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Commissioners approve monitoring wells

EPA granted permission to investigate chromium contamination at Horseshoe

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The Environmental Protection Agency will install eight monitoring wells on the Midland County Horseshoe property as it continues its hexavalent chromium contamination investigation.

Midland County commissioners voted unanimously on Monday to allow the EPA access to the county property as the agency works to define the scope of the contamination.

"I think we're all interested in resolving this for the better health and well-being of the community," County Judge Mike Bradford said.

Chromium first was confirmed in April 2009 at more than 50 times the acceptable federal levels in a private water well off West County Road 112.

Since that time, chromium contamination has been confirmed at above acceptable levels in 46 residential wells, according to the EPA. Those residents rely on water filters provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality until a more permanent remedy is offered.

Vincent Malott, remedial project manager with the EPA, made a presentation about the investigation to commissioners Monday. The TCEQ first led the charge, but the EPA took over in early 2011 when the site officially was added to the National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund sites.

The first monitoring wells were installed in June 2011 and additional wells were installed in December 2011 as the EPA worked to define the plume of contamination and to find a definitive answer on the chromium's source, he said. Private wells also have been tested, Malott said.

Thus far, it appears the former Texas Plastics facility off Industrial Loop is at least one of the potential sources of the contamination, Malott said.

Based on available records — which Malott said are scarce — the contamination from that site would have occurred in the 1970s.

A caliche pit was created in the 1980s near the Midland County Horseshoe and the former Texas

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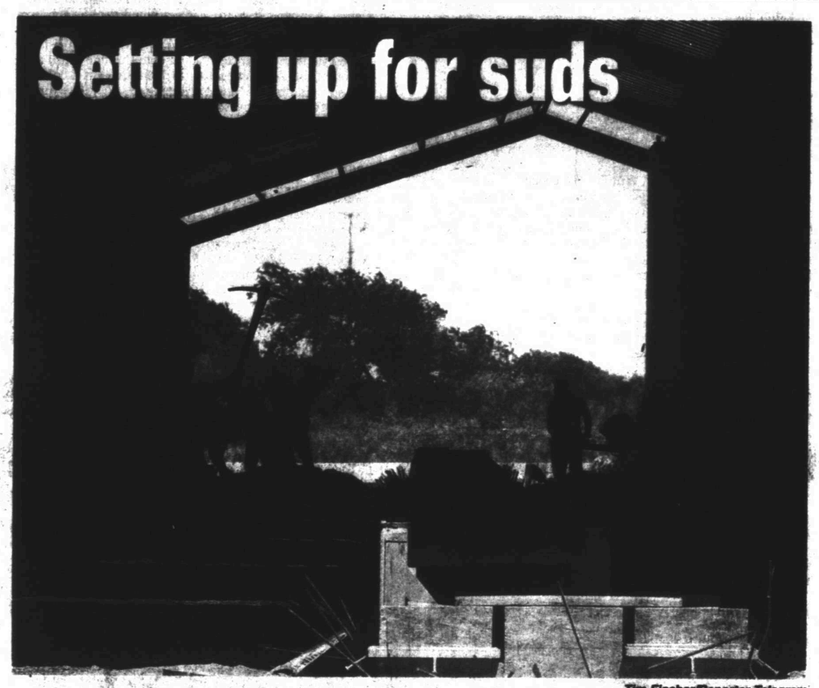

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Workers make progress on the construction of a new SoftSuds car wash on North Big Spring Street on Monday afternoon.

Palo Duro Canyon site for Bush's next ride

Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO — Presidential wheels rolling through Palo Duro Canyon could create some positive spin for the state park's rugged mountain-biking trails and other features, according to those involved in events related to the The Bush Center Warrior 100K Ride.

Former President George W. Bush will bring the three-day, 100-kilometer ride to Palo Duro Canyon State Park Thursday through Saturday.

The ride is designed to draw attention to the service and sacrifice of military men and women wounded in the war on terrorism, spokeswoman Hannah Abney said.

An estimated 70 to 80 people will participate in the ride, including Bush, 20 servicemen and women, the president's security detail, medical personnel and other invited guests, including some local residents, Amarillo National Bank Vice President William Ware said.

A legion of Amarillo-area businesses and more than 150 volunteers will lend their wares, expertise and support for the event, which will garner local and national media attention, he said.

"If they have a good experience, they'll tell their friends," Ware said. "This could make Amarillo the mountain-biking capital of the country. The trails are world-class."

Amarillo National Bank became the local host for the event after Bush approached Ware's father, bank President Richard Ware, last fall about staging the ride at the canyon, William Ware said.

The first Warrior 100K took place last year at Big Bend Ranch State Park, "a much more remote part of Texas," Abney said.

Though beautiful, it was "logistically a little tough, and they wanted to try to make it easier for everybody," said William Ware, part of a team coordinating volunteers, dinners and other ride-related events.

Volunteers have been helping to make sure Palo Duro Canyon shows well,

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AP file photo

Former President George W. Bush shakes hands with Mark McKinni in Tertingua following the Warrior 100K mountain bike ride in 2011. Bush will bring the three-day Bush Center Warrior 100K Ride to Palo Duro Canyon State Park Thursday through Saturday. The ride is designed to draw attention to the service and sacrifice of military men and women wounded in the war on terrorism, spokeswoman Hannah Abney said.

Council to consider RSP Permian drilling request today

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

After deferring the matter in January, the Midland City Council will today consider a drilling permit request from RSP Permian.

The company has asked for a permit to drill a well on the south side of Briarwood Avenue, about 600 feet west of Roadrunner Trail. It already was granted two permits for wells on plots near the Midland Independent School District bus barn, which sits next to the neighborhood off Briarwood Avenue.

Staff with RSP Permian said when the initial request for the permit was made that they've followed the city's ordinance in the application for this third permit and will adhere to its requirements when it comes to fencing and other additions.

Neighbors, however, were not in agreement the well is a good idea. They cite concerns over traffic, noise and personal safety.

The well would sit 500 feet away from any inhabited residence, as is required by the city, but is closer than that to a barn on one property.

Residents said they wish the company would consider using directional drilling so the site could be placed further from their properties. They point to Callon

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SHARE to start NICU support program

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Marianne Vandergiessen remembers well the day her newborn Olivia was rushed by ambulance from Alpine to Midland.

The infant was in need of specialized care. After arriving in the Tall City, she was transferred by helicopter to Houston, where she would remain in the neonatal intensive care unit for 11 days. Vandergiessen said she later learned her daughter, now 10, never was in life-threatening condition. But, she said her mind raced with possible outcomes.

Vandergiessen said it would have been wonderful if the support of a parent who had been through something similar had been around then.

"It definitely would have been beneficial if I had someone to talk to," she said.

That's why the Odessa mom now hopes to help when Sharing Hands a

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Petroleum Museum Lunch and Lecture Series presents "The State of MISD Now, and Our Vision for the Future" with MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren, 11:30 a.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, Exit 136. Admission: Free. Bring lunch. Free drinks and cookies provided.

■ Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series at Midland College presents Fareed Zakaria, 7-9 p.m., Chap Center. Zakaria will speak on "The Post American World: Release 2.0." Admission: Free.

■ Charley Pride, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets: $40-$85.

Sellger lizard hearing

The Senate Natural Resources Subcommittee on Interim Charge Number 6 will meet at 1 p.m. Monday in Odessa to discuss the inclusion of the dunes sagebrush lizard on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service endangered species list and the negative implications such action would have on the oil and gas industry.

The meeting will be held in UTPB's Mesa Building, multipurpose room No. 2130.

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

Elizabeth Smart to speak at benefits

Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center Appetites for Advocacy Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. May 15 at Midland Country Club.

Elizabeth Smart, who was abducted at 14 and is an advocate for survivors, is the guest speaker.

The event will include a silent auction. Table sponsorships are available. Individual tickets are $175.

For more information call 682-7273 or email lpoe@mrccac.org.

Meeting schedules

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

Midland ISD board
Special meeting and budget workshop
5:30 p.m. today
board room
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland Coalition
11:30 a.m. Wednesday
Palmer Drug Abuse Program building, 1208 W. Wall St.
Note: Anyone concerned about underage drinking and substance abuse is encouraged to attend.

Water worries

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

Thursday's total: 16,362,000 gallons
Friday's total: 16,789,000 gallons
Saturday's total: 14,949,000 gallons
Sunday's total: 12,693,000 gallons

When you can water

■ Residents and businesses can water for two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on their assigned day.

■ Days are being assigned based on zones. To find out which zone you're in, visit: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUse_DaysofWeek%20030512.pdf or call 685-7474

■ All types of watering devices are permitted.

■ New pools are allowed only if they are filled with water purchased and trucked in from outside the city.

■ Washing outdoor surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways, building exteriors and parking lots is not allowed.

Know a troop coming home?

Military families can call 689-8698 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 2-6-5
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Daily 4 night: 0-7-5-9
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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, April 24, the 115th day of 2012. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On April 24, 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, using NASA's Echo 1 balloon satellite to bounce a video image of the letters "M.I.T." transmitted from Camp Parks, Calif., to Westford, Mass.

On this date

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States. (The United States responded in kind the next day.)

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week later.)

In 1932, in the Free State of Prussia, the Nazi Party gained a plurality of seats in parliamentary elections.

In 1960, rioting erupted in Biloxi, Miss., after black protesters staging a "wade-in" at a whites-only beach were attacked by a crowd of hostile whites.

In 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

AP file photo

Sgt. Chris Self, center right, speaks with former President George W. Bush, seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong and American servicemen who lost their limbs in war after the Bush Center Warrior 100K Ride through Big Bend State Park in 2011.

BUSH

From 1A

park superintendent Cory Evans said.

"We've got the park in good shape, and the trails have been worked on a lot by volunteers the past couple of weeks," Evans said. "I think everybody is going to benefit. It's all about the wounded warriors (this) week, but the community, the park, everybody will benefit."

Dr. Sloan Teeple, an Amarillo urologist and mountain biker, will join doctors from Austin and Plano on the ride.

"I'll be riding behind the group, just to be there in case something happens," said Teeple, whose invite came by way of a family friendship with the Bush family. "In mountain biking, if you're not crashing, you're usually not riding hard enough. But most of the time, everybody gets right back on the bike."

Teeple said the Warrior 100K provides "a great opportunity for the Panhandle to show off what we have."

That includes the canyon's new Mack Dick Group Pavilion, a 4,080-square-foot hall made possible by a $1-million donation from area businessman Mack Dick. It was unveiled at a ribbon-cutting last week.

It will be the location for two meals during the ride, said Parie Villyard, owner of Parie Designs, which is creating floral arrangements and providing table linens and other banquet décor needs. The American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in Amarillo will be another dining setting, she said.

"The Quarter Horse (site) is Western and rustic, with lots of rock," Villyard said. "It does highlight the natural elements the Panhandle is all about, so I'm not doing fluffy roses or fluffy hydrangeas. We're doing succulents and grasses.

"On the other hand, at the pavilion, we'll be doing something more delicate because Mrs. Bush will be there. We'll do colors reflecting the colors of the canyon — corals and oranges. I love being able to showcase what we can do in Amarillo. What our caterers are capable of, what our venues are like."

Segments of the ride are spread across three days. Hills Sport Shop and Sun Adventure Sports will have volunteers, bikes and repair parts available, William Ware said.

"The program is just incredible, and I'm honored to participate at any level," said Hills Sport Shop owner Kirk Hill.

"Unlike some other trail systems in overpopulated areas, you can go down there (the canyon) on certain afternoons and mornings and still ride by yourself. (The Warrior 100K) could sure bring a new awareness that this little gem is there."

William Ware said local businesses have been eager to be involved, with many donating services or goods. He listed event venues, caterers, bike shops, hotels, equipment-, truck- and car-rental agencies, hospitals and emergency medical providers, and vendors of ice, water, fitness clothing and screen-printing.

Amarillo Brace & Limb also will have employees on-site should cyclists have difficulty with prosthetics, he said.

Beautiful Bulldog pageant winner gives good face

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Tyson, a beloved English bulldog, doesn't bite ears like his namesake, boxer Mike Tyson, but he does share a title — champion.

The 2-year-old pup with a fetching face and a winning personality was crowned the winner of this year's Beautiful Bulldog pageant Monday in Des Moines, Iowa.

"He's kind of compact. He's got the one big roll and the spot over his eye," said owner Tyler Motter, of Urbandale, Iowa. "His personality is amazing."

Tyson beat out 49 other pups for the honor Monday in the tongue-in-cheek contest, now in its 33rd year, which kicks off festivities at the annual Drake Relays track and field meet.

Tyson beat out a cast of costumed and cleverly named characters, such as RocketMan, Matilda Rose and Chief McBeef. Applications were submitted for more than 100 dogs, and the field was whittled down to 50 by a lottery.

A panel of judges chose six slobbering pups for the finals. The ones that weren't as lucky as Tyson still competed for titles, such as Mr. Congeniality and Best Dressed.

The slickest costume award went to Fletcher, who was dressed as a massive barbecue sandwich made famous by Jethro's, a nearby restaurant.

Fletcher's owner, Brad Neal, of West Des Moines, said it took roughly 80 hours to put together the unique outfit.

"There's a bun, tenderloin, buffalo chicken strip, cheeseburger, bacon, brisket, fried cheese, buffalo chicken, tenderloin, bun, white cheddar sauce" Neal said. "It was a lot of fun. We had a blast."

But none of the pups could touch Tyson, who Tyler and Chelsea Motter chose to enter over his brother, Chubbs, because of his face and personality.

Associated Press

Tyson, owned by Tyler and Chelsea Motter, of Urbandale, Iowa, sits on the throne after being crowned the winner of the 33rd annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog contest Monday in Des Moines, Iowa. The pageant kicks off the Drake Relays festivities at Drake University, where a bulldog is the mascot.

Tyson's first few moments as the champion were rough. He fell face-first off his throne — about a three-foot drop — and then refused to eat his celebratory doggie cake.

But Tyson eventually came to embrace the attention, wolfing down nearly half his winner's dessert in a few big bites.

"He's a lover. He loves everybody. He loves to play," Chelsea Motter said. "He's happy all the time."

Spaceport visitor center plan riles New Mexico city

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — A reworked Spaceport America plan for deciding where to build tourist centers in southern New Mexico has riled officials in the city of Hatch.

Mayor Judd Nordyke said city officials have no idea where the visitor center will be located after the state spaceport authority opted to field proposals from would-be sellers of land instead of using site recommendations made by local advisory panels.

That hinders Hatch officials' hopes for a welcome center off the Interstate 25 exit to their community, The Las Cruces Sun-News reported. Hatch recently at annexed land off Interstate 25 where the village thought the planned tourist center would be located.

"We went to the trouble of annexing the area we thought they were going to put it," Nordyke said. "Now, we've got 600 acres of desert scrubland that's basically within the city limits, but what the future holds? We have no idea."

A hurdle to placing the center on the west side of the interstate is the $2.5 million estimated cost of extending utilities across the Rio Grande and interstate, Nordyke said. The city can't afford it, but because the owner of the prospective site had agreed to donate the land to the spaceport, the assumption was that the spaceport would share the expense.

But spaceport funding is shrinking, and New Mexico Spaceport Authority officials recently curtailed their budget for two welcome centers: one in the Hatch area, and one in Truth or Consequences.

MOTOR MPO provides update on corridor study

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Mixed use development that's supported by a system of backage roads still is the vision for the Highway 191 corridor.

Craig Farmer, senior planner with Freese and Nichols, made a presentation Monday to the Midland County Commissioners' Court regarding the progress of the Highway 191 study that was commissioned by the Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization Metropolitan Planning Organization (MOTOR MPO).

A final plan for the counties and cities to adopt is expected in June. Additional public input will be taken in May during an open house presentation of the plan, Farmer said.

"You need a couple of really nice spots of development in the middle," said Farmer, adding that both Midland and Odessa have growing development on the edges of their cities.

Aside from the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, Farmer said there hasn't been much development between the cities.

He said their plans call for multi-use development that springs from the area around the performing arts center. There's a possibility for offices and apartments near the arts center and CEED building. Beyond that, they envision industrial and office space around the airport and on the northwest side of Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Farmer said the study shows areas on either side of Highway 191 are prime for housing development of different densities. Housing is recommended as starting further back and not directly adjacent to the highway.

As demographics continue to change, Farmer said their research shows that mixed use development typically provides a higher tax base in the long run.

People increasingly want to be able to walk to stores or even to work from their homes, and Highway 191 is an area that could be prime for development and could include multiple uses, Farmer said.

Backage roads also are needed in the area to provide for access to the corridor, Farmer said, particularly near the one-way access roads along Highway 191.

A report will provide a future vision for the corridor based on input from residents and elected officials.

It also could help to impact transportation planning for the cities and counties, though it doesn't aim to create a mandate on future development.

In other business:

■ The old Midland County courthouse grounds will be open for use during the Fourth of July celebration being planned for downtown. The event will feature more than 20 minutes of fireworks as well as other entertainment.

■ Midland County passed its annual jail inspection with no deficiencies noted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

■ An interlocal agreement with Lubbock County was signed that will allow Midland County to pay a flat fee for a public defender to handle all capital cases.

■ Monte Jameson was appointed purchasing agent. Purchasing agent Bob Henderson will stay on staff through April and then continue as a contract employee after his retirement so he can help provide training to Jameson.

■ The library is moving toward a self-checkout system. Commissioners agreed Monday to go out for bids on a Radio Frequency Identification System that would allow for the service.

■ Commissioners accepted a $1,700 check from Public Worker's Compensation Program for the county's participation in the wellness program. The funds are designated for other wellness activities.

■ The county is looking at traffic issues at Loop 250 and County Road 1130 after complaints by citizens.

■ A Jeremy Stewart memorial donation of $100 was given to the Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol by Larry and Janie Stroud.

■ OXY made a $2,000 donation to allow Sgt. Jerry Byrne to attend the Energy Security Council 2012 Annual Conference.

■ Debbie Melson was recognized as employee of the month.

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WELLS

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Plastics facility.

By drilling monitoring wells at the Horseshoe, Malott said the EPA will be able to better define the scope of contamination and determine if the caliche pit impacted the spread of the chromium. It already has been determined the pit was not the source of the chromium, he said.

"We'll try to fill in how it migrated and how the caliche pit impacted (the chromium)," Malott said.

The wells installed in December are along the service road on the north side of Interstate 20, near Trace Engines. Malott said tests there show that while chromium contamination exists in that area, it is not at near the high levels seen south of the interstate.

Wells added on the Midland County Horseshoe property will help fill in the gap in testing that still exists between the I-20 Service Road and the area near the caliche pit.

Bradford said the wells could be added to the county property, provided the EPA is willing to move them, should construction take place at some point on the land.

He said specific projects are not scheduled but that some of the wells are planned for an area designated for use in the county's master plan for the Horseshoe.

When a responsible party can be clearly identified for the contamination, Malott said the EPA can conduct a feasibility study and discuss options for the area.

If no viable responsible party is identified — which occurs if the responsible party or business no longer exists — then the EPA will lead the cleanup efforts and pay for the costs with a 10 percent match from the state.

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South Texas Marine killed in combat

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A 30-year-old South Texas Marine on his fifth combat deployment was killed in action in Afghanistan.

A Marine Corps statement Monday said Staff Sgt. Joseph H. Fankhauser, of McAllen, died Sunday in the Helmand province.

The Marines released no other details on the circumstances of Fankhauser's death, but he was an explosive ordinance disposal technician assigned to the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton.

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Victims' Coalition hopes to stop bullying

By Andrie Palmer
Staff Writer

One local organization wants to educate the community on the effects of bullying in hopes of stopping it.

The Midland County Victims Coalition is preparing for National Crime Victims' Rights Week by offering a free training seminar and presentation today on the subject of bullying.

"It's been such a big issue for a while. With all the suicides going on, we felt at this time that bullying is something that needed to be looked at and brought out to the public," said coalition president Jennifer Painter.

The seminar, which is free and open to the public, is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. at the auxiliary courtroom of the Midland County Courthouse.

A ceremony and presentation will follow to honor victims of crime in the Midland community.

Texas Department of Public Safety trooper John Barton will conduct the training session. Continuing education units and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) hours will be offered, officials said.

Reporter-Telegram contributor Jimmy Patterson will be the guest speaker at the ceremony to honor Midland crime victims. Painter said Patterson will talk about his past problems with bullying and reflect on things that helped him overcome the experiences.

Painter said parents and all adults need to be aware.

"We have to bring it out to the light," she said.

"Bullying is everywhere you go — not just in schools. It's in the workplace; it's at places like the movie theater. It's not depending on where you are, but it's the people."

Each year, the coalition addresses an issue. Last year, the training and ceremony centered around the theme of stalking after several new laws were put into place by the Texas Legislature.

Community leaders and residents are encouraged to participate in today's event.

"Personally for me, and for every member of the coalition, it's to get the word out and hopefully stop bullying," Painter said. "We want to let people know they're not alone. It's OK to speak up."

"We've had so many suicides we've kind of fallen back on the subject of bullying. We're all so concerned about the students that we have to do something."

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Bullying by the numbers

In 2009:
- 11.1 percent of youth in grades nine through 12 reported being in a physical fight.
- 5 percent of students did not go to school on one of more occasions during the past month because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school.
- 8 percent of students reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property at least one time during the past year.
- 1 in 5 students reported being bullied on school property during the past year.

In 2008:
- Juveniles accounted for 16 percent of all violent crime arrests and 26 percent of all property crime arrests.
- 1,280 youth were arrested for murder; 3,340 for forcible rape; and 56,000 for aggravated assault.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

Inside

Mark LaCroix, Midland Freshman social studies chairman, talks about his experience as a bully. Education/1B

SHARE

From 1A

Respite Experience launches its NICU Parent-to-Parent Program this month.

The nonprofit will host a training session Saturday for parents who are willing to provide support to families with an infant in the NICU. Those who go through the training either this weekend or in the future will be available to provide phone support and, if they choose, additional camaraderie to parents in those unique situations, said Tom Jones, executive director of SHARE.

"It's a great way to do something with that experience and help others and kind of pay it forward," Jones said.

SHARE, which provides respite care for special needs children, helps many families, including several whose children spent their first days in the NICU, Jones said.

Many of those families never heard about SHARE until their children were a bit older, Jones said. They were forced to work through their time in the NICU — and the initial days at home after being released — alone.

By intervening from the start, Jones said she hopes SHARE can be a long-term partner with special families.

After the NICU Parent-to-Parent support, the nonprofit will offer free in-home respite care. From there, children can transition into SHARE, which along with respite care also offers parent support groups.

"It really kind of fits with some of the other things that we're doing," Jones said.

Like the NICU program, the free in-home respite care is a new offering from SHARE. The two initiatives are being funded by a state grant provided mid-year through the Department of State Health Services.

In-home respite care can be provided for parents who've just taken a child home from the NICU and for families with other children who have special needs and are not enrolled in another government program, Jones said.

Training this Saturday will be taught by instructors with Texas Parent to Parent — a statewide NICU support program. Anyone who attends the Midland-Odessa training can be a statewide phone volunteer in addition to being a volunteer in the Permian Basin, Jones said.

"We're just asking them to provide phone support. If they want to do more than that, it's up to them," Jones said. "They'll be people who've been there and done that and kind of know what to expect."

With the combination of NICU parent support, free in-home respite care and SHARE services, Jones said they're hopeful they can meet families' needs at all stages.

"It kind of provides them with a safety net of service," Jones said.

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

Want to help?

Volunteer training will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Medical Center Hospital NICU Center for Women and Infants. Lunch will be provided. Childcare is available at First United Methodist Church. To register or for free in-home respite care, call 432-218-4622 or email Tom Jones at tom@sharewesttexas.org.

COUNCIL

From 1A

Petroleum, which is utilizing an "S-curve" method to retrieve minerals from property just north of RSP's location as evidence that the method is an option.

When the drilling request was deferred in January, council members asked the company to look at what it could do to work with neighbors.

Ron Jenkins, the city's oil and gas compliance officer, said the permit being considered today will include one major change that was implemented in an effort to create a lesser impact on nearby residents.

Instead of taking its flow line through the neighborhood, RSP Permian officials now will ask the flow line be permitted to run down Briarwood Avenue and further away from homes, Jenkins said.

The council will meet at 10 a.m. today at 300 N. Loraine St.

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Inmate set to die wins reprieve

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A 29-year-old convict set to die this week for a fatal shooting during the robbery and abductions at an East Texas convenience store has won a reprieve from a federal judge.

Beunka Adams was set for lethal injection Thursday evening in Huntsville for the September 2002 slaying of 37-year-old Kenneth Vandever outside Rusk. Vandever and two women were abducted during the robbery, one of the women was raped, and all three were shot. The women survived.

Lawyers for Adams convinced U.S. District Judge Michael Schneider in Texarkana that the execution should be delayed until the courts review allegations that Adams had poor legal help in the early stages of his appeals.

Alleged cartel member pleads to bribery

Assoeiated Press

BROWNSVILLE — A man whom prosecutors say is a member of Mexico's Gulf drug cartel has pleaded guilty in Brownsville to bribery for trying to orchestrate his release and deportation.

Juan Carlos De La Cruz already was in federal prison for threatening to assault and murder agents The U.S. attorney's office announced he and three accomplices pleaded guilty Monday to paying $797,000 in bribes to an undercover agent to ensure that he'd be transferred to a prison in Texas, then released to allies in Mexico.

The 37-year-old De La Cruz was to be released on his previous conviction in March. He admitted he feared that he'd face other charges in Mexico or be released on another part of the border where he'd be vulnerable to abduction by rivals.

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Big Spring police arrest man after shooting

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — Big Spring police arrested a 62-year-old Big Spring man for allegedly shooting a friend in his front yard during an argument, authorities said Monday.

Alberto Hernandez-Diaz remained in the Howard County Detention Center Monday evening awaiting arraignment, according to police.

Officers responded to 700 W. Fourth St. Saturday where they found Genaro Castroena, 51, of Big Spring, to have suffered a single gunshot wound to the abdomen.

He was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment and was listed in stable condition on Monday.

Police believe the two men know each other and got into an argument at Hernandez-Diaz's home. Hernandez-Diaz was arrested at the scene and a .22-caliber handgun was seized.

The reason for the argument was unclear Monday, authorities said.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Maurey Wilson Collins, 31, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Angel Sanchez Muro, 53, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of parole.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Pilot survives plane crash

Associated Press

PEARLAND — Authorities say a plane crash near an airport in the Houston area left a pilot hurt and the small aircraft badly damaged.

Investigators are trying to determine if the plane had engine trouble following takeoff Sunday afternoon from Pearland Regional Airport. The single-engine plane clipped some trees and went down near a creek.

Authorities said the 55-year-old pilot was alone on board and he was conscious following the crash.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Man arrested on ammo smuggling charges

The former owner of a uniform and ammunition shop on the West Texas border has been arrested on charges of money laundering and smuggling ammunition and other items into Mexico.

The U.S. attorney's office says a federal indictment unsealed Monday in El Paso alleges 48-year-old Hector Ayala tried to move ammunition, about 300 high-capacity magazines and about 800 bulletproof vests to Mexico.

Ayala owned Uniforms of Texas, an El Paso store raided by federal agents in December. Ayala was arrested Monday morning and is to appear in court Tuesday. It's unclear if he has an attorney.

If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison on each of the money laundering charges and up to 10 years behind bars on each of the other charges.

FORT WORTH

Striking Lockheed Martin workers picket in Texas

Striking Lockheed Martin workers are picketing outside of a North Texas plant where the aerospace company makes F-35 fighter jets.

The strike by Machinists Local 776 in Fort Worth began Monday after union members voted overwhelmingly Sunday to reject the company's latest contract offer. The union represents about a quarter of Lockheed Martin's 14,000 workers at the plant.

Lockheed Martin spokesman Joe Stout said the plant remains open and no problems have been reported. He said some employees have been assigned alternate job duties to take over for the striking workers.

Union leaders say the company's proposed changes to the pension plan, health costs and new hires policy were unacceptable.

The company says it believes the offer is fair.

EL PASO

Briton accused in Iran missile case granted bail

A British man who was extradited to Texas to face charges that he tried to sell missile parts to Iran has been granted $1 million bail.

The judge's ruling Monday will require 65-year-old Christopher Tappin to wear a tracking device and live within five miles of his Houston-area attorney. He must post a $50,000 cash deposit.

The attorney, Kent Schaffer, said Tappin would be released today or Wednesday.

Tappin is accused of trying to buy batteries for Hawk surface-to-air missiles from undercover American agents with the intention of exporting them to Iran.

The government claims Tappin provided undercover agents with false documents to circumvent the requirement for the batteries to be government licensed prior to being exported.

HOUSTON

League City man gets prison for iPad-related fraud

A Houston-area man has been sentenced to more than six years in prison for fraud related to about $200,000 worth of Apple iPads and iPhones.

A federal judge in Houston on Monday sentenced Sharif John Reid of League City. Reid in January pleaded guilty to aggravated identity theft and access device fraud. Reid must also pay nearly $158,000 in restitution.

Investigators say Reid was arrested last August in Houston when he tried to use a fake ID and a bogus credit card to buy products at an Apple store. The name on a credit card was linked to fraudulent sales at other Apple stores in Louisiana and Texas.

Prosecutors say Reid had used credit card numbers skimmed from an Austin business. Further details on the company were not released.

TYLER

2 inmates, jailer hurt in traffic accident

Police say two inmates and an East Texas jailer have been slightly hurt in a two-vehicle traffic accident.

Tyler police said the crash happened Monday morning at an intersection while a Smith County Sheriff's Office car was transporting the prisoners. Police say the law enforcement vehicle was hit by a pickup.

Officer Don Martin said jailer Joseph Jordan and two low-risk inmates were transported to a hospital, where they were treated and released. The pickup driver, Luis Chavez-Ibarra, was not injured and has been cited for failing to yield.

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Allstar asks everyone to drive friendly

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Allstar Refinishing and Collision owner Allen Frasier knows a lot about these statistics because he sees many of their results in his shop—and he drives the same streets as everyone else.

"Can we please pay more attention when we're on the road?" he asks. "I constantly see people texting, putting on makeup, eating or somehow greatly distracted from driving. No wonder there are so many accidents!"

Everyone needs to be extra careful these days because of the city's booming economy. "Just think—the apartments are full, the hotels are full, so it's no surprise that the streets are full. Those jammed streets may mean that we have to wait through a traffic light an extra time, instead of three or four of us running through after it's changed to red. That is just so dangerous, even if you manage to make it a few times," says Allen.

He also points out that using turn signals is vital when there is a lot of traffic. "The more people there are around you, the more important it is for you to signal what you're about to do. When we have to guess, we may guess wrong, and that can lead to an accident.

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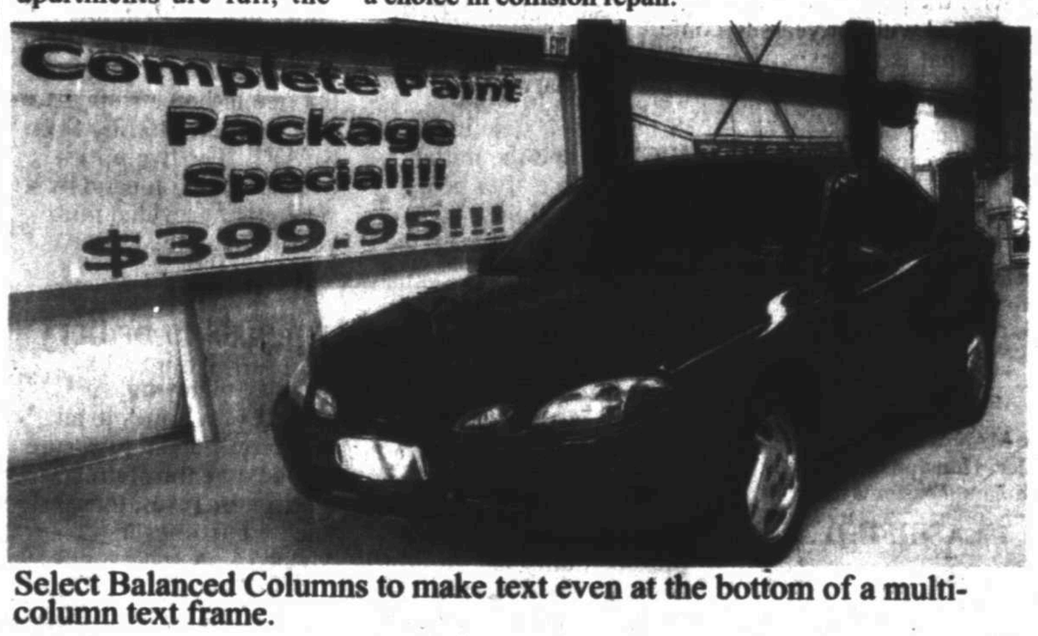

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Shouldn't your renovation include new flooring?

Every home with some years behind it needs an update from time to time—one that includes more than just a fresh coat of paint. Updating, remodeling and renovating are often on the minds of homeowners this time of year.

The experienced professionals at Southwest Floors point out that flooring is possibly the single most important aspect of any remodel. After all, the floor is the only thing that people are likely to notice that extends to all corners of the room.

That means you want to choose the right flooring the first time—a redo with flooring is really not an option. When choosing flooring, say Robert Burton, Travis Kendrick and Tebo Vaughn of Southwest floors, there are two main things to consider, and both are important.

One is the look of the flooring in conjunction with your décor. This may well vary from room to room. The days of blanketing a home with one type of carpeting from end to end are pretty much gone because that never really worked. You may want durable and cleanable ceramic tile in traffic areas like hallways and entryways and in potentially wet areas like the kitchen and bath. Ceramic tile offers a wide range of colors from bright and bouncy to gentle and earthy.

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The other thing to consider, which was alluded to above, is the wear factor in each room. By combining the right look with the right wear factor you can get a floor you will be pleased with for years to come.

That is the expertise of Southwest Floors. Ask those questions and be prepared for answers that come from years of experience. Robert, Travis and Tebo can also fill you in on the newest trends as well as the classic looks that will still be pleasing several years down the road. The will give you the information you need to make an informed decision.

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Opinion

Iran learns lesson of Kim dynasty's longevity

■ World will have to decide whether it will allow another nation of political prisons and casual brutality to hide behind nuclear shield.

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

Some day — and God willing, some day in the not too distant future — the Kim dynasty will come to an end in North Korea.

Then the world finally will get a good look at the hermit kingdom's political prison camps, the likes of which have not been seen since Stalin's gulag or Hitler's concentration camps. The North Korean camps contain as many as 200,000 prisoners who, for various crimes against the state, are subject to slave labor, starvation, torture and death.

Until then, "Escape from Camp 14" will have to suffice. The new book, written by PBS "Frontline" journalist Blaine Harden, documents the life of Shin Dong-hyuk, the only person known to have grown up in a North Korean prison camp, to have survived, and then to have escaped to the West to tell his story.

Shin was born in Camp 14 in 1982, the product of forced breeding between his two inmate parents. His "crime" was that two of his uncles fled to South Korea — during the Korean War, three decades before he was born.

Harden provides a stark account of the casual brutality of a camp where summary executions and inhumane torture are commonplace, as well as the uplifting saga of Shin's escape at age 23 from the only place he had ever known, behind an electrified fence, to a world he never could have imagined.

"Escape from Camp 14" delivers a squalid, close-up view of life and death in the North Korean penal colony. For years, however, satellite photos have documented the camp's existence to the outside world.

Why is it that the prison camps and human rights never have been priorities in the long history of negotiations with North Korea? How, in spite of crimes against humanity, a history of aggression and support for international terrorism, has North Korea actually been able to blackmail the West into giving it the food and energy needed to perpetuate this vile regime?

There are a number of partial explanations. But the permanence of the prison camps is largely a function of Pyongyang having mastered the nuclear fuel cycle. As long as the country's dictators have the ability to assemble nuclear weapons, however crude, and mount them on rockets, however undependable, they can continue to operate Camp 14, unleash artillery barrages on South Korea and torpedo its warships with impunity.

Now the rulers of another nation that imprisons and murders its own people for political crimes, has a history of aggression and supports international terrorism would like to create its own nuclear shield. The leaders of Iran have learned well the lesson of the Kim dynasty's longevity.

If Saddam Hussein had nuclear immunity in 1991, Kuwait still would be Iraq's 19th Province, and Kurds, Shiites and other enemies of the Baathist state still would be filling mass graves. If Moammar Gadhafi had nuclear immunity in 2011, there would not have been a NATO air campaign against his forces or stopping the expected massacre of civilians in Benghazi.

A conventionally armed Iran plots to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States, assists insurgents attacking U.S. forces in Afghanistan, empowers Hezbollah in Lebanon, gives aid to the Assad government in Syria and bombs civilian targets in Argentina. How would a nuclear-armed Iran act?

There's still time for diplomacy to work its course and for sanctions to take effect in Iran. But if diplomacy and sanctions don't work, then some day in the not too distant future, the civilized world will have to decide whether it will allow another nation of political prisons and casual brutality to become safeguarded behind a nuclear barbed-wire fence.

OUR VIEW

Timing could be everything in Obama's re-election bid

It is widely accepted that the fate of our nation's leaders rise when their time in history has come, but after recent events, we wonder if pure timing has more to do with the rise of leadership than one's fate.

Take last week for instance. President Barack Obama had a bad week. In fact, it could take some time for the voters to forget the revelations that federal bureaucrats spent the taxpayers' money in Las Vegas, the Secret Service consorted with prostitutes in Cartagena, Colombia, and U.S. soldiers posed with enemy corpses.

These issues are dominating the public's attention and are embarrassments for the president. Obama had to explain why his administration is wasting taxpayer money on lavish parties while he is trying to talk to the public about jobs.

Then Obama was blindsided by the Secret Service scandal that broke while he was in Cartagena for a Summit of the Americas with more than 30 Western hemisphere leaders.

The photographs that purport to show U.S. soldiers with the bodies of Afghan insurgents also question the president's leadership. Obama railed at President George W. Bush for his lack of leadership when pictures surfaced that showed U.S. military police abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib.

But in recent months, Obama has been stung by American troops caught burning Muslim holy books and urinating on Afghan corpses and an alleged massacre of 17 Afghan villagers.

The president has plenty of time to recover from these incidents. By next November, these issues no longer will be the albatross they now seem to be. Few voters even will remember these events, but these missteps could have had greater import had they happened later in the year.

Timing may have everything to do with Obama winning a second term. If good things surround his administration come November when Americans go to the polls, Obama's re-election might be a cakewalk. If not, Mitt Romney might step into history as the man of opportunity. That's not fate; it's timing.

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Higher power transformed Colson

■ If former Nixon aide 'can repent of his sins, there just has to be hope for everyone.'

CAL THOMAS
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After Richard Nixon lost the 1960 presidential election to John F. Kennedy and the California governor's race two years later (when he uttered the immortal line to the media, "You don't have Nixon to kick around anymore.") the former vice president knew he must reinvent himself to run for president again in 1968.

Thus was born "the new Nixon," an attempt to transform himself from "the old Nixon" the public didn't like, into a warmer, softer, more approachable person. As it turned out, the "new Nixon" was simply the "old Nixon" with a new coat of political paint.

Not so with Charles W. Colson, who died Saturday at age 80. Colson was an ex-Marine and Nixon's "hatchet man" who enjoyed going to any lengths to ensure his boss got his way, including re-election in 1972, as the Watergate scandal was just breaking.

No one doubted Colson's political shrewdness. Here's an example. He once told me that Nixon wanted a book hyped because it exposed what he considered bias at CBS News. Colson said he obtained the supposedly secret list of bookstores The New York Times used to determine its "best sellers" and then sent people into those stores to buy the book, which made the New York Times list for one week before disappearing. But Nixon was satisfied, Colson said.

That and more occurred before the "new" Charles Colson was born ... again. Unlike Nixon who sought to transform himself by his own political strength and for an earthly agenda, Colson was transformed by a higher power and not by his own efforts. First, though, he had to descend to the depths. He told James Rosen of Fox News that after being a Marine captain and a White House special counsel, the "worst blow of his life" was standing in the federal courthouse in Washington, D.C., and hearing a court officer speak the words, "The United States vs. Charles W. Colson."

Colson pleaded guilty in 1974 to an obstruction of justice charge relating to attempts to discredit Daniel Ellsberg, a former Marine and military analyst, who three years earlier had released "The Pentagon Papers," a top-secret account of U.S. military activities during the Vietnam War, to The New York Times. Colson served seven months in federal prison, but before he went to jail, he said he accepted Christ as payment for his sins.

The world was stunned. Some laughed in derision, thinking Colson was trying to obtain a "stay out of jail" card. Others said none of the Nixon officials should be forgiven for their "high crimes and misdemeanors."

When Colson got out of prison he founded Prison Fellowship, a Christian organization that recruits volunteers to "visit those in prison" in response to the command of Jesus, conduct Bible studies behind prison walls and help ex-convicts find jobs after their release so they won't return to crime and jail.

It has worked. According to Prison Fellowship (www.prisonfellowship.org), prisoners who take part in its faith-based programs have a much lower recidivism rate than other prisoners.

In 1983, Colson established Justice Fellowship, a Christian-based criminal justice reform group. Through Justice Fellowship, Colson became a leading prison reformer, taking positions one doesn't usually associate with Republicans. He criticized the death penalty, mostly for being unequally applied (though he believed in it for rare cases). He opposed the incarceration of nonviolent, non-dangerous offenders, believing restitution was a more redemptive approach for both perpetrator and victim.

I once asked him if he ever would seek a pardon. He replied, "I have the only pardon I need," referring to God. In 2000, he accepted a restoration of his civil rights from then-Governor Jeb Bush of Florida, but never was pardoned by a president. President George W. Bush awarded him the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2008 for his work in prisons.

In one of his many books, "Who Speaks for God?" Colson warned against attaching a heavenly kingdom to the political agendas of the age. He also urged Christians to think and act more like Jesus.

In 1973, when news of Colson's conversion became public, The Boston Globe editorialized, "If Mr. Colson can repent of his sins, there just has to be hope for everyone." To which the "new" Colson would undoubtedly shout, "Amen!"

From the Left | Doonesbury

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NATION BRIEFS

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SALT LAKE CITY

Dangerous booby traps found on popular Utah trail

A deadly booby trap rigged along a popular Utah trail could have killed someone if they had tripped a ground wire set up to send a 20-pound, spiked boulder swinging into an unsuspecting hiker, authorities said Monday.

Another trap was designed to trip a passer-by into a bed of sharpened wooden stakes, authorities said.

Two men arrested over the weekend on suspicion of misdemeanor reckless endangerment told authorities the traps were intended for wildlife, but investigators didn't believe the story.

The suspects built a dead-wood shelter as a possible lure for hikers who could step inside only through the two booby-trapped entrances, Utah County sheriff's Sgt. Spencer Cannon said.

ALASKA

Ted Nugent set for court date in illegal kill case

ANCHORAGE — Rocker Ted Nugent is scheduled for a court hearing in Alaska on Tuesday, when he is expected to plead guilty to transporting a black bear he illegally killed.

The conservative activist and gun rights advocate signed a plea agreement with federal prosecutors that was filed Friday in U.S. District Court. Nugent was set to participate by telephone in Tuesday's U.S. District Court proceeding in the southeast Alaska town of Ketchikan, his attorney said.

The plea agreement says Nugent illegally shot and killed the bear in May 2009 on Sukkwan Island in southeast Alaska days after he wounded a bear in a bow hunt, which counted toward a state seasonal limit of one bear for that location. The agreement says Nugent knowingly possessed and transported the bear in misdemeanor violation of the Lacey Act.

According to the agreement, the six-day hunt was filmed for Nugent's Outdoor Channel television show "Spirit of the Wild."

Appendix removal: Huge sticker shock in study

Associated Press

Thinkstock

CHICAGO — What do hospitals charge to remove an appendix? The startling answer is that it could be the same as the price of a refrigerator — or a house.

It's a common, straightforward operation, so you might expect charges to be similar no matter where the surgery takes place. Yet a California study found huge disparities in patients' bills — $1,500 to $180,000, with an average of $33,000.

The researchers and other experts say the results aren't unique to California and illustrate a broken system.

"There's no method to the madness," said lead author Dr. Renee Hsia, an emergency room physician and researcher at the University of California, San Francisco. "There's no system at all to determine what is a rational price for this condition or this procedure."

The disparities are partly explained by differences among patients and where they were treated. For example, some had more costly procedures, including multiple imaging scans, or longer hospital stays. A very small number were treated without surgery, though most had appendectomies. Some were sicker and needed more intensive care.

But the researchers could find no explanation for about one-third of the cost differences.

Other developed countries have more government regulation that prevents these wild disparities. U.S. critics of that kind of system favor more market competition, yet the study illustrates that "the laws of supply and demand simply do not work well in health care," said Dr. Howard Brody, director of the Institute for the Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and a frequent critic of skyrocketing medical costs.

The study was published Monday in the journal Archives of Internal Medicine.

President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, now in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court, would have little effect on the kinds of disparities seen in the study, policy experts say.

One section of the law bars tax-exempt hospitals from charging uninsured people more than the rates insured patients end up paying because of discounts negotiated by insurance companies. The government has not said how the reductions for uninsured people would be calculated, said health care consultant Keith Hearle.

The researchers examined 2009 data that hospitals were required to submit to the state on 19,368 patients with appendicitis. To get the fairest comparisons, the researchers included only uncomplicated cases with hospital stays of less than four days. Patients were 18 to 59 years old.

The study looked at what patients were billed, before contributions from their health insurance — if they had any. The figures don't reflect what hospitals were actually paid. Insurance companies often negotiate to pay less than what they are billed, and what patients pay depends on their health plans. Those least able to pay — the uninsured — could be socked with the full bill.

Still, even those with good health insurance may end up paying a portion of the cost, so price matters, Hsia said.

Uninsured and Medicaid patients had slightly higher bills than those with private insurance. Charges were highest at for-profit hospitals, followed by nonprofits. County hospitals, typically safety-net hospitals, had the lowest charges.

The costliest bill, totaling $182,955, involved a woman who also had cancer. She was treated at a hospital in California's Silicon Valley. Her bill didn't show any cancer-related treatment. The smallest bill, $1,529, involved a patient who had her appendix removed in rural Northern California. Otherwise, the cases were similar: Both patients were hospitalized for one day, had minimally invasive surgery, and had similar numbers of procedures and tests on their bills.

The lowest and highest bills were not freak occurrences; many cases involved charges well over $100,000 and under $2,000, Hsia said. Also, within geographic regions, the lowest and highest charges differed by tens of thousands of dollars.

Itemized bills for appendix removal can include fees for staying overnight in the hospital, the surgery and surgical supplies, operating room expenses, anesthesia, imaging tests, medicine and lab tests.

The analysis echoes other reports, including a study of 66 hospitals in the U.S. and Canada that found charges for the same services varied widely in both countries. Other studies have found big geographic disparities in health care costs.

Data from the federal Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality and the International Federation of Health Plans suggest the nationwide average price for an appendectomy is almost $28,000.

Dr. David Goodman, director of Dartmouth College's Center for Health Policy Research, said the differences found in the study are credible and "very concerning."

Caroline Steinberg, a vice president at the American Hospital Association, said hospitals partly set charges based on their costs of providing services, which vary by community. Steinberg said if two patients with the exact same condition received exactly the same services in the same hospital, the charges would be similar.

But Hsia said the problem is that most hospitals don't advertise charges, and sick patients generally don't get to choose the exact drugs or surgical techniques that are used on them.

The study was paid for by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which funds health research and programs.

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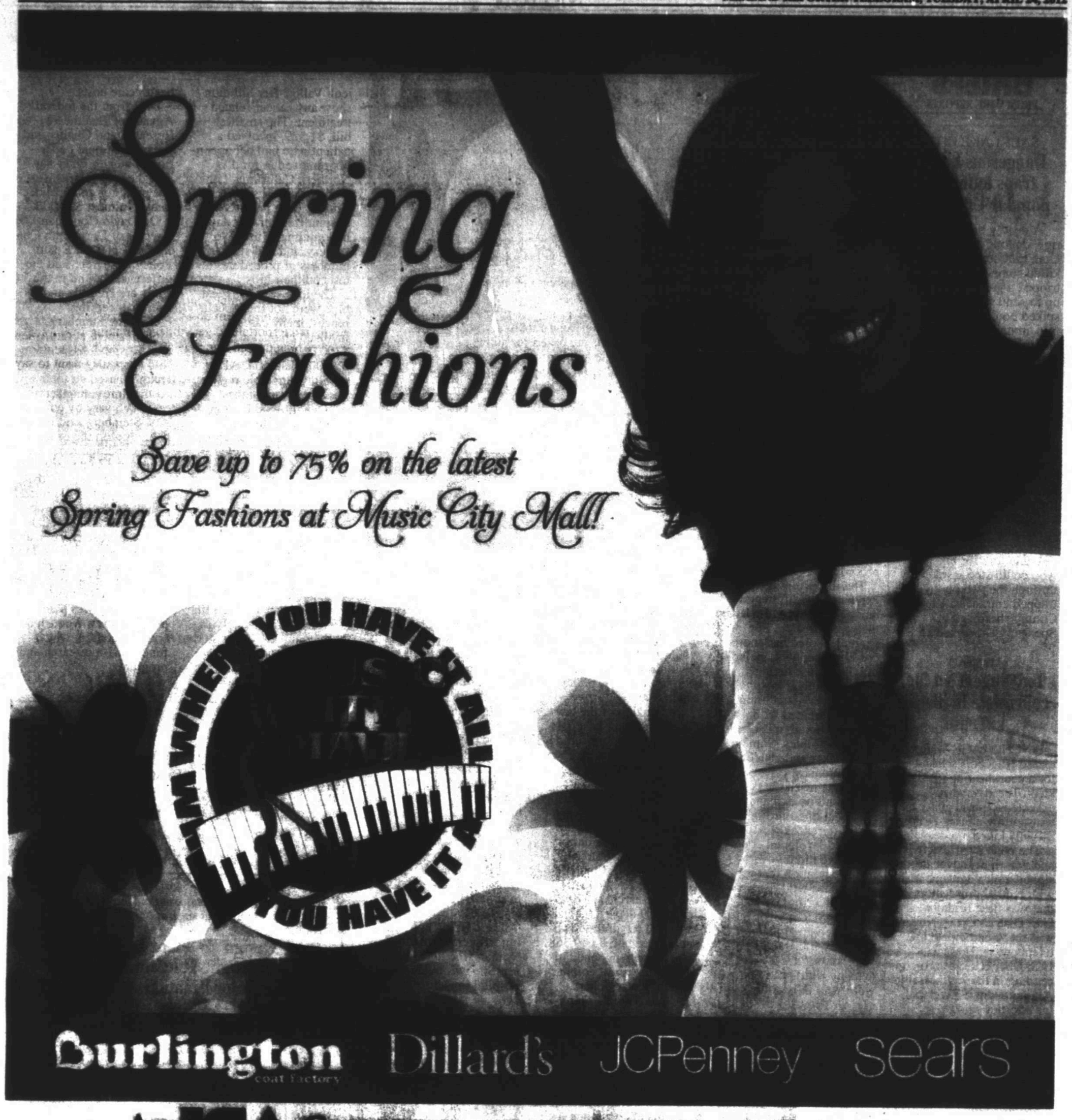

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Education

Creating student writers top priority for teachers

Scharbauer Elementary educators receive grants to attend literacy retreat

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

A duo of Scharbauer Elementary teachers hope they'll learn new strategies for helping kids learn to write this summer when they attend the Boothbay Literacy Retreat in Maine.

Both brunette with petite figures, English language arts teachers Stacey Callaway and Erin Lloyd often are mistaken for each other, but instead of correcting students, "we just go with it," said Callaway.

But, instead of teaching writing the same way they learned years ago, the pair said they're hoping to gain new strategies that will help empower students to become strong, confident writers.

"We were taught to all answer the same prompt in the same way of writing," said Lloyd, a second-grade teacher. "Now, kids are asked for authentic writing that has their own style and form to it."

Both said their approach to teaching reading has grown significantly during the past few years, but would like to learn a new way to engage students in writing.

"We want them to be successful and think they can write," said Callaway. By the time students reach her sixth-grade class, she said many assume they can't write because they struggle with grammar or spelling and have red marks all over their papers."

"Mechanics are important, but a lot of times they feel like we're tearing them down for grammar," Lloyd said, noting it's important to get students thinking conceptually when writing and implementing the mechanics later. "Sometimes kids have to put down what they want to say without being judged on mechanics."

When an opportunity to receive funding for self-designed professional development came along, the pair was among a few in the Permian Basin who applied for $10,000 from the Fund for Teachers. The national

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Abilene professor puts twist on Texas

By Steve Campbell
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

BUFFALO GAP — A frontier hunter once watched for three days as an immense bison herd streamed through this gap in the Callahan Divide.

McMurry University professor Don Frazier can drive home that history lesson to students in a classroom at the Buffalo Gap Historic Village.

But putting them behind the sights of a Sharps .45-70 rifle and pulling the trigger on a metal bison target at Fort Chadbourne takes history a few shots beyond imagination.

"We can talk about buffalo all day. It becomes tangible when you fire one of these rifles at something 300 yards away," Frazier said as his class blazed away at the frontier fort south of Abilene.

The hands-on immersion in the Lone Star saga is a primary part of the "beta" class of the "The Texas Semester," at McMurry, a 1,400-student liberal arts college in Abilene.

Billed as "Study abroad — in Texas!" the semester is made up of 15 hours of nothing-but-Texas coursework capped by a three-credit, three-week road trip that puts students on the ground where history happened.

The concept centers on the question of what it means to be a Texan, said professor Stephen Hardin. He teaches two of the five courses, including a shared offering with Frazier, The Crafting of the Texas National Character or, as they call it, "Texas exceptionalism."

"It's how Texas is perceived externally and how Texas perceives itself and projects itself," Frazier said. "We are unabashedly talking about Texas exceptionalism, which is out of favor with most academics right now, but we are still embracing it. Most academics would like you to believe that Texas is just one of 50 states, but we're like, nah, not so fast."

The course isn't about the "yokel boosterism" that has created the stereotypical sketch of a bombastic Texan who insists that everything is better here, Hardin says.

"All it means is that we are different from other people. We're not better, we're not special, we're different."

The aim is to illuminate the intersection of history and culture. And when this class hits

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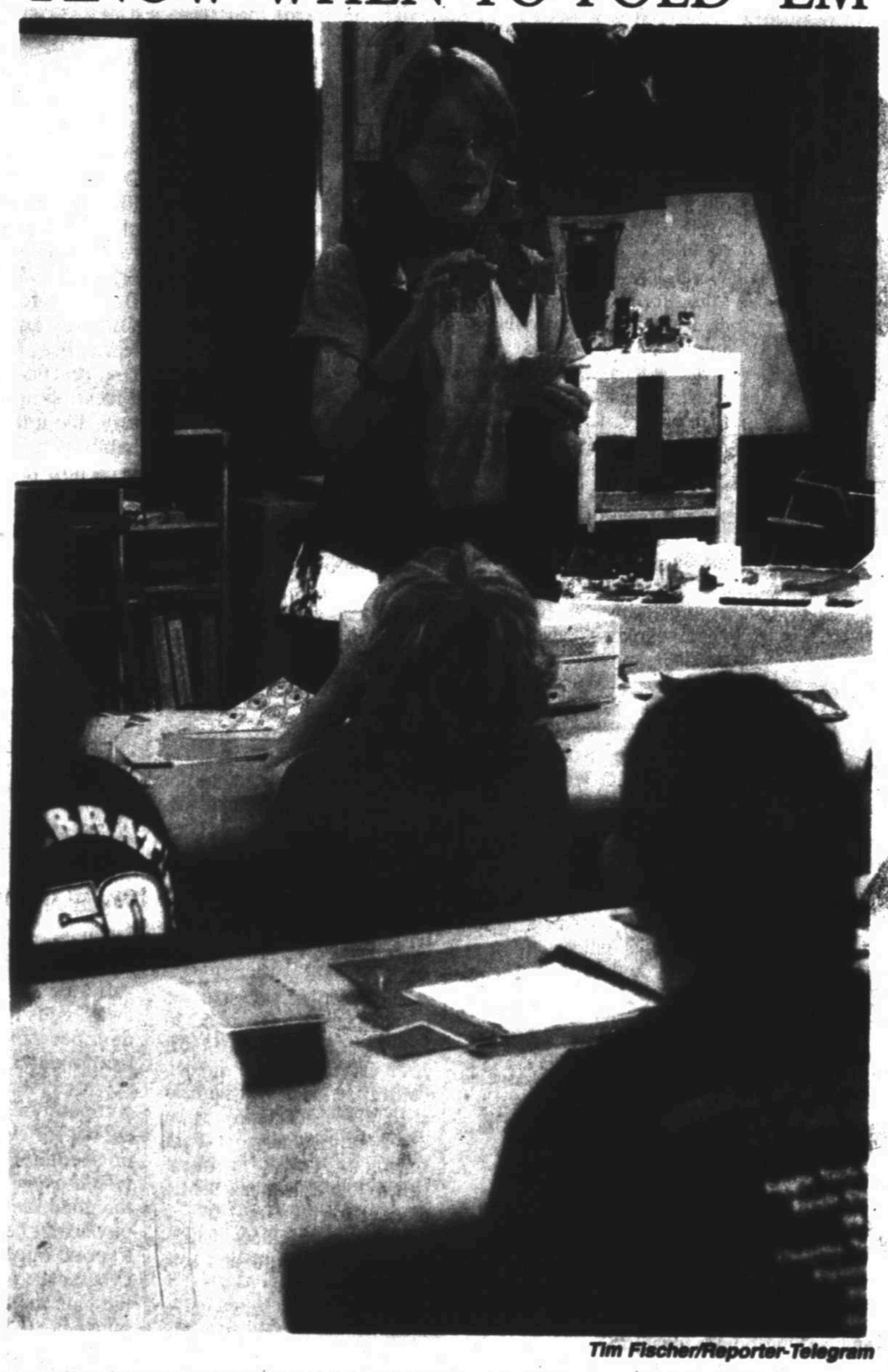

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Joan Son talks with students at Midland Montessori about origami art April 18.

Students learn the art of origami

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Mastering valley folds and mountain folds were among the tasks 23 students at Midland Montessori School tackled Wednesday during a daylong workshop with origami artist Joan Son.

"We're looking for real sharp creases," Son told the students as she taught a bird base that would be used to make a crane. "Take your time and make sure all your points are lined up."

Son worked the room making sure all students had folded their bases correctly before she moved on to the next step.

With an ELMO visual document camera, Son was able to make folds and have the images shown on a screen for the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders to follow along.

After the kids had mastered the bird base, Son asked them to get another six-inch piece of origami paper and try again.

"I want you to do another one to get it in your head so you'll know the folds," she said.

The students sat quietly and completed the task, helping others who may not have mastered it.

Fifth-grader Brooke Willhite said completing origami projects is easiest after she's seen someone else do it first and can copy with they've done. Reading diagrams isn't the best way to learn, she said.

That's why Brooke said she was so excited to have Son come and teach at Midland Montessori after viewing her exhibit at the Ellen Noël Art Museum in the fall.

"After seeing her installation and origami creations at the museum, we all thought it was neat," said 12-year-old Rebekah Sowders. "When we got back to school we asked (our art teacher) for paper and just went through a lot of origami books."

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Fareed Zakaria to speak at MC

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Well-known foreign policy adviser Fareed Zakaria will speak on "The Post American World: Release 2.0" as part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Want to go?

Who: Foreign policy adviser Fareed Zakaria
What: Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series — "The Post American World: Release 2.0"
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Chaparral Center

The free lecture is 7 p.m. today at Chaparral Center. Zakaria will focus on "the next stage of globalization and how it affects Americans and the American economy," he said during a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram.

Zakaria, host of "Fareed Zakaria GPS" on CNN, editor at large at Time magazine and a regular columnist for The Washington Post, said he will discuss how globalization is changing now that countries like India and China are advancing and not reliant on Western markets anymore.

"Globalization 1.0 was invented in America and placed America at the center of the trends," he said. "The rest of the world has caught up to that and is altering the dynamic more than anyone would have predicted."

With intra-market trade driving the economy, Zakaria said America must adapt to and move with the bigger, faster moving innovative global economy.

Additionally, Zakaria said he will touch on the future of energy and discuss how shale gas is a crucial energy component.

Born in India and educated at Yale and Harvard, Zakaria has served as an analyst for ABC News, a roundtable member on "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," and

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Victim eases bully's burden by accepting apology 22 years later

MARK LACROIX
Social studies chairman, Midland Freshman High School

As you read today's article I want you to do a word-association exercise. There will be a single word after this set of instructions. I want you to read it and then close your eyes and see what picture pops into your head. Are you ready? Here is the word: bully.

What picture did you have in your head? Perhaps the face of an older sibling, or that of a stepparent or particularly harsh authority figure. Maybe a drill sergeant in the mold of Sgt. Hartman in "Full Metal Jacket" or a teacher like Mr. Vernon in "The Breakfast Club?"

For many people, the word bully evokes an image of a kid like Scut Farcus in "A Christmas Story" or Biff in "Back to the Future" — a bigger kid who picks on smaller, weaker kids. Yet others may have seen a beautiful face that masks the ugly character of a bully straight out of "Mean Girls." Perhaps a screen shot of a particular Facebook post filled your mind.

Did you see your angelic pre-teen granddaughter or the Boy Scout grandson you are so proud of? I wonder if you saw yourself. Bullying has been in the news quite a lot in recent years. To help people to understand the issue, I have a confession to make: I was a bully. I was no Scut Farcus. My bullying was far less violent and much more targeted. The recipient was a student I will call Kip. Unfortunately, I wasn't alone in bullying Kip. A lot of us bullied him at one time or another. Of course we didn't call it bullying. It wasn't like we beat him up. We just gave him a hard time or busted his chops a little bit. We were just having a little fun at his expense.

A day rarely went by that Kip didn't have to deal with some sort of torment. We messed with his locker. We messed with his car. We messed with him. I am sure we all thought we had our reasons and we rationalized our behavior by saying, "Ah, nobody is getting hurt." I equally am sure none of our reasons were valid. Please understand that bullying was out of character for me. I got along with everyone. I was the one others went to for advice. When a close friend endured the unspeakable, she came to me. I became a firefighter in high school because I cared about people. But my compassion did not extend to Kip. I never bothered to get to know him or to know his struggles.

I am thankful we didn't have Facebook back then because I shudder to think how else we would have made his life

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Obituaries

Ethelyne "Ef" Bernay Reese Bizilo

Ethelyne "Ef" Bernay Reese Bizilo, formerly of Midland, Texas, died Saturday morning, April 21, at the home of her nephew, David Bullion, in Austin, after a lengthy illness. She was 87. She was born May 25, 1924, in Brownwood, Texas, to Louis Quilla "Bud" and Tennie P. Cash Reese. She spent part of her childhood in the Indian Creek community outside Brownwood, where her mother taught school, and the remainder of her childhood and early adult life in Brownwood, Texas. She attended Howard Payne University, a family tradition. She met her husband, John Bizilo in 1945, when he was an Army platoon sergeant stationed at Camp Bowie in Brownwood and she was a United Service Organization (USO) volunteer. They were married on July 15, 1946, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brownwood and lived there until 1949, when they moved to Midland, where John began teaching. While in Midland, Ethelyne was employed as a draftswoman for Texaco. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Midland.

Among her many hobbies were bird watching, fishing, stained glass works artistry, and traveling. Ethelyne and John enjoyed traveling throughout America and Mexico, and had sighted and logged more than 500 species of birds in their bird watching ventures. They purchased a recreational vehicle for such ventures, and it was Ethelyne's job to plan, prepare, and drive during their outings. The couple spent many vacations at Rockport, on the Texas coast, with her mother and sister as guests. Ethelyne enjoyed visiting Ruidoso and Hobbs, New Mexico, as she enjoyed gambling and collected Indian jewelry of turquoise and coral.

She was an accomplished stained glass artist, creating many beautiful glass hangings, which she gave as gifts. She also took classes in cake decorating and jewelry crafting. An avid collector, Ethelyne had coin, doll, and Hummel figurine collections; with her sister Alta, she collected over 300 beanie babies in the 1990's, when they were extremely popular.

Survivors include her nephew, David Bullion and wife, Susie of Austin; nieces, Linda Smith and husband, Rick of Austin and Liz Holmsley and husband, Steve of San Antonio; nine great nieces and nephews; and six great-great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gregory Bartha, of Midland, for his many years of care and support, and the team from Hospice Austin for their compassion and excellent care during Ethylene's last few weeks. Special thanks to her home health caregivers, Sharene Swindall in Midland and Nikki Hervey and Susie Victor in Austin.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Hospice Austin or Hospice Midland.

Online condolences may be made at: cookwaldenforestoaks.com.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at the Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Austin, Texas. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 26, at Cook-Walden Forest Oaks, with the Rev. Don Long officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m., at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood, Texas.

Pallbearers are nephews, David Bullion, Steve Holmsley, and Rick Smith, and great nephews, Ben Holmsley, David Smith, Brett Bullion, Chris Bullion, and Shane Bullion.

Frieda Watts

Frieda Watts, 99, passed away on April 22, 2012, in Midland. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Resthaven Memorial Park, with Pastor Jon Smedley, officiating.

She was born on June 21, 1912, in Truman, Arkansas, to Howard and Inez Campbell Hubbard. She was raised in beautiful Paris, Texas, and attended Paris Junior College. Frieda was known by most as "Snookie". She was a very lively woman and always full of jokes. She always maintained her youthfulness, no one could ever guess her true age. There were several things that Frieda enjoyed, like playing bridge, her cats and her dogs. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her sister, Patricia Clare of Ft. Worth; nephew, Russell Wickman and wife, Katie of Midland; nieces, Marta Hubbard and husband, Chuck Barnes of Austin, and Jana Nazari and husband, Farogh of Wilmington, Delaware; numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are husband, Ed Watts; sister, Kathleen Wickman; brother, Howard Hubbard; nephew, David Clare; and nephew, Philip Wickman.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to her caregivers and friends, Mike and Linda Love, Sharene Swindall, Dr. Gregory Bartha and Dr. Morgan Brown.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 2701 S County Road 1206, Midland, TX 79706.

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

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Kaylee Chantel Avila Martinez

Baby Kaylee Chantel Avila Martinez, 9 months old, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, TX. She was born to Luis Alberto Avila and Brenda Kelly Martinez Avila on July 3, 2011, in Midland.

She is survived by her parents; grandparents, Marta Menjivar, Natividad de Las Mersedes Avila, Elsa Del Carmen Rivera de Martinez, and Roman Martinez Menjivar, all of El Salvador; numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral mass will take place Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, with Father Gilberto Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@mts-online.net.

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William Gray Ford and Wynter Gail Ford

William Gray Ford and Wynter Gail Ford, twin infants, passed away on Sunday April 22, 2012, in Odessa.

They were born on Sunday, April 22, 2012, in Odessa, to Crystal and Dustin Ford.

Memorial services will be held at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Michael Courtney officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at: www.sunsetodessa.com.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Death Notices

Erma Lucille Honzell

Erma Lucille Honzell, 82, of Odessa, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012.

Survivors include daughters, Frances Carter (Charles), Brenda Ingram, and Kathy Honzell; son, Mike Honzell (Becky); five grandchildren, Jeremy, Amanda, Jennifer, Matthew and Thomas; two great-grandchildren, Tenly and Taelyn; and special niece, Lora Bivin (Skip).

Visitation will be at 9:00 a.m., until service time at Life Change Baptist Church On April 25, 2012. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Life Change Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Freddie Hodnett

Freddie Hodnett, 61, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012, in Lubbock.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Hodnett; one son, Jason Hodnett (Jenny); one daughter, Mandy Anderson (Phillip); four grandchildren; and one sister, Nelda McKinney.

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

Patsy Blake

Patsy Blake, 78, of Midland, passed away Monday, April 23, 2012.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2012, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include daughter, Mitzi Maynard and son, Scott Blake.

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

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Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

Stacey Calloway, left, and Erin Lloyd, teachers at Scharbauer Elementary School, received grants to attend a literacy workshop in Maine. They hope to acquire additional skills to help their students become better writers.

Writing

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nonprofit was founded by Apache Corp. 11 years ago and has awarded more than $19 million to teachers. This is the first year Permian Basin teachers had the opportunity to apply.

Two other local teachers also received grants. Callaway's husband, Cory, and John Jefferies, both Midland High School physics teachers, will collect data at the Richard Petty Driving Experience and Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., that will be used in class to help students relate to physics.

At the fifth annual Boothbay Literacy Retreat, Callaway and Lloyd will learn about the best and next practices for literacy education in the 21st century, about the skills and habits of mind students need now to be better readers and writers and how to create a tech-rich classroom without having to be too skilled or too rich.

"We want to empower them to want to write and have the freedom to say 'I want to write it this way,'" Lloyd said noting the approach to writing has changed during her 10 years as a teacher.

The teachers will learn literacy strategies and tools, discuss topics in groups, hear from distinguished lecturers and have time for personal meditations, readings and writings.

"It will be a week of soaking in literacy," Callaway said, smiling as she thought about sitting in a deck chair and writing. "I can't wait for the intellectual conversations we'll have."

In addition to attending the retreat June 24-27, the two will spend four days in Portland, Maine, exploring sites that inspired many authors and books.

Before school is out, Callaway and Lloyd said they'll have their students vote on a mascot for the pair to take with them on the trip. The mascot will be integrated into a blog they plan to run and let people know how their trip is going, Lloyd said.

"We've had the opportunity to grow by leaps and bounds in reading the past few years and now we feel like there's room to grow with writing," Lloyd said.

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Lacroix

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miserable and the impact it would have had. At least back then bullying was done face to face. Now, pain and suffering are only a few key strokes and a mouse click away. Kids tear each other down from the comfort of their bedroom, from the confines of a classroom, or even from their church youth group. What they can't or won't say in person they type with relative impunity on their computer or cellphone. Sadly, we still have Scut Farcuses, but for every one of them there are many more bullies on social media. Often they are not the kids who you would expect. They are on the "A" honor roll. They are the good kids. Most of them never would think about physically beating up a weaker kid. It is so much easier to point out their flaws or to make fun of them for all of cyberspace to see. I have seen the posts and I have seen the pain they cause. Sometimes words hurt more than punches.

I have thought a lot about Kip over the years. I wondered how he was doing and how he endured all of the nonsense we subjected him to. I wondered if he would forgive me if I ever had the chance to apologize. Ironically, Facebook provided that chance. Once I ventured into the world of social media I looked up Kip and sent him an apology. His reply? "It was 22 years ago, man. We were all stupid back then. Let it go."

Reading his reply lifted a burden I carried for decades. My bullying story ends well. Sadly, many do not.

Origami

From 1B

A bit frustrated that they couldn't master all the creations, art teacher Donna Luke said she talked with the students about raising funds to bring Son in to teach a class.

After lots of crafting and sales, the students raised more than $1,300 to bring Son to Midland to hold a daylong workshop and have Chinese food for lunch, said Luke, who also serves as principal.

Son said origami is a great way for children to learn hand-eye coordination and also work in-a focused and quiet environment.

For Rebekah, making a tulip was her favorite, though the students also made jumping frogs, crowns, birds and boxes of all sizes.

"It's amazing what you can create with a piece of paper," said Rebekah.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Raymond Mee works on an origami crane Wednesday as he and other Midland Montessori students get a lesson from Joan Son.

Actors, artists aim to turn around failing schools

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sarah Jessica Parker, Kerry Washington and Forest Whitaker are adopting some of the nation's worst-performing schools and pledged Monday to help the Obama administration turn them around by integrating arts education.

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities announced a new Turnaround Arts initiative as a pilot project for eight schools with officials from the White House and U.S. Department of Education. Organizers said they aim to demonstrate research that shows the arts can help reduce behavioral problems and increase student attendance, engagement and academic success.

The two-year initiative will target eight high-poverty elementary and middle schools. The schools were among the lowest-performing schools in each of their states and had qualified for about $14 million in federal School Improvement Grants from the Obama administration. The public-private arts initiative will bring new training for educators at the Aspen Institute, art supplies, musical instruments and programs totaling about $1 million per year, funded by the Ford Foundation, the Herb Alpert Foundation and other sponsors.

Schools selected for the project are in both urban and rural areas. They are in New Orleans; Denver; Boston; Washington; Des Moines, Iowa; Portland, Ore.; Bridgeport, Conn.; and Lame Deer, Mont.

Washington, who is starring in the new ABC drama "Scandal," will adopt a District of Columbia school over the next two years. Washington told The Associated Press there are often misconceptions about the role arts play in school, as if the arts are only the "sprinkles on the icing."

"It's not that the arts are something to put on in the final period of the day once all the real work is done," she said. "Arts are actually how we can help them get the real work done."

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host of "Foreign Exchange" on PBS. At age 28, he became the youngest managing editor in the history of Foreign Affairs.

Before joining Time, Zakaria was editor of Newsweek International, overseeing all of the magazine's editions abroad from 2000-10. His weekly international news program, "Fareed Zakaria GPS," airs worldwide and has become a destination for viewers seeking smart analysis and civil conversation about the big ideas and global challenges of our time.

His international best-seller, "The Post-American World," is about the "rise of the rest" — the growth of China, India, Brazil and many other countries — and what it means for the future.

In a fully revised and updated edition released in May, "The Post-American World: Release 2.0," Zakaria reviews the shifts of power he originally identified, marvels at how quickly they have occurred, and discusses the vast political and economic implications. His previous New York Times best-seller, "The Future of Freedom," has been translated into 20 languages and was called "a work of tremendous originality and insight" by The Washington Post.

Preferred seating is available for Midland College Friends of the Series and Distinguished Donors. For more information, call the Midland College Foundation Office at 685-4526.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Christian School senior Taylor Ochs has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Kevin Ochs and Connie Ochs.

Ochs

He is a member of the track and field team.

He is involved in the Golf Course Road Church of Christ youth group.

Ochs plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in chemistry.

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Midland High School senior **Jessica Hernandez** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Jesus Hernandez.

Hernandez

She is involved in AVID, is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and is a Piper Scholar.

She is a member of San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church, where she is an altar server, is in the youth group and volunteers with the religious education program. She volunteers at Helping Hands.

Hernandez plans to attend the University of Texas.

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Greenwood High School senior **Kathryn Danne Braden** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Dwayne and Mindy Braden.

She is captain of the cheerleading squad, president of Students in Philanthropy and is a member of National Honor Society, Interact and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Braden

She is a member of Second Baptist Church and is involved in Awanas.

Braden plans to attend Angelo State University.

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Lee High School senior Stephanie Rey has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Maria and James Flores.

She is vice president of Dixie Dolls, is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Senior Girls, Student Council and Upward Bound. She is a Texas Scholar and an academic, Student Council and drill team letterman.

Rey plans to attend Texas Tech University.

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Lee High School senior Samuel **Luis Valenzuela** II has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Sam and Cheryl Valenzuela.

He is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Model Organization of American States team and is a Texas Scholar.

He is a Boy Scout, is involved in peer ministry and volunteers with vacation Bible school and Teen ACTS Retreat.

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ALPINE — Sul Ross State University's annual Honors Convocation was April 16.

Two Midlanders won departmental awards. **Glynis Barnes** received the Outstanding Undergraduate Biology Student Award and **Geoffrey Schuette** was named the Outstanding Senior in Mathematics.

EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Summer math camp set for June 11-22

The Texas Mathworks Enrichment Summer Math Camp is planned for 8 a.m.-noon June 11-15 and June 18-22 at Houston Elementary School.

The math camp is for students going into grades five through eight. The first year of the program introduces students to beginning concepts in algebra. Levels 2 and 3 involve problem-solving and discrete math.

Breakfast and lunch will be served daily and transportation from students elementary campuses will be available.

UTPB faculty members receive special awards

Five faculty members received special awards at the 36th annual University of Texas of the Permian Basin Honors Convocation last week.

Chad Vanderford, assistant professor of history, won the La Mancha Society Golden Windmill Award, which is given to an assistant professor to support and encourage young faculty.

Christopher Stanley, associate professor of art, won the President's Teaching Award; Jeffrey Dennis, assistant professor of sociology, won the President's Research Award; and Joanna Hadjicostandi, associate professor of sociology; and Douglas Hale, professor of computer science, each won the President's Service Award.

Scholarship recipients, honor roll students and outstanding graduates in various disciplines also were also recognized.

MHS raises $5,000-plus for leukemia society

Midland High School's The Pennies for Patients fundraising drive yielded $5,070.69.

A group of students will present the donation today to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

MC art students' works are on display

Midland College's Student Art Show is on display in the McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building through May 10.

The show features works created by current MC art students. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No admission is charged. Some of the works are for sale.

SCHOOLCALENDAR

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Today

Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series presents Fareed Zakaria, foreign policy adviser, columnist and television host, 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

May 1

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May 3

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May 20

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Push for degrees boosts earnings for College Board

By Sarah Butrymowicz
The Hechinger Report

WASHINGTON — The national push to increase the number of Americans who have college degrees is enriching at least one key beneficiary: the College Board, the nonprofit organization that's best known for administering the SAT.

Eleven states and the District of Columbia each have agreed to pay the College Board anywhere from several hundred thousand dollars to more than $1 million a year to test students in hopes of boosting their college-enrollment numbers. The tests cost students nothing. The College Board is actively promoting its products in other states.

These deals are likely to further increase the College Board's net revenues, which hit $65 million in 2010 — the last year for which the figure was available from tax filings — up from $53 million the year before. The test supplier pays a quarter of its employees at least $230,000 a year, while its president, Gaston Caperton, earns more than $1 million annually — almost double what he made in 2005 — and has a $125,000 expense account.

"They're a very profitable nonprofit organization," said Brad MacGowan, a college counselor at Newton North High School in Newton, Mass., a Boston suburb.

"They always seem to be coming up with a new product or service to push testing into younger grades or make states give the SAT to every student."

Ten states — Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, New Mexico, Oregon and Texas — and the District of Columbia pay for the College Board's PSAT test to be given to their students at no cost.

In addition, three states — Delaware and Idaho since last year and Maine since 2005 — require and pay for all high school students to take the SAT. Last school year, Texas required school districts to pay for the exam for every student who wanted to take it, although it eliminated the program this year because of budget cuts.

Officials in Delaware and Idaho said the legislation requiring all students to take the SAT passed with no input from the College Board. But documents show that the group has a lobbying presence in a number of other states.

In Massachusetts, the College Board paid a lobbying firm $24,000 last year to support "general outreach on education issues, specifically Advanced Placement, PSAT and college-readiness matters," according to lobbyist disclosure forms. Last year in Indiana, a College Board lobbyist pushed for a bill to allocate $500,000 for ACT/SAT test preparation. And the College Board, which also administers advanced-placement exams, has tried to make AP classes mandatory in every California high school.

"They're out there free-wheeling, doing whatever they want, doing it however they want to do it, and no one is telling them 'no,'" said Kenneth LaValle, a Republican in the New York state Senate and the chair of itsHigher Education Committee.

The College Board acknowledged that it often talks with policymakers.

"We regularly speak with state education officials and district administrators about how our programs and services can help them increase college readiness," College Board spokeswoman Kathleen Steinberg said.

Nationally, in the Class of 2011, more than 1.6 million high-school seniors took the SAT, a 30 percent increase from a decade ago. The test costs $49. Sending SAT scores to up to four colleges is free, after which it costs a student $10.50 for every additional college. Rush delivery is another $30 per school. AP exams cost $87 each, and students took 3.1 million of these tests in the 2009-10 school year.

Caperton's salary increase since 2005 could have paid for the PSAT to be given free to almost 34,000 students. And the College Board's revenues in excess of expenditures last year were enough to have provided a refund to every student who paid full price to take the SAT.

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ABOVE LEFT: Professor Stephen Hardin, left, walks with students through historic Fort Chadbourne. The students were part of the Texas Semester, a McMurry University immersive history program. **TOP RIGHT:** Bowman Henderson, a student at McMurry University, sets up to fire a Sharps .45-70 rifle at a bison-shaped steel target 300 yards away April 6. Henderson is one of the first students in Texas Semester. Students got a firsthand idea of what it was like to fire the heavy rifles during the days of the great bison hunts. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** McMurry University History Professor Don Frazier watches his students take turns shooting at a steel bison cutout. Frazier is one of two professors at McMurry teaching the Texas Semester.

Class

From 1B

that crossroad, there's likely to be a debate on where to find the finest chicken-fried steak. (Hilltop Cafe near Fredericksburg edged Mary's Cafe in Strawn.)

"You can't separate food from the Texas experience. And I'm serious as a heart attack when I say this," Hardin said.

With that, the class broke for lunch at Perini Ranch Steakhouse, or as Frazier calls it, "the belly of the beast" of Texas' food culture.

"I'm learning a lot, but the truth is, this is insanely fun," said senior history major Jared Rowsson of Sweetwater.

The Texas Semester is "embedded" in the Buffalo Gap Historic Village, which features a dozen historic structures, including Taylor County's original 1879 stone courthouse.

The seeds of the semester were planted in Fort Worth, where Frazier and Hardin were mentored by historian Grady McWhiney while earning their Ph.D.s at TCU.

McWhiney, a prolific author who died in 2006, launched the Grady McWhiney Research Foundation as a think tank and publishing house and then expanded it into living history with the addition of the Buffalo Gap Village.

Frazier, who is also president and CEO of the foundation, had been "cooking" the Texas Semester for a decade before it got traction last year, when McMurry started looking for innovative additions to its curriculum.

If schools back East can persuade students to spend a semester studying the Civil War or Colonial America, he reasoned, why couldn't the same idea work in Texas?

And if studying in France is popular with American kids, what about foreign students doing the same in Texas? Besides, Frazier said with a laugh, Texas is bigger than France.

In this "experimental" semester, only four McMurry students are along for the full ride and a dozen others are taking the core classes.

The full immersion costs $19,000, including multiple field trips and the $3,500 grand tour.

"You have to start somewhere, and what we are doing is amassing the data to know what this program costs so the school can get their arms around it," Frazier said.

Paul Fabrizio, who as McMurry's vice president for academic affairs greenlighted the program, said he's trying to take advantage of having "two Texas history stars."

The two professors have long bibliographies to their credit. Hardin's specialty is the Texas Revolution, and he's a frequent commentator on the History Channel. Frazier has written three books on Texans in the Civil War and has been involved in a variety of heritage and cultural tourism projects.

"We have these guys that know so much about Texas and are such fantastic storytellers, what's the best way for them to have a platform to share that information, to get students to come here and share it?" said Fabrizio, adding that the school is in it for the long haul.

"It's just a fantastic opportunity," he said.

He's already wondering whether it can expand into a summer high school experience and executive weekends for businesspeople new to Texas.

Donors are buying into the idea. They've contributed $180,000 for the restoration of Taylor County's oldest home, which will be used as student housing for the semester's second go-around next spring.

"The folks that paid for it said it was one of the most innovative programs in Texas history they had ever heard of," Frazier said.

Combined with another period home, now a bed-and-breakfast, the two structures adjacent to the historic village could house up to 11 students.

Frazier and Hardin say they want to replicate the close connection they shared with their TCU mentor. "We'll both tell you we learned a lot more from Dr. McWhiney sitting over a table and on road trips than we did in a classroom," Frazier said.

Rowsson is savoring the professorial face time.

"What we are learning outside the classroom has been the most valuable thing to me," he said.

Bowman Henderson, a 25-year-old history major and Iraq veteran, appreciates the hands-on aspect.

"It's the best of both worlds: You have leading experts on this material teaching you in the classroom and then taking you to stuff outside class that you would never get exposed to," he said.

The trips are also designed to help with practical matters, such as networking and landing a job.

"We're introducing them to historians, public history sites and professors from around the state. We're putting them in front of targets that can help them get into graduate school and find jobs," Frazier said.

But what they are really doing is studying life as it is lived in Texas, Hardin said.

"Socrates said the unexamined life is not worth living. I think the unexamined Texas life is not worth living."

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A member of the media takes close-up video of a protest sign at a "Don't White-Out Our History" rally outside the building where the State Board of Education was meeting May 19, 2010, in Austin. The board doesn't wield the same power it did in 2010, because of legislation that returns some power to school districts over which materials enter public school classrooms.

Texas school board grapples with loss of power over textbooks

By Kate Alexander
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — The State Board of Education, long the gatekeeper to the enormous textbook market in Texas, has lost control over which materials enter public school classrooms.

Lawmakers last year passed legislation that untethered the $792 million available for school districts to buy instructional materials from the board's approval of those materials.

Textbook publishers "don't have to go to the state board to get their license to sell any longer," said lobbyist David Anderson, who represents a major textbook company. "The money is controlled by the schools."

The policy objective of Senate Bill 6 was to give school districts more flexibility to spend limited dollars on an evolving list of tools, such as e-readers, that can be used to disseminate the required lessons.

But the political effect was to strip the board of its veto power.

"It's pretty clear that it reduces our authority in the sense that we're not the only game in town," board member Michael Soto, D-San Antonio, said in an interview.

"School districts have additional options to choose from, and publishers are going to have to think very carefully about whether it's worth their time and money and go through the board process."

The board voted Friday on final changes to the textbook approval process in response to the new law. The board members are trying to strike a delicate balance between providing enough oversight to ensure quality materials without making it so burdensome that publishers balk.

"If the state board is not ready to adapt along with that, the publishers are going to go around it," Soto said.

Previously, school districts could use state dollars only to pay for textbooks that the board had determined were compliant with state curriculum standards.

The State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency managed a highly regulated market.

Board approval was essential for textbook publishers to gain access to the lucrative market.

Accordingly, some board members wielded their red editing pencils with gusto. At times, they called for changes to the textbooks so the content reflected certain ideological views.

In 2001, for example, some Republican board members found that two environmental science textbooks were not skeptical enough of the causes of global warming.

One publisher made the changes in the textbook that the board members demanded while another did not.

The latter's textbook was not approved.

The 2011 legislation allows school districts to use the state dollars to pay for whatever they need to access and disseminate the required lessons.

A survey of Texas school district textbook coordinators released Thursday found that more than 70 percent of the respondents indicated they used or expected to use some of their instructional materials money on software and technological equipment, including tablet computers.

Some board members are dismayed by the policy change, saying it eliminates critical oversight to ensure the state's standards are being addressed in the materials.

Board member Pat Hardy, R-Weatherford, said she expected the major publishers would still go through the board's review process but smaller vendors might take advantage of the lack of oversight by selling directly to school districts.

Board members still retain full authority to write the curriculum standards that serve as the basis for what students must learn. But, there is limited assurance that the materials that make it into the classroom will meet those standards.

"I don't like the fact that people can circumvent the system," Hardy said.

NYU to build 2nd applied sciences campus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York will soon be home to an applied-sciences graduate campus with a focus on technology innovations to help the world's cities, officials said Monday in the second such announcement to come out of a city initiative to challenge the entrepreneurial dominance of Silicon Valley.

An international coalition led by New York University will launch the Brooklyn campus, to be called the Center for Urban Science and Progress, next year. It is the second applied-sciences campus to come out of a city competition that drew seven proposals from institutions and consortiums, and Mayor Michael Bloomberg said continuing talks with other applicants could lead to additional programs.

"This new partnership is going to give the (Brooklyn) Tech Triangle a critical mass that we believe will make it one of the most dynamic environments for entrepreneurs anywhere in the country," Bloomberg said of the area stretching between the borough's Dumbo, Downtown and Navy Yard neighborhoods.

The NYU-led campus eventually will be placed in a city-owned building currently occupied by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The institution will pay $50 million for the MTA's relocation and will receive $15 million in city tax incentives.

Classes will begin in September 2013 in temporary leased space and will move to the institution's permanent home in September 2017, Bloomberg said.

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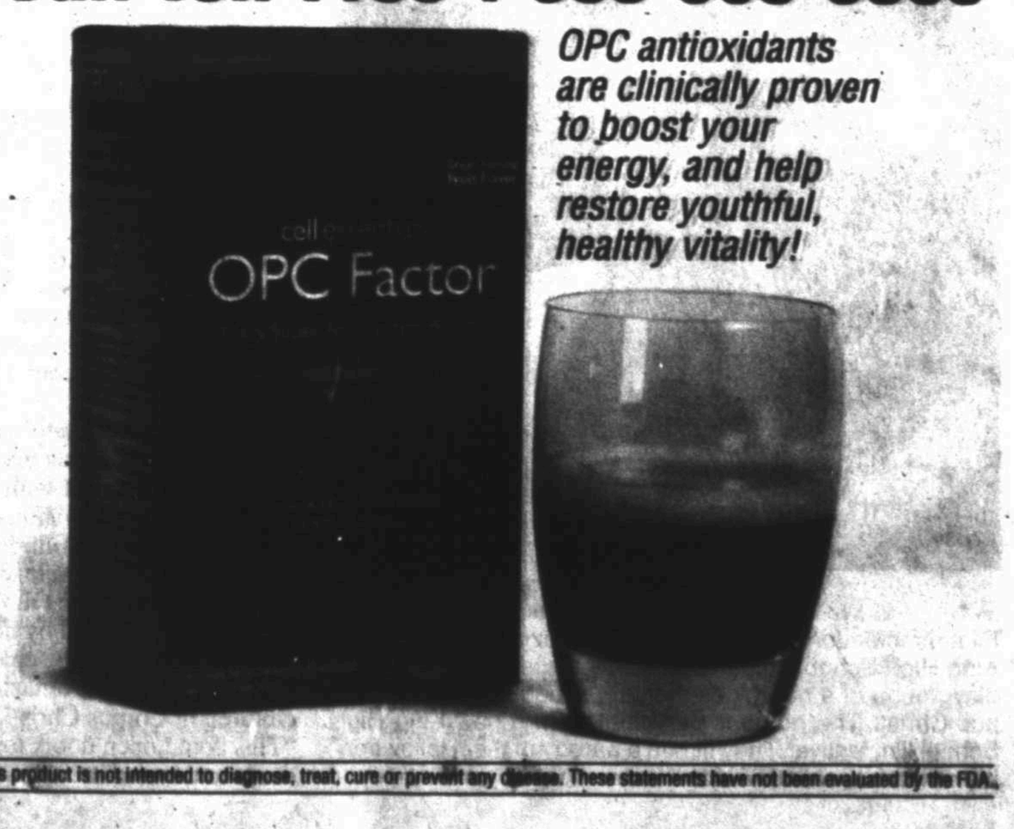

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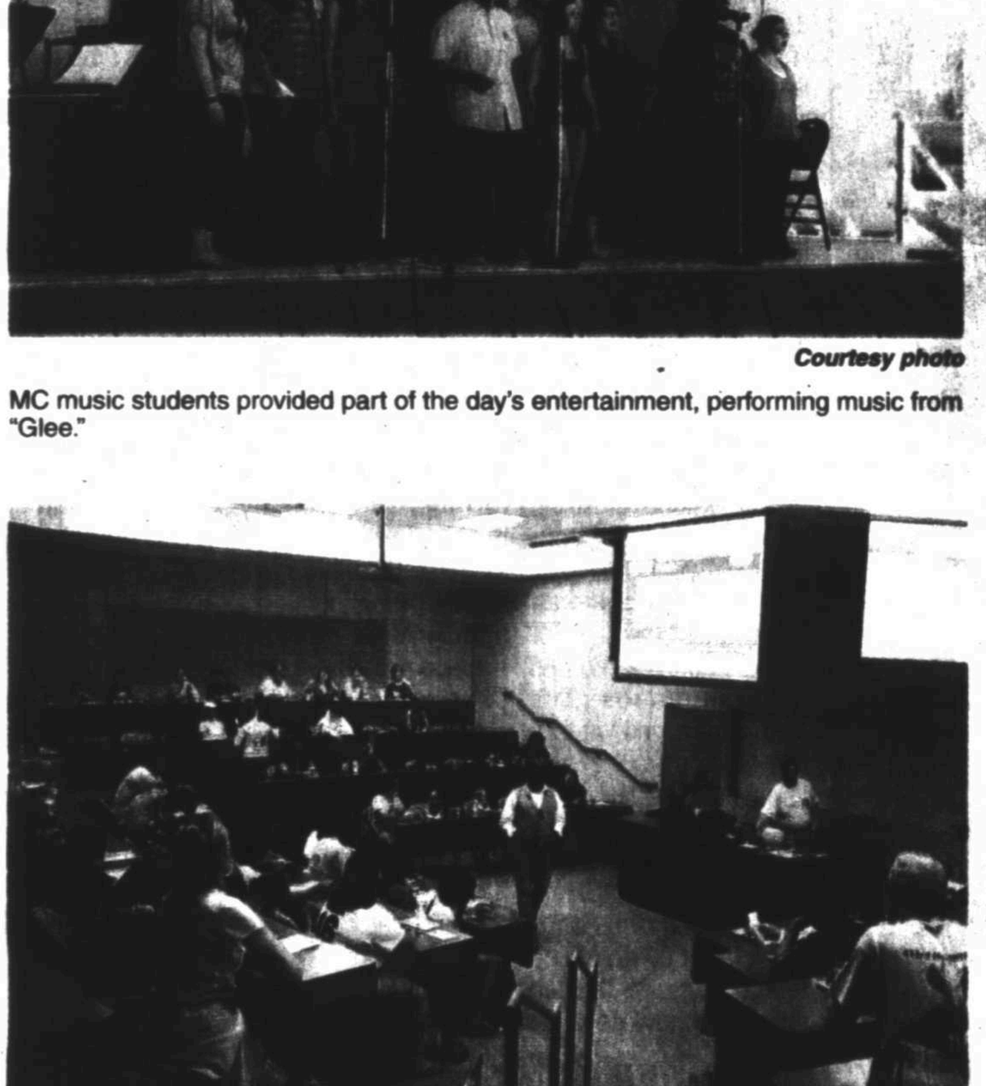

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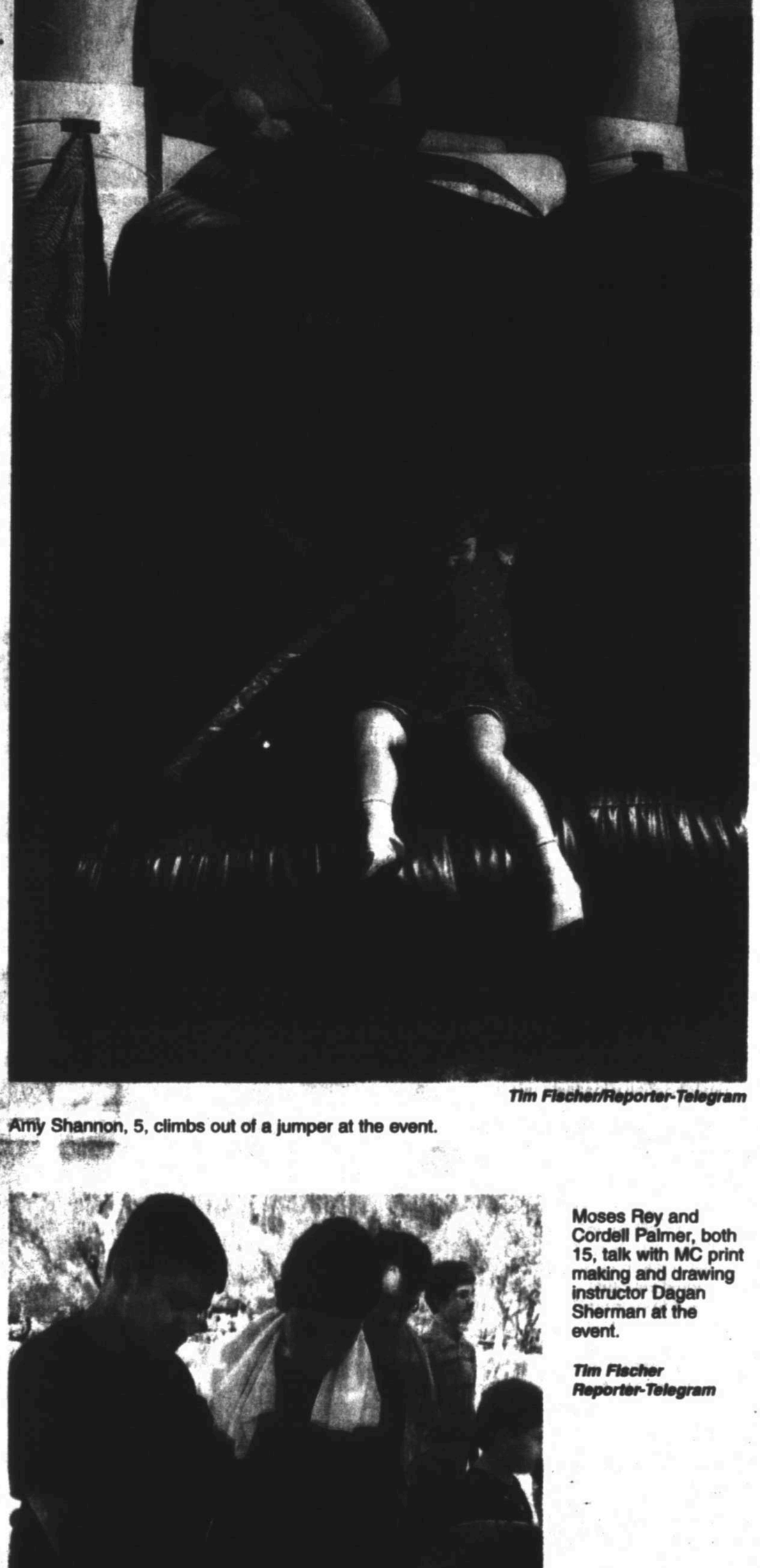
About 1,200 people attended the inaugural event.



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Amy Shannon, 5, climbs out of a jumper at the event.

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MC music students provided part of the day's entertainment, performing music from "Glee."

Moses Rey and Cordell Palmer, both 15, talk with MC print making and drawing instructor Dagan Sherman at the event.

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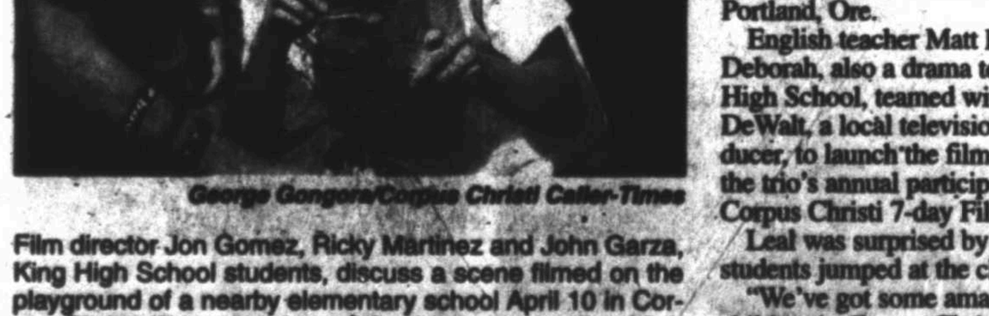

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City Councilman John James presented an information session on his experiences as a first-generation-to-college student.

George Gongora/Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Film director Jon Gomez, Ricky Martinez and John Garza, King High School students, discuss a scene filmed on the playground of a nearby elementary school April 10 in Corpus Christi. The group is participating in a new King High School film festival. They filmed a parody of the "Halloween" horror series, called "Easter."

Student film festival held in Corpus Christi

By Steven Alford
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — A deranged killer in a bunny mask stalked several teens on a playground near King High School, pummeling unsuspecting victims with raw eggs.

As he crept closer to the youths, everyone freezes — the director yelled "cut."

It's part of a new King High School film festival that aired nearly a dozen students films recently in the school's cafeteria. The event served as a fundraiser for its National English Honor Society to send students next spring to a national conference in Portland, Ore.

English teacher Matt Leal and wife Deborah, also a drama teacher at King High School, teamed with Steen DeWalt, a local television news producer, to launch the film festival after the trio's annual participation in the Corpus Christi 7-day Film Festival.

Leal was surprised by how many students jumped at the chance to join.

"We've got some amazing, creative children in Corpus Christi," Leal said. "This could open doors for many students to a career in film."

Sophomore Jon Gomez is one of eight team leaders. He and other students drew random genres out of a box before writing. Gomez drew a parody.

His group named their film "Easter," a riff on the popular "Halloween" horror series, which follows the escapades of a masked killer. Gomez said he's always wanted to make movies but never started until now.

"I heard about it and just thought 'I can do this,'" he said.

Gomez has learned firsthand the trials of writing a script, assembling a cast and lining up locations and film shoots.

"It's been a lot of work," he said inside Leal's bustling classroom.

Gomez and crew recently set up at the Meadowbrook Elementary playground. Actors Ricky Martinez, 16, and Eric Ibanez, 16, carried a light conversation about Easter baskets with actress Jennieva Trevino, 16, as the bunny-masked killer lurked nearby on a swing set.

Their friends passed in an SUV and honked their horn during the shoot, forcing the cast to start the scene over.

"It's something we have to deal with all the time when we're filming," Martinez said shrugging.

Sophomore John Garza, who plays killer "Billy Bunny," said he maintains character by channeling Michael Myers from the "Halloween" series.

"I try to be eerie," he said.

Garza stalked his victims in a dark-colored janitor's suit complete with a glittery, $2 bunny mask bought from a party supply store.

"It gave me a rash the first day," he added.

Leal hopes to expand the festival next year to feature more genres including Westerns and musicals, as well as inviting other school districts to participate.

"This project is making them think outside the box and stretch their creative legs a little," Leal said.

The Friday screening featured a new camcorder as top prize for best director, with additional awards being given for best actors, script, film and more.

Leal hopes the judges will show students there's a burgeoning film community here in Corpus Christi.

"We want to help these students continue the creative conversation," he said. "This could be a brand new way of teaching."

MCS golf teams in state championship contention

■ The girls team finished Day 1 in second place, the boys in third place.

From staff reports

WACO — The Midland Christian boys and girls golf teams are within striking distance of capturing state titles as the two squads had to navigate tough greens on the first day of the TAPPS 4A State Golf Tournament.

The Lady Mustangs are in second after shooting a 359 on Monday at Twin Rivers Golf Course, and are four strokes behind first-round leader Corpus Christi Incarnate Word, which fired a 354.

Midland Christian coach Kevin Wallum said he was pleased with the score Monday from the team as the greens at Twin Rivers were "hard as a rock," adding it was tough to get a ball to stop short, Wallum said.

"Actually the scores were a bit high, but given the course conditions I wasn't too surprised that they were a little above what we had been shooting," Wallum said. "It was tough to hit the greens today, and the speed of the greens was unbelieveable."

Curnutte

Midland Christian freshman Christian Curnutte is second in the medalist standings after shooting an 81 and is one stroke behind leader Jaime Bibby of Corpus Christi Incarnate Word, who shot an 80. MCS junior Loren Cheatham is in sixth place after a 90 and fellow junior Madison Warpula is tied for seventh at 91.

"Five shots is nothing as far as the team goes," Wallum said. "But we are going to have to play better, bottom line. If we play better we've got a chance, and if we don't it's going to be tough."

The Mustang boys squad is sitting in third place after shooting 336 in Monday's opening round but is three strokes out of second and eight behind first round leader Houston Second Baptist. The Mustangs didn't have a player crack the top 10 after the first day as Josh Hollar led MCS with an 82, but Wallum said the team still has a chance to win on Tuesday with another solid round.

"They were disappointed in themselves, but I had them look at the big picture and had them sit back and see that everybody's scores were pretty high, that made them feel a little bit better," Wallum said. "They saw that they have a chance. I've seen a 14-shot swing to win a state championship years ago,

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A natural fit

Lee's Shelton sees the work in his first year of track pay off

EDITORS NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles this week focusing on local competitors in this weekend's UIL regional track meets.

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Lee's Josh Shelton still isn't sure what made him go out for the track and field team as a freshman, a sport he had never competed in.

"I don't know to tell you the truth," Shelton said. "Trying to stay out of trouble — that's when I started running track, then after that, (I) stayed in it."

And while Shelton still considers track his second sport to football, the truth is the Lee senior couldn't be a better fit.

"When you talk about a track kid, that's got to be a kid that's willing to work — it's not a one day deal," former Lee boys coach Kane Harris said. "And he's at it everyday."

That hard work has paid off in his final season as Shelton is headed to the Region 1-5A Meet this weekend to compete in the long jump, the 200 meters and as the anchor for the Rebels' 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams.

Of course, it wasn't always this way.

Most of Shelton's offseason work in high school has been dedicated to football, where he's earned a scholarship to play at Cisco College.

Yet, not only did Shelton come out for the track team this spring with his football letter of intent signed, sealed and delivered, but he said he put in the most work for track this offseason that he ever has. He wasn't going to have it any other way.

"I can't just stop (running track)," Shelton said. "If I stop right now, and something could happen to me, then I'd lose everything I've worked for — so, I might as well stay in track."

That type of commitment and work ethic is what Harris and interim boys track coach Pat Liles, both of whom saw Shelton everyday in the fall as coaches on the football team, say makes Shelton special.

And Harris and Lyles said that special quality was apparent during football season, even in Lee's run-heavy offense, when Shelton was second on the team in receptions

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Josh Shelton competes in the long jump during the 3-5A Track & Field Championships on April 12 at Memorial Stadium.

Greenwood's Anthony signs to play basketball at UTPB

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

For the first time in her life, Alyssa Anthony won't be coached by her father.

Anthony, a senior at Greenwood, signed a letter of intent to play basketball for coach Adam Collins at the University of Texas-Permian Basin in the library of Greenwood High School on Monday.

As long as she can remember, Anthony has always been coached by her father, Quint Anthony, who is the head of the Greenwood girls basketball program. But next fall, Alyssa Anthony gets to experience what it's like to be coached by someone else..

Anthony

"It's going to be different," Anthony said of not being coached by her father. "Coach Collins told me he's a get-in-your face type, so I'm going to be used to that. But it's going to be different not having him on me all the time and supporting me all the time."

But, making the transition from playing at the high school level to college a little easier is the fact Anthony gets the luxury of staying close to home, meaning she'll probably hear a familiar voice yelling at her from the stands at Falcon Dome.

"I made the decision because it's close to home so my dad and mom can come watch me," Anthony said. "Coach Collins seems like a really good coach and I like the way they play basketball."

It was a decision that also suited her parents very well.

"That's always a big deal," Quint Anthony said. "I have one son at Texas Tech, so it's hard to give both of them up. It's nice that she's going to be close enough that I can get to her if I need to."

Alyssa Anthony -- a four-year starter at Greenwood -- averaged a team-high 6.3 assists and 2 steals per game for the Rangerettes last season to go with 6.6 points and 2.1 rebounds. She was named the District 4-3A Most Valuable Player after she led the Rangerettes to a district title.

She was also selected to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All-State team and was selected to play for the

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inside

Midland Christian softball player signs with Odessa College. See that story on Page 2C.

Jeter gets 4 hits for Yankees in win at Texas

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Derek Jeter is hitting the way he did in his prime and CC Sabathia looks more like his old self with each outing.

No wonder the New York Yankees are starting to get on a roll.

Jeter had four hits to stretch his hitting streak to 13 games, Sabathia pitched a season-high eight innings and Alex Rodriguez belted a three-run homer in a 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

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"I keep kidding him that it's like 1999 again — three hits every day. He's amazing," Rodriguez said of the 37-year-old Jeter.

"He's playing like he's 25," manager Joe Girardi said. "He's off to a great start. He feels good physically and that's the most important thing."

Inside

Ivan Rodriguez retired as a baseball player on Monday. See that story plus the MLB roundup on Page 4C.

The Yankees have won 10 of 13 since being swept in three games at Tampa Bay to start the season.

Sabathia (2-0) struck out eight for his 11th career win against the two-time defending American League champion Rangers, who won their first five series this season.

The big left-hander was pitching with an extra day of rest after the Yankees' scheduled series finale at Boston was rained out Sunday night, a day after New York overcame a 9-0 deficit for a 15-9 win over the Red Sox.

After a pair of six-inning outings with no-decisions to start the season, Sabathia has won his last two starts.

"That's more CC-like. That's what we're used to seeing," Girardi said. "I liked what I saw those last four innings against the Twins, and he carried it over today."

Mariano Rivera worked a perfect ninth for his fourth save.

Josh Hamilton homered for the Rangers.

Derek Holland (2-1), the 25-year-old left-hander who signed a $28.5 million, five-year contract extension this spring, has never beaten the Yankees. He gave up seven runs and nine hits with four walks and one strikeout in six innings.

Holland is 0-5 with a 9.26 ERA in seven career appearances (six starts) against New York.

"He's been very consistent. That's a pretty good lineup," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They do their business in that batter's box. They pick their spots and make you pay. And they made us pay tonight."

Rodriguez hit a three-run homer,

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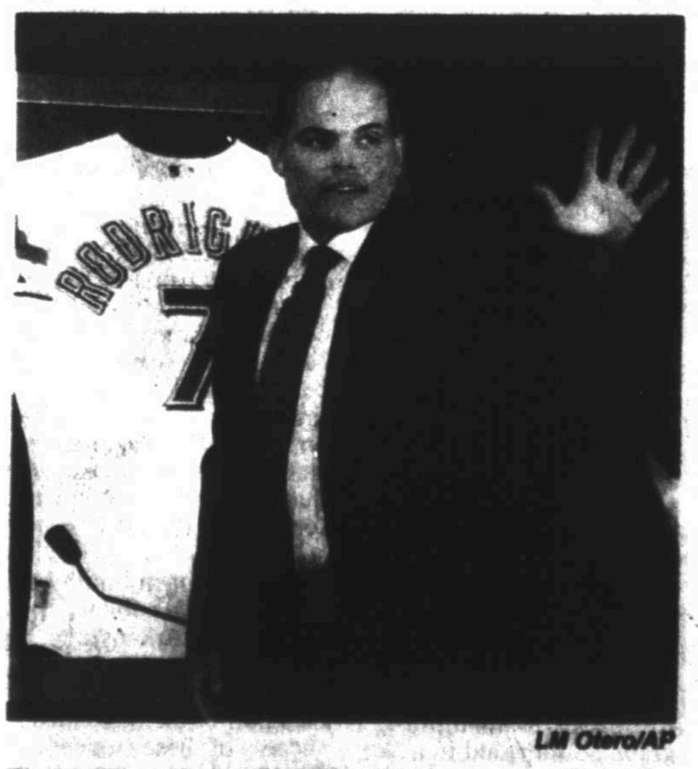

LM Otero/AP

Former Texas Ranger Ivan Rodriguez waves as he arrives for a news conference announcing his retirement as a baseball player Monday in Arlington.

MCA boys in fourth, girls 5th at 3A state golf tournament

From staff reports

KILLEEN — The Midland Classical Academy boys golf team was in fourth place and the girls squad was in fifth after the first day of the TAPPS 3A State Tournament on Monday in Killeen.

The boys squad shot 361 as a team and were eight strokes out of third place as Carrollton Prince of Peace is leading the team standings after shooting 344 as a team on the Courses at Clear Creek at Fort Hood.

Daniel Snell led the Knights on Monday as he shot an 86 and was tied for seventh with four other players. Benjamin Snell shot an 88 and Timothy Snell added an 88 on the day.

On the girls side, the Lady Knights shot 450 as a team and was two strokes out of fourth spot. Austin Regents leads the tournament with a 392 after the first day.

Madison Sheets shot a 99 and was in eighth spot overall.

The two-day tournament will conclude today.

TAPPS 3A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Courses at Clear Creek, Killeen
Monday's Results
GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Austin Regents 392; 2. San Antonio Keystone 416; 3. Hallettsville Sacred Heart 439; 4. Bullard Brook Hill 449; 5. Midland Classical 450; 6. McKinney Christian 503

Medalist standings — 1. Alex Rossi, Austin Regents 75; 2. Jacey Patton, Fort Worth Temple 79; 3. Brigette Lee, San Antonio Keystone 82; 4. Annie Clark, Pasadena First Baptist 85; 5. Madeline Moore, Houston St. Thomas Episcopal 94; 6. Margaret McCanse, Austin Regents 95; 7. Stormie Thoene, Bullard Brook Hill 97; 8. Madison Sheets, MCA 99; 9. Sydney Royer, San Antonio Keystone 101; 10. Meagan Jurica, Hallettsville Sacred Heart 103

Midland Classical Academy Individuals
Angela Johns 117, Anna Burson 122, Madison Sheets 99, Avery Hyden 121, Brianna Rico 113

BOYS

Team standings — 1. Carrollton Prince of Peace 344; 2. The Woodlands Christian 350; 3. Bullard Brook Hill 352; 4. Midland Classical Academy 361; 5. Dallas Shelton 362; 6. Katy Faith West Academy 381; 7. Austin Regents 399; 8. San Antonio Keystone 403

Medalist standings — 1. (tie) Sam Mitchell, Houston Cypress Christian 78; Zach Perlin, Carrollton Prince of Peace 78; 3. James Ray, The Woodlands Christian 82; 4. Kyle Gary, Dallas Shelton 83; 5. (tie) Gregory Steinhelper, San Antonio Keystone 84; Justin Jeggle, The Woodlands Christian 84; 7. (tie) Austin Andersen, The Woodlands Christian 88; Daniel Snell, MCA 86; Jeffrey Diener, Carrollton Prince of Peace 86; Ryan Tierney, Carrollton Prince of Peace 86; Tyler Burton, Bullard Brook Hill 86

Midland Classical Academy Individuals
Daniel Snell 86, Timothy Snell 88, Benjamin Snell 89, Harrison Haest 98, Rett Taylor 99

MCS

From 1C

and eight shots can definitely be done."

The second round is scheduled for today.

TAPPS 4A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Twin Rivers Golf Course, Waco
Monday's Results
BOYS

Team standings — 1. Houston Second Baptist 328; 2. Fort Worth Southwest Christian 333; 3. Midland Christian 338; 4. (tie) Tomball Concordia Lutheran 339; Fort Worth Christian 339; 6. Corpus Christi Incarnate Word 340; 7. Dallas Parish Episcopal School 344; 8. Katy Pope John XXIII 355

Medalist standings — 1. (tie) Andrew Hudson, FW SW Christian 77; Grant Griffin, FW SW Christian 77; Mark Schroeder, Tomball Concordia Lutheran 77; William Wallace, CC Incarnate Word 77; 5. Scott Benesh, FWC 78; 6. (tie) Andrew Bloch, Tyler All Saints 79; Cole Bradford, Parish Episcopal 79; Garrett Gunter, Houston Second Baptist 79; 9. Nicholas Meade, Tyler TK Gorman 80; 10. (tie) Evan Lais, San Antonio TMI 81; Jared Downs, Dallas Christian 81

Midland Christian Individuals
Deagan Blackwood 83, Jacob Hibler 86, Josh Hollar 82, Reagan Brown 90, Steven Rice 85

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Corpus Christi Incarnate Word 354; 2. Midland Christian 359; 3. Dallas Parish Episcopal School 366; 4. Houston Westbury Christian 390; 5. (tie) Tyler Grace Community 422; Lubbock Trinity Christian 422; 7. Houston Second Baptist 438; 8. Houston Lutheran South 439

Medalist standings — 1. Jaime Bibby, CC Incarnate Word 80; 2. Christian Curnutte, MCS 81; 3. Shanna Ammons, Lubbock Trinity 83; 4. Sarah Rosenburg, Parish Episcopal 86; 5. Clara Martt, CC Incarnate Word 87; 6. Loren Cheatham, MCS 90; 7. (tie) Lauren Saenz, CC Incarnate Word 91; Madison Warpula, MCS 91; Rebecca Hart, Houston Lutheran South 91; 10. Audrey Redd, Houston Westbury Christian 92

Midland Christian Individuals
Christian Curnutte 81, Loren Cheatham 90, Madison Warpula 91, Emily Brown 97, Lynley Lewis 99

SHELTON

From 1C

and receiving yards.

"We've always expected those great things from him," Liles said. "It wasn't surprising to see him have that success — it was pleasing."

Shelton is hardly the first Rebel to reach regionals and won't be the last. But for Liles, he still stands out.

"It seems like we've had special kids every year, but they specialized in one or two events," Liles said. "Josh wanted no part of that — he wanted every bit of it he could get.

"It's been neat to see that young man that's worked so hard get the success that he's worked towards."

For Shelton, who said competing is his favorite part of track, the role seems to come naturally. And despite being one of the quieter athletes on the team, he still manages to lead his teammates with his attitude on and off the field.

"He's here everyday, he's up there everyday," Liles said pointing toward the Lee classrooms. "He takes care of his business — he's not only skilled, talented but he's accountable."

And Shelton can be a vocal leader at times, like before Monday's practice when he beckons a younger teammate to join him in some pre-practice conditioning.

"(I try to) let them know tough times don't last," Shelton said. "That's all."

Despite second-place finishes in the long jump and 200 at the District 3-5A Meet, Shelton believes he could have done better. And his solution to getting better is no surprise.

"Work harder," he said.

And with that mentality, Liles is optimistic about Shelton's chances at regionals.

"The times are going to get a lot faster at the regional meet," Liles said. "I foresee Josh Shelton getting faster at the regional meet.

"Josh will be ready, and he'll have his finest day at the regional meet. Whether that'll be good enough to get him on to the next level, I don't know, but he'll have his finest day — I know what kind of kid he is."

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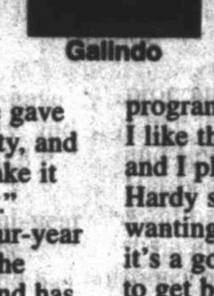
Galindo signs to play softball at OC

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Maranda Galindo wasn't necessarily looking at Odessa College as an option to play softball a few months ago.

But Galindo was familiar with the program and familiar with coach Joel Prickettt, so when Midland Christian softball coach Judy Hardy encouraged Galindo to try out a few weeks ago she decided to do it.

On Tuesday, Galindo signed with the Lady Wranglers to play softball and was glad that Hardy had pushed her to do the try out.


Galindo

"I had practiced with coach Prickett, and knew him, and I was really comfortable going in and when I went to tryout they really welcomed me," Galindo said. "He gave me this opportunity, and I was willing to take it and start off fresh."

Galindo is a four-year letter-winner for the Lady Mustangs, and has been a stalwart at catcher for Midland Christian this season. Hardy said that she knew Galindo was wanting to play at the Division I level, but said it was getting kind of late to get there and suggested going to Odessa College and try out.

"Coach Prickett has built a good program over there, and I like that program a lot and I played over there," Hardy said. "For her wanting to go Division I, it's a good place for her to get better for the things she needs to work on. A lot of girls go Division I and it was going to be hard to go straight Division I, and if she goes to a good Juco like OC her chances are better for that big school."

Galindo said she had been looking at Ashford University in Iowa, but said that was a little far from home for her and said that Prickett had been interested in her for a while before Hardy encouraged her to try out.

"I ended up really liking it," Galindo said.

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ANTHONY

From 1C

South team in the TGCA Class A-3A All-Star game this summer, which features some of the top graduating seniors in the state.

Her leadership and selflessness on the court is the biggest reason her father believes she can succeed at the next level.

"She's one of those type of players who isn't really worried about numbers. She's more worried about wins," Quint Anthony said. "That's what I always counted on her in high school, to get the people the ball who could score, to play good defense and lead our team. I thought she did a good job of that in high school and that's what I'm hoping she can do at UTPB."

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Hooks use two 3-run innings to sink RockHounds

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — The Corpus Christi Hooks put together a pair of three-run innings to beat the Midland RockHounds, 9-3, on Monday at Whataburger Field.

The Hooks scored three runs in the third and seventh innings to provide all the scoring Corpus Christi needed to clinch the victory.

The RockHounds and Hooks were tied at 1 entering the bottom of the third as Midland third baseman Josh Horton scored Conner Crumbliss on an RBI single in the top half of the inning.

But in the bottom of the inning, Austin Wates scored on a double by Johnathan Singleton, and then Jake Goebbert scored on a sacrifice fly by Brandon Barnes. The scoring spree ended in the inning when Jair Fernandez stole home on a double steal.

TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	13	5	.706	—
Arkansas	8	9	.471	4
Springfield	8	9	.471	4
NW Arkansas	6	11	.353	6

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	10	7	.588	—
Corpus Christi	9	7	.529	1
Midland	9	8	.529	1
San Antonio	6	11	.353	4

Monday's Games
Frisco 2, San Antonio 1
Northwest Arkansas 5, Springfield 0
Corpus Christi 9, Midland 3
Tulsa 7, Arkansas 3, 10 innings

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

The Hooks then added three in the seventh in a more conve manner when Brandon Barnes hit a three-run home run over the left-field fence.

Midland added two runs in the eighth, but Hooks reliever Kevin Chapman threw a scoreless ninth inning to finish the game.

Hooks reliever Henry Villar picked up the pitching victory as he threw four innings, allowing two runs on three hits with five strikeouts and two walks. RockHounds starter Dan Straily took the loss as he pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up five runs on seven hits with eight strikeouts and two walks.

Michael Choice and Shane Peterson each had two hits for the RockHounds as Michael Spina, who was 1 for 4, hit his third home run in two nights.

Hooks 9
RockHounds.....3

The Hooks and RockHounds will continue their four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	CChristi	ab	r	hbi
Crumbliss lf	4	1	1	0	Wates lf	5	1	2 0
Ladendorf 2b	5	0	1	0	Goebbert rf	5	1	2 1
Horton 3b	5	0	1	1	Singleton 1b	4	2	2 1
Choice cf	3	0	2	0	Barnes cf	2	1	1 4
Peterson rf	4	1	2	0	Hinze dh	4	0	1 0
Spina dh	4	1	1	2	Kreke 2b	3	2	2 0
Aliotti 1b	4	0	0	0	Fernandez c	4	0	0 0
Ortiz c	3	0	1	0	Villar ss	4	0	1 1
Coleman ss	4	0	0	0	Simunic 3b	4	2	2 0
Totals	36	3	9	3	Totals	36	9	13 8

Midland	001	000	020	—3
Corpus Christi	013	000	32x	—9

E — Ortiz (2), Coleman (2). LOB — Midland 9, Corpus Christi 6. 2B — Crumbliss (3), Ortiz (1), Singleton 2 (6), Goebbert (4), Kreke (1). HR — Spina (3), Barnes (4). SF — Barnes. SB — Kreke 2 (2), Singleton, Simunic. CS — Villar.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Straily L, 0-2	6.1	7	5	2	2	8
Smyth	1.1	4	4	4	1	1
Huttenlocker	0.1	2	0	0	0	0
Corpus Christi						
Abreu	4.0	5	1	1	2	5
Villar W, 2-2	4.0	3	2	2	1	1
Chapman	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

Abreu pitched to one batter in the fifth

T — 3:05. Attn. — 4,180.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GREEN TREE CC RUSTY SWING

Sunday's Results

Championship Flight — 1. S. Champman-J. Nash 62-61—123; 2. M. Connally-S. Workman 62-62—124; 3. K. Livingston-B. Whitaside 61-66—127

President's Flight — 1. S. Peterson-R. Harge 64-62—126; 2. (tie) S. Hibbison-S. Mitchell 65-62—127; D. Pender-B. Beck 64-63—127

First Flight — 1. T. Cornwell-M. Rice 64-64—128; 2. T. Hodgens-R. Pittman 68-61—129; 3. R. Cothren-R. Roberts 64-66—130

Second Flight — 1. M. Evans-D. McDonald 63-60—123; 2. (tie) R. Sheets-D. Watts 67-67—134; C. Faulkenberry-J. Niederhofer 70-64—134

Third Flight — 1. G. Gray-D. Robbins 62-59—121; 2. T. Green-F. Holmes 65-56—123; 3. D. Walraven-C. Green 65-60—125

Fourth Flight — 1. T. Reeves-B. Miller 63-59—122; 2. B. Henson-D. Snyder 68-59—125; 3. T. McIlvain-M. McDonald 67-61—128

Fifth Flight — 1. L. Opperman-K. Dixon 64-58—122; 2. B. McNaughton-O. Purcell 64-59—123; 3. G. Benton-R. Williams 64-63—127

Sixth Flight — 1. M. Smith-E. Hernandez 82-56—118; 2. D. McNeese-M. Coats 67-60—127; 3. O. Albright-B. Reinert 66-63—129

CHAMPION MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Saturday's Results

West Texas Modifieds — 1. Trent Crawford; 2. Kenneth Graves; 3. Eric Hughes; 4. Vearl Kenyon; 5. Hunter Russell

West Texas Stock Cars — 1. LP O'Neill; 2. Lewis Hammond; 3. Marc Wampler; 4. Jack Miles; 5. Steve Emmons

West Texas Limited Modifieds — 1. John Ross; 2. John Anderson; 3. Ricky Beard; 4. Alvin Kenyon; 5. Dustin Robinson

West Texas Street Stock — 1. Tim Ridgeway; 2. Ryan Wilkerson; 3. Brian Spann; 4. Randy Madry; 5. John Jackson

West Texas Limited Stock Cars — 1. Warren Graves; 2. Eddie Johnson; 3. Shelby Jones; 4. JR Pitman; 5. Steve Emmons

West Texas Dwarfs — 1. Kelvin Chandler; 2. Ricky Winks; 3. Gary Jackson; 4. Johnny Jackson; 5. Roch Bellamy

UTPB TENNIS TEAM FALLS AT CONFERENCE TOURNEY

AUSTIN — The UTPB men's and women's tennis teams fell in the first round of the Heartland Conference Championships after participating in the event for the first time in school history. The men's squad fell to Newman, 6-2, while the women dropped a 6-0 decision to Arkansas-Fort Smith.

In the men's match, the doubles tandem of Josh Lup and Jonathan Candelaria took an 8-4 win over Jeff Wherritt and Jared Ferris at the No. 3 position while Adam Arbogast was the only Falcon to pick up a win in the singles competition. Playing at the No. 5 spot, Arbogast defeated Ferris, 6-2, 7-6.

On the women's side, Arkansas-Fort Smith lost a total of two sets in three doubles matches and cruised through singles play by winning three matches in straight-sets. The Lions didn't lose more than two games in any of the three singles matches as well.

The UTPB men finished with a 7-11 record, while the women concluded their campaign with a 7-14 mark.

CROUCH EARNS TOP 15 NOD IN NIRA REGIONAL STANDINGS

Texas Tech barrel racer Cecily Crouch, a 2009 graduate at Trinity, finished the 2011-12 rodeo season ranked 13th in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Southwest Region standings. Crouch earned 160.0 points during the season.

Crouch was one of five riders from Texas Tech to earn spots in the Southwest Region standings after this season.

Among Crouch's accomplishments this season was winning a go-round at the Western Texas College Rodeo in Snyder on April 3.

STANTON NATIVE NAMED PRESIDENT OF SUN BOWL ASSOCIATION

EL PASO — Stanton native Gary Hanson was recently named the president of the Sun Bowl Association.

Hanson has worked as part of the Sun Bowl Association since 2008, and has served as chairman of the Sun Bowl Golf Classic, served on the football committee and as a member of the board of directors.

CASTLE GAP FISHING TOURNEY RESULTS

Results of the Castle Gap April fishing tournament on April 15 at Lake Ainistad

Women — 1. Tamiara Spires 13.53 pounds; 2. Linda Ray 11.77 pounds; 3. Allene Weeks 5.65 pounds; Carrie McNeese 3.45 pounds

Men — 1. Roy Hodges 28.41; 2. Bill Fillmon 17.51; 3. Mike Kinsey 16.74; 4. (tie) Bobby Guarduno 15.53; Tommy Latham 15.53

Arkansas hires John L. Smith to replace Petrino as head coach

By Kurt Voight
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — John L. Smith knew Arkansas as well as anyone and had a vested interest in seeing the program's recent run of success continue. The chance to help clean up the mess Bobby Petrino made was too much for Smith to pass up.

Arkansas announced Smith's hiring as head coach Monday, bringing back the popular former assistant who left four months ago to take over at Weber State. Smith will be formally introduced Tuesday, and the school said he signed a 10-month, $850,000 contract and will also be eligible for other incentives.

"I am tremendously excited to have this special opportunity to return to Arkansas and lead the Razorback football program," Smith said in a statement.

Smith's return caps a whirlwind three weeks for a program reeling after revelations of an affair by Petrino with a woman, Jessica Dorrell, he later hired as his assistant. Petrino also once gave Dorrell $20,000 in gifts — all which was revealed following an April 1 motorcycle crash on a rural road southwest of Fayetteville, Ark. Dorrell has since resigned.

Arkansas Athletic Director Jeff Long fired Petrino on April 10 and started looking for a new coach. In the end, he came back to Smith — a person with head coaching experience and familiarly with the Razorbacks' staff, one who will allow that staff to remain intact for at least the 2012 season.

"When Coach Smith first approached me about returning to Arkansas to serve in this position, he talked about his desire to be a part of the continued success of these student-athletes, this coaching staff and the Razorback program," Long said in a statement.

Hiring Smith also allows Long to take his time in finding a long-term solution at head coach. Petrino's firing came during spring practice for much of the college football world, a time when few coaches were willing to leave their current positions for the unknown — even for a top-five team that already had a coaching staff in place.

Smith

"(Smith) has been a part of the record-breaking success we have enjoyed in the past few seasons," Long said. "... I also have a tremendous amount of confidence in our assistant coaches and believe that under coach Smith's leadership they will be able to continue to flourish in the current roles."

Smith was a head coach at Michigan State and Louisville, where he was replaced by Petrino after the 2002 season. He served as the special teams and outside linebackers coach at Arkansas for the 2009-11 seasons under Petrino; the two have worked together at four different schools in all.

Word of Smith's hire spread quickly Monday and some of the players responded with their approval on Twitter.

"The happiest day of my life," Razorbacks running back Knile Davis tweeted. "Hearing that John L. Smith is coming back to (Fayetteville) to (be) our head coach."

The players were informed of Smith's hiring at an afternoon team meeting, though they were instructed to avoid talking with media members outside the Broyles Athletic Center afterward. Still, their smiles told the story of their feelings.

Those smiles were shared by former Arkansas players who played for Smith, including current New England Patriots quarterback Ryan Mallett.

"John is a great guy and a great coach," Mallett tweeted. "I love it."

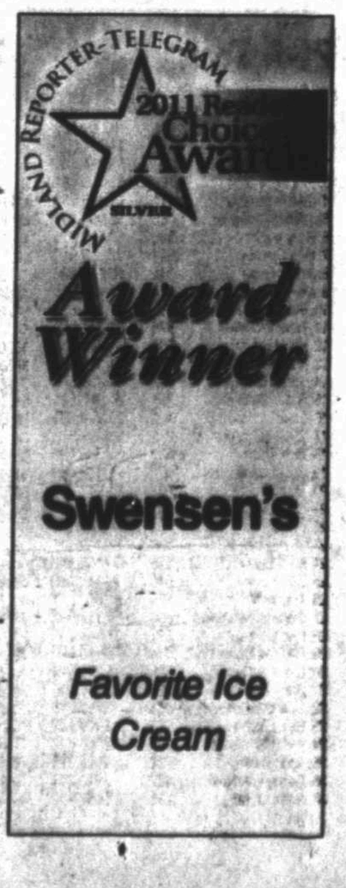
Smith's easygoing demeanor will be a big change from Petrino.

The 63-year-old Smith leaves Weber State without coaching a game for the FCS school, his alma mater.

Weber State athletic director Jerry Bovee said the "timing of this announcement is problematic" but the school would move forward. Bovee did not immediately name an interim coach.

"Wow, just when you think the pieces to the puzzle are all in place, something big happens to create chaos and the picture changes," Bovee tweeted. "Ouch!"

Smith has a 132-86 record as a head coach with the Spartans, Cardinals as well as at Idaho and Utah State. He was the Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2003 after posting the most wins by a first-year coach in Michigan State history, finishing 8-4. But things went downhill fast in East Lansing, Mich., and he finished 22-26 overall with the Spartans.



BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	10	6	.625	—	—	7-3	W-4	4-3	6-3
Toronto	10	6	.625	—	—	6-4	W-2	4-4	6-2
Baltimore	10	6	.625	—	—	5-5	W-1	4-5	6-1
Tampa Bay	9	7	.563	1	1	5-5	L-1	5-3	4-4
Boston	5	10	.333	4 1/2	4 1/2	4-6	W-1	3-6	2-4
Central Division									
Detroit	10	6	.625	—	—	5-5	L-1	6-4	4-2
Chicago	10	6	.625	—	1/2	1/2	W-3	3-4	6-2
Cleveland	8	6	.571	1	1	7-3	L-1	1-4	7-2
Minnesota	5	12	.294	5 1/2	5 1/2	3-7	L-3	2-6	3-7
Kansas City	3	14	.176	8	7	0-10	L-11	0-10	3-3
West Division									
Oakland	9	7	.563	—	—	5-5	L-1	5-3	4-4
Texas	8	7	.533	1	1	4-6	L-1	5-3	3-4
Seattle	7	10	.412	3	3	3-7	L-4	3-6	4-4
Los Angeles	5	10	.333	4	3	4-6	L-1	4-6	2-4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	12	4	.750	—	—	8-2	W-2	6-2	6-2
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2	—	8-2	L-1	5-1	5-5
New York	8	8	.500	4	2	4-6	L-2	5-5	3-3
Miami	7	8	.467	4 1/2	2 1/2	5-5	L-2	3-3	4-5
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	5 1/2	3 1/2	4-6	L-3	3-3	4-7
Central Division									
St. Louis	11	6	.647	—	—	6-4	L-1	6-2	7-4
Milwaukee	8	9	.471	3	1	4-6	W-1	5-5	3-4
Cincinnati	7	9	.438	3 1/2	1	4-6	W-1	3-3	4-6
Pittsburgh	6	9	.400	4	1/2	4-6	L-1	3-3	3-6
Houston	6	11	.353	5	2	4-6	L-1	4-5	2-6
Chicago	5	12	.294	6 1/2	3 1/2	3-7	W-1	4-7	1-5
West Division									
Los Angeles	12	4	.750	—	—	7-3	L-1	6-0	6-4
San Francisco	8	7	.533	3	1	7-3	W-2	4-2	5-5
Colorado	8	7	.533	3 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W-1	5-4	3-3
Arizona	9	8	.529	3 1/2	1 1/2	4-6	W-2	6-5	3-3
San Diego	5	12	.294	7 1/2	5 1/2	3-7	W-2	4-7	1-5

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 7, Texas 4
Boston 6, Minnesota 5
Toronto 4, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, late
Today's Games
Kansas City (J.Sanchez 1-0) at Cleveland (D.Lowe 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 2-1) at Detroit (Schlereth 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 0-1) at Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Price 3-1), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 1-2) at Texas (Darvish 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Backell 1-2) at Minnesota (Blackburn 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 1-2) at Oakland (Milone 2-1), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores
San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 1, 1st game
Colorado at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 2, 2nd game
Chicago Cubs 3, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 6, Houston 5
Arizona 9, Philadelphia 5
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
Colorado (Moyer 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Correia 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Ja.Johnson 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 1-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 0-3) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Norris 1-0) at Milwaukee (Wolf 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Worley 1-1) at Arizona (Collmenter 0-1), 8:40 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 1-0) at San Diego (Richard 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 2-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Harang 1-1), 8:10 p.m.

Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—Ortiz, Boston, .441; Jeter, New York, .411; Hamilton, Texas, .408; Sweeney, Boston, .400; Mauer, Minnesota, .379; Konerko, Chicago, .362; Hafner, Cleveland, .357.
RUNS—Kinsler, Texas, 17; Hamilton, Texas, 16; De Aza, Chicago, 14; Granderson, New York, 14; Jennings, Tampa Bay, 14; Jeter, New York, 14; Cano, New York, 13; KJohnson, Toronto, 13.
RBI—Swisher, New York, 21; Hamilton, Texas, 18; Cespedes, Oakland, 15; Longoria, Tampa Bay, 14; Pujols, Los Angeles, Chicago, 14; Scott, Tampa Bay, 14; 5 tied at 13.
HOME RUNS—Hamilton, Texas, 8; Granderson, New York, 6; Napoli, Texas, 6; Ad. Jones, Baltimore, 5; Reimold, Baltimore, 5; CRosa, Boston, 5; Wieters, Baltimore, 5; Willingham, Minnesota, 5.
PITCHING—Romero, Toronto, 3-0; Shields, Tampa Bay, 3-0; Nova, New York, 3-0; Weaver, Los Angeles, 3-0; McHerrison, Texas, 3-0; RRosa, Texas, 3-0; Colon, Oakland, 3-1.
STRIKEOUTS—Verlander, Detroit, 31; Fernandez, Seattle, 31; Sabathia, New York, 30; Weaver, Los Angeles, 28; Lewis, Texas, 24; Haren, Los Angeles, 23; Sale, Chicago, 21; Peavy, Chicago, 21; Arrieta, Baltimore, 21; Holland, Texas, 21.
SAVES—JJohnson, Baltimore, 7; CPerez, Cleveland, 6; Rodney, Tampa Bay, 5; League, Seattle, 5; Capps, Minnesota, 4; HSoriano, Chicago, 4; Nathan, Texas, 4; Balfour, Oakland, 4; MRivera, New York, 4; Valverde, Detroit, 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Kemp, Los Angeles, .450; Posey, San Francisco, .375; DWright, New York, .375; Fowler, Colorado, .362; SCastro, Chicago, .358; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, .351; Cuddyer, Colorado, .345.
RUNS—Kemp, Los Angeles, 17; MStefa, Los Angeles, 14; Headley, San Diego, 14; Beltran, St. Louis, 13; Schafer, Houston, 13; 6 tied at 12.
RBI—Kemp, Los Angeles, 22; Ethier, Los Angeles, 21; Fielder, Milwaukee, 15; Freese, St. Louis, 15; JMartinez, Houston, 14; Headley, San Diego, 13; LaRoche, Washington, 13; Posey, San Francisco, 13; CYoung, Arizona, 13.
HOME RUNS—Kemp, Los Angeles, 9; Beltran, St. Louis, 5; CYoung, Arizona, 5; Ethier, Los Angeles, 4; Hart, Milwaukee, 4; Headley, San Diego, 4; Infante, Miami, 4; RPaulino, Miami, 4.
PITCHING—Lohse, St. Louis, 3-0; IKennedy, Arizona, 3-0; Lynn, St. Louis, 3-0; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 3-1; Halladay, Philadelphia, 3-1; 26 tied at 2.
STRIKEOUTS—Greinke, Milwaukee, 28; Garza, Chicago, 26; Strasburg, Washington, 25; Lincecum, San Francisco, 24; Gallardo, Milwaukee, 24; Hanson, Atlanta, 23; Hamels, Philadelphia, 23; Harang, Los Angeles, 23; Dempster, Chicago, 23.
SAVES—Guerra, Los Angeles, 7; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 5; Papelbon, Philadelphia, 5; Rosenbaum, Colorado, 5; Putz, Arizona, 5; HRiddgeuz, Washington, 4; Marshall, Cincinnati, 3; Axford, Milwaukee, 3; FFrancisco, New York, 3; Motte, St. Louis, 3.

Hounds Watch

Monday's Score
Corpus Christi 9, Midland 3

Today's Game
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Wheelburger Field

Records
Midland 9-8, Corpus Christi 9-8

Sunday	Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 10, San Antonio 6	Corpus Christi 9, Midland 3	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	

Radio/Internet
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ON THE AIR

What's on TV

BOWLING
Women's, USBC Queens, 6 p.m., ESPN2

CYCLING
Tour de Romandie, prologue, (same-day tape), 4 p.m., NBC Sports Network

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Regional coverage, Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m., MLB Network
New York at Texas, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Houston at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 9 p.m., WGN

NBA
Miami at Boston, 7 p.m., TNT
Phoenix at Utah, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL
Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 6, Florida at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Trinity at TCAF State Tournament, Fort Worth
TAPPS 4A State Tournament, Waco
TAPPS 3A State Tournament, Killeen

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
TAPPS 4A State Tournament, Waco
TAPPS 3A State Tournament, Killeen

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL
Odessa College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed OF Jason Repko on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 21. Recalled 1B-OF Lars Anderson from Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated SS Asdrubal Cabrera from the bereavement list. Optioned LHP Nick Hagadone to Columbus (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Optioned INF Josh Donaldson to Sacramento (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS—C Ivan Rodriguez announced his retirement. Placed RHP Justin Miller on unconditional release waivers.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Added RHP Michael Bowden to the roster. Designated RHP Rodrigo Lopez for assignment.
NEW YORK METS—Placed INF Ronny Cedeno on the 15-Day DL, retroactive to April 21. Recalled RHP Jeremy Hefner and INF Jordany Valdespin from Buffalo (IL) and optioned Hefner to back to Buffalo.

Eastern League
ALTOONA CURVE—Announced RHP Zach Foster was assigned to Bradenton (FSL).

American Association
AMARILLO SOX—Signed INF Jake Opitz.
LAREDO LEMURS—Traded INF Dom Ramos to Worcester (Can-Am) to complete an earlier trade.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed C AJ Miller.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Signed RHP Garrett Holleran and LHP Alain Quijano.
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Released C, Angel Flores.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Signed INF Yurendell deCaster.

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Signed OF Paul Kamras.

Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS—Signed RHP Bobby Blevins, LHP Andy Sulter and OF Quelton Mitchell.
WORCESTER TORNADOES—Released OF Alex A. Nunez and RHP Miguel A. Flores.

Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed LHP Adam Champion.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Signed C Michael Thomas.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Placed RHP Liam Ohlmann on the suspended list.
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Signed OF Michael Hur to a contract extension. Signed RHP Rob Currie, RHP Zach Gerber, RHP Drew Rucinski and RHP Nick Sarianides. Released RHP Cory Fenichs.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed OF Brian Hesse.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Fined Philadelphia coach Doug Collins $15,000 for verbal abuse of an official during an April 21 game at Indiana.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Announced G Kraig Urbik and D Chad Rinehart signed their tender offers.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed G Chilo Rachal to a one-year contract.
DENVER BRONCOS—S Brian Dawkins announced his retirement.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released OT Chad Clifton. Re-signed LB Erik Walden.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Waived DE Phillip Merling.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed K John Kasay to a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed LB Bryan Kehl.

Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed WR Aaron Hayden. Traded OT Xavier Fulton to Saskatchewan for a 2013 conditional draft pick.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Released RB Nick FitzGibbon and QB Brandon Sommers.

Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS—Signed OB Chris Leak.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with C Vincent Trochek.

American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Rochester D Alex Biega one game for a boarding incident in an April 21 game at Toronto. Suspended Hershey D Patrick Wellar one game for his actions in an April 21 game at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

OLYMPIC SPORTS
USA Track and Field
USATF—Named Max Siegel chief executive officer.

COLLEGE
ARKANSAS—Named John L. Smith football coach.
CONNECTICUT—Granted freshman basketball F Roscoe Smith releases from their scholarships.
KANSAS—Dismissed sophomore LB Collin Gamet and freshman CB Chris Robinson for violating team rules.
KANSAS STATE—Named Jimmy Price strength and conditioning coach.
MINNESOTA—Named Norwood Teague athletic director.
OLD DOMINION—Named John Richardson men's assistant basketball coach.
SMU—Named Larry Brown men's basketball coach.
ST. ANDREW'S—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Richie Schwab.
VALPARAISO—Named Tracey Dorrow women's basketball coach.
VIRGINIA TECH—Fired men's basketball coach Seth Greenberg.
WAGNER—Named James Clark and Lisa Steele women's assistant basketball coaches.
WYOMING—Announced junior basketball G Charles Hankerson Jr has transferred from Alabama.
XAVIER—Announced junior men's basketball G Mark Lyons will not return to the school.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

Sprint Cup Points Through April 22

1. Greg Biffle	312
2. Martin Truex Jr.	297
3. Matt Kenseth	295
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	291
5. Denny Hamlin	289
6. Kevin Harvick	287
7. Jimmie Johnson	275
8. Tony Stewart	265
9. Carl Edwards	251
10. Ryan Newman	249
11. Clint Bowyer	232
12. Joey Logano	221
13. Kyle Busch	218
14. Paul Menard	218
15. Brad Keselowski	217
16. Juan Pablo Montoya	207
17. Jeff Burton	201
18. Jeff Gordon	200
19. Jamie McMurray	190
20. Aric Almirola	187
21. Marcos Ambrose	187
22. Regan Smith	187
23. A J Allmendinger	185
24. Mark Martin	181
25. Kurt Busch	174
26. Kasey Kahne	166
27. Bobby Labonte	161
28. Casey Mears	137
29. David Gilliland	126
30. David Ragan	123
31. David Reutimann	121
32. Dave Blaney	111
33. Travis Kvapil	104
34. Landon Cassill	101
35. J.J. Yeley	73
36. David Stremme	69
37. Brian Vickers	66
38. Michael McDowell	51
39. Brendan Gaughan	50
40. Ken Schrader	47
41. Tony Raines	35
42. Josh Wise	31
43. Terry Labonte	27

NASCAR Nationwide Points Leaders Through April 13

1. Elliott Sadler	247
2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	243
3. Austin Dillon	227
4. Sam Hornish Jr.	193
5. Michael Annett	183
6. Cole White	182
7. Trevor Bayne	180
8. Taylor Malsam	163
9. Justin Allgaier	163
10. Mike Bliss	147

NASCAR Camping World Truck Points Leaders Through April 21

1. Timothy Peters	163
2. James Buescher	159
3. Justin Lofton	152
4. Ty Dillon	149
5. Nelson Piquet Jr.	140
6. Parker Kligerman	137
7. Ron Hornaday Jr.	129
8. John King	124
9. Jason White	120
10. Matt Crafton	115

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through April 22
All-Around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $69,522
2. Bobby Mote, Coyote, Okla. $36,695
3. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $27,355
4. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo $26,788
5. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $21,085
6. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $19,167
7. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville $18,632
8. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $16,417
9. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. $14,876
10. Justin Thigpen, Waycross, Ga. $12,887

Bareback Riding
1. Wes Sherman, Ladonia $52,616
2. Will Lowe, Canyon $45,373
3. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $29,169
4. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah $28,101
5. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $27,508

Steer Wrestling
1. Ethan Thouvenell, Napa, Calif. $32,603
2. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont. $23,475
3. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. $22,086
4. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif. $21,451
5. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $21,040

Team Roping (header)
1. Kaven Dent, Florida, Tenn. $32,453
2. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $29,450
3. Kolby Gropper, Alberta, Ga. $26,962
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Ga. $26,962
5. Cody Lowe, Hardwick $24,507

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont. $32,451
2. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $29,450
3. Patrick Smith, Midland $28,870
4. Kinney Harrell, Marshall $28,849
5. Kollin VanWhy, Durant, Okla. $26,615

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $39,763
2. Wade Sundell, Bozeman, Iowa $28,149
3. Cody Teton, Mud Butte, S.D. $24,737
4. Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D. $24,210
5. Cody Domke, Hillsboro, Ore. $23,604

Tie-down Roping
1. Justin Maass, Giddings $46,619
2. Cory Solomon, Prairie View $27,508
3. Hoyston Hubs, Tomball $26,862
4. Tuf Cooper, Decatur $26,363
5. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $25,594

Steer Roping
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $26,831
2. Cody Lee, Gatesville $22,480
3. Kim Zeigler-gruber, Edmond, Okla. $20,814
4. Dan Fisher, Anthony $15,309
5. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $15,000

Bull Riding
1. Cody Teel, Houston $59,509
2. Cody Demars, Cortez, Colo. $48,263
3. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo. $47,899
4. Trey Benton III, Rock Island $43,191
5. Ryan Dye, Gaston $32,082

Barrel Racing
1. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria $77,055
2. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville $71,054
3. Lindsay Sears, Hermosa, Alberta $65,391
4. Danielle Barrington-Little, Anadarko, Okla. $63,265
5. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $27,819

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	7	1	0	21	12	3
D.C.	3	3	3	12	12	8
New York	3	3	1	10	17	14
Chicago	2	1	2	8	6	6
Houston	2	1	2	8	5	5
Philadelphia	2	3	1	7	6	9
Columbus	2	3	1	7	6	9
New England	2	4	0	6	5	8
Montreal	1	2	2	5	7	15
Toronto FC	0	0	0	0	4	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	5	1	1	16	13	5
Real Salt Lake	5	3	0	15	12	8
Vancouver	3	2	2	11	9	6
Seattle	3	1	1	10	6	2
FC Dallas	3	3	1	10	8	10
Los Angeles	3	3	0	9	10	9
Chivas USA	3	4	0	9	4	5
Colorado	3	4	0	9	8	10
Portland	2	3	2	8	9	11

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

Wednesday's Game
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Portland at Montreal, 1 p.m.
New England at New York, 2:30 p.m.
San Jose at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Houston at D.C. United, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
Chivas USA at Colorado, 8 p.m.
FC Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Coll. Baseball

Collegiate Baseball Poll
TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through April 22, points and previous rank. Voting is done by college sports writers and sports information directors:
Team ..... Record ..... Pts
1. Kentucky 35-6 497
2. Baylor 35-7 487
3. LouisianaSt. 32-9 456
4. Florida 31-9 394
5. Florida St. 33-7 482
6. Arizona 28-8 368
7. South Carolina 30-11 479
8. Rice 30-12 476
9. Oregon 27-12 471
10. UCLA 28-10 472
11. Central Florida 34-9 471
12. Cal St. Fullerton 28-13 469
13. Stanford 25-10 468
14. Texas A&M 29-12 464
15. North Carolina 29-12 463
16. San Diego 31-9 461
17. Purdue 31-6 459
18. Texas 29-14 456
19. Mississippi 27-12 453
20. Arkansas 28-12 452
21. N.C. State 28-12 451
22. Sam Houston St. 31-11 449
23. Oklahoma 26-14 449
24. Miami, Fla. 26-14 446
25. New Mexico St. 31-11 444
26. Louisville 28-12 440
27. Texas Christian 23-14 439
28. Oregon St. 25-12 437
29. Arizona St. 24-16 435
30. Clemson 24-17 433

Baseball America Top 25
DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through April 22 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):
Team ..... Record ..... Pvs
1. Florida State 33-7 1
2. Kentucky 35-6 3
3. Baylor 35-7 2
4. Louisiana State 32-9 4
5. Florida 31-9 5
6. Rice 30-12 7
7. South Carolina 30-11 9
8. Cal State Fullerton 28-13 12
9. Texas A&M 29-12 8
10. Oregon 27-12 6
11. Arizona 28-13 13
12. UCLA 28-10 11
13. Stanford 25-10 14
14. Central Florida 34-9 15
15. Purdue 31-6 16
16. North Carolina 29-12 10
17. San Diego 31-9 19
18. Mississippi 27-12 20
19. North Carolina State 28-12 21
20. Texas 29-14 23
21. Arkansas 28-12 17
22. Miami 26-14 25
23. Arizona State 24-16 20
24. Sam Houston State 29-11 24
25. New Mexico State 30-11 22

Tennis

ATP World Tour Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell Results
Barcelona, Spain
At Real Club de Tenis Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain
Purse: $2,741,000 (WT900)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 7-5 (5), 6-3.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (8).
Benoit Paire, France, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Javier Marti, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, def. Inigo Cervantes, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Stephane Robert, France, 6-2, 6-3.
Miloslav Mecir, Slovakia, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. Denis Istomin (16), Uzbekistan, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-1, 3-2 retired.
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, def. Gerard Granollers-Pujol, Spain, 7-5, 6-2.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	48	16	.750	—
y-Miami	46	18	.719	2
x-Atlanta	42	23	.646	6 1/2
y-Boston	37	27	.578	11
x-Atlanta	38	26	.594	10
x-Orlando	36	28	.563	12
x-New York	34	30	.531	14
x-Philadelphia	34	30	.531	14
x-Milwaukee	31	33	.484	17
Detroit	24	41	.369	24 1/2
New Jersey	22	43	.338	26 1/2
Toronto	22	43	.338	26 1/2
Cleveland	21	43	.328	27
Washington	16	48	.291	30
Charlotte	7	57	.109	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	48	16	.750	—
y-Oklahoma City	48	18	.719	2
x-L.A. Lakers	41	24	.631	7 1/2
x-L.A. Clippers	40	24	.625	8
x-Memphis	40	25	.615	8 1/2
x-Denver	36	28	.563	12
x-Dallas	36	29	.554	12 1/2
Utah	34	30	.531	14
Phoenix	33	31	.516	15
Houston	33	32	.508	15 1/2
Portland	28	37	.431	20 1/2
Minnesota	26	39	.400	22 1/2
Golden State	23	41	.359	25
Sacramento	21	43	.328	27
New Orleans	20	44	.313	28

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Scores
Indiana 103, Detroit 97
Washington 101, Charlotte 73
Philadelphia 105, New Jersey 87
Memphis 109, Cleveland 101
Milwaukee 92, Toronto 86
San Antonio 124, Portland 89

Today's Games
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 124, TRAIL BLAZERS 89
PORTLAND (89): Batum 2-6 0-0 5, Hickson 5-15 4-6 14, Thabeet 2-2 0-0 4, Felton 5-12 2-3 13, Matthews 9-24 3-3 24, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, N.Barbosa 5-12 0-0 10, Flynn 4-9 0-0 9, C.Smith 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 37-96 9-11 89.

SAN ANTONIO (124): Leonard 1-4 0-0 2, Duncan 8-13 2-4 18, Diaw 3-5 0-0 6, Pachulia 11-1-2 13, Green 6-6 2-2 18, Ginobili 2-5 2-2 6, Splitter 2-2 4-5 8, Bonner 1-2 0-0 3, Jackson 6-10 0-0 12, Neal 3-8 3-3 12, Anderson 4-7 2-2 11, Blair 3-4 0-0 6, Mills 3-4 0-0 9. Totals 49-81 16-21 124.
Portland 18 23 24 24 — 89
San Antonio 31 32 28 33 — 124
3-Point Goals—Portland 6-16 (Matthews 3-6, Felton 1-2, Babbitt 1-2, Flynn 1-3, N.Smith 0-3), San Antonio 12-22 (Green 4-4, Mills 3-4, Neal 3-5, Bonner 1-1, Anderson 1-3, Jackson 0-1, Parker 0-1, Leonard 0-2, Ginobili 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 46 (Hickson 10), San Antonio 53 (Duncan 8). Assists—Portland 19 (Felton 7), San Antonio 34 (Diaw, Parker 6). Total Fouls—Portland 18, San Antonio 9. A—18,581 (18,797).

GRIZZLIES 109, CAVALIERS 101
CLEVELAND (101): Gee 3-7 0-0 8, Jamison 6-14 2-2 17, Thompson 3-10 6-10 12, Irving 10-16 3-5 25, Parker 1-4 2-2 5, Harris 5-9 0-0 11, Samuels 3-4 0-0 6, Casspi 2-6 0-0 5, Sloan 3-6 3-3 9, Walton 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 37-80 16-22 101.

MEMPHIS (109): Gay 4-10 7-8 15, Speights 6-9 5-8 17, Gasol 5-13 7-8 17, Conley 4-9 2-2 12, Allen 6-9 1-2 13, Mayo 6-14 0-0 14, Randolph 1-5 1-2 3, Selby 1-2 0-0 2, Pondexter 0-1 0-0 0, Hudson 3-6 2-3 9, Cunningham 2-4 3-3 7. Totals 38-81 26-35 109.
Cleveland 32 20 26 23 — 101
Memphis 26 29 22 32 — 109
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 11-24 (Jamison 3-6, Gee 2-3, Irving 2-6, Harris 1-1, Walton 1-2, Casspi 1-2, Parker 1-3, Sloan 0-1), Memphis 5-13 (Conley 2-3, Mayo 2-5, Hudson 1-3, Gay 0-2). Fouled Out—Thompson. Rebounds—Cleveland 44 (Thompson, Jamison 9), Memphis 56 (Speights 10). Assists—Cleveland 19 (Irving 6), Memphis 18 (Mayo 5). Total Fouls—Cleveland 21, Memphis 19. A—15,504 (18,119).

76ERS 105, METS 87
PHILADELPHIA (105): Iguodala 5-12 2-2 14, Brand 7-13 1-1 15, Vucevic 0-0 0-0 0, Holiday 5-13 5-6 15, Meeks 1-3 2-2 5, Allen 4-5 1-1 9, L.Williams 4-11 1-2 11, Hawes 4-7 0-0 8, Young 7-8 1-1 15, Turner 6-8 1-2 13, Brackins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-80 14-17 105.
NEW JERSEY (87): Wallace 5-15 0-0 11, Humphries 3-7 10-12 16, J.Williams 2-4 4-8, Gaines 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 6-14 5-5 18, Morrow 1-5 2-2 4, Petro 5-8 0-0 10, Johnson 5-10 0-0 10, Green 3-6 0-0 6, Stevenson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-72 21-23 87.
Philadelphia 31 22 23 29 — 105
New Jersey 19 25 19 24 — 87
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 5-14 (Iguodala 2-5, L.Williams 2-5, Meeks 1-2, Holiday 0-2), New Jersey 4-14 (Green 2-4, Brooks 1-3, Wallace 1-4, Morrow 0-1, Stevenson 0-1, Gaines 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 40 (Iguodala 7), New Jersey 43 (Humphries 12). Assists—Philadelphia 19 (

Prosecutor: Clemens told 'lies to cover up lies'

By Joseph White
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The complexity of the Roger Clemens perjury retrial showed itself in many ways Monday — before a jury that knows little about baseball.

The prosecutor's hour-long opening statement was a rambling hodge-podge of dates and anecdotes that attempted to portray the seven-time Cy Award winner as a man who told lies and "other lies to cover up lies." A ruling was issued about Clemens' former teammate Andy Pettitte: He can testify about taking human growth hormone, but can't say where he got it from.

In between, there were numerous motions as attorneys for both sides fussed over which words and facts can be used and which ones can't. Finally, as the clock passed 5 p.m., an impatient U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton admonished both sides for making their cases too complicated for a jury to understand.

Clemens

"Keep it simple. ... Boom! Move on," said Walton, who then declared the slow-moving trial adjourned for the day as he abruptly left the bench. The opening defense statement was put off until today.

On the fifth day of the trial, the court finally seated 12 jurors and four alternates. The 10 women and six men mostly said they didn't follow baseball or know much about Clemens. In fact, seven said they'd never heard of him.

Their first task was to try to digest prosecutor Steven Durham's description of Clemens' 10-year relationship with athletic trainer Brian McNamee, which Durham said became a "story of deceit and dishonesty and betrayal" because Clemens wouldn't acknowledge using steroids and human growth hormone.

"The end will show that he made his choice," Durham said, "and he was going to lie."

Clemens is accused of lying — when he said he never used steroids or HGH during his 24-season career — at a 2008 congressional hearing and at a deposition that preceded it. Last year's mistrial was called after the government showed the jury a portion of videotaped evidence that had been ruled inadmissible. The costly process of bringing the case back to court has drawn criticism from those who regard it as a waste of government money — a point raised last week by some prospective jurors.

The case largely will hinge on the believability of two contradictory witnesses — Clemens and McNamee. McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone; Clemens said he never used either.

The government's case suffered a blow when Walton made the ruling about Pettitte.

Pettitte is expected to say that he used HGH and that he had conversations with Clemens about HGH, but the judge ruled that Pettitte can't identify McNamee as a supplier because the jury might try to connect the dots and conclude that McNamee must have also supplied Clemens — a case of "classic guilt by association," one of Clemens' lawyers said.

Reed Saxon/AP

Los Angeles Lakers trainer Gary Vitti, left, escorts Metta World Peace from the court after he was ejected for double flagrant fouls Sunday against the Oklahoma City Thunder in Los Angeles.

World Peace faces NBA discipline for violent blow

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Lakers jersey says World Peace on the back. The player wearing it is still Ron Artest, and he's in trouble again with the NBA.

Metta World Peace was pounding his chest with his right arm in celebration of a dunk over two opponents Sunday when his left arm suddenly flew out, landing a vicious backward elbow to James Harden's head and dropping the Oklahoma City guard to the hardwood.

Within seconds, the roars of the crowd fell silent as fans watched in disbelief the latest act of violence by a player who changed his name last year to promote peace.

World Peace is likely to be sidelined when the Lakers open the postseason this weekend, and possibly longer. He claims he accidentally clipped Harden while celebrating a dunk, yet given his history as perhaps basketball's most notorious troublemaker since Dennis Rodman, not even his teammates have any idea why he lost control for an inexplicable instant.

"It was unfortunate that James had to get hit with an unintentional elbow," World Peace said. "I hope he's OK."

World Peace undid much of the goodwill created by his notable charity work over the past few years when he knocked Oklahoma City's top reserve out of the key late-season game, giving him a concussion.

His upcoming suspension will be just a fraction of the 86-game ban Artest received in November 2004 when he jumped into the stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills to fight fans, precipitating perhaps the ugliest brawl in North American sports history.

Yet World Peace changed more than his name over the past three years with the Lakers. The former math major from St. John's has devoted much of his free time to charity, even winning the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award last April, primarily for his work in mental health awareness.

"One play in the heat of a battle, all of the sudden it changes his perception as a man and as a person? No," said Kobe Bryant, his teammate and tireless defender. "Everybody, all you guys, know what a sweet guy he is."

Ivan Rodriguez back in Texas, this time to retire

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ivan Rodriguez was back in Texas again. This time, the 14-time All-Star catcher said he has played his last game.

Calling it a very hard day after a great run, his eyes glistened and Rodriguez spoke slowly at first Monday as he announced his retirement. It came nearly 21 years after the fan favorite known as Pudge made his major league debut as a 19-year-old with the Rangers before later playing with five other teams.

Rodriguez was surrounded at the podium by his wife and his three children, including his 19-year-old son who is a prospect in the Minnesota Twins organization. He thanked his parents and brother who sat in the front row for supporting him since he started playing baseball at age 5 in Puerto Rico.

Rodriguez said he planned to remain in baseball in some capacity. Rangers president Nolan Ryan said there have already had some preliminary discussions with him about what that might be in the organization.

"I'm always going to be in baseball the rest of my life," Rodriguez said. "I'll be in baseball, and I'll be active and I'll be doing things, you'll definitely see me around."

Rodriguez caught a major league record 2,427 games, surpassing Carlton Fisk's record of 2,226 during a game for the Houston Astros three years ago at Rangers Ballpark. It was later that season that Pudge returned briefly to the Rangers, the team he played for the first 12 of his 21 seasons.

"It was interesting to have witnessed Pudge's career and be involved in it at the start and see the player that he grew to be and the impact that he had on our organization," said Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher who was still playing when Rodriguez made his major league debut on June 20, 1991.

Rodriguez hit .296 with 311 home runs and 1,332 RBI in 2,543 games overall with Texas (1991-2002, 2009), Florida (2003), Detroit (2004-08), the Yankees (2008), Houston (2009), and Washington (2010-11). His 13 Gold Gloves were the most for a catcher.

"The first time I threw to Pudge and saw him, I really thought he was going to be a good receiver, and he had a great arm, we all knew that," Ryan said. "I never anticipated or expected, I don't think, for him to have the career that he had and have the impact on the organization that he had. It was really exciting and fun to watch."

Jeffrey Phelps/AP

Houston's Jordan Schafer reacts after fouling a ball off his leg Monday against the Milwaukee Brewers during the first inning in Milwaukee.

RANGERS

From 1C

his third this season and No. 632 in his career, in the fifth for a 6-1 lead. The Rangers hadn't given up more than five runs in a game before that, and Jeter added an RBI double in the sixth.

"That's a big three-run homer because it kind of breaks the game open a little bit," Girardi said. "And we got a big two-out hit from Curtis (Granderson) in the first."

New York went ahead to stay when Granderson blooped a two-run single into short right-center in the first. Jeter led off the game with an infield single and Robinson Cano also had a single.

It was the 42nd career four-hit game for Jeter, who is batting .450 (27 for 60) during his hitting streak and raised his season average to .411.

All of his hits came in the first six innings against Holland before he struck out in the ninth against Koji Uehara.

Since returning from the disabled July 4, just days before getting career hit No. 3,000 in a five-hit game, Jeter is hitting .346 over his last 85 games.

"When he went through his struggles last year, there was one thing I wasn't going to do: I wasn't going to doubt him," Girardi said. "I know his heart, I know his character and how hard he works at what he does."

No. 9 batter Chris Stewart drew a leadoff walk in the Yankees fifth and scored on Nick Swisher's sacrifice fly. Rodriguez homered later in that inning, the ball landing in the reconfigured visitors' bullpen just beyond the left-center wall.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 6, TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS — Cody Ross homered twice, tying the game with a two-run shot in the seventh inning and giving Boston the lead with two outs in the ninth as the Red Sox beat Minnesota to snap a five-game losing streak.

Starter-turned-temporary-reliever Daniel Bard (1-2) recorded two critical outs in the eighth after the Twins put the leadoff runner on third. Alfredo Aceves picked up the save, his third in five tries, and all was right with the reeling Red Sox for at least one night.

BLUE JAYS 4, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jose Bautista hit a two-run homer, Kelly Johnson also went deep and Toronto Blue Jays beat the bumbling Kansas City Royals to complete a four-game sweep.

The Blue Jays improved to 6-1 on the road this season, while Kansas City lost its 11th straight to finish up a winless 10-game homestand. The Royals became the first team to lose its first 10 at home since the Chicago Cubs dropped 12 in a row at Wrigley Field in 1994.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 6, ASTROS 5

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun broke out of his slump with a homer and three hits, Zack Greinke remained unbeaten at Miller Park and the Brewers held off the Astros.

Braun also singled in a run and doubled to end a 2-for-20 slide. Greinke pitched six solid innings to improve to 13-0 at home with Milwaukee, which won its 10th straight against the Astros.

Greinke (2-1) handed Jose Veras a 6-2 lead to start the seventh, but five of the next six Astros batters reached base. Houston scored three runs on four hits, including Brian Bogusevic's two-run triple, before Veras struck out Jose Altuve and got pinch-hitter Matt Downs to ground out to end the inning.

Lucas Harrell (1-1) took the loss.

GIANTS 7, METS 2

NEW YORK — Madison Bumgarner pitched seven neat innings, Pablo Sandoval homered to match a team mark set by Willie Mays and the San Francisco Giants beat the New York Mets 7-2 Monday night for a doubleheader sweep.

The Giants took the opener 6-1 as Tim Lincecum posted his first win of the season despite another uneven performance.

CUBS 3, CARDINALS 2

CHICAGO — Joe Mather's two-run single with two outs in the ninth inning lifted the Cubs to a comeback win over the Cardinals.

St. Louis closer Jason Motte (1-1) had the Cubs down to their final strike when Mather, a former Cardinal, grounded a 2-2 slider up the middle, scoring Bryan LaHair and Geovany Soto.

DIAMONBACKS 9, PHILLIES 5

PHOENIX — Justin Upton burst out of a slow start to the season with two RBI, including his first home run, and the Diamondbacks pounded the Phillies.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 124, TRAIL BLAZERS 89

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan and Danny Green both scored 18 points and San Antonio clinched the top playoff spot in the Western Conference and pushed their winning streak to eight.

Wesley Matthews had 24 points for Portland, which lost its sixth straight and has one game left in a tumultuous season.

Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili didn't play in the fourth quarter, and chances are the three-time championship trio won't play in the remaining meaningless games at Phoenix and Golden State.

San Antonio could also know its first-round opponent as early as Tuesday. That's when Phoenix plays at Utah in a game that could decide the No. 8 seed.

The Spurs secured the top seed with a second-half surge, winning 22 of their last 25 games.

76ERS 105, NETS 87

NEWARK, N.J. — Philadelphia secured the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference and spoiled the Nets' final game in New Jersey, 105-87 Monday night.

Thaddeus Young scored all 15 of his points in the second half to help the 76ers make the postseason for the second straight year and eliminate the Milwaukee Bucks from playoff contention.

WIZARDS 101, BOBCATS 73

WASHINGTON — John Wall had 16 points and 14 assists, Nene scored 18 points and Jan Vesely had 16 points on 8-for-8 shooting as Washington handed Charlotte its 21st straight loss.

The Wizards have their first four-game winning streak since Dec. 9-13, 2007. The 28-point margin of victory equaled their largest in the season.

PACERS 103, PISTONS 97

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul George scored 12 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter for Indiana.

George made 13 of 15 free throws and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Pacers. David West scored 20 points and Leandro Barbosa and Tyler Hansbrough added 13 points each for Indiana.

GRIZZLIES 109, CAVALIERS 101

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Marreese Speights had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Marc Gasol also scored 17 points as Memphis won its fifth straight.

Rudy Gay scored 15 points, O.J. Mayo had 14, Tony Allen added 13 points and a franchise-record eight steals for the Grizzlies, who won their 10th straight at home. Gay and Mayo led a rally that allowed Memphis to finally put the game away in the closing minutes.

BUCKS 92, RAPTORS 89

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee is out of the NBA playoffs, despite getting 25 points from Brandon Jennings in a victory over Toronto.

Milwaukee's postseason fate was determined earlier Monday night when Philadelphia beat New Jersey to clinch the eighth playoff berth in the Eastern Conference and eliminate the Bucks.

NHLPLAYOFFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COYOTES 4, BLACKHAWKS 0

CHICAGO — Mike Smith made 39 saves and the Phoenix Coyotes scored three times in the final period to beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-0 on Monday night and capture their opening-round series in six games.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored in the second and Gilbert Brule, Antoine Vermette and Kyle Chipchura had goals in the third as the Coyotes won a first-round series for the first time since moving to Phoenix for the 1996-97 season. It is the first series triumph for the franchise since 1987 when it was still the Winnipeg Jets.

The Coyotes won all three games at the United Center — Monday night's game was the first in the series not to be decided in overtime — and now move on to play Nashville in the conference semifinals.

RANGERS 3, SENATORS 2

OTTAWA — Brad Richards scored the go-ahead goal and Derek Stepan had a goal and two assists as the top-seeded New York Rangers staved off elimination with a 3-2 victory against Ottawa Senators on Monday night.

The series heads back to New York Thursday night for the first Game 7 in any sport at Madison Square Garden in 17 years.

Not even the return of Daniel Alfredsson in front of the fired-up home crowd at Scotiabank Place could help the eighth-seeded Senators complete the upset.

The Rangers broke through in the second with three goals after going six straight periods without scoring.

Chris Neil gave Ottawa a 1-0 lead in the first with a power-play goal and Jason Spezza cut it to 3-2 with 39 seconds left to play in the third.

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The Larry Brown era at SMU begins

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

DALLAS — Larry Brown has returned to college coaching.

Brown was formally introduced Monday as the men's basketball coach at SMU, his first college job in nearly a quarter century.

The 71-year-old Hall of Famer joked about his age and said he looked forward to coaching "quality basketball with quality student-athletes" at a school that has long struggled to be relevant in Dallas and nationally. SMU has not won an NCAA tournament game since 1988 — the same year Brown won a national title at Kansas in his last season in college.

Brown brushed off questions about how long he would stay at SMU, saying he thought the Mustangs had the resources to compete in the Big East when it joins the conference in 2013.

"When I look in the mirror, I get kind of scared," Brown said. "But inside, I feel like I can do this forever."

Brown is the only coach to win both an NCAA championship and an NBA title. He hasn't coached since leaving the Charlotte Bobcats in December 2010.

Kye R. Lee/The Dallas Morning News

Larry Brown speaks during his introduction as SMU men's basketball coach Monday in front of Moody Coliseum in Dallas.

Brown is taking over a program that has revamped its facilities and has lots of top high school talent nearby. Standing outside the half-century-old Moody Coliseum, which is set to undergo $40 million in renovations, Brown said he saw the arena as "the same kind of facility" as Cameron Indoor Stadium, Duke's home court.

"Walking around this campus, if we can get a kid to visit here, I can't imagine him going anywhere else," Brown said.

Brown replaces Matt Doherty, who was fired after six seasons. Doherty attended the news conference at Brown's invitation, as did Kansas coach Bill Self. Brown and Doherty — both of whom have ties to North Carolina and legendary coach Dean Smith — met the team together after the hiring.

"My biggest concern in this process was that they hire a good coach and a good person for my players and my recruits, because I care about those kids," Doherty said. "And they did it."

Brown embraced the generations separating him and his players, saying he long ago wanted to coach basketball at a strong academic school.

He told his players about two Hall of Fame coaches, Frank McGuire and Henry Iba. When the players didn't know who either man was, Brown joked that he didn't want to ask about James Naismith, who invented basketball more than a century ago.

When Brown on called out, "I'm talking about practice" — referencing Allen Iverson's famous 2002 rant when Brown coached the Philadelphia 76ers — he pointed to several players and asked, "Do you guys know what I'm talking about?"

Guard London Giles said he did.

"Larry Brown, he has a lot of history under his belt," Giles said afterward. "We're eager to learn from him."

Texans taking a look at receivers in draft

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans lost defensive end Mario Williams and Pro Bowl linebacker DeMeco Ryans in free agency. Surely they will look to the draft for some help on defense?

Not so fast.

Houston used six of its eight draft picks on defensive players last year and since 2004, 12 of its 14 picks in the first two rounds have been additions on defense.

This year, they may shift the priority to the offensive side of the ball even after losing two standouts like Williams and Ryans. The simple reason is need.

The Texans went 10-6 and won their first division title last year, despite playing much of the season without five-time Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson. Tight end Owen Daniels was Houston's top receiver in 2011 (54 catches for 677 yards) and All-Pro running back Arian Foster was second (53 catches, 617 yards).

Receivers Jacoby Jones and Kevin Walter were inconsistent while Johnson sat out nine games with hamstring injuries. If Houston opts to use its first-round pick at No. 26 on a big-play receiver, coach Gary Kubiak said there's a deep pool of talent to choose from to give quarterback Matt Schaub more options.

"Obviously, it looks like there's quantity," he said. "There's a lot of guys, a lot of good players. I mean, you've got to go find those guys late in the draft. Obviously, the guys early in the draft, everybody kind of knows who those guys are but you're able to find some good guys late in the draft at that position. So we'll have to do our homework. We'd like to add some playmakers to our offensive football team and obviously that would help."

The needs may be different this year, but general manager Rick Smith said the team's approach to the draft is the same.

"First of all, coming off the season that we came off, and having the success that we had for the first time for an organization," Smith said, "you go back to the drawing board again no different than you did every year before. It's a very honest assessment of where we are, where we feel like we're strong, where we think we need to improve. And when you look at those areas, I think the wide receiver position is a position where we might strengthen our team."

Union Rags still the 1 in AP's Run to Roses Top 10

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

Picking the favorite for the Kentucky Derby may be as tough as picking the winner.

Without a breakthrough star heading into the May 5 Derby, there's a stable full of 3-year-olds worthy of the leading role as horse to beat when a full field of 20 spring from the starting gate at Churchill Downs.

Let's begin with Union Rags, who opened on top and now finishes No. 1 on the AP's final Run to the Roses' Top 10 list of Derby contenders. Other potential Derby favorites are Bodemeister, Creative Cause, Dullahan, Gemologist and I'll Have Another.

Union Rags comes into the 1 1/4-mile Derby off a third-place finish in the Florida Derby after winning the Fountain of Youth. Not the most stellar credentials, but by finishing with a flourish in his last race after a tough trip trainer Michael Matz is hoping Union Rags will be at his best on Derby day.

The colt worked four furlongs in 47.40 seconds at Keeneland last week. Matz called the work "nothing spectacular," but "we will ask more of him in his next work," sometime next week at Churchill Downs.

"If he has an exceptional work next week, he could wind up the favorite," says longtime Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia, who will set the betting line a week from Wednesday. "But in two losses, they made excuses for him. If he's as good as everybody says he would have been able to overcome that bad trip (in the Florida Derby)."

With that, Battaglia is leaning toward Bodemeister based on the colt's eye-catching, 9 1/2-length victory in the Arkansas Derby in just his fourth career start. Bodemeister is No. 3 this week.

"He ran a huge race in Arkansas, but the question is can he come back in three weeks and duplicate that?" says Battaglia.

Gemologist, No. 2 on our list, is unbeaten in all five of his starts, including a victory in the Wood Memorial. Dullahan, No. 5, came rumbling down the stretch and overtook Hansen in winning the Blue Grass, and the California-based duo of I'll Have Another and Creative Cause ran 1-2 in the Santa Anita Derby.

"They all have questions," says Battaglia, "which is why it's so wide open."

Spencer signs one-year deal with Cowboys

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker Anthony Spencer on Monday signed the franchise tender the club issued him in March, guaranteeing a one-year contract worth $8.8 million.

The five-year veteran can now join his teammates in the club's offseason conditioning program after skipping the first two weeks of workouts.

Spencer, 28, wanted a long-term deal, but the Cowboys apparently aren't willing to commit to him with several pass rushers available in this week's draft. Dallas owns the 14th overall pick and is eyeing several outside linebackers, including Alabama's Courtney Upshaw.

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Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
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Texas Tech Summer Baseball Camps
When: June and July
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Basketball

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AAU Basketball Team
When: Starting February 22; meets every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.
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Note: Instructor, Mike Sadler
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When: July 7-9
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For: Boys & Girls, A-5A divisions
Deadline: July 1
For more info: Call Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2919 or cardenas_chris@yahoo.com

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Cost: Grades 1-3, $45; Grades 4-6, $65; Grades 7-9, $85
For more info: Contact Mark Coffman at 238-6984 or camp registration forms can be download at midlandisd.net/athletics, go to Lee High School basketball

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Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Almos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 250, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 689-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

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Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
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For more info: Go to womenstexasgolf.org or call 972-998-6052 for an application.

Gymnastics

Next Level Gymnastics
What: Preschool, Stretch-n-Grow, All-around, T&T, Boys, special sneeds
For more info: Call 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $25 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturday
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9821 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 489-7467 or 689-5444

Taekwondo Korean Style
When: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday nights; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Note: Instructors are Kushui Suchecki and Jan Suchecki
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student-athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Sardiliano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile
For more info: Call 685-7355

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 1 p.m. Sunday, Velvet Room (non-smoking); 7 p.m. Sunday, Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m. Monday, Woofers & Tweeters (shootout); 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hog Pit; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Woofers & Tweeters; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Hog Pit; 1 p.m. Saturday, Velvet Room (non-smoking).
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Club Practice
When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Hogan Park
For more info: 697-6418

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
Where: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stage and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Speed and Agility Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For: All Ages
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
Where: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Throwing velocity and delivery speed training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MIDBASA Umpires Needed
When: Each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: MUSD umpire building
For more info: Call David Edens at 684-0805 or Mack Gipson at 694-2837

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: Call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodlet Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 413-3173 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch

Team Infinity Tryouts
What: Team Infinity is looking for 8 and under softball players for a travel team
For more info: Please call Bobby Perez at 432-416-6753

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All types, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and skills invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Fisher 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Fisher 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Fisher 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Fisher 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1330 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Adults 18 & older starting April 1
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: Sherry 620-6610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

WTTA/USPTA 2012 Junior Circuit
What: Singles Tennis
Who: Boys and girls divisions ages 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18
When: Saturdays. April 28, June 23, July 28, Sept 15
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Cost: $15 Entry fee paid Wednesday before each tournament
For more info: Call 349-8920 ask for Lance of Kathy

Midland Tennis Club (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club for all ages, all levels. Tournaments are free for members. Non-members may play by paying a tournament fee.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: $65 Adults. $30 Youths. $140 Families
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland Tennis Club 2012 Tournaments
What: Singles, Doubles or Mixed Doubles
When: May 19-20; June 23-24; July 14-15; Aug 18-19; Sept. 8-9, 29-30; Oct. 13-14; Nov. 17-18; Dec. 1-2
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Entry fee: Entry Thursdays by 1 p.m. prior to each tournament
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 889-0866

Agility Training & Injury Prevention
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Track & Field

Speed and Power Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Volleyball

Vertical jump, agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: Call 262-6466 or visit www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Lee Rebel Volleyball Camp
When: June 4-6; Grades 3rd-6th, 8:30-10 a.m.; Grades 7th-9th, 10 a.m.-noon; 9th grade, 1-3 p.m.
Where: Abell Junior High Gymnasium
Cost: Grades 3rd-6th, $45; Grades 7th-9th, 65
To register: Go to www.ladyrebelvolleyball.com
For more info: Contact Diane Sandoval at 689-1645 or 553-8468, dsandove@midlandisd.net

Spring Volleyball Jamboree
When: April 28
Where: San Angelo
Cost: $200 per team
For: High School age players
Deadline: April 20
For more info: Contact Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2919 or cardenas_chris@yahoo.com

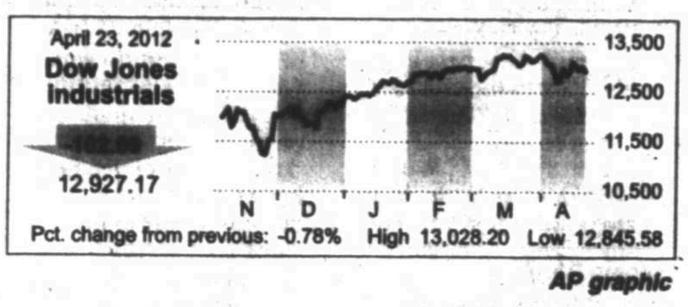
Midland High Volleyball Camp
When: June 5-7; Grades 4th-6th, 12:30-2 p.m.; Grades 7th-8th, 2-4 p.m.; Grade 9th 10 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland High School gym
Cost: Grades 4th-6th, $50; Grades 7th-8th, $60; Grade 9th, $60
For more info: Contact Amanda Lopez at 432-689-1133 or andopez@midlandisd.net

Walking

Midland Walkabout AWA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, varyi meetings in Room 207, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 697-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

Business & Oil

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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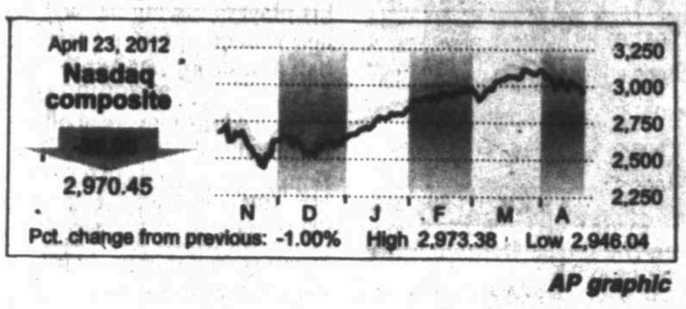

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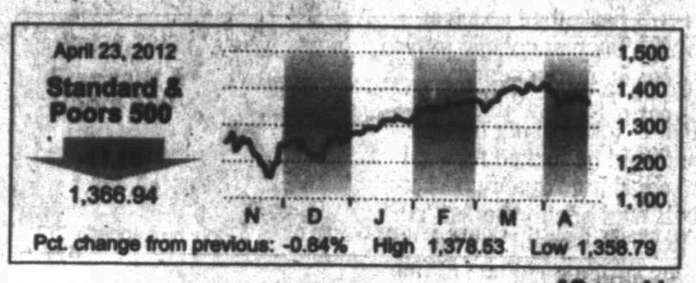

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $103.11
Previous: $103.05

POSTED

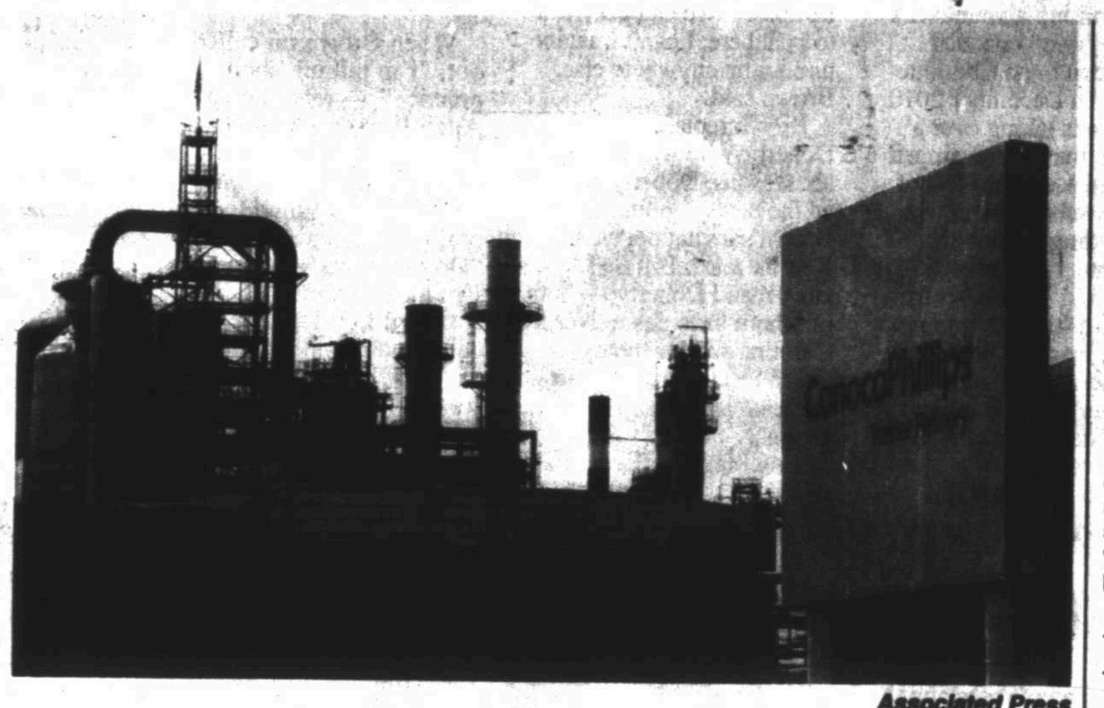
Monday: $99.75
Previous: $99.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $92.70
Previous: $92.45

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.007
Previous: $1.927



Associated Press

A ConocoPhillips refinery is seen in Trainer, Pa., on April 19. ConocoPhillips on Monday reported first-quarter earnings of $2.9 billion, compared with first-quarter 2011 earnings of $3.0 billion. Excluding $330 million of special items, first-quarter 2012 adjusted earnings were $2.6 billion. Special items were primarily related to gains on asset dispositions, partially offset by impairments and repositioning costs.

ConocoPhillips 1st Q fall profits because of less activity

Associated Press

NEW YORK — ConocoPhillips said Monday that its first-quarter profit dropped 3 percent because it produced less oil and natural gas from a shrinking pool of assets.

America's third-largest oil company has been selling pieces of its global operation. It plans split into two smaller companies on May 1. One company will keep the ConocoPhillips name and focus on exploration and production. The other, Phillips 66, will specialize in refineries and pipelines.

CEO Jim Mulva will retire following the split.

Since 2010, ConocoPhillips has moved in the opposite direction of its Big Oil peers, shedding oil fields and investments in companies like Russian oil giant Lukoil. Overall, it has sold more than $20 billion in assets and investments since 2010, and it expects to divest another $8-$10 billion over the next 12 months.

With fewer producing assets, ConocoPhillips' oil and natural gas production dropped by 3.8 percent to 1.64 million barrels of oil equivalent per day in the first quarter. The company's oil platforms also were temporarily suspended off the coast of China because of an oil spill.

ConocoPhillips expects overall production in 2012 to continue to lag last year's pace.

From January to March, ConocoPhillips reported earnings of $2.94 billion, or $2.27 per share. The exploration and production business contributed $2.55 billion of that amount.

A year earlier, the company earned $3.03 billion, or $2.09 per share.

Revenue was flat at $58.4 billion.

Excluding special items, ConocoPhillips said adjusted earnings were $2.02 per share. Analysts, who typically exclude such items, were expecting earnings of $2.08 per share on revenue of $60 billion, according to FactSet.

Morningstar Inc. analyst Allen Good said a number of hurdles will remain following the split. Both companies will struggle to grow as swiftly as their peers, and they'll continue to be saddled with unprofitable assets.

More than a third of ConocoPhillips' natural gas production comes from fields in the United States, where prices have plunged to 10-year lows. The company has reduced natural gas production this year in hopes that prices will eventually rebound. But Good said overall U.S. production continues to rise, which will keep the value of ConocoPhillips' natural gas assets low.

The refining business continues to look for suitors for a Trainer, Pa. refinery that has struggled to generate profits as oil prices rose this year.

During the quarter, ConocoPhillips' refineries also sold less gasoline, diesel and other petroleum products. Total refining sales dropped by 11.2 percent. Refining profit fell by 6.2 percent overall. Its midstream business, which includes pipelines, increased profits 27.4 percent, and its chemicals business boosted profits by 13 percent.

Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch Shell, Chevron Corp. and Occidental Petroleum Corp. are expected to report their first-quarter results this week.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1798972	8.18	-.18
S&P500ETF	1488656	136.79	-1.16
SPDR Pnd	729745	15.08	-.11
iShEMkts	600234	41.52	-.81
iShR2K	560304	79.10	-1.11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BarnesNob	13.41	+2.07	+18.3
CSVLgNGs	17.22	+2.24	+14.9
Brinker	30.88	+2.98	+10.7
iP SXR1K	20.43	+1.93	+10.5
GpoTMM	2.15	+.20	+10.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvNG	109.75	-17.84	-14.0
Tennant	42.04	-5.80	-12.1
DigDMda n	6.72	-.83	-11.0
STMicro	5.95	-.63	-9.6
SemGrp wt	7.58	-.76	-9.1

Diary

Advanced	819
Declined	2,222
Unchanged	108
Total issues	3,149
New Highs	27
New Lows	77
Volume	3,464,565,015

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChenereEn	46305	17.58	-.19
NovaGld g	32861	6.66	+.05
NwGold g	25395	9.42	-.36
VantagsDrl	17311	1.54	+.05
Vringo	16808	3.87	-.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AccelR	2.51	+1.47	+141.3
WizrdSft rs	2.29	+.29	+14.5
Ellomay rs	7.10	+.60	+9.2
PacBkrM g	13.12	+1.00	+8.3
ASpecRlty	4.64	+.35	+8.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ParkCity	3.92	-.36	-8.4
Engex	2.05	-.16	-7.2
FieldPnt	3.50	-.25	-6.7
MGTCap rs	2.71	-.19	-6.6
HallwdGp	9.60	-.67	-6.5

Diary

Advanced	188
Declined	266
Unchanged	33
Total issues	487
New Highs	6
New Lows	20
Volume	70,667,619

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	675531	65.08	-.60
Microsoft	609053	32.12	-.30
SiriusXM	489150	2.14	-.09
Intel	373854	27.45	-.15
Zynga n	367772	9.00	-.22

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ArdeaBio	31.62	+10.78	+51.7
DehaierMd	3.06	+.83	+37.2
Fonar	6.40	+1.46	+29.6
GoodTme h	2.81	+.58	+26.0
SGOCO h	2.93	+.56	+23.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Oteico un	6.66	-5.37	-44.6
Achillion	6.75	-1.54	-18.5
BelFuse A	16.74	-2.20	-11.6
Seangy rs	3.37	-.44	-11.5
PrimaBio n	6.40	-.80	-11.1

Diary

Advanced	598
Declined	1,916
Unchanged	111
Total issues	2,625
New Highs	26
New Lows	70
Volume	1,726,428,639

AT&T seeks vets for hundreds of jobs

A Texas agency has joined with AT&T Inc. to help match qualified military veterans to more than 600 technical jobs.

The partnership was announced Monday by the Texas Veterans Commission and Dallas-based AT&T Inc.

The jobs are part of AT&T's new U-verse integrated digital TV, high speed internet and voice service. The positions are in Austin, Corpus Christi, the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Houston, Lubbock, Midland and San Antonio.

AT&T has established dozens of call centers in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan so troops can call home. The company says it has donated nearly $8 million worth of prepaid calling cards to military personnel.

Euro falls

Economic and political turmoil in Europe pushed the euro lower against the dollar Monday.

The euro fell to $1.3144 in late trading from $1.3215 late Friday.

The European Union said that even with spending cuts, debt in countries that use the euro rose to 87.2 percent of gross domestic product in 2011 from 85.3 percent in the previous year.

A separate survey found that the euro zone's manufacturing and service sectors unexpectedly fell in April.

In France, President Nicolas Sarkozy lost the first round of the country's presidential election to Francois Hollande, a harsh critic of the spending cuts that the region has adopted. Traders are worried that a leadership change in France could derail or slow efforts to solve Europe's debt crisis.

"It took Europe a very long time to get where they are at now and to have to start from square one again would cause more problems than solutions," Kathy Lien, director of currency research for the currency trading company GFT, wrote in a note to clients.

In other trading Monday, the British pound rose to $1.6125 from $1.6106 late Friday. The dollar rose to 0.9136 Swiss franc from 0.9092 Swiss franc

The dollar fell to 81.13 Japanese yen from 81.58 yen and to 99.16 Canadian cents from 99.32 Canadian cents.

Gold for June delivery fell $10.20 to finish at $1,632.60 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $13.52 Up 0.30

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $74.01 Down 1.78

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $99.17 Up 1.00

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $25.88 Down 0.11

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.94 Up 0.32

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.86 Down 0.24

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $12.51 Down 0.30

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	46	30.61	-.25	+1.2
Abraxas	...	14	2.86	-.04	-13.6
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.75	-.05	+11.5
AMD	...	...	7.39	-.37	+36.9
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.78	.07	+14.1
Alcoa	.12	18	9.63	-.07	+11.3
AlonUSA	.16	13	8.71	+.12	...
Amgen	1.44	17	68.29	-.18	+6.4
Anadarko	.36	...	71.00	-.73	-7.0
Apache	.68f	8	90.96	-.51	+.4
Apple Inc	10.60	16	571.70	-1.28	+41.2
ApldMatl	.36f	10	11.58	-.19	+8.1
ArdeaBio	...	...	31.62	+10.78	+88.1
ATMOS	1.38	14	31.72	-.28	-4.9
AutoData	1.58	20	54.54	-.48	+1.0
BP PLC	1.92f	6	41.95	-.04	-1.8
BabsCClinv	1.20	...	16.19	-.05	-10.0
BakrHu	.60	11	41.07	+.61	-15.6
BkofAm	.04	...	8.18	-.18	+47.1
Bar iPVix	...	...	18.36	+.59	-48.3
BasicEnSv	...	6	13.52	+.30	-31.4
BerkHa A	...	...	201182294.00	-296.00	+3.1
BerryPet	.32	...	43.37	-.19	+3.2
BlkHillsCp	1.48f	30	32.28	-.44	-3.9
BostonSci	...	17	5.86	-.06	+9.7
BrillySci	1.36	16	33.04	-.29	-3.7
BrownFA	1.40	20	81.89	-.75	+3.3
BrownFB	1.40	21	83.66	-1.13	+4.1
CVS Care	.65	17	43.25	-1.06	+6.1
Cameron	...	22	48.25	-.75	-1.9
Caterpillar	1.84	14	106.90	-.83	+18.0
Celestic g	...	8	8.41	-.28	+14.7
CntryLink	2.90	23	37.78	-.34	+1.6
ChesEng	.35	6	18.00	+.56	-19.2
Chevron	3.24	8	102.44	-.08	-3.7
Chicos	.21	18	15.07	-.32	+35.3
Cimarex	.48f	10	63.84	+.24	+3.1
Cisco	.32f	15	19.68	-.23	+9.2
Citigrp rs	.04	9	33.25	-.84	+26.4
ClayEng	...	10	74.01	-1.78	-2.8
Cleaver	...	...	1.55	-.12	-20.1
ConocoPhs	2.04f	20	73.69	-.44	+8.3
ColgPal	2.48f	29	57.72	-1.16	+6.8
Comcast	.85f	19	29.04	-.41	+22.5
ConAgra	.96	15	25.77	-.48	-2.4
ConchoRes	...	20	99.17	+1.00	+5.8
ConocoPhil	2.04	8	72.33	-.55	-.7
CrackerB	1.00	16	56.43	-.14	+11.9
CrosTim	2.95p	13	40.25	+.01	-17.6
DCP Mid	2.60f	37	45.37	-.19	-4.4
DR Horton	.15	40	15.06	-.32	+19.4
DTE	2.35	13	55.27	-.19	+1.5
Dataram h	...	...	.98	...	+21.0
Dawson	...	...	25.88	-.11	-34.5
DevonE	.80	6	65.95	+.72	+6.4
DirSCBear	...	...	19.94	+.76	-24.7
DirFnBear	...	...	22.84	+.57	-38.8
Disney	.60f	16	42.01	-.34	+12.0
DowChm	1.20f	17	34.76	-.55	+20.9
EMC Cp	...	24	27.66	-.24	+28.4
EOG Res	.60f	24	109.60	+.57	+5.2
EmpDist	1.00	15	20.04	-.16	-5.0
Energen	.56f	12	46.01	-.74	-8.0
EngyTsfr	3.58	44	47.76	-.20	+4.2
EnPro	...	18	40.70	-.14	+23.4
EntPrPt	2.51f	22	52.18	+.08	+12.5
Ericsson	.37e	...	9.24	-.32	-8.8
ExternanH	...	...	11.29	-.09	+24.1
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	85.69	+.39	+1.1
FordM	.20	6	11.35	-.06	+5.5
ForestOil s	...	15	11.96	+.21	-11.6
FMCG	1.25f	8	37.16	-.41	+1.0
FrosstFd	...	...	1.29	+.01	-.8
GATX	1.20f	18	41.85	-.62	-4.1
GeoBlueT	.80m	...	6.91	-.05	+10.0
GAbtw	.50e	...	28.64	-.16	+15.0
GenElec	.68	16	19.07	-.29	+6.5
GenMotors	...	5	22.95	-.65	+13.2
Genworth	...	22	6.06	...	-7.5
Goflexlib	...	...	4.71	+.21	+47.2
Goodrich	1.16	20	125.29	-.01	+1.3
GrPaleEn	.05	16	19.70	-.09	-0.1
HalconR rs	...	...	9.24	+.20	-1.6
Hallibrtn	.36	10	32.95	-.34	-4.5
Helmz	1.02	17	51.50	-1.34	-0.9
HewlettP	.48	8	24.27	-.24	-5.6
Hitachi	...	...	64.06	-1.76	+22.0
HuntBnk	.16	12	6.43	-.13	+17.0
iShBraz	1.50e	...	60.83	-1.30	+6.0
iShSilver	...	...	29.97	-.78	+11.2
iShChina25	.77e	...	37.00	-1.00	+6.1
iShEMkts	.81e	...	41.52	-.81	+9.4
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	52.38	-1.07	+5.8
iShR2K	1.10e	...	79.10	-1.11	+7.3
IntegrysE	2.72	18	52.99	-.21	-2.2
Intel	.84	12	27.45	-.15	+13.2
InterDig	.40	16	30.79	-.64	-29.3
ItauUnibH	.84e	...	16.87	-.33	-9.1
JPMorgCh	1.20f	10	42.85	+.13	+28.9
JohnJn	2.28	17	63.37	-.34	-3.4
KimbClk	2.96f	18	76.65	+.18	+4.2
KindME	4.80f	...	84.70	+.20	-.3
KindMM	4.80f	...	76.28	+.62	-2.9
LegacyRes	2.22f	17	28.94	+.32	+2.5
Labrys	...	29	6.20	+.07	+37.5
MktVGold	.15e	...	45.04	-1.08	-12.4
McDnlds	2.80	18	95.19	-.75	-5.1
Merck	1.68	19	38.27	-.46	+1.5
MeritMed s	...	21	12.45	+.01	-7.0
MexcoEn	...	49	6.90	-.21	-1.5
MicronT	...	...	6.63	-.01	+5.4
Microsoft	.80	12	32.12	-.30	+23.7
MorgStan	.20	30	16.98	-.50	+12.2
Nabors	...	11	15.72	+.01	-9.3
NatGrid	3.09e	...	53.06	+.37	+8.4
NOVarco	.48	16	77.29	-.39	+13.7
NewsCpA	.17m	15	18.98	-.03	+6.4
NokiaCp	1.26e	...	3.65	-.05	-24.3
NobMed	.20e	...	14.67	+.01	+1.3
NvPBII	.84	...	14.78	...	-.2
NuvPI	.92	...	14.54	+.02	+.5
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NTXCI	.92	...	16.55	+.17	+1.3
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OcciPet	2.16f	11	87.92	-.89	-6.2
Oracle	.24	15	28.46	-.40	+11.0
PgrTrech	...	16	4.84	+.05	+22.8
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PatNTI	.20*	8*	16.02	+.09	-19.8
PenRE	.60	...	16.09	+.59	+94.5
Pmrlen	1.40e	15	20.80	-.50	+2.1
Pfizer	.88f	18	22.35	-.19	+3.4
PlsNtrl	.08	15	105.49	+.51	+17.9
PlainsAA	4.18f	17	60.82	+.01	+10.0
PwShs QQQ	.49e	...	65.08	-.60	+16.6
Praxair	2.20f	21	112.67	-1.02	+6.4
PrmEgy	...	17	24.00	-.50	+6.2
PrUSh&P	...	...	15.91	+.26	-17.5
ProctGam	2.25f	17	66.65	-.86	-.1
RangeRs	.16	80	58.07	+.38	-6.2
RegionsFn	.04	36	6.09	+.02	+41.6
RschMotn	...	4	13.08	-.26	-9.8
Rosetn	...	31	33.28	-.34	+6.7
RoyDShllA	3.36	14	68.26	-.43	-6.6
SpdrDJIA	3.55e	...	129.02	-.96	+5.9
S&P500ETF	2.64e	...	136.79	-1.16	+9.0
SabnR	4.10e	14	57.02	-.58	-9.6
SanderFm	.68	...	49.83	-1.44	-.8
SandRidge	...	55	7.18	+.12	-12.0
Sapient	.36e	23	11.93	-.28	-5.3
Schlmbrg	1.10	18	71.19	-.51	+4.2
Schwab	.24	21	13.62	-.20	+22.7
SigmaAld	.80f	19	70.49	-1.39	+12.9
SiriusXM	...	16	2.14	-.09	+17.8
Smucker s	1.92	20	78.03	-1.94	-.2
SprintNex	...	...	2.34	-.03	...
SP Engy	1.10e	...	68.89	-.07	-.3
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	15.08	-.11	+16.0
SP Inds	.75e	...	36.38	-.41	+7.7
SP Tech	.39e	...	29.05	-.23	+14.1
SunocoL s	1.68f	13	39.30	-.12	-.3
SunTrst	.20	22	23.23	+.63	+31.2
TeleNSp	2.14e	...	14.23	-.38	-17.2
Tesoro	...	6	23.07	+.13	-1.2
3M Co	2.36f	15	87.13	-.35	+6.6
Trchmrk s	.60f	10	48.31	-.32	+11.3
TriContl	.43e	...	15.48	-.16	+8.6
TylerTech	...	47	39.49	-.77	+31.2
USBWV	1.24	17	28.67	-.66	-5.7
Vale SA	1.55e	...	22.70	-.29	+5.8
ValueE	.60	6	23.62	-.13	+12.2
VangEmg	.91e	...	41.97	-.78	+9.8
VerizonCm	2.00	41	38.57	-.16	-3.9
VulcanM	.04	...	40.86	-.33	+3.8
WalMart	1.59f	13	59.54	-2.91	-.4
Walgrn	.90	12	38.40	-.53	+7.1
WellsFargo	.68f	11	32.69	-.31	+16.6
WstnRefin	.16	10	18.38	+.03	+38.3
WhitingPet	...	11	53.50	-.22	+14.6
WmsCos	1.04f	22	32.31	+.01	+19.6
XcelEngy	1.04	16	28.60	-.26	-4.1
Xerox	.17	8	7.88	+.01	-1.9
Yahoo	...	17	15.39	-.27	-6.0
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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk %Chg
13,297.11	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,927.17	-102.09	-.78	+5.81	+3.59
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,185.81	-48.44	-.93	-3.31	-2.17
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	458.62	-2.13	-.46	+1.39	+8.89
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,940.74	-84.80	-1.06	+6.20	-8.42
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,401.81	-15.68	-.65	+5.42	-1.83
3,134.17	2,298.90	Nasdaq Composite	2,970.49	-30.00	-1.00	+14.02	+5.12
1,422.36	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,366.94	-11.59	-.84	+8.60	+2.37
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,350.91	-137.25	-.95	+8.65	+1.09
908.57	691.71	Russell 2000	791.85	-12.20	-1.52	+8.62	-8.20

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TODAY Mostly sunny high 95 low 63

WEDNESDAY Sunny high 101 low 66

THURSDAY Mostly sunny high 100 low 66

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 95 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 63 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 101, a low around 66 and southwest winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 100 and a low around 66.

The high on Monday reached 81 while the low dropped to 57. The record high for April 23 is 98 set in 1989. The record low is 33 set in 1995.

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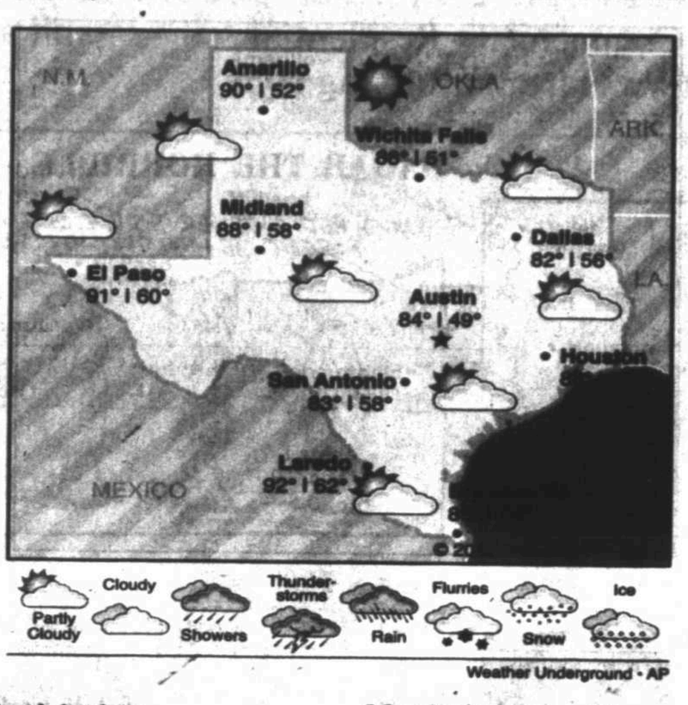
Around the Great Lakes and the East Coast, a storm will continue to influence the weather. While the heavy snow that started the week has ended over the central Appalachians, the circulation around the storm just north of New York state will continue to funnel chilly, gusty winds over the region. Enough moisture remains over the mountains to produce clouds and spotty rain and snow showers. The overall cool pattern will hold in the Northeast through the week.

Across the South and over the central Plains, high pressure centered along the northern Gulf Coast will be in control.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.05 in.
Total for year	1.35 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.36 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	81
Low	57
Normal high	81
Normal low	52
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.

Tattoo tribute draws fire online from distant cousin

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: Two weeks ago I got a memorial tattoo done for my beloved grandma. It's on my arm and says "in loving memory" at the top. Gram's portrait is underneath, and a beautiful poem my grandpa wrote for her is under the portrait. The tattoo artist did a phenomenal job! It looks just like her and I was thrilled with the results.

The problem is, I posted a picture on Facebook of the tattoo, and out of the blue a distant cousin sent me a message telling me that the tattoo was "selfish and attention-seeking behavior"! He said he was hurt in more ways than one because of it.

Abby, I don't understand. I love this tattoo. I wanted to honor the woman who meant so much to me. Did I honor her the wrong way like he says? Was I selfish? I'm so hurt, I guess I'm just looking for some input into this. My friends and family say he's jealous and not to give it another thought, but I'm obsessing. Please help. — HONORING GRANDMA

DEAR HONORING GRANDMA: Please accept my sympathy for your obviously heartfelt loss. Your family and friends are correct that your cousin's comments are out of line. You are not responsible for your cousin's feelings, so stop obsessing. Whatever has hurt him "in more ways than one" is not your tattoo, or anything you posted on Facebook.

You say he is distant. Keep it that way and concentrate on something positive like the fact that you have honored your grandmother's memory. Then go on and build a happy and constructive life. I'm sure that is what she would want you to do.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbors' teenage sons ask to borrow our lawn mower and other yard tools so they can make money cutting the grass for other neighbors. What do we do? — LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR: How responsible are the boys? If they can be trusted with your lawn mower and other yard tools and you're kind-hearted, allow them to use the items with the understanding that they will be returned to you in the same condition in which they were borrowed. Then have them cut your lawn as a way of showing their appreciation.

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker "Oscar" is a grouchy, bitter man. His cubicle is close to mine, so I can hear everything he says. He constantly talks about other employees and even about the owners of the company.

Oscar's general bitterness and poor attitude constantly bring me down. I have tried tuning him out, unsuccessfully. I don't like being subjected to this daily, but I don't know what I can do about it. Please help. — NEEDS POSITIVITY IN LEXINGTON, KY.

DEAR NEEDS POSITIVITY: The first thing you should do is tell Oscar that you can hear every word he's saying because he may not know that he's being overheard. Tell him his conversations are distracting and ask him to stop. If he does not comply, complain to a supervisor. And if your complaint is not acted upon, bring headphones, if it's allowed, so you won't be subjected to the daily dose of negativity.

GOREN BRIDGE

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Swing high

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 4
♡ 10 9 8 3 2
◊ 10 6 4 3
♣ Void

WEST
♠ 7 6 3 2
♡ A 6
◊ A 9 7
♣ 10 8 4 2

EAST
♠ A J
♡ K 7 5 4
◊ Q J 5 2
♣ A J 5

SOUTH
♠ 9 8 5
♡ Q J
◊ K 8
♣ K Q 9 7 6 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♡	2♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ace of ♡

You tend to look for major swings in a pair competition to come from doubled game contracts or higher. To find one from an undoubled low partscore is hard to believe. But consider this deal from a major pair event.

No one can fault the bidding. East-West's methods included four-card major opening bids. Few would fault South's two-level overcall and North certainly could do nothing about matters.

West led the ace of hearts and East followed with a discouraging four despite holding the king. West shifted to a low spade to the queen and ace and East returned the jack of spades to dummy's king. A diamond to the king lost to the ace and the spade return was ruffed.

East cashed the queen of diamonds and king of hearts and exited with a heart. Declarer ruffed with the six, West overruffed with the eight and played his remaining spade. East cleverly ruffed with the ace of trumps and led a fourth heart, promoting partner's 10 of trumps. When the smoke cleared the defenders had collected nine tricks for 400 points!

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 24, 2012:

This year you'll survey your assets, talents and financial well-being. If you feel unfulfilled or insecure, look to an unused talent or asset you possess. This trait might need to be developed, and the result could delight you. Learn to convey your caring in an appropriate manner that the listener can hear and accept. If you are single, use good sense as to how much you'll share before getting to know a potential sweetie. If you are attached, curb your criticism and increase your appreciation. Accept your significant other as he or she is. GEMINI knows how to spend your money; however, do not count on his or her moneymaking abilities!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Take a serious look at your talents and potential. Use these abilities rather than put them on the back burner. Do not hesitate to get feedback from respected authorities; listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Impulsiveness could set in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your insight tosses plans into the blender once more. You know what works and what doesn't. Regroup and help others make better decisions. Sharing good will and helpful information will create a stronger bond between you and a friend. Tonight: Share more of yourself, including a favorite pastime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Sudden actions from others demonstrate that certain people are not sharing as much as you thought. Recognize that other factors determine their choices. Express interest in their selections in a nonoffensive manner. Tonight: You are the action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Listen to news, even if you are uncomfortable with what you are hearing. Try not to be in denial, because ultimately you'll only hurt yourself. Test out your observations and sensitivities on a trusted friend at a later point during the day. Tonight: Do what feels good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ New ideas cause you to adjust your plans or a project. You'll gain a lot of insight if you remain open to this information. You might not encourage change, but ultimately the end results will be better if you let it happen. An associate or friend supports your desires. Tonight: Where you most want to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Take a stand if a partner or close associate continues his or her pattern of wreaking havoc in your life. Though you cannot change this person, you can establish stronger boundaries. Do just that, if need be. A parent, boss or other respected individual admires your strength. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You cannot risk myopic vision. Step back to gain a better and more complete perspective. Avoid nitpicking over details right now. A call from a friend at a distance could bring some very special news. Tonight: Choose a mind-relaxing activity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your ability to relate directly and with clarity emerges. A person who you often see acts in an unusual manner. Perhaps you need to accept that behavior. You might not like the muck that you could land in otherwise. Tonight: Special time with a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Rather than make a decision, sit back on your haunches and relax. Observe more. Others will make the first move, which allows greater possibilities and adds a new dimension to your one-on-one relating. Tonight: Be among friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Accomplish as much as you can. You might need to block a personal situation or detach temporarily in order to clear up other more urgent matters. Someone has good intentions, but his or her actions and/or thoughts could interfere with your agenda. Tonight: Lose your stress. Hop into a hot tub or go to the gym.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your creativity allows you to be more whimsical than many other people. You gain understanding and are able to convey a more complete vision to listeners. Be discreet as to how much you reveal to one key person. Tonight: As if there is no tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Remain centered, even if it means not answering calls. You have much to do and do not need any distractions. A situation suddenly could take on another perspective, and yet another. Go with the flow with this matter rather than interfere. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

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BORN TODAY

Author Sue Grafton (1940), actress Jill Ireland (1936), singer Kelly Clarkson (1982)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Place to stand around with a round
4 Musical triad
9 Desert plants
14 Self-image
15 New staffer
16 Popular email provider
17 Field for 19- or 40-Down
18 Florida Keys, e.g.
20 Master
22 "You're on!"
23 The Beatles' last studio album
26 Slip-up on the set
31 Seeping
33 Best-selling touchscreen device
34 Co. that makes stuff
36 Tyrolean refrain
38 Ambulance wail
39 Middle-earth menaces
41 "Get out of my sight!"
43 Gumbo veggie
44 "24" superagent Jack
46 Diamond surface
48 Fa-la link
49 "Sure, let's do lunch"
51 Everest expert
53 The one in a one-two, usually
55 Explore caves
58 Top Olympic medals, in Barcelona
60 Bandleader Kay
61 Elusive evolutionary connection, or the elusive feature of the ends of 18-Across and 3- and 28-Down
67 Give the heave-ho
68 Committee type
69 Lamp dwellers
70 Something to chew
71 Fort __, Indiana
72 Pitter
73 New Orleans-to-Miami dir.

DOWN
1 What really matters
2 Come to terms
3 Injury-prone area for pitchers
4 Cheaply made
5 Bathrobe designation
6 NBA's Magic, on scoreboards
7 Tackle Tolstoy, say
8 Cygnus supergiant
9 One-eyed monster
10 Sigh of pleasure
11 All the tea in China?
12 You, to Yves
13 + molecule, e.g.
19 Surrealist Salvador
21 Carnival setting
24 Bookstore sect.
25 Words before "time" or "the line"
27 Buckeye's home
28 Meat ingredient in many stuffing recipes
29 Año beginning
30 Kidney-related
32 Actress Rowlands, et al.
34 Big name in oil
35 Bowling score sheet division
37 Highland waters
40 Spanish muralist José Maria
42 Blubber
45 Shout "Hallelujah!"
47 One who can do a perfect Vulcan salute
50 Come by honestly
52 Tissue box word
54 5-time A.L. batting champ Wade
56 Connection
57 Krispy __: doughnut chain
59 Did in, as a dragon
61 Animal's gullet
62 Mont. neighbor
63 Just short
64 Holy Trinity member
65 Pasta suffix
66 1-Across quickie

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	O	A	R		R	E	E	D	O			I	S	L	E
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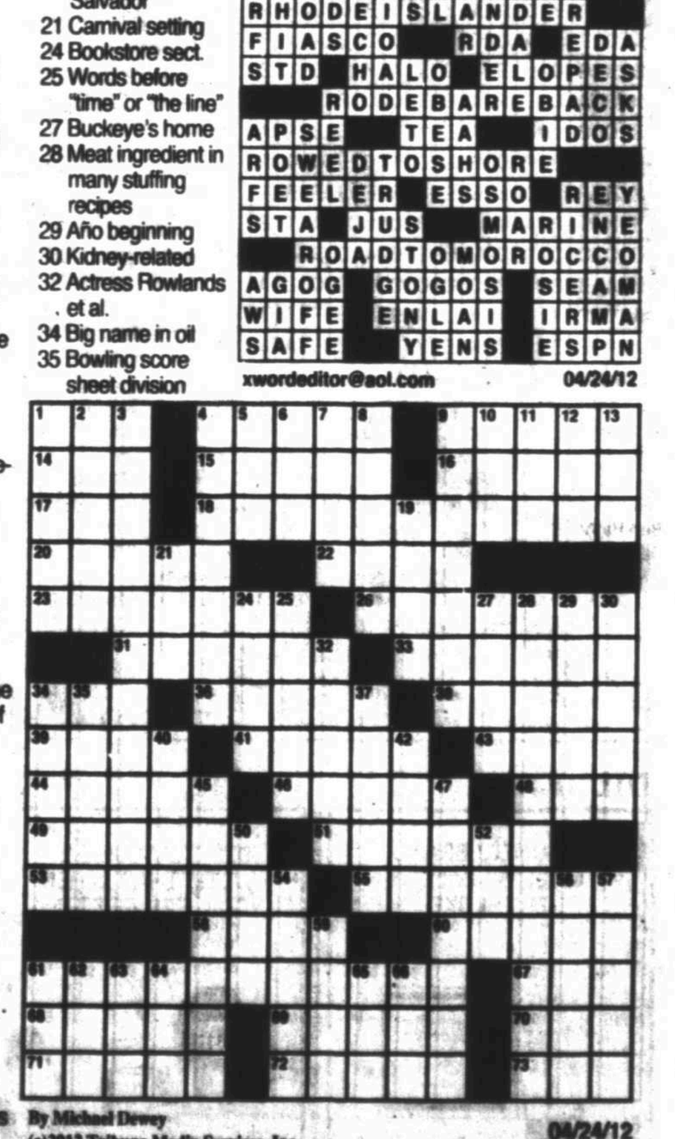

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"Well, whatever it is, we should know by morning."

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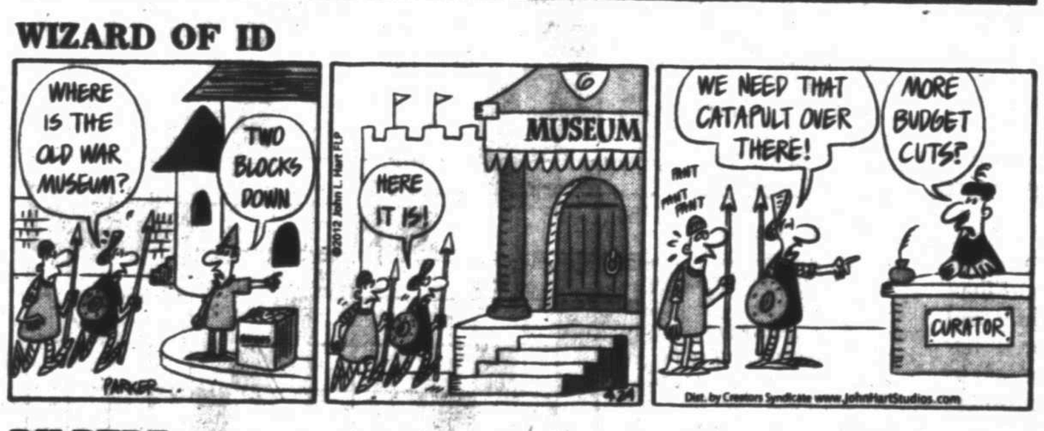

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"Am I leading, or are you?"

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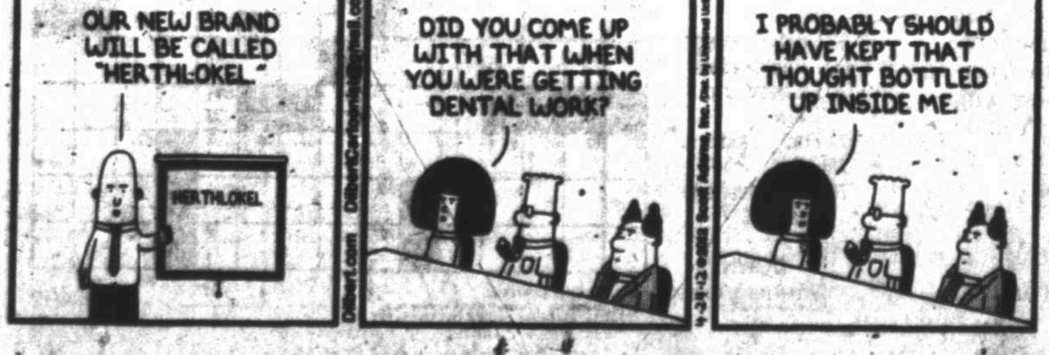

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RFP 12MCO479 – Library Sculpted Trees

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Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432/688-4871 or bob.henderson@co.midland.tx.us .

Bob Henderson
County Purchasing Agent

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Olive V. Cowden, Deceased, were issued on April 10, 2012, in Cause No. P17014, pending in the Midland County Court Sitting in Matters of Probate, Midland County, Texas, to: James Coley Cowden, Sr.

The address of the Independent Executor is:

c/o: MASON S. STANDLEY
MASON S. STANDLEY, P.C.
720 North Main Street
Boerne, Texas 78006

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED _____, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

MASON S. STANDLEY, P.C.
720 North Main Street
Boerne, Texas 78006
Telephone: (830) 249-5749
Telecopier: (830) 249-1515

By: /s/ Mason S. Standley
State Bar No. 19031400

Attorney for Independent Executor

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Sealed Statements of Qualifications will be received until 5:00 PM, May 9, 2012, in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

Request for Qualifications 4977-12: The City of Midland is seeking concise letters of interest and a statement of qualifications from parties interested in assisting the City's Engineering Services Department by providing Professional Services (engineering, surveying, and ROW acquisition) for the design of infrastructure improvements (water distribution, wastewater collection, storm drainage and paving) for the Briarwood Ave. corridor between Holiday Hill Rd. and Heidelberg Ln.

The RFQ is now available. To receive a copy of the RFQ, please call 432-685-7234 or e-mail: purchasing@midlandtexas.gov

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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City of Midland, Texas

Pets

FOUND CHIHUAHUA mix. Sunday, 4/15. Call to identify, 432-634-2002.

FOUND FEMALE Basset Hound on Midkiff St.near Wadley Has collar. 432-238-3473.

FOUND FEMALE Tan Chihuahua in the vicinity of the Hogan dog park at E. Wadley Ave. in Midland on 4/23. Call 619-200-4854.

FOUND GRAY female Schnauzer. Call to identify, 432-934-2114.

FOUND MALE cat, black and grey near Wadley & Midland Dr. Call 432-528-0930 or email for pics: mjdkitty@gmail.com

FOUND MALE, white/blonde, long-haired, large puppy. Wearing collar. He is at Midland Animal Control.

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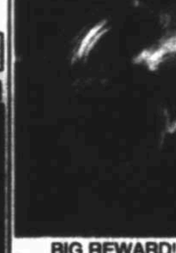

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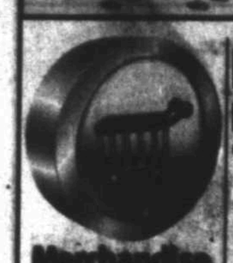

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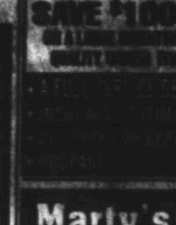

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2008 BMW 328i CONVERTIBLE, WHITE/BLK LEATHER, PREMIUM PKG., HEATED SEATS, SAT. RADIO, 48K MILES, CPO 6YRS OR 100K

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GMC 2002 1500, extended cab, great condition, 60k miles, new tires, $10,800. Call 432-262-1222.

GMC 2005 Sierra 2500, crew cab SLT, 4x4, 115k miles, $16,000 obo. Call 432-254-9798

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BUICK 2004 Rainer, leather, 114K miles, clean, $7,000 obo. Call 432-352-7043.

FORD 2003 Expedition, good condition, blue w/ leather interior, fully loaded. $12,000 or obo. Call 432-466-9033.

GMC 2002 Yukon XL SLE, 91K miles, $8000. Call 432-425-3088 for more info.

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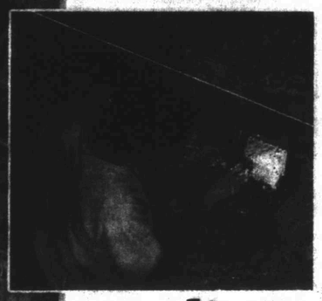

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In an undated photo provided by Michael Chazen, an unidentified worker, left, takes samples at Wonderwerk cave in South Africa. Scientists said April 2, that they've found the earliest firm evidence of human ancestors using fire: material about 1 million years old in Wonderwerk cave. ABOVE In an undated photo provided by Michael Chazen, Paul Goldberg takes samples in Excavation 1 at Wonderwerk Cave in South Africa.

Michael Chazan/AP

Study: Our ancestors used fire a million years ago

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When did our ancestors first use fire? That's been a long-running debate, and now a new study concludes the earliest firm evidence comes from about 1 million years ago in a South African cave.

The ash and burnt bone samples found there suggest fires frequently burned in that spot, researchers said Monday.

Over the years, some experts have cited evidence of fire from as long as 1.5 million years ago, and some have argued it was used even earlier, a key step toward evolution of a larger brain. It's a tricky issue. Even if you find evidence of an ancient blaze, how do you know it wasn't just a wildfire?

The new research makes "a pretty strong case" for the site in South Africa's Wonderwerk Cave, said Francesco Berna of Boston University, who presents the work with colleagues in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

One expert said the new finding should be considered together with a previous discovery nearby, of about the same age. Burnt bones also have been found in the Swartkrans cave, not far from the new site, and the combination makes a stronger case than either one alone, said Anne Skinner of Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., who was not involved in the new study.

Another expert unconnected with the work, Wil Roebroeks of Leiden University in The Netherlands, said by email that while the new research does not provide "rock solid" evidence, it suggests our ancestors probably did use fire there at that time.

The ancestors probably brought burning material from natural blazes into the cave to establish the fires, said Michael Chazan of the University of Toronto, a study author. Stone tools at the site suggest the ancestors were Homo erectus, a species known from as early as about 2 million years ago.

The scientists didn't find signs of fire preparation, like a hearth or a deep pit. But Berna said it's unlikely the fires were simply natural blazes, such as from lightning strikes.

That's because the evidence shows repeated fires burned deep inside the cave, he said. The cave entrance is almost 100 feet away, and because of changes in the cave over the past 1 million years, the entrance was apparently even farther away when the fires burned, he said. In contrast, he said, the bones at Swartkrans could have been burned by a natural fire in the open before winding up in that cave.

The scientists also found no sign that the Wonderwerk cave fires were ignited by spontaneous combustion of bat guano, which they called a rare but documented event.

Berna and colleagues describe animal bones that show discoloring and a chemical signature of being heated. They also report microscopic bits of ash in excavated dirt from the cave, indicating burning of light material like leaves, grasses and twigs. And they found evidence of heating in samples of fractured stone.

Several lines of evidence suggest the material was heated within the cave rather than blown or washed in from outside.

It's not clear what the fires were used for. While the burnt bones suggest cooking, the ancestors might have eaten the meat raw and tossed the bones into the fire, Berna noted. Other possible uses might be warmth, light and protection from wild animals, he said.

Don't update to solid state just to save time

Dear Propeller Heads: I'm shopping for a laptop and I'm considering upgrading to a solid state drive because I hear they're faster. Are they worth the extra cost?

A: We're sure the importance of your work is stupendous, but there are cheaper ways to save time. Why not cut back from eight hours of sleep every night to six? (We just saved you several hundred dollars and added six years to your waking hours.)

Solid state drives (SSDs) top traditional hard disk drives (HDDs) in many areas, but they'll cost you more. They are typically lighter, faster, quieter and more durable than "normal" drives. For the price, they should also help you quit smoking, lose weight and improve your tan.

SSDs aren't new — they've been used for years in the military, in factories and in hospitals, where disk durability and reliability are paramount.

Crack open an "old-school" hard drive and you'll void your warranty and lose your data. But you'll also see layers of magnetic platters. Small metal read-write heads are mechanically moved over the platters to read and write data. In contrast to electrons whizzing through circuits electronically, mechanical movements are pretty slow.

Enter solid state drives, which use flash memory chips instead of magnetic platters. They're similar to USB memory sticks, camera memory cards, and MP3 players. Many devices have moved to solid state technology, including iPads and others. The advantages of an SSD are due to its lack of moving parts.

Writing to a SSD can be (but is not always) faster, but reading from them can be many times faster, leading to faster system boot-ups and wake-ups from stand-by mode.

But even if you spend all day saving documents and searching for files until you retire in 30 years, you'll only gain back about 12 days by switching to solid state. You'll save more time skipping your lunch break and swallowing bouillon cubes at your desk, or growing a beard and giving up shaving.

So what are the other advantages? SSDs are lighter than their HDD counterparts, sometimes about one fifth the weight — a big deal in laptops, where every ounce counts.

They're also quieter, and more resistant to shock. Dropping a hard disk drive is likely fatal to the data it stores; dropping a solid state drive won't hurt much unless it lands on your foot. Did we mention they're lighter?

SSDs typically consume less power than their frenetic brethren, helping extend battery life on portable devices.

The main disadvantage to SSDs is their price. "Normal" hard drives cost under $0.50 per gigabyte, but SSDs cost about $1.50 to $2 per gigabyte. Prices per gigabyte typically go up as the storage capacity does. In addition, large SSDs top out around 600 gigabytes, where regular hard drives can be found at several times that capacity.

Many laptop models provide SSD options right now and this trend will continue as prices come down and drive capacities go up.

Current trends to the "cloud" suggest local computer storage needs may be going down, opening up a greater potential for SSDs. More on this at http://buswk.co/aSsqb. Here's a test: check how much space you are using on your laptop now. If you are like many, it is probably less than 100 gigabytes, maybe much less. If so, your next laptop might be running without that familiar humming.

So upgrade to solid state, but do it for the lighter weight, the quieter operation and the durability. If you're just looking to save time, consider foregoing the elevator in your office building and just stepping directly out the window. When your co-worker asks if you have vertigo, tell her "Oh no, only about ten feet more."

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