicides that occurred this year.

"It's a very thoughtful, brutally honest play that shows kids there are choices rather than killing yourself," Moore said, noting the issues the playwright captured in 1891 when he developed the play are very similar to what teens face today. "Theater is supposed to make you think and I feel that's what this play does."

With "Spring Awakening," cast members said they've been able to truly connect with their characters and develop as actors.

"There are so many layers to these characters," said Kasey Chester. "And one-act is all about connecting with the characters and feeling what they felt. ...These characters are real teens."

The play's edginess appealed to cast members' peers, Chester said.

"Everyone was really surprised all the topics we address when we started telling our friends who aren't in theater what it's about," Chester said.

MHS senior Kullen Potter said the play "goes against the grain and is something no one would expect for competition." That element of surprise has made it fun to perform, he said.

Though students participate in a variety of theatrical activities throughout the year, most said one-act is their favorite, because it allows them to compete against other schools and for awards.

Both schools advanced to regionals last year when Lee was chosen as the state alternate. Moore is hopeful both schools will advance again this year and said it's exciting to see Midland High doing so well, having not advanced to regionals since 1998.

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■ Closing today: "Dr. Seuss' 'The Lorax" and "Act of Valor"
■ Opening Friday: "Three Stooges" and "Cabin in the Woods"

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

Water worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

Monday's total: 14,749,000 (CRMWD: 11,085,000; Paul Davis: 3,664,000)
Tuesday's total: 11,666,000 (CRMWD: 7,979,000; Paul Davis: 3,687,000)
Note: Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 98,938 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 187,128 acre-feet.

When you can water

■ Residents and businesses can water for two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on their assigned day.
■ Days are being assigned based on zones. To find out which zone you're in, visit: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUse_DaysofWeek%20030512.pdf or call 685-7474
■ All types of watering devices are permitted.
■ New pools are allowed only if they are filled with water purchased and trucked in from outside the city.
■ Washing outdoor surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways, building exteriors and parking lots is not allowed.

Sales tax collections up 33.59 percent

The city of Midland announced its sales tax revenue for April was $2,602,512.

The figure reflects a 33.59 percent increase from April of 2011.

Year-to-date, sales tax revenue is up 21.51 percent from the previous fiscal year. A total of $19,249,180 has been collected so far this year.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months prior to the collection meaning April sales tax revenue was created by February sales.

It's your birthday

Anastasia Theobald, of Midland, turns 24 today.
Ladonna Johnston, of Midland, turns 37 today.

It's your anniversary

And Reece and Anastasia Theobald, of Midland, celebrate their seventh anniversary today.

Put your birthday/anniversary in the paper

The Reporter-Telegram runs birthdays and anniversaries as part of our daily presentation.

If you would like to submit an entry, please send us the following information.

■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday and place of residence.
■ Anniversaries: Names, years married, anniversary date and place of residence.

Please submit your item to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). We will run as many items as space allows.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 1-9-0
Pick 3 night: 5-7-9
Daily 4 day: 9-1-8-1
Daily 4 night: 2-8-5-1
Cash Five: 1-8-16-29-32
Lotto Texas: 1-10-20-21-28-50
Powerball: 16-23-42-44-47 PB: 2

Today in history

Today is Thursday, April 12, the 103rd day of 2012. There are 263 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter, S.C. (The Union troops holding the fort surrendered the following day.)

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the Earth once before making a safe landing.

Five years ago: CBS fired Don Imus from his radio program for insulting the Rutgers women's basketball team on the air; in the evening, Imus met with team members at the New Jersey governor's mansion in Princeton (Gov. Jon S. Corzine, who was en route to that meeting, was seriously injured when his official vehicle crashed).

Today's birthdays: Talk show host David Letterman is 65. Singer David Cassidy is 62. Actor Andy Garcia is 56. Country singer Vince Gill is 55.

Hospital launches new payment program

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Want to learn more?

For more information, call CarePayment at 800-316-4350 or visit online at www.carepayment.com.

A new payment program was launched this week at Midland Memorial Hospital to help make out-of-pocket medical expenses easier for patients.

Those who are eligible for the CarePayment program will be able to pay unexpected expenses such as co-pays and deductibles over a 25-month period interest free.

"This is our attempt to solve a problem. We would like to help the patients who are living paycheck to paycheck by offering them a smaller payment and make it more manageable," MMH Director of Patient Financial Services Shawn Edmiston said.

The program will be available for anyone receiving care at the hospital. A financial screening will be performed, and if eligible, enrollment into the program will begin.

Those with low credit scores could possibly qualify if they show they have a history of making payments to the hospital, Edmiston said.

With changes coming in the health care industry, many out-of-pocket expenses have increased for patients and a part of the population has trouble paying the higher fees. The hospital staff have been looking for another way they can assist patients and said that with the CarePayment program, it is being offered at no expense.

"We're hoping to help as many people as we can," she said. "Health care expenses generally aren't planned for and money usually isn't set aside since they aren't expected."

The medical industry as a whole, Edmiston said, has pushed more responsibility onto the patients as it moves toward consumer-driven health care. In the future, she said, she doesn't see patients pay less for expenses but instead paying more and hopes that this program will help compensate for it.

MMH does offer an internal payment plan, but Edmiston said they don't have the staff to manage the plan in-house and that it is difficult to manage.

The CarePayment program acts like a credit card but can only be used for hospital services such as outpatient X-rays and surgeries or if a patient is admitted to the emergency room or for an inpatient procedure.

Edmiston said there are not a lot of programs that hospitals can offer to patients and that this program is relatively new.

Established in 2004, the CarePayment accounts are issued by WebBank of Salt Lake City.

Edmiston said those in the program will be able to add their spouse or children and that the hospital has set a cap of $12,500 for the program. She believes that limit will encompass the majority of the patients' needs but added that there is a small flexibility for those needing to raise the program limit.

There also is an online portal available so those in the program can manage their account online, officials said.

"We're very hopeful that people will see it as a clear opportunity to take care of their bills and as a way that is non-stressful," she said.

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PETITION

From 1A

p.m. is not adequate for parents who work. Alafa said she wishes they would have held meetings after 6 p.m. and given more than a weekend's notice.

"I don't think they got this out to parents," Alafa said. "Half of them don't look through the stuff their kids bring home. I just wish they would have done more digging before they did this."

MISD's administrative policy regarding uniforms was last changed in February 2011 and requires principals to follow a specific procedure and process of gaining input from parents, staff and each campus' educational improvement committee. Prior to that change, 50 percent of parents at each campus were required to vote regarding uniforms.

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said he believes the existing process is fair and principals of all schools that were presented before the board Tuesday adequately followed the process.

"I've never been in a district where we actually let parents and kids vote on dress code. The board doesn't even vote on dress code," Warren said, mentioning dress code is part of the student handbook, separate from the board-approved code of conduct.

Alba said she believes parents were given adequate time to voice their opinion, but now it's done and the school's administration needs to focus on instruction for the kids.

"I don't know if it will necessarily improve academic performance, but the purpose is to keep the focus on learning, not what people are wearing," Alba said.

The petition states: "Making elementary students wear uniforms will not stop bullying as they say and it will put unnecessary burdens on parents because we will now have to spend more money on clothes for our children. The uniform clothes are cheaply made and look awful. I don't want my child to be a clone, I want him to be an individual and choose what he wears each day to school."

By creating the petition, Alafa said she's hoping parents will become more vocal instead of "just laying back and letting it happen."

If enough people sign the petition, Alafa said she'll present it to the school board and ask them to reconsider Tuesday's decision.

"What I send my kid to school in every day looks a lot better than what these uniforms look like," she said.

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By the numbers

15: Elementary campuses approved to wear standard attire for fall 2012
2: Elementary campuses that asked for uniforms but were denied at Monday's board meeting
7: Elementary campuses have not presented proposals for standardized attire
21: Number of MISD campuses approved for uniforms in fall 2012
33: Number of MISD campuses

The petition

You can view the petition at www.change.org/petitions/misd-reverse-the-choice-to-make-our-elementary-schools-wear-uniforms.

Despite lower crime rate, murder on the rise in Midland

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Despite significant reductions in Midland's crime rate, homicides have increased over the past several years.

Midland had its fourth alleged murder of the year late Tuesday night when Andres Garcia, 25, was allegedly run over intentionally by Christopher Hershel Caudill, 29, of Odessa, at Sedona Bar and Grill on Wadley Avenue. Even though Midland's murder rate has doubled and tripled over the past years, Police Chief Price Robinson said there is little his department can do to deter the lethal crime.

"Any homicide is very unfortunate, but it's the hardest crime to prevent," Robinson said in an interview concerning the latest murder. "Usually, the parties know each other and it's a spontaneous, spur of the moment event."

He said most murders stem from arguments or isolated, quick-occurring crimes and explained that if an officer is not present to break up the altercation, little can be done because the act of taking a life is usually instant.

Murder by the numbers

The city of Midland experienced another 12 percent decrease in overall crime in 2011. The crime rate has fallen in seven of the last eight years. The number of crimes has declined each year since 2004, with the exception of 2009, when that number reached 4,360. There were only 3,620 reported Part 1 crimes — burglaries, rapes, thefts, assaults and murders — in Midland in 2011, according to the Uniform Crime Reports the Midland Police Department provides the FBI annually.

Murder, however, has increased.

In 2008 there were no homicides, in 2009 there was one homicide and in 2010 there were two cases of homicide. Since then, the numbers have drastically increased. There were six homicides in 2011, and there have already been four alleged homicides this year.

None of the homicides are related or have been connected with any systemic organized crime, such as gang activity or drug-territory related. Most have been acts of passion or isolated criminal events.

Robinson said he couldn't offer an opinion or even an educated guess on why the murder rates have increased amidst the overall crime reductions. He also said community education also would have little impact.

The police chief said he was pleased with his first-responding officers and investigators. In each of the cases, the alleged murderers have been located and apprehended in a very short time period. He admitted that it is easier to solve cases when all of the parties are acquaintances, but stressed the quality of work his department conducts.

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2012 alleged homicides

Feb. 4

Run down: Keithan Ladevin Seales, 19, was charged with a first-degree felony of murder after police said he intentionally struck a pedestrian in the 1200 block of East Parker Street about 3:47 p.m. Cody Gibson, 28, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital where he died from his injuries.

March 5

Single gunshot: Jeremiah Aaron Brown, 20, was charged with murder after he allegedly shot Stephen Gowan, 39, in the 600 block of West Nobles Avenue. A witness told investigators he was a passenger in the vehicle and that an unknown man shot Gowan after the two men exchanged a brief conversation.

April 2

Murder-suicide: Investigators reported that Arturo Alvarado shot and killed his girlfriend, Elizabeth Rangel Torres, before turning the gun on himself at an oil lease near West County Road 60 and North County Road 1275. Alvarado reportedly shot Torres once in the pelvis before firing the fatal shot into her temple. Alvarado then shot himself in the right side of his head.

April 10

Run down: Christopher Caudill, age 29, allegedly was driving a black Chevrolet pickup that had run over Andres Garcia, 26, in the parking lot of Sedona Bar and Grill. Garcia was transported to MMH where he died of his injuries. Caudill was charged with murder and his bond set at $1 million.

COUNCIL

From 1A

yes, banning plastic bags solves that problem," he said. "If you see it as a litter problem then banning plastic bags doesn't solve the problem. If you see it as a beautification problem, then banning plastic bags doesn't solve the problem."

Plus, a ban would increase the cost of doing business and, in turn, the cost to customers of purchasing groceries and other products, he said.

Morales said for those who are part of the Texas Restaurant Association, the economics of a bag ban is a concern.

Some restaurants have two-year supplies of plastic bags on hand. Others can't afford biodegradable bags, and state regulations prohibit restaurants from putting their products in reusable bags provided by customers, he said.

"I would like to see something from an educational standpoint starting now," Morales said. "If we don't see any progress then maybe ban something."

Midlander Mark Solari said he's not for additional rules and bans either. But with the state Midland has fallen into, a plastic bag ban might be necessary.

Solari proposed the Midland City Council consider an ordinance akin to Brownsville's ordinance.

In Brownsville, residents can use plastic bags if they're willing to pay a fee that goes into an environmental fund. Otherwise, plastic bags aren't used.

"There's a lot of opposition to adding any new laws," Solari said. "I don't want to either but there's really no other way to get rid of that source."

Bennett Sandlin, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, said there's only a handful of Texas cities that have moved forward with a bag ban. Austin is implementing such a ban and already is receiving push back from grocers and other businesses, he said.

"We expect to get some resistance from the chemical and bag companies," he said.

Mayor Wes Perry said a fee for plastic bags is something he would consider if it could help fund cleanup efforts. Before such a rule is discussed, Perry said area leaders need to come up with a clear vision for how they want the cities to appear.

"We have to have a vision to say this is what we want our community to look like," he said. "Once we get that in place then we have to figure out how much is that going to cost to get there?"

Leaders said Friday's meeting likely will include a discussion of the litter issue but no action will be taken.

Perry said Midland and Odessa plan to meet again in the coming months in a more formal setting to again discuss litter and other issues.

"The ultimate thing would be to have a spotless community," he said. "Bag bans don't get rid of all your trash. They're a significant part of it."

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The meeting

The Texas Municipal League Region IV meeting will be held 7 p.m. Friday at Odessa Country Club, No. 1 Fairway Drive.

Prison panel denies Manson's bid for parole

Associated Press

CORCORAN, Calif. — A prison panel denied parole Wednesday to mass murderer Charles Manson in his 12th and probably final bid for freedom.

Manson, now a gray-bearded, 77-year-old, did not attend the hearing where the parole board ruled he had shown no efforts to rehabilitate himself and would not be eligible for parole for another 15 years.

"This panel can find nothing good as far as suitability factors go," said John Peck, a member of the panel that met at Corcoran State Prison in Central California.

Also playing heavily into the board's decision was something Manson had said recently to one of his prison psychologists that Peck read aloud.

"'I'm special. I'm not like the average inmate,'" Peck said. "'I have spent my life in prison. I have put five people in the grave. I am a very dangerous man.'"

Peck then spoke for the record directly to Manson, who will receive a transcription of the proceedings: "This panel agrees with that statement."

Manson orchestrated a series of gruesome murders on consecutive nights that terrified the city of Los Angeles 40 years ago. His trial with three female acolytes was an international spectacle.

Manson and his followers were convicted in the 1969 slaying of actress Sharon Tate and four others.

Referring to the bizarre scene that included bloody scrawling on walls and use of the words "Helter Skelter," the prosecutor claimed the phrase reflected Manson's twisted idea that he could cause a race war with the killings.

HOMICIDE

From 1A

Gibson, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital where he died from his injuries.

Seales has remained at the Midland County jail since his Feb. 4 arrest on a $200,000 bond.

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NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KANSAS

State high court reviews club dancers' work status

TOPEKA — A gentlemen's club being targeted by the state took its fight to Kansas' highest court on Wednesday in case that, despite the players involved, boils down to a fairly tame issue affecting a wide spectrum of industries: contract work.

Club Orleans considers its exotic dancers contract workers, not employees, because they rent space on the club's stage. Therefore their tips shouldn't be counted toward how much the club pays in taxes under state labor laws, much like acts booked at other entertainment venues, club attorney Mike Merriam told the state Supreme Court.

The Kansas Department of Labor disagrees, noting that the club charges a set price for various types of performances, and wants the club to pay a tax based on the dancers' wages to help finance unemployment benefits. Justices didn't make an immediate decision Wednesday, though the club, which is just outside Topeka, has been turned down by three lower judges.

OHIO

Teen gets 4 years in stop-sign prank deaths

CIRCLEVILLE — An Ohio teenager was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison for a fatal traffic crash that occurred after he concealed a stop sign with petroleum jelly and plastic wrap.

Seth Stonerock, 19, of Stoutsville, was sentenced in Pickaway County Common Pleas Court after tearfully apologizing to the families of the two women who died. He had pleaded guilty in February to two reckless homicide counts.

Mary Spangler, 85, died in the Aug. 17 crash when her 81-year-old sister, Jeanne Shea, drove past the concealed sign and collided with another vehicle. Shea died Sept. 6.

Energy advocate says Obama's policies have failed

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

If President Barack Obama's energy policy wasn't so connected with his re-election efforts, gas prices wouldn't be climbing toward $4 a gallon, said the executive director of the Citizens' Alliance for Responsible Energy.

"As you hear Obama talking about energy production, realize this is not an energy policy. What we have going on is electoral posturing," said Marita Noon, speaking to the about 150 in attendance at Wednesday's Midland County Republican Women's meeting. "We are where we are with gas prices because of President Obama's policy."

Noon, who took over Citizens' Alliance for Responsible Energy (CARE) in 2007, said she used to think about energy only when she turned on the lights or filled up her car. After careful research and now advocacy for energy production, though, Noon said she sees elections and energy as two of the most closely connected topics.

"I am not running for anything but I am campaigning for energy," she said.

Unlike successful retail chains such as Wal-Mart, Noon said Obama's policy when it comes to energy has been for Americans to use less and pay more.

Unfortunately, that method is not one that's been pursued by successful countries and is not one she believes the majority of Americans support, she said.

"When you look at energy consumption, countries with wealth and physical health are the very countries that use the most energy," she said.

If speculators had confidence domestic oil production would increase in the coming years, Noon said she believes gas prices would drop. However, she said that when speculators see Obama's policies at the same time unrest continues in the Middle East, gas prices will remain high.

"We do not have in this country an energy crisis. We have an access crisis," she said.

The White House points out that oil and natural gas production has increased each year since Obama took office. The president does support an "all-of-the-above" energy policy, the administration's website states, but that includes promoting the "safe development" of America's natural gas and other resources.

Noon said the increase in oil and gas production has been more a result of the previous administration and private companies, like those in the Permian Basin, than it has been because of Obama's efforts.

The president's lack of support for the Keystone XL Pipeline is just one example of how Obama is not a true advocate for an expanded domestic energy supply, she said.

If the Keystone Pipeline were to run through "blue," or Democratic states, Noon said Obama might be more supportive. However, because it would create jobs in "red," or Republican states, where Democrats don't typically pick up electoral votes, Noon said Obama has no political reason to support the project.

Obama has cited environmental and other concerns as reasons to not sign off on the Keystone XL Pipeline. He's said he does support increasing America's energy independence.

Noon encouraged those at the Republican Women's meeting to talk to others about the connection of energy and elections. While Midland is well-versed in the oil and gas industry, Noon said there still are plenty of people who don't know much about energy beyond what they see at the gas pump. If they knew the connection, however, they'd be more likely to vote for a different president come November, she said.

"Most people out there, like me, have no idea what role energy plays in our life," she said.

Juandelle Lacy Roberts, Texas Federation of Republican Women deputy president for region 8, said Noon is helping to "change the course" of energy issues.

"She's filled with fire and fight," Lacy Roberts said.

Noon spoke during the club's monthly meeting following short presentations that were provided by area candidates.

Jeff Robnett, Mike Rittenberry, David Lindemood and Elizabeth Leonard all spoke about their candidacy for the 238th District Court seat.

Anette Carlisle and Marty Rowley, both of Amarillo, also spoke about their campaigns for the Texas State Board of Education. Midland was moved into a new State Board of Education district during the last legislative session.

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GOP lawmaker says 75-plus Democrats are communists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Rep. Allen West said he believes 75-plus House Democrats are members of the Communist Party, a claim that echoed Joe McCarthy's unsubstantiated 1950s charges that communists had infiltrated the top ranks of the U.S. government.

Addressing a town-hall meeting Tuesday in Florida, the freshman lawmaker was asked how many members of the American legislature are "card-carrying Marxists." West said "there's about 78 to 81 members of the Democratic Party that are members of the Communist Party." He did not provide names.

West's office said Wednesday that the congressman stood by the comments and was referring to the 76 members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the largest group within the House Democratic caucus.

AP file photo

Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., says he believes 75-plus House Democrats are members of the Communist Party, a claim that echoes Joe McCarthy's unsubstantiated 1950s charges that communists had infiltrated the top ranks of the government.

"The Communist Party has publicly referred to the Progressive Caucus as its allies," said Angela Melvin, a spokeswoman for West. "The Progressive Caucus speaks for itself. These individuals certainly aren't proponents of free markets or individual economic freedom."

West's office cited a May 2010 article on health care that appeared in the Communist Party USA pre-convention publication that described the Progressive Caucus and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., as allies of the party but not members. The article, however, carried the disclaimer that Communist Party USA "takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed in this article or other articles in the pre-convention discussion."

Reps. Raul M. Grijalva, D-Ariz., and Keith Ellison, D-Minn., the co-chairs of the caucus, rejected West's claim.

"Allen West is denigrating the millions of Americans who voted to elect Congressional Progressive Caucus members, and he is ignoring the oath they took to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution — just like he did," the two said in a statement. "Calling fellow members of Congress 'communists' is reminiscent of the days when Joe McCarthy divided Americans with name-calling and modern-day witch hunts that don't advance policies to benefit people's lives."

Grijalva and Ellison said West "repeatedly polarizes the American people instead of focusing on their interests. When people like Rep. West have no ideals or principles, they rely on personal attacks."

The caucus, founded in 1991, includes 75 House members and one senator and describes its goals as economic fairness, civil rights, environmental protection, energy independence and global security.

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Opinion

Would legalization have impact on enforcement?

■ Would legalizing some drugs be worth the health issues that would come up.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

A melioration of today's drug problem requires Americans to understand the significance of the 80/20 ratio. Twenty percent of American drinkers consume 80 percent of the alcohol sold here. The same 80-20 split obtains among users of illicit drugs.

About 3 million people — less than 1 percent of America's population — consume 80 percent of illegal hard drugs. Drug trafficking organizations can be injured most efficiently by changing the behavior of the 20 percent of heavy users, and we are learning how to do so. Reducing consumption by the 80 percent of casual users will not reduce substantially the northward flow of drugs or the southward flow of money.

Consider current policy concerning the only addictive intoxicant currently available as a consumer good — alcohol. America's alcohol industry, which is as dependent on the 20 percent of heavy drinkers as they are on alcohol, markets its products aggressively and effectively. Because marketing can drive consumption, America's distillers, brewers and vintners spend $6 billion on advertising and promoting their products. Americans' experience with marketing's power inclines them to favor prohibition and enforcement over legalization and marketing of drugs.

But this choice has consequences: More Americans are imprisoned for drug offenses or drug-related probation and parole violations than for property crimes. And although America spends five times more jailing drug dealers than it did 30 years ago, the prices of cocaine and heroin are 80 percent to 90 percent lower than 30 years ago.

In "Drugs and Drug Policy: What Everyone Needs to Know," policy analysts Mark Kleiman, Jonathan Caulkins and Angela Hawken argue that imprisoning low-ranking, street-corner dealers is pointless: A $200 transaction can cost society $100,000 for a three-year sentence. And imprisoning large numbers of dealers produces an army of people who, emerging from prison with blighted employment prospects, can only deal drugs. Which is why today Washington, D.C., dealers earn less than the federal minimum wage ($7.25), although a few years ago they earned an average of $30 an hour.

Dealers, aka "pushers," have almost nothing to do with initiating drug use by future addicts; almost every user starts when given drugs by a friend, sibling or acquaintance. There is a staggering disparity between the trivial sums earned by dealers who connect the cartels to the cartels' customers, and the huge sums trying to slow the flow of drugs to those street-level dealers. Kleiman, Caulkins and Hawken say that in developed nations, cocaine sells for about $3,000 per ounce — almost twice the price of gold. And the supply of cocaine, unlike that of gold, can be expanded cheaply and quickly. But in the countries where cocaine and heroin are produced, they sell for about 1 percent of their retail price in America. If cocaine were legalized, a $2,000 kilogram could be FedExed from Colombia for less than $50 and sold profitably in America for a small markup from its price in Colombia, and a $5 rock of crack might cost 25 cents. Criminalization drives the cost of the smuggled kilogram in America up to $20,000. But then it retails for more than $100,000.

People used to believe enforcement could raise prices but doubted that higher prices would decrease consumption. Now they know consumption declines as prices rise but wonder whether enforcement can substantially affect prices.

They urge rethinking the drug-control triad of enforcement, prevention and treatment because we have been much too optimistic about all three.

And cartels have oceans of money for corrupting enforcement because drugs are so cheap to produce and easy to renew. So it is not unreasonable to consider modifying a policy that gives hundreds of billions of dollars a year to violent organized crime.

Marijuana probably provides less than 25 percent of the cartels' revenues. Legalizing it would take perhaps $10 billion from some bad and violent people, but the cartels still would make much more money from cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines than they would lose from marijuana legalization.

Sixteen states and the District of Columbia have legalized "medical marijuana," a messy, mendacious semi-legalization that breeds cynicism regarding law. In 1990, 24 percent of Americans supported full legalization. Today, 50 percent do. In 2010, in California, where one-eighth of Americans live, 46 percent of voters supported legalization, and some opponents were marijuana growers who like the profits they make from prohibition of their product.

Would the public health problems resulting from legalization be a price worth paying for injuring the cartels and reducing the costs of enforcement? We probably are going to find out.

GUEST VIEW

Hispanic women need to unleash power at the polls

Houston Chronicle

As if the recession's obvious impact isn't enough, the U.S. Census has revealed another, more hidden effect: Hispanics, who are growing sharply in population, are vanishing from the electoral process.

Latino voter registration plunged from 11.6 million in 2008 to 10.9 million in 2010, the Chronicle's Joe Holley reported last week. Because losing such a large swath of voters weakens the whole electoral process, Democrats and Republicans both need to push to get Latinos on board this year.

The drop in registration is apparently unprecedented, voting analysts say.

And while a variety of factors may be to blame, the most likely is the recession and foreclosure epidemic. When people change residence, they must re-register to vote. Americans of Latino descent, especially hit by the downturn, seem to be giving up on voting in the turmoil of leaving or losing their homes.

But politics is a culprit too. Dispirited by President Obama and alarmed by the GOP challengers, many Latinos have told researchers they don't see the point of voting at all. As George P. Bush, cofounder of Hispanic Republicans of Texas, told the San Antonio Express-News, "Both parties have failed to reach out to the community."

But there is one new electoral trend that could help. According to NALEO, the National Association of Latino Elected Officials, Latina women wield extraordinary power in getting their family members to vote. So this year, the group is determined to enlist Latinas' help in boosting Latino participation overall.

NALEO arrived at this plan after quizzing focus groups of registered and non-registered Hispanic citizens in Houston. In several focus groups, when asked who planned to vote, not one participant raised his hand. When asked what could change their minds, the answer was simple. Their mothers and wives.

It's a huge change from just a generation ago, when Latina women often told voting activists they needed permission and guidance from their husbands in order to vote. Then and now, Hispanic women traditionally play a unifying emotional force in their families. What's new may be the alchemy between traditional Hispanic family values and America's gift of economic and gender empowerment. Hispanics' traditionally high birthrates, for example, are plunging in this country.

Meanwhile, in the past five years, Hispanic women have shown a 46 percent increase in business ownership, compared to a 20 percent increase of women business owners overall.

Interestingly, NALEO's voting outreach plan echoes an important current in the global fight against poverty. From microloans to payment for school attendance to health training, targeted investment in women has shown striking payoffs for entire communities.

By signing up Latina citizens to vote, and then urging them to push their families to participate, NALEO adds critical muscle to our democracy. Supporting that effort, formally or informally, is a powerful investment for all of us — Hispanic or not.

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Santorum surrenders at Gettysburg

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

GETTYSBURG, Pa. —

Three weeks ago, Rick Santorum chose this Civil War town to give a defiant speech about his need to stay in the presidential race, linking his struggle against Mitt Romney to "the things that the people in this battlefield just down the road fought for."

Recalling the blood shed at Gettysburg, he exhorted more than 1,000 supporters: "That's why we must go out and fight this fight."

But if Santorum thought he was George Meade rallying the Union forces, he turned out to be leading Pickett's charge —the disastrous Confederate offensive here at which Gen. George Pickett lost half of his division and the war turned against the South. Santorum lost the Wisconsin and Maryland primaries, his poll numbers plunged, his money dried up, conservative and Republican Party leaders urged him to quit, and he canceled a string of campaign events.

After calling off his first two appearances Tuesday, Santorum rolled into the Gettysburg Hotel — the same spot where he gave his Gettysburg Address three weeks ago — for what the campaign had said in a Facebook posting would be a "Rally for Rick." This time, however, he was bumped from the ballroom by a convention of district attorneys and had to settle for a small conference room with seats for 20 reporters.

Even in defeat, Santorum sounded defiant, not even mentioning Romney in his 15-minute speech. "We made a decision over the weekend that while this presidential race for us is over for me, and we will suspend our campaign effective today, we are not done fighting," he announced, standing with some family members in front of a wrinkled American flag (an aide brought an iron, but there hadn't been enough time to use it).

Recalling his "game on!" exclamation after the Iowa caucuses, Santorum added: "I know a lot of folks are going to write, maybe those even at the White House, 'game over.' But this game is a long, long, long way from over."

But for all the tough talk, Santorum's once-fiery presidential bid went out like a candle Tuesday here in his home state. His campaign, always a shoestring operation, spent its final day in disarray. After a long weekend off while Santorum's young daughter Bella was treated in a hospital, the campaign canceled Tuesday's events overnight — so late that aides neglected to update the schedule on his website. Several of Santorum's supporters showed up at his morning event at a sportsman's club in Bedford, Pa., but found not so much as a Santorum sign.

The campaign then scheduled its Gettysburg "rally" for 2 p.m. But this, too, turned out to be bad information. The few supporters who showed up were told by hotel workers that the event was only for the media. "They advertise it that he's going to be here so you can see him!" Santorum supporter Frank Johnston complained.

That was the least of the complaints Santorum has been hearing. Sen. John McCain said last week that "it's time for a graceful exit." Southern Baptist official Richard Land, who rallied a group of religious conservatives to endorse Santorum, said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that Santorum "ought to seriously consider leaving the race." Even Newt Gingrich, who had attacked Romney savagely, has shifted to the past tense: "Turns out he had more things to hit with than I did."

Although he faced defeat in Pennsylvania's April 24 primary, Santorum was disinclined to listen — right up until the time he took the stage Tuesday afternoon at a lectern still bearing his "Join the Fight" slogan.

Santorum flashed a goofy grin and raised his eyebrows as he entered. He spoke about his ill daughter, his grandfather in the coal mines, his sweater vests and topics from Iran to the "moral enterprise that is America." The closest he came to supporting Romney was a vow to "make sure that we defeat President Barack Obama." (He ignored shouted questions about whether he would endorse Romney.)

With his trademark bravado, he boasted of accomplishing "things that no political expert would have ever expected." And he compared himself to another politician who once visited Gettysburg. "What I tried to bring to the battle was what Abraham Lincoln brought to this battlefield back in 1863 on Nov. 19," Santorum said. "He talked about this country being conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Yes, Santorum, like Lincoln, spoke at Gettysburg. But it's a safe bet that the world will little note nor long remember Santorum's version.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Report: Few states effectively track tax breaks

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Most states are doing a poor job tracking whether their tax breaks for businesses are actually spurring job growth, including some that have poured hundreds of millions of dollars into corporate incentive programs even while grappling with record deficits, according to a new report.

The report released Thursday by the Pew Center on the States found that no state regularly takes a hard look at the effectiveness of all of its tax breaks. Twenty-five states and Washington, D.C., do little if any evaluation, including California and Illinois, which are among those facing the biggest budget struggles.

Only 13 were found to be doing enough, the study found.

It's difficult to say just how much U.S. states spend combined on tax incentives, but they've become more common in the past decade, particularly since 2008 when the country sank into recession. Unemployment rose and the money available for state budgets shrank, yet researchers found the tax breaks states handed out may not have produced the desired effect.

"Given that states are rebuilding their budgets and economies in the wake of the Great Recession, these are mistakes states can't afford to make," Pew senior researcher Jeff Chapman said.

Illinois, which is struggling with a multibillion-dollar budget deficit, has drastically increased its tax break commitments since the economy started to stall, offering $272.7 million in 2010, up from $63.7 million in 2006. It also has engaged in highly public — and costly — bids to retain major companies that have threatened to leave. It agreed last year to a package of $330 million in tax breaks for Sears Holding Corp. and two companies that operate Chicago financial exchanges, CME Group Inc. and CBOE Holdings Inc.

Marcelyn Love, a spokeswoman for Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, defended the agency's evaluation process. She said companies applying for tax breaks through Illinois' primary incentives program have to have an outside audit showing they created the promised jobs before they receive the credit. The program, called EDGE, is only for companies threatening to leave the state.

Georgia, another of the 25 states that do little evaluation of their tax breaks, agreed this year to give Caterpillar about $75 million in incentives on a new plant the company plans to open.

Pew also found that the California provides no "high-quality evaluations" of a research and development tax credit that costs the state more than $1 billion a year, even as it wrestles with a budget deficit estimated to be more than $9 billion. California and Georgia officials didn't immediately respond to calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Missouri, one of the states Pew researchers found is among the stronger evaluators of tax incentives, offered nearly $80 million in tax breaks to 57 projects last year, a record high.

Among the glaring problems identified with incentive oversight was failing to provide information to state lawmakers who have to sign off on the programs, at least initially, Chapman said.

Therese McGuire, an economist at Northwestern University, said that with the right information lawmakers should be able to create focused incentives that at least increase the odds of a return on a state's investments, or to choose to provide nothing at all.

"I think it's possible from these examples for policymakers to make intelligent choices about whether or not to give tax incentives," McGuire said. "(And) you're talking to someone who has become sort of innately skeptical of tax incentives."

But University of Illinois economist Fred Giertz said that while the report is well-intentioned, it's often difficult to judge how well corporate tax breaks work.

"I'm not hopeful they'll have really precise results to measure job creation," he said.

Pew reviewed close to 600 documents for its report and interviewed more than 175 people, with every state participating, Chapman said.

Of the 13 states listed as doing an adequate job in oversight, four — Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Iowa — received the most praise in the report.

In 2009, Oregon lawmakers established a law ending most tax breaks after six years, giving lawmakers a chance to regularly reevaluate them. In Washington state, citizen input, analysis from the state's legislative auditor and annual legislative hearings are part of the process of regular evaluation. And in Arizona, a legislative committee is required to review all incentives every five years.

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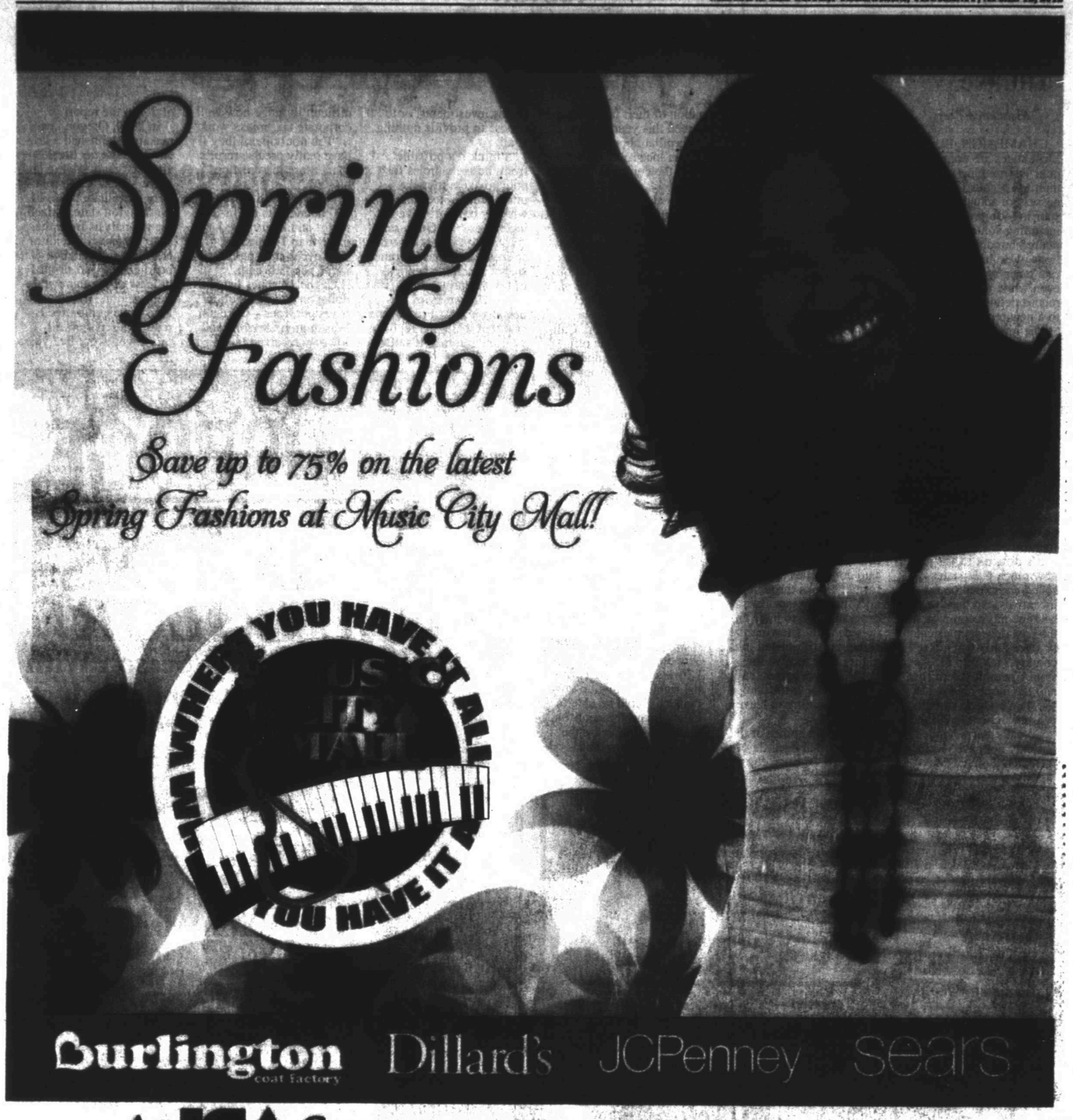

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Litter abatement fee may need tweaking, council says

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

With cleanup-related expenses now exceeding the revenue generated by the city's litter abatement fee, the Midland City Council said it may be time to consider its options.

The council heard a presentation this week on the city's optional litter abatement fee. The fee has been in place for nearly 10 years but recently became a topic of interest for the council as members continued hearing from residents about the increasing citywide litter.

"We would all like to address it," Mayor Wes Perry said, speaking during a council briefing meeting Tuesday.

More on litter

Our view: Cleanup comes at a good time for Midland. Page 2B

Just more than $138,000 was collected during 2011 through the litter abatement program.

The funds are generated through an optional 50 cent fee on Midlanders' utility bills. Those who don't want to participate in the program — about 40 percent of customers — subtract 50 cents from their bill's total before making a payment, said Morris Williams, director of Solid Waste.

Williams said the department budgets about $120,000 annually for lot cleanup and approximately $70,000 that goes toward Keep Midland Beautiful. Lot cleanups take place when MHMR clients or other crews are paid for time they spend clearing litter.

Recycling pick-up, mowing and the pick-up of large items also once was covered by the litter abatement fee, Williams said.

"We're spending more than we're bringing in on this fee," he said.

When the fee was started in 2002, Williams said it was set at $1 and was used strictly for activities related

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TRASHTALK

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Kinsey Bowling, 3, helps put leaves and dead vegetation in a bag with her mother, Jennifer Bowling, as they and others help clean Crier Park in this March 2011 photo.

Keep Midland Beautiful still seeks volunteers

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Although the chatter surrounding Midland's litter situation continues to escalate, Keep Midland Beautiful's executive director said few people are stepping up to solve the problem.

The nonprofit will host its "Great American Cleanup" on Saturday. Doreen Womack, executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful, said they're aiming for a volunteer force of 5,000 to help clear trash from the Tall City's rights-of-way and fields. So far, fewer than 2,000 people have signed up.

"We're confused because so many people are talking and complaining about the amount of litter," Womack said. "We had hoped that there was going to be a big turnout of people helping since people are seeing it, obviously. But, they're not volunteering."

In 2011, more than 3,000 Midlanders came out either during the spring cleanup or on the days surrounding it to help clear a particular area of town.

Some lots are adopted by companies, others by church and civic groups and still others by schools. Many volunteers also signed up as individuals and picked up trash at

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Want to help?

What: Great American Cleanup
When: Saturday morning
Info: Call 687-7400 to register
Celebration picnic: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Hidalgo Park, 1401 Orchard Lane

2011 trash statistics:

- 29,592 hours were volunteered through cleanups
- 308 tons of trash/debris was removed through cleanups
- 744 tons of large items were removed from alleyways
- 7,473 people participated in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off, Make a Difference Day and Pick up Some Trash for Cash
- 969 tons of cardboard, aluminum, plastic newsprint and mixed paper were recycled
- 47-plus tons of computer e-waste was diverted from the landfill
- 91-plus tons of tires were collected and turned into rubber mulch for a local playground

It takes an army to clean our city

The Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off will be this Saturday. Because of volunteers picking up litter, many of you will expect Midland to look better. But will it? At the present time only 1,900 people have registered to help clean our city. One percent of the population of Midland cannot clean up for the other 99 percent. It is physically impossible, and thus, many littered areas will not get cleaned. So, we are asking for your help. We want 5,000 out in force to show our solidarity and community pride.

The mission of Keep Midland Beautiful is to educate and engage Midlanders in litter prevention. The many litter cleanups we organize throughout the year are mandatory to keep Midland less littered. Last year, our volunteers picked up more than 308 tons of litter and debris. Can you imagine what our community would look like if these volunteers hadn't picked up that amount? So far this year more than 11 tons have been collected. Still, our city looks bad and people are angry and embarrassed. Are you angry enough to join us in cleaning up? We are counting on you. If you are busy on Saturday, KMB will help you organize a cleanup any other day of the year.

Fun. Not what most people think of before picking up litter. But, it certainly can be. You will be amazed at what you can find. Some have found money. One year, someone found a gun that was then given to the Police Department. The feeling of community and accomplishment is part of the fun you can experience.

Think of a litter cleanup as an excellent opportunity to burn some calories and get some exercise. You can burn up to 295 calories an hour picking up litter. And the exercise will firm up the waist, legs and other areas. The city will look better, and you will look great.

Keeping Midland clean after it has been cleaned up also appears to be a challenge. About 140 volunteers

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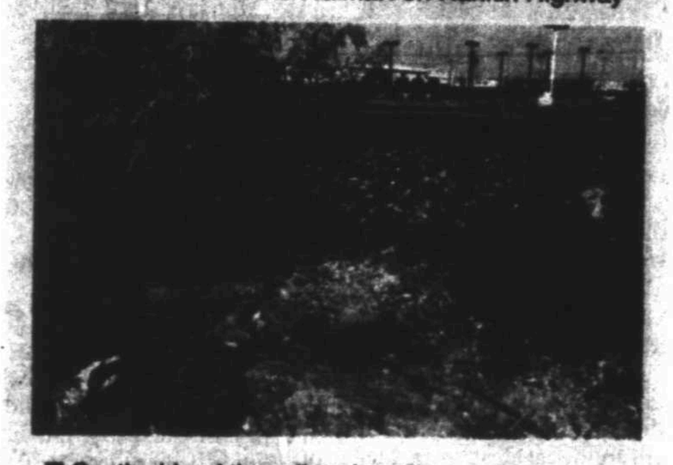
Top 10 list of areas most affected by trash

■ The lot north of the Walmart on Rankin Highway



■ South side of the railroad tracks

■ North of Loop 250 by Midland Park Mall and lots by Bed, Bath and Beyond
■ Along FM 1788 by the airport entrance and where new businesses have been established.
■ Cloverdale Road from Lamesa to Fairgrounds roads.

■ Loop 250 and Highway 191 south side of bridge on west side, across from AT&T

■ Loop 250 and Highway 191 eastside corner off frontage road that turns on to Andrews Highway.
■ Lot on Florida Avenue between Atlanta and Jefferson streets.
■ Loop 250 lot in front of Blue Ridge Apartments between Midkiff Road and Garfield Street.
■ Lot at Main Street and Scharbauer Drive, east of Super Mercado

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— Source: Doreen Womack, Keep Midland Beautiful, Midland Reporter-Telegram

Obituaries

Allen Wayne Rogers

Allen Wayne Rogers, 64, passed away on April 3, 2012, following a brief illness.

He is survived by his true love, Debra Rogers of Eastland, TX; two sons, Jamie Rogers of Sequin, TX, and Dustin Rogers of Arlington, Tx; one brother, Roy Rogers of Robert Lee, TX; and one sister, Lillie Rogers of Ballinger, TX; 5 grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

A casual gathering of friends and family, in his memory, will be held at 402 CR 567, LaMacha Guest Ranch, Depot Building, on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., in Eastland, TX. Call 254-647-0227 or 830-560-6050 for directions.

June Marie McGill

June Marie McGill, 80, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at her home, surrounded by her family and loving caregivers. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 12, 2012, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, April 13, 2012, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

June, commonly referred to as "Junebug", was born on June 22, 1931. She married the love of her life, James L. McGill, on November 3, 1951, in Weatherford, Texas. She was a wonderful wife, mother to her three children, and grandmother. She loved her family first and foremost, as she was a very generous and loving woman. She was an avid homemaker, and golfer. She enjoyed line dancing and danced with groups of friends for organizations and competitions. She was the spunky one of her group, with that beautiful smile she always carried on her face. June was a member at St. Luke's United Methodist Church for over 35 years and graciously served in the Keystone bible class.

Survivors include husband, James L. McGill of Midland; son, Jim McGill and wife, Debbie of Odessa; daughter, Elizabeth Stephens and husband, Ray of Midland; and daughter, Karen Hood and husband, Nick of Midland; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her twin sister, Joan Maxine Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be directed to the Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, TX 76708.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

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Patience Zellmer

April 5, 1932 - April 9, 2012

Patience Zellmer passed away Monday, April 9, 2012, at her residence in Dallas. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 13, at Waco Memorial Mausoleum Chapel, with Rev. Wayne Williams officiating. Burial will follow. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12, at Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey in Waco.

Patience was born April 5, 1932, in Long Branch, New Jersey, to Deane and Isabelle Blakeney, Sr., and lived the majority of her early life in the Midland area, later retiring in Waco and Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Julius Ernest Zellmer; her parents, Deane and Isabelle Blakeney; two sisters, Mary and Judith; and three brothers, Deane, David and Perry Blakeney.

She is survived by one daughter, Marsha Griffin and husband, Mark, of Dallas; two brothers, Knowles Blakeney and Jim Blakeney; grandchildren, Matthew Griffin, and Ryan Griffin and wife, Megan; and two great grandchildren, Abigail and Henry Griffin.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation. The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at: WilkirsonHatchBailey.com.

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Rosa Marie Ward

Rosa Marie Ward, went to be with her heavenly Father, Monday, April 9.

Ms. Rosie leaves to cherish her memories: daughter, Montoya Ward (Johnny); three grandsons, Taylor, Jacquesse, and Zion Ward, all of Midland, TX; Godly friend, Rev. John Lacy of San Angelo; four uncles; Harry Sam and John Sam of Chicago, IL, Arthur Sam of Midland, TX, and Henry Sam of Los Angeles, CA; one aunt, Roe Etta Eaton of Midland, TX; and a host of cousins and precious friends.

Services will be held Friday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m., at Greater St. Luke AME, 401 S. Adams.

Services entrusted to Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Clyde Gafford

Clyde Gafford, 95, of Bastrop, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Friday, April 6, 2012, in a Bastrop nursing home.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth (Jeanie) Gafford; one daughter, Gwen (Roy) Carley; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Donald Cliff Collyer

Donald Cliff Collyer, 50, of Midland, passed away on Monday, April 9, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, for family and close friends.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Kristy Collyer; four daughters, Larissa Paap (Chris), Lindsay, Lauren, and Leigh Collyer; son, Russell Henderson; father, Don Collyer; sister, LeAnn Collyer; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Jane Montgomery Riddle

Jane Montgomery Riddle, fomerly of Memphis, TN. and Midland, passed away peacefully, in Pullman, WA. on January 6, 2012.

Jane is survived by daughters, Jann Hill and Nancy Dowling; son-in-law, Herbert Hill; daughter-in-law, Kelly Hill; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Memorial services for Jane M. Riddle will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 2:00 p. m.

A reception will follow in the church parlor.

Memorials can be made to CASA of West Texas; Faces of Children; or Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Margarita "Margie" P. Baker

Margarita "Margie" P. Baker, 65, of Midland, passed away April 8, 2012.

Survivors: one daughter, Diane M. Garcia; two sons, Elias O. Anaya, Jr. and Oscar M. Gomez; three sisters; five brothers; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 12, 2012, at American Heritage Chapel.

Nancy Arlene Reed

Nancy Arlene Reed, 61, of Stanton, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Friday, April 6, 2012. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She is survived by her life partner, Sylvia Booth; stepchildren, David Booth, Dolores Long, and Donald Booth; one brother, Sammy Reed (Susan); one sister, Sandy Halfmann; ten grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and five great nieces.

Oscar Solis, Sr.

Oscar Solis, Sr., 50, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, April 7, 2012, at Pampa.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday April 14, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Solis; five sons: Oscar Solis, Jr. (Alejandra), Ruben Solis, Justin Oscar Solis, Brian Joe Solis, and Brandon Solis; parents, Juan and Angelita Solis; three brothers; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

OUR VIEW

Cleanup comes at good time for Midland

Why is there so much trash littering our area? If we had a nickel for every time we heard that question, we would have plenty of money to pay people to clean up our city.

Still, it is a valid question. Why?

Everybody thinks they know, and in some respect, they are right. It is about the pains of a growing city, a Dumpster community, the strong winds, heavy presence of those who work outdoors, the large number of transients and even larger numbers of those who live here and, frankly, don't care.

Burr Williams in a recent Sunday column in our West Texas Living section probably gave the best reason we've heard for why there is so much littering. This is what he said.

"Some folks imagine the southern Llano Estacado as flat, brown and ugly, brush-choked and cactus-covered, an industrial wasteland of oil wells, and the businesses it takes to move petrochemicals from the bedrock to the gas pump. Some people hate living here, and many young people raised here cannot wait to escape. Such people are confined to this negative world view, limited (by themselves) from a sense of belonging.

"The trash we see in so many places along our streets and roads is a reflection of that mindset. When a person hates where they live, they hate part of themselves, for they have lost touch with one of the stalwart pillars of pride. When a person participates in one of Keep Midland Beautiful's annual cleanups, most volunteers experience disgust and revulsion at the waste some members of our society leave behind to be cleaned up. Plastic bags, cigarette butts, aluminum cans and plastic bottles forever remind the volunteers of the worst finds — the dirty diapers, reeking dead domestic cats and dogs crawling with maggots, and rotted half-eaten fast food meals covered with flies."

So how much pride do you have in your community? What are you willing to do to correct the problem? This weekend is the Great American Cleanup, sponsored by Keep Midland Beautiful among others. During the cleanup event, hundred of people will dedicate their time and resources to make sure Midland is a cleaner place than when the day started. We salute those who decide to take part.

However, we have to be honest with ourselves. The cleanup is a Band-Aid to the bigger problem. What steps are you going to take to keep the litter off our land? What are you doing to make the land cleaner around your residence or place of work.

There will be time to give advice to community leaders about possible ordinances, but do we really want government to be the fix here? Maybe we will have no alternative.

So again here is the question that needs to be asked: How much pride do you have in your community?

VOLUNTEERS

From 1B

whatever spot help was most needed, Womack said.

This year some of that has occurred, she said, but not as much.

"Because we live in such a busy world it seems like some of our regular groups maybe don't have as many people as they've had in the past. I think that our great economy effects people being able to volunteer," she said. "We realize all of that but there's still a lot of trash out there and we have got to get it cleaned up."

Volunteers will clean up during the morning Saturday and then be treated to a picnic at Hidalgo Park.

For those who aren't able to attend on Saturday, Womack said the nonprofit can provide supplies for them to clean up at anytime. Anyone who volunteers before May 31 still can be counted as a participant in the Great American Cleanup.

Womack said during this weekend's cleanup they plan to have volunteers focus on Midland's entryways and rights-of-way.

If those high-traffic areas can be cleaned, that should help to improve the city's overall appearance, she said.

Womack said she's hopeful private property owners will take responsibility and clean their own lots.

After cleanup efforts have been completed, Womack said citizens will have to work to keep the city clean. If they don't tie their trash bags or if they continue to litter, Midland will have a poor image once again.

Cleanups can only go so far in solving the problem, she said.

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WOMACK

From 1B

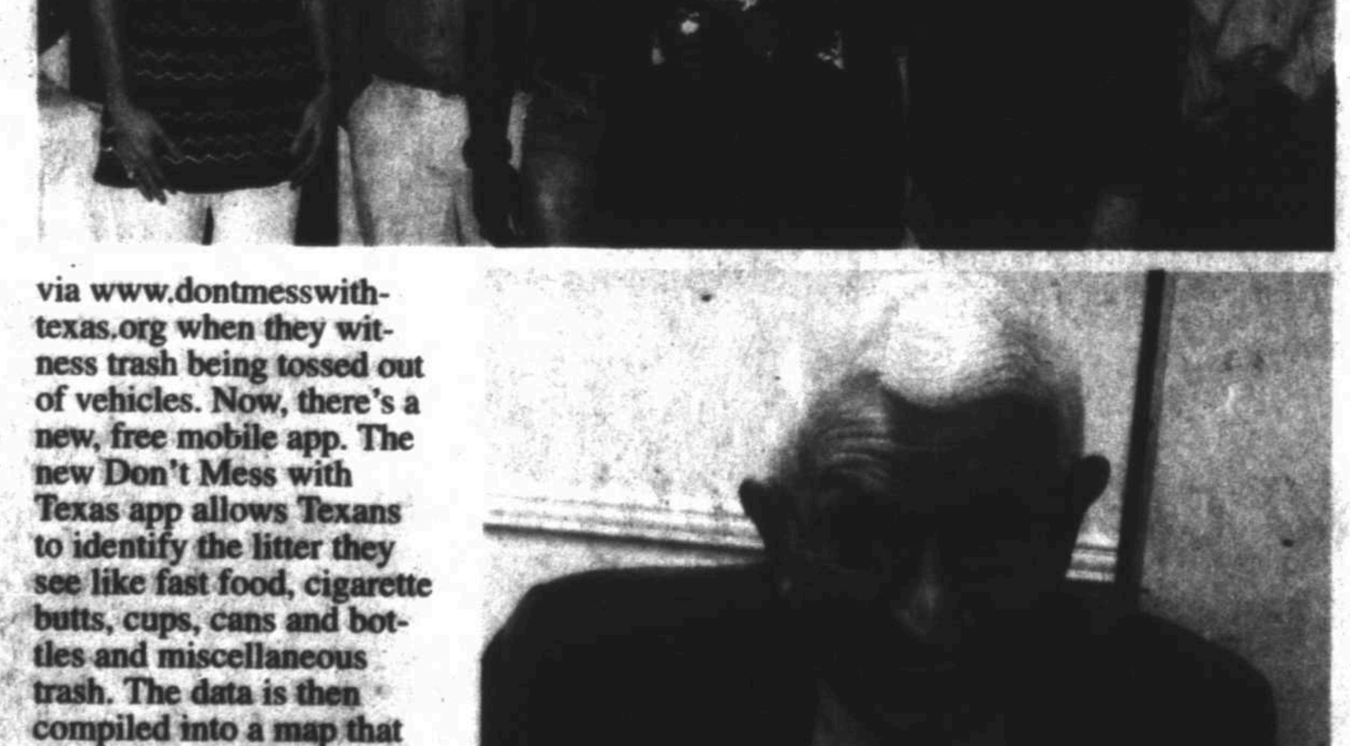
from Concho Resources cleaned Highway 191 from Loop 250 to Farm-to-Market Road 1788 a short time back in honor (now in memory) of fellow Concho employee, Dick Prentice. Five days after their cleanup, I drove that road on the way to a meeting and was deeply saddened by what I saw. Litter back on the roadway in such a short time. Yes, there were plastic bags but also other kinds of litter. Bottles, food containers and sacks, cans, boxes. They had worked so hard and were so proud of what they had done for their friend but there it was again: litter.

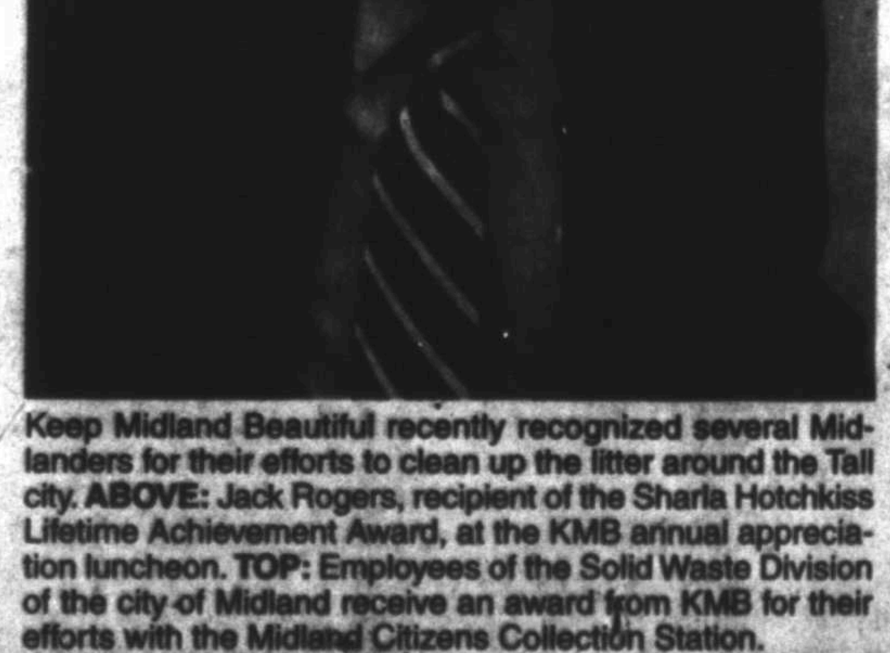
Litter is trash in the wrong place. That is why tying your garbage bags is so important. Trash trucks are not able to capture loose litter all the time. So please tie your bags. And secure your trash when away from your home by using a litter bag in the car, at the park or wherever you are and be mindful of taking out what you brought in. Trash in the back of your pickup flies out so please don't put it there in the first place.

We are proud of Texas, so don't let others or yourself let our city look littered like it does now. Real Texans don't litter. Don't mess with Texas.

FYI, you may be interested to know that for years, the "Report A Litterer" program has allowed Texans to notify TxDOT via www.dontmesswithtexas.org when they witness trash being tossed out of vehicles. Now, there's a new, free mobile app. The new Don't Mess with Texas app allows Texans to identify the litter they see like fast food, cigarette butts, cups, cans and bottles and miscellaneous trash. The data is then compiled into a map that illustrates what's being littered and where throughout Texas.

As a promoter of safe behavior TxDOT has taken precautions to prevent distracted driving: When a user opens the app for the first time, he or she is prompted to not use the app while driving. Users cannot text or type into the app at any time -- only tapping on the touch screen is allowed, and only one tap is needed to report litter.





Keep Midland Beautiful recently recognized several Midlanders for their efforts to clean up the litter around the Tall city. **ABOVE:** Jack Rogers, recipient of the Sharla Hotchkiss Lifetime Achievement Award, at the KMB annual appreciation luncheon. **TOP:** Employees of the Solid Waste Division of the city of Midland receive an award from KMB for their efforts with the Midland Citizens Collection Station.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mark Anthony Avila, 33, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering apprehension and/or prosecution of a known felon.

Debra Nichole Mansell, 36, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Erica Michelle Pallanes, 26, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of unauthorized absence from a community corrections facility.

Jim Bob Payne, 49, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Matthew Aaron Pflugh, 29, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation and a charge of burglary of a building.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

Cat carrier comes along 'just in case'

I'd like to start off by thanking the many readers who have sent kind emails in recent weeks expressing condolences for the loss of my little buddy, Gracie Kitty.

Some have expressed their own experiences in grieving the loss of a beloved pet. So often our four-legged companions become treasured members of the family. While we obviously cannot compare losing a pet to a human loved one, the void is very real.

It's been six weeks now, and I have come to accept that my companion of more than eight years is forever gone. The strictly indoor cat — with proper identification and a collar — who always was scared of the outside world slipped out, unbeknownst to me, and must have met an ill fate. So I remember her fondly and try to take comfort in knowing she was well cared for and loved.

Early on I was taken aback by well-meaning friends suggesting I get another cat. It's not like you can just replace one for another. Before Gracie came to my doorstep, abandoned and cold, living with a feline just wasn't a part of my life plan.

Now it's kind of lonely when I get home at night.

My favorite guy and I have been to the PetSmart Charities adoption center two weeks in a row, just to look.

A cat lover himself, he packs a cat carrier in his truck "just in case."

Last week the very kind lady working there recognized me, and it blessed my heart when she said they had all been on the lookout for Gracie.

Of course, if you're an animal lover, your heart wants to take all the animals home. But, adopting a pet is a years-long commitment. Choosing one is not a decision to be made lightly.

Now today, perhaps reluctantly, arrangements have been made to meet with a woman who is providing temporary sanctuary to another homeless cat.

This evening the favorite guy and I are going to see this orange kitten. Its picture reminds me of a childhood pet, the cat of a same color found one Halloween night in the late 1970s. He was aptly named Pumpkin.

Reflecting on dogs and cats I've loved over my lifetime, a few come to mind as meaning the most to me. But losing each one was painful. Often I've said "that's it, no more."

The parties involved in tonight's meeting are aware the cat carrier is coming along "just in case."

Upon hearing this story, a coworker swears that little orange kitty will go home with me tonight.

Of that, I am not the least bit certain.

But, just in case ...

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Missing "The Three Bears" (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Support System" (N)		Scandal "Dirty Little Secrets" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Rules of Eng (N)	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Person of Interest "Number Crunch"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) LateL (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Tape"	The Vampire Diaries "All My Children"		The Secret Circle "Return"		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "1 Voted Off" (N)		Touch "Entanglement" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Marvin Wilson	Baruch Ben Daniel	Update News	Mark Biltz	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Diana Dye	Jack Van Impe	Thurman Scrivner	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Community (N)	30 Rock	The Office (N)	Up All Night	Awake "Ricky's Tacos" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Blake Shelton, Feist (N)		(:35) LateN (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Pioneers of TV "Westerns"		Frontline		Ind. Lens "When the Drum Is Beating" (N)		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	65		165		(5:05) The Inkwell		★★★ Before and After Liam Neeson.				★★ The Fourth Angel			(:40) ★★ The Fixer Jon Voight.		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:15) ★ Green Lantern Ryan Reynolds.				(:15) Fighter	Life Short	True Blood		Sex Toys	Real Sex	(:55) Bridesmaids	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Real Sports		Game of Thrones		Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.				(:15) Beatdown Susie Abromeit.			(:50) Down
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:55) ★★★ The Color of Money				Bill Maher		★★ Something Borrowed				(:55) Charlie St...	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:20) ★★ Life		(:15) ★★★ Death Becomes Her				The Adjustment Bureau			(:45) Naughty Reunion		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:35) ★★ Devil Chris Messina.			★★★ Dances With Wolves ('90, Epic) Kevin Costner.						Unstoppable	
PLEX			96			Movie	★★★ Splitting Heirs			★ Rhinestone ('84, Mus) Dolly Parton.				★★★ The Man Without a Face			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	Beastly ('11, Dra) Alex Pettyfer.			The Borgias		Nurse J.	The Big C	Gigolos	Girls of	Blue Valentine	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) The Good ...		★★ Sex and a Girl			(:40) Group Sex Josh Cooke.			(:15) Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	First 48 "Beatdown/ Pistol Whipped"		The First 48 "Burning Rage/ Fallen Soldiers"		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 "The Hill/ Dangerous Game"		The First 48 "Burning Rage/ Fallen Soldiers"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI:Miami "Cop Killer"		★★★ Overboard ('87, Com) Goldie Hawn.					★★★ Overboard ('87, Com) Goldie Hawn.				
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★ Stomp the Yard Columbus Short.				Stomp the Yard 2: Homecoming				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:30) Shahs	Shahs	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Kathy Griffin		Watch (N)	Kathy Griffin		Atlanta
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		McDonald's Empire		Pepsi's Challenge		Porn: Business		Mad Money		McDonald's Empire	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	(8:00) To Be Announced						The Resurrection Tomb (N)				Resurrection Tomb	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Phineas	Shake Up	16 Wishes Kendall Cross.			(:10) Jessie	(:35) Jessie	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	FishHook	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportC	NFL Live (L)		SportsCenter "On the Clock"			Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Horn (N)	Interrupt	SportsNation		SportsC.	SportsC.	NFL Live (N)		SportsC.	MMA Live	Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ The Prince and Me			★★★ A Walk to Remember Mandy Moore.					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	Chopped "High Hopes"		Chopped		Chopped		Sweet Genius (N)		Sweet Genius		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Rangers Insider	SportsDay OnAir	WPT Poker Borgata Open		Rangers Insider	SW Outdoors	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★★★ Pineapple Express ('08, Com) Seth Rogen.					★★★ Pineapple Express ('08, Com) Seth Rogen.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Sell NY	Sell NY	Selling LA	Sell NY	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Selling LA	Sell NY
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		Sold!	Sold!	Modern Marvels		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "Burkhalter/ Elliot"		★★★ Selena The life story of Mexican-American singer Selena, whose dreams were cut short at age 23.					The Client List "The Rub of Sugarland"		Reba	★★★ Selena Jennifer Lopez.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Live!	Poker
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	DEA "Deep Cover"		Big Easy	Big Easy	Impact Wrestling (N)				MMA Un.	WaysD	BlueMont	BlueMont
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★★ Aliens Sigourney Weaver.				★★★ X-Men ('00, Sci-Fi) Hugh Jackman.					★★★ Alien Resurrection		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Larry David, Jim Gaffigan		The Office	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) Father's Lit...		★★★ Arthur ('81, Com) Dudley Moore.				Private Screenings		★★ New York, New York Robert De Niro.			
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Corazon valiente		Relaciones Peligrosa		Noticiero	Titulares	Sin senos	Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries "Obsession"		Dateline: Real Myst. "Over the Edge"		Real Life "Someone's Daughter" 1/2		Real Life "Someone's Daughter" 2/2		Real Life "Someone's Daughter" 1/2		Real Life "Someone's Daughter" 2/2	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "Double Trouble in the Panhandle"		NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Chicago Bulls Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)					NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(4:00) Bonanza				Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Kill Ari, Part 1" Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd next		NCIS "Kill Ari, Part II" 2/2		NCIS "Silver War"		NCIS "Switch"		Sight "The Merry Wives of WITSEC"		CSI: Crime Scene "All That Cremains"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death

Fees

From 1B

to clearing litter.

The program was expanded to include the purchase of supplies for cleanups, educational programs at Midland Independent School District and salaries for the city's "Hot Shot Crew," which works to pick up litter, collect large items, mow and spray weeds.

At the time, however, the revenue generated by the fee was greater than expenses. In 2005, nearly $250,000 was generated by the $1 optional fee, while only about $175,000 was spent.

In response, the City Council at the end of 2006 voted to reduce the $1 fee to 50 cents, said Scott Dufford, councilman at large.

Since 2007, however, expenses and activities through the program have increased.

"We made some decisions without knowing the long-term consequences," Perry said.

Williams said there are several options as the city moves forward with its litter abatement program.

■ It could increase the fee again to $1 and keep it optional in hopes of covering expenses, he said.

■ The council could make the fee mandatory. At 50 cents, it would bring in an estimated $210,000 annually, Williams said.

■ The city could reduce the number of services permitted through the program or it could budget to pay for them from other sources, he said.

"I don't know that we can back off services because of how the city is looking," Williams said.

Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1, said with litter becoming such an issue perhaps the fee shouldn't be optional.

Other council members said the litter abatement fee may be something that needs to be considered along with other beautification and litter issues.

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Man receives 30 years for pool hall stabbing

From staff reports

A 29-year-old Midland man was sentenced to 30 years in prison Tuesday after jurors found him guilty of stabbing a man eight times with a pocket knife.

Travis Lee Williams was charged with a second-degree felony of aggravated assault after he was involved in an altercation at Fast Freddy's pool hall in 2010.

The fight stemmed from a bet placed on an arcade-type punching bag game at the bar, according to evidence.

The victim received eight stab wounds to his side and was hospitalized for a week after the incident, court officials said.

Williams fled the scene and disposed of the pocket knife that he used in the stabbing. Midland police caught him running from his duplex in the 3100 block of West Kansas Avenue.

The defense claimed various theories of self-defense in an attempt to justify the stabbing, a press release stated.

Williams served prison time in Potter County for a burglary of a habitation in 2004. Evidence presented in court indicated he served less than one-third of his six-year sentence in that case.

Based on the prior conviction, Williams' possible punishment ranged from five years to 99 years or life in prison. Because of the deadly weapon, the defendant must serve at least half of his sentence before being eligible for parole, court staff said.

Jurors deliberated 35 minutes before they found Williams guilty and an hour to decide on punishment. He also was fined $3,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tim Flathers. Williams was represented by Odessa attorneys Dusty Gallivan and Matthew Chidester.

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9 suspected illegal immigrants die in wreck

Associated Press

McALLEN — A van overstuffed with suspected illegal immigrants rolled and crashed after fleeing a traffic stop in a South Texas border city, leaving at least nine Mexican citizens dead and injuring six others, officials said Wednesday.

Immigration authorities have eight survivors of the wreck in custody, according to Enrique Mendiola, acting assistant chief for the Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley sector. He said no one has been charged and an investigation is ongoing.

Border Patrol agents stopped the van in Palmview, 10 miles west of McAllen, on Tuesday night. Some of the passengers immediately sprinted away and agents pursued them on foot, catching one, Mendiola said.

As the foot chase unfolded, the van sped off.

The agents came across the wreck three or four blocks away on U.S. 83. The scene was strewn with backpacks and water bottles and nine bodies lay scattered nearby, he said.

The van was demolished, but several managed to flee the wreck, Palmview police Cmdr. Lenny Sanchez said. The vehicle had been gutted to accommodate far more than the eight people it was designed to carry, he said.

Six people were taken to a hospital and three of them were later released to authorities, Sanchez said. All of them are in the custody of Border Patrol, he said. One of the men who fled subsequently turned himself in: Palmview police handed him over to immigration authorities, Sanchez said.

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A B B C O T

Yesterday's Answer: GOON, GENRE, EQUAL, FOLK, ONE, REEF, OF, FOOL, QUAKE, LONG

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Bus drivers tired of rowdy kids

About 25 school bus drivers, carrying signs and chanting outside Houston Independent School District headquarters, called this week for more discipline of rowdy students.

"We have kids jumping out of the back of the school bus while buses are moving," said Wretha Thomas, president of the union that represents school bus drivers.

"We have kids every day that come on the bus smoking marijuana," Thomas said. "We have kids on our buses every week fighting. We have bus drivers being disrespected every day."

Drivers spoke of physical assaults and students carrying weapons.

"We even had a bus shot at by someone," said John Sears, who has driven a school bus for 17 years. "We don't feel we are in a safe environment driving these kids."

Ruby Carter, an 11-year driver on the northwest side, added: "We've had drivers get completely knocked out. Some of the kids are way bigger than the drivers."

Drivers said that when they report students for bad behavior, principals don't follow through with discipline.

HISD spokesman Jason Spencer said the district was aware of drivers' concerns and had taken some steps to address them.

"They're legitimate concerns," Spencer said. "Driving a bus is hard work."

The district's steps to ensure bus safety, he said, included giving drivers four hours of student-management training, equipping all buses with at least two security video cameras and holding monthly discussions to hear and address employees' concerns.

"This is an ongoing, continual conversation," he said.

None of the drivers at the news conference, however, said they had received any training on dealing with students.

DALLAS

Murder-for-hire plot allegedly targets mayor

A Texas mayor and city attorney were the targets of an alleged murder-for-hire plot that federal authorities say was orchestrated by the owner of a topless club embroiled in a licensing dispute, officials said.

Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck confirmed Wednesday he was one of the targets of the plot allegedly initiated by Ryan Walker Grant, co-owner of a club facing revocation of its license to operate as an adult business in the city of more than 365,000 between Dallas and Fort Worth.

"When I heard the facts from the FBI, I was concerned," Cluck acknowledged during a public appearance Wednesday, though he declined to take questions. "I'm still concerned. But (Grant) is in federal custody and will remain that way for the foreseeable future."

Security around the mayor hasn't been increased, an Arlington police spokesman said Wednesday.

An FBI affidavit made public this week claimed Grant, 34, had contacted an intermediary and requested that men from Mexico kill two unnamed city officials for $10,000 apiece. He was arrested Monday, and a judge will hear a government request Friday to keep him in custody until his trial.

FORT WORTH

Perry: Feds err in plan to move planes

Gov. Rick Perry and other officials Wednesday promised to ratchet up pressure to keep eight Air Force planes used for disaster relief from being moved from Texas to Montana, a proposal Perry called "one of the worst decisions" the federal government has made in some time.

The eight C-130 Hercules planes now based at a naval air station in Fort Worth would be shifted to Montana in two years because of Air Force budget cuts. The planes often are used to ferry personnel and supplies to disaster zones. Perry and other Gulf Coast governors have protested that moving the planes would delay response times in urgent situations.

Perry, a former C-130 pilot in the Texas National Guard, said he could now call on the planes to be deployed to a hurricane zone in a few hours instead of the days he said it could take to mobilize them from Montana.

"You try that with the regular Air Force 130s," Perry said, standing in front of one of the gray, bulky planes. "It doesn't happen with just one phone call."

If the planes are moved, the state National Guard likely would respond to future disasters with helicopters, which can't carry as much cargo or perform the same type of evacuations," said Maj. Gen. John Nichols, chief of the Texas National Guard.

Planned Parenthood sues over cuts

By Todd Ackerman
Houston Chronicle

Texas Planned Parenthood affiliates filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday to block a rule excluding their health centers from a key program for low-income women, the latest round in a protracted skirmish between the state and federal governments.

The lawsuit, filed in Austin, says Texas' exclusion of Planned Parenthood from the Medicaid Women's Health Program violates the organization's constitutional rights to freedom of speech and association. It asks the court to stop the rule from taking effect May 1.

"The government cannot condition your participation in the health services on giving up your free speech," said Pete Shenkken, Planned Parenthood's lawyer. "The 1st and 14th Amendment are clear that the government cannot deny public funding of non-abortion health services simply because a business is affiliated with legally and financially separate entities that provide abortions with private funding."

Shenkken said the lawsuit also argues that the rule violates the state's own statute because "it defeats the purpose of the state program" — expanding health care to women.

The legal action follows by less than a month a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott focused on the same program. Abbott's lawsuit seeks to prevent the Obama administration from ending the program's funding, a step the federal government announced n March after Texas said it would begin implementing the rule.

The rule was approved in 2005, but Texas delayed enforcing it until this year because of concerns it violates federal regulations regarding Medicaid programs.

Abbott's office had no comment Wednesday, but Texas Health and Human Services Commission spokeswoman Stephanie Goodman said the agency is confident it is on firm legal ground because "federal law gives states the right and responsibility to establish criteria for Medicaid providers." She noted that the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services had waived the freedom of choice provision in all other Medicaid services in Texas.

Gov. Rick Perry's office also downplayed the lawsuit's chances. Press secretary Catherine Frazier said "the state of Texas is under no obligation to provide taxpayers dollars to Planned Parenthood. Texas law has been very clear from day one of this program that abortion providers and their affiliates — like Planned Parenthood — are not qualified providers."

But legal experts said the lawsuit stands a good chance of prevailing.

"I think Planned Parenthood has a strong case because it appears they're being denied access to government funding strictly based on their affiliation with people the government doesn't like," said Seth Chandler, a University of Houston law professor. "If Planned Parenthood's entities are as separate as the organization claims, that seems like a problem."

Jennifer Bard, a Texas Tech law professor and director of the university's health law program, said the court will have to decide if the state's decision not to provide funding to organizations whose affiliates use separate funds for abortion is the same "as punishing an individual for belonging to a group of which the government does not approve."

If the court follows this line of reasoning, she said it probably will find that the state is violating the First Amendment. But, if the court doesn't equate a health clinic's affiliation with a non-profit organization to that of an individual with a political party, then it will most likely dismiss the complaint, she said.

Shenkken said courts have granted similar injunctions filed by Planned Parenthood in four other states that attempted to deny the organization Medicaid funding. Two of those states appealed the lawsuits and two did not contest them, he said. The appeals are pending.

Planned Parenthood clinics serve about 40 percent of the 130,000 low-income women in the program, which offers cancer and other health screenings, as well as birth control services. The federal government provides 90 percent of the funding.

Perry has said the state will find the funding to continue the program on its own.

Goodman said a review will determine by May whether other providers will be affected by the law.

All of the state's Planned Parenthood affiliates plan to shut down their Medicaid Women's Health programs April 30, when Texas HHSC says it will start enforcing the rule. Patricio Gonzalez, head of Planned Parenthood of Hidalgo County, said in a news briefing that the organization likely will have to shut down two or three of its fours clinics because of the change.

Police officer laid to rest

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Thousands of law enforcement officers, some from as far as Chicago, attended a memorial service Wednesday for an Austin police officer who was fatally shot last week in the line of duty.

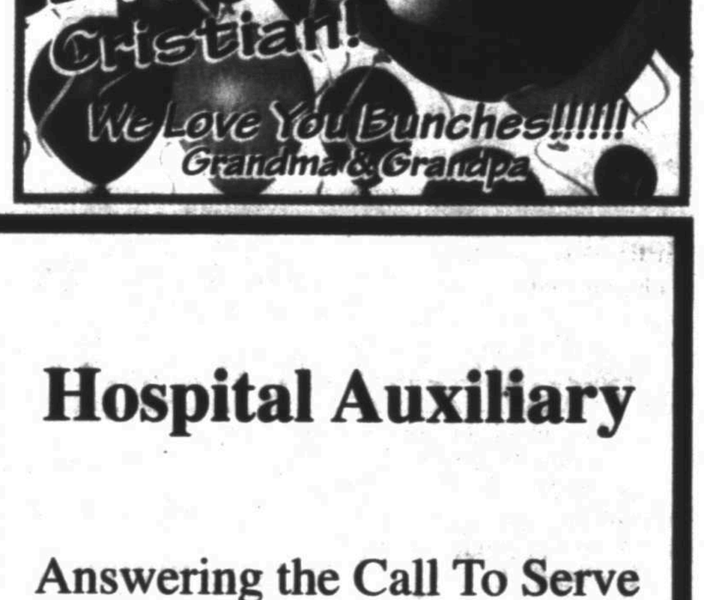
The casket of 40-year-old Senior Officer Jaime Padron was draped in an American flag and flanked by photographs of the officer with his family. One shows him being kissed on both cheeks by his daughters, ages 10 and 6. Many officers stood in line to pay their respects at the casket.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo called a "hero" and a "prince" during the service at Austin's Shoreline Church.

"We've been shedding a lot of tears this week ... We're all grieving," Acevedo said. "Above all else, he was a hero."

Padron's brother Johnny was also gave a eulogy inside the church. The service then moved outside, where Acevedo presented an American flag to Padron's daughters and the officer was honored with a drum and pipe corps and a lone trumpeter played taps.

There was a three-rifle salute in Padron's honor, and state and local law enforcement staged a flyover.



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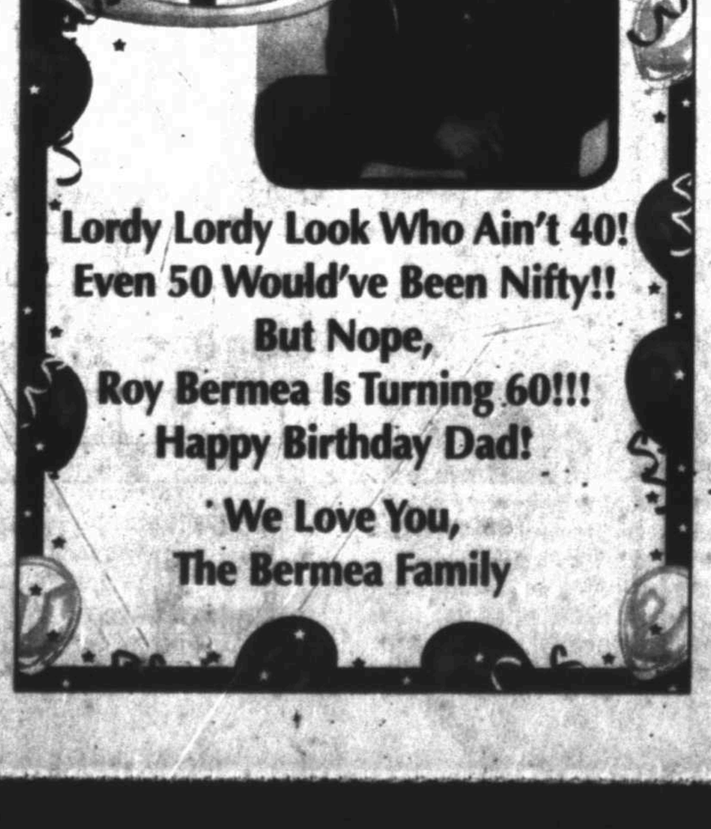

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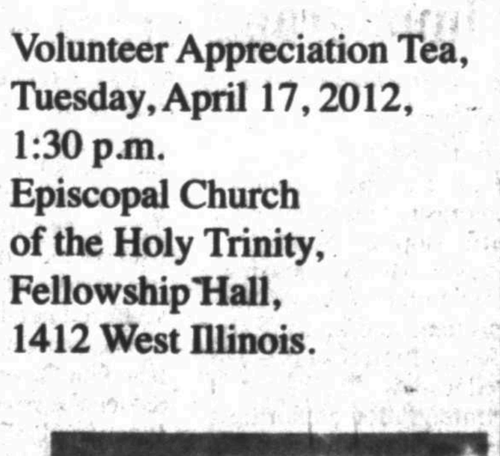

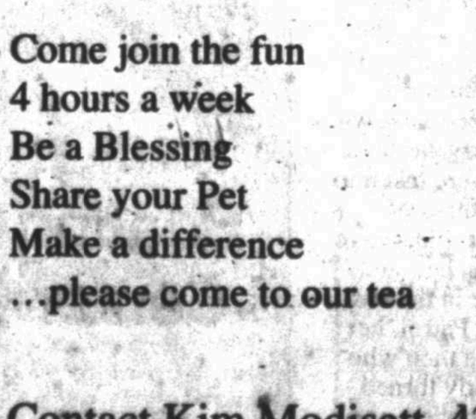

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 85 and southwest winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 62 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 88, a low around 65 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Saturday, look for sunny skies with a high around 86 and a low around 56.

The high on Wednesday reached 79 while the low dropped to 57. The record high for April 11 is 95 set in 1972. The record low is 28 set in 1995.

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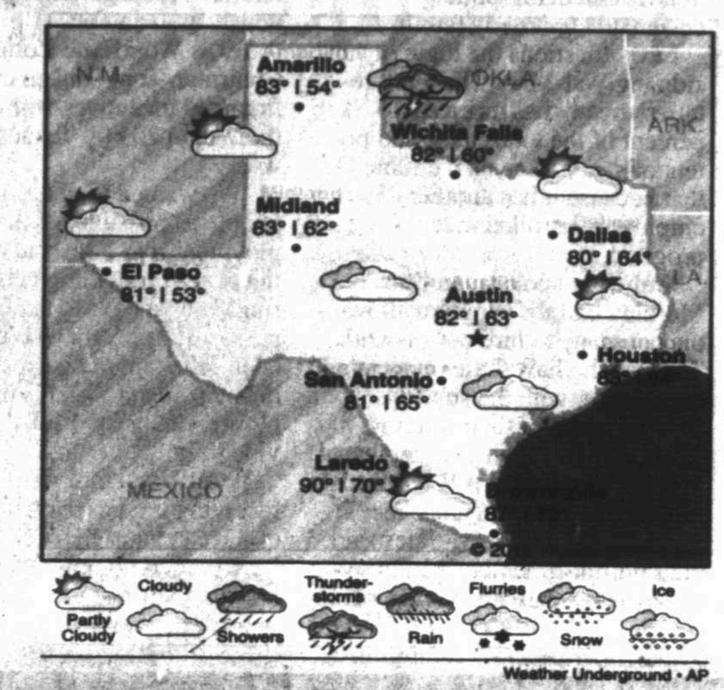
In the Northeast, the cold flow of air will continue today. A series of disturbances rotating around a dip in the jet stream will bring additional showers of rain, wet snowflakes and soft hail.

Farther west, from the Midwest to the interior South, a zone of high pressure will settle in. After a cold start with a frost in some Southern areas and a freeze over the North, sun will lift temperatures in the afternoon. As a front stalls, spotty thunderstorms are forecast for South Florida.



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Wednesday's temperatures

High	79
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Normal high	78
Normal low	48
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	8:16 p.m.

Migraine sufferer given fresh memories to chew on

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'd like to respond to the letter from "Hurting in Virginia Beach, Va." (Feb. 6), who complained that the smell of mint chewing gum triggers her migraines. Many gum chewers, like me, have good reasons for doing it. I chew gum on planes because it helps reduce sinus pressure, thus preventing my own headaches. I am also a former smoker, and gum-chewing is a healthier alternative to tobacco.

If "Hurting" explained her situation to me, I would certainly abide by her request to not chew, although I would find it uncomfortable to go without for long. I recommend she carry several packs of non-mint gum in her purse. When forced into close proximity with a gum-chewer, she could then offer him or her an acceptable alternative. I believe she will almost certainly find people more receptive to her needs that way. — DAVE IN SPRING HILL, FLA.

DEAR DAVE: Your commonsense suggestion was the one most often repeated by my readers. I advised "Hurting" that whether at a concert or on a plane, she could ask to be moved away from an "offender." My readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: I propose a different solution. She should purchase one (or several) of those surgical masks that cover the mouth and nose. They come in a variety of styles, and she could surely find one that would block her sense of smell. This way she won't have to risk a confrontation or depend on a third party to get involved. Once she detects the offensive smell, she can just put on her mask, no one gets bothered and everyone's happy. — TIM IN SALEM, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with "Hurting." I am a migraine sufferer myself. The smell of many perfumes, lotions, cleaning agents, tobacco smoke — even some foods — can trigger a migraine. Because it is nearly impossible to control what other people wear, clean with or eat, I have found it much easier over the years to make sure I always carry some medication with me whenever I go out. Being able to take my medication the minute I sense a migraine coming on has prevented many events from ending badly for me. — FEELING HER PAIN IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: I have a deadly allergy to oranges. The smell alone can bring me very close to anaphylactic shock, but more often just causes a migraine like "Hurting's." I have a small bottle of eucalyptus oil I take with me and place a drop or two under my nose. This will stop the reaction. Hope this information helps. -- VERNELLE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: Your advice was spot on as far as asking the gum chewer to discard the gum, or to be reseated in a theater. But often the house is full, or the plane has no empty seats and no one will switch. As I suffer from similar issues, my father found me a device called a personal air purifier. It hangs around your neck (or sits in your lap) and literally cleans the air you breathe. It is battery-operated and goes everywhere. It has saved me tons of embarrassment when dealing with other people in small spaces. — RACHEL IN CHERRY HILL, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: "Hurting" needs to take preventive action when she makes her concert reservation. Simply ask for an aisle seat (for her) and the one beside it (where her husband will sit). Of course, it will be slightly more difficult on a plane because of closer quarters, but she can still make sure her husband is sitting between her and the offender as a buffer, which might help a little. — LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Science vs. sense

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 8
♡ A K Q 7 4
◇ 10 9 7
♣ A 10

WEST
♠ K 4 2
♡ 8 5
◇ A 8 6 4 2
♣ 9 6 2

EAST
♠ 10 6 5
♡ J 9 2
◇ K J
♣ Q J 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 7 3
♡ 10 6 3
◇ Q 5 3
♣ K 7 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Four of ◇

This deal is from the Spingold KO Teams at the Summer ACBL National Championships. The bidding shown features the Polish Club system. One club was either a 12-14 balanced hand or strong. Two diamonds showed a three-card spade raise and at least 17 high-card points. Two spades showed a four-card suit and 8-10 points and the rest of the auction was natural.

West chose an excellent time to underlead his ace of diamonds through the strong hand. The defenders started with two diamonds and a ruff and, when West refused to cover the queen of spades when it was led, the defenders had to score a spade trick — down one.

At the other table North judged the hand as too strong for one no-trump, so he opened one heart. South responded one spade, North jumped to two no-trump and three no-trump became the final contract. The contract was unbeatable since declarer could not go wrong as the cards lay even with a diamond lead.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 12, 2012:

Let go of a need to have your life work out in a certain way. The more you push, the less likely you will achieve your goals. Accept changes in your immediate environment and make needed adjustments to a transforming status quo. If you are single, your desirability speaks to many people. Make choices accordingly, and keep in mind the type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, your charisma adds many sparks to the relationship. Enjoy the heat. CAPRICORN acts like an authority.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Take charge and handle a personal matter before it gets out of control. You can let this matter sit on the back burner, but the cost could be far higher than you anticipate. Your innate good will goes far; let others see your intentions. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You juggle many different interests, but you see a continuum in the various areas you are involved with. Use this information to enhance your perspective and ability to deal with an onslaught of information in the future. Tonight: Where you've always wanted to go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might want to continue a discussion, especially if you see an opening. The other party will see you in a new light. For that reason, you might want to open up communication once more. Know that you have a lucky rabbit's foot in your back pocket. Tonight: Dinner and discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You finally can witness what you've sensed has been going on. A key associate or friend sees you in a different light. Open up communication with a child of loved-one. Let a sense of camaraderie permeate your relationships. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Observe the interaction between you and a certain someone. Your instincts will take you to a new realm of thinking, and you'll see your relationship differently. Use care with a major purchase. Tonight: Surprises or unexpected events come forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Listen to your intuitive voice, even if it seems to plot a different path from the one you are on. Sometimes being uncomfortable works well. Be willing to take a grounded risk. You know your limits and how far you can go. Tonight: Trust your judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Tension builds as you realize that you are not up to doing something you need to do. A close friend or associate nudges you to take the next step; be sure that you can deal with it. Tonight: Do errands on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You say what you mean, and eventually that message gets through to someone. Your ability to communicate your desires to others draws quite a reaction from them. Sort through the heavy response, and decide what you want to do. Tonight: The answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ A change involving funds could be occurring. Your bank might have changed its policies; payments might be due a different day. You will discover a change in the status quo. Be aware of your options. Tonight: Relax. Choose a favorite pastime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Take an opportunity to reveal your thoughts and explain the depth of what you are feeling. Let go of fear or resistance, as the response will be positive. Do not attempt to get involved in a power play. Tonight: Use the moment to plan or even start your weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might not reveal exactly what you are thinking because you could be trying to gauge what others are thinking as well. Do not form judgments until you have all the facts. Act on an unusually strong sense of well-being. Tonight: Get some extra Z's.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A meeting does not need to be awkward. Drop that expectation, and you might be delighted by what follows. Complete errands, and try to get as much done as you can. Getting together with a friend or loved one buoys your spirit. Tonight: Respond to a friend's request.

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BORN TODAY

Talk-show host David Letterman (1947), author Tom Clancy (1947), author Scott Turow (1949)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Loathe
6 Poke into
11 "Blue Hawaii" prop
14 Rear
15 Houston hockey team
16 Frat letters
17 "Place for after-dinner courses
19 Banned pesticide
20 Magic show reaction
21 Lots
22 "Omertà" author
23 Mystery writer John Dickson __
25 "Repress
27 Double-__: puzzle type
30 German pronoun
31 When many Lyon Lions are born
32 Brownish purple
35 Certain commuter's aid
39 Utter
40 See 33-Down, and word that can precede the end of the answers to starred clues
42 Grinder
43 Uncredited actor
45 Yani Tseng's org.
46 Home of Miami University
47 Neighbor of Leb.
49 Neverending
51 *Skating exhibitions
56 Fertile Crescent land
57 Musty
58 Butter sources
60 American rival: Abbr.
63 "__ Fine Day": 1983 hit
64 "Delta's aptly named monthly
66 Fly the coop
67 Stud
68 Assays
69 Like some locks
70 Put up
71 Sorority letters

DOWN
1 River of Tuscany
2 "Joanie Loves Chachi" co-star
3 Hearer of final appeals
4 __Kosh B'Gosh
5 Comeback
6 Go to and fro
7 Post-op program
8 Maine campus town
9 Promotes
10 Immigrant's subj.
11 Excessive
12 Invasive Japanese vine
13 Prevent legally
18 What ad libbers ignore
22 Overabundance
24 Star
26 "My country, __ ..."
27 Horn, for one
28 Gravy thickener
29 Ringlet
33 With "and" and 40-Across, emissions-reducing method whose first word (this answer) can follow the start of the answers to starred clues
34 Sidle
36 Burger follower
37 "Nessun dorma," e.g.
38 Combine, as assets
41 Using (up)
44 Fireplace powder
48 Chair on a porch
50 Fake
51 Fan club focuses
52 Towpath locale
53 She's not for you
54 "What did I do to deserve this?"
55 "Poison" plant
59 Harangue
61 Architectural pier
62 More, to a minimalist
64 Elle, across the Atlantic
65 Bit of a snore?

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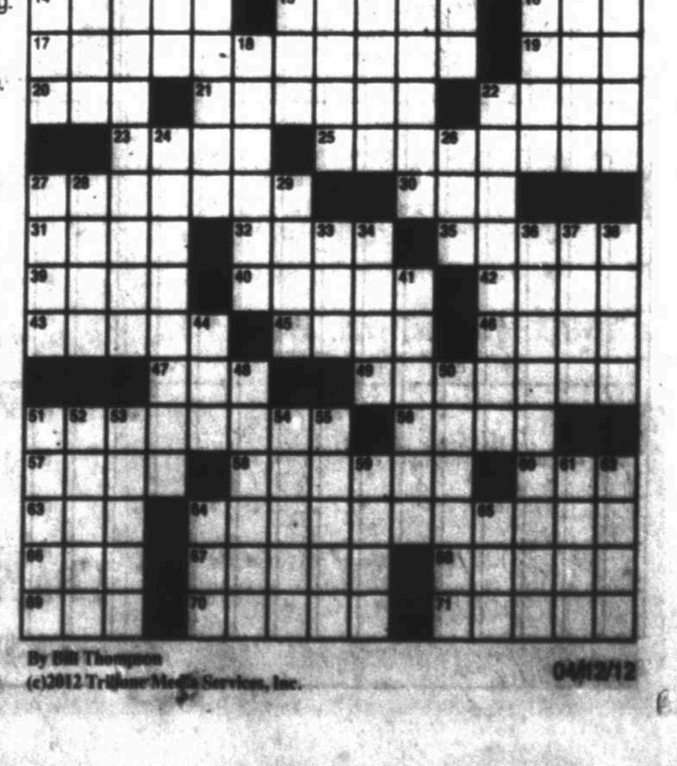

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Critics say jobs program doesn't provide quality employment

By L.M. Sixel
Houston Chronicle

Millions of dollars in state subsidies designed to stimulate job creation have gone to a handful of Houston-area employers, mostly in industries where wages are low and employee turnover is high, a Houston Chronicle analysis shows.

Call centers, security guard services and retailers are benefiting the most from a wage subsidy program called Texas Back to Work that has distributed $6.6 million to Houston-area businesses since it began two years ago.

"We're paying them to fill the jobs they'd ordinarily fill anyway," said Rick Levy, legal director for the Texas AFL-CIO in Austin, who said the list of recipients highlights the labor group's concerns with the program.

People can find minimum-wage jobs on their own, Levy said.

"Let's use state money to really lift people up," he suggested.

While 1,150 companies have signed up for the program — which provides up to $2,000 for each qualified worker hired — just 11 firms have claimed more than half of the $6.6 million in taxpayer-funded subsidies.

Leading the list are Wal-Mart, which has collected $704,200 for hiring 404 employees, and ACS, which received $509,600 for bringing on 305 workers, according to data from the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

ACS operates call centers, information technology support, medical billing and human resource consulting services.

Texas Back To Work was intended to spur statewide job creation when it started in 2010 with $15 million in funding from the state Legislature.

The Legislature since has added another $20 million, and the program got an additional $10 million from federal funds designated for needy families.

Levy questions the logic of subsidizing Wal-Mart. The giant retailer already has received 10 percent of the total funds and potentially can more than double that because it has another 459 employees enrolled in the program.

Wal-Mart spokesman Dan Morales said the program allows the company to hire out-of-work Texans who have little or no retail experience, with the subsidy funding some of their training.

Those new employees represent less than 5 percent of Wal-Mart's hires in the Houston area since it joined the program, Morales said. He said full-time hourly employees in Texas earn an average of $12.19 an hour.

For some, the jobs may lead to advancement, Morales said, noting that nearly 75 percent of the retailer's managers began as hourly associates.

Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Pauken credits the financial incentives with getting more than 25,000 Texans back to work.

"We wanted to get as many people as possible off the unemployment rolls," he said, to reduce the cost of providing benefits funded by a payroll tax on businesses. Employers who may have been reluctant to take a chance on hiring someone who is unemployed can use the subsidy to provide training, he said.

To qualify, employees must be receiving unemployment benefits or have exhausted them and must have earned no more than $15 an hour in their last job, according to the commission.

Companies must receive applications through Work in Texas, a government-sponsored online job search board. That requirement encourages more companies to use the service, Pauken said.

Through the end of 2011, employers in Texas received $29 million in subsidies, according to the commission. About $15.8 million is remaining, including $3.5 million for the Houston area.

The program ends when regions exhaust their funds, which for most areas probably will be at the end of this year.

The second-biggest local user, ACS, a Xerox subsidiary, stands to receive as much as $462,000 more in wage subsidies — on top of the $509,600 it already has received — if another 231 employees who are enrolled in the program stay on the job for at least 120 days.

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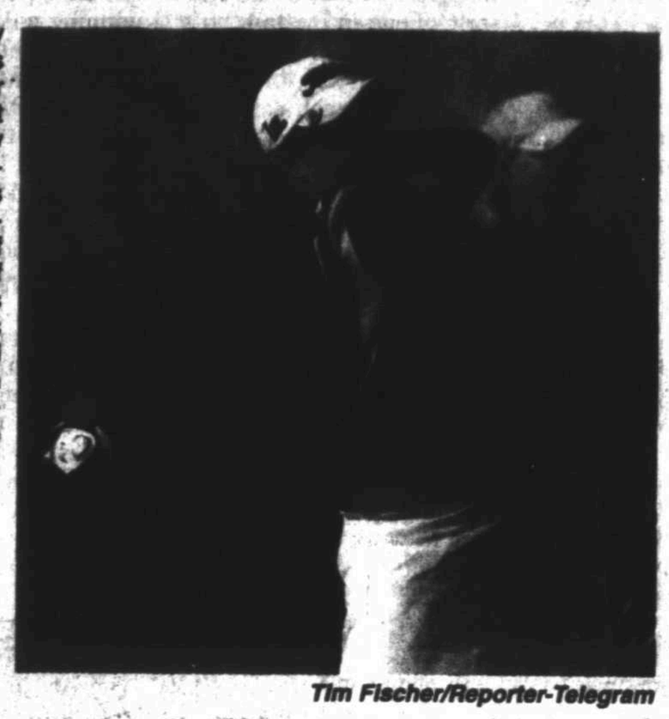
Lee's Thomas advances to girls golf regional



Lee's Libby Thomas watches her tee shot Wednesday during the District 3-5A girls golf tournament at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links. Thomas advanced as an individual to the Region 1-5A Tournament in Lubbock.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

From staff reports

ODESSA — Libby Thomas wasn't able to defend her District 3-5A medalist title Wednesday afternoon, but one of her good friends did and that helped take some of the sting away.

San Angelo Central's Kamryn Cummings shot a final round 67 and tied Thomas after the four round and then beat Thomas in a one-hole playoff to win the medalist title.

"I was excited for Kamryn because she's one of my good friends," said Thomas, who is a junior at Lee. "I happy when my friends shoot well."

Cummings' 5-under par round helped move her up the leaderboard into contention, while Thomas shot a 3-over 75 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links.

Thomas said her round was good but added she struggled to sink putts on some holes but still felt it was a good day.

"I played really well, but my putts just weren't dropping," Thomas said. "I was hitting really good putts and they were just not going into the hole. I was making pars instead of birdies and it was a little rough."

Thomas said she felt confident going into the playoff hole on No. 18 but Cummings continued her stellar day by carding a birdie on the hole, while Thomas had a par.

"She was hitting the ball so good," Thomas said.

Thomas will advance to next week's Region I-5A Tournament at the Rawls Course in Lubbock as an individual. The regional tournament is scheduled for April 18-19. It will be Thomas' second straight appearance at the tournament.

Odessa Permian closed out the team title but had to hold off a hard-charging San Angelo Central squad to win it. The Lady Panthers shot 323 as a team on their home course but the Lady Bobcats carded 295 as a team as the four players who had their scores count shot 81 or better.

Permian finished with a four-round total of 1,329 and Central was at 1,339. Both teams qualified for next week's Region I-5A Tournament in Lubbock.

Abilene High took third with a 325 on Wednesday and a 1,401 for the tournament, while Lee jumped from sixth spot to

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FIGHT TO BE FASTEST

MRT file photo

Lee's Shanses Ray races to win the girls 100 meter dash as teammate Tori Rackow and the rest of the field try to catch her April 12, 2011, at the District 3-5A track finals at Ratliff Stadium. Ray will defend her District 3-5A 100 meter dash title today

Ray to defend her 100 meter dash title today

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Shanses Ray hates to lose. As a result, her coach is pretty much never willing to bet against her.

Ray, a sophomore at Lee, is the defending District 3-5A champion in the 100 meters, giving her the honor of being the fastest female athlete in the entire district. That's a title Ray is determined to defend today and Friday at the District 3-5A Track & Field Championships at Memorial Stadium.

"I have to show everybody what I have," Ray said. "And, I have to be better than last year to prove I'm still as good."

Ray has lost just one 100 meters sprint this season. At the Lubbock Invitational on March 31, Ray settled for a silver medal after clocking a time of 12.46 seconds. She was a mere .04 seconds behind winner Shaunice Guyton of Lubbock Coronado.

Those few tenths of a second have haunted Ray.

"It bugs me a lit," Ray admitted. "She was right there. We were milliseconds away from each other. I feel like I should have won."

But, that loss has placed a different type of determination within Ray -- a quality her coach says is very evident.

"The main thing I've seen in Shanses is she's such a fighter," Lee girls track coach Mike Connelly said. She doesn't

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Byars looks to break through in shot put event at district compeition

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

The time is now for Zach Byars.

The Midland High senior has been trying since his sophomore year to qualify for the Region I-5A track meet in the shot put. Yet, Byars has never quite been able to break through and complete a throw long enough to achieve that goal.

Byars' last chance to qualify for region is today when he competes in the District 3-5A Track & Field Championships at Memorial Stadium. The shot put competition is scheduled for 11 a.m., meaning

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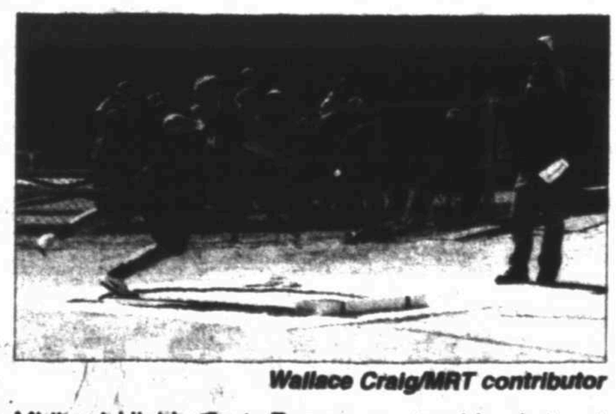

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Midland High's Zach Byars executes his shot put attempt.

Greenwood set for District 4-3A Track & Field Championship

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

The path to a team track and field District 4-3A championship goes through Andrews. At least, that's the opinion of Greenwood's coaches.

The District 4-3A Track & Field Championships begin today at Estes Memorial Stadium in Monahans with field events set to start at 10 a.m. The final for the 3,200-meter run starts at 2 p.m., with preliminaries for all other races beginning at 3:20 p.m.

And while the coaches for both the Greenwood boys and girls teams believe their respective squads will be competitive in the race for a team title, each also realize the teams to beat in the race for a 4-3A team title reside about 45 miles to the northwest of Midland.

"There's no doubt it's Andrews," Greenwood coach Adam Alba said of the team to beat in the boys' field. "They're loaded from top to bottom in every event."

Greenwood girls coach Todd Martin felt basically the same way about the girls field.

"Andrews has so many more athletes

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Baylor basketball put on 3 years probation

Associated Press

WACO — The NCAA put Baylor on three years of probation Wednesday after an investigation turned up hundreds of impermissible telephone calls and text messages sent to prep recruits by coaches and assistants on the basketball teams.

The violations were considered to be major infractions, and they were announced less than a week after the Lady Bears won the national championship with the first 40-0 season in NCAA history.

Still, it could have been much worse for Baylor. All of the penalties were proposed by the school and accepted by the NCAA after a review of nearly 900,000 phone and text message records found that 738 texts and 528 calls were against the rules.

The NCAA said men's coach Scott Drew failed to monitor his program and will be suspended for two Big 12 games next season, in addition to recruiting restrictions. Women's coach Kim Mulkey

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finish the tournament in fourth.

The Lady Rebels shot 323 as a team on Wednesday, which was their lowest of the four-round tournament and finished at 1,405. Lee ended up four strikes behind third place Abilene High and two strokes ahead of Odessa High and Abilene Cooper, who tied for fifth place.

Along with Thomas' 75, Talyn Standard shot 78, Leah Schwope an 83, Sara Pitts 87 and Cassie Sitz a 91.

Midland High finished in eighth spot with a 359 and were at 1,471 for the tournament. Senior Madeline Coffman missed out in a spot in the regional tournament but finished 10th and earned all-district honors. Coffman shot an 86 on Wednesday and was at 341 for the four rounds.

District 3-5A Girls Golf Results

DISTRICT 3-5A GIRLS GOLF TOUR
Final Round
Wednesday's results
Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
(x-qualified for Region I-5A tournament)

Team Standings — 1. x-Odessa Permian I, 348-332-328-323—1,329; 2. x-San Angelo Central I, 350-348-346-295—1,339; 3 Abilene High, 341-379-356-325—1,401; 4. Lee I, 365-358-359-323—1,405; 5. (tie) Odessa High, 372-346-361-328—1,407; Abilene Cooper I, 348-358-355-346—1,407; 7. Odessa Permian II, 375-380-363-343—1,461; 8. Midland High I, 380-366-366-359—1,471; 9. San Angelo Central II, 421-402-402-391—1,616; 10. (tie) Midland High II, 432-417-401-375—1,625; and Abilene Cooper II, 421-421-385-398—1,625; 12. Lee II, 429-441-469-423—1,762

Medalist standings — 1. y-Kamryn Cummings, San Angelo Central I, 84-81-76-67—308; 2. x-Libby Thomas, Midland Lee I, 79-71-83-75—308; 3. Randi Hanfeld, Permian I, 80-77-77-76—310; 4. Jaclyn Granado, San Angelo Central I, 82-85-81-74—322; 5. x-Mackenzie Curnutt, Abilene High, 79-86-84-76—325; 6. Alyssa Carter, Odessa High, 80-81-88-77—326; 7. (tie) Lauren Langford, Abilene High, 83-87-83-77—330; and Macee Lane, Permian I, 83-85-80-82—330; 9. CharlesAnn Freeman, Abilene Cooper I, 76-90-92-82—340; 10. Madeline Coffman, Midland High I, 85-83-87-86—341.

(y-won on first playoff hole)

Team Results

Permian I (1,329): Randi Hanfeld, 80-77-77-76—310; Macee Lane, 83-85-80-82—330; Ruth Nabarrette, 91-80-95-84—350; Sydney McCullough, 96-90-83-84—353; Bailee Cook, 92-89-88-81—350.

San Angelo Central I (1,339): Kamryn Cummings, 84-81-76-67—308; Christian Garcia 90-91-90-73—344; Jaclyn Granado, 82-85-81-74—322; Sarah Falcon, 101-86-99-81—367; Lauren Barta, 92-91-100-91—374.

Abilene High (1,401): Mackenzie Curnutt, 79-86-84-76—325; Lauren Langford, 83-87-83-77—330; Lindsey Sitton, 87-106-92-85—370; Madison Moore, 100-100-97-87—384; Kelly Lanford, 92-117-106-98—413.

Midland Lee I (1,405): Libby Thomas, 79-71-83-75—308; Talyn Standard, 96-93-97-78—364; Leah Schwope, 93-100-86-83—362; Sara Pitts, 97-96-93-87—373; Cassie Sitz, 101-104-102-91—398.

Odessa High (1,407): Alyssa Carter, 80-81-88-77—326; Aspen Lam, 90-92-86-78—346; Mallory Jones, 106-101-96-91—394; Tyleigh Clark, 96-85-91-84—356; Daniella Rodriguez, NS-88-97-89-NS.

Abilene Cooper I (1,407): CharlesAnn Freeman, 76-90-92-82—340; Cameron Wallace, 92-91-82-84—349; Elizabeth West, 87-87-87-89—350; Nataliya Uhrynchuk 96-90-100-91—377; Katie Barefield, 95-105-95-96—391; Ilyanan Benavidez, 93-91-94-NS-NS.

Permian II (1,461): Meagan Jones, 99-93-85-83—360; McKynzie Golden, 85-95-97-88—365; MacKenzie Poston, 98-96-94-92—380; Brittany Roberts, NS-102-101-94-NS; Sierrah Ramirez, NS-NS-87-80-NS.

Midland High I (1,471): Rachel Eyler, 95-108-89-85—377; Madeline Coffman, 85-83-87-86—341; Hannah Cowley, 103-104-89-94—390; Kathryn McGowan, 97-89-101-94—381; Devan Crawford, 99-100-107-100—406.

San Angelo Central II (1,616): Lauren Barron, 94-92-93-94—373; Whitney Wardlaw, 107-105-95-92—399; Mikayla Moore, 109-105-105-101—420; Cassie Palmer, 115-101-111-111—438; Taylor Gonzales, 93-109-109-104—415.

Abilene Cooper II (1,625): Megan Albritton, 114-100-93-81—388; Mychellya Shadle, 95-116-84-88—383; Elizabeth Fletcher, 117-100-113-119—449; Rebecca Hummel, 125-122-124-110—461.

Midland High II (1,625): Erica Frazier, 117-94-95-91—397; Melissa Chiles, 110-84-89-85—368; Kim Molina, 112-116-108-99—435; Adrienne Coats, 112-113-114-100—439; Erin Roye, 111-129-109-100—449.

Midland Lee II (1,762): Brooke Roberson, 116-108-NS-103-NS; Morgan Walton, 95-120-117-114—446; Ginny Bister, 117-124-118-108—467; Nicole Pitchford, 126-109-117-100—452; Sarah Martinez, 111-121-117-112—461.

Other medalists

Abilene Cooper: Aimee Lara, 129-131-126-NS-NS; Danielle Johnson, 144-142-135-NS-NS.

Abilene High: Whitney Humphrey, 110-94-103-107—414; Kelsey Cockerell, 114-113-114-121—462; Mary Pate, 122-NS-125-115-NS.

Midland High: Jordyn Hendrix, 118-NS-106-NS-NS; Marisa Gonzales, 118-110-106-107—441.

Midland Lee: Emily White, 102-98-NS-NS-NS.

Odessa High: Samantha Bustamante, 107-112-99-101—419; Bryanna Acosta, 121-106-108-108—443; Alicia Bermea, 122-117-114-111—464.

Permian: Sara Carrasco, 100-102-102-98—402; Jillian Acklin, 93-NS-95-88-NS; Amber Bingham, NS-NS-109-103-NS; Madison Hankins, NS-NS-104-91-NS.

San Angelo Central: Caroline Allison, 123-121-102-113—459; Paige Tucker, NS-122-116-117-NS; Riley Tucker, NS-120-NS-NS-NS; Maddie Sudduth, 113-106-NS-NS-NS.

Big Spring boys take 5-3A golf title

From staff reports

The Big Spring boys golf team won the District 5-3A title on Tuesday by shooting 295 as a team to finish 28 strokes ahead of second-place Abilene Wylie.

The Steers finished the three-round tournament with a 917 as Abilene Wylie was at 945.

Devin Roberson won the medalist title as he shot a 70 on Tuesday to finish at 222 for the tournament and was two strokes ahead of Abilene Wylie's Taylor Grant. The Steers had two other players finish in the top 10 as Tyler Bryan finished third and Tate Kennedy was sixth overall.

Kelsie Guinn qualified for the Region I-3A Tournament next week as she finished second in the medalist standings after shooting an 84 in the final round of the 5-3A girls tournament on Monday.

The boys tournament is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo, and the girls tournament is scheduled for April 18 and 19 at San Angelo Country Club.

DISTRICT 5-3A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
(x-qualified for Region I-3A Tournament)
BOYS
Maxwell Golf Course, Abilene

Team standings — 1. x-Big Spring 317-305-295—917; 2. x-Abilene Wylie I 326-320-299—945; 3. Snyder I 323-324-299—946; 4. Sweetwater 320-324-314—958; 5. Abilene Wylie II 341-333-321—995; 6. Snyder II 354-379-357—1,090; 7 Sweetwater II 398-392-379—1,169; 8. Brownwood II 414-390-384—1,188

Medalist standings — 1. Devin Roberson, Big Spring 81-71-70—222; 2. Taylor Grant, Abilene Wylie 79-74-71—224; 3. Tyler Bryan, Big Spring 79-75-73—227; 4. x-Alex Castillo, Sweetwater 79-77-73—229; 5. x-Kaleb Presley, Snyder 81-79-72—232; 6. Tate Kennedy, Big Spring 77-81-75—233; 7. Zach Carlton, Abilene Wylie 83-80-71—234; 8. Reid Pinson, Snyder 83-77-75—235; 9. Ryan Mercer, Sweetwater 79-80-78—237; 10. Nathan von Roeder, Snyder 78-87-73—238

Big Spring Individuals

Tyler Bryan 79-75-73—227; Ryan Pollard 87-78-77—242; Tate Kennedy 77-81-75—233; Devin Roberson 81-71-70—222; Jason Guevara 80-83-80—243; Erik Dahlberg NS-NS-117

GIRLS
Brownwood

Team standings — 1. x-Snyder I 355-344-339—1,038; 2. x-Sweetwater I 356-376-374—1,106; 3. Abilene Wylie I 372-376-381—1,129; 4. Big Spring 401-402-402—1,205; 5. Brownwood I 411-419-414—1,244; 6. Snyder II 443-399-408—1,250; 7. Sweetwater II 417-417-419—1,253

Medalist standings — 1. Sabrina Castillo, Snyder 81-84-84—249; 2. x-Kelsie Guinn, Big Spring 84-83-84—251; 3. Cassidy Rawls, Snyder 92-80-83—255; 4. x-Elise Lawrence, Sweetwater 82-90-84—256; 5. Macie Maxfield, Brownwood 85-91-87—263; 6. Regan Lindsey, Snyder 89-92-85—266; 7. Madison Shackmuth, Abilene Wylie 86-87-96—269; 8. Kayla Johnson, Abilene Wylie 92-89-91—272; 9. Mallory Hunter, Snyder 93-93-87—273; 10. Alex Gomez, Sweetwater, 88-94-94—276

Big Spring Individuals

Kelsie Guinn 84-83-84—251; Mariah McIntosh 103-97-101—301; Brianna Cobbs 104-107-108—319; Gabby Fair, 110-115-109—334

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than we do," Martin said. "They have a lot of depth. They're going to be able to get little points here and there throughout the meet."

But, the Greenwood squads have pretty lofty expectations, as well. On the boys side, Alba is expecting to finish in the top three of the team standings with several athletes qualifying for the regional meet.

Zac Martin has a great chance to make it out in the 800 meters as well as with the 1,600-meter relay team with Tony Navarez, Bailey Hamilton and Elam Tavarez. Navarez has qualified for regional in the 400 meters the last two seasons, and it would be surprising if he didn't duplicate that effort as a senior.

Alba also has some hopes for Kam Williams, who just started working on track a couple weeks ago. Williams was injured during track season a year ago, but is healthy and has Alba believing he could surprise in the 200 meters and as a member of the 400- and 800-relay teams.

"Last year, Kam didn't run because he was hurt," Alba said. "He's healthy now and has looked good running. I wouldn't be all that surprised if he made it out, but it might surprise some others."

Alba also mentioned some of his young distance runners, including freshmen Jonathan Brookshire and Neil Reid and sophomore Anthony Madrid, could finish high enough to qualify for regionals.

On the girls side, there are several girls Martin is preparing to send to the regional meet in Lubbock in two weeks. Among those are sophomore Morgan McKee, who was a state qualifier in the high jump a year ago, and could also qualify in the 400 meters.

Joining McKee in the 400 as a likely regional qualifier is Armanae Mathes. Both girls hold the top two times in the 4-3A heading into the district meet. And, with McKee and Mathes also being part of the Rangerettes' 1,600-relay team, it gives Greenwood a relay team that could qualify for region as well.

Perhaps the most challenging path to regionals for an athlete talented enough to qualify is Greenwood's Tabitha Fletcher. Fletcher has spent much of this season injured, nursing tendonitis in her Achilles and strained quadriceps, but returned to win the 100- and 300-meter hurdles at the Ranger Relays last week. But, she's competing in a talented field in both events, which includes state medalist Trianna McCallister of Monahans, at the 4-3A meet.

"We've been slowly working Tabitha back in, but she's starting to run well," Martin said. "She's never out-ran McCallister, but she can run with the other girls. If things go right, she should get out."

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Al Unser Jr. pleads guilty to DWI

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Al Unser Jr. pleaded guilty Wednesday to driving while intoxicated and racing on a New Mexico freeway.

The retired racer entered the plea a day before he was set to go to trial on aggravated DWI, drag racing and reckless driving charges. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, but a judge deferred that in favor of 364 days of supervised probation.

Unser was arrested in September after he was accused of racing another car in his Suburban and driving over 100 mph near Albuquerque. Authorities say Unser smelled of alcohol, his speech was slurred and his blood-alcohol content was twice the legal limit of 0.08.

He was charged with reckless driving and aggravated driving while intoxicated and later was released on released from jail on his own recognizance.

His attorney, Sam Bregman, told the court that his client completed 30 days of inpatient treatment for alcohol abuse.

"Al Unser Jr. is truly sorry for the poor mistake he made last fall," Bregman told The Associated Press. "He's taking steps to make sure it doesn't happen again."

The arrest wasn't Unser's first encounter with the law. In 2007, he pleaded no contest to a driving under the influence charge stemming from a January 2007 crash on a Nevada freeway.

Nevada authorities said Unser's blood-alcohol content was three times the legal limit and he failed field sobriety tests. As part of the plea deal, Unser lost his driver's license for 90 days, was fined $1,000 and had to attend a drunken driving school, a victim-impact panel and undergo alcohol abuse evaluation.

His lawyer at the time said Unser had stopped drinking and was attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

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Byars won't have to wait long for the opportunity he's urgently awaiting.

"It being my senior year and me barely missing getting to regionals the last two years, I'm really trying hard to get it this year," Byars said. "This is what I've been trying my hardest to get."

As a sophomore, Byars placed fifth with a throw of 48 feet, 6.5 inches in a competitive field in what was then District 2-5A that included Amarillo High, which had three of the top four throwers in the event that year.

Last season as a junior, Byars finished fourth at the 3-5A meet with a personal best throw of 49 feet, 5.5 inches. He was a mere four inches shy of third-place Garrison Railsback of Abilene Cooper, which would have qualified him for the regional meet.

Coming up short last season has only motivated Byars more to finally break through into the regional meet.

"It's put a great desire within me," said Byars, who will play on the offensive line at Cisco Junior College in the fall. "It's really pushed me to work harder and try to throw a little further each week."

Midland High boys track coach Jeff Streun has also noticed Byars' desire to make the most of his senior year.

"He's been close every time the last three years," Streun noted. "He goes out there every day and works on his own to get better. He's a diligent hard worker. I think he's got a sense of urgency and it's shown in him going out on his own to work on his throws when no one else is around."

The top competition for Byars at the 3-5A meet today will be a familiar face, too. Byars and Railsback are the two favorites to win the shot put district title. The two have battled a couple times this season, but most recently Byars got the best of Railsback, winning gold at the Big Country Relays in Abilene last weekend with a throw of 48-06. Railsback was fifth at 46-11.5.

"A lot of times he puts a really good throw out there and I come a little short of reaching him," Byars said of his competition with Railsback. "It's great to have someone like that out there. It really pushes me to try to put my best throw out there. I was able to get him last week. Hopefully, I can get him again this week."

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RAY

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want to get beat. She runs so hard because she refuses to lose.

"She's lost one time, and she'll probably see that girl again at regionals. I wouldn't bet on her losing to that girl again."

Ray believes she's got something to prove on a bigger stage as well. At last year's regional meet in Lubbock, Ray stumbled out of the blocks and posted a preliminary time of 12.7. That wasn't close to good enough to get her into the finals, and she's anxious for another opportunity to prove herself against some of the region's top sprinters.

"I want to do better than I did at regionals," Ray said. "I kind of tripped coming out of the blocks and didn't run well. I've got to do better than that."

But, Ray is looking forward to the District 3-5A meet for another reason than just defending her 100 meters title. Last year, she was joined at the regional meet in Lubbock by just one of her teammates, Tori Rackow.

This season Ray, who is also running on the 400 and 800 relay teams, is planning on making the trip back to Lubbock with Rackow, but also with several more teammates, who seem poised to qualify for the regional meet.

"Our relays have a real good chance of going, too," Ray said. "I am so glad we finally got some fast girls at Lee High. Finally."

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Who to Watch

Boys

DUTTON WATSON, SR., MIDLAND HIGH
Event: Discus
Reason to watch: Watson is yet to duplicate the 180-foot effort he opened the season at the Tiger Relays, but the knowledge that he's capable of a throw at that distance makes Watson a favorite in District 3-5A and a contender for region and possibly even state.

CHASE JONES, SR, MIDLAND HIGH
Event: Pole vault
Reason to watch: Jones is the defending District 3-5A champion and has his sights set at Austin. He's got the potential to break the Midland High school record of 16 feet, 6 inches, which was set in 2009 by Ryan McRight.

JOSH SHELTON, SR., LEE
Event: 200 meters, long jump, relays
Reason to watch: Shelton has been one of the standouts for the Rebels this season and came into it with high expectations. He's capable of winning individual district titles in the 200 and long jump.

TALOR NUNEZ, JR., LEE
Event: 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles
Reason to watch: Nunez is peaking at the right time, running his best times of the season last week at a meet in Abilene. As long as he continues those efforts, his presence in Lubbock at the regional meet should be expected.

ZACH BYARS, SR. MIDLAND HIGH
Event: Shot put
Reason to watch: Byars has failed to qualify for the regional meet the last three seasons, but might have his best chance to do so as a senior. He missed by a few inches last year, and is ready to make his first appearance in Lubbock.

Girls

SHANSES RAY, SOPH., LEE
Event: 100 meters, relays
Reason to watch: Ray has lost just one 100-meter race this season and is the defending district champion. She's the fastest girl in this district until someone else proves otherwise.

LINDSAY FRIESENHAHN, JR., LEE
Event: 1,600 meters, 3,200 meters
Reason to watch: Friesenhahn moved to Lee during Christmas break and has already established herself as one of the top distance runners in the district. She could find the medal stand in both district races.

JAQUITTA CANNON, SOPH., MIDLAND HIGH
Event: Shot put, Discus
Reason to watch: Cannon has picked up plenty of medals this season and has been in the mix in nearly every meet. A medal in either, or both, events at the 3-5A meet qualifies Cannon for regionals.

TORI RACKOW, JR., LEE
Event: 100, 400 relay, long jump, triple jump
Reason to watch: Rackow has been a work horse for the Lady Rebels this season and has collected more medals than any other girl on the team. She could be the district champion in both the long and triple jumps.

KRISTEN GALINDO, SR., LEE
Event: Shot put
Reason to watch: Galindo has picked up a couple gold medals this season, and figures to be right in the mix for a spot on the medal stand and to qualify for regionals.s

Jonathan Hull

District 3-5A Track & Field Schedule of Events

District 3-5A Track & Field Championships
Today-Friday
Memorial Stadium
Today's Schedule
Field events
(All varsity.)

11 a.m. — Boys shot put; Boys high jump; Girls discus; Girls triple jump; Girls pole vault
1:30 p.m. — Boys discus; Boys long jump; Boys pole vault; Girls shot put; Girls high jump

Running events
(All preliminaries unless noted. Running order is Varsity girls, Varsity boys.)

3:30 p.m. — 100 hurdles (Girls only.)
3:45 p.m. — 110 hurdles (Boys only.)
4 p.m. — 100 meters
4:30 p.m. — 400 meters
5 p.m. — 3,200 meters (Final)
5:30 p.m. — 300 hurdles
5:55 p.m. — 200 meters

Friday's Schedule
Field events

9 a.m. — Boys triple jump; Girls long jump

Running events
(All finals. Running order is JV girls, Varsity girls, JV boys, Varsity boys.)

1:30 p.m. — 400 relay
1:45 p.m. — 800 meters
2:10 p.m. — 100 hurdles (Girls)
2:20 p.m. — 110 hurdles (Boys)
2:30 p.m. — 100 meters
2:50 p.m. — 800 meters
3:15 p.m. — 400 meters
3:45 p.m. — 300 hurdles
4:05 p.m. — 200 meters
4:25 p.m. — 1,600 meters
5:05 p.m. — 1,600 relay

District 4-3A Track & Field Championships
Today-Friday
Estes Memorial Stadium, Monahans
Today's Schedule
Field events
(All varsity.)

10 a.m. — Girls shot put; Boys discus; Boys triple jump; Girls long jump
11 a.m. — Boys high jump; Girls pole vault

Running events
(All preliminaries unless noted. Running order is JV girls, Varsity girls, JV boys, Varsity boys.)

2 p.m. — 3,200 meters (Final.)
3:20 p.m. — 100 hurdles (Girls)
3:30 p.m. — 110 hurdles (Boys)
3:45 p.m. — 100 meters
4:10 p.m. — 400 meters
4:40 p.m. — 300 hurdles
5:10 p.m. — 200 meters

Friday's Schedule
Field events
(All varsity)

2:30 p.m. — Boys shot put; Girls discus; Girls triple jump; Boys long jump
3:30 p.m. — Girls high jump; Boys pole vault

Running events
(All finals. Running order is JV girls, Varsity girls, JV boys, Varsity boys.)

6 p.m. — 400 relay
6:20 p.m. — 800 meters
6:40 p.m. — 100 hurdles (Girls)
6:50 p.m. — 110 hurdles (Boys)
7:05 p.m. — 100 meters
7:25 p.m. — 800 relay
7:45 p.m. — 400 meters
8:10 p.m. — 300 hurdles
8:35 p.m. — 200 meters
8:50 p.m. — 1,600 meters
9:30 p.m. — 1,600 relay

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MARINERS 4, RANGERS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins lf	5	0	1	0	Kinsler dh	5	1	2	1
Ackley 2b	4	0	2	1	Andrus ss	4	1	1	1
ISuzuki rf	4	0	0	0	Hamltn cf-lf	4	1	1	0
Smoak 1b	4	1	2	0	Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	0	1	0	MYong 2b	4	0	2	1
Kawsk pr-3b	0	1	0	0	N.Cruz rf	3	0	0	0
JMontr c	3	0	1	1	DvMrp lf	3	0	0	0
MSndrs cf	4	1	2	1	Gentry cf	1	0	0	0
Ryan ss	4	0	0	0	Torreal c	3	0	1	0
Jaso dh	4	1	2	1	Morlnd 1b	4	0	1	0
					BSnydr pr	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	4	11	4	Totals	34	3	8	3

Seattle 000 000 013 — 4
Texas 100 000 200 — 3

DP—Texas 1. LOB—Seattle 6, Texas 8. 2B—Ackley (1), Smoak (1), Seager (2), M.Saunders 2 (3), Kinsler (2), Hamilton (1). 3B—Jaso (1). HR—Kinsler (3), Andrus (1). SB—M.Saunders (2), Torrealba (1). S—Andrus. SF—J.Montero.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Millwood	6	4	1	1	3	7
Delabar	2-3	2	2	2	0	1
Luetge W,1-0	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
League S,3-3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Lewis	6 2-3	5	0	0	0	6
Ogando	1 1-3	2	1	1	0	2
Nathan L,0-2	1	4	3	3	0	2

WP—League.
T—3:20. A—32,342 (48,194).

ATHLETICS 5, ROYALS 4, 12 INNINGS

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	5	1	2	2	JWeeks 2b	5	1	1	0
AEscor ss	6	0	1	0	Pnngtn ss	3	0	0	0
Hosmer 1b	5	1	1	0	Sogard ss	2	0	0	0
Butler dh	6	1	2	2	Reddck rf	3	0	0	0
Francr rf	5	0	1	0	Crisp pr-lf	2	0	0	1
Mostks 3b	5	0	1	0	Cespds cf	4	2	2	0
Maier cf	4	0	0	0	Gomes dh	4	1	1	3
Bourgs ph-cf	1	0	0	0	KSuzuk c	5	0	0	0
B.Pena c	5	1	1	0	Dnldsn 3b	5	0	0	0
Getz 2b	4	0	1	0	Barton 1b	5	0	2	0
YBtncr ph-2b	1	0	0	0	Cowgill lf-rf	3	0	0	0
					S.Smith ph	1	1	0	0
Totals	47	4	10	4	Totals	42	5	6	4

Kansas City 001 100 100 001 — 4
Oakland 010 200 000 002 — 5

Two outs when winning run scored.

E—B.Pena (1), A.Escobar (1), J.Weeks (1). LOB—Kansas City 10, Oakland 10. 2B—Butler (3), Francoeur (2), B.Pena (1), J.Weeks (1), Cespedes (2), Barton (1). HR—A.Gordon (1), Butler (2), Gomes (2). SB—Cespedes (1), Gomes (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
B.Chen	5	4	3	2	2	3
K.Herrera	1	0	0	0	1	1
Mijares	1	1	0	0	0	0
G.Holland	2	0	0	0	0	3
Collins	2	1	0	0	0	4
Broxton L,0-1	2-3	0	2	0	2	1
Oakland						
McCarthy	6	6	2	2	2	4
Fuentes	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Cook	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Balfour	2	1	0	0	1	2
Norberto	1 2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Carignan W,1-1	1-3	1	0	0	0	0

Mijares pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Broxton (Cespedes, Gomes), by Mijares (Reddick).
T—4:10. A—12,390 (35,067).

RAYS 4, TIGERS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Jnnngs cf	4	1	1	0	AJcksn cf	4	1	1	0
C.Pena 1b	3	1	0	0	Boesch rf	4	0	0	0
Longori 3b	4	1	1	1	CThms rf	0	0	0	0
Joyce lf	3	0	0	0	MiCarr 3b	4	0	2	1
EJhnsn ph-lf	0	0	0	0	Fielder 1b	3	0	0	0
Zobrist rf	4	0	2	2	JhPerlt ss	4	0	1	0
Vogt dh	4	0	0	0	Avila c	3	0	0	0
Loaton c	2	0	0	0	Dirks dh	3	1	1	0
SRdrgz 2b	2	0	0	0	RSantg 2b	3	0	0	0
Kppngr ph-2b	2	1	1	0	Kelly lf	3	0	1	0
Brignc ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	31	4	5	3	Totals	31	2	6	1

Tampa Bay 000 000 004 — 4
Detroit 100 010 000 — 2

DP—Tampa Bay 2, Detroit 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 3. 2B—Dirks (1). CS—Lobaton (1), Jh.Peralta (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Shields W,1-0	8	6	2	2	1	5
Rodney S,3-3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit						
Verlander L,0-1	8 1-3	4	4	4	2	7
Schlereth	0	0	0	0	1	0
Valverde	2-3	1	0	0	1	0

Schlereth pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
WP—Verlander. Balk—Shields, Verlander.
T—2:48. A—28,180 (41,255).

WHITE SOX 10, INDIANS 6

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	5	2	2	2	Branty cf	4	0	0	0
Morel 3b	3	3	0	0	ACarer ss	4	1	2	0
A.Dunn dh	5	1	2	1	Choo rf	3	1	0	0
Konerk 1b	3	2	2	2	CSantn c	3	1	0	0
Przyns c	4	1	3	4	Hafner dh	5	2	2	3
AlRmrz ss	5	0	0	0	Duncan lf	5	1	3	2
Fukdm rf	4	0	1	0	Ktchm 1b	5	0	1	0
Viciedo lf	4	0	0	0	Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0
Lillirdg lf	0	0	0	0	Hannhn 3b	4	0	2	0
Bckhm 2b	4	1	1	0					
Totals	37	10	11	9	Totals	37	6	10	5

Chicago 400 015 000 — 10
Cleveland 100 120 200 — 6

E—Beckham (1), Hannahan (2), Kotchman (1). DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Chicago 5, Cleveland 11. 2B—Konerko (3), Beckham (2), A.Cabrera (1), Hafner (1). HR—De Aza (2), Pierzynski (2), Hafner (1), Duncan (1). S—Morel, Kipnis. SF—Pierzynski.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Danks W,1-1	5 2-3	7	4	4	5	3
Ohman	1 1-3	1	2	2	1	2
Crain	1	1	0	0	0	2
Thornton	1	1	0	0	0	2
Cleveland						
Masterson L,0-1	5	8	5	3	1	2
Wheeler	1-3	2	3	3	1	0
R.Perez	2-3	1	2	2	1	0
J.Gomez	2	0	0	0	0	3
Asencio	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Danks 2, Crain, Masterson.

T—3:04. A—9,072 (43,429).

BLUE JAYS 3, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	3	0	1	1	YEscor ss	3	0	1	2
Pedroia 2b	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	0	0	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	3	0	0	0
Youkils 3b	4	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	3	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	BFrncs dh	3	0	0	0
DMcDn rf	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Ross lf	3	0	1	0	Thams lf	3	1	1	0
Aviles ss	3	1	1	0	Rasms cf	0	0	0	0
Shppch c	3	0	0	0	Arencii c	3	0	0	0
					RDavis cf-lf	2	2	1	1
Totals	30	1	3	1	Totals	26	3	3	3

Boston 001 000 000 — 1
Toronto 002 000 01x — 3

LOB—Boston 4, Toronto 2. 3B—R.Davis (1). SB—R.Davis (2). SF—Y.Escobar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Lester L,0-1	8	3	3	3	2	6
Toronto						
R.Romero W,1-0	8 1-3	3	1	1	2	5
Santos S,1-3	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Lester. PB—Shoppach.
T—2:13. A—25,285 (49,260).

TWINS 6, ANGELS 5

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Aybar ss	4	0	1	0	Span cf	3	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	4	1	0	0	JCarrll ss	4	1	2	1
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	1	Mauer c	4	1	1	1
KMorls dh	4	0	0	0	Mornea dh	4	0	1	0
TrHntr rf	4	1	2	0	Wrngh lf	4	1	1	2
V.Wells lf	4	1	1	0	Doumit rf	4	1	1	0
Callasp 3b	4	0	0	0	Valenci 3b	3	1	1	0
Iannett c	3	1	2	1	Parmel 1b	3	1	2	2
Bourjos cf	3	1	1	3	ACasill 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	8	5	Totals	32	6	9	6

Los Angeles 000 130 100 — 5
Minnesota 000 300 30x — 6

DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 3. 2B—Tor.Hunter 2 (2), Iannetta (3), J.Carroll (1). 3B—Parmelee (1). HR—Bourjos (1), Willingham (3). SB—H.Kendrick (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Weaver	6	7	5	5	1	7
Takahashi L,0-1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Hawkins	1	1	0	0	0	1
Isringhausen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Pavano	6 2-3	7	5	5	0	3
Gray W,1-0	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Perkins	1	0	0	0	0	2
Capps S,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Weaver pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
Takahashi pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
T—2:47. A—31,413 (39,500).

YANKEES 6, ORIOLES 4, 10 INNINGS

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	4	1	1	1	Reimld lf	5	0	1	0
Grndrs cf	5	1	2	3	Hardy ss	4	1	2	0
Cano 2b	5	0	0	0	Markks rf	4	0	0	0
ARdrgz 3b	4	0	1	0	AdJons cf	5	1	1	0
ENunez pr-3b	1	0	1	0	Wieters c	5	1	2	0
ErChvz 3b	0	0	0	0	MrRynl 3b	3	1	1	2
Teixeir 1b	5	1	2	0	RPauln dh	5	0	2	0
Swisher rf	5	1	1	2	Betemt 1b	5	0	0	0
Ibanez dh	3	1	0	0	Andino 2b	4	0	1	2
Martin c	3	1	1	0					
Gardnr lf	4	0	1	0					
Totals	39	6	10	6	Totals	40	4	10	4

New York 200 010 100 2 — 6
Baltimore 020 020 000 0 — 4

E—Wieters (1). LOB—New York 7, Baltimore 10. 2B—Jeter (2), Teixeira (2), Reimold (1), Mar.Reynolds (2). HR—Granderson (1), Swisher (2). SB—E.Nunez (1), Ibanez (2), Ad.Jones (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Sabathia	6	8	4	4	2	8
Logan	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	1
R.Soriano W,1-0	1 1-3	1	0	0	2	2
M.Rivera S,2-3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Baltimore						
Arrieta	6 2-3	5	4	4	1	5
Ayala BS,1-1	1 1-3	2	0	0	2	2
Gregg L,0-1	2	3	2	2	0	1

HBP—by Arrieta (Martin).
T—3:42. A—22,919 (45,971).

TWINS 6, ANGELS 5

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Aybar ss	4	0	1	0	Span cf	3	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	4	1	0	0	JCarrll ss	4	1	2	1
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	1	Mauer c	4	1	1	1
KMorls dh	4	0	0	0	Mornea dh	4	0	1	0
TrHntr rf	4	1	2	0	Wrngh lf	4	1	1	2
V.Wells lf	4	1	1	0	Doumit rf	4	1	1	0
Callasp 3b	4	0	0	0	Valenci 3b	3	1	1	0
Iannett c	3	1	2	1	Parmel 1b	3	1	2	2
Bourjos cf	3	1	1	3	ACasill 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	8	5	Totals	32	6	9	6

Los Angeles 000 130 100 — 5
Minnesota 000 300 30x — 6

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Weaver	6	7	5	5	1	7
Takahashi L,0-1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Hawkins	1	1	0	0	0	1
Isringhausen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Pavano	6 2-3	7	5	5	0	3
Gray W,1-0	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Perkins	1	0	0	0	0	2
Capps S,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Weaver pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
Takahashi pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
T—2:47. A—31,413 (39,500).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-1	3-0	1-1
Toronto	4	2	.667	1/2	—	4-2	W-2	2-1	2-1
Baltimore	3	3	.500	1 1/2	1	3-3	L-3	3-3	0-0
New York	3	3	.500	1 1/2	1	3-3	W-3	0-0	3-3
Boston	1	5	.167	3 1/2	3	1-5	L-2	0-0	1-5
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	L-1	4-1	0-0
Chicago	3	2	.600	1	1/2	3-2	W-2	0-0	3-2
Kansas City	3	3	.500	1 1/2	1	3-3	L-1	0-0	3-3
Cleveland	1	4	.200	3	2 1/2	1-4	L-2	1-4	0-0
Minnesota	1	4	.200	3	2 1/2	1-4	W-1	1-1	0-3
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	4	2	.667	—	—	4-2	L-1	4-2	0-0
Seattle	4	3	.571	1/2	1/2	4-3	W-1	0-0	4-3
Oakland	3	4	.429	1 1/2	1 1/2	3-4	W-1	3-4	0-0
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	1 1/2	1 1/2	2-3	L-1	1-2	1-1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	4	2	.667	—	1/2	4-2	L-2	4-2	0-0
Washington	4	2	.667	—	1/2	4-2	W-2	0-0	4-2
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1 1/2	2	2-3	W-1	1-1	1-2
Atlanta	2	4	.333	2	2 1/2	2-4	W-2	0-0	2-4
Miami	2	4	.333	2	2 1/2	2-4	L-1	0-1	2-3
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	5	2	.714	—	—	5-2	L-1	0-0	5-2
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	1/2	1/2	4-2	W-3	1-2	3-0
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	1 1/2	1 1/2	3-3	W-1	3-3	0-0
Houston	3	3	.500	1 1/2	1 1/2	3-3	L-2	3-3	0-0
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1 1/2	1 1/2	2-2	L-1	2-1	0-1
Chicago	1	5	.167	3 1/2	3 1/2	1-5	L-3	1-5	0-0
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Arizona	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	L-1	3-0	1-1
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-1	1-0	3-1
San Diego	2	4	.333	2 1/2	2 1/2	2-4	W-1	2-4	0-0
Colorado	1	3	.250	2 1/2	2 1/2	1-3	L-3	0-1	1-2
San Francisco	1	3	.250	2 1/2	2 1/2	1-3	W-1	0-0	1-3

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland 6
Toronto 3, Boston 1
Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 2
Oakland 5, Kansas City 4, 12 innings
N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 4, 10 innings
Seattle 4, Texas 3
Minnesota 6, L.A. Angels 5

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Niemann 0-0) at Detroit (Smyly 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 0-1) at Minnesota (Liriano 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 1-0) at Texas (D.Holland 0-0), 1:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 3
Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 0
Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 1
San Diego 2, Arizona 1
Philadelphia 7, Miami 1
Atlanta 6, Houston 3
San Francisco at Colorado, late
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Latos 0-1) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 0-0), 13:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 1:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-1) at Colorado (Moyer 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Miami (Buehrle 0-1) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 1-0) at San Diego (Bass 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Karstens 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

NL Boxes

BRAVES 6, ASTROS 3

Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	5	0	0	0	Schafer cf	4	1	2	0
Prado lf	3	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	5	0	2	0
Fremn 1b	5	0	2	0	JMrtnz lf	4	1	2	2
C.Jones 3b	5	1	2	0	CaLee 1b	4	0	1	1
Uggla 2b	5	2	1	0	T.Buck rf	3	0	0	0
Heywrd rf	4	2	3	2	MDwns ph	1	0	0	0
D.Ross c	4	0	2	2	FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0
JWilson ss	3	0	0	1	Wrght p	0	0	0	0
Delgad p	2	0	0	0	Lyon p	0	0	0	0
JFrncs ph	1	0	0	0	CJhnsn 3b	4	0	2	0
CMrtnz p	0	0	0	0	JCastro c	2	0	0	0
OFlhrt p	0	0	0	0	CSnydr ph-c	1	0	0	0
Hinske ph	1	0	0	0	MGnzlz ss	4	1	1	0
Venters p	0	0	0	0	WRdrg p	1	0	0	0
Kimrel p	0	0	0	0	Bixler ph	1	0	0	0
					R.Cruz p	0	0	0	0
					Maxwll ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	6	11	5	Totals	35	3	10	3

Atlanta 010 300 011 — 6
Houston 100 010 100 — 3

E—C.Jones (1), W.Rodriguez (2), T.Buck (1), Maxwell (1), M.Gonzalez (1). DP—Atlanta 2, Houston 1. LOB—Atlanta 8, Houston 10. 2B—Freeman (1), D.Ross (1). HR—Heyward (1), J.Martinez (2). SB—Heyward (2). S—J.Wilson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
Delgado W,1-0	5	5	2	2	2	6
C.Martinez	1	2	0	0	0	0
O'Flaherty	1	2	1	1	2	1
Venters	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kimbrel S,2-2	1	1	0	0	1	3
Houston						
W.Rodriguez L,0-1	5	6	4	3	1	5
R.Cruz	2	2	0	0	0	2
Fe.Rodriguez	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
W.Wright	1	1	1	0	1	1
Lyon	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Delgado, W.Rodriguez 2.
T—3:21. A—18,225 (40,981).

PADRES 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Blmqst ss	4	1	2	0	Maybin cf	3	1	0	0
A.Hill 2b	5	0	0	0	Denorfi rf-lf	4	1	1	2
J.Upton rf	3	0	0	0	Headly 3b	3	0	1	0
MMntr c	4	0	0	0	Guzmn lf	4	0	1	0
CYoung cf	2	0	1	0	Street p	0	0	0	0
Kubel lf	3	0	2	1	Hundly c	2	0	0	0
GParra lf	0	0	0	0	Blanks 1b	3	0	1	0
Gldsch 1b	4	0	0	0	OHudsn 2b	3	0	1	0
RRorts 3b	3	0	0	0	Parrino ss	2	0	0	0
JSndrs p	3	0	0	0	Luebke p	2	0	0	0
Blum ph	1	0	0	0	Brach p	0	0	0	0
DHrndz p	0	0	0	0	Spence p	0	0	0	0
					Frieri p	0	0	0	0
					Venale ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	5	1	Totals	27	2	5	2

Arizona 100 000 000 — 1
San Diego 000 000 02x — 2

E—Hundley (1). DP—Arizona 1. LOB—Arizona 11, San Diego 5. 3B—Bloomquist (1). HR—Denorfia (1). SB—Bloomquist (2). CS—O.Hudson (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
J.Saunders	7	4	0	0	2	4
D.Hernandez L,0-1	1	1	2	2	1	0
San Diego						
Luebke	5 1-3	4	1	1	4	5
Brach	1	1	0	0	2	1
Spence	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Frieri W,1-0	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	2
Street S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by J.Saunders (Parrino).
T—2:58. A—16,091 (42,691).

BREWERS 2, CUBS 1

Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Aoki lf	3	0	1	0	DeJess rf	3	1	1	0
Morgan rf	3	0	0	0	Barney 2b	4	0	1	0
RWeks 2b	3	0	0	0	SCastro ss	2	0	0	1
ArRmr 3b	4	0	0	0	ASorin lf	3	0	0	0
Gamel 1b	4	1	2	0	Marml p	0	0	0	0
AlGnzlz ss	4	0	0	0	IStewrt 3b	4	0	2	0
Kottars c	3	1	2	2	LaHair 1b	3	0	1	0
CGomz cf	3	0	0	0	Soto c	4	0	0	0
Gallard p	3	0	0	0	Byrd cf	3	0	0	0
FrRdrg p	0	0	0	0	Clevngr ph	1	0	1	0
Axford p	0	0	0	0	Mather pr	0	0	0	0
					Dmpstr p	2	0	0	0
					Russell p	0	0	0	0
					DeWitt ph	1	0	0	0
					K.Wood p	0	0	0	0
					RJhnsn lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	5	2	Totals	31	1	6	1

Milwaukee 000 000 200 — 2
Chicago 100 000 000 — 1

E—Soto (1), S.Castro (2). DP—Milwaukee 1, Chicago 2. LOB—Milwaukee 6, Chicago 8. 2B—Gamel (1), DeJesus (1), Clevenger (1). HR—Kottaras (2). SB—C.Gomez (1), S.Castro (5). S—Morgan. SF—S.Castro.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Gallardo W,1-1	7	5	1	1	2	6
Fr.Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	2	3
Axford S,2-2	1	1	0	0	0	3
Chicago						
Dempster L,0-1	6 2-3	5	2	2	3	5
Russell	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
K.Wood	1	0	0	0	0	3
Marmol	1	0	0	0	1	2

Balk—Dempster.
T—2:59. A—34,044 (41,009).

NATIONALS 4, METS 0

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Dsmnd ss	5	1	2	0	Tejada ss	4	0	1	0
Espinos 2b	3	0	1	0	DnMrp 2b	3	0	1	0
Zmmrn 3b	4	1	1	0	Duda rf	3	0	0	0
Werth cf-rf	3	0	1	0	I.Davis 1b	4	0	1	0
DeRosa lf	2	1	1	1	Bay lf	3	0	0	0
LaRoch 1b	4	0	0	0	RRmrz p	0	0	0	0
Nady rf	5	1	2	0	Rauch p	0	0	0	0
HRdrgz p	0	0	0	0	Turner ph	1	0	0	0
Flores c	3	0	1	1	Batista p	0	0	0	0
Strasrg p	2	0	0	0	Byrdak p	0	0	0	0
Lmrdzz ph	1	0	0	0	Thole c	3	0	0	0
Matths p	0	0	0	0	Niwnhs cf	3	0	0	0
Tracy ph	1	0	0	1	Cedeno 3b	3	0	1	0
SBurntt p	0	0	0	0	JSantn p	2	0	0	0
BCarrll ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Acosta p	0	0	0	0
					Hairstn lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	9	3	Totals	30	0	3	0

Washington 010 000 111 — 4
New York 000 000 000 — 0

E—Espinosa (2). DP—New York 1. LOB—Washington 14, New York 8. 2B—Desmond (2). SB—Nady (1). CS—Espinosa (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
Strasburg W,1-0	6	2	0	0	3	9
Mattheus	1	0	0	0	1	2
S.Burnett	1	1	0	0	0	2
H.Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	2
New York						
J.Santana L,0-1	5	5	1	1	3	8
Acosta	1 1-3	1	1	1	3	0
R.Ramirez	1	2	1	1	2	1
Rauch	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Batista	0	1	1	1	1	0
Byrdak	1	0	0	0	1	1

J.Santana pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
Batista pitched to 3 batters in the 9th.
HBP—by Strasburg (Cedeno), by Batista (Werth). WP—Strasburg, J.Santana. PB—Thole.
T—3:36. A—34,614 (41,922).

REDS 4, CARDINALS 3

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	4	1	1	1	Stubbs cf	5	1	2	0
Jay cf	3	1	1	2	Cozart ss	5	1	2	0
Hollidy lf	4	0	1	0	Votto 1b	5	2	4	1
MCrpnt 1b	4	0	1	0	Ludwck lf	3	0	0	0
YMolin c	3	0	0	0	Bruce rf	4	0	1	1
Descals 3b	3	0	1	0	Cairo 3b	3	0	0	0
Greene 2b	4	0	1	0	Chpmn p	0	0	0	0
Komats rf	4	0	1	0	Heisey ph	1	0	1	1
JGarci p	2	1	1	0	Valdez 2b	4	0	3	1
VMarte p	0	0	0	0	Hanign c	3	0	1	0
Roinsn ph	1	0	0	0	Cueto p	1	0	0	0
McCllin p	0	0	0	0	Harris ph	1	0	0	0
Freese ph	1	0	0	0	Arrdnd p	0	0	0	0
Rzpczy p	0	0	0	0	Bray p	0	0	0	0
Salas p	0	0	0	0	Ondrsk p	0	0	0	0
					Rolen 3b	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	3	8	3	Totals	36	4	14	4

St. Louis 003 000 000 — 3
Cincinnati 001 020 001 — 4

One out when winning run scored.

DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 13. 2B—Votto 2 (2). 3B—Furcal (1). HR—Jay (1). S—Descalso, Cueto. SF—Bruce.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
J.Garcia	4 2-3	11	3	3	1	4
V.Marte	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	1
McClellan	2	1	0	0	1	1
Rzepczynski L,0-1	1-3	1	1	1	1	1
Salas	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati						
Cueto	5	7	3	3	0	3
Arredondo	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Bray	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ondrusek	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Chapman W,2-0	2	1	0	0	0	5

Bray pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
Salas pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
HBP—by Cueto (Furcal).
T—2:56. A—20,672 (42,319).

PHILLIES 7, MARLINS 1

Miami	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes ss	4	0	0	0	Pierre lf	5	1	1	0
Bonifac cf	4	0	1	0	Polanc 3b	5	1	2	1
HRmrz 3b	4	0	1	0	Rollins ss	5	2	2	1
Stanton rf	4	0	2	0	Pence rf	4	1	3	1
Morrsn lf	3	0	0	0	Victorn cf	4	1	2	1
GSnchz 1b	4	0	0	0	Mayrry 1b	4	0	1	0
Infante 2b	3	1	1	0	Ruiz c	3	1	2	1
J.Buck c	3	0	0	0	Galvis 2b	4	0	1	2
JJhnsn p	1	0	0	1	Hallady p	3	0	0	0
Gaudin p	1	0	0	0	Thome ph	1	0	0	0
Coghln ph	1	0	0	0	Qualls p	0	0	0	0
Webb p	0	0	0	0	Stutes p	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	5	1	Totals	38	7	14	7

Miami 010 000 000 — 1
Philadelphia 005 100 10x — 7

E—Morrison (1). LOB—Miami 5, Philadelphia 8. 2B—H.Ramirez (2), Infante (2), Ruiz (1), Galvis (2). HR—Ruiz (1). SB—Pierre (2), Victorino 2 (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Miami						
Jo.Johnson L,0-2	3 2-3	11	6	6	1	1
Gaudin	2 1-3	2	0	0	0	2
Webb	2	1	1	1	0	1
Philadelphia						
Halladay W,2-0	7	5	1	1	1	3
Qualls	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stutes	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:47. A—45,359 (43,651).

Late Boxes

ROYALS 3, ATHLETICS 0, 7 INNINGS

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	3	0	0	0	JWeeks 2b	3	0	0	0
AEscor ss	4	0	0	0	Crisp lf	3	0	0	0
Hosmer 1b	4	0	0	0	Cespds cf	2	0	0	0
Butler dh	3	1	2	0	Gomes dh	2	0	0	0
Francr rf	3	1	2	0	S.Smith dh	1	0	0	0
Mostks 3b	3	0	1	1	Dnldsn 3b	3	0	0	0
L.Cain cf	1	0	1	0	Cowgill rf	1	0	0	0
Maier ph-cf	2	1	1	1	Barton 1b	2	0	0	0
Quinter c	1	0	0	1	Recker c	1	0	0	0
Getz 2b	3	0	0	0	Pnngtn ss	2	0	1	0
Totals	27	3	7	3	Totals	20	0	1	0

Kansas City 000 200 10 — 3
Oakland 000 000 0x — 0

DP—Kansas City 1, Oakland 1. LOB—Kansas City 4, Oakland 3. 2B—Butler (2), Moustakas (1), Pennington (2). HR—Maier (1). CS—Butler (1), Getz (1). SF—Quintero.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Duffy W,1-0	6	1	0	0	4	8
Crow S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Oakland						
Godfrey L,0-1	6	6	2	2	1	1
Blevins	1	1	1	1	1	1
Carignan	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:13. A—10,670 (35,067).

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PADRES 2, 11 INNINGS

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Blmqst ss	5	1	1	0	Maybin cf	4	0	0	0
GParra rf-lf	4	1	1	0	Venale rf	4	0	1	0
CYoung cf	5	1	1	2	Headly 3b	4	1	1	0
MMntr c	5	1	2	0	Guzmn lf	5	0	0	1
Gldsch 1b	5	0	2	2	Alonso 1b	5	0	1	0
Kubel lf	5	0	0	0	Hundly c	3	0	0	0
Putz p	0	0	0	0	OHudsn 2b	5	1	1	0
RRorts 3b	3	0	0	0	Bartlett ss	4	0	1	1
A.Hill 2b	3	0	0	0	Volquez p	1	0	0	0
Cahill p	2	0	0	0	Hermid ph	0	0	0	0
Blum ph	1	0	0	0	Thtchr p	0	0	0	0
Ziegler p	0	0	0	0	Grgrsn p	0	0	0	0
Shaw p	0	0	0	0	Street p	0	0	0	0
DHrndz p	0	0	0	0	Denorfi ph	1	0	1	0
Overay ph	1	0	0	0	Owings p	0	0	0	0
Breslw p	0	0	0	0					
J.Upton rf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	39	4	7	4	Totals	36	2	6	2

Arizona 200 000 000 02 — 4
San Diego 001 000 100 00 — 2

E—M.Montero (2). DP—Arizona 1. LOB—Arizona 6, San Diego 9. 2B—Goldschmidt (1), Headley (1). 3B—O.Hudson (1). HR—C.Young (2). SB—Goldschmidt (1), R.Roberts 2 (2), Hermida (1). CS—G.Parra (1), Venable (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Cahill	6	2	1	1	6	5
Ziegler	2-3	2	1	1	1	1
Shaw	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
D.Hernandez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Breslow W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Putz S,3-3	1	1	0	0	0	1
San Diego						
Volquez	7	5	2	2	3	8
Thatcher	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Gregerson	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Street	1	0	0	0	0	1
Owings L,0-1	2	2	2	2	0	1

HBP—by Owings (G.Parra). WP—Cahill. PB—M.Montero.
T—3:28. A—18,652 (42,691).

NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday's Scores
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT, Philadelphia leads series 1-0
Nashville 3, Detroit 2, Nashville leads series 1-0
Los Angeles at Vancouver, late

Today
Ottawa at NY Rangers, 6 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARIES

FLYERS 4, PENGUINS 3, OT
Philadelphia ....0 1 2 1 — 4
Pittsburgh ....3 0 0 0 — 3

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Crosby 1 (Dupuis, Letang), 3:43. 2, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 1 (Staal, Letang), 7:49. 3, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 1 (Sullivan, Crosby), 19:23.
Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Briere 1 (Schenn), 6:22.
Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Briere 2 (Schenn), 9:17. 6, Philadelphia, Schenn 1 (Hartnell, Jagr), 12:23 (pp).
First Overtime—7, Philadelphia, Voracek 1 (Carle, Read), 2:23.
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 6-7-11-2—26. Pittsburgh 13-10-5-0—28.
Goalies—Philadelphia, Bryzgalov. Pittsburgh, Fleury. A—18,565 (18,387). T—2:43.

PREDATORS 3, RED WINGS 2
Detroit ....0 1 1 — 2
Nashville ....1 1 1 — 3

First Period—1, Nashville, Gaustad 1 (Yip, Bouillon), 6:59.
Second Period—2, Detroit, Zetterberg 1, 2:29 (pp). 3, Nashville, Bourque 1 (Halischuk), 12:29.
Third Period—4, Nashville, Bourque 2 (Spaling, Hornqvist), 11:35. 5, Detroit, Holmstrom 1 (Quincey, V.Filppula), 17:53 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Detroit 5-16-16—37. Nashville 13-6-7—26.
Goalies—Detroit, Howard. Nashville, Rinne. A—17,113 (17,113). T—2:32.

Texas League

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	4	2	.667	—
Springfield	3	3	.500	1
Arkansas	2	4	.333	2
Northwest Arkansas	2	4	.333	2
South Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	4	2	.667	—
Corpus Christi	3	3	.500	1
Midland	3	3	.500	1
San Antonio	3	3	.500	1

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Today's Games
Corpus Christi at Northwest Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Springfield at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

Coll. Baseball

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 8, Louisiana-Monroe 7
TCU 5, Texas-Arlington 1
Texas Southern 5, Houston Baptist 4
Texas Tech 7, Dallas Baptist 1

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	24	.586	—
Philadelphia	31	27	.534	3
New York	30	28	.517	4
New Jersey	21	38	.356	13 1/2
Toronto	20	39	.339	14 1/2
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	40	16	.714	—
Atlanta	34	24	.586	7
Orlando	34	24	.586	7
Washington	14	44	.241	27
Charlotte	7	49	.125	33
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	44	14	.759	—
Indiana	36	22	.621	8
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	16
Detroit	21	36	.368	22 1/2
Cleveland	19	37	.339	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	40	16	.714	—
Memphis	34	23	.596	6 1/2
Dallas	32	26	.552	9
Houston	32	26	.552	9
New Orleans	16	42	.276	25
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	42	16	.724	—
Denver	32	26	.552	10
Utah	31	28	.525	11 1/2
Portland	27	31	.466	15
Minnesota	25	34	.424	17 1/2
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	37	22	.627	—
L.A. Clippers	35	23	.603	1 1/2
Phoenix	30	28	.517	6 1/2
Golden State	22	34	.393	13 1/2
Sacramento	19	40	.322	18

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Scores
Indiana 104, Cleveland 98, OT
Philadelphia 93, Toronto 75
Utah 103, Houston 91
L.A. Clippers 100, Oklahoma City 98
New Orleans 105, Sacramento 96
Memphis 104, Phoenix 93
New York 111, Milwaukee 107
Boston 88, Atlanta 86, OT
L.A. Lakers 98, San Antonio 84
Denver 113, Minnesota 107
Golden State at Portland, late

Today's Games
Detroit at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES

LAKERS 98, SPURS 84
L.A. LAKERS (98): World Peace 10-15 1-3 26, Gasol 9-24 3-3 21, Bynum 7-20 2-4 16, Sessions 4-9 1-2 10, Ebanks 0-4 0-0 0, Blake 4-7 0-0 10, Barnes 5-8 0-0 13, Murphy 0-0 0-0 0, McRoberts 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 40-89 7-12 98.
SAN ANTONIO (84): Leonard 1-4 0-0 2, Duncan 7-14 0-2 14, Blair 0-2 0-0 0, Parker 2-12 0-0 4, Green 7-11 3-3 22, Ginobili 3-8 2-4 9, Bonner 3-7 0-0 9, Jackson 2-4 0-0 6, Splitter 3-4 0-0 6, Mills 3-11 0-0 7, Diaw 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 33-81 5-9 84.
L.A. Lakers 24 24 27 23 — 98
San Antonio 21 22 16 25 — 84
3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-23 (World Peace 5-8, Barnes 3-6, Blake 2-4, Sessions 1-2, Ebanks 0-1, Gasol 0-2), San Antonio 13-24 (Green 5-6, Bonner 3-4, Jackson 2-3, Anderson 1-2, Ginobili 1-4, Mills 1-4, Leonard 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 67 (Bynum 30), San Antonio 39 (Leonard, Jackson 5). Assists—L.A. Lakers 23 (Sessions 5), San Antonio 26 (Parker 8). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 10, San Antonio 14. A—18,581 (18,797).

JAZZ 103, ROCKETS 91
UTAH (103): Carroll 4-8 2-2 10, Millsap 9-19 3-6 21, Jefferson 6-14 3-3 15, Harris 3-7 0-0 6, Hayward 9-14 7-7 29, Favors 4-5 2-4 10, Kanter 0-0 0-0 0, Burks 2-4 0-0 5, Tinsley 3-7 0-0 7. Totals 40-78 17-22 103.
HOUSTON (91): Parsons 5-11 1-1 13, Scola 5-13 0-0 10, Camby 4-7 1-2 9, Dragic 3-13 13-14 19, Lee 4-11 1-1 9, Budinger 2-11 1-2 6, Patterson 5-12 0-0 10, Lowry 3-8 8-9 15, Dalembert 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-87 25-29 91.
Utah 30 26 24 23 — 103
Houston 26 20 21 24 — 91
3-Point Goals—Utah 6-14 (Hayward 4-5, Burks 1-2, Tinsley 1-4, Carroll 0-1, Harris 0-2), Houston 4-20 (Parsons 2-3, Lowry 1-3, Budinger 1-7, Lee 0-2, Dragic 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 50 (Favors 11), Houston 53 (Camby 13). Assists—Utah 23 (Hayward 6), Houston 21 (Dragic 7). Total Fouls—Utah 23, Houston 17. A—18,273 (18,043).

CLIPPERS 100, THUNDER 98
L.A. CLIPPERS (100): Butler 4-8 0-0 9, Griffin 6-15 4-5 16, Jordan 3-4 2-2 8, Paul 11-20 7-7 31, Foye 2-10 2-2 7, Martin 6-9 0-0 12, Young 3-7 4-5 10, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Simmons 1-1 0-0 3, Bledsoe 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 38-81 19-21 100.
OKLAHOMA CITY (98): Durant 7-21 5-5 22, Ibaka 6-7 0-0 12, Perkins 4-9 0-0 8, Westbrook 3-14 13-15 20, Sefolosha 2-4 0-0 6, Collison 0-3 0-0 0, Harden 4-8 6-7 17, Mohammed 1-2 0-0 2, Fisher 3-5 0-0 8, Cook 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 31-76 24-27 98.
L.A. Clippers 21 27 28 24 — 100
Oklahoma City 24 31 25 18 — 98
3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 5-16 (Paul 2-4, Simmons 1-1, Butler 1-2, Foye 1-4, Martin 0-1, Young 0-2, Bledsoe 0-2), Oklahoma City 12-26 (Harden 3-6, Durant 3-8, Fisher 2-2, Sefolosha 2-2, Cook 1-3, Westbrook 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 47 (Griffin 12), Oklahoma City 46 (Durant 9). Assists—L.A. Clippers 22 (Griffin 7), Oklahoma City 21 (Westbrook 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 23, Oklahoma City 20. Technicals—L.A. Clippers defensive three second, Oklahoma City defensive three second. A—18,203 (18,203).

PACERS 104, CAVALIERS 98, OT
INDIANA (104): Granger 8-18 5-5 23, West 6-9 7-8 19, Hibbert 4-9 3-6 11, Hill 7-14 1-4 17, George 3-6 0-0 6, Barbosa 3-7 0-0 9, Hansbrough 1-5 7-7 9, Amundson 1-1 0-0 2, Price 2-6 1-2 5, Jones 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 36-77 24-32 104.
CLEVELAND (98): Gee 3-11 1-1 7, Jamison 8-18 5-8 21, Thompson 4-7 2-3 10, Sloan 4-6 0-0 8, Parker 2-8 2-2 7, Hudson 8-20 2-2 19, Erden 1-1 0-0 2, Harris 3-4 0-0 6, Samuels 6-7 1-1 13, Walton 0-2 0-0 0, Casspi 1-4 2-2 5. Totals 40-88 15-19 98.
Indiana 28 18 27 21 10 — 104
Cleveland 25 21 20 28 4 — 98
3-Point Goals—Indiana 8-20 (Barbosa 3-4, Granger 2-5, Hill 2-5, Jones 1-1, George 0-2, Price 0-3), Cleveland 3-21 (Parker 1-2, Casspi 1-3, Hudson 1-9, Harris 0-1, Walton 0-2, Jamison 0-2, Gee 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 55 (Hibbert 11), Cleveland 46 (Thompson, Jamison 8). Assists—Indiana 20 (Hibbert, Hill 5), Cleveland 26 (Sloan 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 24, Cleveland 24. A—14,307 (20,562).

76ERS 93, RAPTORS 75
PHILADELPHIA (93): Iguodala 4-7 1-2 10, Brand 4-9 3-4 11, Vucevic 5-9 2-2 12, Holiday 4-9 0-2 8, Meeks 3-7 1-1 7, T.Young 8-12 1-3 17, Williams 4-8 2-2 10, Hawes 5-9 0-0 10, Turner 3-6 0-0 6, S.Young 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-77 10-16 93.
TORONTO (75): Anderson 4-12 4-5 13, A.Johnson 1-8 0-0 2, Gray 0-4 0-0 0, Calderon 3-5 2-2 9, DeRozan 5-9 1-1 11, Davis 5-12 3-4 13, Dentmon 2-3 0-0 5, Forbes 4-10 0-0 10, J.Johnson 2-11 0-0 5, Kleiza 2-5 0-0 5, Alabi 0-0 0-0 0, Uzoh 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-80 10-12 75.
Philadelphia 20 22 21 30 — 93
Toronto 20 17 20 18 — 75
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 1-10 (Iguodala 1-2, Brand 0-1, Holiday 0-1, Williams 0-2, Meeks 0-4), Toronto 7-18 (Forbes 2-4, Dentmon 1-1, Calderon 1-2, J.Johnson 1-2, Kleiza 1-3, Anderson 1-4, DeRozan 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 49 (Brand, Turner 8), Toronto 46 (Davis 13). Assists—Philadelphia 27 (Holiday 7), Toronto 18 (Davis 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 14, Toronto 15. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second 2. A—16,324 (19,800).

GRIZZLIES 104, SUNS 93
PHOENIX (93): Dudley 1-6 0-0 2, Frye 2-6 0-0 5, Gortat 9-12 1-2 19, Nash 4-10 3-4 11, Brown 6-17 2-2 18, Morris 7-12 2-2 17, Lopez 1-1 0-0 2, Telfair 3-6 0-0 7, Childress 5-7 0-0 10, Redd 0-2 2-4 2. Totals 38-79 10-14 93.
MEMPHIS (104): Gay 13-20 6-6 32, Speights 2-6 1-2 5, Gasol 4-8 0-0 8, Conley 4-8 4-4 12, Pondexter 2-4 0-0 5, Randolph 7-12 3-5 17, Mayo 5-15 2-2 15, Arenas 0-3 0-0 0, Cunningham 5-8 0-0 10. Totals 42-84 16-19 104.
Phoenix 26 27 19 21 — 93
Memphis 32 27 21 24 — 104
3-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-24 (Brown 4-10, Frye 1-4, Telfair 1-4, Morris 1-4, Nash 0-1, Redd 0-1), Memphis 4-14 (Mayo 3-7, Pondexter 1-2, Gay 0-1, Arenas 0-2, Conley 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 40 (Morris 6), Memphis 50 (Randolph 9). Assists—Phoenix 24 (Nash 10), Memphis 21 (Conley 7). Total Fouls—Phoenix 17, Memphis 19. Technicals—Brown, Nash, Telfair, Phoenix defensive three second. A—15,239 (18,119).

CELTICS 88, HAWKS 86, OT
ATLANTA (86): Jo.Johnson 5-17 4-5 14, Smith 9-19 1-2 20, Pachulia 5-8 3-7 13, Teague 8-12 4-4 21, Hinrich 2-5 1-1 5, Williams 2-7 0-0 4, I.Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, McGrady 1-3 3-4 5, Green 0-4 0-0 0, Pargo 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 34-83 16-23 86.
BOSTON (88): Pierce 6-19 1-1 14, Bass 10-17 1-2 21, Garnett 9-20 4-4 22, Rondo 3-16 4-4 10, Bradley 3-7 0-0 7, Stiemsma 3-5 0-0 6, Pavlovic 0-0 0-0 0, Pietrus 3-5 1-2 8, Dooling 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-89 11-13 88.
Atlanta 25 23 20 16 2 — 86
Boston 26 14 27 17 4 — 88
3-Point Goals—Atlanta 2-20 (Teague 1-1, Smith 1-4, McGrady 0-1, Pargo 0-1, I.Johnson 0-1, Williams 0-2, Hinrich 0-2, Green 0-3, Jo.Johnson 0-5), Boston 3-13 (Bradley 1-1, Pietrus 1-2, Pierce 1-8, Rondo 0-2). Fouled Out—Stiemsma, Garnett. Rebounds—Atlanta 46 (Smith 11), Boston 64 (Garnett 12). Assists—Atlanta 20 (Teague 6), Boston 28 (Rondo 20). Total Fouls—Atlanta 18, Boston 24. Technicals—Smith. A—18,624 (18,624).

KNICKS 111, BUCKS 107
NEW YORK (111): Fields 5-7 1-2 11, Anthony 13-26 4-5 32, Chandler 6-6 7-7 19, Davis 2-4 1-2 5, Shumpert 6-15 4-5 16, Smith 5-13 2-2 14, Bibby 0-0 0-0 0, Novak 3-6 2-2 10, Jeffries 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 41-80 23-27 111.
MILWAUKEE (107): Delfino 1-3 0-1 2, Ilyasova 1-3 0-0 3, Gooden 0-1 0-0 0, Jennings 10-20 0-1 22, Ellis 14-25 4-5 35, Udoh 3-4 2-4 8, Mbah a Moute 3-7 2-5 8, Dunleavy 5-15 7-8 19, Udrih 3-5 0-0 6, Sanders 2-2 0-0 4, Livingston 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-85 15-24 107.
New York 36 26 22 27 — 111
Milwaukee 27 35 26 19 — 107
3-Point Goals—New York 6-16 (Anthony 2-4, Smith 2-4, Novak 2-5, Shumpert 0-1, Fields 0-1, Davis 0-1), Milwaukee 8-25 (Ellis 3-7, Dunleavy 2-6, Jennings 2-9, Ilyasova 1-1, Delfino 0-1, Udrih 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 49 (Chandler 11), Milwaukee 46 (Mbah a Moute 8). Assists—New York 22 (Fields 6), Milwaukee 25 (Ellis 10). Total Fouls—New York 21, Milwaukee 22. Technicals—Anthony. A—15,534 (18,717).

NUGGETS 113, TIMBERWOLVES 107
MINNESOTA (107): Johnson 5-8 0-0 11, Love 0-5 0-0 0, Pekovic 5-6 2-2 12, Barea 5-13 1-2 12, Webster 4-7 2-2 12, Beasley 0-3 0-0 0, Williams 10-20 4-4 27, Randolph 11-16 6-8 28, Tolliver 1-5 0-0 3, Lee 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-84 15-18 107.
DENVER (113): Gallinari 7-16 1-2 18, Faried 5-9 6-8 16, Koufos 3-4 1-2 7, Lawson 9-17 6-6 24, Afflalo 7-14 4-6 21, McGee 3-4 2-4 8, Harrington 4-8 0-0 11, A.Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Brewer 3-7 2-3 8. Totals 41-82 22-31 113.
Minnesota 24 23 33 27 — 107
Denver 37 31 21 24 — 113
3-Point Goals—Minnesota 8-24 (Williams 3-9, Webster 2-4, Barea 1-2, Johnson 1-3, Tolliver 1-5, Beasley 0-1), Denver 9-22 (Harrington 3-5, Afflalo 3-5, Gallinari 3-7, Brewer 0-2, Lawson 0-3). Fouled Out—Randolph. Rebounds—Minnesota 46 (Williams 8), Denver 49 (Faried 12). Assists—Minnesota 27 (Barea 15), Denver 28 (Lawson 8). Total Fouls—Minnesota 23, Denver 25. Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second 2. A—15,823 (19,155).

HORNETS 105, KINGS 96
SACRAMENTO (96): Evans 7-15 5-6 19, Thompson 8-12 2-3 18, Cousins 3-12 1-2 7, I.Thomas 1-5 0-0 2, Thornton 9-19 4-4 25, Hayes 1-2 0-0 2, Fredette 1-5 1-2 4, Greene 1-2 0-0 3, Williams 5-11 4-4 16, Whiteside 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-83 17-23 96.
NEW ORLEANS (105): Aminu 2-4 3-4 7, Smith 10-12 2-4 22, Kaman 3-9 2-2 8, Vasquez 6-12 2-3 15, Belinelli 5-9 8-9 21, Landry 2-6 4-8 8, Henry 6-7 2-2 14, Dyson 1-5 1-3 3, L.Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Ayon 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 38-68 25-36 105.
Sacramento 29 20 21 26 — 96
New Orleans 20 30 29 26 — 105
3-Point Goals—Sacramento 7-22 (Thornton 3-9, Williams 2-4, Greene 1-2, Fredette 1-4, Evans 0-1, I.Thomas 0-2), New Orleans 4-9 (Belinelli 3-6, Vasquez 1-2, Dyson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 42 (Thompson 7), New Orleans 52 (Kaman 10). Assists—Sacramento 24 (Evans 8), New Orleans 23 (Vasquez, Dyson 5). Total Fouls—Sacramento 26, New Orleans 14. Technicals—Sacramento delay of game, New Orleans defensive three second. A—16,906 (17,188).

'Hounds Watch

Tuesday's Score
Springfield 5, Midland 2

Today's Game
Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m., Citibank Ballpark

Records
Midland 3-2, Arkansas 2-4

Radio/Internet
www.milb.com
KMCK 98.1 FM

Monday	Tuesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Midland 5, Springfield 4	Springfield 5, Midland 2		Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Samsung Mobile 500, 4:30 p.m., SPEED
Formula One, practice for Grand Prix of China, 1 a.m., SPEED

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Malaysian Open, first round (same-day tape), 8 a.m., TGC
PGA Tour, The Heritage, first round, 2 p.m., TGC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Regional coverage, Cincinnati at Washington or Tampa Bay at Detroit, noon, MLB
Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., MLB

NBA
Miami at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT and FSS

NHL
Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 1, San Jose at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m., CNBC
Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 1, Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 1, Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m., NBCSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Alpine at Midland High, 1 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
3-5A Meet, Memorial Stadium
4-3A Meet, Monahans
TAPPS 1-3A Meet, Argyle Liberty Christian
District 5-3A Meet, Abilene Wylie
10-A Area Meet, Garden City

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Joel Pineiro on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Extended their affiliate agreement with Northwest Arkansas (Texas) through 2016.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with 2B Ian Kinsler on a five-year contract through 2017.

American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Released INF Jeff Hulett and INF Justin Snyder.
SIOUX FALLS PHEASANTS—Signed RHP Ben Tootle and LHP Peter Gehle.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Signed RHP Clayton Shunick and RHP Dexter Carter.

Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS—Traded C Chris Anderson to Washington (FL) for a player to be named.

Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Released RHP Sam Briend.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed RHP Justin Gill.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS—Signed OF Jeff Harnkansee and RHP Tyler Watkins.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Placed LHP Clayton Dill, 1B Gordie Gronkowski, and 3B Nate Hall on the suspended list.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed LHP Kevin Johnson and INF Nick Lockwood. Acquired C Chris Anderson from New Jersey (Can-Am) for a player to be named. Released LHP Daniel Schmidt.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Released INF Tyler Keeble.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with LB Lance Briggs on a one-year contract extension through the 2014 season.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed DT Justin Bannan.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed OT Sean Locklear.
NEW YORK JETS—Named Neil Glat president.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed coach Joe Sacco to a two-year extension.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Assigned C Casey Cizikas Bridgeport (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned F Mika Zibanejad to Binghamton (AHL).

American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Manchester RW Justin Johnson and Worcester LW Frazer McLaren three games each, Manchester LW Richard Clune and Worcester LW Curt Gogol one game apiece for their actions during pregame warm-ups before an Apirl 10 game. Both franchises were also fined an undisclosed amount.
ALBANY DEVILS—Signed LW Reid Boucher.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS—Signed MF Harrison Henao.

COLLEGE
ARIZONA—Announced men's freshman basketball G Josiah Turner will transfer. Announced C Kyryl Natyazhko will sign with an agent and try to play pro basketball in Europe.
FLORIDA—Announced men's F Walter Pitchford will transfer.
GONZAGA—Announced men's F Ryan Spangler will transfer.
MISSISSIPPI—Signed men's basketball coach Andy Kennedy to a contract extension through the 2014-15 season.
NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Announced F DeShawn Painter and G Jaqawn Raymond will transfer.
PITTSBURGH—Announced men's sophomore basketball G Trey Zeigler will transfer from Central Michigan.
SAINT FRANCIS (PA.)—Named Bryce Cooper men's assistant soccer coach.
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI—Named Royce Chadwick women's basketball coach.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR
SPRINT CUP
SAMSUNG MOBILE 500
Site: Fort Worth
Schedule: Thursday, practice (Speed, 4:30-6:30 p.m.); Friday, practice (Speed, 2-3:30 p.m.), qualifying (Speed, 5:30-7 p.m.); Saturday, race, 6:30 p.m. (FOX, 6-10 p.m.).
Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 501 miles, 334 laps.
Last race: Ryan Newman won at Martinsville on April 1 to snap a 22-race winless streak. He took the lead off the first green-white-checker restart when a three-wide accident took out leaders Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson. A.J. Allmendinger was second.
Next race: STP 400, April 22, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kan.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

NATIONWIDE
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 300
Site: Fort Worth
Schedule: Thursday, practice; Friday, practice, qualifying (ESPN2, 4-5 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2, 7-10 p.m.).
Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.
Last race: Joey Logano gave Joe Gibbs Racing its eighth consecutive Nationwide victory at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., winning March 24.
Next race: NASCAR Nationwide Series 250, April 27, Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, Va.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
GOOD SAM ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE 200
Site: Rockingham, N.C.
Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice, qualifying; Sunday, race, 1 p.m. (Speed, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.).
Track: Rockingham Speedway (oval, 1.017 miles).
Race distance: 200 miles, 200 laps.
Last race: Kevin Harvick won the spring race at Martinsville for the third time in the past four years, leading all but two laps March 31. Richard Childress Racing teammate Ty Dillon was second.
Next race: SPF 250, April 21, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kan.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

INDYCAR
GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH
Site: Long Beach, Calif.
Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 5-6 p.m.); Sunday, race, 3:15 p.m. (NBC Sports Channel, 2:30-5:30 p.m.).
Track: Streets of Long Beach (street course, 1.968 miles).
Race distance: 167.3 miles, 85 laps.
Last race: Team Penske's Will Power won the Grand Prix of Alabama for the second straight year, holding off Target Chip Ganassi's Scott Dixon on April 1.
Next race: Sao Paulo Indy 300, April 29, Streets of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo.
Online: http://www.indycar.com

FORMULA ONE
CHINESE GRAND PRIX
Site: Shanghai.
Schedule: Friday, practice (Speed, 1-2:30 a.m.); Saturday, practice, qualifying (Speed, 1-2:30 a.m.); Sunday, race, 2 a.m. (Speed, 1:30-4 a.m., 2:30-5 p.m.).
Track: Shanghai International Circuit (road course, 3.39 miles).
Race distance: 189.7 miles, 56 laps.
Last race: Ferrari's Fernando Alonso won the Malaysian Grand Prix. Sauber's Sergio Perez was second in the race stopped for 51 minutes because of rain.
Next race: Bahrain Grand Prix, April 22, Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir, Bahrain.
Online: http://www.formula1.com

NHRA FULL THROTTLE
NHRA 4-WIDE NATIONALS
Site: Concord, N.C.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying; Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 4-6:30 p.m.); Sunday, final eliminations (ESPN2, 6-9 p.m.).
Track: zMAX Dragway.
Last event: Robert Hight raced to his third straight Funny Car victory, beating Bob Tasca III in the final in Las Vegas on April 1. Spencer Massey (Top Fuel) and Allen Johnson (Pro Stock) also won.
Next event: O'Reilly Auto Parts NHRA Spring Nationals, April 27-29, Royal Purple Raceway, Baytown, Texas.
Online: http://www.nhra.com

OTHER RACES
AMERICAN LE MANS SERIES: American Le Mans Series at Long Beach, April 14 (ESPN2, 6:30-9 p.m.), Streets of Long Beach, Long Beach, Calif. Online: http://www.americanlemans.com
WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car: Friday, Paducah International Raceway, Paducah, Ky.; Saturday, Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55, Pevely, Mo. Online: http://www.worldofoutlaws.com
U.S. AUTO RACING CLUB: Sprint Car: Saturday, Lawrenceburg Speedway, Lawrenceburg, Ind. Online: http://www.usacracing.com

TENNIS

ATP World Tour
U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships
Wednesday
At River Oaks Country Club
Houston
Purse: $442,500 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Kevin Anderson (5), South Africa, def. Joao Souza, Brazil, 6-3, 6-4.
Bobby Reynolds, United States, def. Ivo Karlovic (8), Croatia, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 6-3.
Ryan Harrison, United States, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr. (7), Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Second Round
Carlos Berlocq (6), Argentina, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 6-1, 6-0.
Feliciano Lopez (3), Spain, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Doubles
First Round
Treat Conrad Huey, Philippines, and Dominic Inglot, Britain, def. Tasuma Ito and Go Soeda, Japan, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Dick Norman (4), Belgium, def. Jamie Delgado and Ken Skupski, Britain, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 10-5.
James Blake and Sam Querrey, United States, def. Joao Souza, Brazil, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 2-6, 7-6 (10), 10-8.
Bobby Reynolds and Michael Russell, United States, def. James Cerretani and John Paul Fruttero, United States, 6-3, 6-3.

WTA
Barcelona Ladies Open
Wednesday
At Centre Municipal Tennis Vall d'Hebron
Barcelona, Spain
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Polona Hercog (8), Slovenia, 6-4, 0-0, retired.
Second Round
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Petra Cetkovska (6), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Sara Errani (7), Italy, def. Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, 6-0, 6-2.
Simona Halep, Romania, def. Roberta Vinci (4), Italy, 6-1, 6-3.
Doubles
First Round
Shahar Peer, Israel, and Paola Suarez, Argentina, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Vladimira Uhlirova (3), Czech Republic, 6-2, 2-6, 10-8 tiebreak.
Petra Cetkovska and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, and Darija Jurak (4), Croatia, 6-1, 6-2.
Quarterfinals
Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Mervana Jugic-Salkic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Sandra Klemenschits, Austria, 6-3, 6-3.

Lee QB coach takes top position at Hamshire-Fannett

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

One of the main details in the coaching profession is making critical decisions. But, sometimes those decisions have nothing to do with what happens on the field of play.

Kane Harris just made what he considers one of the toughest decisions of a career that has spanned around two decades. Harris, who served as the quarterbacks coach of the Lee football team and head coach of the Rebels track program, accepted the athletic director and head football coach position at Hamshire-Fannett High School.

Harris

Accepting the job had a bittersweet feeling.

"It was such a tough decision because I've got great kids at Lee, coach (James) Morton is unbelievable to work for and the coaching staff is a great bunch of guys. It was home for me," said Harris, who is a 1989 graduate of Greenwood. "(Becoming a head football coach) has been a goal of mine I've been trying to reach. It kind of fell into my lap. I wasn't actively searching for a job, so the opportunity kind of came out of nowhere."

The administration at Hamshire-Fannett reached out to Harris after its previous athletic director and head football coach Don Price accepted the head football job at C.E. King High School in Houston. Harris had interviewed for the job at Hamshire-Fannett two years ago when Price was selected to lead the Longhorns football program.

Harris is inheriting a program at Hamshire-Fannett, which is located about 20 miles east of Beaumont, that finished with a 2-8 record last season after going 1-9 the year before. The Longhorns were 0-10 in 2009, but their recent lack of success was far from a deterrence for Harris.

"I think it's a program on the upswing," Harris said. "It's a neat, little rural community outside of Beaumont that really reminds me of where I went to high school and grew up."

Despite the excitement of furthering his career, Harris felt a bit somber about leaving the athletes he's grown fond of at Lee.

"It's always about the kids," Harris said. "I enjoyed coaching this group of kids so much. It was a very tough decision for me to leave them. It's not about me, it's always about them."

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NHL ROUNDUP
FROM WIRE REPORTS

FLYERS 4, PENGUINS 3, OT

PITTSBURGH — Jakub Voracek beat Marc-Andre Fleury from in close 2:23 into overtime to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 4-3 comeback victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

Fleury stopped Matt Read's shot from the corner, but Voracek pounced on the rebound to cap a furious rally from a 3-0 deficit. Daniel Briere scored twice, and Brayden Schenn added a goal in his playoff debut. Ilya Brzygalov settled down after a shaky start to finish with 25 saves.

Sidney Crosby, Tyler Kennedy and Pascal Dupuis scored for the Penguins, and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 22 shots, but Pittsburgh struggled after dominating the first period.

Game 2 is Friday night in Pittsburgh.

PREDATORS 3, RED WINGS 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gabriel Bourque scored two goals in his postseason debut, and Nashville beat Detroit in Game 1 of the Western Conference series.

Paul Gaustad scored his first postseason goal, and Pekka Rinne made 35 saves. The Predators started at home after edging out Detroit for the No. 4 seed, and they started their third postseason series against their Central Division rival with their first win in the opening game.

Henrik Zetterberg and Tomas Holmstrom scored power-play goals for Detroit.

Game 2 is Friday night in Nashville.

Serena Williams on US Fed Cup team

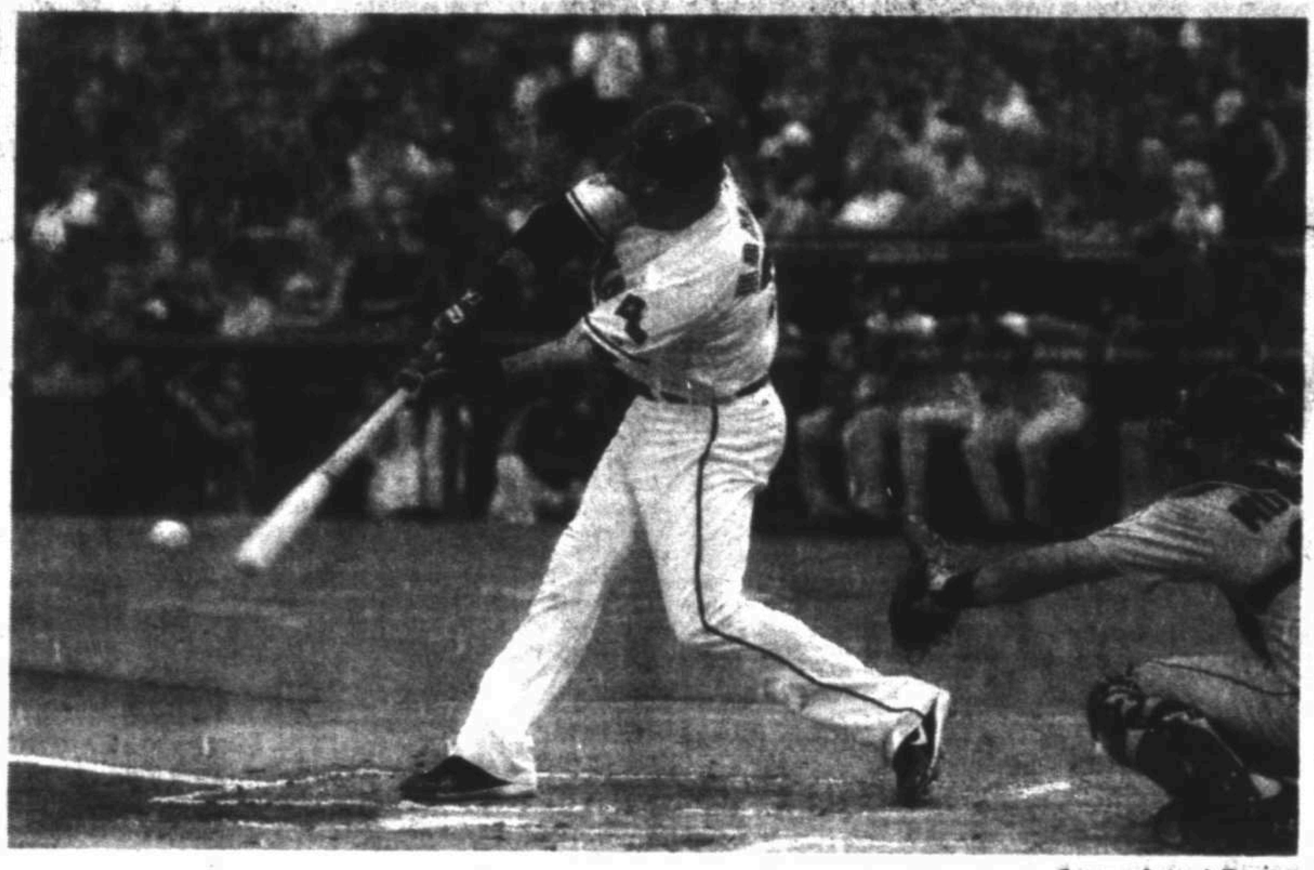
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Serena Williams is on the U.S. Fed Cup roster for matches against Ukraine on April 21-22, but her sister Venus is not.

"She just played Miami and Charleston, so she's trying to gauge now her recovery, how much she can play," U.S. Fed Cup captain Mary Joe Fernandez said Wednesday about Venus.

"She's, I believe, planning on playing a couple of tournaments now before the French Open," she said.

Venus recently returned to action after being sidelined for more than six months. She was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease, Sjogren's syndrome.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The Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton connects for a double to left off of the Seattle Mariners Kevin Millwood in the first inning Wednesday in Arlington.

Jaso helps Mariners rally for win over Rangers

Mariners	4
Rangers	3

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — John Jaso had an RBI single with two outs in the ninth to cap a three-run rally off new Rangers closer Joe Nathan and give the Seattle Mariners a 4-3 victory over the two-time defending American League champions Wednesday night.

Jaso, the No. 9 hitter playing his first game this season, had a leadoff triple in the eighth and then scored Seattle's first run on a single by Dustin Ackley.

Justin Smoak led off the ninth with a single against Nathan (0-2) before Kyle Seager's double. Jesus Montero then had a sacrifice fly and Michael Saunders an RBI double before Jaso's liner up the middle.

Rookie left-hander Lucas Luetge (1-0) had two strikeouts in 1 1-3 innings for his first major league victory. Brandon League worked the ninth for third save in three chances.

Before the Rangers bullpen faltered, Ian Kinsler and Elvis Andrus hit back-to-back homers and Colby Lewis worked 6 2-3 scoreless innings.

Texas led 1-0 with two outs in the seventh before Kinsler hit a solo homer to left. Elvis Andrus immediately followed with an even longer shot for his first of the season.

Kinsler, who earlier in the day had finalized a new $75 million, five-year deal that kicks in next season, also doubled. But with pinch-runner Brandon Snyder at second base with one out in the ninth, Kinsler struck out before Andrus had an inning-ending liner to first.

Lewis, who had nine strikeouts in his opening day victory, struck out six with no walks against the Mariners. It was his 100th major league start in a career that began with Texas in 2002 and included two seasons in Japan before returning to the Rangers in 2010.

Alexi Ogando worked 1 1-3 innings, giving up his first run in four appearances this season when Jaso scored.

Nathan had saved his first two chances, including the Rangers' 1-0 victory Tuesday night but lost a game Saturday night against the Chicago White Sox after giving up a leadoff homer in the ninth of a tie game.

Kinsler, Texas strike $75 million, 5-year deal

Ian Kinsler and the Texas Rangers finalized a $75 million, five-year contract through 2017 that locks up another one of the team's key players and makes the leadoff hitter one of the best-paid second basemen.

The player, who had stops at three different schools while in college before being drafted by the Rangers, is now in his seventh season with Texas. His new deal begins in 2013 and includes a club option for 2018.

"I had one backpack, one pair of shoes, hiked from college to college. It was a very interesting process," Kinsler said, smiling. "I got the chance (with the Rangers), and I wasn't going to regret it. I was going to give everything I possibly could to prove that I was a good player and that I belonged."

Kinsler is a two-time All-Star who twice in the past three seasons had 30 homers and 30 stolen bases. He has been part of the most successful seasons in team history, with consecutive American League championships.

"That is really a big part in getting this done, a reason I wanted to stay here," Kinsler said.

The 29-year-old Kinsler is making $7 million this season. The Rangers had a $10 million club option for next season, but the new deal replaces that and will pay him $13 million in 2013.

"Anytime you can add a player of his caliber and his stature in the clubhouse and on the field, it's important to the organization and important going forward," team president Nolan Ryan said. "The fact that he's come through our system and we've had eyes on him for a long time and seen his growth and development and just see the role that he's taken here says a lot."

Kinsler is set to make $16 million in both 2014 and 2015, $14 million in 2016 and $11 million in 2017.

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NBA ROUNDUP
FROM WIRE REPORTS

JAZZ 103, ROCKETS 91

HOUSTON — Gordon Hayward scored a season-high 29 points and the Jazz helped their fading playoff hopes with a win over the Rockets.

Paul Millsap added 21 points and Al Jefferson had 15 for the Jazz, who held the No. 10 spot in the Western Conference standings coming into the game.

The Jazz shot 51 percent (40 of 78) and led by as many as 18, taking advantage of Houston's poor shooting.

LAKERS 98, SPURS 84

SAN ANTONIO — Andrew Bynum had 16 points and 30 rebounds, the most in an NBA game this season, and the Lakers didn't need Kobe Bryant to blow out the Spurs.

Metta World Peace scored 26 points and the Lakers, playing their third straight game without the injured Bryant, manhandled the Spurs underneath to hand the West's second-place team one of their most embarrassing losses this season.

Bryant is sitting out to heal his sore left shin. There remains no timetable on when the NBA's leading scorer might return.

CLIPPERS, 100, THUNDER 98

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chris Paul scored 31 points, including the game-winning shot on a layup with 8.8 seconds left, lifting the Los Angeles Clippers to a 100-98 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday night that kept them in position for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Paul got past Thunder defensive specialist Thabo Sefolosha and squeezed the ball onto the rim past the league's leading shot blocker, Serge Ibaka, to put L.A. ahead.

HORNETS 105, KINGS 96

NEW ORLEANS — Jason Smith scored 22 points, hitting 10 of 12 shots, to lead the Hornets to a victory over the Kings.

Marco Belinelli added 21 points and Greivis Vasquez 15 points for New Orleans, which shot 55.9 percent (38 of 68) and surged ahead for good with an 18-3 run in the third quarter.

Marcus Thornton led all scorers with 25 points and Tyreke Evans added 19 points for the Kings, who have lost six straight.

KNICKS 111, BUCKS 107

MILWAUKEE — J.R. Smith hit a 3-pointer for the lead with 1:04 left, and the Knicks held on to beat the Bucks in a game that could turn out to be critical to both teams' playoff hopes.

Carmelo Anthony had 32 points and 10 rebounds while Tyson Chandler added 19 points for the Knicks, who took a two-game lead on Milwaukee for the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference. Smith had 14 points off the bench.

Monta Ellis had 35 points and Brandon Jennings added 22 for the Bucks, who were coming off a 20-point loss to Oklahoma City at home on Monday.

The Bucks had won two of three games with the Knicks before Wednesday, and a win would have given them a head-to-head tiebreaker edge.

CELTICS 88, HAWKS 86, OT

BOSTON — Paul Pierce overcame a miserable shooting game with a key jumper in overtime and Rajon Rondo finished with a triple-double with 20 assists, 10 points and 10 rebounds to lift the surging Celtics to a win over the Hawks.

Kevin Garnett had 22 points and grabbed 12 boards before fouling out with just under 3 minutes left in OT, and Brandon Bass, who also hit a jumper in OT, scored 21 points.

GRIZZLIES 104, SUNS 93

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rudy Gay scored a season-high 32 points and the Grizzlies won their fourth straight with a victory over the Suns.

Memphis outscored the Suns 17-6 after Phoenix tied the game at 87 with 6:27 left. Dante Cunningham had six of his 10 points during the stretch run.

Zach Randolph had 17 points and nine rebounds for Memphis, which won for the ninth time in the last 11 games. O.J. Mayo finished with 15 points, and Mike Conley had 12 points and seven assists.

PACERS 104, CAVALIERS 98, OT

CLEVELAND — Danny Granger scored 23 points, five in overtime, and George Hill made a dagger 3-pointer in the extra session, lifting the Pacers to a win over the Cavaliers.

The Pacers, clinging to the No. 3 spot in the Eastern Conference, outscored the Cavs 10-4 in OT.

David West added 19 points, Hill had 17 and Roy Hibbert finished with 11 rebounds, five assists and four blocks for Indiana, 6-1 in its last seven.

Antawn Jamison scored 21 and Lester Hudson 19 for the Cavs, a league-worst 0-5 in overtime games. The Cavs were just 2 of 9 in the extra five minutes.

76ERS 93, RAPTORS 75

TORONTO — Thaddeus Young scored 17 points, Nikola Vucevic had 12 and the 76ers beat the Raptors, an important victory in their chase of a playoff berth.

Elton Brand scored 11 points and Andre Iguodala, Spencer Hawes and Louis Williams each had 10 as the 76ers avenged a 21-point home loss to Toronto last Wednesday, a game in which the Raptors held the Sixers to 22 points in the second half, and just seven points in the fourth quarter.

This time, the 76ers blew the game open in the fourth, outscoring Toronto 30-18 and coasting to victory thanks to an 11-0 run. The Raptors went scoreless for 4:16 late in the game.

BAYLOR

From 1C

also received recruiting restrictions.

"I believe strongly in following NCAA rules and will always try to do so in the future," Mulkey said in a statement released by the school. "I do nothing without permission from our compliance office and will continue to ask questions to assure that things are done right. Any compliance-related mistakes, even those that are secondary, are disappointing. The majority of mistakes in this matter were errors in sending text messages and failure to accurately document our phone calls."

The report put a bit of a damper on what has been an extraordinary run of success for Baylor athletics.

Besides Baylor's win over Notre Dame for the women's title, Drew's team won a school-record 30 games and reached the NCAA regional finals, where the Bears lost to eventual national champion Kentucky. And all that came after star quarterback Robert Griffin III became the school's first Heisman Trophy winner following a football season that included 10 wins for the first time since 1980.

Mulkey was named the AP's national coach of the year and junior Brittney Griner was its player of the year. How Baylor recruited Griner, one of the most dominant women's players in college basketball history, was reportedly part of the probe.

A school report obtained by ESPN.com said Mulkey and her staff committed minor NCAA violations for having impermissible contact with Griner and her family. During a 2007 camp, coaches spoke with the Griners about the basketball program, academic requirements and the school in general both before and after the camp.

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Records show Petrino, mistress in frequent contact

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Former Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino and his mistress were in frequent contact over the past six months, sometimes calling or texting each other dozens of times in a single day — including game days, according to a review of his business cellphone records by The Associated Press.

One of those calls included the very moment when the state police report that led to the end of Petrino's Arkansas career was released.

Petrino

Dorrell

Petrino was fired Tuesday night for failing to disclose his relationship with Jessica Dorrell, a 25-year-old former Razorbacks volleyball player he hired last month without disclosing his conflict of interest or the fact he had once paid her $20,000. Athletic director Jeff Long said he had determined their relationship had been ongoing for a "significant" amount of time, but he did not say for how long.

Records obtained by The Associated Press through a Freedom of Information Act request clearly show Petrino remained in close contact with Dorrell following the April 1 motorcycle accident in which Petrino suffered four broken ribs, a cracked neck vertebra and scrapes and bruises.

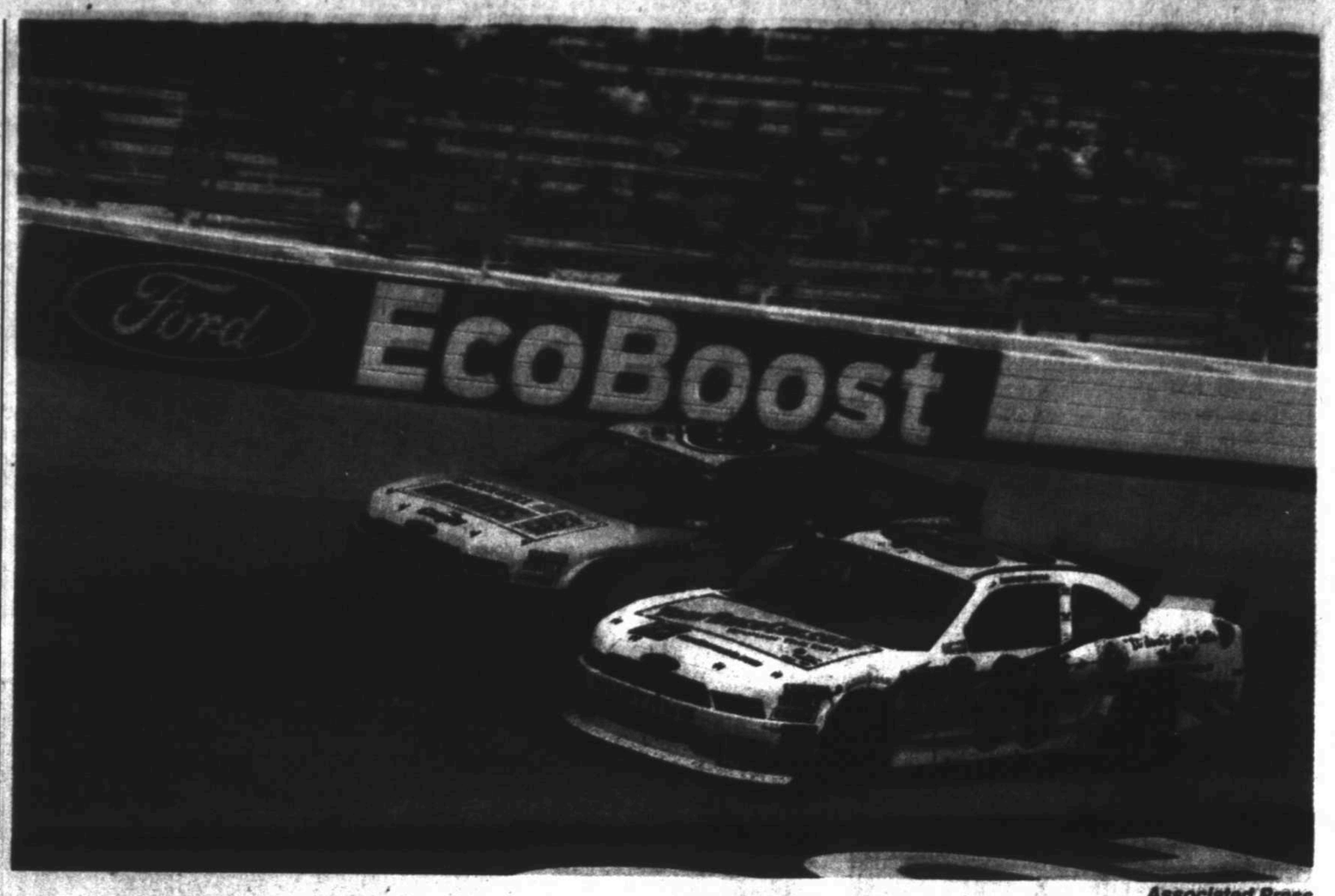
That day, Petrino and Dorrell went for a motorcycle ride on a two-lane highway southeast of Fayetteville and skidded off the road. Petrino and Dorrell talked for 16 minutes earlier that day before the crash at 6:45 p.m., and they also had a 22-minute conversation the following day — while Petrino was still in the hospital recovering.

Petrino's accident report was disclosed by state police on April 5, and the two talked 11 times that day. That included a pair of 2-minute calls around 3:30 p.m. that afternoon, which is when police released the report.

Later that evening, Petrino exchanged four calls with his agent, Russ Campbell, totaling 10 minutes.

The cellphone records show Petrino and Dorrell were in close contact at least as far back as Sept. 12. The university provided nearly seven months of Petrino's business cellphone records, and that is the first date listed. Among the findings:

Petrino, a married father of four, exchanged 91 texts with Dorrell on Sept. 13 and 84 texts with her over five hours on Oct. 28, the day before a game at Vanderbilt. On Oct. 17, the two swapped 73 text messages, and on four days in a row in the week before a loss to eventual national champion Alabama, Petrino called Dorrell early — at 5:52 a.m., 6:35 a.m., 5:49 a.m. and 7:55 a.m.



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Trevor Bayne (60) and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (6) battle for position at the NASCAR Nationwide Series 300 auto race in Bristol, Tenn., on March 17. Bayne has been sidelined this week because his team was unable to secure a sponsorship.

Bayne not running Nationwide race at Texas

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A lack of sponsorship forced Roush Fenway Racing to sideline Trevor Bayne for this week's race at Texas Motor Speedway, even though he's ranked fourth in the Nationwide Series standings.

Bayne went into the season knowing the organization could sit the No. 60 team at any time. Roush President Steve Newmark said Wednesday the organization had hoped to lure a sponsor by running Bayne in the first five races of the season.

"We started the year with the idea we were going to run him and spur some additional interest. But at some point we knew it wasn't tenable to continue that program this year," Newmark said. "But it is not a reflection of our commitment to Trevor, and we fully expect him to be a mainstay at the (Sprint) Cup level for years to come."

Bayne is scheduled to race Saturday night's Sprint Cup Series race for the Wood Brothers, the team he drove for last year when he won the Daytona 500. It will be his third Cup start of the season, and Texas is where he made his Cup debut in 2010.

Newmark said the No. 60 Ford is not shuttered, and if sponsorship becomes available, Bayne will resume racing in the Nationwide Series on a part-time basis. He leaves trailing series leader Elliott Sadler by 34 points, and with three top-10 finishes in the first five races.

Sponsorship issues have plagued the personable 21-year-old Bayne the last two years, even after his breakthrough Daytona victory. The Wood Brothers, a partner with Roush, could not attract a sponsor to run Bayne for the full Cup schedule last year or this season, and his Nationwide program has been largely unsponsored.

Newmark said the first two months of the season have been difficult on Bayne. But the organization hopes that between the Wood Brothers and the Nationwide program Bayne will run about 30 races this year, leading to an eventual full-time Cup ride.

"The character and maturity that Trevor has, I often forget that he's only 21," said Newmark. "It's been tough on him, but I think he also recognized that living week-to-week wasn't an ideal situation for him or his team guys. But we'll continue looking, and the expectation is that we'll add more races. By no means is he done in the Nationwide Series this year. We just came to the recognition it's not going to be full time."

Still, Newmark said the focus at Roush right now is selling races for 2013.

Despite being one of NASCAR's elite organizations, the team has been hit hard by sponsorship cutbacks. Former series champion Matt Kenseth, this year's Daytona 500 winner, does not have full season sponsorship despite being tied for third in the Cup standings.

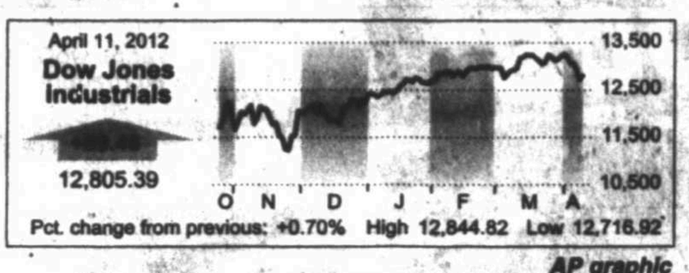
The cutback in spending by primary sponsor UPS caused Roush to suspend its No. 6 Cup program, and both Bayne and defending Nationwide champion Ricky Stenhouse Jr. have been short on funding this year.

Newmark said the difficulty in landing sponsors for Nationwide drivers stems in part to the amount of availability in the Cup Series. With many sponsors no longer stepping up for a full 36-race schedule, companies are able to buy into a Cup program at a smaller level.

"I don't think it's a reflection on Trevor, but, in large part, it's been the availability of races with Cup drivers over the last few months," he said. "There are so many folks out there, and the price points had fallen. And, at the end of the day, Cup does provide benefits to partners that Nationwide does not."

Business & Oil

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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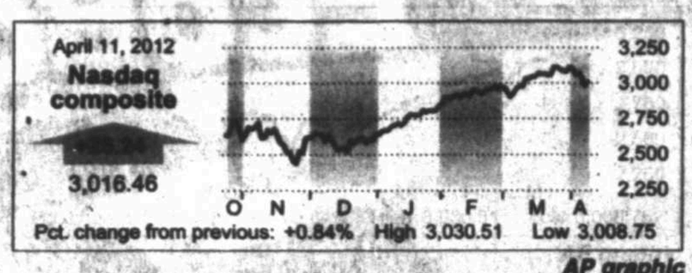

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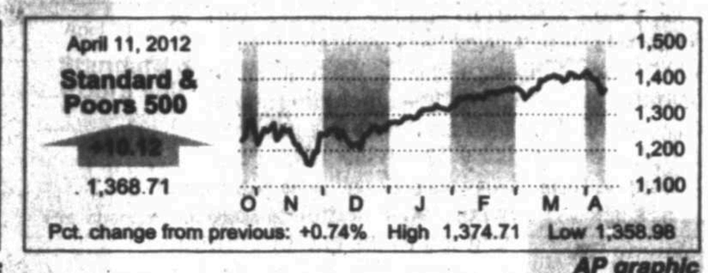

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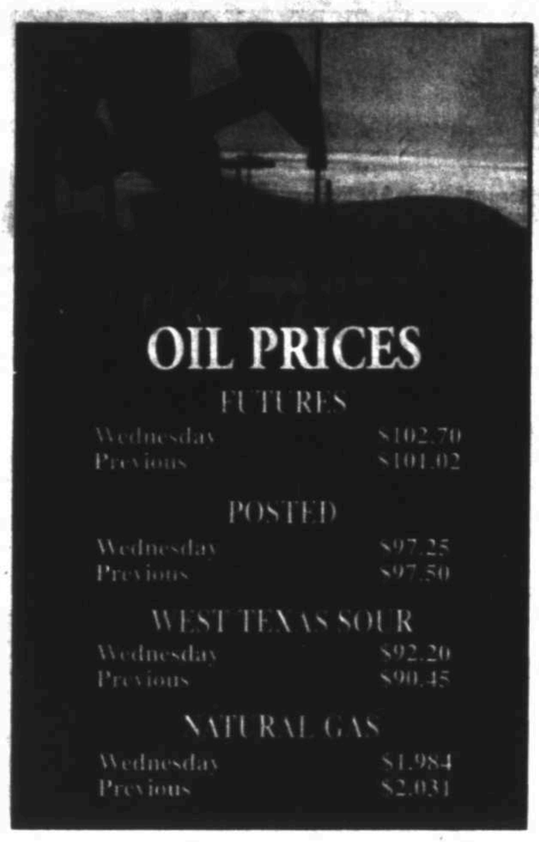

Associated Press

This undated file photo shows the ruins of Delphi, Greece. Natural gas seeps baffled early civilizations and likely inspired the Ancient Greeks to build the shrine known as the Oracle of Delphi. On Wednesday, the price of natural gas fell to its lowest level in more than a decade, a remarkable decline for a commodity that not long ago was believed to be in short supply.

Natural gas below $2 for first time in a decade

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The price of natural gas has fallen to its lowest level in more than a decade, a remarkable decline for a commodity that not long ago was believed to be in short supply.

The country's supply of natural gas is growing so fast that analysts worry the country's underground storage facilities could be full by fall and lead to further price declines.

On Wednesday, the futures price of natural gas fell to $1.984 per 1,000 cubic feet, its lowest level since January 28, 2002, when the price hit $1.91. If the price slides to $1.75, it would be the lowest since March 23, 1999.

Natural gas production has boomed across the country as energy companies employ new drilling techniques to tap previously untouched reserves. The process has raised concerns about water safety and has been temporarily banned in New York and New Jersey. But where it has been allowed, it has led to increases in drilling, job growth and production.

The falling price of natural gas has been a boon to homes and businesses that use the fuel for heat and appliances, and for manufacturers that use it to power their factories and make chemicals, plastics and other materials. Another benefit: Electricity costs are lower because natural gas is used to generate about a quarter of the nation's electric power.

From October to March, households spent $868 on average on natural gas, a decline of 17 percent from last winter. Those savings have helped to relieve the burden of rising gasoline prices. Households spent $1,940 on gasoline from October to March, a 7 percent increase from the same period a year ago.

There is so much natural gas being produced — and still in the ground — that drillers, policymakers, economists and natural gas customers are trying to figure out what to do with it. Last year, the U.S. produced an average of 63 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day, a 24 percent increase from 2006. But over that period, consumption has grown half as fast.

The low prices are hurting the companies responsible for bringing gas to market. Drilling in many fields is no longer profitable, and the stock prices of natural gas drillers are falling in anticipation of declining profits and scaled-back growth plans. Some of the nation's biggest natural gas producers, including Chesapeake Energy, ConocoPhillips and Encana Corp., have announced plans to slow down.

Here's more about natural gas:

HISTORY

Natural gas seeps baffled early civilizations, and likely inspired the Ancient Greeks to build the shrine known as the Oracle of Delphi. In the U.S., the natural gas industry was launched in 1859 when Edwin Drake struck oil and gas in Titusville, Pa. Natural gas prices were regulated for most of the last century. It wasn't until 1993 that the last of the federal price controls were lifted.

WHAT IS IT?

When natural gas is pulled from the ground, it is 70 percent to 90 percent methane, a simple molecule of carbon and hydrogen that is the most abundant organic molecule on earth. Methane is what gets delivered to homeowners. But the natural gas that comes out of the earth also contains some ethane, propane, butane and other hydrocarbons.

Oil prices rebound

NEW YORK — Oil prices rose on positive signs for the economy and energy demand. The stock market is up. And aluminum maker Alcoa surprised Wall Street with a first-quarter profit, thanks to stronger sales to carmakers and other manufacturers. Alcoa is the first major company to announce earnings for the quarter.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose by $1.68 to finish at $102.70 per barrel on Wednesday. Brent crude, which is used to price oil imported by U.S. refineries, increased by 30 cents to finish at $120.18.

Retail gasoline prices fell by less than a penny to $3.915 per gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Gasoline has dropped by about 2 cents over the past week, but it's still 64 cents higher than it was at the beginning of the year.

In other energy trading, heating oil rose by 1.92 cents to finish at $3.1149 per gallon while gasoline futures climbed 4.59 cents to end at $3.2955 per gallon.

Euro rises

The euro rose against the dollar Wednesday as borrowing costs in Spain eased.

The dollar trimmed some of its losses against the euro after a Federal Reserve report made it seem less likely that the central bank will launch another round of bond-buying to help the economy.

In Europe, the yield on Spain's benchmark 10-year bond fell to 5.8 percent Wednesday after jumping above 5.9 percent Tuesday. In early March, the rate was below 4.9 percent.

In other trading Wednesday, the British pound rose to $1.5904 from $1.5858. The dollar fell to 0.9173 Swiss franc from 0.9190. It was unchanged at 1.0039 Canadian dollar.

Gold for June delivery fell 40 cents to finish at $1,660.30 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

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Closing Price $15.57 Up 0.11

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Closing Price $73.98 Up 0.99

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $95.21 Down 1.08

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.45 Up 0.46

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.79 Down 0.22

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.25 Up 0.47

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $12.94 Up 0.13

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2417940	8.86	+.32
S&P500ETF	1335411	137.00	+1.10
NokiaCp	1284207	4.24	-.79
Alcoa	717751	9.90	+.58
SPDR Fncl	694295	15.21	+.24

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Chg	%Chg
CalDive	3.73	+.45
SunTr wtB	3.10	+.36
MEMC	3.74	+.40
SunTr wtA	5.07	+.54
TRC Cos	6.09	+.59

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Jaguar g	3.54	-1.07	-23.2
NokiaCp	4.24	-.79	-15.7
MediaGen	3.73	-.52	-12.2
iP SXR1K	20.64	-1.74	-7.8
iP SER2K	29.76	-2.42	-7.5

Diary

Advanced	2,426
Declined	642
Unchanged	68
Total issues	3,136
New Highs	37
New Lows	30
Volume	3,826,179,774

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CherienEn	53466	15.41	+.44
Vringo	26193	3.05	-.26
NovaGld g	25025	6.53	-.26
Rentech	22044	2.08	+.08
SamsO&G	19628	2.03	-.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HstnAEn	4.04	+.37	+10.1
Bacterin	2.41	+.21	+9.5
Alderonbr g	3.53	+.29	+9.0
Metalico	4.05	+.27	+7.1
TravelCtrs	6.04	+.39	+6.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ellomay rs	6.62	-.48	-6.8
Vringo	3.05	-.20	-6.2
EngySvcs	3.35	-.17	-4.8
BioTime	4.19	-.20	-4.6
Protalix	5.97	-.28	-4.5

Diary

Advanced	266
Declined	186
Unchanged	42
Total issues	494
New Highs	7
New Lows	9
Volume	68,736,486

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	568168	66.45	+.32
Microsoft	424050	30.34	-.13
Cisco	402229	20.02	+.47
SiriusXM	345985	2.25	+.03
Oracle	301627	28.14	-.21

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OptfBk rsh	3.43	+2.07	+152.2
NewLeadH	4.47	+1.97	+78.8
SinoGlobal	3.98	+1.33	+50.2
YRC rs	6.14	+1.53	+33.2
Travelzoo	27.06	+6.00	+28.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OpnfTch	23.05	-3.55	-13.3
PremExhib	2.28	-.32	-12.3
HookerFu	11.73	-1.44	-10.9
LifePtrs	3.22	-.36	-10.1
ArcWireless	2.95	-.30	-9.2

Diary

Advanced	1,958
Declined	538
Unchanged	118
Total issues	2,614
New Highs	29
New Lows	36
Volume	1,496,581,892

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	46	30.45	+.32	+.7
Abraxas	...	15	2.91	+.12	-11.8
AdamsEx	.60e	...	10.70	+.05	+11.0
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.04	+.06	+30.8
Alcoa	.12	19	9.90	+.58	+14.5
AlonUSA	.16	13	8.79	+.13	+.9
AlphaNRs	...	...	14.63	+.36	-28.4
Amgen	1.44	17	86.73	+.54	+3.9
Anadarko	.36	...	74.37	-.26	-2.6
Apache	.60f	8	92.81	-.69	+2.5
Apple Inc	10.60	18	626.20	-2.24	+54.6
ApldMatl	.36f	10	11.92	+.17	+11.3
ArchCoal	.44	13	3.91	-.06	-31.7
ATMOS	1.38	14	30.91	-.10	-7.3
AutoData	1.56	20	54.62	+.70	+1.1
BP PLC	1.92f	6	42.05	-.25	-1.6
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.53	+.17	-8.1
BakrHu	.60	11	40.48	+.20	-16.8
BkofAm	.04	...	8.86	+.32	+59.4
Bar iPVix	...	...	20.04	-.46	-43.6
BasicEnSv	...	13	15.57	+.11	-21.0
BerkHa A	...	20118725	120,000	+$30.00	+3.5
BerryPet	.32	...	44.01	-.19	+4.7
BestBuy	.64	...	21.96	+.64	-8.0
BMWMtgCp	1.48f	30	32.21	+.05	-4.1
BrkfldPr	1.36	15	22.69	+.12	-7.5
BrownFA	1.40	20	80.88	+.55	+2.0
BrownFB	1.40	21	82.92	+.83	+3.0
CVS Care	.65	17	43.75	+.22	+7.3
Cameron	...	23	50.69	+.87	+3.5
Caterpillar	1.84	14	101.75	+1.32	+12.3
Celestic g	...	8	8.96	+.16	+22.2
CntryLink	2.90	23	38.12	+.19	+2.5
ChesEng	.35	6	20.08	-.61	-9.9
Chevron	3.24	9	108.85	-.80	-5.1
Chicos	.21f	16	14.81	+.26	+32.9
Cimarex	.48f	11	69.49	-.70	+10.6
Cisco	.32f	16	20.02	+.47	+11.1
Citigrp rs	.04	9	33.59	+.73	+27.7
CloryEng	...	10	73.99	+.99	-5.6
CocaCola	2.04f	20	72.12	+.10	+8.1
ColgPal	2.48f	29	96.84	+.37	+4.5
ConAgra	.96	15	25.60	-.05	-2.3
ConchoRes	...	19	95.21	-1.08	+1.6
ConocPhil	2.84	8	73.55	-.14	+.9
CrackerB	1.00	16	55.93	+1.13	+11.0
CrosTim	2.92e	13	38.35	-.30	-21.5
DCP Mid	2.60f	36	44.16	-.13	-7.0
DTE	2.35	13	54.12	+.29	-.6
Dataram h	...	...	.92	+.04	+13.6
Dawson	...	...	31.45	+.46	-20.4
Dell Inc	...	9	16.25	+.01	+11.1
DevonE	.80	6	67.72	-1.22	+9.2
DirSCBear	...	...	19.86	-.84	-24.9
DirxSCBull	...	...	54.73	+2.14	+22.1
Disney	.60f	16	41.37	+.38	+10.3
DowChm	1.00	16	31.87	+.17	+10.8
EMC Cp	...	26	28.60	+.36	+32.8
EOG Res	.88f	24	102.95	-1.05	+4.5
EmpDist	1.00	15	19.68	+.05	-6.7
Energen	.56f	12	46.97	-1.02	-6.1
EngyTsfr	3.58	42	46.31	+.58	+1.0
EnPro	...	17	39.87	+.75	+20.9
EntPrPt	2.48f	21	49.31	+.03	+6.3
Ericsson	.37e	...	9.79	+.23	-3.4
ExtermanH	...	...	12.81	+.44	+40.8
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	82.70	+.83	-2.4
FstSolar	...	6	22.50	+1.12	-33.4
FordM	.20	7	11.91	+.12	+10.7
ForestOil s	...	14	11.17	-.18	-17.6
FMCG	1.25f	7	35.78	-.54	-2.7
FrozenPd	...	...	1.18	...	-8.5
GATX	1.20f	18	39.99	+.19	-8.4
GeoMetPT	.80m	...	7.00	+.01	+12.4
GMInv	.50e	...	28.36	+.32	+13.8
GenElec	.68	15	19.01	+.27	+6.1
Goldcrnth	...	...	4.43	+.01	+38.6
Goodrich	1.16	20	125.10	-.15	+1.1
GtPlainEn	.95	16	19.69	+.04	-10.1
HalconR rs	...	...	9.38	+.14	-1
Hallibrtn	.36	10	32.13	+.14	-8.9
Heinz	1.92	17	53.71	+.14	-2.5
HewlettP	.48	8	23.41	+.14	-8.1
Hitachi	...	...	63.77	+1.32	+22.3
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.76	+.13	+7.4
iShChina25	.77e	...	35.17	+.62	+8.7
iShEMkts	.81e	...	41.74	+.64	+10.0
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	52.38	+.72	+5.8
ISHR2K	1.10e	...	79.46	+1.11	+7.7
IntegrysE	2.72	18	51.22	-.09	-5.5
Intel	.84	12	27.85	+.40	+14.3
InterDig	.40	17	33.62	+.02	-22.8
ItauUnibH	.64e	...	17.42	+.08	-6.1
JPMorgCh	1.20f	10	44.01	+1.05	+32.4
Jaguar g	...	...	3.54	-1.07	-44.5
JohnJn	2.28	18	64.13	-.07	-2.2
Keycorp	.12	8	8.29	+.27	+7.8
KlmbrlClk	2.96f	19	73.94	+.41	+.5
KindME	4.84	...	81.10	+.67	-8.5
KindMM	4.56f	...	72.78	+.49	-7.3
Kraft	1.16	19	36.87	-.15	-1.3
LVSands	1.00	31	60.49	+2.09	+41.6
LegacyRes	2.20f	16	27.79	-.22	-1.6
Lowes	.56	22	31.02	+.69	+22.2
Lubys	...	28	6.19	+.12	+37.3
MEMC	...	...	3.74	+.40	-5.1
McDnlds	2.80	19	98.56	+.69	-1.8
Merck	1.88	19	38.48	+.03	+2.1
MeritMed s	...	20	11.77	+.16	-12.0
MexcoEn	...	59	8.25	+.47	+17.9
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MorgStan	.20	16	17.51	+.20	+15.7
Nabors	...	12	16.15	+.18	-9.9
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NvlMAd	.56e	...	14.74	+.09	+.4
NvPBII	.94	...	14.58	-.06	-1.8
NuvPI	.92	...	14.42	-.03	-.3
NSTAR	.68e	...	14.29	+.12	-.2
NTXCtl	.92	...	15.98	+.02	-2.2
OcciPet	2.16f	11	88.81	-.80	-5.2
Oracle	.24	15	28.14	-.21	+9.7
PerfTech	...	16	4.69	+.05	+28.8
PerkElm	...	...	5.42	+.03	-24.4
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PetroRE	.80	...	15.89	+.89	+44.5
Pmian	1.45e	16	21.97	+.01	+7.9
Petrobras	1.23e	...	24.41	+.13	-1.8
Pfizer	.88f	17	21.95	-.04	+1.4
PioNtrl	.06	15	103.64	-1.49	+15.8
PlainsAA	4.10f	16	78.31	+.99	+6.8
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ProctGam	2.10	17	66.44	+.09	-.4
PulteGrp	...	...	8.39	+.70	+33.0
RangeRs	.16	75	55.02	-1.77	-11.2
RegionsFn	.04	36	6.19	+.11	+44.0
Renren n	...	...	6.17	+.38	+73.8
RschMotn	...	4	13.05	+.12	-10.0
RiteAid	...	...	1.70	+.05	+34.9
Rowan	...	29	31.66	-.29	+2.2
RoyDShllA	3.36	13	67.75	+.80	-7.3
SpdrDJIA	3.51e	...	127.85	+.84	+4.8
S&P500ETF	2.84e	...	137.00	+1.10	+9.2
SabinR	4.10e	15	60.32	+.31	-4.3
SandRFrn	.60	...	20.48	+.24	+.7
SandRidge	...	55	7.17	+.09	-12.1
Sapient	.20e	23	12.86	+.08	-4.4
Schlmbrg	1.10f	19	68.12	+.86	-.3
SigmaAld	.60f	19	71.09	+.76	+13.8
SiriusXM	...	17	2.25	+.03	+23.6
Smucker	1.92	20	79.79	-.52	+2.1
SprintNex	...	...	2.75	+.09	+17.5
SP CnSt	.89e	...	33.61	+.17	+3.4
SP Engy	1.10e	...	66.88	+.02	-1.3
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	15.21	+.24	+17.0
SP Inds	.75e	...	36.03	+.40	+6.8
Suncor s	1.68f	13	37.41	+.44	-5.1
Supvalu	.35	...	6.55	+.42	-19.3
TelefEsp	2.14e	...	15.40	+.35	-10.4
Tesoro	...	6	23.91	-.37	+2.4
3M Co	2.36f	14	85.35	+.77	+4.4
TrchwlrkS	.60f	10	49.64	+.66	+12.1
TriContl	.63e	...	15.89	+.10	+9.5
TylerTech	...	46	39.88	+.13	+28.5
UBWV	1.24	17	27.37	+.32	-3.2
Vale SA	1.55e	...	22.41	+.07	+4.5
ValeroE	.60	6	23.79	+.19	+13.0
VangEmg	.91e	...	42.14	+.43	+10.3
VerizonCm	2.00	44	37.38	+.56	-6.6
VulcanM	.84	...	41.72	+.48	+6.0
Walgrn	.90	11	33.08	+.87	+.1
WeathFInt	...	41	13.78	+.01	-5.9
WellsFargo	.88f	12	33.62	+.70	+22.0
WstnRefin	.16	11	18.97	+.49	+42.7
WhitingPet	...	11	50.50	-.67	+8.2
WmsCos	1.04f	21	31.02	+.46	+15.1
XcelEngy	1.04	15	26.00	-.06	-5.6
Xerox	.17	6	7.85	+.12	-1.4

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,297.11	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,805.39	+89.46	+.70	+4.81	+4.35
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,134.40	+46.27	+.91	+2.29	-1.87
467.04	391.99	Dow Jones Utilities	451.22	+1.18	+.26	-2.94	+10.15
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,912.85	+70.93	+.90	+5.63	-5.43
2,469.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,342.31	+14.79	+.64	+2.81	-1.99
3,134.17	2,268.89	Nasdaq Composite	3,016.46	+25.24	+.84	+15.79	+9.23
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,368.71	+10.12	+.74	+8.64	+4.13
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,366.92	+121.14	+.85	+8.92	+2.92
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	796.59	+12.44	+1.59	+7.51	-3.32

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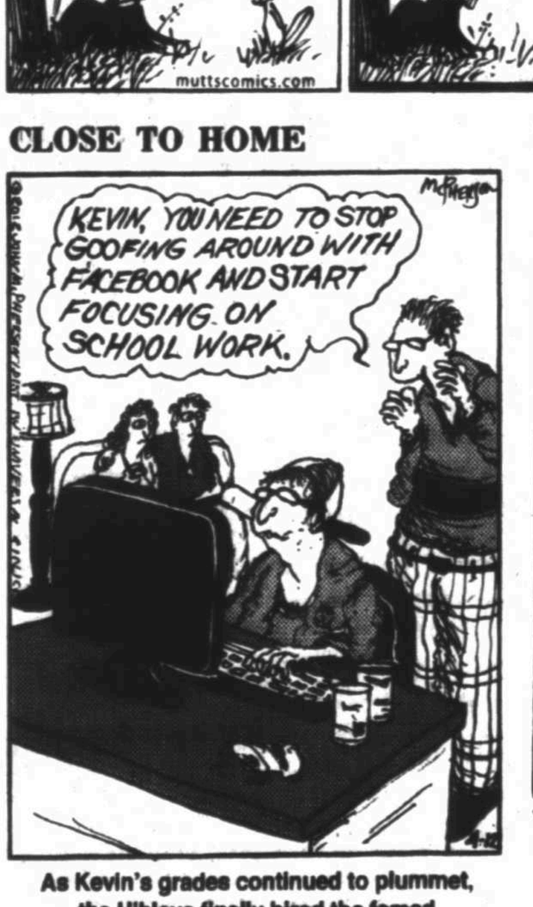
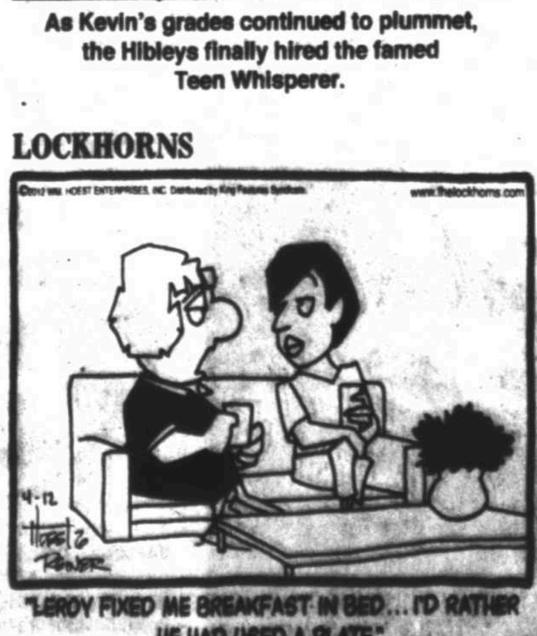


As Kevin's grades continued to plummet, the Hibleys finally hired the famed Teen Whisperer.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WHEN DID MR. WILSON BECOME A KING? MRS. WILSON SAYS HE'S ON THE THRONE."

LOCKHORNS



"LEROY FIXED ME BREAKFAST IN BED... I'D RATHER HE HAD USED A PLATE"

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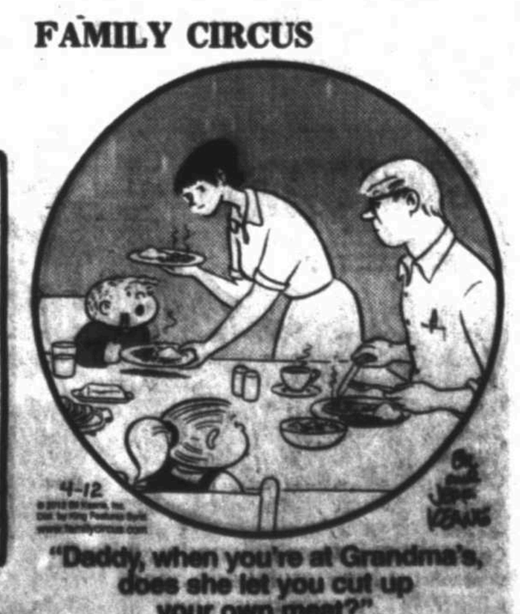

"Daddy, when you're at Grandma's, does she let you cut up your own meat?"

NASCAR THIS WEEK

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ON THE TUBE

Sprint Cup
Samsung Mobile 500
7 p.m., Saturday
FOX SPORTS

Nationwide Series
O'Reilly Auto Parts 300
8 p.m., Friday
ESPN 2

Truck Series
Good Sam Roadside Assistance 200
12:30 p.m., Sunday
SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Next up it's Texas, yet another track where the last time around, Tony Stewart won.

▶ It was a great time for a NASCAR off week, what with major league baseball opening its season and the Masters golf tournament sharing the attention.

▶ NASCAR held races in none of its national touring series. Would it have been better to hold a race? What if Trucks had raced at Rockingham on Easter weekend? Would more Cup drivers have participated?

▶ One big surprise of the season to date is the performance of Michael Waltrip Racing, which currently has Martin Truex Jr. (tied for third) and Clint Bowyer (ninth) in the top 10 of Sprint Cup points.

▶ Six races have produced no first-time winners. Before the season started, few would have expressed surprise at the winners to date: Tony Stewart (two), Ryan Newman, Brad Keselowski, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth.

▶ Most, however, would have been surprised that six races into the season, Jeff Gordon would be 21st in the standings.

▶ It's still too early to write off Kasey Kahne. He still has 20 races to reach the top 10, and two wild-card spots are available to drivers who are in the top 20. At the moment, of course, Kahne is 31st.

▶ Ambitious offseason changes haven't yet yielded evidence of improvement at Chip Ganassi's team. Juan Pablo Montoya and Jamie McMurray are both outside the top 15 in points.

▶ Rockingham Speedway hosts its first NASCAR race since 2004 when the Camping World Truck Series visits. Since the Cup race in Texas is on Saturday night, the track once known as North Carolina Motor Speedway has Sunday to itself.

▶ Kansas Speedway will be repaved following the Cup race there on April 22.

2012 POINTS STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series		Pts.
1.	Greg Biffle	226
2.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 6
3.	Tony Stewart	- 12
	Matt Kenseth	- 12
	Kevin Harvick	- 12
	Martin Truex Jr.	- 12
7.	Denny Hamlin	- 16
8.	Ryan Newman	- 24
9.	Clint Bowyer	- 34
10.	Jimmie Johnson	- 37
11.	Carl Edwards	- 47
12.	Brad Keselowski	- 51

Nationwide Series		
1.	Elliott Sadler	214
2.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	- 18
3.	Austin Dillon	- 27
4.	Trevor Bayne	- 34
5.	Sam Hornish Jr.	- 54
6.	Cole Whitt	- 63
7.	Michael Annett	- 65
8.	Jeffrey Earnhardt	- 70
9.	Justin Allgaier	- 88
10.	Mike Bliss	- 95

Camping World Truck Series		
1.	John King	82
2.	Timothy Peters	- 1
	Justin Lofton	- 1
4.	Ty Dillon	- 4
5.	Jason White	- 8
6.	James Buescher	- 13
7.	Parker Kligerman	- 16
8.	Nelson Piquet Jr.	- 21
9.	Ron Hornaday	- 24
10.	Todd Bodine	- 25

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: Samsung Mobile 500
Where: Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth (1.5 mi.), 334 laps/501 miles.
When: Saturday, April 14.
Last year's winner: Matt Kenseth, Ford.
Qualifying record: Brian Vickers, Chevy, 196.235 mph, Nov. 13, 2006.
Race record: Tony Stewart, Chevy, 152.705 mph, Nov. 6, 2011.
Last race: Ryan Newman was the surprise winner at Martinsville Speedway on April 1 after a first-turn spun involving Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Clint Bowyer opened the door to victory. Newman's Chevy held off A.J. Allmendinger's Dodge in an overtime finish.

NATIONWIDE

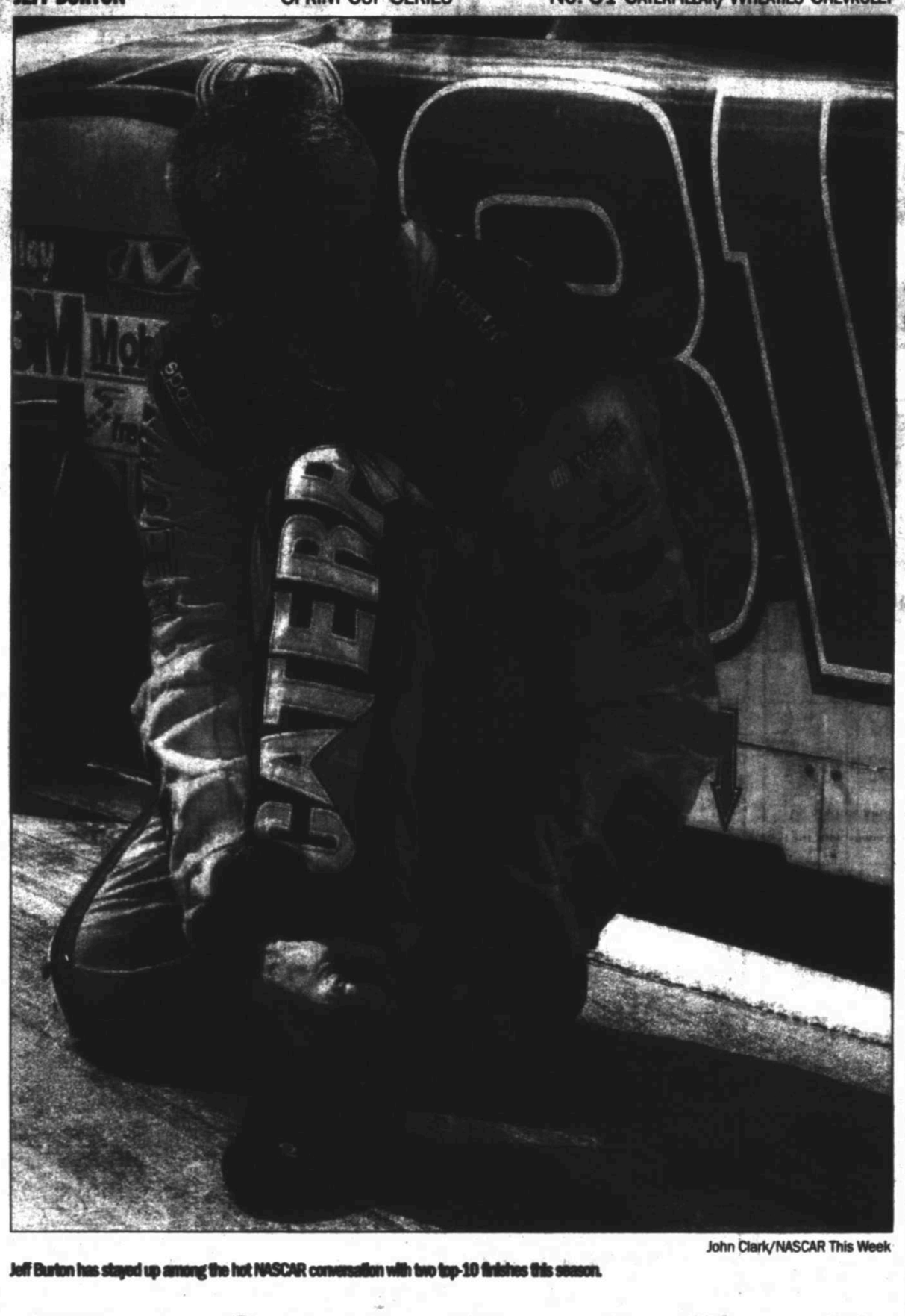
Race: O'Reilly Auto Parts 300
Where: Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.
When: Friday, April 13.
Last year's winner: Carl Edwards, Ford.
Qualifying record: Jeff Green, Chevy, 193.493 mph, April 5, 2002.
Race record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 151.707 mph, April 5, 2008.
Last race: For the first time this year, a Sprint Cup regular won a Nationwide race. Joey Logano, in a Toyota, won at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., on March 24. The season's first four races went to drivers who do not compete regularly at the Cup level.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Good Sam Roadside Assistance 200
Where: Rockingham (N.C.) Speedway, (1.017 mi.), 200 laps/203.4 miles.
When: Sunday, April 15.
Last year's winner: Not applicable (first race).
Qualifying record: None.
Race record: None.
Last race: Not only did Kevin Harvick dominate Martinsville's Kwiger 250, almost the entire March 31 race consisted of Harvick running first in one Chevy and Ty Dillon second in another. Harvick led 248 of 250 laps. James Buescher finished third and Justin Lofton fourth. They also drove Chevys.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JEFF BURTON — SPRINT CUP SERIES — NO. 31 CATERPILLAR/WHEATIES CHEVROLET



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Jeff Burton has stayed up among the hot NASCAR conversation with two top-10 finishes this season.

The Comeback Trail

Jeff Burton competitive amid need for improvement

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

So far, for Jeff Burton, the season has been "just OK." Burton collected top-10 finishes in four of the final five Sprint Cup races of 2011 and expected more than what the current season has yielded to date.

Burton, 44, has failed to make the Chase in two of the past three seasons. The most recent of his 21 victories at NASCAR's premier level occurred on Oct. 11, 2008, at Charlotte Motor Speedway. That was 119 races ago.

The South Boston, Va., native admitted, "We have certainly not had the start we wanted to have.

"We set out to change a lot of stuff, and we've seen some improvement in some areas, and in others we haven't. … The day I don't think I can be competitive, I promise you, I will leave. I've never gotten into a race car to get a check. I got every dollar I could get while I was driving it, but I didn't want to get in it to get the dollar. I got in it because I wanted to get the trophy."

Burton is in decent position to make a run at the Chase. Entering this weekend's Samsung Mobile 500, he ranks 15th in the points standings. He already has a fifth-place finish in the Daytona 500 and a sixth in the Food City 500 (Bristol, Tenn.).

"I have been through this before in my career where I wasn't successful, but we got back to it, and I believe we will get back to it this time," Burton said. "It will be difficult. There are some things I've got to change and some things that have to change around me.

"We've had a few shots, and at this point last year we weren't even close to seeing it. We have seen some improvements but not at the level we need to."

Burton won six races in 1999, then driving a Ford for Jack Roush. Now he is in his eighth full season driving one of Richard Childress' Chevys. He once finished in the top five in points four years in a row with Roush (1997-2000). His best showing with Childress to date was a sixth in 2008.

Texas Motor Speedway, coincidentally, was the site of Burton's first Cup victory on April 6, 1997.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Bowyer — Newman

CLINT BOWYER VS. RYAN NEWMAN

The crucial moment in the April 1 race at Martinsville occurred on lap 504 (the overtime race wound up running 515) when Bowyer, Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon all spun in turn one. Bowyer's Toyota roared to the inside after a bump from behind by Newman, who wound up winning the race.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Claiming that Newman caused the accident is a bit of a stretch since it occurred well before the turn. Newman's Chevy may have given Bowyer's car a boost that led Bowyer to try to take the lead. As more than one driver said, it was just good old short-track racing."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Focus On The Fuel

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I am writing to make a suggestion that I think would make for a better race to the finish. NASCAR did a good job in making the cars more equal, but we still end up with the same scenarios at the end of the race -- Fuel mileage. Maybe have a mandatory pit stop 25 laps from the finish for fuel only. Then let them race to the finish. We pay good money to see the race, not to see who can save the most gas. Thank you.
Edward Vaughn
Carson, Va.

Thanks for the suggestion. Maybe someone at NASCAR will take heed. What with all the free passes and wave-arounds, don't you think the racing is "tricked up" enough already?

LEGENDS AND LORE

Tony And Ryan Back Then

Tony Stewart and Ryan Newman weren't teammates when they finished 1-2 in the Pontiac Excitement 400 at Richmond International Raceway on May 5, 2002. Stewart, in fact, provided Pontiac excitement with his victory, while Newman, at the time, was driving a Ford. In fact, three Ford drivers -- Newman, Jeff Burton and Mark Martin -- followed Stewart's Pontiac across the finish line. Jeremy Mayfield finished fifth in a Dodge.

FAN TIPS

A Darlington Special

Darlington Raceway is honoring its native son and his fans with a special ticket offer for the Bojangles' Southern 500 weekend on May 11-12. A member of the NASCAR Hall of Fame's third class, Cale Yarborough grew up near the oldest superspeedway and remains a local businessman. The $59 ticket includes a seat in the Pearson Tower for the Cup race, a ticket to the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, a Hall of Fame Yearbook and admission to a session with Yarborough on race day. For more information, call 866-459-7223 or visit www.DarlingtonRaceway.com/congratscale.

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IN THE INTEREST OF WYATT SHANE PERRY A CHILD
IN THE 42nd DISTRICT COURT OF COLEMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: **SHANE LEE PERRY** Defendant - GREETING
3111 TERRACE AVENUE, MIDLAND, TX. 79707

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 day after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you." *TRCP99*

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Coleman County, at the Courthouse in said County in Coleman, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 3/02/2012 in the above entitled cause.

The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Original Petition accompany this citation and made a part hereof.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Coleman Texas this 19th day of March, 2012.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:
Gary Connally
441 Butternut
Abilene, TX 79602

Clerk of the Court:
Margie Mayo District Clerk
100 Liveoak St., Ste 201
Coleman, TX 76834
Coleman County, Texas

By: /s/ Deputy

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

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Bid No. 4853-12

For: Labor, material, equipment and supervision necessary for the demolition and disposal of an approximately 15,000 sq. ft. hangar at the Midland International Airport.

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City of Midland, Texas

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LOST MALE cat, in the Kansas/McDonald area. Black & white w/ gnarled tail, Reward! Please call 664-5213.

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Proposal #2012-012

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Personals

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ATTN: READERS
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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 28, 2012
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 9, 2012
Rule 37/38 Case No.0275397
Status/Permit No. 735189
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HENRY RESOURCES LLC, [RRC Operator No. 378535] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 32, Bk. 39 T1N, T&P RR CO / DUNN, L O Survey, A-646, BETTY SUE (STRAWN) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Fields, MARTIN County, being 21.8 miles SW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

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Lease/Unit Acres : 6447.8
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Lease Lines : 1214.0 F WEST L, 3990.0 F SOUTH L
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

BETTY SUE (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Blair Kenley, at (432) 694-3000.

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 961.0

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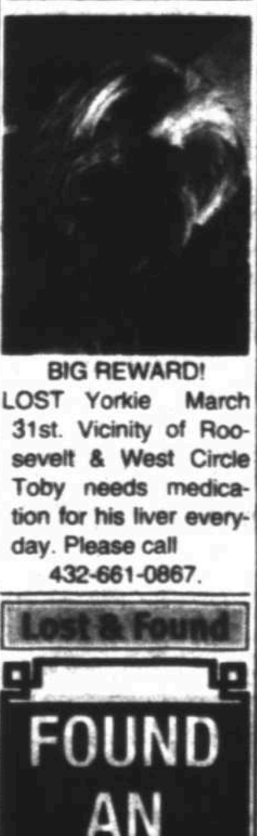

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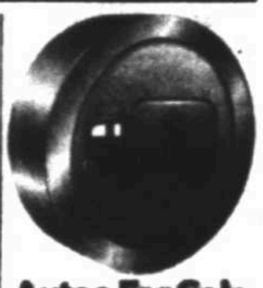

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HEALTHCARE

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Ingram Eye Center
Midland, TX 79701 FT
Busy ophthalmology clinic looking for Medical Billing Clerk/Medical Office Secretary. Only apply if you have medical billing insurance, 25-30 hours per week M-F. Hourly wage based on experience, benefits provided. Send resume to: dringram@quiknt.com or to Ingram Eye Center, 2706 West Cuthbert, Bldg A, Midland, Tx 79701.

Midland Surgical Associates, P.A.
is seeking candidates for the following positions:

Billing/Coding & Collections Specialist
with prior experience to join our team.
Applicant must have worked with CPT and ICD9 coding and compatibility, electronic billing & posting, exception reports, claim appeals, disputes and collection methodologies. Experience with MicroMDpractice management system a plus.

RECEPTIONIST
Applicant must be able to process medical records with attention to detail and handle heavy phones. A multitasker with a pleasant disposition and MicroMD software experience preferred. Excellent communication and clerical skills required.

M-F 8:30-5:30 Benefit package includes PTO, health, life & AFLAC insurance coverages and a 401-K retirement plan.
Send resume to
P- 128 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Registered Dental Assistant

Dr. Anderw Wilson, DDS FT
Experienced, outgoing Registered Dental Assistant with great communication skills needed for family dental practice. Please send resume and references to: Dr. Andrew Wilson, 4410 N. Midkiff RD Ste D-217, Midland 79705. Fax # 432-570-6028

RN's Wanted for Home Health

Big Spring, Ft. Stockton and the Monahans/Pecos areas. Full or part-time. Must be currently licensed by the State of TX. and willing to travel. Bilingual preferred. We offer: excellent pay and benefits. Contact Larry at 432-218-7996 or visit our web-site @ www.hochomecare.com to apply.

Volunteer Recruiter Coordinator

Interim Homecare and Hospice
Midland, TX 79701
Full-time position available for fast growing Hospice Agency. Volunteer Recruiter Coordinator. Professional person to recruit volunteers to make a difference in people's life. Must be willing to speak to small groups and promote the benefits of hospice and volunteering. 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste 200, Midland, Tx 79701 or fax resume to 432-618-0307. No phone calls please. EOE.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Immediate Openings

Plaza Inn Midland has immediate openings for:
• Front Desk Clerk
Full time alternating shifts (7-3am 3-11pm)
• Housekeepers
Full time
Please apply to Human Resources, 4108 N. Big Spring St.

Maintenance/FT Night Audit

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

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Leasing Consultant and Assistant Manager

Now hiring 2 positions - Leasing Consultant and Assistant Manager for Dakota Apartments. Yardi experience preferred, Previous experience required. Great Pay and Benefits! Apply online at www.bhmanagement.com . EOE

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Entry Level Positions

Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have job openings in our Personalization and Production Departments. Those who apply must be willing to work nights. Candidates will need to pass a background check and drug test. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

OTHER JOBS

All Positions

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

FLOWERLAND

Experienced Floral Designer Needed. We offer a smoke-free environment, 401K , Insurance, & paid vacation. Will need to be able to work holidays & weekends. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com

FLOWERLAND

Salesperson needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays and holidays included. Smoke free environment. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com

Janitor

Part time janitorial work in evenings. Must be dependable. Great supplemental income. Call 570-9903.

Warehouse Manager

Jonnie's FT
Responsibilities: Must have good driving record, must be able to operate fork-lift, will need to be able to lift and move furniture. Furniture assembly required Hours 10am-5:30pm Mon-Fri and 10am-5pm on Saturday's. (Will not be required to work all Saturday's). Starting salary $13-$15/hour depending on experience. Please bring resume to Johnnie's Design and Home Decor at 1551 John Ben Shepperd, Odessa TX (Next to Zucchi's)

Now Hiring

Warfield Travel Plaza FT
The Warfield Travel Plaza is hiring for all positions- full/part-time, all shifts available! Cashiers, Janitors, Waitresses, Cooks, Dishwashers, Subway Food Staff + Western Auto Mechanics & Tire Installers! Apply in person at the Warfield Travel Plaza, 10400 I-20 @ FM 1788, Midland.

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Or know someone who does?

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

Contact:
Tony:687-9002

Pool Service Technician

Blue Scape Pools FT
Midland, TX 79701
Experienced Pool Service Technician, $12 an hour. Apply in person 5023 Princeton Ave. Suite 11 Midland, Texas 79703

Positions Available

Aus Mex Tortilla Factory now hiring . Call Jose Gomez at 432-559-8824 or 432-561-8869

SHOP HANDS, MACHINE SHOP, and DRIVERS

Adobe Oilfield Services is now hiring. For more info, please call **432-337-3731** or to fill out an app, come by the office **806 S. Pagewood**.

Warehouse Helper/ Laborer

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Draftman/Estimator

Kahler Homes Ltd. FT
Draftsman/Estimator needed. Design new homes, draw plans, estimate costs. Email resume to Linda@kahlerhomes.com Full time position with benefits. Salary depending upon experience.

HSE Specialist

IMPACT! Chemical Technologies, Inc. FT
A rapidly expanding oilfield chemical company is seeking a qualified candidate for the Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) Specialist position in the Midland, TX office. The HSE Specialist develops, implements, and maintains health, safety and environmental programs; assures compliance with company and customer HSE standards as well as federal, state and local regulations.

Requirements:
- Bachelor degree in Chemistry or other Natural Sciences preferred
- Other degree OK with relevant experience.
- Preferred 3 years of experience in a safety and environmental role.
- Working knowledge of federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.
- Working knowledge of behavior based safety including general principles, audit process, root cause analysis, incentives, and accountability.
- Solid leadership, management, motivational and administrative skills.
- Solid interpersonal, verbal and written communications skills.
- Up to 25% travel required

Please send resumes to:
Attn: HSE Director PO Box 10887
Midland, TX 79702-7887ion

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Leasing Agent and Maintenance Person

Santa Fe Apartmanets FT
For Santa Fe apartments. Stop by pick up application at 5010 W. Loop 250 North, 79707 or call 432-349-3968.

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REAL ESTATE

Property Manager & Leasing Agent
Confidential FT
Company seeking mature professional individuals for positions of Property Manager and Leasing Agent. Experience in management not necessary, but the ability to communicate effectively, organize efficiently and administer customer service skills are essential. Discernment skills are a must. Please forward resume and salary requirements to crownproperties@grandecom.net

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All PT/FT Positions
Domino's Pizza, Join the busiest and best Pizza Delivery Co. Now hiring for all PT/FT positions. CSR's, drivers, and shift management. Competitive pay and fun work environment. Drivers earn great tips and full hourly wage. No split wages! Apply at any Midland Domino's Pizza locations. 3300 W. Illinois Ave., 604 N. Big Spring St., 4519 N. Garfield St., 2410 Rankin Hwy.

Cook & Resident Monitor
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Dismas Charities is now hiring a full-time Cook and part-time Resident Monitor. Apply at: www.dismas.com

Cooks & Servers
Sedona Grill
201 W. Wadley
Midland, TX
Earn up to $1,000 per week. Experienced Cooks and Servers. Please apply in person

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

Experienced Saute Cooks and Dishwashers
Manny's Italian Village FT/PT
Hiring experienced Saute Cooks and Dishwashers. Good pay and great working atmosphere. Apply in person: 3211 W. Wadley, Ste.1, Midland, TX 79705

Swensen's now hiring KITCHEN HELP & SERVERS!
Business is great! Now hiring **Kitchen Help** and **Servers**. Join a Team that promotes a feeling of membership, not just employment. Apply in person at **Loop 250 and "A". Street, Midland, TX.**

RETAIL JOBS

General Manager
Kool Smiles Dentistry FT
General Manager opportunity for seasoned manager with 5 years retail management experience. No nights/Sundays. Get your life back as a manager for Kool Smiles dentistry. If you have big box retail, we have an excellent opportunity for you. Apply at www.koolsmilesjobs.com for immediate consideration.

SALES JOBS

Route Sales Representative
Dell Express FT
Dell Express is hiring for a FT Route Driver who swings between a route in Midland and Odessa. 40-45 hours/week. Route Sales Experience Preferred. Apply online: www.dellexpress.com click on "careers" and "apply." Search for #273. EOE/AA.

Sales People & CDL Drivers Wanted
Energy Elect FT
We are a local Electrical Distribution Company in search of professional, success oriented individuals interested in joining our sales team. We presently operate in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas and are expanding our operations in these and other markets. We are looking for several qualified salespeople that have a proven history of success in the Electrical Distribution industry or related field. The ideal candidate will have 3 – 5 years of experience and a stable background. We offer a very competitive compensation and benefit package. If you enjoy the challenge of competing in a growing industry, or are just looking for an opportunity to develop a rewarding career with a successful company, then please take the time to forward a letter of introduction and your updated resume to J. Kulbeth, in care of E.E.D. at 1510 E. 2ND Street, Odessa, TX 79761.

SKILLED LABOR

Auto & Flat Glass Technicians
Glass Doctor of Permian Basin FT
Glass Doctor hiring experienced Auto & Flat Glass Techs. Competitive wages. Apply in person at 701 N W County Rd., Odessa TX 79763 . NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Auto Mechanic
Mid-Tex Parts & Services FT
Experienced Mechanic with tools. Paid weekly, Insurance & Vacation. Monday - Friday. Apply in person at 800 West Missouri St, Midland, TX 79701.

Electrician Apprentice
Immediate opening for an Electrician Apprentice. Call 432-697-4439

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Weekly pay with benefits. Experienced individuals only. Please call 432-682-8222.

SALES JOBS

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

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

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Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

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Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

SKILLED LABOR

Lead Maintenance/Make Ready
Summerhill Apartments FT
Now hiring **Lead Maintenance** and Make Ready. Apply in person only at: **3001 North Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707**.

Licensed Commercial Plumber
TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (up to $25 per hour for the right individuals), paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call 432-686-0002 for interview.

Licensed Plumbers & Exp. Plumbers Helpers
Castro's Plumbing FT
Needing licensed plumbers and experienced plumber helpers with valid driver license. call Junior at 432-634-3758

Plumber Helpers
Apply in person at **1101 W. Florida**. Salary DOE. We offer benefits, paid holidays, paid vacation & 401k.

Plumber
Rainbow Plumbing FT
Rainbow plumbing now taking applications for licensed Service Plumbers. Make up to $24/hour and commissions paid on job sold. Benefits: Health insurance, 401K, 2 weeks paid vacation, plus holidays. Great benefits with great company. Apply at 5014 Andrews Hwy, in Odessa.

Production Manager
Confidential FT
Needed Production Mgr (must have paint and sandblast experience) and Maintenance person. Please apply in person to 9504 W Cnty Rd 127, Midland, TX 79706 432-563-1224.

Shop/Field Mechanic
Basin Engine and Pump
Shop and Field Mechanic needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools, Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to shawn@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at 1914 South County Road 1083 - Midland, TX.

Two Way Radio Tech, Automation/PLC Tech, Installers
Petro Communications is accepting applications for all positions. Installers, Two Way Radio Technicians, Automation/PLC Technicians & Tower Crew personnel. Apply at 2425 E. Hwy 80, Midland 79706 or email resume: mmitchell@t3wireless.com or fax: 432-687-3613.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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

Experienced Driver
G & K Trucking, Inc. FT
Local trucking company seeks an experienced HOTSHOT Driver with a Class A CDL. HazMat a plus. Please call 432-413-2472.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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

Delivery Driver
Catalyst Oilfield Services FT/PT
Delivery Driver needed for oilfield chemical company. Class A CDL with Hazmat required. Competitive hourly pay with overtime. Company offers 401K, paid employee health insurance and paid vacation. Please call Roman, 432-894-1416.

Delivery Driver
West Texas Nuclear Pharmacy FT
Delivery driver wanted. Must pass drug test and background check, have clean driving record and be able to lift/maneuver 55lbs. Telephone, computer, basic written and basic math skills a plus. Call 699-0892 between 8am & 2pm Mon-Fri for more information. Or apply online at cardinalhealth.com. Requisition number 12001794.

Drivers Needed Immediately
Regional Ice Manufacturer FT
Seeking FULL-TIME route delivery drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home every night. Class A or B CDL required. Pre-employment drug screen and Clean driving record a must. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full benefits package available. Please call 800-321-5558.

LEAD DISPATCHER
Lead Dispatcher for oilfield service company. Oilfield exp preferred. Salary DOE. Insurance, paid vacation, 401k, Sign On Bonus and dental. On call 24hrs and every 3rd weekend. Call for interview between 8am and 5pm, Mon.-Fri. **432-563-1894**.

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

Route Drivers
Confidential FT
Odessa, TX 79764
Men and women, will train. Call 432-210-9344 or apply in person: 3306 Brazos, Odessa, Tx 79764.

Treater Truck Driver
X-Chem FT
X-Chem is seeking a Treater Truck Driver for our Midland location. The Treater Truck Driver is responsible for delivering chemical to customer locations, treating wells, monitoring raw material inventory supply, and other duties, as needed.

The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years experience in a similar role, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Tanker and Hazmat endorsements.

We offer competitive salary and outstanding benefits including 401(K) with matching funds, major medical, dental, vision, life, long and short term disability. Additionally, we offer an employee credit union, tuition reimbursement, paid vacation and holiday policy, and much more!

Qualified candidates, please contact Jenny Johnson in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or jenny.johnson@nch.com

Vacuum & Tank Truck Drivers
Permian Pertroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need Class A CDL vacuum and tank truck drivers with tank endorsement and clean driving records. Must be experienced. Offering sign-on bonus, competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-687-1643, call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434 or email rvmaskell@gmail.com.

LEGAL

Paralegal/Assistant
Brokett & McNeel, LLP FT
Fast-paced, growing law firm needs a paralegal/legal assistant with minimum of three years of litigation experience, insurance defense preferable but not required. Needs to be an organized self-starter. Salary commensurate with experience. Health insurance and 401(k) benefits. Send resume to lforth@brockettmcneel.net

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★★ by PATRICIA & TEAM ★★
2403 CAMARIE
Friday, April 13th, 8:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday, April 14th, 8:30am - 12:00pm

This home is packed with something for everyone. Queen bedroom sets, dressers, washer & dryer, refrigerator, freezer, clothing, shoes, handbags, linens, china hutch, dining table, sofa sleeper, bar stools, sofa & love seat, recliners, desk, sewing items, luggage, lots of kitchen items, lamps, books, Christmas, CD's, DVD's, art work, corner cabinet, glassware, cookware, dishes, yard items and tools, too much to list
Cash, Visa & MC accepted. No checks please.
View our sale at http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/273258

First Estate Sale
Estate Sale
By
Joseph and Team
1708 Cloverdale
(Midland)
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Take Cloverdale East off of Lamesa
This is a great sale if you love primitives, tools and rust! Bring your water, and be prepared to stay and hunt awhile. There are really too many great things to list but here we go... wagons, carts, wagon wheels, hubs, iron beds, stained glass, tools, drill press, welder, cut off saw, table saw, traps, tractor seats, plows, discs, fountain, pipe, sucker rod, tractor, craft items/paint/patterns/small items, fridge, washer/dryer, dining table/chairs, knick knacks, antique canning jars, you really have to see this sale to appreciate it.
For pictures please go to
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/275502.aspx

Second Estate Sale
Estate Sale
By
Joseph and Team
5511 East County Road 60
(Midland)
Off of North Loop 250
Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
This home has some great furniture and outdoor items including...Delft blue, bell collection, Gobel, Christmas items, Anniversary clock, kerosene lamp, prints, kitchen items, pitcher collection, sofa, recliners, side chair, king water bed, full bed, mission desk, vintage dresser/mirror, bookcases, dining room table/chairs, sewing machine, coffee/lamp tables, reproduction ice boxes, chest of drawers, fire pit, patio furniture, lots of outdoor statuary/wind chimes/etc., gas grill, lots of tools, hand/electric, lawn mower, and the usual household misc. For pictures please go to
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/275526.aspx

Yard & Garage Sales

79701
1508 BEDFORD Dr. Thursday-Saturday 8am-? Lots of clothes, shoes, weight bench & weights, refrigerator, computer desk, couch & loveseat, TV's & lots more.

79703
5202 RIC Drive Thursday-Saturday 8am-5pm. Lots of kitchen items, household items, small appliances, TV, candles, crosses, other collectibles and other miscellaneous items.

602 BROOKS Dr. Friday 8am-? Musical equipment, designer clothes, Coach purses, furniture, baby items & miscellaneous

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79705
4207 ECR 79
Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm.
(take Loop 250 east, go right on 1150, then left on ECR 79, Elkins area). Big sale! Refrigerator, lawn mowers, furniture, tools, swimming pool & hot tub, outdoor items, & lots of miscellaneous.

Yard & Garage Sales

79705
4900 HILLSBORO Ct, Saturday 8am-4pm. Please park on the street as garage is in the back and we can't block the alley. Come shop, buy and help us raise money for our mission project in Central America.

79707
8100 DUNBLANE Dr. Friday only 8-12. Garage sale, children's clothing, furniture & household items.

5604 Grassland Blvd. 8-12, Friday and Saturday. 3 family, huge garage sale.

LIVING ESTATE SALE
3809 CRESTGATE. Thursday, 1-4pm. Friday, 9-3. Saturday, 9-12noon. Very nice antique furniture, murphy bed, side board, curio / secretary, new mattress set, new leather sofa, custom coffee table, marble top table, stainless steel refrigerator, lots of miscellaneous, furniture, home decor, bedding, designer hand bags, dishes & many collectible. **CASH ONLY!**

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INFINITY 2001 QX4 silver ext., black leather int $7800 new satellite radio added with CD player, excellent mileage, this car may be viewed at H&S Motors 1200 N. Loop 250 W. Call Shelly at 432-699-1650, 432-556-6225

LEXUS 2011 ES 350 $30k OBO, 42k miles, excellent condition. See ad on AutoTrader for more details: http://www.autotrader.com/fyc/vdp.jsp?ct=p&car_id=318220238&dealer_id=67097391&atc_id=AT-12f7a7ce. Call 432-288-2501

➤ NEW TODAY! ◄
NISSAN 2000 Maxima black, 4 dr sedan very dependable, runs great, hwy miles. Asking $3,000. Willing to trade for comparable pickup truck. 432-288-4901.

NISSAN 2006 Maxima, 65K miles, loaded, heated seat, GPS navigation, Moon roof, Pearl White. $13,500. 432-352-7889.

NISSAN 2008 ALTIMA Coupe, navigation, touch screen radio, new rims, 58k mi, $17,500 OBO, 432-664-4573, 432-634-8681. Text for more information.

NISSAN 2011 Maxima Sports, clean, loaded, 8K, black, $31,950. Call 432-978-0532 or 432-559-5317.

TOYOTA 2001 Avalon XL, 134k, power seats & windows, CD player, A/C, good condition, great engine, never had any issue. Asking $7600. 432-247-1110

TOYOTA 2002 Avalon, excellent condition, 95k mi, tan with leather seats, new brakes, new tires, $10,500. Must see to believe 3920 Elderica, Odessa, 432-638-6725, 432-563-0285.

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PORSCHE 2007 911 Carrera S, 3,100 miles as new, fully loaded, black on black interior, garage kept, premium sound system, $60,000. Call 432-352-8701.

Pickup Trucks

2001 DODGE 2500 5.9L TurboDiesel, SLT ext. cab, long bed, white w/ gray cloth int. 5-speed, 2WD, A/C, cruise control, PW & locks, CD/Tape/AM-FM, bed liner, extra fuel tank, premium wheels, rails in bed for gooseneck, 5th wheel and bumper hitches, $9600 OBO. 432-617-0066 or 432-557-1568

2005 FORD F250 Super Duty Crew cab King Ranch 4WD, 6 3/4' bed, 6.0L Turbo Diesel, 70K, white over bronze. $23,000. Call 432-664-9048.

FORD 2006 F-250, EXT cab, XLT, We finance, your job is your credit, 683-6222.

Pickup Trucks

GMC 2008 Sierra 1500, crew cab, SLT 4x4, extra clean. B&B Auto Sales 683-6222.

FORD 2009 F150, super crew, Fx4, leather, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

CHEVROLET 2001 Silverado 1500, extended cab Z71, red, with gray cloth, 5.3 vortec, 100k miles, grill guard, headache rack and tool box. $10,250 Call 432-697-0010.

CHEVROLET 2006 1500 Silverado, 4 door crew, V8, automatic transmission, excellent condition, has new tires and lots of extras. 42,000 miles. $18,250. Call 432-689-0898.

CHEVROLET 2006 Avalanche. Very clean, loaded, sunroof, 185k highway miles, $9,500. 432-634-7556.

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CHEVY 2005 2500HD 4x4, crew cab, loaded, excellent condition, V8 8.1 liter, Allison transmission, new BF Goodrich all terrain tires, 75k mi. $20,000. Call 432-967-0728

CHEVY 2005 Silverado Texas Edition. 147k miles. The transmission has 50k miles; it has been replaced. $8000 OBO. Please call 432-556-7930

CHEVY 2007 Avalanche LT 63,500 miles, orange ext., leather seats, V8, 5.3L, running boards, grille guard, Flex Fuel, steering wheel radio controls, auxiliary input, $20,800. Call 432-254-2231

DODGE 1998 1/2 ton extended cab, V8, auto, pwd windows, door locks, etc. $3,950 OBO . 432-934-2318

DODGE 2003 Ram 95k mi great conditions $8500, 432-638-1814.

FORD 1999 F-250 Super Duty, very clean, factory conversion, V-10 engine, 14 mi per gallon, camper shell, fiberglass running boards, 2 tone paint, $6,900, 432-218-7010, 325-340-2005.

FORD 2007 F150 XL, single cab, 55,000 original miles, V6 engine, 20" rims, oversized tires, very sharp, garage kept. $10,900 neg. Call day 432-413-0413 or evening 432-218-6118.

FORD 2008 F150 super crew Lariat, 38k mi bed liner, audiophile system, keyless/entry start, 5.5 engine, bed cover, asking $28,495, OBO 432-661-9735

FORD 2008 F250 4x4 5.4L engine white with adobe tan trim, has everything including Navigation system. 9+ inside, 9 outside. Regular maintenance and oil change. Non-smoker and garaged. 110K miles, $18,500. 432-528-6504.

FORD 2011 F350 Superduty, gas, 9ft. service body, 2 rat packs, ladder rack, vices, 7k total miles. Asking 35k, 432-557-3418 or 432-557-3419

GMC 2011 Sierra 1500, Crew Cab, SLE, 15,000 miles, Silver Exterior, Black Interior Trim with Cloth, Running Boards, Tool Chest, Fog Lights, $29,500, 432-853-5229.

GMC 2012 Denali 1500 XL, AWD, White Diamond, black leather, dual DVD player navigation, 11,000 miles. $55K. 432-664-1875

Vans & Minivans

FORD 2007 Econoline E-250 w/ shelving, white, 95,000 miles, $8,900. Call 806-438-7981.

HONDA 2004 Odyssey Van, silver, DVD player, double electric sliding doors, 3rd seat, cloth, 99,800 miles. $7,300. 432-425-3659.

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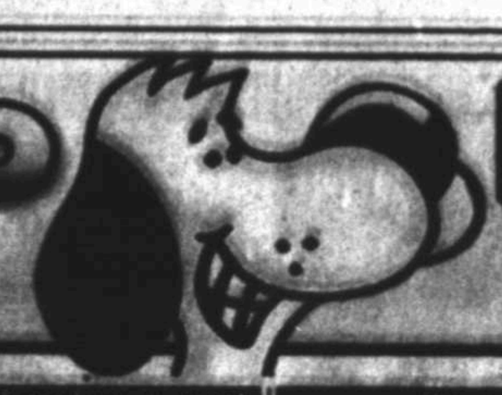

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ELECTION 2012

Will President Obama win re-election? Or will a new president be chosen? This year, American voters will decide.

The president must be at least 35 years old, have been born a United States citizen and have resided in the United States for at least 14 years. He or she can only be elected president for two four-year terms.

Presidential elections, which occur every four years, are managed according to rules set out in the Constitution. The system for electing the president in our democracy is called the **Electoral College**. You have to be eighteen years old to vote.

Choosing a Candidate: Caucus or Primary?

The difference between a caucus and a primary is that a caucus is usually a meeting where party members use discussion to eventually choose a candidate, while in a primary, party members vote privately for their choice of candidate.

While both systems are ways to choose a presidential candidate, the processes are different, with the caucus being a more informal approach. The caucuses and primaries in each state also select representatives, called **delegates**, to attend the convention.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand structure of political parties.

Help this candidate find his way to the press conference.

Conventions

When all the state primaries and caucuses are over, each political party has a big meeting called a **convention**. Thousands of delegates vote to choose their party's presidential candidate from the few most popular candidates chosen from the primaries and caucuses.

The chosen presidential candidate will usually select his or her own vice-president.

Use the code to find out where each party's conventions will be held this year.

The Republican National Convention will be held during the week of August 27, 2012 in this city:

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The Democratic National Convention will be held during the week of September 3, 2012 in this city:

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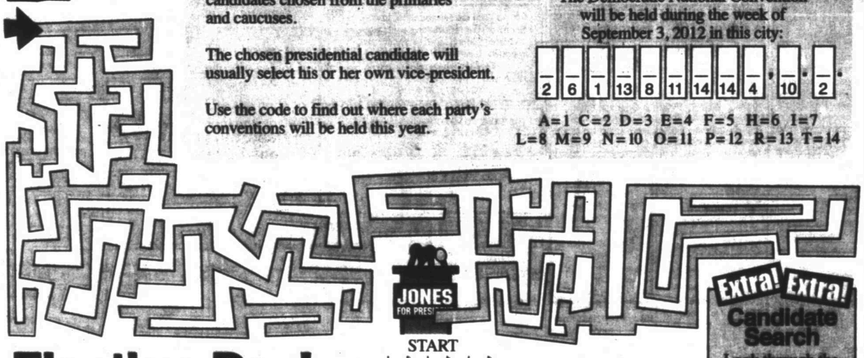


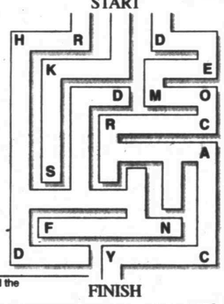
Election Day!

Election Day is the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

On Election Day, all U.S. citizens can vote for the president plus that candidate's chosen vice-president on what is called the **ticket**.

Many Americans believe they are casting their vote to choose the president, but in fact, they are selecting the **Electoral College**. The person who wins the most votes in each state wins that state's **electoral** votes.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand structure of government and the process for electing the president.



The right to vote makes our form of government in the United States a _____.

To find the word that goes in the blank, write down each letter you pass along the correct path of this maze.

Extra! Extra! Candidate Search

Look through the newspaper for the names of people running for public office. Write down each name and the office that person is running for. Can you discover which political party each candidate represents?

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the role of political parties; understand the value of multiple parties in a democracy.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Donkeys and elephants have long been the symbols of the two biggest political parties in the United States, thanks to a cartoonist named Thomas Nast. In the 1870s, Nast drew a donkey to represent one party and an elephant to represent the other for *Harper's Weekly* magazine.

Unscramble the letters to see which party each animal represents.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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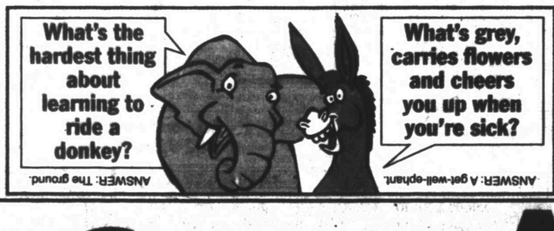
What if there was an election and no one voted? Look through today's newspaper for articles about the candidates. List facts from the articles that would encourage citizens to vote for those candidates.

Standards Link: Comprehension: Identify main ideas and details.



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If I were president of my classroom, I would give every student an IPad to help save paper and make learning more fun.

Nicky, 1st grade

Yes, finally I'm class president! What would I do to make the classroom a better place to learn? Well, my favorite thing to do would be to make kids do more fun things in each subject just so it doesn't leave their minds. In math we could do addition, subtraction or multiplication with people. We could have fun but we'd still be learning.

Matty, 4th grade

I would have more puzzle time because that is so much fun. You get to do puzzles with your friends and share and laugh and have fun. My teacher would help us when we need it, but she says we are so smart that we can put all the puzzles together by ourselves. She also said she would bring in some really hard ones.

Cheyenne, Pre-kindergarten

I would get lots of new books for us to read and more fun things to do. There would be more spelling and a lot less homework!

Kijhuana, 3rd grade

I, class president, now declare that every semester we get new supplies and new desks. We also can have better and more varieties of food. Also, every kid whould have a mini-laptop so they can research information and check answers in math. In fifth grade, students will have a little taste of 6th grade and get prepared. That's what I would do.

Lesly, 5th grade

I would do a ton of things. First, I would make sure that all of the kids would have a break, so they could have time to just relax. Second, I would want there to be a sort of train which carried people so their legs wouldn't get tired. Finally, I would build a shop so that when in was hot outside, you could get lemonade and soda and when it is cold out, hot chocolate to warm all numb fingers. Also, you would be able to buy chips and snacks.

Isabela, 4th grade

It would be fun to be class president. I would hold fundraisers for the school in Kenya that we support, The Royal Kids School. It would be fun to plan, put together and hold many sales for them. I would also like to persuade the principal to allow for more casual dress days. (There is a wardrobe at our school.) Lastly, I would look for people to lead after-school clubs for kids to make learning more fun. It would be great to be class president!

Anna, 5th grade

If I was the president of my class, I would make sure that the kids who don't listen to the teacher leave the room so that the rest of the class could learn and have fun. We could all be friends and be good.

Lily, Pre-kindergarten

I would build a secret door. It would lead to an old classroom filled with old books. That will make everyone happy.

Sarah, 1st grade

The fist thing I would do is to buy new and better materials for my class. Then I would buy a bigger desk and more books. Every other Friday we would have a project.

Jamie, 4th grade

I would change out small desks for bigger desks so we could fit more books and folders in them. My class needs more time for reading class so we can get through all of the reading groups. A big thing I would change is how much time we get for math. It's not enough time. I would change that.

Keegan 3rd grade

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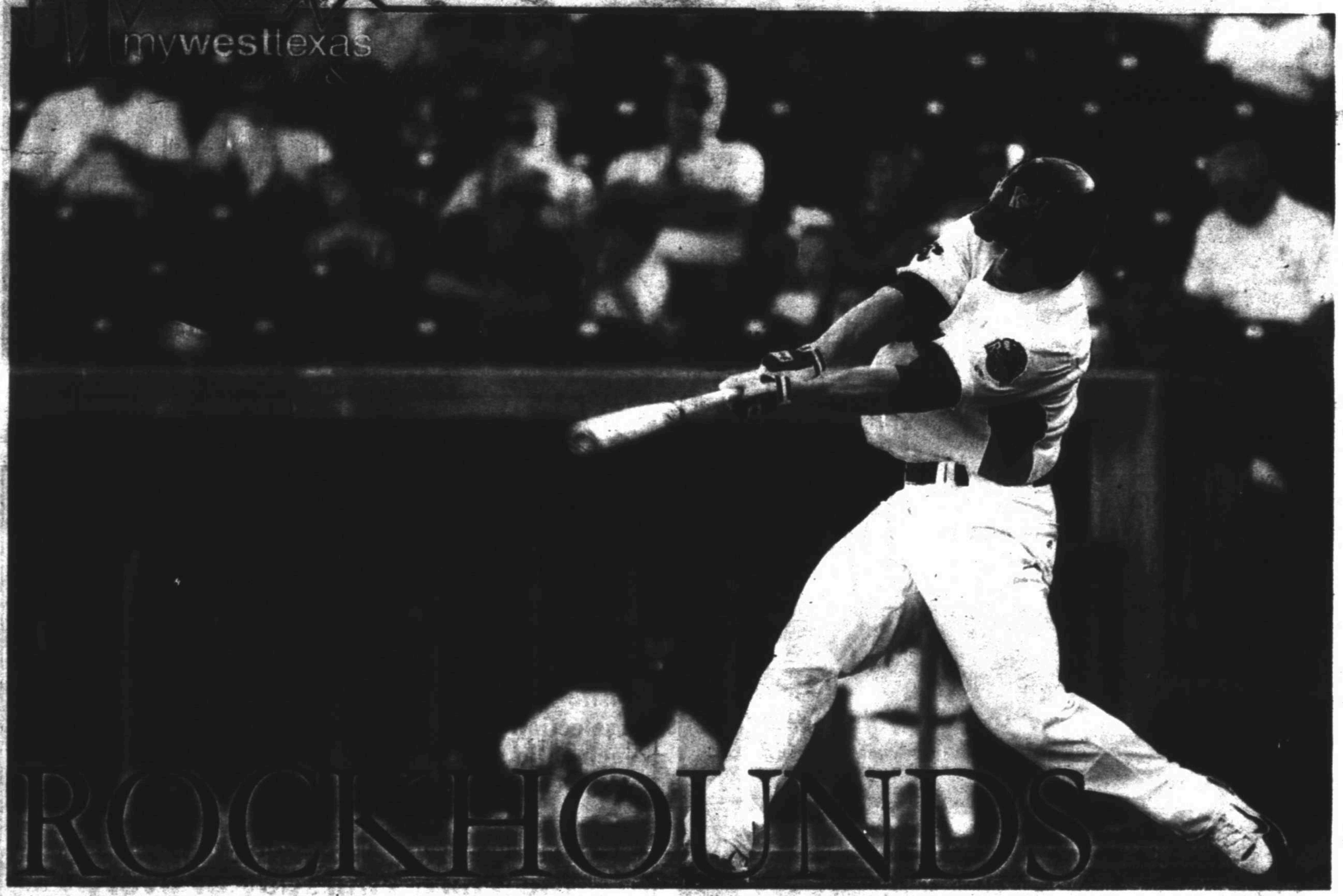

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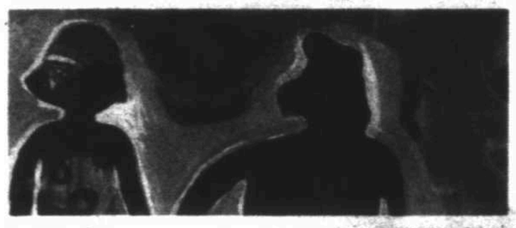

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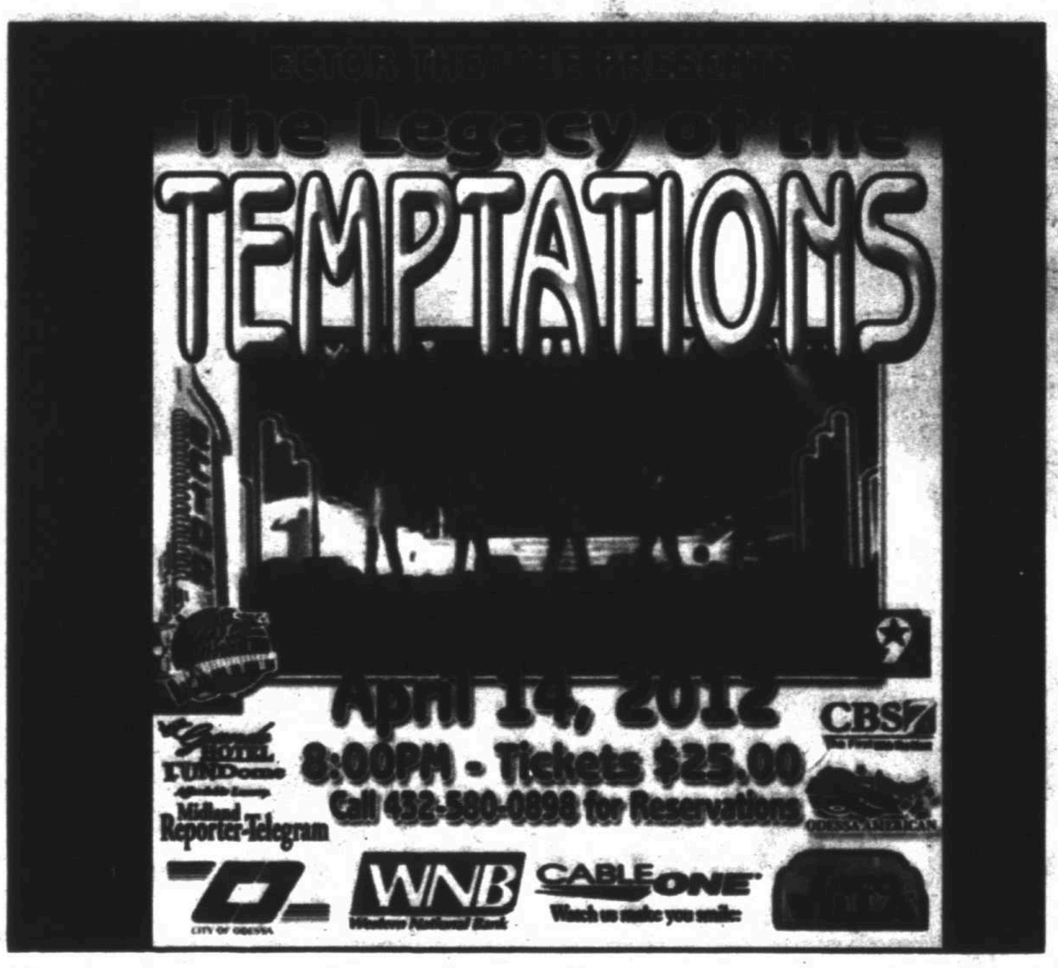

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Opera 101
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Info: Midland Opera Theater

Friday

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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Tickets: $15, $20, $30, $40 plus service charge. Available at Mardel Christian & Education, 5214 W. Wadley; Chick-fil-A, 3805 E. 42nd St., Odessa; online at: www.centralticketoffice.com; or by phone 1-800-462-7979. $2 discount for groups of 20 or more ($30 and $20 ticket only) when you call 1-800-462-7979.
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BROADWAY IN THE BASIN INAUGURAL 2012 SEASON
Where: Wagner Noël Performing arts Center
Who: Hal Holbrook: Mark Twain Tonight
Info: Call 552-4439 or go to www.broadwayinthebasin.com.

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE VELVET ROOM
Where: Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
Tickets: $10

Saturday

AUTHOR SIGNING
When: 2 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N
Info: " It's a God Thing!" By Ann Cabb.

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY MASTERWORKS IV: "SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW"
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Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

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When: 8 p.m.
Where: Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas, Odessa
Tickets: $25
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SILVER SPUR GUN AND BLADE SHOW
When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Horseshoe

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: Saturday-Thursday
Where: The Hog Pit, Woofers and Tweeters and The Velvet Room
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
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ODESSA CHAMPION MOTOR SPEEDWAY
When: Gates open 6 p.m. races begin at 8 p.m.
Info: West Texas Street Stock, West Texas Limited Stock Cars, West Texas Stock Cars, West Texas Limited Modifieds, West Texas Modifieds, West Texas Dwarfs and an Enduro class.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's
Film: "Mrs. Miniver"

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 432-352-8297.

Kids Zone

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS
Where: 2617 West Loop 250 N.
Call: 682-8880
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Friday: 4 p.m. American Girl
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. Author Ricci Ivers Casserly reading and signing her book "Kathy's Adventures." Storytime, craft and treat. Barnes & Noble welcomes all educators K-12 for door prizes, treats and the Storytime. Teacher appreciation coffee hour following.
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Storytime for Preschool

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Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
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Boerne

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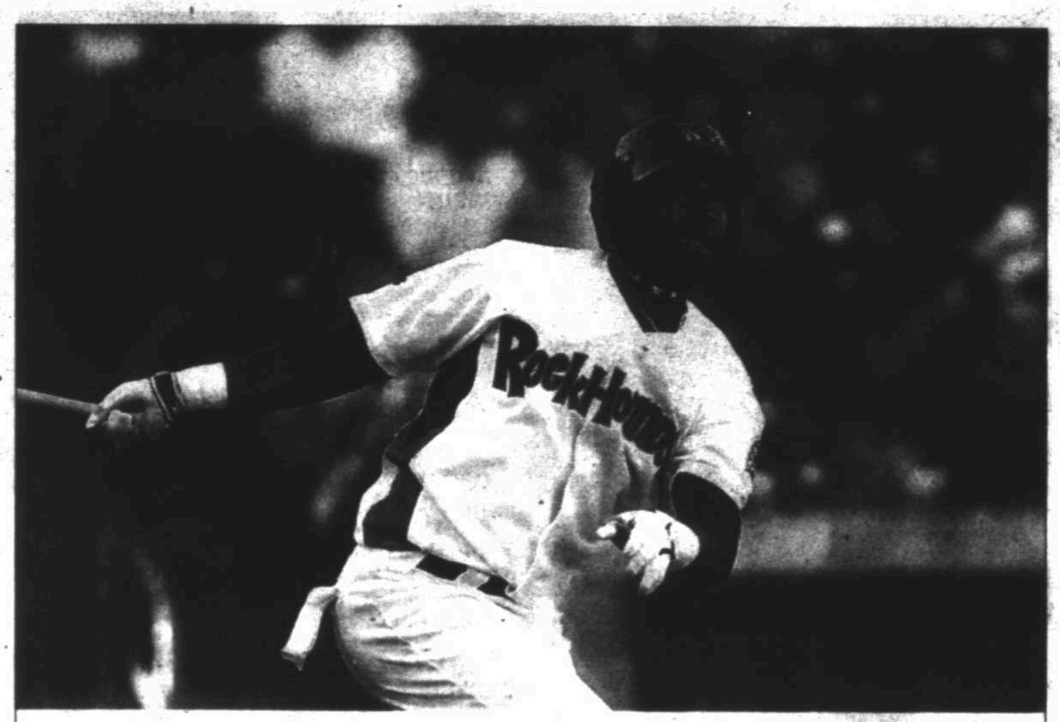

BEST BETS

THE ROCKHOUNDS BEGIN A SIX-GAME HOMESTAND WITH THEIR HOME OPENER TODAY AT 7 P.M. VS. ARKANSAS.

IN LAMESA OPENING TODAY AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MYSTERY "THE MOUSETRAP"
This play holds the distinction of being the longest-running stage play in history. Production dates and times for the Lamesa Community Players' production are 7:30 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The production is directed by LCP veteran Virginia Leonard. For ticket information call the box office, 214 N. Austin Ave., at 806-872-2705. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m.

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NOW ON DISPLAY

"MIND MAPS: MIXED MEDIA OF MELANIE YAZZIE," THE SECOND SHOW OF CONTEMPORARY SERIES 2012: "TRIBAL STORIES" AT THE MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST.

Yazzie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Arizona State University and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder and is associate professor of art at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

She works in a wide range of media including printmaking, painting, sculpting and ceramics as well as installation art and has led several collaborative international projects, including ones with artists in Siberia, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Mexico and Germany. The exhibition of her work features prints, acrylic paintings on canvas and a bronze.

"The prints in this exhibition are loud with color, with bright, geometrical forms against a soft background of color or clear white," Yazzie told the Reporter-Telegram. "They speak of quiet moments between a grandmother and granddaughter that are often not documented in my work.

"The larger prints are memories from my childhood and me dealing with different health issues I have faced in my life time. The works have images about this but are also layered with images and symbols that I have seen or collected from the many places I have been lucky enough to travel to. I have led a life full of luck, and I try to keep it going by working hard to deserve it all."

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ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM
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Info: Tours and gift shop hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in Midland.

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For information and tickets: visit ectorcountycoliseum.org or call 366-3541.

Casting Crowns to perform in Odessa on their 'Come to the Well' tour

By Sara Higgins

Grammy Award-winning contemporary Christian group Casting Crowns is coming to the Permian Basin with the hope that at the end of the night, the journey of its audience members will continue to the well of Jesus.

The group will stop at the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa Friday on the 44-city spring leg of its "Come to the Well" tour. The album name reflects a story from the Bible's book of John, in which Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in Samaria. Jesus told the woman he was a well of living water that would quench the thirst for eternity of anyone who drank from it.

"I think we've all got our wells, we've all got our sources we think are gonna do it for us," said the group's frontman, Mark Hall, in a phone interview. "Jesus is talking about living water, but we're still talking about ours. We say, 'I've got my plan, I know what I want, I just need you to sprinkle some magic Jesus dust on what I want and I'll be fine."

Casting Crowns first hit the road in fall 2011 on the heels of the release of the group's newest album, "Come to the Well." The album sold 99,138 copies in its first week, debuting at No. 2 on the Billboard's Top 200. The first single off the album, "Courageous," garnered the top spot on the iTunes Christian Songs chart.

Grammy-nominated acts Matthew West and Royal Tailor will be featured as special guests, along with Christian music newcomer Lindsay McCaul. McCaul accompanied Casting Crowns on the first leg of its tour last fall, promoting her 11-track debut album "If it Leads me Back." Royal Tailor is a four-member band that blends pop, R&B, hip-hop and rock on its new album, "Black & White." West recently had his largest street-week debut of his career with his latest album, "The Story of Your Life," which sold more than 10,000 in its first week.

"Matthew is a hero of mine," Hall said. "My dad always told me to put the Gospel on the bottom of the shelf where everyone can reach it, and he does just that."

Despite Casting Crowns' continuing success and the demand of the road, Hall and others in the group have been able to stay active in student ministry in Georgia, touring part-time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. All music written and performed by Casting Crowns evolves out of the members' ministry at the church, Hall said.

"I still want to be a youth pastor when I grow up," said Hall, who serves as a student pastor for his congregation. "What we have going on now is a season that God has brought into our lives that will probably come and go, but the church will always be there."

Sara Higgins can be reached at shiggins@mrt.com.

onscreen

"American Reunion"

"Titanic in 3-D"

"AMERICAN REUNION" — You probably haven't been lying awake in bed at night wondering whatever became of Stifler and Oz and the rest of the horny kids from the original "American Pie" movie. Yet here they are, after 13 years and a couple of sequels, and they're more bland than bawdy these days. That's part of the joke: that they (and we) aren't in high school anymore, that we all have to grow up and function as adults with responsibilities and whatnot. But that doesn't make for a very fun or funny movie; instead, "American Reunion" relies on cliches about nostalgia and melodrama about the rekindling of first loves. Jim and Michelle (Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan) are now married with a 2-year-old son and zero sex life. But they return to their Michigan hometown for a 10-year high school reunion that's being staged three years late because supposedly no one could get their act together. It's a plot contrivance, leave it at that. There they run into the old gang, including Chris Klein as Oz, who's now a slick sports anchor; Eddie Kaye Thomas as the sophisticated Finch; and Seann William Scott as Stifler, who's still ... Stifler. "Harold & Kumar" creators Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg take over as writers and directors, but the sense of unpredictability that infused that franchise never surfaces here. Plus, this kind of raunchy, hard-R comedy has been done — and done better — countless times since "American Pie" debuted and seemed fresh in 1999. R for crude and sexual content throughout, nudity, language, brief drug use and teen drinking. 105 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"Titanic" in 3-D — If any film should be redone in 3-D, it's "Titanic." And if any filmmaker should be the one doing the redoing, it's James Cameron. He's been a pioneer in advancing this cinematic technology for years now, from his underwater documentaries to the record-breaking juggernaut that is "Avatar." And so ironically, for a film that hasn't got an ounce of understatement in its three-hour-plus running time, "Titanic" in 3-D is really rather subtle and finely tuned. There's nothing gimmicky about the conversion process; it's immersive, it actually enhances the viewing experience the way a third dimension ideally should. It's also gorgeous: crisp and tactile, warm and inviting — until all hell breaks loose, that is. So often when 2-D films are transformed into 3-D, they're done so hastily with results that are murky and inaccessible. Cameron and his team clearly took their time. So while the romantic first half of the film remains more emotionally compelling, the disastrous second half has become even more visually dazzling. Cameron has stayed true to the content of his 1997 film, the winner of 11 Oscars including best picture — and that includes his clunky script filled with hokey dialogue and broad characters. What also remains intact is the earnestness of "Titanic," the absence of snark or irony, and the sensation that you're watching a big, ambitious, good-old-fashioned spectacle that can withstand the test of time. Plus, it's just fun to see the buxom, feisty Kate Winslet and boyish, charming Leonardo DiCaprio in the roles that made them superstars once more on the big screen. PG-13 for disaster-related peril and violence, nudity, sensuality and brief language. 195 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of other feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"THE HUNGER GAMES" — Jennifer Lawrence stars as the bow-and-arrow-toting, brow-furrowed heroine of Suzanne Collins' young-adult novel about a dystopian society's televised spectacle, in which 12 boys and 12 girls battle to the death, until just one remains. The big-budget, tonally odd adaptation opts for a Vegas-meets-"Wizard of Oz" production design, as Lawrence's Katniss Everdeen and the other "tributes" prep for their lethal showdown amidst the extravagant glitz of the Capitol. And then they go into the woods, and start the killing. PG-13 (violence, adult themes). 2 stars

"JOHN CARTER" — A sci-fi sword-and-sandals saga, adapted from the first installment of Edgar Rice Burroughs "Barsoom" books, about a Confederate cowboy transported from post-Civil War Arizona to war-torn Mars, where towering six-limbed green guys are battling with various beasts and human-like species. Over-the-top pulp, cool to look at, but kind of uninspiring. 2 hrs. 12 PG-13 (violence, icky aliens, scary green Tharks, mild Marsoomian profanity) 2 stars

"21 JUMP STREET" — This potty-mouthed and drug-laced reimagining of the 1980s TV show has one of the highest laughs-per-minute ratios since the Naked Gun films. Co-stars Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill play the baby-faced undercover cops assigned to bust a High-school drug ring and despite the raunch and noise they are endearingly funny. 1 hr. 49 R (pervasive drugs, extreme profanity, violence, sexual situations) 3 stars

Also

"MIRROR MIRROR" — An exiled princess enlists the help of a group of diminutive bandits to take back her usurped throne from an evil queen in this retelling of the Snow White fairy tale. With Julia Roberts, Lily Collins, Armie Hammer and Sean Bean. Written by Melisa Wallack and Jason Keller. Directed by Tarsem Singh. (1:46) PG.

"OCTOBER BABY" — After a 19-year-old woman learns that she is adopted and the survivor of an attempted abortion, she goes on a road trip to find answers about her past. With Rachel Hendrix, Jason Burkey and John Schneider. Written by Jon Erwin. Directed by Jon Erwin and Andrew Erwin. (1:45) PG-13.

"WRATH OF THE TITANS" — Ten years after defeating the Kraken, the demigod Perseus must leave his quiet life to aid his father, Zeus, in a battle against the Titans. With Sam Worthington, Rosamund Pike, Bill Nighy and Edgar Ramirez. Written by Dan Mazeau and David Leslie Johnson. Directed by Jonathan Liebesman. In 3-D and Imax. (1:39) PG-13.

DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Steven Spielberg's story of a boy and his horse gets top pick

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

"War Horse"

Pick of the week —

WAR HORSE (PG-13) Only Steven Spielberg could get a PG-13 rating for a film so filled with violence, but that's the biggest criticism I can levy against this gorgeous film. From its stunning photography from longtime Spielberg cinematographer Janusz Kaminski — who has won two Academy Awards in five nominations for Speilberg films he's shot — to the score by another longtime collaborator, John Williams — who's three for 13 under the Speilberg umbrella — the story, set in World War I, is almost perfect. Almost too much so, if I may be permitted another not-so-positive observation. Some of the close-ups, sweeping musical moments and horse movements have a calculated air to them. But, as the perfect victim of the ruse, I was grabbing for the tissued every time I was manipulated into doing so. A-

BREAKING WIND (R) Crude, gross and unfunny spoof of the "Twilight" films keeps its title -- and offensive potty humor — in mind through almost every scene. Doesn't even try very hard to stick to the theme of the "Twilights." Its only redeeming feature is in the portrayal of the Voltari, in which small children are used to portray the dark council. The children break character every so often but they're too cute to criticize. The film also has amazingly high production values, quite a feat considering there didn't seem to be any thought given to plot. Let's put it this way: The film is from the brain trust behind "The 41-Year-Old Virgin Who Knocked Up Sarah Marshall and Felt Superbad About It." If that's your kind of humor, knock yourself out. For the rest of us, I still feel ripped off after paying the $1.20 at Redbox for this. D+

COLUMBUS CIRCLE (PG-13) An heiress — nicely played by Selma Blair ("Cruel Intentions") — with severe agoraphobia living in a penthouse apartment gets new neighbors who rattle her comfort zone. Interesting noir tribute co-written by Kevin Pollack, who also stars as the concierge, the building's only person besides her therapist with any contact. The film's biggest problem is its attempts to meander toward surprise don't really fulfill the obligation. Jason Lee does a nice job in a rare turn as a bad guy while Giovanni Ribisi and Amy Smart do a great job to help round out the cast. Not up to Alfred Hitchcock standards, but then, who is? Still, a decent mystery that deserves your time if your other picks at Netflix have "long wait" availability. B

CREATURE (R) Pathetic monster movie embraces cliche in the worst way and results in this week's worst pick. Only the cute kids in "Breaking Wind" keep it from the lowest ranking. What's truly sad aboput this film is it was written and directed by a man best known for his work as a production designer. I would think think this film might at least look decent. But, no such luck. At least there were attempts to disguise the poor effects by staging them at night. The "creature" in this film is obviously a guy in a rubber suit,. He makes "Godzilla" and "The Creature From the Black Lagoon" look like modern CGI masterpieces. Would have some merit were it at least laughably bad. Nope. Just bad. F

CUTBACK (PG) High school senior who wants to spend his life surfing gets a wake-up call when tragedy strikes. Christian-themed film is way too preachy to reach a mass audience, despite all the pretty teens in the cast that might appeal to a younger audience. Not that there's anything wrong with that. But, this is a preaching to the choir effort, at best, and not nearly as entertaining as the Sherwood films ("Fireproof," "Facing the Giants"). Possibly has a great future showing to church youth groups, but avaid unless you're wanting a low-bugdet movie with little more than series of Bible verses with a couple of surfing scenes thrown in. C-

ROADIE (R) Ron Eldard, an underrated actor who has labored obscurely in independent films for years, gives one of the best performances of his career as a middle-aged man fired after 26 years hauling gear for Blue Oyster Cult. Nearly broke and filled with bitterness, he returns to his mother's house in his hometown, where he encounters his high school tormentor, who is married to the girl he loved. A movie filled with heartache and what-ifs, Eldard and Lois Smith -- who plays the mother with aplomb and grace -- give this drama its soul. B+

TOMORROW WHEN THE WAR BEGAN (R) Austrailian thrillèr about a group of kids who go camping and return home to find their families missing, taken by an invading army. Very nice film in the theme of "Red Dawn," but this tifne, the girls get to do more than scream. The invading army has been updated, as well, and appear to be Asian, possibly Chinese or North Korean, both threats that keep many people up at night. Its worldwide popularity — gained mostly via word of mouth — is deseved and a sequel has been announced. B

WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG-13) Thoroughly charming film based on the true story of a newspaper columnist who seeks a change in life after his wife dies and he wants something different for his kids. This is one of those stories that might be totally unbelievable if it weren't true. Although it might easily have been toned down a bit for a G rating, the brief language that does give it its less inclusive ranking is warranted. Nice return to form for writer-director Cameron Crowe ("Jerry Maguire," "Amost Famous"), who returns to form after the disppointing "Elizabethtown." A-

Bargain Bin Pick O' the Week:

BILL COSBY: HIMSELF (PG) In honor of Cosby's upcoming Midland appearance, and perhaps with a bit of fate thrown in, this week's grand find in those store bins that carry DVDs at a cost of about $5 is this classic. Although Cosby actually sits through most of this 1983 performance, this unquestionably is one of the finest stand-up comedy routines ever caught on film. Cosby deftly talks about kids, fatherhood, going to the dentist — and believe it or not — drugs and alcohol. The audience is brought to tears — from laughing — several times. You will be, too. A

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Review: 'Touchback' is a heartfelt film about redemption, faith

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Scott Murphy is a broken man.

He is broken physically, thanks to the defining moment in his life. It came during the state championship game, when he is leading his football team down the field. With about three seconds on the clock, Murphy opts to run the ball instead of throwing to an open receiver. He gets the score but is crippled in the effort, ending his scholarship hopes and his shot at a college education.

He is broken emotionally. After high school, he becomes a farmer. But, after 20 years of trying to make it work, his family farm is in peril. It looks as though the crops are ruined and the bank may foreclose.

He is broken spiritually. He is withdrawn from his wife and family and he is bitter over the life he thinks he could have had.

Having decided his family and friends are better off without him, Murphy plugs his tailpipe with a rag and settles in for a permanent sleep. But, he awakens the next morning with another chance. It is his senior year once again. What will he make of his life now that he can make different choices?

The premise of "Touchback" may not be new, but the direction of the film brings an originality that separates it from the pack.

Brian Presley, as Murphy, carries the film beautifully. It doesn't hurt that a seasoned group of veteran actors — including Kurt Russell and Christine Lahti — are there to help the young actor.

Watching Murphy grapple with his destiny for a second time is what makes this film special, but it doesn't hurt to have an Academy Award winning make-up artist in Barney Burman — for 2009's "Star Trek" — helping bridge time as the actors cross the 20-year age gap with believability.

"Touchback" is a film that probably won't win any major awards, but it won't be a film you regret seeing.

DID YOU KNOW? Kurt Russell and Christine Lahti worked together before. They appeared together in 1984's critically acclaimed "Swing Shift." Russell and co-star Goldie Hawn fell in love during filming.

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Former Midlander stars in film about second chances

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Brian Presley hopes to change the way Hollywood does business — one movie at a time.

"There's a lot of movies out there that don't send a good, uplifting message," Presley said, and he started his own production company to help enact that change.

The actor stars in "Touchback," a film he also co-produced. He describes the film as "It's a Wonderful Life" meets "The Blind Side." The film also stars Kurt Russell, Melanie Lynskey and Christine Lahti.

"Touchback" is about a man who regrets the choices he made when he was younger. As the star quarterback on his high school team who suffered a career-ending injury in the final seconds of the state championship game, he settled for life farming and raising a family. When it seems that, too, is going to end in failure, he decides to end his life. But, even that fails and he awakens to find himself back in high school, with a second chance.

Born in Midland — he went to Santa Rita Elementary — Presley was about 12 when his family moved to Oklahoma. He credits his upbringing in this part of the world with his decision to help bring the story to the big screen. "Touchback" opens Friday at the Century 12 in Odessa, a date Presley says is prophetic.

"To, me it's kind of a God thing. All through sports in high school, I wore Philippians 4:13 on my wrist bands," Presley said in a recent interview with the Reporter-Telegram. "The movie opens the week after Easter on 4/13, kind of a cool God thing."

"Texas and Oklahoma — that's where I was raised and that set the values that come to heart for me and are important in my life," Presley said

"I think people will appreciate the message and the story in the film."

Test audiences who have seen the film have reacted positively, Presley said. "People seem to really enjoy going on the journey. The movie's really tested the highest on people who are 25-30 and up. People who have had a chance to live a little bit and look back on their life."

It sends a message to Hollywood saying 'bring us more of these types of movies.' Whether it be 'Blind Side' or 'Touchback,' go support them. People are wanting to see this type of movie. I've always said my calling is to bridge the secular world with the faith world and to bring a message that (is) positive, uplifting."

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ALL THE DETAILS

"TOUCHBACK"
Where: Century 12 in Odessa
When: Starts Friday. Showtimes were not available at press time
Rated: PG-13
Stars: Brian Presley, Kurt Russell, Melanie Lynskey, Marc Blucas, Christine Lahti

ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM
4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa
550-5456
Also at museum: "People's Choice From the Vault of the Ellen Noel Art Museum Collection" through May 13 and "A Visual Feast: Narrative Stitching by Cindy Hickok" through June 10.
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2- 5 p.m.
Admission: free.
Web: www.noelartmuseum.org.

Ellen Noël hosts Flower Market 2012

ODESSA — Flower Market 2012 is one-stop shopping for plants, flowers, art, gifts, and garden items. Flower Market is a fundraising event supporting the George and Milly Rhodus Sculpture and Sensory Garden at the Ellen Noël Art Museum, which is designed especially for the 6,000 legally blind residents of the Permian Basin. It will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

This year is oriented toward-drought tolerant plants and water conservation. On Saturday morning two speakers will discuss these issues.

Horticulturist Deborah Frost will speak in the garden at 10:30 a.m. about drought-tolerant plants. She is the former County Extension Texas AgriLife agent and now with Becker & Associates Landscape Design.

Darlene Mays, of the City's Code Enforcement Office, also will speak on Saturday at 11:45 a.m. about water restrictions and creative ways to conserve water. She will bring some handouts about Odessa's water restrictions and be available to answer questions.

A special preview party is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday when attendees will have first choice in their selection of plants and vendors' wares. The evening also will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided by Ogi's Restaurant and Bar. Cost is $35 per person. Reservations may be made at www.noelartmuseum.org or by calling 432-550-9696 extension 210.

The event, held annually, is an ongoing collaboration between the Permian Basin Master Gardeners, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services: Blind Division, and the museum. Since the museum does not charge admission, proceeds from Flower Market are needed for the facility's operation.

Major sponsors of Flower Market are Lissa Noël Wagner and Cindy Fowler-Orrex Plastics. Supporting sponsors include Martha and Paul Crump; Cid and Tim Parker; Lura and Richard Sivalls; KTM, LLC; Gary and Viki Haner; and A.R. Calloway.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. More information about the Museum and this event is available on the Museum's Web site at: www.noelartmuseum.org.

Source: The Ellen Noel Art Museum

VENDORS

Needleworks, Etc., ladies' ready-to-wear linen clothing;
Jane and Marvin Stevenson, watercolor paintings, photos, jewelry;
Betty Monteith and Sharon Navage, stoneware pottery, and more;
New Threads, ladies' embroidered clothing, teddy bears;
L.A. Grafix "Furniture Gone Wild," painted furniture, canvas work, and cowboy hats;
Silpada Designs, silver jewelry;
Curly Girl Designs, handmade jewelry, journals, and domino necklaces;
Simply Gourd-geous, colorful gourds, hanging mobiles, and painted bottles;
Potter Doug Oertli, hand-thrown pottery by Douglas Oertli
Tamajesy Roar, handmade glass beads and handmade jewelry
Mimi y Roberto, handmade tableware and functional pottery
WOW, jewelry and garden and home items
Kirby's Kloset, jewelry

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in broad categories according to the type of food they serve. Additionally, they are classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.

Mexican

◗ Ajuua's Mexican Restaurant and Drive-Thru (SD)
3205 W. Cuthbert Ave.
694-4116

Serving authentic Tex-Mex cuisine for lunch and dinner, Ajuua's offers an expansive menu with traditional favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. The seafood menu features dishes with catfish, shrimp and oysters. Fajitas with beef, chicken, pork, shrimp or fish are available for $7.99 daily. Menudo is available Saturday and Sunday.
Entrée price range: $5.99 - $31.95
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

◗ Casa Lopez Cafe (SD)
4411 W. Illinois Ave.
699-7373

Extensive menu featuring all types of Mexican food specialties. Appetizers include items such as nachos, chile con queso, bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. Variety of fajitas, combination plates, enchiladas, salads, steaks and a kid's menu. Sports bar in separate room with large TV. Delicious food and friendly service. Catering. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: $5.99-$13.99 Lunch specials, Monday-Friday for $5.99-11 a.m.- 2 p.m. dine-in only.
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday-9 a.m.- 10 p.m.. Sunday 9 a.m.- 9 p.m..
Meals served: lunch, dinner on Monday-Friday. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Sunday. Drive in window for take-out orders.

◗ Casa Madrid
911 S. Big Spring St.
685-1350

Casa Madrid obviously has their recipes for Mexican food tweaked just right. They have been in business for 25 years and it is apparent Midlanders enjoy the ingredients they put together to make the many dishes on their menu. Traditional Mexican dishes, fajitas, combination dinners, steak, Mexican plates featuring items such as tacos, tamales, flautas or enchiladas. Each of them comes with rice and beans. Salads include a diet chicken fajita salad and a chicken, beef or fajita taco salad. Rib-eye or T-bone and pork chops, chicken, burgers and fish are also on the menu. They seem to have something for everyone. Kids have their own menu with items including one cheese enchilada or one taco with a chile con queso quesadillas and rice and beans, or chicken tenders and fries, a beef smothered burrito with rice and beans or two bean and cheese burritos and a side of queso or a hamburger. Daily lunch buffet for only $8.25 and it is all you can eat. Items on the buffet include a salad bar, flour tortillas, chicken fajitas, enchiladas, menudo, asado, tacos, beans, posole, and rice and beans just to name a few. Happy hour is each day from 5-7 p.m. offering $2 domestic longnecks and $2 margaritas. They also make their own tortillas in their tortilla factory inside the restaurant. Payment accepted: Cash, checks, all credit cards. Entrée price range: average about $8, a la carte items available.
Hours: Monday-11 a.m.-2 p.m., Tues., Wed, Thurs., Sat.-11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9; Friday-11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-10 p.m., Closed Sunday

◗ El Banquete (SD)
1802 Rankin Highway
620-0123

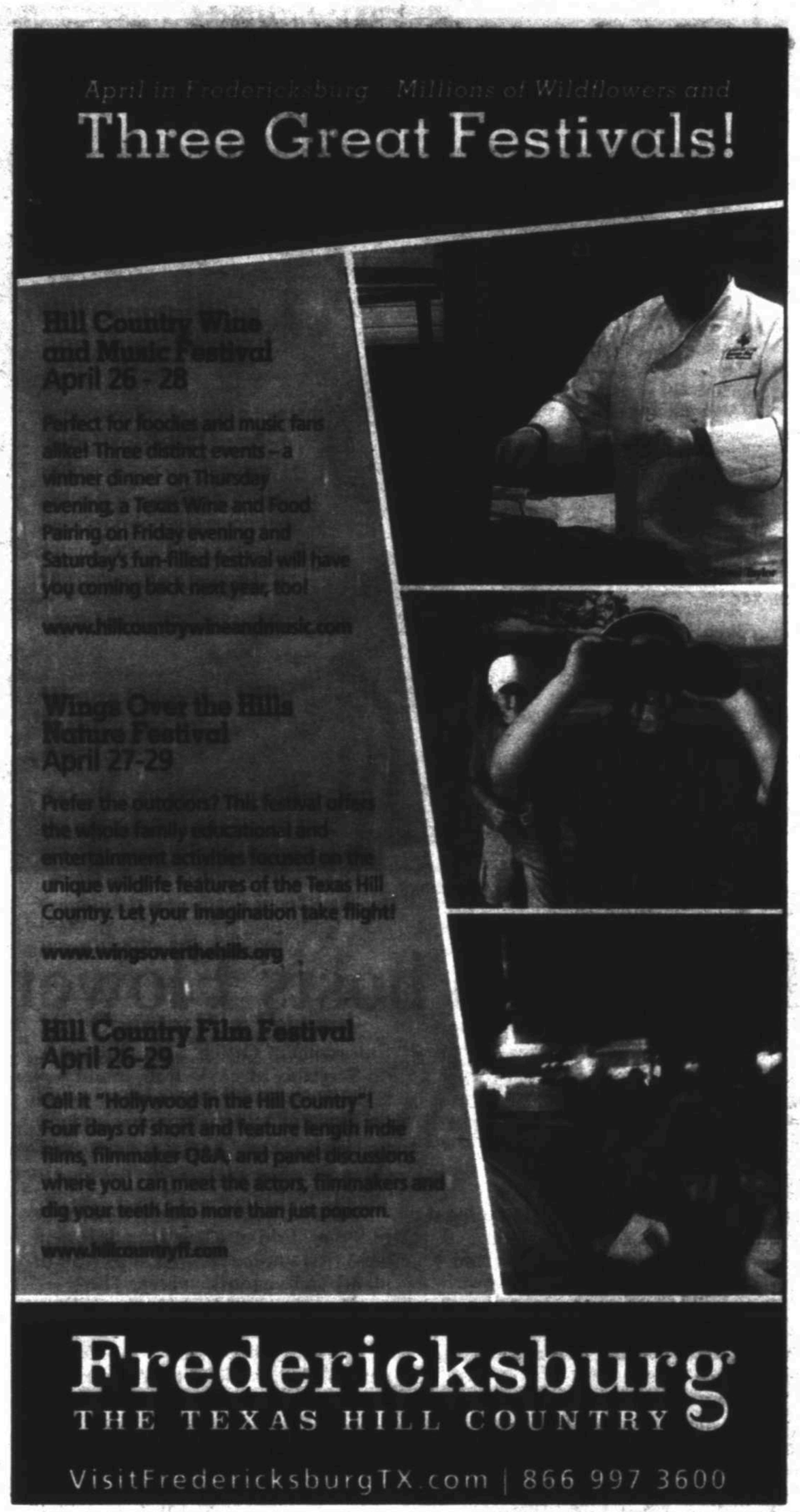
Popular Mexican food establishment featuring daily specials. Appetizers such as chili con queso, guacamole, nachos and quesadillas. Taco salads, numerous burritos, beef or chicken fajita salads as well as various enchiladas plates are also on the menu. Beef tacos as well as soft pork tacos and T-bone steaks are also offered. Breakfast burritos served daily. Kid's menu available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée price range: $6.50-$10.49, T-bone dinner $15.99.
Hours: Monday -Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

◗ Jorge's Café (SD)
3323 N. Midland Drive (Fairmont Shopping Center near Miss Cayce's) 689-0032
4400 N. Big Spring 683-6303

Voted top Mexican food restaurant and best salsa in town by readers of the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Lunch specials from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Quick service and nice atmosphere. Appetizers, salads, Mexican specialties, combination plates, fajitas, and steaks. Breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday. Full service bar with happy hour Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m, televisions in bar tuned to sports. Room for party. Catering available. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash, no checks.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$11.49. Hours: Monday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

◗ Cancun Grill (SD)
223 W. Wall St.
618-0390

Located inside the Midland Tower Building across from the courthouse, this Mexican restaurant offers everything. Colorful dining room and décor. Full service bar. Large menu offering traditional Mexican dishes as well as numerous specialties and seafood, chicken and salads. Food is beautifully displayed on the serving dishes. Tres Leches cake is delicious. Cancun Grill is perfect for those working downtown. Catering and kid's menu available.



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Entrée price range: Lunch, $6.50-$11.95; Dinner, $7.75-$19.95.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m.; Saturday 5:30-9 p.m.

Casa del Sol Restaurante y Cantina (SD)
523 East Illinois Ave.
686-1118

No reservations required, but handy when you have a group of six arriving at lunch. The inside is reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Numerous appetizer selections, Mexican specialties and combination plates, Mexican stir-fry, West Texas specialties including country-fried steak, shrimp, grilled or fried catfish. Kid's menu available. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: $5.75-$12.50.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Charlas Restaurante & Bar (SD)
3330 W. Illinois Ave.
699-2440

Enjoy delicious Mexican food while enjoying an informal and relaxed dining experience. Full service bar. Appetizers, enchiladas, tacos, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup, taco and tropical salad. Large choice of steaks, fajitas, burgers, seafood and chicken dishes as well. Delicious chips and salsa. Combination meals available as well as daily lunch specials. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$14.99.
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory (OAC)
903 Andrews Highway 520-2358
2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634
4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489

Winner of the Midland Reporter Telegram's Top 100 for the "best fast food restaurant" and "best queso," this restaurant has a large menu of tacos, burritos, nachos and salads and a la carte items. Offering Mexican platters such as a beef burrito plate, cheese enchilada plate, deluxe Mexican plate and chicken or beef fajita plates in addition to a tamale dinner. Most of these "plates" come with rice and beans on the side and a small salad. Family sized portions available (try the fajita fiesta) as well as catering. Great atmosphere and quick service. Watch as they make fresh tortillas daily. Kid's menu available.
Entree price range: $1.19-$8.99
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-midnight

Caramba's Spanish Inn (SD)
3116 W. Front St.
520-9724 or 520-9525

Bustling Mexican restaurant with a wide variety of Mexican foods. Menu features appetizers, lite plates offering 10 different choices, a "customer favorites" section, Mexican specialties and combination plates, burritos, burgers, steaks and seafood. Several rooms available for parties. Payment accepted: cash, local checks, major credit cards.
Entrée price range: $4.95-$10.95.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

Dos Compadres (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave,
#1 Oak Ridge Square
684-7239
www.Doscompadres.net

Mexican restaurant offering various rooms for seating. Appetizers offered include a variety of nachos and quesadillas as well as chile con queso. There are 15 house specials to choose from as well as a large selection of combination plates. Also on the menu are steaks, seafood and fajitas. Kid's menu available. Catering. Full service bar. Daily specials. Friendly service and family atmosphere. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.25-$16.95 for a 12-ounce ribeye.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Gerardo's Casita (SD)
2407 N. Big Spring St.
570-8012
www.gerardoscasita.net

Mexican food restaurant offering an extensive menu with a wide variety of appetizers such as fajita and Tejano nacho and quesadillas. Mexican entrees, tacos, enchiladas and burritos, grilled specials including burgers, fajitas, steaks, taco salad and delicious tortilla soup. Daily specials, kid's menu and several rooms for meetings or parties. Full service bar. Catering available. Payment accepted: checks, credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.99-$12.99. Lunch Specials: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

La Herradura Mexican Cuisine (SD)
1422 Rankin Highway
687-3000

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, La Herradura offers diners numerous choices on their expansive menu. Breakfast plates including huevos rancheros, omelettes, pancakes, French toast and other options with potatoes, beans and tortillas are served from 6 -11 a.m. Lunch and dinner options include tacos, quesadillas, tostadas, fajitas, steaks, carne asada, enchiladas, flautas and burritos as well as hamburgers and other sandwiches. The restaurant serves menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends and a daily lunch buffet from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kids menu offers a variety of options for under $5.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards
Entree price range: $2-$14.99
Hours: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily

La Mision (SD)
1008 S. Big Spring St.,
682-0320

Festive Mexican atmosphere with colorful décor and lights. Delicious chips and salsa with your meal. Large menu with large selection of appetizers, main dishes such as cheese enchiladas, carne guisada, hamburgers and fries, and chicken fried steak, fajitas, chili rellenos, grilled specialties. There is something for everyone on this menu. Try the sopapillas with ice cream for a delicious ending to your meal. Full service bar and outdoor seating available. Kid's menu. All major credit cards, checks and cash accepted.
Average entrée price range: $8.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dona Anita's (SD)
305 W. Florida Ave.
683-6727

Serving traditional Tex-Mex entrees such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, chile rellenos and combination plates, Dona Anita's is located near downtown and offers weekday lunch specials. The menu also includes fajitas with chicken, steak or shrimp, flautas, salads, quesadillas and other Tex-Mex specialties as well as American dishes such as hamburgers, a catfish platter and chicken fried steak. On Sundays, customers may order specials such as huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas.
Entree price range: $6.95-$14.95
Hours: Lunch: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m; Dinner: Monday-Saturday 5-9 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fajitas Bravo
409 E. Scharbauer Drive
682-6848

Don't let the "cover" of this restaurant fool you, open the door and find delicious food waiting to satisfy your hunger. Serving up the most delicious tender and flavorful beef and chicken fajitas I have had. Order at your table from the large menu on the wall offering barbecue brisket and ribs or grilled chicken breasts with potato salad and beans as well as traditional Mexican dishes such as nachos, burritos, burgers and quesadillas. Larger portion family packs with meats and side dishes also on the menu. Catering available for parties, meetings or any event. Thursday night pool contest from 9 p.m. until closing. Happy hour 7-9 p.m. daily. Payment accepted: cash, credit cards. Entrée price range: $3-$16 for family packs. Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m; 6 p.m.-midnight.

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar (SD)
2700 N. Big Spring St.
684-5594

Opened in 1972, La Bodega serves a variety of traditional and unique Mexican dishes. Popular dishes include the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — and the rueda which is described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. Traditional Tex-Mex entrees include fajitas, enchiladas, nachos, tacos, burritos and flautas. A variety of salads, seafood dishes and Southwest-inspired plates also are available. La Bodega has several dining rooms, including an enclosed patio room. The bar is located upstairs and is accessible from both inside and outside the building. The bar keeps later hours than the restaurant.
Entree price range: $4.55 - $15.50
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. daily

Romie's Mexican Restaurante (SD)
701 S. Marienfeld St.
432-683-5344

Mexican dining establishment offering daily specials, most at $6.99. Large selection of appetizers including, stuffed jalapenos and flautitas, nachos and homemade salsa. Choose your favorite Mexican dish such as chalupas, tacos, enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos and pick from the variety in each category. Steak, catfish and burgers are also on the menu as well as a kid's menu. Friendly and speedy service. The perfect place to go for those working downtown and anyone looking for a delicious Mexican meal. Catering and take out available. Hours: Monday-Friday 11-2 p.m. Payment types accepted: checks, credit cards and cash.

Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave., #45
570-9600

Sit out on the patio and enjoy traditional Mexican food dishes. Start your meal off with delicious chile con carne queso. Enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos, carne guizada and tacos are all on the menu. All Mexican dinners are served with rice, beans, guacamole, and two flour tortillas. Assorted selection of soups, taco salads and sandwiches, burgers and salads, seafood and steaks also offered. Daily specials and catering available.
Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: Mexican dishes, $5.99-8.99, fish and steak dishes, $9.99-24.99.
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily for restaurant, bar is open until midnight daily.

Tampico Spanish Inn (SD)
2411 W. Wall St.
682-5074

Go early to get a table at this popular Midland eatery. Wide variety of appetizers including jalapeno chips, queso, chile con queso, guacamole, avocado salad, stuffed jalapenos and a selection of quesadillas and nachos (available in whole and half orders). Lunch specials are offered and change daily. Traditional Mexican selections in addition to burgers, chicken fried steak, pork chops and salads. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash, and checks.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$14.99.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9:45 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-9:45 p.m., Sunday 8-11 a.m. (breakfast), 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (lunch).

Javi's Mexicano Restaurante (SD)
1511 Rankin Highway
684-4898

Serving breakfast and lunch. Also features a bakery offering all types of baked goods as well as a tortilla and tamale factory — all located right beside the restaurant. Menu includes a wide choice of burritos such as combination, steak with potatoes, chile relleno, great fajitas of chicken and beef or carne guisada. Nachos including

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bean, beef, chicken and beef fajita or combination. Single entrées can be ordered with a side of rice, beans and two flour tortillas for $5.99. For those who love hamburgers, Javi's menu offers several different types of burgers with a side of fries. Breakfast burritos with ham, chorizo, beans, potatoes or bacon are on the menu as well as plates such as two eggs and bacon or sausage or eggs with pork chops or short ribs in addition to huevos rancheros. Plates include beans, potatoes and two flour tortillas. Breakfast dishes can be ordered throughout the day. Entrée price range: breakfast $2.69-$7.99; lunch $3-$7.99. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash. Hours: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

◗ Garcia's Burritos
1306 N. Lamesa Road
684-4383

Appetizers such as shrimp cocktail, chips and salsa or queso and guacamole, tortilla soup as well as shrimp cocktail are on the menu. Also listed are a variety of burritos including beef, chicken or asado. Fajita plates include beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream with two tortillas. Menudo is offered on Friday and can be purchased by the pint or quart. Drinks include soft drinks, tea, coffee, milk and orange juice. Pick up a breakfast burrito when Garcia's opens at 7:30 a.m. daily. Breakfast is served until 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Breakfast burritos such as bacon and egg, sausage and egg, steak and chile or steak and potato are all on the menu and cost $2 each. They also have a small coffee bar. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash, and checks. Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

◗ Chito's Mexican Restaurant & Sports Bar
4400 N. Midland Drive
689-8646
Fax: 689-8647

Mexican restaurant with sports bar atmosphere perfect for gathering with friends. Televisions on every wall. Traditional Mexican fare with large selection of appetizers. Full bar. Kid's menu and daily specials available. Breakfast served on weekends.
Payment accepted: cash, credit cards.
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.- midnight Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.

◗ Peno's Café & Catering Company
4305 W. Illinois Ave.
Facebook: Café J-Peno
262-5720

Daily breakfast menu includes combinations of breakfast burritos and breakfast plates with two eggs, potatoes Mexican style, beans and two flour tortillas. Add any asadero, asado, chile verde, barbacoa or brisket and two buttermilk pancakes for a very filling meal. Lunch menu includes traditional Mexican fare such as enchiladas, gorditas plate, combination plates. Try the tacos. Menudo served on Saturday and many of the menu items can be purchased by the pound. Tamales may be ordered by the dozen or half dozen. Catering available.
Payment accepted: credit cards, cash.
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

◗ El Burrito Restaurant
1106 N. Big Spring St.
683-9701

In business since 1979 offering wide selection of burritos and more — homemade tortillas, breakfast plates and waffles. Lunch menu includes additional burrito choices and Mexican dishes such as a taco plate, combination plate, flautas, beef and cheese enchiladas, fajitas and tacos al carbon. Other specialties include grilled chicken and a variety of salads. Non-traditional Mexican food — called "Happy Day Foods" — include steak fingers or chicken strips served with fries, gravy, salad and toast or several choices of hamburgers.
Payment accepted: cash, checks, no credit or debit cards.
Hours: 6:45-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

◗ Dos Margaritas
1501 North Big Spring St.
www.dosmargaritasusa.com
618-9536

Warm, inviting atmosphere, friendly service. Traditional Mexican fare. Breakfast platters served from 6 to 11 a.m. include huevos rancheros, chilaquiles and steak, steak and eggs, omelettes, taquitos, breakfast burritos and even pancakes, sausage and eggs. Wide choice of appetizers, salads, grilled items, combination plates and a la carte items. Daily lunch specials served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Full bar.
Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash.
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

◗ Freebirds
3322 N. Loop 250 West
www.freebirds.com
689-9100
Fax: 689-9102

Burrito haven with a young vibe. Huge mural features the actors from the movie Easy Rider as they cruise down the highway on their motorcycles and Lady Liberty (Libby) is riding her own motorcycle that is suspended from the ceiling. Walk through the line and tell your "roller" how you want your burrito. Choose tortillas from spinach, flour, cayenne or wheat; a choice of cilantro lime or Spanish rice; refried, pinto or black beans; white or dark chicken, steak, and carnitas; a wide choice of vegetables, cheeses and dressings and pico de gallo or salsa. Tacos, nachos and salads include same options of fillings or toppings. Several signs in the dining room promote Midland Habitat for Humanity as well as www.freebirds.com/worldworks. Visit www.freebirds.com and order your meal 45 minutes ahead to have it ready when you arrive.
Payment accepted: cash, no checks, all credit cards except Discover.
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

Steak

◗ Wall Street Bar & Grill (SD)
115 East Wall St.
684-8686

Located at the heart of Midland and open since 1983. Offers some of the finest dining in town. Appetizers, steaks including N.Y. strip, filet mignon, ribeye, beef kebab and chicken fried steak. Tempting seafood dishes including charbroiled shrimp, pecan crusted Trout, seafood relleno, and catfish to name a few. Chicken dishes and a delicious house salad and fresh bread. Kid's menu available. Brunch on Sunday morning. Reservations for groups over six taken. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $9.45-$29.95 (for Filet Mignon Oscar).
Hours: Monday -Friday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5:30-10 p.m.; Saturday 5:30-10 p.m.; Sunday 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for brunch, and 5:30-9 p.m.

◗ Cattle Baron (SD)
418 Wadley Ave.
683-2334

Quiet, relaxing, Western décor themed steak house featuring prime rib, filet mignon, rib eye, peppered steak, beef kabob, garlic trout, fresh catfish, orange bourbon salmon as well as lobster tails and Alaskan king crab legs, combination plates and several hamburger choices. Salads and salad bar also available. Full service bar. Catering. Lunch specials are offered Monday-Saturday from 11-4. Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash, and no checks
Entrée price range: $5.95-$23.95.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

◗ Steak Express (carry-out, delivery)
3316 W. Illinois Ave.
694-4040

Steak Express serves steaks, burgers and more for carry-out or delivery only. Order online at www.steakexpress.com or call 694-4040. Menu includes Nolan Ryan beef steaks in a variety of cuts, grilled chicken, salmon, shrimp, ribs and combinations served with baked potato, salad and roll. Burgers, sandwiches and salads also are available. The restaurant offers lunch specials daily until 3 p.m. A fee of $1.50 is added to delivery orders.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards.
Entree price range: $6.29-$20.99.
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday -Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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MC Music Department
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7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2012
Allison Fine Arts Building
Wagner & Brown Auditorium

The event is FREE; however, tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Midland College Foundation Office in the Pevehouse Administration Building on the MC campus.
(432) 685-4556 • www.midlandcollege.edu/piano

GRADUATION BALL

Saturday, April 21 - 7:30 pm
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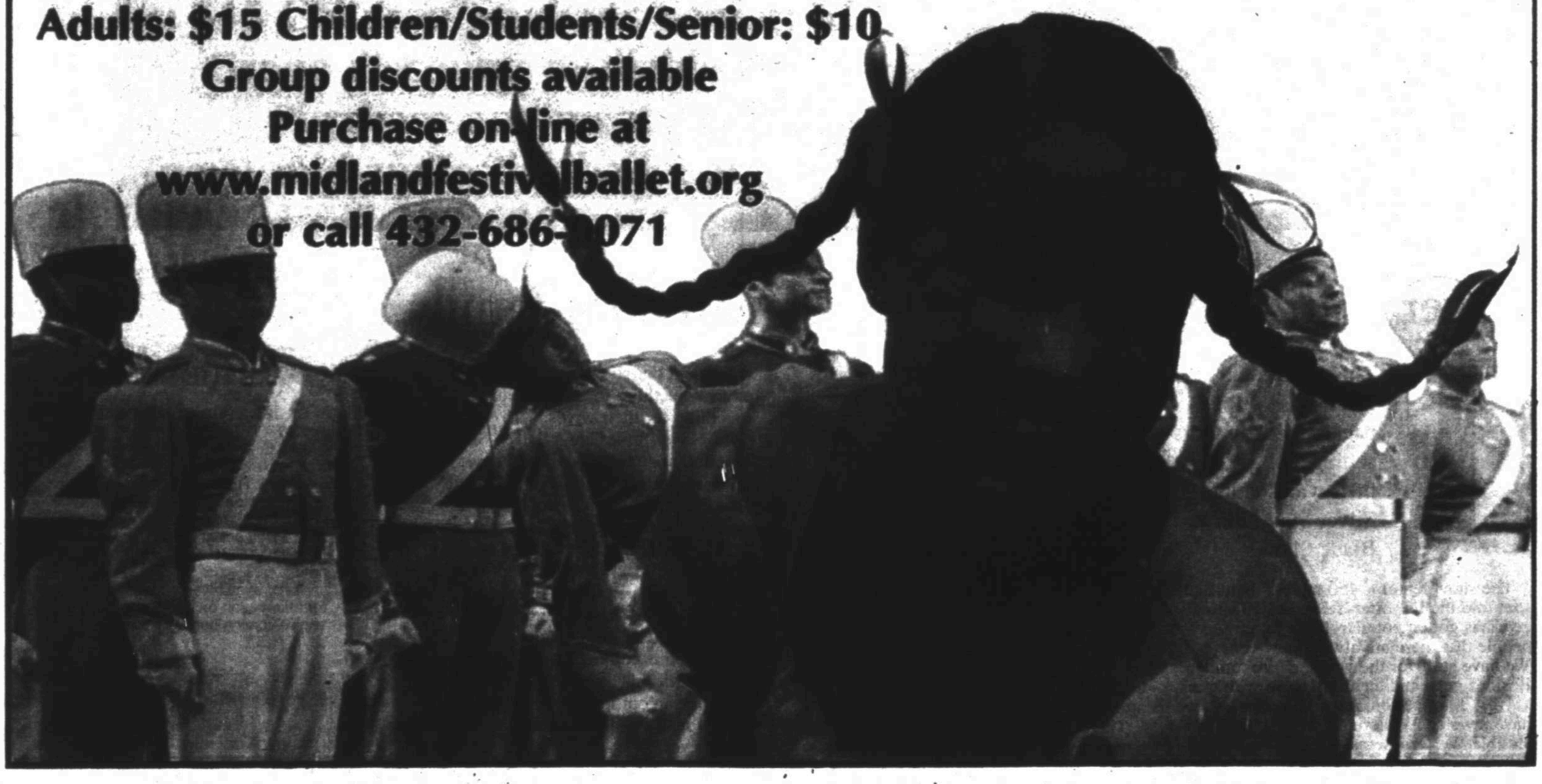

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show geared for family

This weekend the Horseshoe will be packed with vendors selling and trading their wares at the Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show.

The show features 450 tables," Kim Sansom told the Reporter-Telegram. "Tactical gear has gotten popular. I like to remind people that there are always new vendors. We have stuff for the whole entire family. Besides guns and anything to do with guns, knives, ammunition, reloading supplies, we have jewelry, Western art, a lot of collectible Western items, military supplies and military collectibles, hobby tools, books, toys, leather purses — all kinds of stuff."

Silver Spur Trade Shows is owned and operated by Kim Sansom and her husband, Monty, of Ralls. Silver Spur has been in business since December of 2005. The couple has more than 20 years experience in trade show production and promotion, Sansom said.

"My husband, Monty, and I are life members of the NRA," Samson said on the company's Web site. "We strive to offer good service to and for our exhibitors. We do our best to provide well-attended and properly marketed shows for our dealers and a safe, family-fun environment for our attendees."

The shows are geared "for the family," Sansom said. "We have a lot of women who attend our shows. The guys who want to buy something for themselves also buy something for their wives."

The Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show is a "buy, sell and trade show," she said. "You can bring stuff in to trade or to sell. It makes it unique. You're not captured by one store.

"New is our text alerts. They can text MIDGBS to 71441 to get an opt in coupon for show, and then they will receive a text the week of the show to remind them we are coming. The third annual Great Outdoors Expo is coming May 11-13. We have text alert for this also, text MIDGOE to 71441 for an opt in coupon and alerts. The show is really filling up and is going to be the best yet."

ALL THE DETAILS:

SILVER SPUR GUN & BLADE SHOW

When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

Where: Horseshoe, main arena

Admission: $5 adults, under 12 free.

Specials: 2 for 1 first hour both days. Also $1 off active military or NRA member with valid ID. Only one special at a time.

Web: www.silverspurtradeshows.com for information on additional dates and shows coming here this year.

what'scoming

GREG ANDERSON AND ELIZABETH ROE PIANO DUO
When: 7 p.m. April 19
Where: Allison Fine Arts Building, Wagner & Brown Auditorium
Tickets: Free
Info: FMH Foundation provided funding for the concert and a workshop April 20 for music students.

WEST TEXAS GOSPEL CELEBRATION
When: 7 p.m. April 20
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"Arts of the Heart," The Midland Palette Club's Fourth Annual Art Show and Sale
When: 6:30-9 p.m. April 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 21, and 1 to 5 p.m. April 22
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave.

THE PERMIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING MEETING
When: 9 a.m. April 21
Where: Petroleum Museum
Info: Program begins 10 a.m. Free. Public invited. Fee charged for catered lunch. Contact Peggy Kelton, McCamey, 432-652-8738, or peggy.kelton@gmail.com for details.

GENEALOGY OFF THE SHELVES—TIPS FOR FINDING YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS
When: 10 a.m. April 21
Where: Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Presented by Janet Rogers. Special password to be given to attendees for 30 days free in-your-home access to "www.Fold3." More information 688-4325.

MARC "BIG BOYS TOYS" BANQUET
When: April 21
Where: Horseshoe

MIDLAND FESTIVAL BALLET'S SPRING GALA
When: April 21-22
Where: Midland High School Auditorium

CHAMBER CONCERT: KIDS' CHOIR
When: 2-5 p.m. April 22
Where: The Greathouse Rea Recital Hall, Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Contact: Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, 563-0921

CHARLEY PRIDE
When: 8 p.m. April 24
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Limited time offer: Tickets to Charley Pride, The Man in Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash, June 9, and Don Williams, June 23, one price, $90 to $200 based on location.

DAVIDSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
Who: Fareed Zakaria
When: 7-9 p.m. April 24
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, Midland College campus
Tickets: Free.
Info: Topic "The Post American World: Release 2.0." The Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

"TAKE ME HOME: THE MUSIC OF JOHN DENVER"
When: 7 p.m. April 27
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Live on Stage performance has been moved to the new performing arts center.
Web: www.liveonstage-pb.com. Shuttle service available: call the Live on Stage number 789-1249 and leave name, telephone number and the number of seats you need. Seating limited.

MIDLAND ODESSA SYMPHONY CHORALE
When: 2 p.m. April 29
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

THE RAT PACK IS BACK
When: May 4
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Inaugural 2012 Broadway in the Basin at the Wagner Noël season. Final of four concerts. Call 552-4439 or go to www.broadwayinthebasin.com.

FIESTA WEST TEXAS
When: May 4-6
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: May 4, Texas Country Fest, Josh Abbott, Wade Bowen and Whiskey Myers; May 5, Grupo Duelo, Polo Urías and Su Maquna Musical, Celso Pinalos, Palominoes, big screens for boxing, Floyd Mayweather/Miguel Cotto, Saul Canelo/Sugar Shane; May 6, Los Reileros del Norte, Grupo Massore and Conjunto Amanecer. Family shows daily. Carnival rides.
Tickets: Endless Horizons, Vision Audio, Super Mercado, Nueva Moda, Lechugas and www.centralticketoffice.com.
Booths: 288-5321 / 664-6845

MUSIC UNITES US
When: 7:30 p.m. May 5
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Free.
Info: Four music groups including the Allegro Chorale, Mariachi Armonia, the James Elkins Singers and the UTPB University Choir.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ROUNDUP
When: 6 p.m. May 5
Where: CAF
Info: Dinner catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse of Buffalo Gap, live entertainment by the Rankin Twins and Robert Earl Keen, silent and live auction. Sponsor tables available
Call: 683-6375

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE POPS IV: THE TEXAS TENORS
When: 7 p.m. May 12
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

CRUDE FEST 2012
When: May 17-19
Call: 685-3671 for camping and sponsorship information or go to www.shop.thecrudefest.com. For tickets, cook off entry, VIP passes go to www.outhousetickets.com/venue/crudefest.

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS
When: May 18-20
Where: Midland Center, Centennial Plaza and the Yucca Theatre

COLLABORATION 2012: THE 46TH ANNUAL WEST TEXAS JAZZ PARTY
When: May 18-20
Where: MCM Elegante, Odessa
Info: Presented by West Texas Jazz Society.
Reservations: Call Margaret Gillham, 552-8962, or Charlene Waddill 683-2026.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS
When: May 24-26
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

Road Trip

Seminole

SEMINOLE TRADE DAYS
When: April 20-22
Where: 812 SE Ave F. Office
Call: 432-758-0807

New Mexico
Alto/Ruidoso

KEVIN & CINDY SPENCERS THEATRE OF ILLUSION
Where: Spencer Theater
When: 7 p.m. April 21, 5 p.m. buffet: $20
Tickets: $59

Mescalero
Inn of the Mountain Gods

April 19: Engelbert Humperdinck. Tickets from $25 to $100.
April 22: Ted Nugent. Tickets from $25 to $60.

Alpine

21ST ANNUAL WRITERS' RETREAT OF THE TEXAS MOUNTAIN TRAIL WRITERS
When: April 27-29
Call: 432-837-2919

Post

RAGTOWN GOSPEL THEATER
When: May11-June 23
Tickets: $20 adults, $15 groups of 12 or more, $10 students/children.
Info: 877-724-8696 or website Ragtown.com

Who's Who in **THE WHO'S TOMMY** at:

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE
MCT

- Ashley is a theatre arts teacher for Alamo and Abell Jr. High Schools
- Ashley was born and raised in Midland, TX
- Ashley recently played the role of Sister Agnes in MCT's production of *The Sound of Music*

ASHLEY SEXTON
playing the role of:
"ENSEMBLE"

- Ashley is the Concessions Chair on the Production Board at MCT
- Ashley plays first base on the softball team for Defensive Solutions
- Ashley received her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from Texas Tech University

Performances ***April 20 - 28*** @ The Historic Yucca Theatre
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