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Craddick pleased with progress of bills

Representative expects sexting, cellphone ban in vehicles to continue through Legislature

By Kathleen Thurber
Reporter-Telegram

As the House progressed through a lengthy list of bills at the close of last week, Rep. Tom Craddick said most of his key issues are being addressed.

"We're moving along," he said, pausing to add, "I may not have that same view in a few weeks."

With just two weeks remaining, House bills had to pass through third readings last week to remain alive during the session, Craddick said. He added the House and Senate also still are working on the big issues, including the budget.

Craddick said while the House likely won't support additional use of the rainy day fund, he is anticipating the comptroller's office to indicate soon that another about $500 million can be added to the budget because of increased sales tax revenue figures.

Such funds likely would be used for education and nursing home funding, he said.

Several bills he has filed — including one that would ban texting while driving and another that would create a class C misdemeanor charge for minors caught sexting for the first time — still are moving through the House and Senate.

Here is a look at some of the bills Craddick has filed and where they're at:

■ HB 1283: Passed in the House, being considered in the Senate. This bill would allow municipalities to award contracts of less than $500,000 to area businesses if the local bidder falls within 5 percent of the lowest bid. The city of Midland has worked closely with Craddick's office to see this bill through.

■ HB 457: Received final approval in the House and Senate. The bill if signed into law will allow nonprofits to promote any raffles they might have on the organization's website, through online newsletters or through social media. The current law, drafted in 1989, excludes the Web from being used to promote a raffle. The issue was brought to Craddick attention by MARC, which was fundraising this year through a car raffle. Nonprofits still can't sell raffle tickets online.

■ HB 243: Passed in the House, scheduled for consideration in the

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Rep. Tom Craddick: Has several bills moving through the Texas State Legislature

ALWAYS AT THE READY

Firefighters prepare for 'special summer victims'

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Midland firefighters have been gearing up for what the department calls "summertime special victims" by performing aerial training.

The training continued Thursday at Jal Draw near West Wadley Avenue and Ward Street. The department's B Shift practiced rescuing various types of injured patients from inside the draw.

"These types of techniques are rarely used for real emergencies," said Capt. Aaron Cox. "But that only further underscores the need to train. We'd rather work out problems in training than have them during a serious emergency."

The objective was to aerial-lift first responders by ladder truck over the blockades from the surface roads into the draw to save a simulated flash flood victim stranded atop a vehicle and to save someone with physical injuries, like those commonly seen by skateboarders who use the draws as a sort of half-pipe.

Besides training rarely used techniques, Cox and Battalion Chief Ken Whiting wanted the responding firefighters to train out of normal position to prepare for a worst case scenario. Cox said it is department policy always to train one position above and two positions below.

The first exercise was to save a simulated victim caught in the wake of a flash flood. A first

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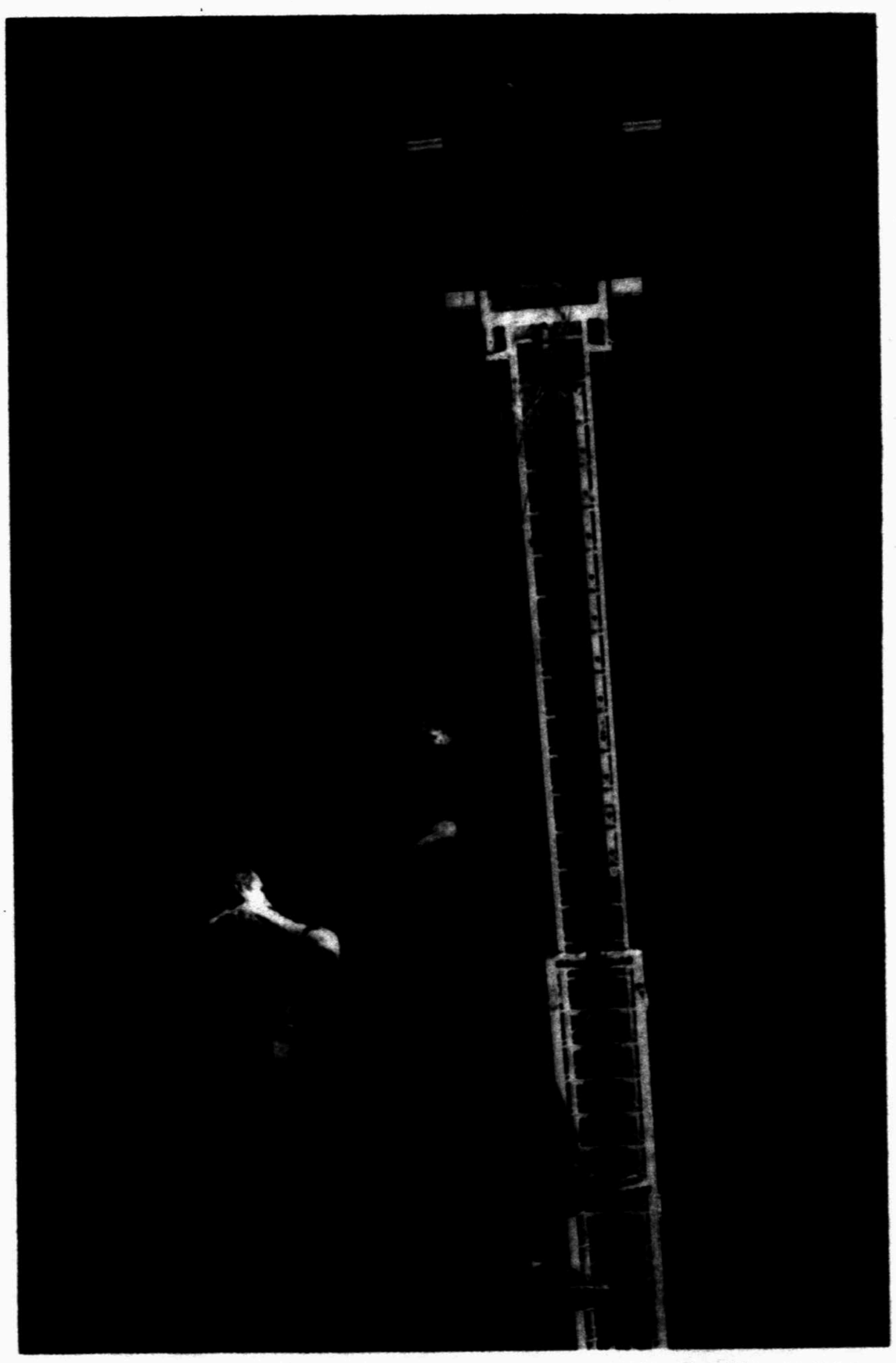

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Midland firefighter Cody Glass and Steven Keith hang from a Central Fire Station ladder truck during a water rescue training exercise Thursday at Jal Draw.

El Paso economy rumbles back

■ Border city's industry rebounds despite 2009 recession and violence in Ciudad Juarez.

By Jenalia Moreno
Houston Chronicle

EL PASO — Freight-laden fork lifts zip through the city's warehouses, some manufacturers run extra shifts to keep up with demand and trucks idle in queues at the Mexican border waiting to cross international bridges.

This border metropolis is back.

After a debilitating recession in 2009 that led to layoffs and business failures on both sides of the border companies that make parts in the greater El Paso region are working hard to keep up with sales from Juarez, where automobiles, electronics and other goods are assembled.

The irony is that today's surge is happening amid bloody battles as drug cartels fight each other and the Mexican government. Juarez, which borders with El Paso, seems like ground zero in this national drug war.

"Our business is absolutely booming right now," said Amy Noyes, vice president of operations for J.H. Rose Logistics, a transportation company that moves unfinished and assembled goods between the U.S. and Mexico. "We're going to have a record year."

Business is going so well that the 64,000-square-foot facility may no longer be big enough.

"I'm quoting a lot of business. If we get it, I'm full, then I'm going to expand," Noyes said as workers unloaded rolls of blue vinyl from a container at the warehouse in Santa Teresa, N.M., about 14 miles northwest of downtown El Paso. The Chinese vinyl will be used for automobile seats manufactured in Juarez.

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Obituaries

Roger Benton Clendenen

Strong, courageous, and humble, Roger Benton Clendenen was a man's man. Born on January 4, 1921, in San Angelo, Texas, to Ruth Binyon Clendenen and William Franklin Clendenen, Roger was reared on the conventional values that pervaded an era of scarceness. However, he never lacked for adventure as long as he was accompanied by his brother "Num", sisters Wanda and Aileen, and his numerous cousins. Stories of their shenanigans brought a twinkle to his eye and smiles to the faces of those who recognized the opportunity to hear a good story. He passed away on Wednesday, May 11, at his home in Midland.

As a young lad in Texas, Roger believed Yankees only lived north of the Mason-Dixon Line. While serving the Army Air Corps as a bombardier during World War II, Roger learned that he too was a Yank, and a mighty welcome one. His outfit was the first flying group based in the Middle East. Due to his mentorious service in Africa, Egypt, Greece, Sicily, and Italy, Roger earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Sharpshooter Badge, and numerous other medals, badges, ribbons, and bars. Because Roger never spoke of his tenure as a soldier, the honors were never awarded until nearly a half-century later, when the U.S. Rep., Steve Pearce, from New Mexico, organized a surprise ceremony to honor the unassuming veteran.

On November 3, 1945, the real adventure of Roger's life began when he married Shirley Theresa Hamilton, a sophisticated city girl from Detroit, at the base chapel in Orlando, Florida. They cultivated a love that few understood, but Shirley and Roger will forever remain everyone's favorite couple! Each chapter of their 65 years of marriage began with a pot of coffee, which they shared while processing the news of yet another baby. The joys of raising their six daughters, Deborah Theresa, Denise Annette, Rebecca Ann, Kelly Marie, Erin Colleen, and Allison Kay far outweighed the challenges. The expensive business of raising girls yielded Roger a band of son-in-laws that became his closest companions. Any time he could spend with Barry Antweil, Perkins Brasher, O.T. Maxwell, Gary McDaniel, and David Eyler, whether it be on the golf course, out at the beloved Wildwood Ranch, or just sitting on the patio having a toddy, was time well spent and made him feel like the luckiest man alive.

Professionally, Roger will be esteemed for his invaluable contributions to the Very Large Array, one of the world's premier astronomical radio observatories located in Socorro, New Mexico. As owner of Clendenen Welding of Hobbs, New Mexico, for several decades, Roger's work can still be seen in many parts of the Southwest. He had an unsurpassed knack for welding and construction, and claimed that "he could fix anything but a broken heart."

Beyond his beautiful wife, daughters, and son-in-laws, his is survived by 15 grandchildren, their spouses, and 15 great grandchildren. Grandkids were his crowning glory and he was affectionately known as "Papa Roger" to all. His family joyfully anticipates another great grandchild on what would be Roger's 91st birthday. Roger's life is a testimony to his country, his many dear friends throughout his life, and his family which includes his best buddy, Bogie the Bulldog.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 17th, at St. Ann's Church in Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to St. Ann's Church, Hospice Midland, or the charity of one's choice.

Mary Nell Moran

Mary Nell Moran, of Midland, passed away Friday, May 13, 2011.

She was born September 29, 1929 in Midland, TX to Earl and Beulah Moran. She attended the University of Immaculate Conception in San Antonio, TX. After returning to Midland, Mary worked with her father in the oil & gas industry. Later she worked as a secretary for Buddy Branum, who founded Tri-Service Drilling in the 1940's, for 50 years. She was a member of the Desk & Derrick Club of Midland. Mary's grandfather was the first realtor in Midland, TX. She was also very proud of her Irish heritage.

Mary is survived by first cousins, Leland A. Hodges of Ft. Worth, TX; William A. Barnes of Jackson, MS; John H. Barnes of Clarksdale, MS and numerous cousins in the Moran, Talley, Burcham and Barnes families.

The family would like to thank Arsenia (Cindy) Hernandez for her compassionate care for Mary over the past many years.

Vigil will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Clifford E. Schlesinger

Clifford E. Schlesinger, 83, of Midland, died on May 14, 2011, in a local hospital. Services pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Gabriel Subia

Gabriel Subia, 59, of Midland, died on May 14, 2011, in a local hospital. Services pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Ira Elmo "Ike" Wasson

Elmo "Ike" Wasson, 67, of Big Spring, died May 12, 2011 at home.

Funeral 10:00 A.M. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors: Son Caleb Wasson of San Angelo; sister: Lynda Dunsmuir and husband Peter of Napa, California; two sons: Wendell Armstrong and fiancé Marisa Adams and David Armstrong and wife Sheila; two daughters: Debbie Chamness and husband Terry and Millie Armstrong and fiancé Victor Hutchinson, all of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 3 great -great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Myers & Smith Funeral Home www.myersandsmith.com

Paula Hughes

Paula Hughes, 47, of Big Spring, died on Friday, May 13, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include her loving companion, Gary Hosey of Big Spring; her mother, Marie Pipes of Big Spring; a brother, Scott Hughes of Big Spring; two sisters, Jenise Acebedo of Merkel and Tianna Beck of Big Spring; several nieces and nephews.

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

Petra "Patsy" Torres

Petra "Patsy" Torres, 52, of Big Spring, died May 11, 2011 at Hospice House in Odessa.

Vigil: 7:30 P.M. Sunday, Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral 2:00 P.M. Monday, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors: Daughters: Vanessa Torres and husband Johnny, Kristina Gonzales and husband Jesus and Rebecca Torres; sons: Leon Torres and Eugene Saldana, all of Big Spring; four brothers; three sisters, all of Big Spring and eight grandchildren.

Preceded by parents and husband Bentura Saldana.

Arrangements by Myers & Smith Funeral Home, www.myersandsmith.com

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Frederick Lavray Coley, 32, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Benjamin Cooper Hunt, 28, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Marissa Jimenez, 29, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of credit and/or debit card abuse.

Ryan M. Lellis, 25, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of assault of a family and/or house member.

Raymond Losoya, 24, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention with previous convictions.

Xiomara M. Madrid, 17, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention in a vehicle.

Oscar Pena, 18, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of violation of parole and a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.

Michael J. Aguilar, 38, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of theft between $20,000 and $100,000.

Douglas James Brittain, 50, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Pamela M. Chambers, 47, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Michael Paul Egan, 51, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of parole.

Jose Eladio Martinez, 38, of San Antonio, was arrested Friday by United States Marshals on a charge of murder.

Topazio Guadalupe Miranda, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Oscar Paul Moreno, 32, of Lamesa, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Jonathan Cory Ramirez, 26, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of hindering apprehension and/or prosecution of a known felon.

Jorge Luis Sepeda Jr., 28, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of assault of a family and/or house member.

Christopher Sean Thomas, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on four charges of violation of probation.

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US businesses reluctant to open in Mexico

By Martha Mensoza
Associated Press

MCALLEN — Dozens of Mattel Inc. employees were on their way to another day of work making Power Wheels in Mexico's industrial heartland when gunshots erupted around them and a grenade ripped into one of their buses, killing one worker and wounding five.

The battle between drug traffickers and the army near the city of Monterrey last week was the sort of violence that is frightening U.S. companies away from new investments south of the border, where organized criminals are increasingly turning to kidnappings, extortion and cargo thefts despite a government offensive against drug cartels.

"These acts of violence are not happening in a vacuum; they're happening in the street that could be right out in front of your building. Bullets get shot and they have to stop somewhere," said Dan Burges, a senior director at Freightwatch Inc., an Austin-based cargo security firm.

As a result, only half of the U.S. firms surveyed recently by the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce said they would go ahead with new investment plans in Mexico and several companies, including Whirlpool Corp., have recently announced they would put new factories elsewhere citing concerns about safety.

More than 35,000 people have died in drug-related violence since President Felipe Calderon deployed thousands of federal security forces four years ago to fight traffickers. In recent months, nearly 400 bodies have been pulled from mass graves in the northern states of Tamaulipas and Durango. There are near-daily reports of drug-gang executions, kidnappings and extortion.

The army said the Mattel workers were apparently caught in crossfire on May 6 when attackers believed to be working for the Zetas cartel assaulted a military convoy with guns and a grenade launcher from a highway overpass on the outskirts of Monterrey.

"The people of Mattel were shocked and incredibly saddened" by the attack, the company said in a statement released by spokesman Jules Andres.

But battles between government and cartel forces are increasingly common, and companies and their workers are inevitably affected.

One out of 10 companies reported kidnappings and 60 percent said their employees were beaten or threatened in 2010, according to the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

And cargo thefts from trucks and trains are rampant and soaring.

Cargo thefts cost businesses about $700 million last year, a 40 percent increase over the past three years, according to the National Multimodal Transport Alliance.

Entire trailer-loads of newly built cars were stolen this year along major highways in the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Morelos and Sinaloa. Some truck drivers refuse to drive through dangerous areas including Ciudad Juarez, where officials say criminals typically extort about $70 to pass without harm.

Increasingly, cargo thieves are stealing selectively, things like industrial chemicals or specially processed metals, at the request of specific clients, according to Mexico's Freight and Auto Transport Association.

Businesses in Mexico factor in payments to organized crime syndicates as part of the cost of doing business. "It's a well-known practice that many Mexican producers and shippers pay a certain percentage so they can get their goods through parts of Mexico without having them ripped off," said a senior US official in Mexico, speaking on condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

Armed security escorts can now be seen rumbling en masse on Mexico's northbound toll highways, some privately hired by corporations, others — as in Coahuila state — provided at no charge by the government. At the Panasonic plant in Tijuana, armed escorts stand by for daily deliveries, a 20-minute trip to the U.S. border.

So many steel rolls, steel plates, aluminum and copper have been stolen on the Monclova-Monterrey highway this year that some insurance companies are suspending insurance, according to Freightwatch. Despite the losses, most U.S. companies already operating in Mexico say they have no plans to leave a place with $3 an hour labor, lax environmental standards, tax incentives and a location conveniently close to the U.S. market.

"People think that everything in Mexico is a constant shootout, but that's not the case," said Keith Patridge, who promotes businesses on both sides of the border from the McAllen Foreign Trade Zone in the southernmost region of Texas.

Indeed, every day more than $1 billion worth of imports and exports cross the border, fueling hundreds of thousands of U.S. and Mexican jobs. More than 18,000 U.S. companies have operations in Mexico, including most of the Fortune 500.

But those figures could be higher, says Gabriel Casillas, J.P. Morgan's chief economist for Mexico, who estimates drug cartel-related crime lost Mexico $4 billion in foreign direct investment in 2010.

Patridge glances out his office window at three large flags of Mexico, Canada and the USA. Beyond them, across the street, the Department of Homeland Security's new offices hold a weapon-packed armory, bulletproofed vehicles, lockers of seized drugs and holding cells filled with Mexicans who have been caught sneaking across the Rio Grande River. The border, for thousands of federal agents, is a barrier to be constantly protected and defended.

But for Patridge, and most business leaders in the area, the border is a river, fence or wall wending its way through what feels like a single community.

"We're a city, a metropolitan area, that happens to span the border. The south side of our city happens to have labor that is among the most competitive in the world. The north side of town is the largest market in the world," he says.

Years ago, Patridge helped between 20 and 30 U.S. firms a year set up manufacturing operations in Mexico. Last year he had five.

In El Paso, Bob Cooke runs a similar cross border chamber of commerce, promoting businesses in the U.S. and investment across the bridge in Ciudad Juarez, the most violent city in Mexico. But he said only one U.S. company opened up shop in Ciudad Juarez last year.

"We're clearly not arguing that it's business as usual, but it's not as bad as the global perception either," he said, complaining that because of the image, "We can't even get companies to look there anymore."

Security costs U.S. firms in Mexico as much as 2 percent of overall operating costs, according to the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce. But that is still a bargain compared to 7 percent in the U.S.

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DALLAS

North Texas' publicly traded companies decline

Even though there's been a decline in the number of publicly traded companies in North Texas, top business leaders say the region is still thriving.

"If it's a one- or two-year thing, it's not a concern," Jim Oberwetter, president of the Dallas Regional Chamber, told the Dallas Morning News for a story in Sunday's editions. "If what we're seeing is a real trend, then it's something to be concerned about."

The region featured 200-plus publicly traded companies in the newspaper's annual list as recently as 2005. This year's edition tracks 131, down from 137 a year ago.

CONROE

4 dead in mobile home fire

Three children and a woman died in a mobile home fire early Sunday in Conroe, authorities said.

The victims were identified by Conroe police as Celia Camacho, 24; Alejandro Camacho, 3; Sergio Camacho, 6; and Eric Pineda, 9. Three other people in the home were able to escape.

Officials with the Conroe Fire Department said firefighters arrived at the mobile home about 2:45 a.m. A 7-year-old and an adult man and woman, all suffering from smoke inhalation, were outside the home. They were taken to area hospitals.

Firefighters searched the only bedroom not completely engulfed in flames and removed two young children, but were unable to revive them. After battling the blaze some more, crews searched again and found Celia Camacho and another child dead, fire officials said.

AUSTIN

4 shot on Sixth Street

Austin police say four people were shot in the city's popular Sixth Street entertainment district, which features bars and music venues.

Police Cpl. Anthony Hipolito said the two men and two women were hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries after the early Sunday morning shootings.

Police responding to the call around 2:20 a.m. found three people with gunshot wounds, all of whom were transported to University Medical Center Brackenridge.

A fourth victim transported himself to St. David's Medical Center.

Hipolito said police think the shooting might be gang related.

COLLEGE STATION

A&M faculty prefer an academic for chancellor

Texas A&M University System faculty leaders want their new chancellor to have an academic background.

In a letter dated Thursday to Richard Box, chairman of the A&M System Board of Regents, the executive committee of the faculty senate also said that they want an extensive national search to replace Chancellor Mike McKinney.

McKinney announced Tuesday that he was stepping down in July. Before becoming chancellor, McKinney served as Gov. Rick Perry's chief of staff from 2001 to 2002, and served as commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission after being appointed by then-Gov. George Bush in 1995.

ACROSSTHENATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FLORIDA

Endeavour ready to go; Giffords arrives to watch

With wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on hand to watch, the space shuttle Endeavour is poised to give the work week a roaring and historic start today, overcoming wiring problems that grounded it last month.

Giffords' arrival Sunday afternoon included a quick fly-by of Endeavour on the launch pad, then she bid husband Mark Kelly goodbye at the bucolic beach house used by shuttle crews before launch.

NASA officials said conditions — from weather to technical issues — couldn't look much better for the scheduled 8:56 a.m. (EDT) launch today.

ALABAMA

After tornadoes, junk donations become challenge

TUSCALOOSA — Relief officials inundated with donations after the flurry of twisters that killed more than 300 people across the South are sorting through the broken toys and used underwear they don't need while hunting for places to store mountains of vital supplies like canned food.

Across Alabama, agencies are still encouraging people to send items like cleaning supplies for people clearing debris from tornado-damaged homes, or cash donations that can be used to cover operating expenses or handed out to victims. But with storage space scarce, most say they can't handle any more used toys or cast-off clothing.

"That becomes the disaster within the disaster," said Salvation Army spokesman Mark Jones. "When people make those mass donations ... it causes the community to be overrun with them and have to deal with that in addition to the storm damage."

NEW JERSEY

Crime increases raise issue of police layoffs

NEWARK — They ranged in age from 24 to 70 and are linked solely by the way their lives ended, in gunfire on Newark's streets.

Jose Arroyo and Jamal Hedamy, innocent bystanders killed in separate shootings. James Conn, targeted and shot in the street at an hour when most people were arriving home from work or sitting down to dinner.

The killings over the long Easter weekend brought Newark's murder total to 28 in 2011, a 65 percent increase over the 17 killed in the same period a year ago and double the number for the first four months of 2009, according to statistics from the county prosecutor's office.

The increase has come after much-publicized layoffs that cut nearly 15 percent of the police force at the end of last year, creating an "I-told-you-so" moment for many observers inside and outside the law enforcement community.

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Police: IMF head picked out of lineup

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dominique Strauss-Kahn's reputation with women earned him the nickname "the great seducer," and not even an affair with a subordinate could knock the International Monetary Fund leader off a political path pointed in the direction of the French presidency. All that changed with charges he sexually assaulted a maid in his hotel room, a case that generated shock and revulsion, especially in his home country.

Police said the maid picked Strauss-Kahn out of a lineup. Unless the charges are quickly dropped, they could destroy his chances in a presidential race that is just starting to heat up.

The IMF, which plays a key role in efforts to control the European debt crisis, named an acting leader and said it remains "fully functioning and operational" despite Saturday's arrest of its managing director.

Strauss-Kahn's lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, told the Associated Press his client will plead not guilty. He and another lawyer went in and out of the Harlem police precinct where Strauss-Kahn was being held early Sunday afternoon, and declined to answer reporters' questions until the arraignment, which was expected later Sunday.

"He denies all the charges against him," Brafman said. "And that's all I can really say right now."

Brafman is one of the city's most high-profile defense attorneys. His clients have included mobsters and such celebrities as Sean "P Diddy" Combs and ex-New York Giants star Plaxico Burress.

Strauss-Kahn, 62, was arrested less than four hours after the alleged assault, plucked from first class on a Paris-bound Air France flight that was just about to leave the gate at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Andrew Burton/AP

REPRESENTING Benjamin Brafman, lawyer for Dominique Strauss-Kahn, leader of the International Monetary Fund, enters criminal court Sunday in New York City. Strauss-Kahn, a possible candidate for president of France, was pulled from an airplane moments before it was to depart for Paris on Saturday and was arrested in the alleged sexual assault of a New York hotel maid, police said.

The white-haired, well-dressed, thrice-married father of four was alone when he checked into the luxury Sofitel hotel, not far from Manhattan's Times Square, on Friday afternoon, police said. It wasn't clear why he was in New York. The IMF is based in Washington, and he had been due in Germany on Sunday to meet with Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The 32-year-old maid told authorities that when she entered his spacious, $3,000-a-night suite early Saturday afternoon, she thought it was unoccupied. Instead, Strauss-Kahn emerged from the bathroom naked, chased her down a hallway, and pulled her into a bedroom, where he sexually assaulted her, New York Police Department spokesman Paul J. Browne said.

The woman told police she fought him off, but then he dragged her into the bathroom, where he forced her to perform oral sex on him and tried to remove her underwear. The woman was able to break free again, escaped the room and told hotel staff what had happened, authorities said.

Strauss-Kahn was gone by the time detectives arrived moments later. He left his cellphone behind. "It looked like he got out of there in a hurry," Browne said.

The NYPD discovered he was at JFK and contacted officials at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs the airport. Port Authority police officers arrested him.

The maid was taken by police to a hospital and was treated for minor injuries. Stacy Royal, a spokeswoman for Sofitel, said the hotel's staff was cooperating in the investigation and the maid "has been a satisfactory employee of the hotel for the past three years."

Strauss-Kahn was arrested on charges of a criminal sex act, attempted rape and unlawful imprisonment. Authorities were looking for any forensic evidence and DNA.

His wife, Anne Sinclair, defended him in a statement to French news agency AFP.

"I do not believe for one second the accusations brought against my husband. I have no doubt his innocence will be established," said Sinclair, a New York-born journalist who hosted a popular weekly TV news broadcast in France in the 1980s.

A member of France's Socialist party, Strauss-Kahn was widely considered the strongest potential challenger next year to President Nicolas Sarkozy, whose political fortunes have been flagging.

As water creeps closer, residents warned: Get out

Associated Press

KROTZ SPRINGS, Louisiana — Authorities warned people Sunday to get out as Mississippi River water gushing from a floodgate for the first time in four decades crept closer to communities in Louisiana's Cajun country, slowly filling a river basin like a giant bathtub.

Most residents heeded the warnings and headed for higher ground, even in places where there hasn't been so much as a trickle, hopeful the flooding engineered to protect New Orleans and Baton Rouge would be merciful to their way of life.

Days ago, many of the towns known for their Cajun culture and drawling dialect fluttered with activity as people filled sandbags and cleared out belongings. By Sunday, some areas were virtually empty as the water from the Mississippi River, swollen by snowmelt and heavy rains, slowly rolled across the Atchafalaya River basin. It first started to come, in small amounts, into people's yards in Melville on Sunday. But it still had yet to move farther downstream.

About 25,000 people and 11,000 structures could be affected by the oncoming water. The floodwaters could reach depths of 20 feet in the coming weeks, though levels were nowhere close to that yet.

The spillway's opening diverted water from heavily populated New Orleans and Baton Rouge — along with chemical plants and oil refineries along the Mississippi's lower reaches — easing pressure on the levees there in the hope of avoiding potentially catastrophic floods.

About 11 miles north of Krotz Springs in the town of Melville, parts of the town not protected by levees were under a mandatory evacuation order. Glenda Maddox's husband had temporarily reopened the gas station he closed in December so people could fuel up before they leave.

"Nobody knows what's going to happen," she said. "We don't know if the levee is going to hold up."

The station's shelves were mostly barren, save for a few soft drinks and bottles of motor oil. Only cash was accepted — no credit cards.

In Butte LaRose, some 50 miles downstream from where the Morganza spillway was opened, no water was expected until late Sunday.

Chalmers Wheat, 54, was among the few left — and even he was headed for his father's home in Baton Rouge outside the flood zone. He and his brother were making a few final preparations to protect his home with plastic lining and sandbags.

"It's almost like a ghost town," said Wheat, who was getting some help from his twin brother, Chandler.

Sandbags were still available in the center of town, but there were few takers Sunday.

Krotz Springs is roughly 30 miles closer to the floodgates, and sheriff's deputies ordered people to evacuate Sunday morning even though the water hadn't yet arrived.

It will be at least a week before the Mississippi River crest arrives at the Morganza spillway, where officials opened two massive gates on Saturday and another two Sunday. There are 125 in all.

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Children's vaccination clinic

■ The city of Midland Health and Senior Services will host a children's vaccination clinic from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. today.

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To learn more if you or your family is eligible for the Vaccines for Children program, call your health care provider or the Midland Health Department at 681-7613.

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Correction

In a photo cutline in Sunday's edition, it should have read that Midland Christian's superintendent stood on "Culver Street where the new construction will start soon." The wrong street was identified.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Today in history

Today is Monday, May 16, the 136th day of 2011. There are 229 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on the eleven articles of impeachment against him.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

In 1939, the government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, N.Y.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the United States Congress.

Ten years ago: Former FBI agent Robert Hanssen was indicted on charges of spying for Moscow. (Hanssen later pleaded guilty to 15 counts of espionage and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

Five years ago: The Pentagon released the first video images of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the military headquarters and killing 189 people on 9/11.

One year ago: BP crews finally succeeded in keeping some of the oil rushing from a blown well out of the Gulf of Mexico by hooking up a mile-long tube to funnel the crude into a tanker ship.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Pierce Brosnan (59). Actress Debra Winger (56).

CRADDICK

From 1A

Senate this week. Under the bill, text messaging, emailing and instant messaging through a cellular device would be banned while a person is operating a motor vehicle.

■ HB 242: Approved in the House. If passed, the bill would fix an inconsistency between the state and federal law as it refers to a retired peace officer's ability to carry a concealed firearm.

■ HB 1264: Senate Bill 874 was passed by both legislative bodies in lieu of HB 1264. The bill establishes a separate Medicaid provider type for orthotic and prosthetic suppliers. Craddick said the measure corrects inaccurate classification of such providers that previously existed and should make it simpler for patients to locate suppliers.

■ HB1309: Passed out of committee. Craddick said the bill that would create a misdemeanor offense for first-time minor offenders who are caught sexting, or sending explicit messages via their cellphones, may be approved under the Senate version rather than the House. But, he said at this point it appears the issue will be addressed. The bill would prevent minors who are first-time offenders from having to register as a sex offender because of a conviction for sexting. The issue was raised by Craddick because of a situation involving an Andrews teen.

■ HB 564: Passed in both the House and Senate. Under this bill, local governments that place fire extinguishers in their vehicles by ordinance will be required to put those extinguishers through annual inspections and maintenance.

■ HB 410: Left pending in committee. The bill would have implemented stricter regulations on consumer service organizations, such as payday and car title lenders.

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Cindeka Mealy/Reporter-Telegram

IN GOOD HANDS Midland Fire Department personnel strap Steven Keith onto a stokes basket before lifting him out of Jal Draw on Thursday during a rescue training exercise.

TRAINING

From 1A

responder was tethered underneath the ladder truck's bucket and moved into position over the stranded motorist. Rather than using the mechanics of the ladder truck to lower the firefighter to the motorist, several firefighters on the surface street used rope and pulley systems to manually lower the first responder.

Cox said firefighters always prefer using manual methods because technology has the possibility to break down when needed most.

Once the aerial rescuer was lowered into the draw, he connected the stranded motorist to another tether and the ladder truck spirited the pair up and away from the draw, back to the safety of the surface street.

Several of the firefighters talked about the ease of the maneuver but all realized that in emergency conditions there would be dark skies, heavy rain and high winds.

The second exercise was a more difficult task. It required firefighters to connect a gurney to the tether underneath the ladder. To ensure the patient is thoroughly connected, it requires a procedure with several steps and many harnesses and knots.

Fire Capt. Robert Wade said if the same scenario were to happen right now, they simply would have placed the patient in the gurney and brought it up the slanted hill. But because of the construction on the Jal Draw to make it deeper and to eliminate the slope, other procedures would need to be practiced for the future, he said.

The construction project will cost about $2.5 million. Once completed, the draw will be deeper and the water current will be faster because of reduced resistance to increase the amount of water drained from surface streets.

After a little bit of maneuvering around the power lines and working out the physics of the pulley system between an anchored position and a moving focal point, the firefighters brought the rescuer and the patients out of the draw.

In the end, Cox said the exercise was a success but added that he hopes his guys won't have to use the training this year.

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REBOUND

From 1A

Today's rebound is courtesy of a booming maquiladora business in neighboring Juarez, where workers are churning out parts for everything from automobiles to airplanes, as well as assembling laptops and other consumer goods.

"Whatever happens to that industry across the border has significant impacts here," said Roberto Coronado, economist with the El Paso branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "Both cities complement each other."

Like many other border communities, El Paso and Juarez are closely intertwined. When manufacturing plummeted in Juarez in 2009, so did plant production in El Paso. Business at El Paso transportation companies also suffered as trucks didn't need to shuttle merchandise back and forth across the border.

"The maquiladora industry is like a harbinger for the U.S. economy," said Jerry Pacheco, executive director of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network. Factories and warehouses in southwestern New Mexico, near El Paso, also are benefiting from the growing maquila production.

Leader in growth

U.S. trade with Mexico is booming now. But no other Texas port of entry's imports and exports grew by a larger percentage than El Paso's did last year.

El Paso's trade with Mexico increased last year to $69 billion, compared with $47 billion in 2009, according to Customs and Border Protection data. That's higher than the $50 billion traded in 2008.

Despite the headlines about crime in Juarez, that hasn't driven manufacturing plants out, locals insisted.

"We are not aware of a single company in Juarez that has left because of the violence," said Bob Cook, president of El Paso Regional Economic Development Corp.

Message taken to Asia

Cook and other El Paso and Juarez leaders spent several days in March traveling through Asian cities to extol the virtues of the region to companies interested in opening international plants.

Not many manufacturers need much convincing to come to the greater El Paso and Juarez region, some say.

"Companies are coming and knocking on the door more than I'm recruiting," said K. Alan Russell, president of Tecma, an El Paso company that helps others run their maquila operations in Mexico, and he's seeing more companies eager to open plants in Juarez.

But many do believe that had it not been for the shootouts in Juarez, more businesses would have set up shop in the Mexican border city.

Staying out of Juarez

Until the violence started, Shapiro traveled to Juarez frequently to visit customers interested in buying coils of metal used for automobile, appliance and medical parts, among other things. After Juarez became more dangerous, he and friends would travel together to make sales calls. He stopped even doing that after friends witnessed gunfire.

It's a sentiment many in El Paso echo.

"I used to take customers to entertain them. I still do it, but now in El Paso, not on the Juarez side," said Guillermo Lopez, plant manager for Monarch Litho, a printing company in Santa Teresa, a short drive from El Paso.

Russell said criminals have not targeted the maquilas.

"Our factories have nothing of value for a criminal influence to want to infiltrate," said Russell, whose clients manufacture everything from dog toys to store mannequins.

"In 2008, we had a few robberies where armed men came into several factories. There wasn't anything of value in there," Russell said. "Since then, we haven't had any robberies."

However, plenty of maquilas are investing in armored cars to protect their executives and foreign visitors.

Only with armor

Adolfo Bernal, who runs the El Paso offices of Tijuana-based Car Armoring, said many people won't go into Juarez unless they travel in an armored car.

"They're expecting to drive into a war zone," said Bernal, whose company sold 14 armored vehicles in the first three months of the year. His expectation was to sell 18 vehicles in the entire year.

Many of the Juarez businesses hurt by the violence are those that depend on tourism, such as restaurants and dentists, said Robert Queen, director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Export Assistance Center in El Paso.

Working to stop violence

Juarez government officials vow they are working to control the violence so it's no longer an issue.

In the meantime, they try to carry on business as usual.

Next year, Juarez will open a maquila-style slaughterhouse, for example, said Soledad Maynez, director of the Juarez Economic Development Department, who is upbeat about the city's economic future.

A little less to fill 'er up? Maybe

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The way 22-year-old Erica Antwi sees things, if she has to sacrifice, so does her car.

Her silver Chrysler 300 sedan is used to purring down the highway on premium gasoline. But for the past two months, Antwi has been filling its tank with the cheaper grade. And filling up still hurts her wallet.

"It's like $62 every two days or three days," Antwi said, as she pumped 15 gallons into the tank at a Shell station. "I can't afford the premium anymore. Gas is killing everybody's money."

The cost of filling the tank has surged this year, putting gasoline prices precariously close to an average $4 per gallon as the busy summer traveling season looms.

But analysts say relief could be on its way.

"We could be in a situation where we've hit the crest" of gas prices this year, said Dan Ronan, manager of corporate communication for AAA Texas-New Mexico.

With Memorial Day weekend just two weeks away, the national average price for a gallon of regular hit $3.98 Friday, AAA reported.

Houston wasn't far behind, averaging $3.91 a gallon. The statewide average in Texas was $3.89.

Americans are likely to see gasoline prices stay below $4 and perhaps fall as low as $3.25 this summer as crude oil markets continue to "sober up" after spiking this spring, forecasts Tom Kloza, senior oil analyst with the Oil Price Information Service in Wall, N.J.

Higher prices this year came amid political unrest in oil-producing states in the Middle East and North Africa, a weak U.S. dollar and rising energy demand with the global economic recovery.

The driving boom that usually starts with the summer travel season typically would push prices even higher. But drivers already are resisting at the pump, and that declining demand should put downward pressure on gasoline prices.

Albert Abusalah, who runs a Shell station in Houston, says he has seen the change in his customers' driving habits.

"My business has dropped big time because of the prices," he said. "People don't buy gas as much as they used to."

At another Houston Shell station, driver Megan Pappion said she takes out a $20 bill—and not a penny more—whenever she hits the pump.

"I don't even look at the prices anymore because it is depressing," Pappion said.

U.S. fuel consumption has hit its lowest level in nearly two years, according to AAA, about 18.2 million barrels a day.

Oil prices also are responding to that pullback, falling to about $100 a barrel from $115 in late April. Benchmark crude closed the week Friday at $99.65, up 68 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Typically, gasoline prices respond more slowly to falling demand, oil industry analysts say, because much of the gasoline now being pumped was purchased at a higher price.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts the U.S. gasoline price will average $3.81 a gallon during this summer's driving season, April 1 to Sept. 30, according to its Short-Term Energy Outlook report this week.

But in the world of gasoline prices, nothing is certain.

With hurricane season starting June 1 and political unrest still plaguing the Middle East, there's plenty of uncertainty about oil supplies.

"The risks out there are still very large," said Larry Goldstein, director of the Washington-based Energy Policy Research Foundation. "We are moving into the summertime, and you know the gun is going to go off, but you don't know when."

The optimism about a drop in gasoline prices could also change if refineries are affected by Mississippi River floods in south Louisiana, home to more than 10 percent of the nation's oil refining capacity.

"If refineries are flooded, we'll see the dramatic increases in gasoline and diesel that are normally associated with hurricane landfall," Kloza, the oil analyst, said in a blog entry Friday.

Refiners with facilities in the region — including Exxon Mobil Corp., Marathon Oil, ConocoPhillips and Valero Energy Corp. — have said they are taking precautions to safeguard plants and prevent interruptions.

Even if pump prices continue to moderate, driving will cost more this summer than last, when the season average was $2.76 a gallon.

But drivers are hoping that it will fall short of the 2008 season, when oil hit a record $147 in July, pushing gasoline to a record U.S. average of $4.11 a gallon.

Either way, Viper driver Omar Sakkal isn't letting the prices get to him.

"It's a part of life. You gotta role with the punches," he said, as he pumped $15 of premium gasoline, buying him 3.4 gallons.

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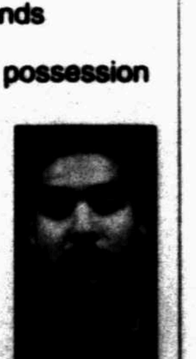

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ELECTION2012

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

With Huckabee out, GOP field vies for his backers

Mike Huckabee's decision to forgo a shot at the presidency further muddies the field for a worthy Republican challenger to President Barack Obama, and leaves America's social conservatives without a clear candidate to throw their support behind.

Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor, joins Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, South Dakota Sen. John Thune and Indiana Rep. Mike Pence on the sidelines. His decision underscores that for all of Obama's vulnerabilities on the economy, taking on his re-election machine and potential $1 billion treasure chest remains a daunting task.

The 55-year-old Baptist minister insists he could have captured the GOP nomination, citing polls that showed he could score strong even in the Northeast and among the less conservative rank-and-file party members.

MINNESOTA

Rep. Bachmann: Always rising, never compromising

ST. PAUL — Michele Bachmann was a self-styled "education researcher" making a run for a Minnesota school board seat in 1999 when the question came up at a candidate forum: If elected, would she serve all four years?

Maybe not, she said.

Bachmann, now a three-term congresswoman and tea party favorite who may run for president in 2012, opened up about a confrontation she'd had with a state senator over Minnesota's new school standards.

"I told him that if he's not willing to be more responsive to the citizens, that I may have to run for his seat or find someone else who would do so," she said.

Bachmann lost the school board race, but then knocked off the senator, a fellow Republican, just months later using the standards as her primary issue.

It was an early indicator of a recurring theme: Bachmann often wins by losing.

She stands ready to shake up the GOP race either by running herself, with a decision expected by June, or influencing those who do get in.

The race would test her resilience because she would start far back. But as a little-known House member only a few years ago, Bachmann became hero of the conservative tea party movement in part by fighting losing battles with the GOP establishment. Her path to Congress was paved by failed efforts to pass a ban on gay marriage in the Minnesota Legislature.

"She is very good at turning lemons into lemonade all the time," said Sal Russo, a California political consultant who came to know Bachmann through the tea party.

Some Republicans fret about her propensity to freelance and question whether she'd appeal to a broad voter base. Democrats who have opposed her warn that she's politically adept and not to be taken lightly.

"If you go attend a town meeting, she's normal, she's articulate, she's a mother, she's thoughtful. She can play the part," said Ted Thompson, a Democrat defeated by Bachmann in a state legislative race.

Early on, Bachmann showed potential as an articulate and magnetic speaker, said Bill Pulkrabek, a Republican leader who helped assemble the school board slate.

"People had been predicting her demise since Day One: 'Oh, she's a radical, she's too far right, she's too outspoken, she's too inflammatory,'" Pulkrabek said. "The fact of the matter is, with the exception of the first race, she wins."

Parlaying her school board defeat into a victorious legislative campaign, she moved to the state Senate and seized on a new issue.

Around Thanksgiving 2003, justices in Massachusetts ruled the commonwealth couldn't prevent same-sex marriage. Bachmann hit the phones, reaching out to fellow conservatives about making sure gay marriage would stay illegal in Minnesota.

Bachmann didn't waver even when her lesbian stepsister went public with her feelings that Bachmann's effort was "hurtful to me and so many others." Although the measure foundered, Bachmann could draw on her enhanced standing with social conservatives to shoot past more seasoned Republicans when a seat in Congress opened ahead of the 2006 election.

WASHINGTON

Gingrich dismisses idea of No. 2 spot

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich says he is "very serious about seeking the presidency, but he's laughing off any suggestion that he could end up with the Republican Party's vice presidential nomination next year.

The Georgia Republican tells NBC's "Meet the Press" that going for the No. 2 spot isn't on his mind, and he scoffs at any suggestion that this could happen.

Mutant pointy boots create a craze

By Olga Rodriguez
Associated Press

MATEHUALA, Mexico — The customer known only as "Cesar of Huizache" had an odd request for shoemaker Dario Calderon: He showed him a cellphone photo of a sequined cowboy boot with pointy toes so long, they curled up toward the knees. He wanted a pair, but with longer toes.

"I thought 'What's up with this dude?'" Calderon said at his shop in Matehuala, a northeastern Mexican city of farmers and cattle ranchers accustomed to a more stoic cowboy look. The boot in the photo measured 23 inches "but we made him a pair that were (35 inches) long."

The mystery man from Huizache, a nearby village, wore his new boots to Mesquit Rodeo nightclub, where he danced bandido style with a handkerchief hiding his mouth and nose.

"He was dancing and having a good time and he didn't care what people were saying about him," said Fernando Lopez, the master of ceremonies at the rodeo-themed disco.

Then he disappeared.

The next thing Calderon knew, it seemed like everyone wanted the bizarre, half-Aladdin, all-Vegas pointy boots, from little boys attending church ceremonies to teenagers at the discos.

Calderon fashioned the elongated toes from plastic foam and charged $34 for the extensions. The competition began charging $30 per 6 inches of new toe.

Boys who couldn't afford that used garden hoses to make their own. When one added glittery butterflies, another made 5-foot-long toes and added multicolor glitter stripes. When one added stars to the tips, others added flashing lights and disco balls, strutting them on the dance floor to attract the girls, like peacocks spreading their feathers.

"At the beginning I didn't like them very much, but the girls wouldn't dance with you if you weren't wearing pointy boots," said university student Pascual Escobedo, 20, his own covered with hot pink satin and glittery stars.

Nobody knows where Cesar's photo or the fad came from, since he was known to cross back and forth between Mexico and the U.S. But once it hit the sedate city of 90,000 people and auto-part and clothing factories about 18 months ago, it spread to nearby villages and showed up as far away as Mississippi and Texas, where some DJs at rodeo-themed nightclubs say it peaked a year ago and now has gone out of style.

Dario Lopez-Mills/AP

POINTY BOOTS CRAZE Members of the "Parranderos" dance crew wait for the dance competition to begin at the Mesquit Rodeo nightclub in Matehuala, Mexico. The dance crews were the first to embrace the flashy pointy boot craze that has swept through the Mexican town of Matehuala, spread to nearby cities and even taken by migrants across the border into the United States.

"They would put all kinds of things on them, strobe lights, belt buckles, and those red lights that flash when you step on the shoes," said Manuel Colim, a DJ at the Far West Corral in Dallas, where a lot of Matehualan migrants live.

The pointy-boot fad coincided with a new dance craze of gyrating, drawer-dropping troupes dressed in matching western shirts and skinny jeans to accentuate their footwear.

They dance to "tribal" music, a mixture of Pre-Columbian and African sounds mixed with fast cumbia bass and electro-house beats. In Matehuala, all-male teams compete in weekly dance-offs at four nightclubs that offer prizes of $100 to $500, and often a bottle of whiskey.

The troupes are so popular, they're hired to dance at weddings, for quinceaneras, celebrations of the Virgin of Guadalupe, bachelorette parties and even rosary ceremonies for the dead. One group, Los Parranderos, or the Partiers, filmed a wedding scene for "Triunfo del Amor," or "Love's Triumph," a prime-time soap opera on the Televisa network.

"At the beginning there were people who would criticize us and would say, 'How tacky that you are wearing that. I wouldn't wear them,'" said Miguel Hernandez, 20, of Los Parranderos. "But we feel good dancing with the pointy boots."

One recent Matehuala competition drew about 800 people, who came to watch the dancers jump from side to side, spin and wave their arms or sensually shake their hips as their boots sparkled in the disco light and their toe extensions bounced from side to side.

Dancing tribal in pointy boots is "like going crazy," said Jorge Chavez, 16, whose group, Los Aliados, or the Allies, competed for the $100 prize. "We dance it as if we were chasing chickens. It's all about goofing off."

Housewife Laura Soto, 36, who watched the competition, convinced her husband to buy a pair of blue and silver pointy boots decorated with stars.

"The boots makes them look more sexy because you can tell they are daring," she said.

Soto's husband, Mario Fuentes, said he gave them to his 23-year-old son.

"I don't think I would look good in them," Fuentes, 45, said. "But I do like to come see them because they make everything more cheerful."

But as with every youthful fad, the pointy boots already are being replaced by low-rise Roper style boots, which also have lower heels.

"There are some steps where you have to cross your feet and throw yourself to the ground and you can't do that with the pointy boots," said Francisco Garcia, 18, of Los Primos dance crew, or the Cousins. "With the Roper boots it's easier."

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Obama's NLRB claims about Boeing are laughable

■ The labor relations board is "creating yet another disincentive for business to locate in union-heavy blue states."

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

H.L. Mencken defined puritanism as the haunting fear that someone, somewhere may be happy. The National Labor Relations Board is haunted by the fear a company somewhere might be creating jobs with a nonunionized work force.

Boeing has run afoul of that fear by investing more than $1 billion in a new plant in the right-to-work state of South Carolina. With only the flimsiest legal justification, the board wants to force Boeing to reverse course and locate the facility with its current operations in Washington state, where its workers are unionized.

The NLRB's claims are laughable on their face, although Boeing — trying to run a business in a highly competitive global market — can be forgiven for missing the joke. The board accuses Boeing of "interfering with, restraining, and coercing" its union employees in the exercise of their rights by making a thoroughly understandable business decision.

This is putting not a thumb, but a fist on the scale in favor of the unions. A writer at the liberal New Republic says it "may be the most radical thing the Obama administration has done." It's an attempt to keep companies with the misfortune of operating in union-heavy states in perpetual thrall to organized labor.

The CEO of Boeing stands accused of saying the company could ill-afford the "strikes happening every three to four years in Puget Sound." In a memo, paraphrased in the NLRB complaint, Boeing management said it wanted "to reduce vulnerability to delivery disruptions caused by work stoppages." What's notable about these statements is that they are so obvious, they should go without saying.

As the NLRB itself notes, Boeing suffered strikes with some regularity, in 1977, 1989, 1995, 2005 and 2008. These job actions weren't good for business, or the unions wouldn't have undertaken them: Their express purpose is to exact pain on the company. The logic of the NLRB's position is that businesses shouldn't notice strikes, and if they do, they should learn to like them and never factor their potential cost into investment decisions. At bottom, the executives of Boeing are guilty of a thought crime.

There are rules against "runaway shops" (i.e., picking up and moving a plant to evade a union) and against retaliating against workers for striking or organizing. Boeing's decision to expand its business into South Carolina is manifestly none of those things. It is leaving its Washington state facility intact. In fact, Boeing has expanded it, adding 2,000 jobs. When the Charleston facility is brought online, Boeing will build 10 of its 787 Dreamliners a month — seven of them still in Washington state.

The NLRB can't point to any Boeing worker in Washington who has been harmed — let alone restrained or coerced — by the company's decision to hire additional workers in South Carolina.

If the drift of jobs to right-to-work states in the South and elsewhere is a violation of the law, the union-dominated dinosaur of Michigan is the victim of the greatest mass breach of the National Labor Relations Act of all time. Perhaps the NLRB needs to give a stern talking to Nissan, which has done union workers everywhere the disservice of locating its American manufacturing plants in Tennessee and Mississippi.

The desperation of President Barack Obama's NLRB is understandable. It is fighting a losing battle against the inexorable erosion of the supports of the semi-guild system of 20th-century unionization. In its overreach, though, it is creating yet another disincentive for business to locate in union-heavy blue states. What company wants to risk having to fight a union and the federal government for years in court just to defend a common-sense business decision?

Clearly, Boeing made a grave mistake in its labor relations. It should have located its production in South Carolina from the beginning.

OUR VIEW

Energy independence important to US, Israel

Midland was fortunate to host representatives with the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs this past week as Israeli Ambassador Yoram Ettinger and Gen. Robert Magnus spoke at a dinner at the Petroleum Club.

It reminded us of how the United States and Israel are woven together as allies and really need each other. It also focused our attention on the fact that issues here in the U.S. are also important to the people of Israel.

Ettinger said in a press conference that it was important for America to achieve energy independence. He said, "Any friend of Israel who would like to render Israel's service should support energy independence by the U.S. It's important for the entire free world, as well as for Israel, to have this. If the U.S. gains energy independence, the U.S. will conduct a policy that is not held hostage by energy producers."

Of course, we couldn't agree more with the ambassador because we have been preaching a message of energy independence for a long time. And we need a national energy policy that will help achieve that goal. If this very fact is so important in Israel, it's hard for us to understand why our representatives in Washington haven't set a path to the future energy needs of our nation.

On the other hand, Israel is also an important ally to America by its mere function in the Middle East. Israel remains as our beacon of democracy in the Middle East and should stand tall as a leader among emerging democracies in the region like Iraq. And while others may not have democratic types of government, we need to maintain good relationships. We would be less dependent on the Middle East if we were energy independent, but as long as Israel remains a strong ally of the U.S., it will be a major buffer for our overall security and well-being in that region.

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. and Israel have been partners on the world stage. At this point, we need what each can offer. We surmise that the two nations will continue to have shared interests well into the future and that is a major reason that we should relish every opportunity to share our ideas with Israel and hear their ideas in return.

We think that dialogue took place this week in our own city. We hope it was a time to renew our stand with Israel because our interests are parallel in so many ways.

PACKITSAM

The GOP can't get it right on immigration

■ The debate taking on the hot-button issue will take place. Republicans have to avoid making the same mistakes.

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So now we know that, when the subject is immigration, Republicans can't take a joke. Just look at what happened with the moat. During his immigration speech in El Paso, President Obama insisted that his administration has answered the concerns of those who want tighter border security.

"They wanted more agents at the border," Obama said. "They wanted a fence.'... But even though we've answered these concerns, I've got to say I suspect there are still going to be some who are trying to move the goal posts on us one more time. ... Maybe they'll need a moat. Maybe they want alligators in the moat."

That's the line that caught the attention of many conservative commentators on talk radio and cable TV. They were offended that Obama would trivialize the issue of border security with talk of moats and alligators.

The president wasn't the first to use this gag. Years ago, I heard comedian George Lopez dare restrictionists to dig a moat on the U.S.-Mexico border and fill it with alligators. In two weeks, Lopez quipped, you'd have people selling belts and wallets.

I don't understand why Republicans had such trouble with the alligator joke. Their whole approach to the immigration issue is a joke. While Democrats aren't serious in their commitment to immigration reform, many Republicans aren't even capable of having a serious discussion of the issue.

Their arguments don't make sense. One minute, they're pandering to the nationalists in their party by telling us that a country like Mexico is a dark and dysfunctional place. The next, they're telling us that, if we create a hostile environment on this side of the border, illegal immigrants will "self-deport" to said dark and dysfunctional place.

Too bad this isn't your father's Republican Party, which saw problems and offered solutions instead of sound bites. In a 1980 GOP presidential debate, both Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush agreed on the need to provide "amnesty" to illegal immigrants. And, when Reagan was elected president, that's just what he did for more than 3 million of the undocumented when he signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The lead sponsor of that historic bill was another Republican, Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming.

The immigration restrictionists like to say that IRCA failed because it didn't stop illegal immigration. What the critics don't say is there is only one reason illegal immigrants kept coming to the United States: U.S. employers — most notably, overscheduled and short-handed American households — kept hiring them.

And when Congress had the chance to do something about that, the GOP refused. In 1996, Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, proposed the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, a Draconian piece of legislation that made it easier to deport illegal immigrants and harder to re-enter the country legally. The bill was an "enforcement only" measure. But, since it steered clear of cracking down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, it was more like "enforcement-lite." Not surprisingly, even after the law was adopted, illegal immigrants kept coming because — wait for it — employers kept hiring them.

Republicans love to talk tough about securing the border, deporting illegal immigrants, encouraging legal immigrants to learn English and otherwise assimilate, etc. But when it comes to stopping the magnet for illegal immigration by cracking down on employers, they go soft. This might have something to do with campaign contributions and where they come from, and an old saying about not biting the hand that feeds you.

Now, Obama has laid a trap for Republicans by reopening the immigration debate. But no one says the GOP has to fall into it. Republicans can't avoid the debate, but they can make themselves less of a target by avoiding the six mistakes they always make whenever immigration comes up: proposing simple solutions to a complicated problem; casting the debate as a battle between "us" and "them" and putting Latinos in the "them" camp; pandering to racism and nativism to rev up the base; refusing to admit that most Americans won't do the jobs that illegal immigrants do; thinking they can stop illegal immigration with nothing more than fencing and more border patrol agents; and getting distracted by "sideshow" issues like declaring English the national language or overriding the 14th Amendment by denying citizenship to the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants.

Ready or not, we're about to re-enter the immigration battle. It's time for Republicans to get serious.

GUEST EDITORIAL
Houston Chronicle

Time has come to cut ethanol subsidies

There may have been a time when offering a federal subsidy to corn growers to convert their crop for use as fuel could be rationalized, but it has long since passed.

With food prices escalating globally and the federal budget deficit and national debt at unsustainable levels, there's no longer room in the federal budget for this unwarranted largess to corn growers. There's not even room left for serious debate on this.

We're glad to see that message is resonating on both the right and the left in Congress. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., one of the Senate's most conservative members, has joined forces with Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., a liberal stalwart, to cut the subsidies for ethanol, which cost taxpayers about $6 billion per year.

The subsidies take several forms, all of which drain taxpayers' pockets while pushing up the deficit and debt. Taken together, these have become a poster child for profligacy and insider wheeling and dealing in Washington. This deal stinks, and most everybody knows it.

The ethanol industry benefits from what Feinstein calls "the triple crown of government intervention." The use of ethanol is mandated by law, protected by tariffs, and companies are paid by the federal government to use it.

This political charade is playing out against a backdrop of rising food prices that is working financial hardship on the world's poorest and a growing list of alternatives to help lessen the nation's dependence on foreign oil and increase our economic and national security. At the top of this list is domestic natural gas, which is abundant and clean-burning.

The arguments of ethanol supporters have been overtaken by facts on all sides that are utterly persuasive, but one pro-ethanol pitch is more laughably ridiculous than all the others.

It is the case being made by anti-tax crusader Grover Norquist that cutting the ethanol subsidy would violate the Republicans' commitment not to increase taxes. That is, excuse the bad pun, rich!

As Coburn points out, the ethanol subsidy is corporate welfare of the most blatant variety because other folks' taxes have to be raised to pay for it.

There's a lot that's genuinely anguish-inducing about this necessary process of trimming the federal budget. This isn't.

The ethanol subsidies must go.

DOONESBURY By Garry Trudeau

AROUNDTHEGLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SYDNEY

Strong earthquake strikes off Papua New Guinea

A strong earthquake struck off the coast of Papua New Guinea on Monday, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The magnitude-6.5 quake struck 76 miles west of Arawa, the capital of Bougainville province, at a depth of 27 miles, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said there was no threat of a destructive, widespread tsunami and that sea-level gauges in the region showed no unusual wave activity. But the agency did say earthquakes of this size can sometimes generate tsunamis along coasts within 60 miles of the epicenter.

Earthquakes of this magnitude are relatively common in Papua New Guinea. The country lies on the "Ring of Fire" — an arc of earthquake and volcanic zones that stretches around the Pacific Rim and where about 90 percent of the world's quakes occur.

ISLAMABAD

Bin Laden was logged off, but not al-Qaida

Osama bin Laden cut himself off from direct access to the Internet during his final years in Pakistan as he attempted to elude the CIA. But the terror group he founded has been able to seize the power of the Web to spawn an army of online followers who will prolong al-Qaida's war against the West long after his demise.

Al-Qaida's technological evolution illustrates how much the group has changed since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and why it has flourished despite America's decadelong quest to crush it, using everything from drone strikes in Pakistan to secret prisons in Eastern Europe where bin Laden's lieutenants were interrogated.

The U.S. scored its biggest victory in that war on May 2, when U.S. Navy SEALs shot and killed the 54-year-old terror leader during a daring late-night helicopter raid not far from Pakistan's capital.

His death was undoubtedly a blow to al-Qaida, but the group's diffuse, virtual network lives on in militant chatrooms and on social media sites like Facebook and YouTube, where supporters carry forward bin Laden's message and plan the kind of bloody attacks that were his hallmark.

BERLIN

IMF chief's arrest won't stop Greek bailout debate

The arrest of IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn complicates a key European meeting on whether to give Greece billions more in aid — but experts insisted one man's troubles won't keep the 17 eurozone nations from trying to contain a debt crisis that threatens them all.

Eurozone financial leaders are to discuss Greece's deteriorating economy today at a Brussels meeting where experts will brief them on the situation in Athens. Key questions include what conditions to put on more help to the debt-strapped nation, with European leaders unhappy at what they see as limited Greek efforts to raise money by selling government property.

CAIRO

Christian leader calls for end of sit-in

Christian protesters disregarded a call by their faith's top Egyptian leader to end a weeklong sit-in in front of a government building on the Nile, remaining in place Sunday, a day after a mob attacked them, injuring 78.

The sit-in aimed to draw attention to the plight of Christians, who have been the target of several attacks by Muslim fundamentalists in the weeks since President Hosni Mubarak was forced from office.

Arab protesters descend on Israeli borders

By Aron Heller
Associated Press

MAJDAL SHAMS, Golan Heights — Mobilized by calls on Facebook, thousands of Arab protesters marched on Israel's borders with Syria, Lebanon and Gaza on Sunday in an unprecedented wave of demonstrations, sparking clashes that left at least 15 people dead in an annual Palestinian mourning ritual marking the anniversary of Israel's birth.

In a surprising turn of events, hundreds of Palestinians and supporters poured across the Syrian frontier and staged riots, drawing Israeli accusations that Damascus, and its ally Iran, orchestrated the unrest to shift attention from an uprising back home. It was a rare incursion from the usually tightly controlled Syrian side and could upset the delicate balance between the two longtime foes.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who heads to Washington at the end of the week, said he ordered the military to act with "maximum restraint" but vowed a tough response to further provocations.

"Nobody should be mistaken. We are determined to defend our borders and sovereignty," he declared in a brief address broadcast live on Israeli TV stations.

The violence showed Israel the extent of Arab anger over the Palestinian issue, beyond the residents of the West Bank and Gaza, and came at a critical time for U.S. Mideast policy.

President Barack Obama's envoy to the region, George Mitchell, resigned Friday after more than two years of fruitless efforts. The U.S. president may now have to retool the administration's approach to peacemaking. Obama is expected to deliver a Mideast policy speech in the coming week.

Deadly clashes also took place along Israel's nearby northern border with Lebanon, as well as in the Gaza Strip on Israel's southern flank. The Israeli military said 13 soldiers were wounded, none seriously.

Sunday's unrest — which came after activists used Facebook and other websites to mobilize Palestinians and their supporters in neighboring countries to march on the border with Israel — marked the first time the protests that have swept the Arab world in recent months have been directed at Israel.

The events carried a message for Israel: Even as it wrestles with the Palestinian demand for a state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem — areas Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war — there is a related problem of neighboring countries that host millions of Palestinians with aspirations to return.

The fate of Palestinian refugees is one of the thorniest issues that any Israeli-Palestinian peace deal will have to address.

Palestinians were marking the "nakba," or "catastrophe" — the term they use to describe their defeat and displacement in the war that followed Israel's founding on May 15, 1948. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were uprooted. Today, the surviving refugees and their descendants number several million people.

Each year, Palestinians throughout the region mark the "nakba" with demonstrations. But never before have marchers descended upon Israel's borders from all directions. The Syrian incursion was especially surprising.

Israel captured the Golan from Syria in the 1967 war, and Syria demands the area back as part of any peace deal. Israel has annexed the territory.

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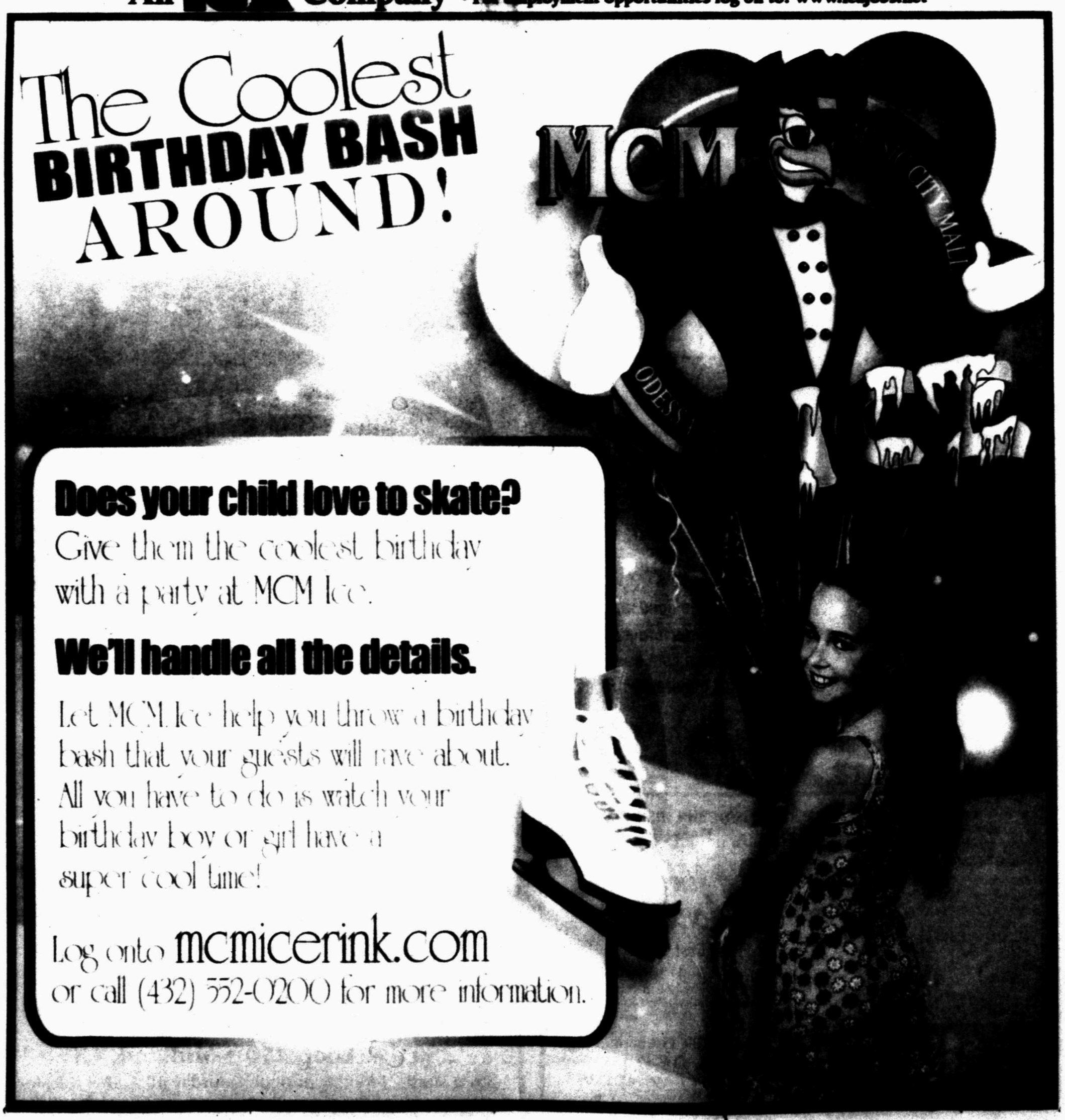

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RUSSIAN BALLET *reception*

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Following its performance on May 2 at Midland College, the Russian National Ballet Theatre troupe was honored with a reception in the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room.

The event was part of the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series.

Eight of the principal dancers, including the leads who played Prince Charming and Princess Aurora in their presentation of "The Sleeping Beauty" mingled with the guests.

Stan Jacobs, associate vice president of instruction at the college, said he was equally impressed by this performance as he was when he saw the world-famous Bolshoi Ballet perform the same dance while he was visiting Russia.

Mary de Compiegne and her son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Mindy de Compiegne, hosted the reception.

Guests included Distinguished Chaparral Circle Donors and Friends of the Series. Among the attendees were Sandra and Dr. James Huston, Carolyn and Roy Nelson, Eleanor and William Smith, Virginia and Bob Jones, Tom Hyde, Carole Jacobs and Dottie Barker with her granddaughter, Carly Ann Barker.

Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center helps with variety of needs

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CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION CENTER

Brooke Mueller is the executive director of the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center.

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What sort of a word picture would you paint for someone who never has visited the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center?

You might think the best descriptor is happy. We have a welcoming environment and kind compassionate people to reassure families we are on their team in the search for answers and appropriate help.

You might marvel at the number of children and their families who avail themselves of the free services of the center, which was founded in 1956 as the Cerebral Palsy Center. They come in all ages with a variety of abilities and needs.

You could describe the parents and caregivers who come with questions and concerns, hopes and fears.

Certainly you would tell about the outstanding licensed pediatric professional occupational, physical and speech therapists who provide state-of-the-art therapy.

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. Currently, we are providing therapy to 52 children with different delays and deficits in their ability to communicate. We also have 50 children on our waiting list. These waiting children have few alternatives for service and MCRC is the only facility in the Permian Basin for children with disabilities that does not charge the family, insurance, Medicaid or CHIPS.

Speech therapy helps children who stutter, or who have difficulty speaking, eating and swallowing. All of these issues respond to therapeutic intervention, and families are educated in ways to help their children outside of the therapy setting.

The center is fully funded by grants, fundraisers and donations from generous individuals, corporations and community groups in the Permian Basin. This philanthropic community makes it possible for MCRC to provide 10 full- and part-time licensed therapists and another nine administrative and support staff for our programs. Specifically we are able to treat infants through 22-year-olds in programs including occupational, physical and speech therapies; dyslexia tutoring, aquatics, hippotherapy and therapeutic dance. The center also has orthopedic, medical, brace and wheelchair clinics.

Our ongoing challenge is to balance the needs of children with disabilities with escalating costs and availability of qualified professionals. After 55 years our board of directors continues to believe that every child — including those struggling with disabilities that interfere with their ability to communicate, read and walk — regardless of ability to pay, should be allowed to reach his or her greatest potential and be contributing members of society.

We will continue to seek ways to provide funding for quality rehabilitation services for the children of the Permian Basin.

Thank you, Midland, for your contribution.

HAVEYOUHEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

HALEY LIBRARY RECEPTION

The Haley Memorial Library & History Center celebrated the opening of its 33rd annual Invitational Art Show and Sale with a festive reception and cocktail buffet April 29.

The event, a fundraiser for the library's operating budget, year after year draws collectors of fine art from around the region. A number of those in attendance have built significant collections from these shows.

Guests enjoyed beef tenderloin, boiled shrimp and artichoke dip prepared by longtime Midland caterer Vera Henderson of Back Door Catering. It was good see bartender Willie Wilson back for his first major event since recovering from surgery.

Thirty artists from across the Southwest provided nearly 100 pieces for the Midland collectors from which to choose.

Among those seen at the event were Penny and Ernie Angelo, G.W. Brock and daughter, Michelle Brock; Barbra and Trey Grafa; Frances and Evetts Haley with their son, Jim Haley, and his daughter, Julia, from Canadian; Mary Griffith, Anne and Jont Tyson, Roberta Aldridge and Linda and Corky Bosworth.

CRYSTAL BALL

High Sky Children's Ranch's 37th annual Crystal Ball was April 9 at the Petroleum Club.

The elegant look and design of the party was created by Chris Collum and Tom Williams of Flowerland. The ballroom was beautifully decorated with red roses and crystal trees.

On each table was a written prayer, which Cathy Eastham, this year's Crystal Ball chairman, chose for its poignancy. In her prayer, the 5-year-old resident of High Sky thanked God for her family and her Easy-Bake Oven and asked for help to become big and strong — also asking for aid in her desire "to be a princess and a cheerleader."

Eastham was the recipient of High Sky's highest honor, the Rainbow Award, for her many years of dedication, commitment and generosity to the children. She has served several three-year terms as a board member and a member of nearly every committee, in addition to choosing and acquiring the crystal to be auctioned each year for the ball.

The live auction took place with designer pieces from Waterford, Lalique, Edgar Berebi, and a beautiful Stephen Webster Crystal Haze ring. Also auctioned were an all-inclusive trip to the Ocean House, a five-star resort in Rhode Island and four seats in a luxury suite at the Cowboys Stadium, donated by longtime High Sky supporters Betty and Don Tomlin. This year's auction also included a unique opportunity for each guest to sponsor a child from High Sky for a fun night with the Midland Rock-Hounds. This item was donated by Warren Equipment and Ken and Jaye Huseman.

Among those seen at the party were Debra Gotovac, Kim and Frank Cremer, Jane and Charles Koch, Jennifer and John Harper, Laurie and Miles Boldrick, Kate and Stuart Beal, Andye Conly, Julie and Larry Edgerton, Georgia and Noah Wempe and Polly and Ferrell Davis.

Board chairman Mitch Malouf expressed appreciation to Eastham and party chairman Melissa Eastham; silent auction chairman Kevin Widner; sponsor chairman Pat Henderson; live auction chairman Sean Low; and invitation chairman Cheryl Albin for one of the most successful Crystal Balls ever. A record number of guests (more than 500) danced to the music of Pardi-Gras and ended the evening with a breakfast buffet.

The annual event helps raise approximately 7 percent of the operating expenses associated with providing care and treatment to the 1,300 abused, neglected and troubled children that High Sky serves each year through residential and community foster care programs, two emergency shelters for children and two outreach programs — Stay Together for families in crisis and LIFE for young adults aging out of foster care.

GEO WIVES STYLE SHOW

"Generations" was the theme for the April luncheon meeting of the Permian Basin Geological-Geophysical Auxiliary at Green Tree Country Club.

Several of the Geo Wives members modeled fashions from Ada Marie's Boutique; their children and grandchildren modeled outfits from Sophie & Sam, a children's boutique.

Modeling were Betty Basham; Darby Brown with Braden and Baryn; Mitzi Thomas; Leah Rudnicki with Thomas and Ella; Shelby Thomas and Maizy; Julie Judson and Annabelle; Sherry Colwell with Luke and Harper; Lori Bentson with Cade and Taylor; Hollen Wheeler and Hutch; and Lou Matson.

Shea Thompson, owner of Sophie & Sam, was the show's commentator.

The tables were decorated with arrangements of children's toys.

Among those seen enjoying the event were Jennifer Colwell, Marlene Blumentritt, Judy Duke, Kathy James, Heather Echols, Jo Braden and Carmen Sims.

Chairman for the occasion was Darby Brown; Betty Basham was co-chair. Hostesses were Angie Garlitz, Carolyn Brown and Pat Causey.

NEED TO READ STYLE SHOW

More than 270 people attended the ninth annual Midland Need to Read Family Literacy Style Show last month at Midland Country Club.

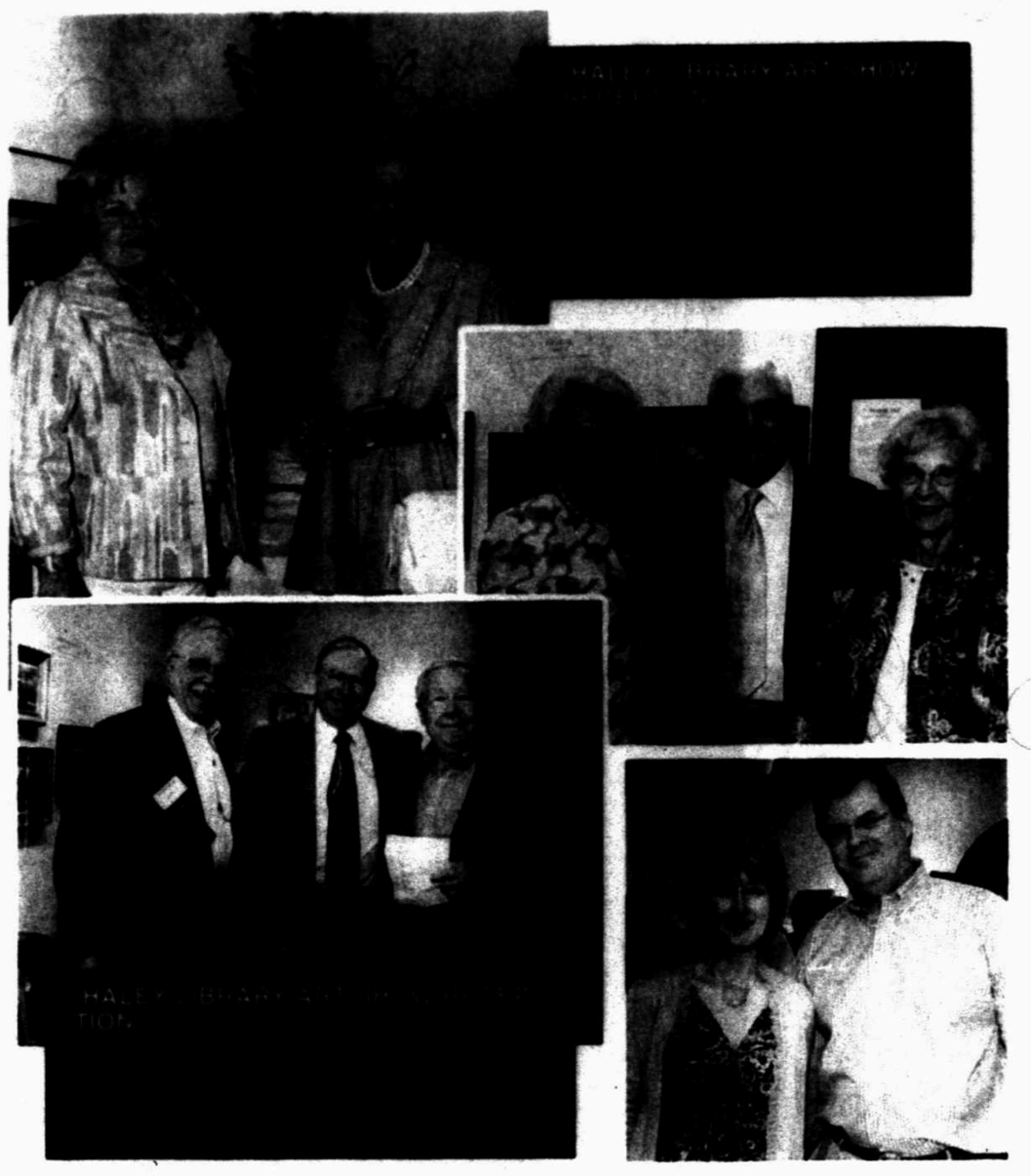
Eleven families modeled clothes from Dillard's, including Cookie Wetendorf with her daughter-in-law, Becky Wetendorf, and granddaughter, Mary Kate; Julia and Jack Swallow and their sons, Nathan and Parke; Laura and Jimmy Wright and their daughters, Anna and Megan; Holly Williams and daughter, Savannah Skees; Piper Morgan with her children, Marshall and Lyla; Tatum Hubbard and her daughter, Olivia; and Krista Escamilla with her children, Aspen, Austin, Ali and Alex.

Daphne Dowdy and Bill Warren were the show's commentators. Background piano music was provided by Marty Banner.

Event chairman Savannah Davis was responsible for the table decorations, which included arrangements of books, flowers and reading glasses. Guests enjoyed a posted auction and a raffle. The latter included a watch from Occasions, $100 gift card from Taco Villa, an original necklace from Linda Bernal of Mix and Remix and a dinner for eight donated by Midland Country Club chef John Bitner and his wife, Rose.

Among those enjoying the event were J'Lynn and Mark Wheeler, Beverly Vaughn, Karen Alexander, Maxine LaBouff, past board members Evalyn Halvorsen, Peggy Davis with her husband, David, and Jann Pullig and husband, Jim, and past board president Dan McLellan with his wife, Diane. Current board members attending were president Joan Deats, Wallace Craig, Debra Lawrence and Pat Stanley with her husband, Herb.

Event sponsors were board member Margaret Cowden, Barbara Culver Clack, Barbara Duke and Community National Bank.



MORENAMES

Ramsey

NORMAN, Okla. — Midlander **Rachel Ramsey** has been hired by the Lindsey and Asp Advertising and Public Relations Agency at the University of Oklahoma.

She will be working with the Arthritis Foundation in the public relations department of Lindsdey and Asp, one of only 10 fully integrated student-operated agencies in the nation.

Lindsey and Asp was founded in 2009 as a way for advertising and public relations students to gain real-world experience. Clients include American Airlines, the Nature Conservancy and the National Weather Center.

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Davenport

Trinity School student **McCall Harvey Davenport** was a member of the Royal Court of Waco's Cotton Palace Pageant, which was April 29 at Waco Hall on the Baylor University campus.

The Waco Cotton Palace is an annual stage production that recounts the beginnings of the city's industry and commerce.

Davenport is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davenport Jr. She is a Trinity School Prefect and is a member of Iron Faith, Model Organization of American States team and yearbook committee. She is captain of the volleyball and basketball teams, was named to the All-State teams in both sports and is the state pole vault champion.

She participates in Young Life, is a Symphony Belle, volunteers with Safe Place and is a member of First Baptist Church.

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Travis Elementary School student **Adam George** is among students selected to attend the Education in Action Lone Star Leadership Academy June 20-24 in Dallas.

In addition to learning about the state's history, students will visit sites such as Dallas Museum of Nature and Science, Texas Civil War Museum and Cowboys Stadium.

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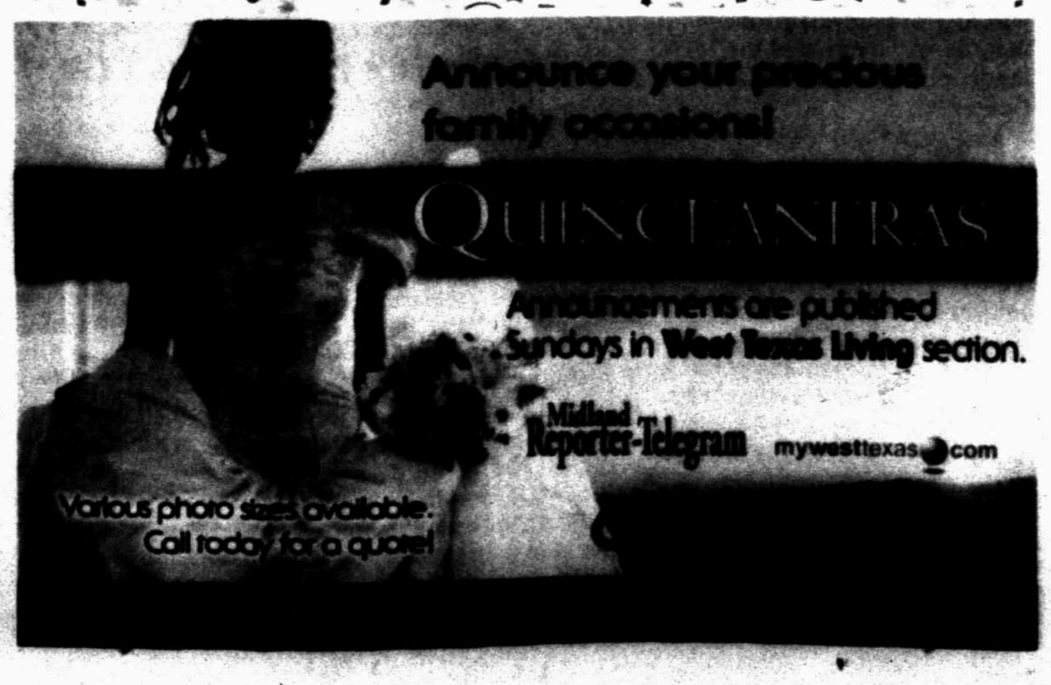

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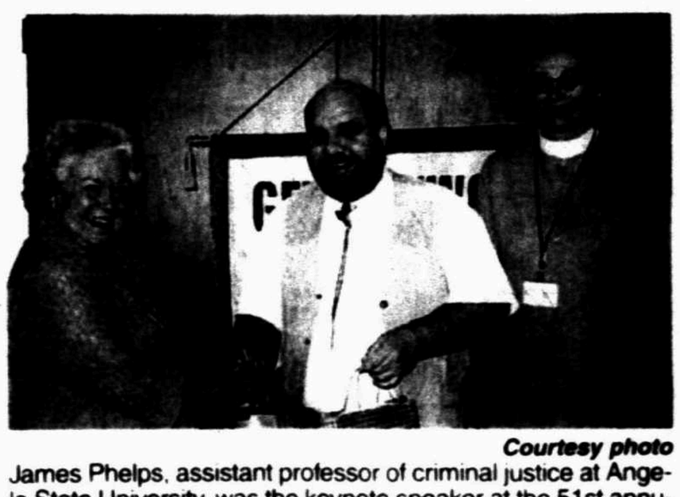
BUTTERFLY RELEASE

The sixth annual Butterfly Release and Family Celebration was May 7 at Midland Center. The event, a way for residents to honor their loved ones, is a fundraiser for Home Hospice and Hospice House Foundation. Some of the butterflies that were released during the memorial service were raised by Washington Math and Science Institute first-graders.



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James Phelps, assistant professor of criminal justice at Angelo State University, was the keynote speaker at the 51st annual convention of the Western District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. The gathering was April 9 at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in McCamey. With Phelps are Midlander Mardell Fryar, district president, left, and Charlotte Harrell of Ozona.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars Celebrities compete in a ballroom dancing competition. (N)				Castle "Knockout" (SF) (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Mother (N)	Mad Love (N)	Two/Half Men	Mike & Molly (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Oia'i'o" (SF) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) LateSh. Letterman	Julianna Margulies, White Lies	(:35) LateLate
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Pitch"	90210 "To the Future!" (SF) (N)		G. Girl "The Wrong Goodbye" (SF) (N)		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two/Half Men	Two and a Half Men	House "After Hours" (N)		Chicago "Greylord and Gambat" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Raymond	Law & Order "Manhunt"	S.V.U.
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Light of the Southwest "Round-Up Special"								House Call	Don Schwarz	Dr. Ron Charles	
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Antiques Rd. "Biloxi, MS (Hour Three)" (N)		American Experience "Freedom Riders" The Freedom Riders protested segregation laws. (N)				Charlie Rose		News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	65	*	165		(5:30) ★★ Proud		★★ Mother's Boys			(:35) ★★ The Stepfather II			(:05) ★★ Stripes ('81, Com) Bill Murray.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:15) Monsters vs...		Bill Maher		Lady Gaga "At Madison Square Garden"				★ Cop Out Bruce Willis.			Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★★ My Life in Ruins			(:45) 1st Look	Game of Thrones		Treme		★★★ Sherlock Holmes			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(5:00) Shallow Hal		Six Feet Under		★★ Date Night Tina Fey.			★★ The Mod Squad			(:10) Treme	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) Half Past ...		(:15) ★★ What a Girl Wants				★ Predators Adrien Brody.			(:50) Housewives From Ano...		
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PLEX			96			(5:30) ★★★½ 2001: A Space Odyssey				★ Perry Mason: Case of the ...			(:35) Double Identity			(:10) Divorcing	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(4:55) Hugh Hefner		Weeds	The Big C	The Borgias		Nurse J.	United St	Nurse J.	United St	The Borgias	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(4:45) Jennifer Eight		★★ K-19: The Widowmaker ('02, Thril) Harrison Ford.				★ Order of Chaos				★ The Tournament	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Snapped/ Failed Angel"		Criminal Minds "Seven Seconds"		Criminal Minds "Lucky"		Criminal Minds "Penelope"		Criminal Minds "Identity"		Criminal Minds "Seven Seconds"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) Constantine		★★ The Matrix ('99, Act) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.						★★ The Matrix ('99, Act) Keanu Reeves.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★★ Hot Boyz ('00, Act) Silk The Shocker				★★ Gang Related James Belushi.				Wendy Williams (N)	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives/NewJersey (N)			Housewives/NewJersey			Housewives NJ	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Supermarkets Inc		Biography "Sears"		Bio. J.W. Marriott		Mad Money		Biography "Sears"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Chopper "Big Guns"		American Chopper		American Chopper		Hogs "Hog Assault"		American Chopper		American Chopper	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Phineas	GoodLuck	Suite Life	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies vs. St. Louis Cardinals (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter			NBA
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FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Life of the Teenager		American Teen (N)		Make or Break (N)		Life of the Teenager		The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Unwrapd	Candy (N)	Diners	Diners	Meat (N)	BestAte	Cake N.	G. Eats	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox Site: U.S. Cellular Field - Chicago, Ill. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	The Final Score	SportsDay OnAir	Golden Age
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½ Men	2 1/2 Men	★★★ Jumper ('08, Adv) Hayden Christensen.						★★★ Jumper ('08, Adv) Hayden Christensen.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier		Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	HouseH	House	HouseH	House	My Place	My Place	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Restore	Restore	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pickers "Trading Up"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	States got Shapes		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) Confined ('10, Thril) Emma Caulfield.		Do You Know Me? ('2009, Drama) Rachelle Lefevre, Penelope Buitenhuis, Jeremy London.				Vanished "Grinstead" (N)	Lunsford	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine	Old Christine
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Brainsq.	Sponge	WifeKids	WifeKids	Chris	Chris	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Jail (N)	Jail (N)	Jail (N)	Jail (N)	Jail (N)		★★★ A Bronx Tale ('93, Dra) Chazz Palminteri, Robert De Niro.				★★ Bad Boys	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Movie		★★★ Total Recall ('90, Sci-Fi) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Sanctuary (N)		ST:TNG "Suspicions"		Sanctuary	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan Sig Hansen, Raphael Saadiq		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) Young Mr. L...		★★ Ocean's Eleven Frank Sinatra.				(:15) ★★★ Viva Las Vegas Elvis Presley.				★ The Las Vegas S	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Aurora		Herederos del monte		La Reina Del Sur		Noticiero	El Cartel		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Fabulous Cakes		Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	FabCakes "Chicago Midwest Masters"		Quints by Surprise (N)	Quints by	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	FabCakes "Chicago Midwest Masters"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Girl in the Fridge"		Bones "The Man in the Fallout Shelter"		Bones "The Woman at the Airport"		The Closer "War Zone"		Rizzoli "See One, Do One, Teach One"		CSI: NY "Cuckoo's Nest"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(5:50) Family (:25)	Family	★★★ Crocodile Dundee Paul Hogan.				(:05) Nanny (:35)	Nanny	(:05) Nanny (:35)	Nanny	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Deliverance"		WWE Tough Enough (N)		WWE Monday Night Raw				(:05) WWE Tough Enough		(:05) CSI: Crime Scene	Up in Smoke
VERSUS	38	39				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						H. Central	AdvSport	UCI Cycling		Mixed Martial Arts	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

SERVING MIDLAND

Women come together for Habitat; Foster grandparents honored for service

Kay Crites

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Midland Habitat for Humanity kicked off its third annual Women's Build' on April 30, with women from Stonegate Fellowship, Stewart Title and several members of the community.

The build is part of Habitat for Humanity International and takes place the week before Mother's Day. Around the world, women from all walks of life come together and build about 2,000 homes during International Women Build Week. Joining Midland Habitat on the construction site were: Melissa Crooks, Jahdiel Horton, Jana Horton, BettyAnn Whitten, Taiwo Esan, Margaret Casbear, Kelby Freeman, Mary Autny, Caroline Gotcher, Allison Williams, Alicia Sins, Shelby Levins, Jan Dowler, Dawn Buck, Sara Clayton, Becky Gatlin, Lori Magee, Lydia Lebario, Audrie Palmer, Annie Faison, Patty Vargas, Elizabeth Cavin, Ruby Alvarado, Amber Truxel, Debra Dunn, Naomi O'Donnell, Andrew McIntosh, Rebecca Eaves, Deborah Clohessy, Adrienne Schrank, Kasey Gonzales, Caroline McLelland, Shea Payne, Rebecca Zavala, Staci Zavala, Diane Pharr, Evonne Hubbard, Ashly Smith, Bonnie Atwater, Louise Peterson, Gayla Ross, Kathleen Thurber, Claudie Chavez, Amber Hernandez, Amanda Rodriguez, April Smith, Mandi Smith, Elizabeth Van Schalkeuyk.

Midland Habitat was joined by the men and women of Preferred Personnel on May 6 to continue work for the Women's Build. Joining on the construction site were Amanda Bledsoe, Cindy Rowe, Jillian Lellis, Diane Riggs, Merlene Cox, Nancy Guisinger, Shaeann Dooley, Jessica Breiten and Drew Kennard.

The students of Lee High School Students in Philanthropy partnered with Midland Habitat for a day of home building. The students who came out to the construction site were Garner Gonzales, Mayra Lopez, Victoria Garcia, Johanna Lujan, Gema Escobar, Kaylee Kenna, Brissa Rodriguez, Beka Weaver, Tiffany Coulan, Chase Savezy, Justin Sanchez, Brittany Ortiz, Matt Chavez, Megan Chapman, Elizabeth Ovledo and Desirae Jones.

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The Midland Foster Grandparent Program's 10th annual Recognition Banquet was April 19 at Green Tree Country Club. More than 50 Foster Grandparent volunteers were treated to a concert by the Bowie Academy Choir. Three Foster Grandparent volunteers, Paula Enriquez, Sarah Jacques and Lupe Ramirez, were honored with the Presidential Award for having served more than 4,000 hours with the program.

The evening's festivities, emceed by KNFM's John Moesch, culminated with the Humana MarketPoint Distinguished Service Award being presented to Mabel Smith of Bunche Early Childhood Center for her eight years of dedication and commitment to the Midland Foster Grandparent Program.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters recognized a number of volunteers for exceptional achievements and dedication to their Little Brothers and Little Sisters. The volunteers were treated to dinner at Abuelo's on April 28 and presented with plaques honoring their services. Honored were: Brenda Carpenter, Big Sister of the Year; Bryan Wilsak, Big Brother of the Year; Sonjia Ford, School-Based Big of the Year; Meredith Bennett, High School Big of the Year; Irene Garcia, Board Member of the Year; Kim Cothren and Avery, Match of the Year; Michael Fields, Individual Community Volunteer of the Year and Mr. Gatti's, Corporate Community Volunteer of the Year.

Recognized for one year of being a mentor were Veronica Rhoades, Justin Rhoades, Deehona Minton, Jesse White, Bryan Wilsak; Heidi Dobey, Shannon Willis, Amanda Becker, Lynne Eulenfeld, Bob Crites, Julia Hubbard, Kim Cothren, Ciana Longbotham, Brian Smith, Elizabeth Blackwell, Ashley Jones, Quanisha McGruder and Kaitlin Wingo.

Recognized for serving as a mentor for two years were Misty McGuire, Lauren Young, Jeanette Reyes, Misty Williams, Michael Bird, Robert Wood III, Ryan Riddle, Sissy Hinojos, Monique Waggoner, C.J. Edgmon and Danessa Hudson.

Three-year honorees were Lenora Clayton, Candas Fields and Audrie Palmer. Four-year honorees were Eric Kiker and Amanda Tinny.

Those who have been mentors for five years included Brenda Carpenter, Corina Flores, Bob Reimers and Steve Snelson. Sonia Ford was recognized for eight years of service, and Tommie Hale and Rachel Wilson were honored for 10 years of mentoring service.

Big Brothers Big Sisters also awarded its first scholarships. Recipients were Ashley Jones, Elizabeth Blackwell and Julia Hubbard.

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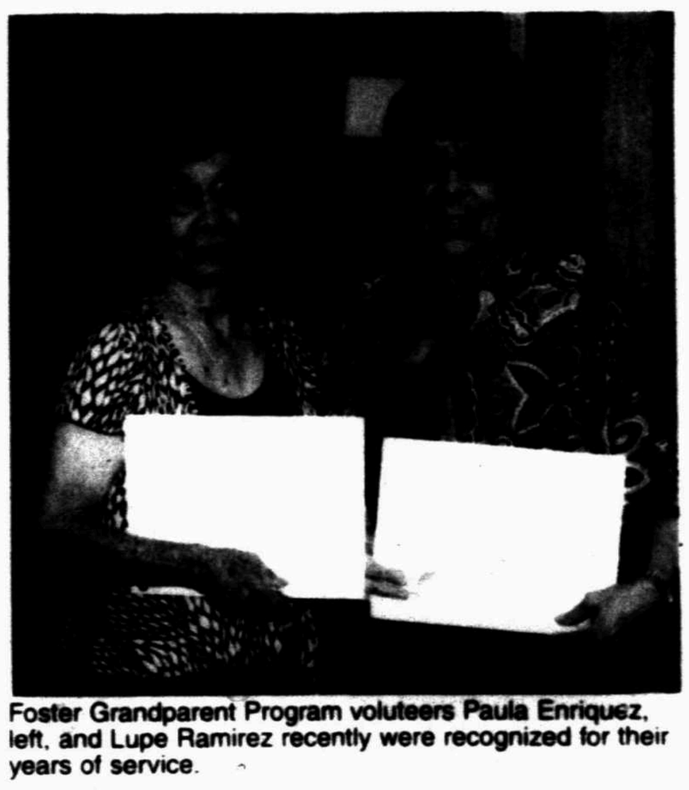
Nicole Holt from Texans Standing Tall will be in Midland on May 25 to provide training on Mobilizing the Community Using Effective Prevention Strategies. The Midland Coalition will host the training at PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. CEUs will be available. Lunch will be provided for $5.



Foster Grandparent Program voluteers Paula Enriquez, left, and Lupe Ramirez recently were recognized for their years of service.

Please RSVP to Kim Henderson at 685-3645 or kim.henderson@pdap.org.

Training is scheduled for 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.

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The first RSVP Volunteer Expo is planned for 9 to 11 a.m. June 16 at First Baptist Church.

The expo will provide an opportunity for area agencies to recruit new volunteers, recognize existing ones and discuss ways of keeping them. Entertainment, food and information will be available.

For more information, call Saul at 689-6693.

BRIDGE

April 7

Strat A: 1. Dorothy Brenneman-Leonora Stusher; 2. Jim Hawkins-Frances Levin; 3. Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites

Strat B: 1. Marlene Blumentritt-Linda Aaron; 2. Paulette Turner-Peggy Cook; 3. Marilyn Higgins-Jerry Burchell

April 12 (afternoon)

Strat A: 1. Ricki Perry-Nancy Liberty; 2. Burchell-Pat Grace; 3. Ann Servatius-Helen South

Strat B: 1. Perry- Liberty; 2. Burchell-Grace; 3. Gloria Jackson-Higgins

April 12 (evening)

NS-Chuck Mundy-Mike Robinson; EW-Susie Queen-Audrey Smith

April 13

Strat A: 1. Hawkins-Levin; 2. Dixie Gifford-Pistole; 3. Stusher-South

Strat B: 1. Hawkins-Levin; 2. Bob Bacon-Roberta Bacon; 3. Don Troy-Blumentritt

April 14

Strat A: 1. Belle Harris-Serena Savage; 2. Troy- Pistole; 3. Linda Scarpelli-Cook

Strat B: 1. Harris-Savage; 2. Scarpelli-Cook; 3. Higgins-Georgia Temple

April 15

Strat A: 1. Flo Curry-Jane Myers; 2. Phyllis Laird-Martha Poss; 3. Pistole-Servatius

Strat B:1. Laird-Poss; 2/3. Jean Banks-Brenda Brauner; 2/3. Sue Marshall-Tommie Strack

April 17

Strat A: 1. Kathryn Martorina-Nunzio Martorina; 2. Crites-Mary Hammond; 3. Cook-Evans

Strat B: 1. Cook- K.C. Evans; 2. Burchell-Higgins; 3. Dixie. Gifford-Servatius

April 25

Strat A: 1. Brenneman-Charlie Grimes; 2/3. Servatius-South; 2/3. Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt

Strat B

1. Leonard-Witt; 2. Turner-Blumentritt; 3/4. Linda Aaron- Burchell; 3/4. Harris-Savage

April 26-Afternoon

Strat A: 1. Turner- Jackson; 2. Vicky Fisher-Ricki Perry; 3. Poss-Laird

Strat B: 1. Turner-Jackson; 2. Poss-Laird; 3. Parish-Bitsy Loewenstein

April 26-Evening EasyBridge

1. Jane Blackwell; 2/4. Kathryn Noble; 2/4. Steve Houston; 2/4. Peggy Cook

April 27

Strat A: 1. Jimmie Penn-Crites; 2. Brenneman-Pistole; 3. Grimes-Helen Davis

Strat B: 1. Grimes-Davis; 2. B. Bacon-R. Bacon; 3. Troy-Scarpelli

May 2

Strat A: 1. Witt- Leonard; 2. Turner-Blumentritt; 3. Scarpelli-Grimes

Strat B: 1. Witt - Leonard; 2. Turner- Blumentritt; 3. Nancy Cvik-Higgins

May 3 (afternoon)

Strat A: 1. Aggie Anguish-Wyoma Whitlow; 2. Blumentritt-Irene Hamm; 3. Servatius-South

Strat B: 1. Blumentritt-Hamm; 2. Jackson-Turner; 3. Poss-Laird

May 3 (evening)

N-S Mundy-Robinson; E-W Susie Banks-Smith

May 4

Strat A: 1. Perry-Anguish; 2. K. Martorina- N. Martorina; 3. Bob Baker-Stusher

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May 5

Strat A: 1. Troy-Pistole; 2. Leonard-Witt; 3. Kay Sewell-Burchell

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AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Study links hearing loss with dementia

By Orland Purcell Au. D., CCC-A

It is always amazing to me how interconnected the many parts of the human brain are. It is the most complex "computer" that exists.

So when researchers find links between various, seemingly unrelated conditions, it should not really be a surprise. Data published in the February issue of *Archives of Neurology*, part of the Journal of the American Medical Association, or JAMA, shows a link between hearing loss and the development of dementia.

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Experts predict that as many as 100 million people around the world will have some form of dementia by 2050. While there is no known cure or method of prevention, there are some risk factors, and hearing loss is one of them.

A study done by researchers at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, starting in 1990 and ending in 2008, viewed the progress of 639 individuals aged 36-90 who did not have dementia at the study's start. Researchers tested the participants' hearing and cognitive abilities at the start, and were monitored through 2008.

The study showed that individuals with hearing loss of greater than 25 decibels were at increased **risk of dementia. The greater the hearing** loss, the higher the risk of dementia. For every 10 decibels of **hearing loss, the risk increased by 20** percent. At age 60 or older, 36.4 percent of the risk of dementia was associated with hearing loss.

The authors stated, "...hearing loss may be casually related to dementia, possibly through exhaustion of cognitive reserve, social isolation, environmental deafferentation (elimination of sensory nerve fibers), or a combination of these pathways."

"Hearing loss in older adults may be preventable and can be practically addressed with current technology (e.g., digital hearing aids and cochlear implants) and with other rehabilitative interventions focusing on optimizing social and environmental conditions for hearing."

In simpler terms, the authors theorize that as hearing loss brings isolation, due to the sufferer giving up the extra effort involved in communicating, those areas of the brain dealing with communication tend to atrophy. With the resulting loss of sensory nerve fibers, the brain loses other functionality, leading to increased risk of dementia and Alzheimer's.

Here is just one more reason to have your hearing checked by a qualified professional if you have trouble hearing others—or if others tell you that you do. If you have trouble seeing, you get glasses (or contacts). If you have trouble walking, you get a cane or a walker. Why not get hearing aids if you can't hear? There are hearing aids today that, if suitable for your hearing loss, are to hearing aids what contacts are to glasses—they are almost invisible.

Conversely, what is more noticeable—a hearing aid or the fact that the hearing loss sufferer must continually ask, "What did you say?" Hearing is mostly about quality of life for you and for those around you, now and, as the study shows, in the future.

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Rae Wauhob saw how much In Balance helped her children, Carlea and CareP, back in 2004 and 2005. She saw Carlea gain confidence, her grades skyrocket and her ability to focus increase by leaps and bounds.

"Her confidence went sky high," Rae recalls. Because Carlea had central auditory processing disorder, or CAPD, she had trouble processing what she heard as well as what she read and saw. After a few weeks at In Balance, Carlea burst through the door at home and announced, "I understood what the teacher said today!!"

Rae saw CareP's focus improve and progress in other areas after her In Balance time as well.

Since Rae had issues with ADD herself, she decided to do the program and was helped greatly. Her ability to focus on one task at a time was much better, she was able to get much more done in a day after doing In Balance. Rae and her family were among In Balance owner Missy Dwyer's first group of clients shortly after she opened.

Fast forward about five years, to today. CareP's daughter, Kaylee, needed a little boost in concentrating on her first grade reading and other schoolwork. She was fidgety, unable to focus for very long. There was no diagnosis of ADD or anything, but the family thought she might need a way to improve her attention span. Mom, Aunt Carlea and Grandma all had seen great improvement with In Balance, so it was decided to send Kaylee.

"She's doing really well," says Rae. "Now she sits still and reads a book with no problem." Her grades, which were already pretty good, have gone up. "She is also more coordinated," Rae adds.

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That is not surprising since the In Balance program revolves around a series of balancing therapies that include motor activities involving many different sensory systems, encouraging the brain to use its neural networks to organize and execute the activities effectively. Balance is the key to helping the brain process information in all areas.

As is evident from the three generations listed, the program has been successful for all ages—from about three years old up into the 90s for other clients. It helps with ADD and ADHD, ODD (oppositional defiant disorder), brain injury, strokes, other types of injury, autism and many more. "I have yet to see someone that In Balance couldn't help," says Missy.

No matter your age or how long you have dealt with symptoms that seem out of control, calling Missy is a great idea, for yourself or your child. Why not find out if In Balance can help you?

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MIDLAND FAMILY CARE

Belly fat/heart disease combo is dangerous

By Lyden Odukwu, M.D.

Even more important than the amount of fat someone carries, the location of that weight is a factor in the risk of a deadly heart attack for someone who has heart disease. A recent study showed that belly fat carries the same amount of risk as smoking a pack of cigarettes per day or having very high cholesterol. If the fat is concentrated elsewhere, the risk of a deadly heart attack is cut in half.

LYDEN ODUKWU, M.D.

Previous studies had seemed to show that increased body mass index (BMI, a ratio of weight to height) was linked to a better chance of survival than that of normal people. Dr. Thais Coutinho, the study's lead author and a cardiology fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, stated that she and her team of researchers discounted the earlier BMI studies.

Coutinho stated that BMI is not a good measure of body fat, and that it tells nothing about how the fat is distributed. She and her cohorts examined data from five studies conducted around the world, among almost 16,000 people with both coronary artery disease and central obesity.

Belly fat is known to be more metabolically active, said Dr. Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, the study's lead investigator and director of the May Clinic's Cardiometabolic Program. Belly fat has more effect on cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar. Fat in other places on the body does not seem to create these effects.

Central obesity is determined by hip-to-waist ratio and waist circumference. Assessing this in a physician's office is simple, Coutinho pointed out—it simply involves a tape measure around the waist.

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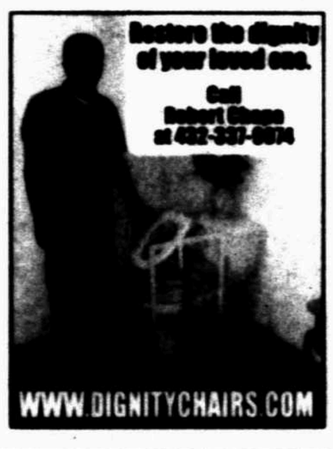

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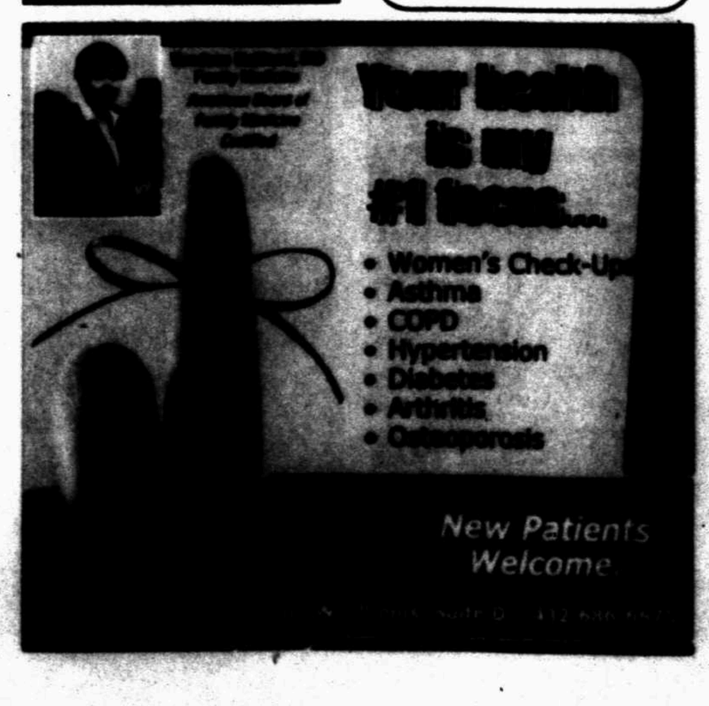

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Sports

Missions force 'Hounds to split series

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

The San Antonio Missions scored nine runs in the fourth and fifth innings, eight of them coming with two outs, to turn a close game into a 10-2 blowout victory against the Midland RockHounds at Citibank Ballpark on Sunday.

Scarsone

The win allowed the Missions to split the four-game series with the RockHounds after losing the previous two.

"It was great," Missions catcher Eddy Rodriguez said. "We had a couple tough games, but we came back, and we made a little statement here at the end."

Rodriguez, playing in his first game with the Missions since being reassigned from Single-A Lake Elsinore, broke open a 1-0 game in the fourth inning with a two-run home run to left field.

The maddening part for the RockHounds was that the homer came after catcher Petey Paramore dropped the apparent third out on a pop up right in front of the San Antonio dugout.

Rodriguez made Midland pay on the very next pitch.

"You just want to come and add to a team like this," Rodriguez said. "Whatever role I need to do and whatever job I need to do that's what I'm here to do."

That he did, starting a rally that culminated with Beamer Weems launching a three-run homer of his own into the left field bullpen three batters later to put the Missions up 6-0.

"They're a good hitting club," RockHounds manager Steve Scarsone said. "Two swings and all of a sudden it's not a close game anymore."

But San Antonio wasn't done after the fourth, scoring four runs on five hits in the fifth to end starter Justin Murray's day and put the game away. Murray allowed eight runs on nine hits and remains winless on the season.

Anthony Bass, meanwhile, pitched a solid game for the Missions, allowing just one run

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Missions 10
RockHounds 2

TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	20	15	.571	—
NW Arkansas	18	14	.563	1/2
Arkansas	15	17	.469	3 1/2
Springfield	14	21	.400	6

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	24	12	.667	—
Frisco	18	18	.500	6
Midland	17	19	.472	7
Corpus Christi	13	23	.361	11

Sunday's Scores
Arkansas 1, Tulsa 0
Corpus Christi 4, Frisco 3, 11 innings
San Antonio 10, Midland 2
NW Arkansas 3, Springfield 0
NW Arkansas 8, Springfield 4

Today's Games
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

Aggies hire Kennedy to replace Turgeon

Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Dave South, longtime radio voice of Texas A&M athletics, has crossed paths with Billy Kennedy on multiple occasions the past 20 years. In addition to Kennedy's coaching prowess, two things always stuck out to South about the smooth Louisianan.

"He's got a good Southern accent," a smiling South said Sunday. "And he's just an easy guy to talk to."

Kennedy

A&M also intends for Kennedy, 47, to make an easy transition to an already solid basketball program. The Aggies on Sunday announced the hire of Murray State's Kennedy to succeed Mark Turgeon, who abruptly bolted Aggieland a week ago for Maryland following Gary Williams' retirement.

Kennedy owns a 107-53 record over the past five seasons at Murray (Ky.) State, where he guided the Racers to the NCAA tournament's second round in 2010 – a two-point loss to eventual national runner-up Butler. A&M will hold an introductory press conference at 3 p.m. today in Reed Arena.

"He's the perfect fit for Texas A&M," said athletic director Bill Byrne, whose final candidates were Kennedy and Northern Iowa's Ben Jacobson. "His players play hard for

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WINNING SERIES

LM Otero/AP

Texas' Adrian Beltre hits a three-run home run during the third inning Sunday against the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington. With the win, the Rangers won their second series in the past month.

Davis' RBI in 8th allows Rangers to beat Angels

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — With the bases loaded in a tie game, Chris Davis walked up to the plate thinking about what happened in a key situation the previous day.

This time, Davis was clutch for the Texas Rangers.

Rangers 5
Angels 4

Davis, who had already homered Sunday, drove home the tiebreaking run with an eighth-inning single in a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels to give the Rangers only their second series win in the past month.

"He understood the situation," manager Ron Washington said. "I think (Saturday) he felt pretty good up there and he was trying to do more than the situation dictated. Today, he was just trying to take care of business because of what the situation dictated."

With two runners in scoring position and one out early in the middle game of the series, Davis had a foul popout. The Rangers lost that game 3-2.

"I thought about it when I was walking up to the plate," Davis said. "You can't change what happened yesterday. You can only control what you can control today. When you're not playing every day, you have to capitalize on every opportunity you're given."

Texas loaded the bases to start the eighth in the series finale after Rich Thompson (1-2) failed to retire any of the three batters he faced. Davis then hit a 1-2 slider off Hisanori Takahashi into right field.

Thompson replaced starter Ervin Santana by issuing consecutive walks to Adrian Beltre and David Murphy before Mike Napoli's checked swing turned into a bloop single barely past the infield dirt. Napoli, who spent his entire career with the Angels until being traded last winter, was in a 4-for-42 slide over 16 games until that hit.

"Amazing, it's awesome, it's the greatest feeling ever," Napoli said. "I enjoyed every moment I ran down that line. It was awesome. Hopefully, it gets me going."

Napoli also threw out two would-be base stealers, including Howie Kendrick on a game-ending play on the same pitch

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Sue Ogrocki/AP

THUNDER ROLLS Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant, front, dunks in front of Memphis Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph on Sunday in the fourth quarter of Game 7 of a second-round NBA playoff series in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City won, 105-90.

Durant, Thunder to face Mavericks in West finals

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Coming off his worst performance in the playoffs, Kevin Durant couldn't get his shots to fall again.

Then he caught a glimpse of his mother dancing around during a timeout and, like magic, the ball started going through the net.

Durant scored 39 points for his best offensive outing of the series, Russell Westbrook had his first playoff triple-double and the Oklahoma City Thunder advanced to the Western Conference finals with a 105-90 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies in Game 7 on Sunday.

Thunder 105
Grizzlies.....90
Oklahoma City wins series 4-3

"I knew she had those dance moves," Durant said. "She used to do it all the time when I was young. She was having fun. I was glad to see that."

Soon enough, he was having fun, too — and the Thunder are two-stepping into Texas for the franchise's first appearance in the West finals since losing in the NBA finals in 1996 as the Seattle SuperSonics.

Game 1 against the Mavericks is Tuesday night in Dallas.

Durant, the NBA scoring champion

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David Goldman/AP

PLAYERS CHAMPION K.J. Choi reacts to winning The Players Championship in a playoff against David Toms on Sunday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Choi outlasts Toms to win Players Championship

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — K.J. Choi did everything demanded of the winner at The Players Championship.

Not only did he hit the island green on the 17th hole at the TPC Sawgrass, he did it three times in one day. With the tournament on the line, he got up-and-down for par from 80 feet on the final hole Sunday.

Despite everything Choi did to win, this Players Championship might be remembered as much for how it was lost.

David Toms, who hit 6-iron out of a divot and made an 18-foot birdie putt on the hardest hole to force a playoff, missed a 3 1/2-foot par putt on the 17th to hand Choi the biggest win of his career.

"No excuses, no spike marks, no ball marks, no nothing," Toms said of his three-putt bogey on the first sudden-death playoff hole. "Maybe a lot of pressure. But other than that, there was no excuse."

On a hole designed to provide great theater — the island-green 17th — the finish fell flat.

Both players hit the green in the playoff, and the advantage went to Toms with a shot that settled about 18 feet away. Choi lagged his long birdie putt about 3 feet by the hole, and Toms thought he had a winner with his 18-foot putt until it slid by the cup and rolled 3 1/2 feet by the cup. Into the grain, slightly uphill, he didn't strike it solidly and missed.

Choi tapped in his putt and pumped his fist, yet his heart felt for the 44-year-old Toms.

"As a fellow player, I felt very sorry for him," Choi said. "Because I know how that feels. And I felt bad for him."

Choi had reason to celebrate for his own feats. Winless on the PGA Tour for three years, he took

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HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

Baseball

Class 5A
Area
Arlington High (W4, 26-9) vs. Lubbock Monterey (T2, 17-17), Game 1; Arlington High 11, Monterey 1; Game 2: Arlington High 3, Monterey 7; Arlington wins series 2-0
Amarillo High (W2, 20-6) vs. Midland High (R2, 25-6), Game 1: Midland High 5, Amarillo High 5; Game 2: Midland High 8, Amarillo High 7; MHS wins series 2-0.
Keller (R7, 20-11) vs. Colleyville Heritage (T6, 27-7), Game 1: Colleyville Heritage 11, Keller 5; Game 2: Colleyville Heritage 11, Keller 0; Colleyville Heritage wins series 2-0
Hurst L.D. Bell (W6, 26-9) vs. Coppell (R7, 26-6), Game 1: Bell 15, Coppell 10; Game 2: Bell 6, Coppell 3; Bell wins series 2-0
Lee (W3, 25-10) vs. Lubbock Coronado (R2, 24-11), Game 1: Lee 6, Coronado 4; Game 2: Coronado 12, Lee 5; Game 3: Coronado 5, Lee 0. Coronado wins series 2-1
El Paso Franklin (W1) vs. Weatherford (R4, 21-5), Game 1: EP Franklin 2, Weatherford 1; Game 2: Franklin 8, Weatherford 4; Franklin wins series 2-0
Southlake Carroll (W7, 24-6) vs. Mansfield Legacy (T5, 24-11), Game 1: Carroll 7, Mansfield Legacy 1; Game 2: Carroll 5, Legacy 1; Carroll wins series 2-0
South Grand Prairie (W5, 22-8) vs. Plano (R8, 25-6), Game 1: Plano 4, South Grand Prairie 2; Game 2: Plano 2, South Grand Prairie 1; Plano wins series 2-0

Regional Quarterfinals
Arlington High (W4, 28-9) vs. Midland High (R3, 27-9), TBA
Colleyville Heritage (T6, 29-7) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (W6, 28-9), TBA
Lubbock Coronado (R2, 26-12) vs. El Paso Franklin (W1), TBA
Southlake Carroll (W7, 26-6) vs. Plano (R8, 27-6), TBA

Class 3A
Area
Andrews (W4, 20-8) vs. Levelland 2
Shallowater (W2, 23-8) vs. Fabens (R3, 17-7), Game 1: Shallowater 14, Fabens 4; Game 2: Fabens 8, Shallowater 7; Game 3: Shallowater 8, Fabens 1; Shallowater wins series 2-1
Kennedale (W8, 23-4) vs. Abilene Wylie 4
Graham (W6, 24-7) vs. Bridgeport (R7, 20-10), Game 1: Graham 7, Bridgeport 0; Game 2: Bridgeport 16, Graham 4; Game 3: Bridgeport 6, Graham 5; Bridgeport wins series 2-1
Presidio (W3, 16-4) vs. Lubbock Cooper (R2, 7-8), p.m. Friday, Christensen Stadium
Borger (W1, 16-11) vs. Pecos (T3, 15-18), Game 1: Borger 5, Pecos 4; Game 2: Borger 5, Pecos 2; Borger wins series 2-0
Mineral Wells (W7, 16-14) vs. Snyder (T5, 24-8), Game 1: Mineral Wells 5, Snyder 4; Game 2: Snyder 10, Mineral Wells 8; Game 3: Snyder 3, Mineral Wells 1; Snyder wins series 2-1
Brownwood (W6, 19-7) vs. West (R8, 26-5), Game 1: Brownwood 7, West 3; Game 2: Brownwood 9, West 8; Brownwood wins series 2-0

Regional Quarterfinals
Andrews (W4, 20-9) vs. Shallowater (W2, 23-9), TBA
Kennedale (W8, 23-4) vs. Bridgeport (R7, 22-10), TBA
Lubbock Cooper (R2) vs. Borger (W1, 16-11), TBA
Snyder (T5, 26-9) vs. Brownwood (W6, 21-7), TBA

Class 2A
Area
Alpine (W4, 17-5) vs. Childress (R1, 21-10), Game 1: Alpine 16, Childress 3; Game 2: Alpine 15, Childress 1; Alpine wins series 2-0
Etheridge (W2, 16-6) vs. Sabinal (R3, 18-7), Game 1: Etheridge 4, Sabinal 2; Game 2: Etheridge 11, Sabinal 1; Etheridge wins series 2-0
Blanco (W7, 19-8) vs. Van Ned (R6, 19-6), Game 1: TBA

p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Lampasas HS
Bangs (W6, 21-2) vs. Sonora (R7, 19-7), Game 1: Sonora 6, Bangs 5; Game 2: Bangs 7, Sonora 6; Game 3: Bangs 8, Sonora 3; Bangs wins series 2-1
Lubbock Roosevelt (W3, 20-5) vs. Idalou (R2, 13-3), Game 1: Roosevelt 9, Idalou 4; Game 2: Idalou 4, Roosevelt 1; Game 3: Idalou 10, Roosevelt 2; Idalou wins series 2-1
Bushland (W1, 18-6) vs. Forsan (20-5), Game 1: Bushland 5, Forsan 2; Game 2: Bushland 6, Forsan 2; Bushland wins series 2-0.
Wall (W7, 23-3) vs. San Saba (R6), Game 1: Wall 9, San Saba 1; Game 2: Wall 11, San Saba 4; Wall wins series 2-0
Hawley (W5) vs. Comfort (R8), Game 1: Hawley def. Comfort; Game 2: Hawley 10, Comfort 1; Hawley wins series 2-0

Regional Quarterfinals
Alpine (W4, 19-5) vs. Etheridge (W2, 18-6), TBA
Blanco vs. Van Ned winner vs. Bangs (W6, 23-3), TBA
Idalou (R2, 15-4) vs. Bushland (W1, 20-6), TBA
Wall (W7, 23-3) vs. Hawley (W5), TBA

Softball

Class 5A
Regional Quarterfinals
Weatherford (W4, 23-9) vs. Odessa Permian (T6, 29-7), Game 1: Odessa Permian 3, Weatherford 1; Game 2: Weatherford 10, Odessa Permian 1; Game 3: Odessa Permian 1, Weatherford 0; Odessa Permian wins series 2-1
Midland High (W3, 25-13) vs. El Paso Americas (W1, 32-2), Game 1: El Paso Americas 2, Midland High 0; Game 2: EP Americas 3, Midland High 1; EP Americas wins series 2-0
Keller (W7, 23-3) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R6, 29-8), Game 1: Keller 2, Marcus 1; Game 2: Keller 3, Marcus 1; Keller wins series 2-0

Regional Semifinals
Weatherford (W4, 23-9) vs. Plano (W8, 35-4), TBA
El Paso Americas (W1, 34-2) vs. Keller (W7, 29-5), TBA

Class 3A
Regional Quarterfinals
Andrews (W4, 17-13) vs. Lubbock Cooper (W2, 26-8), Game 1: Lubbock Cooper 3, Andrews 0; Game 2: Cooper 6, Andrews 4. Cooper wins series 2-0
Kennedale (W8) vs. Burkburnett (W6, 27-5), Game 1: Burkburnett 10, Kennedale 3; Game 2: Burkburnett 5, Kennedale 3; Burkburnett wins series 2-0
Pecos (W3, 21-8) vs. Greenwood (R4, 14-18), Game 1: Greenwood 7, Pecos 6; Game 2: Greenwood 3, Pecos 2. Greenwood wins series 2-0.
Iowa Park (R8, 26-10) vs. West (R6), Game 1: Iowa Park 3, West 2; 9 innings; Game 2: West 11, Iowa Park 1; 5 innings; Game 3: West 7, Iowa Park 4; West wins series 2-1

Regional Semifinals
Lubbock Cooper (W2, 28-6) vs. Burkburnett (W6, 29-5), TBA
Greenwood (R4, 16-18) vs. West (R6), TBA

Class 2A
Regional Quarterfinals
Alpine (W4, 26-7) vs. Forsan (R3, 22-6), Game 1: Alpine 14, Forsan 1; Game 2: Forsan 7, Alpine 5; Game 3: Alpine 8, Forsan 3
Van Ned (R6-3) Ozona 1
Colorado City (W3, 31-4) vs. Kermit (R4), Game 1: Kermit 5, Colorado City 4; Game 2: Colorado City 4, Kermit 0; Game 3: Colorado City 14, Kermit 2
Wall (W7, 29-1) vs. Clyde (W5, 30-5), Game 1: Clyde 4, Wall 1; Game 2: Wall 2, Clyde 1; Game 3: Wall 4, Clyde 3; Wall wins series 2-1

Regional Semifinals
Alpine (W4, 28-7) vs. Van Ned (R6), TBA
Colorado City (W3, 31-4) vs. Wall (W7, 31-2), TBA

Roughnecks can't overcome sluggish start in loss to Allen

From staff reports

ODESSA -- The West Texas Roughnecks could not overcome a strong start from the Allen Wranglers in a 54-26 loss on Saturday night at the Ector County Coliseum.

The Wranglers got out to a 41-0 lead in the first half before the Roughnecks got on the scoreboard with a four-yard touchdown run from DeWayne Hogan to cut it to 41-6 late in the second quarter.

Roughnecks starting quarterback Arkelon Hall left the game early with an injury and was replaced by Josh Floyd, who recorded three total touchdowns in the second-half including two touchdown passes to Tim Bush.

Floyd finished the game 7-of-16 passing for 78 yards and two touchdowns. He also had 73 rushing yards and a rushing TD.

Bush had eight receptions for 80 yards and two touchdowns.

Allen quarterback Kewan Dewberry was 11 of 21 for 146 yards with five touchdowns and one interception. Dewberry's main target was Robert Chase, who had receptions for 93 yards and three touchdowns.

The West Texas Roughnecks (7-3) continue their home stretch as they host the Wichita Wild Saturday, May 21 at the Ector County Coliseum.

Louisville to play defending champs Texas A&M

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville's women's basketball team will travel south to take on defending national champions Texas A&M in the second game of the 2011-12 season.

Cardinals coach Jeff Walz told The Courier-Journal the game is important to the growth of program, allowing Louisville to gain more exposure to Texas recruits, particularly with TCU joining the Big East for the coming season.

The Cardinals will play the Aggies on Nov. 15 in College Station, Texas, the second game of the season for Louisville.

Louisville will release its complete schedule later, but Walz said his team also will travel to Florida State.

Hounds

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and three hits over six innings. He also had the help of four double plays turned by his defense.

"He was keeping our hitters off-balance," Scarsone said. "The first three or four innings I don't think we had many real comfortable at-bats."

Midland begins an eight-game road trip at 7 p.m. today against Frisco, and despite the loss on Sunday, remains confident after splitting its series with first-place San Antonio.

"I think we should be going on the road here thinking these are ours to win," Scarsone said. "If we play the way we should and the way we can they should be ours."

HOUND BITES: Adam Heether, playing his second game for Midland since being reassigned from Triple-A Sacramento, went hitless in two at-bats but scored the RockHounds' first run in the bottom of the fifth. ... RockHounds center fielder Jermaine Mitchell stole his seventh stolen base of the season in the bottom of the third.

Midland begins a four-game road series against Frisco today. The RockHounds were two games ahead of Frisco in the Texas League South standings entering a home series against the RoughRiders May 7 but are currently a game behind the second-place RoughRiders. ... Rangers outfielder Nelson Cruz will be joining Frisco today for what is expected to be a four-game rehab stint.

Today's Probables: Midland will start Carlos Hernandez (4-1, 6.31 ERA), while Frisco will start top prospect Martin Perez.

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MISSIONS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 2

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Tejeda cf	4	1	1	0	Mitchell cf	3	0	0	0
Weems ss	3	2	1	1	Grimes ss	4	0	1	0
Benrime 2b	3	1	1	0	Wall 1b	4	0	1	0
Banks dh	3	1	1	1	Parker lf	4	1	1	0
Turner lf	3	1	1	0	Spina 3b	4	0	1	0
Paramore c	3	1	1	1	Buffer c	3	0	0	0
McKenna 1b	4	1	1	1	Superfic dh	3	0	0	0
Rodriguez rf	4	1	1	1	Heether 2b	2	1	0	0
Ribeiro ss	4	1	1	1	Paramore c	2	0	0	0
					Ladendorf ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	37	10	11	10	Totals	29	2	5	1

San Antonio	100	540	000	—10
Midland	000	010	010	—2

E—Rodriguez (1), Benrime (4), Paramore (2), Parker (1). DP—San Antonio 1. LOB—San Antonio 5, Midland 5. 2B—Benrime (12), Banks (11), Tejeda (8), Superfic (1), Spina (10). HR—Rodriguez (7), Weems (3). SB—Ribeiro (4), Mitchell (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
Tejeda W, 4-2	6	4	2	2	4	4
Kelz	1	1	0	0	0	1
Vincent	1.0	2	1	1	0	1
Brach	1.0	2	1	0	0	1
Midland						
Murray L, 0-5	4.2	9	9	5	4	1
Smyth	2.0	1	1	1	1	0
Souza	2.0	1	0	0	0	2

T—2:53. A—4,453.

Bulls rout Heat to take first game of series

By Andrew Seligman
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 28 points, Luol Deng contained LeBron James and the Chicago Bulls struck first in the Eastern Conference finals, pulling away to beat the Miami Heat 103-82 in Game 1 on Sunday night.

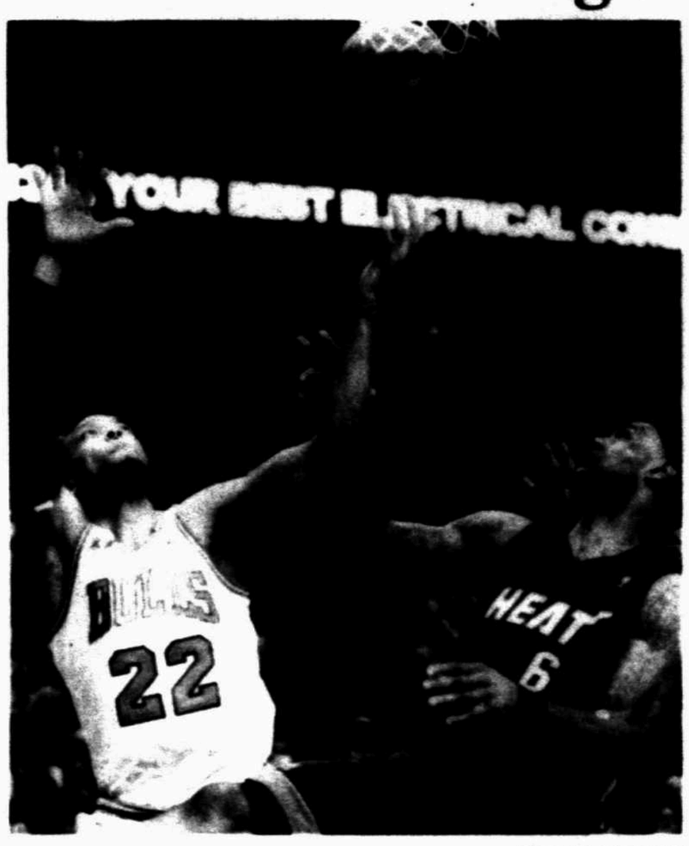
The Bulls are off to a good start in this series after sweeping the Heat during the regular season. They went on a 10-0 run midway through the third quarter, then pulled away in the fourth. As the final minutes ticked away, fans could not contain themselves, chanting "Over-rated!" and "Beat the Heat!"

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Chicago, and they'll certainly take another performance like this.

Rose settled down after committing three early turnovers and showed why he is the MVP. He hit three 3-pointers and the Bulls converted 10 of 21 in all.

Deng had 21 points. He hit four 3s, had four steals, seven rebounds and simply put the clamps on The King, holding James to 15 points on 5-of-15 shooting.

Carlos Boozer added 14 points and nine rebounds. Joakim Noah had 14 rebounds and the Bulls pounded the Heat on the glass, 45-33. Chris Bosh led Miami with 30 points and nine rebounds. Dwyane Wade scored 18 points, but the Heat simply were overmatched down the stretch.



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RAGING BULLS Chicago's Taj Gibson, left, and Miami's LeBron James battle for a rebound Sunday during the fourth quarter in Game 1 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals in Chicago. The Bulls won, 103-82.

The Heat were leading 58-57 midway through the third when the Bulls made their run, reeling off 10 straight and seizing the momentum.

Rose and Bogans started it by nailing 3-pointers. A steal by Bogans against Wade led to two free throws by Rose after he got knocked to the floor going for a fast-break layup.

Then, after a timeout, Noah blocked a layup by Wade and scored seconds later on a layup off an inbounds along the Bulls' baseline, making it 67-58.

The Heat's James Jones stopped the run with a 3, but the Bulls simply weren't about to be stopped.

When Deng hit a 3 with 1:15 left, the crowd jumped to its feet and let out a roar. More important, that started a 14-3 run that stretched into the fourth and put this one away.

Whether it was Boozer feeding Omer Asik for a dunk early in the fourth or Deng racing in to put back his own missed jumper after a 3 by James, there was plenty for the Chicago fans to cheer during that stretch. They were loving it when Ronnie Brewer stole pass from Mario Chalmers and hit two free throws, then dunked to make it 80-66. And when C.J. Watson buried a 3 to put the lead at 17, they just about came unglued.

For at least some Chicago fans, beating Miami to get to the NBA finals would be sweet redemption after what happened during the summer.

With enough salary-cap room for two stars, the Bulls went after James, Wade and Bosh in the summer, hoping to land some combination of the two.

Bulls	**103**
Heat	**82**

Chicago leads series 1-0

Thunder

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the past two seasons, followed the lowest-scoring game of his two postseason appearances with one of his best. He heated up in the second quarter after the entertaining exchange with his mother, put the Thunder in control late in the third, then put it away with a pair of two-handed slams in the fourth.

"Durant is a special player, one of the best players in the NBA," said Memphis star Zach Randolph, who was limited to an inefficient 17 points and 10 rebounds. "The kid is a gym-rat, he works hard. He's one of my favorite players. You've got to give him kudos and give him respect.

"You see what he does night in and night out and he's just relentless."

Westbrook, criticized throughout the playoffs for taking too many shots, was at his all-around best with 14 points, matching his season-high with 14 assists and producing extra possessions with 10 rebounds. It was only the fifth triple-double in a Game 7, according to information provided to the team by the Elias Sports Bureau. Larry Bird, Jerry West, James Worthy and Scottie Pippen also accomplished the feat.

"He gets picked on a little bit, but one of the things (with) Russell, he keeps playing," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "He keeps improving, he keeps getting better and tonight he controlled the game."

Mike Conley scored 18 points to lead Memphis, which had never won a playoff game before this year and made a bid to become the first No. 8 seed to reach the West finals.

"We just believed we could play with anybody," said Randolph, who had averaged 28.3 points and 14.7 rebounds in the Grizzlies' three wins in the series. "We've been competing like this all year. We just wasn't seen nationally and a lot of people didn't know about us because weren't on TV a lot, but we've been playing good basketball all year and competing with the best teams."

James Harden added four 3-pointers and 17 points for Oklahoma City, and Nick Collison had 12 rebounds.

O.J. Mayo scored 14 for Memphis but couldn't provide the same amount of room for Randolph as he did after moving into the starting lineup in Game 6.

It was the first Game 7 of the 2011 playoffs, and the first in the career for Durant and most other players on two of the NBA's rising teams. They were the two youngest rosters in the league at the start of last season, but have quickly become two of the best — just as some of the traditional powerhouses have declined.

"I think that age is kind of out the window now. Usually, you hear young franchise. Now, we've grown up together and we're getting better," Westbrook said.

"I think as long as we continue to stay humble and continue to work and try to get better, this team's going to make that next jump."

The first jumps have been big ones for the Thunder — from 3-29 and headed for the worst season in NBA history after moving to Oklahoma City in 2008 to the West finals just 2 1/2 years later.

Kennedy

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him and they play an aggressive style of defense. He's proven he can recruit nationwide, but I look for him to make more inroads here in the state of Texas."

The Aggies, who return their top two players from last year in Khris Middleton and David Loubeau, have played in six consecutive NCAA tournaments, including four under Turgeon and two under his predecessor, current Texas Tech coach Billy Gillispie.

Kennedy, who's from the New Orleans area and is a former head coach at Centenary and Southeastern Louisiana, served as an A&M assistant for one season (1990-91) under Kermit Davis, but was not linked to NCAA rules violations under Davis.

"I can't wait to get back to Aggieland," Kennedy said. "Aggies have great pride and passion for their school and their athletic programs. I look forward to meeting the team and working toward a seventh NCAA bid, as well as even deeper tournament runs."

Senior guard Dash Harris expressed his pleasure in the hire via his Twitter account Sunday night.

"God works in mysterious ways! Happy about this one! Now let's get ready!" Harris wrote.

Touted 2011 signees Jamal Branch and Jordan Green already had affirmed their commitments to A&M prior to Kennedy's hire. Kennedy will make around $1 million annually over five years, according to an A&M insider, or about four times as much as his recent raise to $225,000 annually at Murray State.

Kennedy, a 1986 Southeastern Louisiana graduate, spent 11 years as an assistant at New Orleans, Wyoming, Northwestern State, Tulane, A&M, Creighton and California. He and his wife, Mary, have four children, ranging in age from 22 to 6. South said A&M fans will warm to Kennedy's style — and coaching ability — quickly.

"I like everything about Billy," South said. "He's going to be a great fit for Texas A&M."

Report: Suns exec tell newspaper that he's gay

NEW YORK (AP) — Phoenix Suns president and CEO Rick Welts has revealed to the public that he is gay in a story posted on The New York Times' website.

Welts said in the story Sunday that he wants to break down one of the last significant social barriers in sports, one that has made headlines recently after Kobe Bryant's use of a gay slur on the basketball court and hockey player Sean Avery's support of same-sex marriage.

Welts began his 40-year NBA career as a ball boy for the Seattle SuperSonics. He later joined the league office and was the architect of the All-Star Weekend before joining the Suns.

He called sports "one of the last industries where the subject is off limits" and hopes to mentor other gay people who seek to pursue a career in sports.

The Suns did not offer a statement when contacted by the Associated Press.

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NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday's Score
Oklahoma City 105, Memphis 90; Oklahoma City wins series 4-3

CONFERENCE FINALS
Sunday's Score
Chicago 103, Miami 82; Chicago leads series 1-0

Tuesday
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Wednesday
Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

THUNDER 105, GRIZZLIES 90

MEMPHIS (90): Mayo 5-12 3-5 14, Randolph 8-15 5-6 17, Gasol 4-10 4-4 12, Conley 7-19 2-2 18, Allen 3-6 1-2 7, Batter 2-6 0-0 4, Arthur 2-6 0-0 5, Young 2-6 0-0 4, Vasquez 2-4 0-0 5, Powe 1-3 0-0 2, Haddadi 1-1 0-0 2. Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-88 15-19 90

OKLAHOMA CITY (105): Durant 7-15 9-9 23, Ibaka 1-4 0-0 2, Perkins 2-4 0-0 4, Westbrook 4-12 6-6 14, Sefolosha 2-5 0-0 4, Collison 3-4 2-2 8, Harden 6-10 1-4 17, Maciulis 1-3 0-0 2, Mayo 1-2 0-0 2, Maynor 1-3 0-0 3, Cook 0-0 0-0 0, Nelly 1-1 0-0 3, Robinson 1-1 2-2 5. Totals 37-77 20-23 105

Memphis	17	17	24	32 — 90
Oklahoma City	21	21	36	33—105

3-Point Goals—Memphis 5-15 (Conley 2, Arthur 1, Vasquez 1, Mayo 1, Allen 0, Batter 0-3). Oklahoma City 11-28 (Harden 4-8, Durant 4-9, Ivey 1-1, Robinson 1-1, Maynor 1-2, Sefolosha 0-1, Cook 0-4, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 49 (Randolph 10), Oklahoma City 51 (Collison 12). Assists—Memphis 13 (Conley 6), Oklahoma City 25 (Westbrook 14). Total Fouls—Memphis 20, Oklahoma City 19. Technicals—Gasol Memphis, Bench Ibaka. Westbrook A—18,203 (18,203).

BULLS 103, HEAT 82

MIAMI (82): James 5-15 4-4 11, Bosh 12-16 6-10, Anthony 1-10 0-0 2, Bibby 2-9 0-0 4, Chalmers 1-7 0-0 3, Magloire 1-2 0-0 2, Haslem 0-3 0-0 0, House 0-1 0-0 0, Howard 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 32-68 15-15 82

CHICAGO (103): Deng 7-15 3-3 21, Boozer 5-14 4-4 14, Noah 4-12 2-2 10, Rose 7-23 5-6 20, Bogans 1-4 0-0 3, Bogut 2-5 0-0 4, Taj Gibson 4-8 1-1 9, Watson 1-4 0-0 3, Korver 1-3 0-0 2, Asik 2-2 0-0 4, Thomas 3-6 0-0 7. Totals 38-81 15-16 103

Miami	23	25	15	19 — 82
Chicago	20	28	24	31 — 103

3-Point Goals—Miami 7-18 (James 3, Chalmers 1, Anthony 1, Bibby 0-1, Howard 0-1). Chicago 10-21 (Deng 4-6, Rose 3-7, Korver 1-2, Watson 1-2, Bogans 1-1, Brewer 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 36 (Bosh 9), Chicago 52 (Noah 14). Assists—Miami 17 (James 6), Chicago 23 (Rose 6). Total Fouls—Miami 15, Chicago 13. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second A 22 (14:20 1st).

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 14
Tampa Bay 1, Boston 2; Tampa Bay leads series 1-1

Sunday's Score
Vancouver 3, San Jose 2; Vancouver leads series 1-1

Tuesday
Tampa Bay at Boston
Wednesday, May 18
Vancouver at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

CANUCKS 3, SHARKS 2

San Jose	1	1	0	— 2
Vancouver	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—None. Second Period—1, Vancouver, Jeffrey 1 (Higgins, Torres) 14:43. Third Period—2, San Jose, Marleau 4 (Boyle, Thornton) 4:44. OT—None. Shots on Goal—San Jose 19-7-5-1-32. Vancouver 9-8-7-1-25. Power-play opportunities—San Jose 0 of 3; Vancouver 0 of 3. Goalies—San Jose, Niemi, Vancouver, Luongo. A—18,860 (18,860).

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	4	1	1	13	9	6
Philadelphia	3	1	2	11	8	5
Houston	3	1	2	11	7	4
Columbus	3	1	1	10	8	5
New England	3	2	1	10	8	7
Toronto	2	2	2	8	7	7
Chicago	2	2	1	7	6	6
D.C.	2	2	1	7	5	6
Sporting Kansas City	1	2	2	5	4	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	4	1	1	13	9	4
FC Dallas	3	1	2	11	9	5
Real Salt Lake	3	1	2	11	7	4
Colorado	3	2	1	10	8	7
Seattle	3	2	1	10	7	6
Portland	3	2	1	10	7	6
Chivas USA	3	2	1	10	7	7
San Jose	1	3	2	5	4	8
Vancouver	1	3	2	5	3	8

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

Sunday's Score
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1

Saturday, May 21
Atlanta at Sky Blue FC, 6 p.m.

WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Western New York	3	1	0	13	6	3
Magicjack	3	1	0	9	7	5
Philadelphia	3	1	0	9	6	4
Boston	2	2	0	6	8	9
Atlanta	1	4	0	4	5	13
Sky Blue FC	0	3	1	1	2	7

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

Sunday's Score
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1

Saturday, May 21
Atlanta at Sky Blue FC, 6 p.m.

CHL Playoffs

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
Colorado 1, Bossier-Shreveport 1
(Best-of-7)
Friday, May 13: Colorado 3, Bossier-Shreveport 2
Saturday, May 14: Bossier-Shreveport 5, Colorado 3
Tuesday, May 17: Colorado at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
Thursday, May 19: Colorado at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
x-Friday, May 20: Colorado at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 25: Bossier-Shreveport at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
x-Friday, May 27: Bossier-Shreveport at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
West Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	2	0	.778	547	423
San Jose	5	4	0	.556	522	503
Utah	4	4	0	.500	506	484
Spokane	4	5	0	.444	520	510
Central Division						
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	459	413
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	513	483
Tulsa	4	5	0	.444	388	424
Kansas City	2	7	0	.222	451	513
Iowa	2	7	0	.222	450	568

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
South Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	8	1	0	.889	575	381
Orlando	6	3	0	.667	495	457
Georgia	5	4	0	.556	522	503
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	390	490
New Orleans	2	7	0	.222	347	457
Eastern Division						
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	367	348
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	421	439
Milwaukee	3	6	0	.333	355	451
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	476	506

Friday, May 20
Arizona at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Spokane, 10 p.m.

Lacrosse

National Lacrosse League Playoffs
Divisional Finals
East Division
Saturday, May 7: Toronto 12, Buffalo 11
West Division
Saturday, May 7: Washington 10, Calgary 8

Championship
Sunday: Toronto 8, Washington 7

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE								
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	23	17	.575	—	—	7-3	L-2	10-12	13-5
New York	22	16	.579	526	2	5-7	L-5	13-11	7-7
Boston	20	20	.500	3	2	6-4	W-1	9-9	11-11
Toronto	20	20	.500	3	2	6-4	W-5	9-8	11-12
Baltimore	19	20	.487	3 1/2	2 1/2	5-5	W-2	10-11	9-9
Central Division									
Cleveland	24	13	.649	—	—	5-5	W-1	15-4	9-9
Detroit	22	18	.550	3 1/2	1	9-1	W-7	11-7	11-11
Kansas City	20	19	.513	5	3 1/2	4-6	L-2	15-8	5-11
Chicago	17	24	.415	9	7 1/2	6-4	W-1	5-11	12-13
Minnesota	12	28	.316	12 1/2	9	2-8	L-8	4-11	8-15
West Division									
Texas	22	19	.537	—	—	5-5	L-1	9-10	13-9
Los Angeles	22	19	.525	1/2	1	5-5	W-1	15-9	6-10
Oakland	20	20	.500	1 1/2	2	5-5	L-1	9-10	11-10
Seattle	16	23	.410	5	5 1/2	3-7	L-6	8-11	8-12

NATIONAL LEAGUE								
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	25	14	.641	—	—	5-5	L-2	13-7	12-7
Florida	23	16	.590	2	4-6	7-3	W-1	12-9	11-7
Atlanta	23	19	.548	3 1/2	6-4	W-2	W-1	11-9	12-10
New York	19	21	.475	6 1/2	4 1/2	7-3	W-1	8-11	11-10
Washington	19	21	.475	6 1/2	4 1/2	5-5	W-1	10-9	9-12
Central Division									
Cincinnati	23	17	.575	—	—	8-2	W-3	13-9	10-8
St. Louis	22	19	.537	1 1/2	2	5-5	L-1	13-8	9-11
Milwaukee	19	19	.475	4	4 1/2	6-4	W-3	13-6	6-13
Pittsburgh	18	22	.450	5	5 1/2	4-6	L-5	7-11	11-11
Chicago	17	21	.447	5	5 1/2	5-5	W-1	9-10	8-11
Houston	15	25	.375	8	8 1/2	3-7	L-1	9-13	6-12
West Division									
San Francisco	22	17	.564	—	—	6-4	W-1	10-5	12-12
Colorado	20	18	.526	1 1/2	2 1/2	2-8	L-2	9-9	11-9
Los Angeles	19	22	.463	4	5	4-6	W-2	10-9	9-13
Arizona	17	22	.436	5	6	4-6	W-2	10-9	7-13
San Diego	17	23	.425	5 1/2	6 1/2	5-5	W-2	9-12	8-11

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday's Scores
Kansas City at Detroit, ppd., rain
Seattle at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 7, Minnesota 3
Texas 5, L.A. Angels 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland 1
Boston 7, N.Y. Yankees 2

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (A.J. Burnett 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Price 5-1), 1:40 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 3-4) at Detroit (Scherzer 5-2), 6:08 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 2-1) at Boston (Matsuzaka 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 4-2) at Kansas City (Davies 1-5), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (C.C. Lee 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Pineiro 2-2) at Oakland (Anderson 2-3), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Liriano 1-3) at Seattle (Fister 3-4), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Scores
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 1
Washington 5, Florida 4
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Houston 4
Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco at Chicago, ppd., rain
San Diego 3, Colorado 2
Arizona 4, A. Dodgers 1

Today's Games
Philadelphia (Kendrick 4-2) at Atlanta (Hanrahan 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Rodriguez 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 3-2), 1:40 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 2-2) at Florida (Johnson 2-3), 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Karstens 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 3-2) at Milwaukee (Marcum 2-3), 2:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jiménez 3-3) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 1-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Hernández 1-3) at Los Angeles (Lilly 3-2), 7:10 p.m.

Boston 013 010 110 — 7
New York 130 000 100 — 5
E—Saltalamacchia (3), Ellsbury (1). DP—New York 1. LOB—Boston 9, New York 7. 2B—Ellsbury (1), Ortiz (6), A. Rodriguez (4). HR—Ortiz (9), Youkilis (2), Saltalamacchia (1). SB—Granderson (1). CS—Gardner (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Lester W,4-0	6	4	2	2	2	6
Aceves	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bard	1	1	0	0	0	1
Papelbon	1	1	0	0	0	1
New York						
Garcia L,1-2	5	8	5	5	2	3
Logan	1	1	0	0	0	1
Robertson	1	1	0	0	1	1
Chamberlain	1	2	2	2	0	2
M.Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—Lester (Jeter). WP—Garcia. PB—Cervelli. Umpires—Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Jeff Nelson; Third, Mike Winters. T—3:14. A—47,204 (50,291).

Tampa Bay 000 000 000 — 0
Toronto 000 000 100 — 1
E—Zobrist (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 5. 2B—Longoria (1). HR—Encarnacion (1). SB—Upton (1). CS—Zobrist (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Hellickson	6	4	0	0	2	4
Farnsworth H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Jo.Peralta H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Howell H,1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Rodney S,8-9	1	1	1	1	0	1
Toronto						
Cecil W,1-1	6	3	0	0	2	3
Frasor H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cordero H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Janssen S,1-1	1	2	1	1	0	1

HBP—Hellickson (Encarnacion). WP—Cecil. Umpires—Home, Ron Kulpa; First, Mike Everitt; Second, Ed Rapuano; Third, Jeff Kellogg. T—2:47. A—14,110 (49,282).

Cleveland 000 000 000 — 0
Kansas City 000 000 000 — 0
E—Morrison (2), Hairston Jr. (5). DP—Cleveland 1, Kansas City 1. LOB—Cleveland 7, Kansas City 7. 2B—G.Sanchez (10), Morrison (6). Stanton 2 (9). Dobbs (6). Rodriguez (4). Marquis (1). CS—Bonifacio (3). SF—Stanton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Carmona W,3-3	7	6	0	0	1	4
Sipp H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Pestano H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Perez H,1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Sanchez S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
Duffy L,1-4	7	8	3	3	1	4
Collins H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Crow H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Mazzaro H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Soria H,1	1	1	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Marquis (Stanton). T—3:11. A—18,356 (41,506).

BRAVES 3, PHILLIES 2

Philadelphia									Atlanta							
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi						
Rollins ss	4	0	0	0	Prado rf,3b	3	1	1	0							
Mayberry rf	4	0	1	0	McCutchen cf	4	0	1	0							
Polanco 3b	4	0	1	0	McCann c	4	0	1	0							
Howard 1b	4	0	0	0	Diggins dh	4	0	0	0							
Ibanez lf	4	0	0	0	Heisey ph	1	0	0	0							
Mayora c	2	0	0	0	Ad.Jones cf	3	1	1	1							
Orr ph	1	0	0	0	Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0							
Brito cf	0	0	0	0	Conrad ph	1	0	0	0							
Ruiz 2b	3	0	0	0	Heyward rf	3	0	0	0							
Galarraga p	2	0	0	0	Hudson p	2	0	0	0							
					Jenkins p	0	0	0	0							
					Venters p	0	0	0	0							
					Kimrey p	0	0	0	0							
Totals	31	2	4	2	Totals	31	3	8	3							
Philadelphia	000	002	000	— 2												
Atlanta	000	101	01x	— 3												

E—Howard (1). LOB—Philadelphia 8, Atlanta 7. 2B—Mayberry (2), Jo.Jones (1). HR—Prado (1), Ad.Jones (1). SB—Mayberry (2), Prado (1). CS—Ruiz (1). SF—Freeman.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Halladay L,4-3	6	8	3	3	1	4
Atlanta						
Minor	6	3	1	1	2	6
Kimrey	1	1	0	0	0	1
Gearrin	1	0	0	0	0	1
Venters H,1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jenkins H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kimrey H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hudson S,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—Minor (Howard). WP—Halladay. PB—Ruiz. Umpires—Home, Mike Winters; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Ted Barrett; Third, Jeff Nelson. T—2:55. A—17,133 (49,586).

REDS 9, CARDINALS 7

St. Louis									Cincinnati							
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi						
Totals	35	7	9	7	Totals	34	9	11	8							
St. Louis	020	000	005	— 7												
Cincinnati	001	201	41x	— 9												

E—Freese (1), Y.Molina (1). LOB—St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 9. 2B—Freese (1), Y.Molina (1), Ludwick (1), Phillips (1). 3B—Votto (1). HR—Bruce (1). SB—Y.Molina (1). CS—Y.Molina (1). SF—Y.Molina.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Lohse	6	7	4	4	2	3
Motte	1	1	0	0	0	1
Rzepczynski	0	1	1	1	1	0
Boggs	1	1	0	0	0	1
Salas	1	1	0	0	0	2
Cincinnati						
Leake	6	6	3	3	2	4
Ondrusek	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chapman W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cordrey H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Marshall H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Arredondo H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cingrani H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ramos H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bailey S,1-1	1	1	1	1	1	1

HBP—Leake (Freese). WP—Rzepczynski. Umpires—Home, Jerry Meals; First, Jim Wolf; Second, Bob Davidson; Third, Bill Welke. T—3:45. A—42,505 (42,319).

RED SOX 7, YANKEES 5

Boston									New York							
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi						
Ellsbury cf	4	1	1	0	Granderson lf	4	0	0	0							
Pedroia 2b	4	1	1	0	Gardner cf	4	1	1	0							
Ad.Gonzalez 1b	4	0	0	0	Teixeira 1b	4	1	1	1							
Youkilis 3b	5	2	3	3	A.Rodriguez dh	4	0	1	0							
Ortiz dh	5	1	1	1	Cano 2b	3	1	1	0							
Drew rf	4	0	0	0	Swisher rf	4	0	0	0							
Lowrie ss	4	0	0	0	Arcia ss	3	0	0	0							
Crawford lf	4	0	0	0	Posada c-ph	1	0	0	0							
Stinnett c	4	1	2	1	Martin c	0	0	0	0							
					Gardner lf	1	0	0	0							
Totals	35	7	8	6	Totals	32	5	6	4							

Boston 013 010 110 — 7
New York 130 000 100 — 5
E—Sabathia (1). DP—New York 1. LOB—Boston 9, New York 7. 2B—Ellsbury (1), Ortiz (6), A. Rodriguez (4). HR—Ortiz (9), Youkilis (2), Saltalamacchia (1). SB—Granderson (1). CS—Gardner (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Lester W,4-0	6	4	2	2	2	6
Aceves	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bard	1	1	0	0	0	1
Papelbon	1	1	0	0	0	1
New York						
Garcia L,1-2	5	8	5	5	2	3
Logan	1	1	0	0	0	1
Robertson	1	1	0	0	1	1
Chamberlain	1	2	2	2	0	2
M.Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—Lester (Jeter). WP—Garcia. PB—Cervelli. Umpires—Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Jeff Nelson; Third, Mike Winters. T—3:14. A—47,204 (50,291).

NL Boxes

METS 7, ASTROS 4

New York									Houston							
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi						
Jo.Reyes ss	4	1	1	0	Bourn cf	4	0	0	0							
Tejada 3b	4	0	0	0	Towles c	4	0	1	0							
Wright 3b	1	0	0	0	Pence rf	4	0	1	0							
Beltran rf	4	1	1	0	Ha.Ramírez ss	4	0	1	0							
Bay lf	4	1	1	1	Wallace 1b	4	0	0	0							
Thole c	4	0	0	0	Michael lf	4	1	1	1							
Turner cf	4	1	1	1	Walker 2b	4	1	1	1							
Pridie ph	1	0	0	0	Michael lf	1	0	0	0							
Duda 1b	4	1	1	1	Barfield ss	3	1	1	0							
Hairston Jr. 2b	4	0	0	0	Ad.Rodríguez ph	1	0	0	0							
Hairston Jr. ph	1	0	0	0	Castro p	2	0	0	0							
Hairston Jr. 2b	1	0	0	0	Wheeler p	0	0	0	0							
Hairston Jr. ph	1	0	0	0	Bogusevic ph	1	0	0	0							
Totals	30	7	5	6	Totals	36	4	10	4							
New York	000	043	000	— 7												
Houston	010	101	010	— 4												

E—Rodriguez (1). DP—New York 1, Houston 1. LOB—New York 7, Houston 7. 2B—Tejada (1), Turner (1), Bay (1), Bourn (1). HR—Duda (1), Michael (1). SB—Bay (1), Bourn (1), Pence (1). CS—Bay (1), Pence (1). SF—Duda.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Capuano W,4-3	6	4	2	2	2	4
J.Buchanan	1	1	0	0	0	1
Byrdak	1	0	0	0	1	1
Rottinghaus	1	1	0	0	0	1
J.Rodríguez H,1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Ar.Rodríguez	5	6	3	3	1	3
Abad	1	1	0	0	0	1
Fe.Rodríguez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Escalona	1	1	0	0	0	2
Veras	1	1	1	1	0	1
Ar.Rodríguez H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Byrdak (Castro). WP—Ar.Rodríguez. Umpires—Home, Mike Muchlinski; First, Jeff Nelson; Second, Ron Kulpa; Third, Ed Rapuano. T—3:19. A—28,426 (42,963).

BREWERS 9, PIRATES 6

Pittsburgh									Milwaukee							
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi						
Alvarez 1b	4	0	1	0	Weeks 2b	4	1	1	0							
Tabata lf	4	0	1	0	Braun lf	4	1	1	1							
Walker 2b	4	1	1	0	Ryan ss	4	0	0	0							
Sánchez c	4	1	1	1	Lucroy c	4	0	1	0							
Snider rf	3	0	0	0	Morales 1b	4	0	1	0							
McKenry ph	1	0	0	0	Ar.Ramírez 3b	4	0	0	0							
Jones cf	4	0	0	0	Gomez rf	4	0	0	0							
Hanrahan p	0	0	0	0	Betancourt p	0	0	0	0							
Ayala p	0	0	0	0	Axford p	0	0	0	0							
Totals	36	3	6	1	Totals	36	9	11	9							
Pittsburgh	000	000	300	— 3												
Milwaukee	411	020	10x	— 9												

E—Alvarez (1), Walker (1). DP—Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 7. 2B—Braun (1), Lucroy (1). 3B—Braun (1). HR—Sánchez (1). SB—Walker (1). CS—Weeks (1). SF—Sánchez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Correia L,0-1	4	7	5	5	2	3
Hughes	1	1	0	0	0	1
McGuillen	1	1	0	0	0	1
Hanrahan	1	2	1	1	0	1
Milwaukee						
Marcum W,2-2	6	4	2	2	2	4
Kintzler H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Estrada H,1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Axford S,1-1	1	1	1	1	0	1

WP—Correia. PB—McGuillen. Umpires—Home, Ron Kulpa; First, Mike Everitt; Second, Ed Rapuano; Third, Jeff Kellogg. T—3:17. A—37,535 (41,900).

PADRES 8, ROCKIES 2

San Diego									Colorado							
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi						
Venable lf	4	1	1	0	Fowler cf	4	0	0	0							
Barnett ss	5	1

Turner has 5 RBI, Mets beat Astros

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Astros are learning the hard way that the smallest of plays can have catastrophic effects if not executed effectively.

An error by first baseman Carlos Lee on a routine infield popup triggered their latest collapse on Sunday.

The Astros blew their lead in a big way, with rookie starter Aneury Rodriguez allowing the New York Mets seven runs in the span of two innings and the offense stranding 10 in a 7-4 loss at Minute Maid Park to surrender the three-game series.

"I don't know if (the dropped popup) is what got to (Rodriguez) or not, but it seems like things started to go downhill right after that," Astros manager Brad Mills said.

Clint Barmes homered for the first time this season. Bill Hall went 2 for 4 with two runs scored and Jason Michaels doubled twice with an RBI and a run scored for the Astros, who nonetheless went 2-for-13 with runners in scoring position in their sixth loss in eight games.

"We left way too many guys on base today," Barmes said.

The Astros, who play at Atlanta beginning Monday, went 2-4 in their latest home stand.

A day after a 7-3 win, they also missed out on a chance to claim their second series of the season against the Mets despite leading early in all three games. The Astros took two out of three from the Mets at Citi Field on April 19-21.

Facing the Mets for the second time and first as a starter, Rodriguez cruised through the first four innings, at one point retiring 11 straight to keep the Mets hitless while using only 46 pitches.

The Astros led 2-0 at that point, thanks to an RBI single by Chris Johnson in the second and a run-scoring double by Michaels in the fourth.

Then came the fifth inning.

Jason Bay escaped a full count with a popup to the mound that Lee missed.

"I had that ball. I just kind of didn't know where I was and as I ran (onto) the mound I lost my footing, so the ball kind of moved on me," Lee said. "CJ (Chris Johnson) had that ball, so I should've have let him have it."

It was all downhill from there.

Rodriguez allowed three straight hits — including a two-run double to Justin Turner, who came home on a Jason Pridie single to center — to surrender the lead with no outs.

Two outs later, the Mets made it 4-2 on a double steal that had Jose Reyes reaching second and Pridie home as Astros catcher J.R. Towles threw to second with a runner at third.

"Through the first four innings I was keeping my pitches low and my all my pitches were working and I was locating the ball well," Rodriguez said. "Then came the fifth inning and I lost my concentration."

Rodriguez did not blame the dropped ball for his change of fortune.

"Those mistakes happen, and I don't take anything away from (Lee)," Rodriguez said. "The ball dropped, but that shouldn't mean that because of that error I start messing up. I lost my concentration — that's what happened."

Rodriguez (0-2) walked Daniel Murphy, setting the stage for Justin Turner, whose three-run homer made it 7-2 and marked the end of Rodriguez's outing.

Rodriguez left having allowed five hits and seven runs, five of them earned, with four walks and two strikeouts over five-plus innings for his second loss of the season.

The Astros got one run back in the bottom of the frame, with Barmes hitting a two-out solo homer off Mets reliever Taylor Buchholz. Matt Downs got the Astros within three in the eighth with an RBI double that plated Michaels.

Mets starter Chris Capuano (3-4) had a quiet but effective outing for the win, his first since April 21, when he beat the Astros at Citi. He gave up two runs, both earned, on six hits while striking out six and walking three through five innings.

Mets	**7**
Astros	**4**

David J. Phillip/AP

THE BATTLE Houston Astros starting pitcher Aneury Rodriguez, left, throws to New York's David Wright, right, Sunday during the fourth inning in Houston.

SATURDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RED SOX 7, YANKEES 5: At New York, Kevin Youkilis hit a tying three-run homer. David Ortiz had a go-ahead drive and the Boston Red Sox completed a sweep of the reeling New York Yankees with a 7-5 victory Sunday night to reach .500 for the first time this season.

Jon Lester (5-1) shrugged off a slow start to beat New York again and Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit his first homer with Boston as the Red Sox swept a three-game series in the Bronx for the first time since April 2004.

Heavily favored to win the AL East, the Red Sox opened the season 0-6 but finally evened their record (20-20) on their fourth try.

Despite jumping out to a 4-1 lead, the Yankees matched their longest losing streak since May 2009 by losing their fifth straight — all at home — a slump plagued by shaky defense, a lack of big hits — and a huge dose of turmoil.

BLUE JAYS 11, TWINS 3: At Minneapolis, Jose Bautista hit three homers for the first time in his career Sunday, adding to his major league-leading total and sending the Blue Jays to a victory over the Twins and a sweep of their three-game series.

Jose Molina also had three hits for the Blue Jays, who scored in each of the first four innings. Yunel Escobar and Aaron Hill also had a pair of hits for Toronto.

The victory extended Toronto's winning streak to a season-best five games and allowed the Blue Jays (20-20) to get back to the .500 mark for the first time in nearly a month.

Minnesota has lost eight straight and 14 of 17 as it heads out for a weekiong West Coast road trip. The defending AL Central champions have the worst record in baseball.

WHITE SOX 4, ATHLETICS 3: At Oakland, Calif., Alexei Ramirez had three hits, including a home run off previously unbeaten Trevor Cahill, and the White Sox topped the Athletics.

Mark Buehrle (3-3) won for only the second time in 15 appearances at Oakland. The White Sox went 6-3 on their road trip, winning all three series.

Cahill (6-1) gave up four runs, just two of them earned, and a season-high 10 hits in seven innings.

Ramirez drove in two runs and Omar Vizquel had two hits.

Daric Barton drove in two runs and Coco Crisp homered for the A's, who have lost three of their last four.

ORIOLES 9, RAYS 3: At St. Petersburg, Fla., J.J Hardy hit a grand slam. Nick Markakis added a solo shot and the Orioles beat the Rays.

The Orioles loaded the bases in the sixth with no outs as Rays reliever Rob Delaney walked all three batters — one intentionally — he faced. Hardy then put Baltimore up 8-2 when he hit his third career grand slam on a 2-0 pitch from Cesar Ramos. It was Hardy's first grand slam since May 12, 2007 while with Milwaukee against the New York Mets.

Jake Arrieta (5-1) allowed two runs and four hits over six innings for the Orioles, who took two of three from Tampa Bay. The right-hander has won a career-best four consecutive decisions.

The Orioles (19-20) didn't reach 19 wins last season until June 19th, when their record was 19-49.

National League

BREWERS 9, PIRATES 6: At Milwaukee, Ryan Braun homered, tripled and drove in four runs, leading a shaky Zack Greinke and the Milwaukee Brewers over the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-6 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

BRAVES 3, PHILLIES 2: At Atlanta, Dan Uggla hit a tiebreaking home run off Roy Halladay in the eighth inning to cap a productive afternoon in which the Braves' second baseman had two hits and a walk.

REDS 9, CADINALS 7: At Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips hit a bases-loaded double in the seventh inning that ended Chris Carpenter's outing and his five-year streak of beating the Reds.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, DODGERS 1: At Los Angeles, Ian Kennedy pitched six innings and Xavier Nady and Ryan Roberts hit consecutive homers to help the Diamondbacks beat the Dodgers.

PADRES 8, ROCKIES 2: At Denver, Mat Latos snapped a personal 10-game losing streak and Ryan Ludwick homered in the Padres' win over the slumping Rockies.

NATIONALS 8, MARLINS 4: At Washington, Jason Marquis pitched into the seventh inning to win his fifth game, drove in two runs and led the Nationals over the Marlins.

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RANGERS

From 1C

Alberto Callaspo struck out.

Beltre also homered for Texas, which won two of three against AL West-leading Los Angeles after having won only one of its previous nine series. The defending AL champion Rangers moved within a half-game of the division lead.

"We didn't play our best ball game. With some guys in scoring position, they made some pitches and minimized some damage," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We didn't do enough. We have to pick up the pieces of that game."

Davis' opposite-field homer over the left-field wall in the fourth, his second of the season, put the Rangers up 4-1.

Mark Lowe (1-0) got out the only batter he faced before Neftali Feliz pitched the ninth for his eighth save in eight chances.

Santana, who has won only once in his nine starts this season, struck out three while allowing four runs.

The Angels had a scoring chance thwarted in the top of the eighth after Alexi Amarista's one-out triple off reliever Brett Tomko. Amarista was caught in a rundown when third baseman Beltre was playing in, then fielded Peter Bourjos' chopper and threw home.

Beltre's three-run homer in the third just cleared the 14-foot wall in left field. His 10th homer of the season was his third in the past four games.

Erick Aybar had three hits and drove in three runs for the Angels, including his second homer of the season — both in this series.

C.J. Wilson allowed only two hits pitching into the eighth inning of his previous start Monday against Oakland, but walked five — four of those becoming runs. The Rangers' left-hander, who walked no more than three in his first seven starts, had four more walks against the Angels.

Leadoff hitter Bourjos walked to start Sunday's game, then moved to third on a double by Aybar before scoring on Torii Hunter's groundout.

Wilson was gone after giving up consecutive singles to start the sixth, and was already at 104 pitches when Tomko took over.

Jeff Mathis then had a sacrifice bunt, and also reached when Beltre bobbled the ball without a throw for an error. Pinch-hitter Bobby Abreu struck out and Bourjos hit a shallow fly to center before Aybar's two-out single to right for two unearned runs that tied the game at 4.

An inning earlier he hit his 16th career homer (1,732 at-bats in 513 games). Seven have come against Texas.

The Rangers took advantage of consecutive fielding flubs to load the bases in the first, but then failed to score.

Elvis Andrus hit a grounder to the right side, reaching on an error when Santana dropped the toss from first baseman Mark Trumbo.

Texas A&M sweeps Big 12 track titles

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Jeneba Tarmoh swept the 100- and 200-meter titles and Texas A&M took home the men's and women's championships Sunday night in the Big 12 track meet.

The Aggies' men set a meet record with 175 points to win their first outdoor title since 2001. The women's team scored 146 points and won its fifth straight title, giving Texas A&M its first ever sweep of both titles.

It comes on the heels of the Aggies' sweep of both NCAA titles at last year's national championships.

Texas was a distant second in the men's standings with 103 1/2 points, and host Oklahoma was third with 90.

Nebraska was second on the women's side in its final Big 12 meet before joining the Big Ten. The Cornuskers finished with 119 points, edging third-place Oklahoma by two.

Matt Kenseth pulls away late, wins at Dover

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Matt Kenseth called for two tires instead of four on the final pit stop of the race and that was the strategy he needed to win the Sprint Cup race at Dover International Speedway.

Kenseth led the final 32 laps Sunday to win for the second time this season. He also won at Texas and became the third driver to win twice this season.

Kenseth

Under NASCAR's revamped rules for qualifying for the Chase for the championship, Kenseth strengthened his bid to make the field with his second win.

"We want to have the wins to have the wild card, if we need to fall back on that," Kenseth said.

Mark Martin was second and Marcos Ambrose third. Kyle Busch and Brian Vickers rounded out the top five. Busch was forced to start in the rear of the field because of an engine change.

Kenseth made his Cup debut at Dover in 1998 as a fill-in for Bill Elliott.

The 400-mile race was dominated by long stretches of green flag racing. Jimmie Johnson led a race-high 207 laps and finished ninth.

Martin stayed on the track to take the lead when the caution flag came out with 39 laps left. Kenseth made a quick stop and opted for two tires instead of four, the right number for him to pull pass Martin on the restart and then pull away for the victory.

"We were going to do four, we got in the stall and decided to do two. That was the key," Kenseth said.

Kenseth overruled crew chief Jimmy Fennig and made the call for two tires.

"When I was on the jack, I asked if he was sure we didn't want to try two and he said to put two on," Kenseth said. "It was really Jimmy's call and a good suggestion by me."

Kenseth said he was having trouble during the green flag racing because the rubber that built on the track made the concrete slick — an obstacle for a loose car.

When the short runs started coming, Kenseth found a cleaner track and clean air was enough to spark his run.

Kenseth, the 2003 series champion, won his 20th career Cup race.

Martin earned his first top-five of the season.

"Today, we finally got a finish," he said. "It looked like we were going to get 15th again with a really fast race car. We've had a race car this good a lot this year. But it seems like for some reason or another we end up in the back of the back."

Johnson and Edwards turned this into a two-car battle for first for the majority of the race. Edwards led 117 laps before falling to seventh place.

Kenseth dominated when he won at Texas to end a 76-race winless streak. He's been strong this year and has four top fives, giving him the confidence that another victory was on the horizon. He started 24th and roared back to win.

"The whole organization has been building better, faster race cars," Kenseth said.

Regan Smith was 34th a week after he shocked the sport with his first career win at Darlington Raceway.

Busch and Kevin Harvick had no incidents after a pit road dustup at Darlington landed them on probation. Harvick was 10th.

Antron Brown wins NHRA Southern Nationals

Associated Press

COMMERCE, Ga. — Antron Brown raced to his second Top Fuel victory of the year Sunday, beating teammate Tony Schumacher in the NHRA Southern Nationals at Atlanta Dragway.

Jack Beckman (Funny Car), Jason Line (Pro Stock) and LE Tonglet (Pro Stock Motorcycle) also won their categories in the NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event.

Brown had a 3.856-second run at 318.69 mph for his 27th of his career NHRA victory and fourth at Atlanta Dragway — two in Top Fuel and two in Pro Stock Motorcycle).

Brown moved up to the second spot in the Top Fuel standings, 70 points behind leader Del Worsham, who lost in the first round of eliminations to Shawn Langdon.

In Funny Car, fellow Don Schumacher Racing driver Beckman also raced to his second victory of the season. Beckman powered his Dodge Charger to a 4.111 at 311.05 to beat points leader Mike Neff in the final round. Beckman has 11 career victory — two at Atlanta Dragway.

Beckman moved up to the second spot in the Funny Car points standings, 20 points Neff.

Jason Line held off teammate Greg Anderson in an all Summit Racing final to secure his third win of the season and first at his sponsor's event. Line drove his Pontiac GXP to a 6.600 at 208.42 for his 23rd career win in Pro Stock.

Tonglet held off the fast-charging Karen Stoffer in the final for his first win of the season and sixth of his career. Tonglet rode his Suzuki to a 6.924 at 191.62. With her runner-up finish, Stoffer secured the top spot in the standings, 15 points ahead of second-place Andrew Hines.

Contador takes pink jersey, wins Giro's 9th stage

Associated Press

ETNA, Italy — Giro d'Italia favorite Alberto Contador surged to his first stage win of this year's race Sunday and took the leader's pink jersey from Pieter Weening.

The three-time Tour de France winner finished the 104.7-mile ninth stage from Messina in 4 hours, 54 minutes, 8 seconds, with Jose Rujano three seconds behind.

"The plan worked today," Contador said. "We had some doubts at times because the race was so slow, but we thought we should try it. (Vincenzo) Nibali stayed with me for a while, but I went and managed to hold on for the win.

"As far as I'm concerned I don't expect to win every stage as long as I'm close to the winner. I felt good today and my legs were good, so I had to try something."

SUNDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

PGA European

IBERDROLA OPEN: At Son Servera, Spain, Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke rallied from four shots down to win the Iberdrola Open by three strokes Sunday after overnight leader Chris Wood stumbled on the back nine.

Clarke shot a 1-under 69 to finish at 6-under 274.

Wood held a comfortable margin over Clarke and Shane Lowry (74) going into Sunday's final round at the Pula golf course, but a terrible back nine cost the English player his first European Tour victory.

Wood's 6-over 76 left him tied with runner-up David Lynn (70) of England.

The 42-year-old Clarke takes home a $236,000 paycheck with his 13th career European win and first since 2008.

Associated Press

SUNDAY'S GOLF SCORES

PGA

The Players Championship
Sunday
At TPC Sawgrass - Stadium Course
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Purse: $9.5 million
Yardage: 7,215; Par 72
Final Round
(a-won on first playoff hole)

x-K.J. Choi (600): $1,710,000 ... 70 — 275
David Toms (330): $1,126,000 ... 70 — 275
Paul Goydos (210): $646,000 ... 69 — 277
Luke Donald (135): $418,000 ... 71 — 278
Nick Watney (135): $418,000 ... 71 — 278
Jason Day (92): $287,375 ... 68 — 279
Hunter Mahan (92): $287,375 ... 69 — 279
J.B. Holmes (92): $287,375 ... 69 — 279
Alvaro Quiros (6): $287,375 ... 71 — 279
Jason Dufner (92): $287,375 ... 72 — 279
Aaron Baddeley (92): $287,375 ... 72 — 279
Chris Stroud (62): $175,071 ... 68 — 280
Zach Johnson (62): $175,071 ... 68 — 280
Brian Gay (62): $175,071 ... 69 — 280
Sergio Garcia (62): $175,071 ... 65 — 280
Spencer Levin (62): $175,071 ... 71 — 280
Steve Stricker (62): $175,071 ... 73 — 280
Davis Love III (62): $175,071 ... 73 — 280
Matt Jones (49): $107,214 ... 68 — 281
Steve Marino (49): $107,214 ... 70 — 281
Kevin Streelman (49): $107,214 ... 67 — 281
Stewart Cink (49): $107,214 ... 70 — 281
Peter Hanson (6): $107,214 ... 71 — 281
Martin Kaymer (6): $107,214 ... 71 — 281
Sean O'Hair (49): $107,214 ... 72 — 281
Chad Campbell (42): $67,450 ... **69 — 282**
Jeff Overton (42): $67,450 ... 69 — 282
Brian Davis (42): $67,450 ... 71 — 282
Charl Schwartzel (42): $67,450 ... 68 — 282
Charles Howell III (42): $67,450 ... 71 — 282
Robert Karlsson (42): $67,450 ... 72 — 282
Rory Sabbatini (42): $67,450 ... 73 — 282
Trevor Immelman (36): $50,192 ... 70 — 283
Ryan Moore (36): $50,192 ... 72 — 283
Phil Mickelson (36): $50,192 ... 72 — 283
Carl Pettersson (36): $50,192 ... 68 — 283
Bryce Molder (36): $50,192 ... 73 — 2
Graeme McDowell (36): $50,192 ... 79 — 283
Kenny Perry (32): $41,800 ... 73 — 284
Andres Romero (32): $41,800 ... 74 — 284
Angel Cabrera (29): $36,100 ... 75 — 285
Greg Chalmers (29): $36,100 ... 73 — 285
Jonathan Byrd (29): $36,100 ... 69 — 285
Charles Wi (29): $36,100 ... 75 — 285
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Justin Rose (24): $27,816 ... 73 — 286
Ben Crane (24): $27,816 ... 71 — 286
Corey Pavin (24): $27,816 ... 71 — 286
Bubba Watson (24): $27,816 ... 68 — 286
Ben Curtis (20): $23,133 ... 73 — 287
Chris Couch (20): $23,133 ... 71 — 287
Lucas Glover (20): $23,133 ... 71 — 287
Robert Allenby (20): $23,133 ... 76 — 287
Rocco Mediate (16): $21,850 ... 76 — 288
Matt Kuchar (16): $21,850 ... 74 — 288
Scott Verplank (16): $21,850 ... 73 — 288
Justin Leonard (13): $21,185 ... 74 — 289
Dustin Johnson (13): $21,185 ... 74 — 289
Ian Poulter (13): $21,185 ... 73 — 289
Arjun Atwal (13): $21,185 ... 69 — 289
Retief Goosen (9): $20,520 ... 76 — 290
Jason Bohn (9): $20,520 ... 74 — 290
Troy Merritt (9): $20,520 ... 73 — 290
Fredrik Jacobson (5): $19,760 ... 76 — 291
Matteo Manassero (5): $19,760 ... 76 — 291
Jerry Kelly (5): $19,760 ... 75 — 291
Hunter Haas (5): $19,760 ... 75 — 291
Kris Blanks (5): $19,760 ... 69 — 291
Webb Simpson (1): $19,000 ... 75 — 292
Martin Laird (1): $19,000 ... 74 — 292
Kevin Chappell (1): $19,000 ... 68 — 292
Keegan Bradley (1): $18,620 ... 77 — 293
Robert Garrigus (1): $18,430 ... 75 — 294
Mark O'Meara (1): $18,240 ... 77 — 296

European PGA

Mallorca Open Leading Scores
Sunday
At Pula Golf Club
Son Servera, Spain
Purse: $1 million
Yardage: 6,915; Par: 70
Final Leading Scores

(a-amateur)

Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland: 66-70-70-68 — 274
David Lynn, England: 68-68-71-70 — 277
Chris Wood, England: 67-65-69-76 — 277
Alastair Forsyth, Scotland: 68-72-68-70 — 278
Paul Lawrie, Scotland: 68-69-72-70 — 279
Shane Lowry, Ireland: 72-70-63-74 — 279
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain: 71-69-66-73 — 279
Graeme Storm, England: 71-71-67-70 — 279
Thomas Aiken, South Africa: 70-72-66-72 — 280
Gregory Bourdy, France: 63-77-67-73 — 280
Damien McGrane, Ireland: 68-74-68-70 — 280
Carlos del Moral, Spain: 71-68-70-72 — 281
Scott Jamieson, Scotland: 67-71-69-74 — 281
Paul Broadhurst, England: 70-70-73-69 — 282
Sam Hutsby, England: 72-72-68-70 — 282
Rafa Echenique, Argentina: 72-72-70-69 — 283
Thomas Levet, France: 71-65-74-73 — 283
a-Adrian Otaegui, Spain: 71-73-67-72 — 283
Simon Thornton, Ireland: 72-65-72-74 — 283
Danny Willett, England: 64-73-73-73 — 283

Also

Peter Whiteford, Scotland: 72-70-68-74 — 284
Jason Knutzon, United States: 70-69-72-77 — 288
Magnus Carlsson, Sweden: 72-71-69-77 — 289
Julien Guerrier, France: 71-71-67-80 — 289
Marcel Siem, Germany: 70-72-67-83 — 292
Hennie Otto, South Africa: 69-72-77-78 — 294

Jonathan Hayward/The Canadian Press

SLIDING THE PUCK THROUGH San Jose's Kyle Wellwood, left, defends as Vancouver 's Jannik Hansen (36) tries to get a shot past Sharks' goaltender Antti Niemi on Sunday during the second period of Game 1 of an NHL Stanley Cup Western Conference final playoff series in Vancouver, Canada.

Canucks rally to beat Sharks in Game 1

Associated Press

Canucks.....3
Sharks.....2
Vancouver leads series 1-0

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Defenseman Kevin Bieksa tied it 7:02 into the third period, Henrik Sedin scored on a power play 1:19 later, and the Vancouver Canucks came back to open their first Western Conference final in 17 years with a 3-2 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Sunday night.

Maxim Lapierre scored his first of these playoffs, and Roberto Luongo made 27 saves — and a brutal first period giveaway — for the Canucks. Game 2 is Wednesday night in Vancouver.

Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau scored, and Antti Niemi stopped 35 shots for the Sharks, coming off an emotional, draining Game 7 victory over Detroit on Thursday night.

San Jose took a 2-1 lead into the third period thanks to a goal on its only power play, and the gift from Luongo. But after failing to finish several great chances late in the second, Vancouver finally converted in the third.

Alex Burrows got behind Dan Boyle on a left wing rush and fed a pass across and back to a pinching Bieksa atop the right faceoff circle. Bieksa's wrist shot that caught Niemi sliding left and went past his blocker on the other side.

Dany Heatley took an elbowing penalty 32 seconds later, and the Canucks' power play, which looked terrible its first three chances after leading the NHL in the regular season, finally converted.

A point pass from former Sharks defenseman Christian Ehrhoff got Niemi moving right, and Sedin, whose only other goal in these playoffs was into an empty net, skated onto it the other way, waiting for Niemi to slide past before tucking a backhand shot into the empty net.

San Jose, which almost blew a 3-0 series lead before beating Detroit, went up late in the first period thanks to a generous pass from Luongo to Thornton.

Luongo, who was felled by a teammate's shot off the mask in the warmups, tried to pass the puck to the top of the left circle from behind the net. But Thornton stepped in front of it and fired his third playoff goal into an empty net.

PLAYERS

From 1C

the outright lead with a 10-foot birdie on the 17th in regulation, saved par on the 18th with a putt from just in side 5 feet to close with a 2-under 70 and kept his nerves steady.

The South Korean lived in Jacksonville briefly when he first came to America and once practiced at the TPC Sawgrass, although he said his game wasn't good enough then to break par.

Now, Choi is The Players champion, a winner of the biggest event on the PGA Tour.

"For me to shoot under par every day on this course this week, it's like a miracle, to be honest with you," Choi said.

Choi won for the eighth time in his PGA Tour career, picked up $1.71 million from the biggest purse in tournament golf, moved to No. 15 in the world and all but assured himself a spot on the Presidents Cup team.

Toms, winless in five years, had an easy time taking away positives. He was the 36-hole leader, finished the rain-delayed third round Sunday morning only one shot behind and spent some five hours with his name atop the leaderboard in the final round.

And his birdie on the 18th — one of only four birdies on the hardest hole at Sawgrass in the final round — he hit 6-iron out of a divot to 18 feet and forced a playoff.

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>
> — K.J. CHOI
> Players winner

"It was the best putt I've had in an awful long time," Toms said.

Even so, it's hard to get past a pair of mistakes.

The first one came on the par-5 16th, when he had a one-shot lead over Choi and tried to reach the green in two. His approach found the water, and Toms wound up making bogey. This is the guy famous for laying up on the par-4 18th at Atlanta Athletic Club when he won his lone major 10 years ago at the PGA Championships.

Toms was trying to put pressure on Choi.

"I thought I could hit the shot," he said.

And then came the putt, when part of him already was thinking about going to the second playoff hole that decided the tournament. One consolation for Toms, along with knowing his game is close, is that he moved to No. 46 in the world and can avoid U.S. Open qualifying if he can stay there one more week.

Toms also finished with a 70, joining Choi in the playoff at 13-under 275.

So many other players felt they also squandered chances, none more than U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell and Nick Watney.

McDowell, who had a one-shot lead when the third round concluded Sunday morning because of rain delays, lost his way after an errant tee shot into the trees on the sixth hole. He hit four shots into the water the rest of the way and closed with a 79.

Watney was in control late in the third round until playing a three-hole stretch in 4-over par, then fell behind with consecutive bogeys at the turn in the final round and could never catch up.

Paul Goydos, who lost a playoff to Sergio Garcia in 2008 when the tour decided to make the 17th the first playoff hole, closed with a 69 to finish alone in third.

Luke Donald never got on track, but still managed a 71 for his seventh consecutive top 10. He tied for fourth with Watney (71) and moved to No. 2 in the world, giving England the top two spots in the world ranking.

Donald and McDowell wore an all-navy blue outfit in honor of Seve Ballesteros — his famous Sunday colors — who died last week.

Toms took a share of the lead on the second hole and never trailed until the finish.

It was a long day for both of them — 32 holes for Toms, 27 holes for Choi, because of the rain-delayed third round that had to be completed Sunday morning.

One shot by McDowell, along with one wicked bounce, set the tone for the final round — for him and those chasing him.

With consecutive birdies amid several collapses, McDowell suddenly had a three-shot lead as he closed out the third round. From the right rough on the 18th, his ball took a hard hop short of the green, caught the slope with some speed and didn't stop rolling until it tumbled over the edge and into the water. After a drop, he three-putted for double bogey to fall back to 12-under 204.

That one-shot lead didn't last long, and neither did McDowell.

He drilled a 50-foot birdie putt on No. 5 to catch Toms, then crumbled with a tee shot into the trees on No. 6, a tee shot into the water on No. 7 and a peculiar decision to try to blast out from squarely behind a plant on the ninth. He made bogey on all of them, then dropped another shot into the water on the 13th, 17th and 18th.

What makes the final three holes so dramatic is that anything can happen. No one could have expected it would end the way it did.

Djokovic beats Nadal for Italian Open title

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press

ROME — Novak Djokovic extended his recent mastery over top-ranked Rafael Nadal with a 6-4, 6-4 win in the Italian Open final Sunday that stretched the Serb's unbeaten start this year to 37 matches.

The second-ranked Djokovic has defeated Nadal in all four finals they've played this year. He beat the Spaniard for the first time on clay in last week's Madrid Open final.

Djokovic has now become the first player to beat Nadal on clay twice in the same year, a feat that comes exactly a week before the French Open starts.

Djokovic could overtake Nadal for the No. 1 ranking the week after Roland Garros.

Djokovic's streak this year trails only John McEnroe's 42-0 start in 1984. Overall, Djokovic has won 39 consecutive matches, stretching back to Serbia's Davis Cup title in December. That's sixth best in the Open era, seven behind Guillermo Vilas' record set in 1977.

Earlier, Maria Sharapova beat Sam Stosur 6-2, 6-4 in the woman's final for the biggest clay-court title of her career.

After a three-hour rain delay, the seventh-seeded Sharapova won the opening four games, then cruised from there to follow up her victory over top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki in the semifinals.

Sharapova will now clearly be one of the favorites in Paris. Sharapova is a three-time Grand Slam winner, and Roland Garros remains the only major title she hasn't won.

Gregorio Borgia/AP

YOU DID IT Novak Djokovic celebrates at the end of the final match against Rafael Nadal on Sunday at the Italian Open in Rome. Djokovic won, 6-4, 6-4.

"This is just the beginning of many things to come. This is just the start of everything," Sharapova said during the trophy presentation.

Nadal had won this tournament five of the past six years and entered the final with a 31-1 career record in Rome. His only previous loss came to countryman Juan Carlos Ferrero in his opening match three years ago.

Djokovic attributed his win in Madrid partly to the altitude and faster conditions there. The conditions at the Foro Italico are more similar to those in Paris, perhaps making this victory more telling.

Djokovic also had to recover from a three-hour semifinal win over Andy Murray that ended near midnight Saturday. Fortunately for Djokovic, the rain delay before the woman's final gave him more time to rest.

Despite the delay, nearly all of the 10,500 ticket holders were on hand for the Djokovic-Nadal match, and with Italy located geographically in between Spain and Serbia, both players received about equal support.

Djokovic broke to take a 5-3 lead in the opening set when Nadal shanked a backhand long off his racket frame, but Nadal broke right back in the next game.

With Nadal serving at 4-5, he made three baseline errors to give Djokovic his first set point, which Djokovic won by taking advantage of a Nadal backhand that set up high inside the court, setting up a backhand crosscourt winner for Djokovic.

While Nadal was using more loopy topspin shots to keep the ball in the court, Djokovic flattened his shots out often, skimming balls just over the top of the net.

After they traded breaks early in the second set, Djokovic began screaming to himself and pumping himself up after each winner. He also had to stretch his aching muscles in between points.

With rain drops beginning to fall again, Djokovic closed the match out with another break, then fell to the clay on his back.

Stosur hadn't reached a final since losing to Francesca Schiavone at Roland Garros last year, and the Australian is now 0-8 in her career against Sharapova.

A former No. 1, Sharapova had been struggling to regain her top form since undergoing right shoulder surgery in October 2008 — which caused her to miss 10 months.

Boogaard's brain donated for trauma research

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Relatives and fans of Derek Boogaard shed tears Sunday as they remembered the former NHL tough guy as a "teddy bear" who was as generous and kind as he was burly and tough, a somber end to a weekend during which his distraught family agreed to donate his brain to medical researchers.

Boogaard

The 28-year-old Boogaard was found dead in his Minneapolis apartment Friday, five months after he sustained a season-ending concussion with the New York Rangers.

Boogaard's agent and a spokeswoman for the Boston University School of Medicine confirmed Sunday that his brain will be examined for signs of a degenerative disease often found in athletes who sustain repeated hits to the head.

"It's an amazing thing he did and his family did. Hopefully, that'll bring some information," agent Ron Salcer said. "We don't know exactly the impact that the concussions might have played."

Salcer spent three days with Boogaard in Los Angeles earlier in the week. Salcer remarked about his client's brightened demeanor, after suffering through a winter of not being able to play or even be active while his head healed.

"He seemed very good, and that's what makes it more painful," Salcer said. "He was really starting to feel better about everything. He was in great shape."

Minneapolis police said there were no outward signs of trauma, but results of an autopsy are expected to take several weeks. There is no known concussion connection to his death, but at Boogaard's wish his family signed papers to donate his brain to the BU Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy. The donation was first reported by the Star Tribune of Minneapolis.

Salcer said Boogaard was approached by researchers after the death of former NHL enforcer Bob Probert, who died last year at the age of 45. The BU center found evidence in Probert's brain of the chronic traumatic encephalopathy, which is associated with cognitive and behavioral problems and eventually causes dementia.

"He had had a concussion. They played similar styles," Salcer said.

The center also found previously that Reggie Fleming, a 1960s tough guy who played before helmets became mandatory, had CTE, as did Dave Duerson, an NFL star whose brain was donated after he committed suicide.

Boogaard's parents, Len and Joanne, sister, Kyrsten, and brothers, Aaron, Ryan and Curtis, all attended the memorial inside Xcel Energy Center, where the 6-foot-7, 265-pound enforcer became a fan favorite with the Minnesota Wild for his fighting prowess despite scoring all of two goals in five seasons with the team. They did not address the cause of Boogaard's death or comment on his decision to donate his brain to science.

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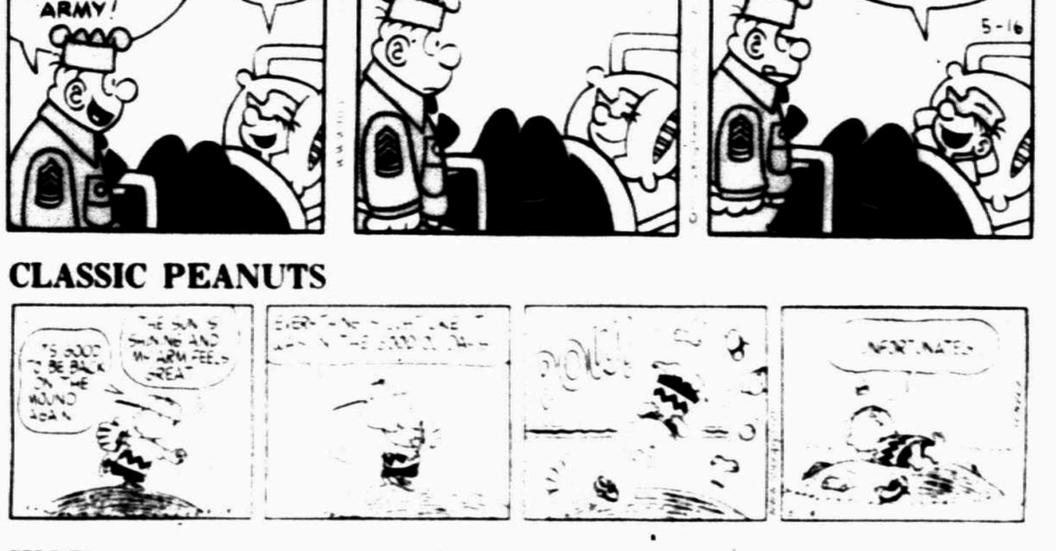

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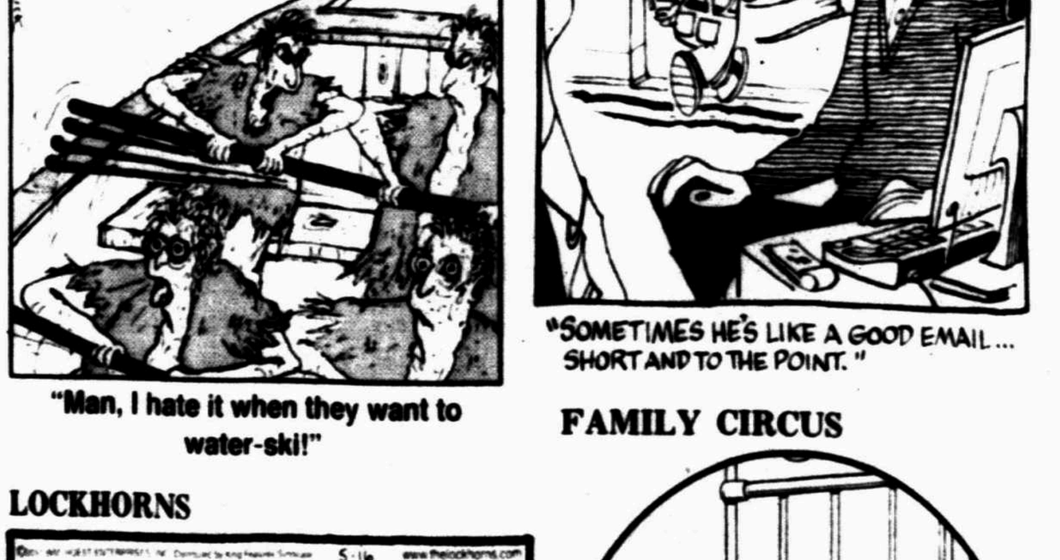

GARFIELD

CLOSE TO HOME

"Man, I hate it when they want to water-ski!"

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TODAY Mostly sunny high 83 low 62

TUESDAY Mostly sunny high 91 low 62

WEDNESDAY Mostly sunny high 93 low 61

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 83 and southeast winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 62 and southeast winds around 20 mph with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 91, a low around 62 and south winds around 20 mph with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 93 and a low around 61.

The high on Sunday reached 77 while the low dropped to 54. The record high for May 15 is 103 set in 1996 and 2003. The record low is 40 set in 1967.

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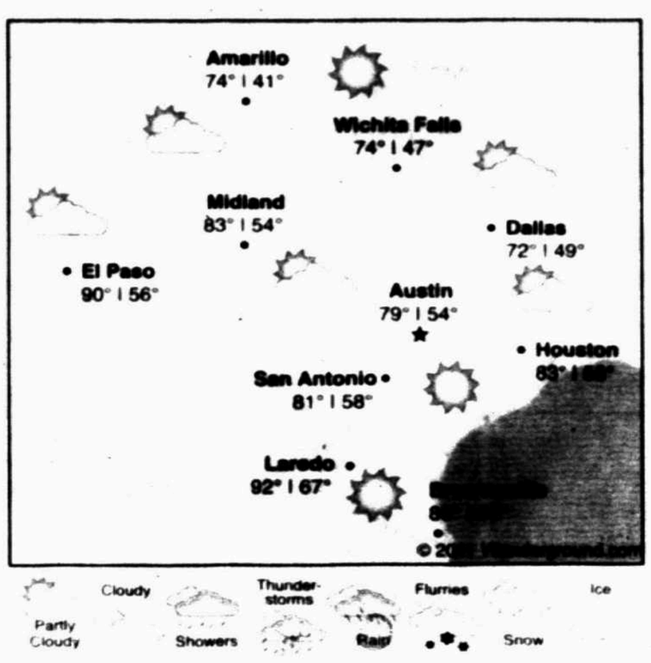
The same storm system that brought a wet note to the end of the weekend from the lower Midwest to the Northeast will continue to spin across the eastern third of the country today, producing showers across the East.

Thunderstorms will also rumble from the Southeast to the Middle Atlantic States. But widespread severe weather is not expected to develop.

The unsettled weather will not encompass the entire East as much of Florida will be spared and remain dry.



Precipitation

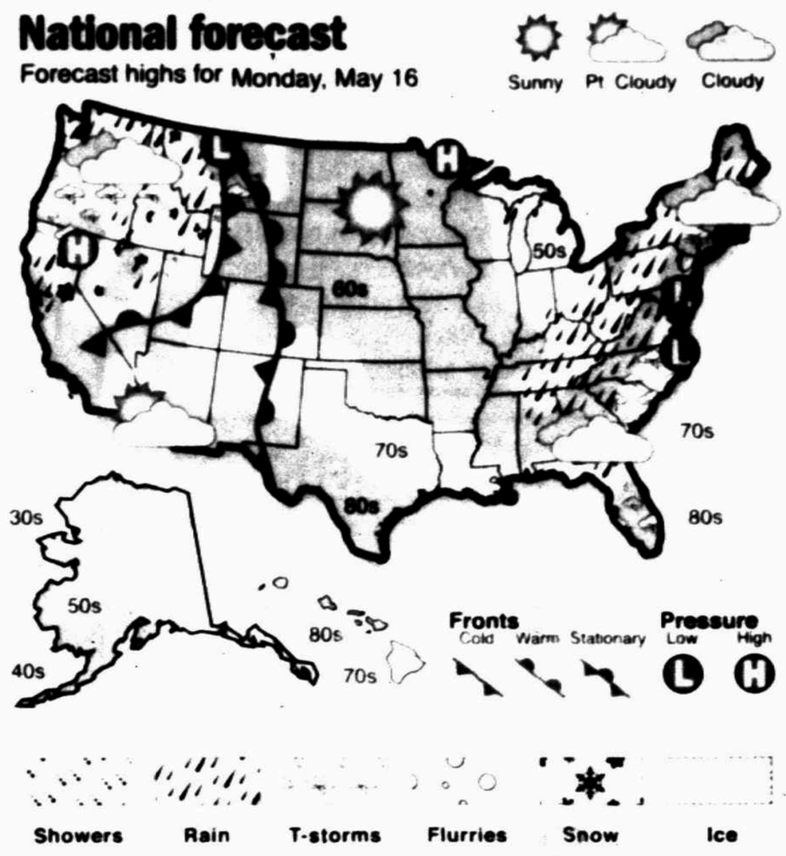
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.73 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	98
Low	72
Normal high	85
Normal low	57
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	8:35 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, May 16



Formal wedding pictures offer portrait of the times

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: Would you please explain to me why today's brides still take formal bridal portraits?

To me, the "W-E" in "wedding" signifies a bride and groom sharing equally in earning a living, raising children and performing household functions. Shouldn't a wedding portrait be of the two people together? — SHIRLEY IN HOUSTON

DEAR SHIRLEY: Superstition may have something to do with it. It's supposed to be bad luck for the groom to see the bride's dress before the wedding, which is when the bridal portrait is usually taken. In years past, couples would pose together for their engagement picture, which was then published in the newspaper with their engagement announcement.

In the early 20th century, couples did have their wedding portrait taken together. I have a copy of my maternal grandparents' wedding picture in which my grandfather is sitting (formally dressed) and my grandmother is standing next to him in her wedding dress.

After receiving your question, I called celebrity photographer Harry Langdon, and we had an interesting discussion. He explained that the rules for wedding photography are constantly evolving, reflecting the time in which they are taken and the culture of the couple involved.

He went on to describe a memorable photo shoot in which he was taking wedding pictures for a royal family. Not understanding the culture, Harry posed the bride standing in front of the groom, thinking it would symbolize the man's "power and protection of his wife." A security guard promptly pulled Harry aside and pointed out that in their country, women do not stand in front of the men — they stand behind them. In addition, a very attractive female makeup artist had been booked for the photo session, and the king proceeded to flirt with and ogle her in such an obvious manner that she became embarrassed and walked out and refused to return.

Another couple was the photogenic governor of a state I won't mention and his bride, a famous beauty. As he was posing them, Harry instructed the governor, "You sit here, and we'll have your bride stand behind you — the 'supportive woman behind the man ...'"

"No," she interrupted. "I'm going to be in front."

"No, wait," the governor interjected. "I'm the governor. I should be in front!"

The proceedings went downhill from there. The disagreement then turned to the lighting Harry was using. The bride was wearing heavy makeup, and after checking the lens, Harry said, "We'll need to change it because the man is usually darker in these pictures."

"Why?" asked the bride.

"Because the guys are out there, beating the bushes, hunting and gathering, supporting the family," answered Harry.

"What about us women? We're out there supporting the family, too!" she retorted.

It was a difficult session — and no, the marriage didn't last — LAUGHING IN CALIFORNIA (AKA ABBY)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠7 5 4 ♥A K J 9 5 3 ♦8 2 ♣7 6

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♣	Dbl	Pass	?

What do you bid now?

A — Even if partner's double is shaded, you have an excellent hand for him — a good six-card major and, therefore, ruffing values. To do anything other than jump to four hearts demonstrates a severe case of rigor mortis.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A Q J ♥K 9 2 ♦9 8 6 4 3 ♣K 10

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

A — If you play that a jump raise is forcing, by all means bid three diamonds. If, however, it is only invitational, you must either make a waiting bid in your cheaper three-card major or jump to two no-trump. We prefer the latter course.

Q 3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K 9 4 ♥Q 8 7 6 3 ♦8 5 4 ♣A 7

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Dbl	?	

What action do you take?

A — Normally, with about 10 points you would show your strength with a redouble. But when you have a five-card major and a fair hand, bid your suit. A new suit at the one-level over an opposing takeout double is a one-round force. The principle that a one-heart response here promises a five-card suit assures that you will end up in an adequate fit.

Q 4 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠4 ♥A 9 4 3 ♦A Q 10 6 4 2 ♣6 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♣	?	

What do you bid now?

A — If you play that three diamonds is forcing in this sequence, by all means make that bid. If not, we like a cue-bid of three spades, to be followed by the cheapest available bid in diamonds. But we do have a sneaking admiration for those who blast out six diamonds right off and force the opponents to guess.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 16, 2011:

This year, you often are drawn in by the charm and caring of others. You, too, have many of those same qualities. You could opt to express your compassion through volunteer work or involvement with a key organization. You express your essence well in crowds and make a strong impression. If you are single, many people cannot stay away from you, as you have unusual magnetism and a unique style. Relationships have an explosive quality. Give yourself a full year before committing. If you are attached, your magnetism is attractive to your significant other. Enjoy! SCORPIO can be quite challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You work well with others; however, whether intentional or not, a haze weaves around your words and actions. Perceptions also could be off. Do some reality checking. Seek out new information. Postpone any major decisions. Tonight: Visit with a friend over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Ultimately, no sign is as grounded or as practical as the Bull. That commodity will be in demand. Others seek you out with vague or challenging requests. Put on your brightest smile and deal with the issue at hand. A get-together could be very rewarding. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ An easy, relaxed pace allows greater give-and-take between you and another person. You might wonder exactly why a boss seems so out there or ethereal. Don't question too much; accept the present state of affairs. Otherwise, you could feel pressured to do more. Tonight: Choose a relaxing pastime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your intuition works overtime as you home in on the basics. Logic might not support an emotional conclusion. Many people might determine that too much is going on for their taste and might feel confused. Tonight: Express yourself as only you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might experience some difficulty as you attempt to connect on a deep level. A partner might be less than responsive in how he or she speaks to and approaches you. Observe rather than react. You will get a sense of what is going on. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others clearly are in charge. How you handle their attitude (when there appears to be one) could define not only your day, but also the outcome of a personal matter. Listen rather than put out terms. Tonight: Go along with someone's idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Focus on one task at a time. You might have difficulty reining in your imagination. Great ideas, or at least amusing thoughts, keep popping up out of nowhere. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Let your intuition take over, whether dealing with a creative project, a child or a new love interest. Your instincts serve you well. Your willingness to discuss your feelings also counts. Let another person have the same opportunity. Tonight: Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Focus on your roots, home life and investments. Before you go off with a wild and maybe crazy scheme, relax. A little caution goes a long way right now. Be willing to express your deeper feelings. Tonight: Be comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might be far more diplomatic and graceful than you think. You come through with flying colors, whether in a heated argument, a lecture or simply writing a note. Your words are heard. Tonight: Do something imaginative or romantic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Be sensitive to your finances, but do nothing that would depreciate who you are to others. Assets often go way past the realm of money. They can include a talent, skill or something as simple as helping others to feel relaxed. Tonight: Indulge a little. Enjoy the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might seem vague to others. You feel euphoric and are trying to express that feeling. Remain open to different people's take on a situation. Just the same, don't be left holding the bag right now. Tonight: Whatever you do, make sure it's not a normal part of your routine.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Tori Spelling (1973), actor Pierce Brosnan (1953), singer Janet Jackson (1966)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Self-indulgent place for breakfast
4 Complete chaos
9 Opinion column, briefly
13 Aigena neighbor
14 "Don't be ___"
15 Herr's mate
16 Dusk-to-dawn cramming session
18 Top pick, slangily
19 Bayer Levitra Pfizer
20 Holy messenger
22 Training neckwear for noisy dogs
25 Early Peruvian
28 Bond creator Fleming
29 Bordeaux buddy
30 Sharp to the taste
31 HST predecessor
32 Quaking trees
35 __ Balls, Hostess snacks
36 "Definitely!"
38 John or Jane, anonymously
39 Materialistic thirtysomething
41 The Trojans of the NCAA
42 Bank offer
43 Like some rights and engrs.
44 Opposite of NNW
45 Digit on a "Magic" ball
46 Suffer defeat
49 Longtime "20/20" co-host Walters
50 "A Streetcar Named Desire" woman
54 With the bow, in music
55 Toothless menace described by the starts of 16-, 22-, 36- and 46-Across
58 "Kiss my grits" TV diner
59 Mary Tyler ___
60 Assistant
61 Summer quaffs
62 Weapon for Zorro
63 Pisces, as bride

DOWN

1 Vacation island south of Borneo
2 Jazz great Fitzgerald
3 Archie's pet insult for Edith
4 Comics Viking
5 Sound at a sauna
6 Doggie doc
7 Crater Lake's locale
8 Salmonesque color
9 Turnpike exit
10 Great Plains burrower
11 Hangover locales?
12 Hamilton vs. Burr, e.g.
13 Big D hoopster
17 Shah's domain, once
21 Turn way up, as radio volume
23 Captain hanged for piracy in 1701
24 Go on a bender
25 Teensy
26 Half of Mork's farewell
27 Agricultural phenomenon sometimes linked to UFOs
31 Antagonist
32 "Easy as" letters
33 Ark-fect?
34 Shipped
36 Skin care giant
37 Like hand-me-downs
40 Vegas supervisor
42 Nonmetaphorical
44 It lengthens toward evening
45 O.T. book before Job
46 Revealed
47 Minimal haircuts
48 "¿Cómo está ___?"
49 Crimson Tide, to fans
51 "Star Wars" princess
52 Lord's mate
53 Absorbed, as costs
56 Bath bathroom
57 Flub the shot, say

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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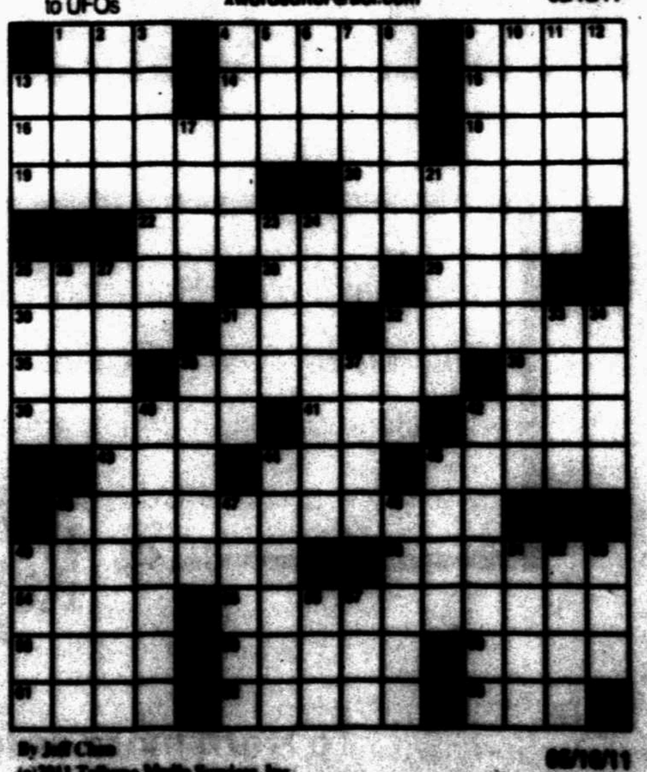

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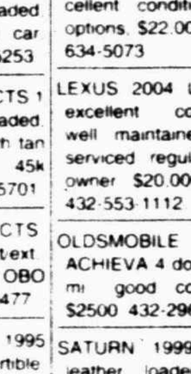

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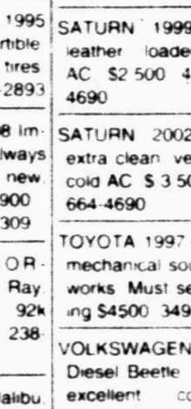

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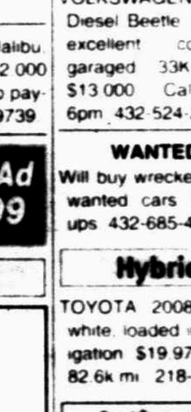

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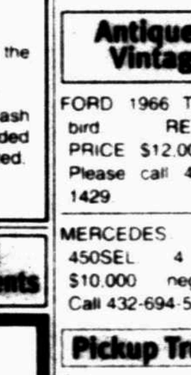

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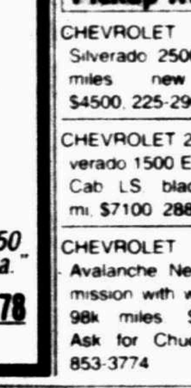

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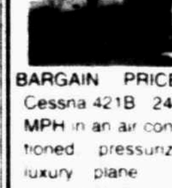

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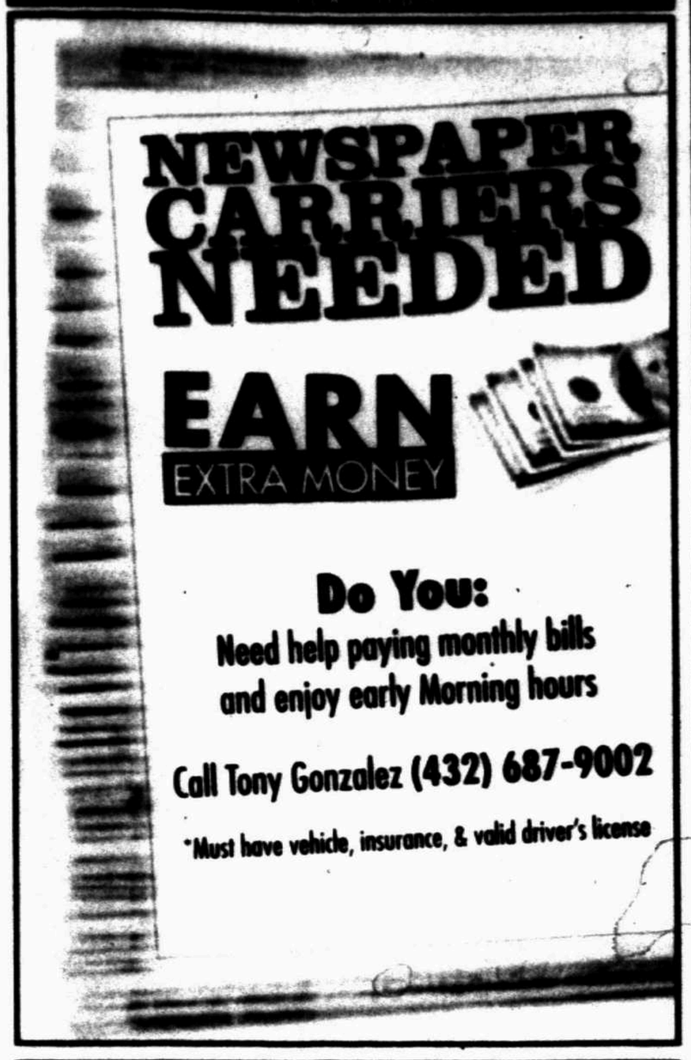

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