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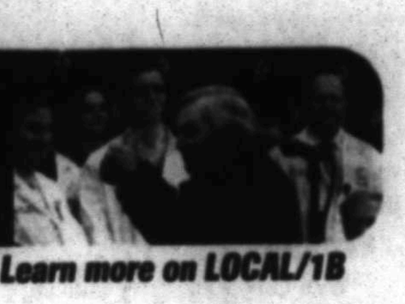
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MISD leaders brief group on budget

Official likens 'best case scenario' $15M loss to three stages of grief

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

With a best case scenario of $15 million in cuts over the next biennium, the school district's assistant superintendent for financial services said they're moving toward the stage of acceptance in their grief over funding cuts.

"What I liken this to is the three stages of grief — denial, anger and acceptance," said David Garcia, Midland Independent School District's superintendent for financial services. "It's really tough that you're willing to admit you'll take $15 million in cuts."

Speaking Monday to teachers, counselors and other staff members who are a part of the District Education Improvement Council, Garcia and Superintendent Ryder Warren said initial projections from the House and Senate had MISD losing between $18 million and $31 million.

An updated version of the Senate bill now has that number down to just more than $15 million. A new version of the House budget is expected this week.

About $7.5 million would be cut from MISD in the 2011-12 school year, according to the new Senate estimates, and about $8.1 million in the 2012-13 year.

"That's our best case scenario right now," Warren said. "Isn't that crazy?"

Final numbers likely won't be out until late May, though Warren said if lawmakers take the budget into a special session it could be even later.

Garcia said typically they send budgets out to campuses before spring break but put that off this year in hopes of learning more from Austin. Because state funding is still unclear, they sent out flat budget allocations to principals on Monday.

They're also still looking at closing West and Bunche early childhood centers as well as cutting programs and reorganizing the gifted program at Carver. The school board also is looking at taking money from MISD's fund balance to help make up for state funding losses, Warren said.

Cuts still will be taken care of through attrition, program cuts and other efficiencies, not through laying off teachers and staff, Warren said.

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LOFTY AMBITION

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Rodney Caldwell, with Capital Restoration and Water Proofing, works at resealing some of the 2,520 windows with a silicone caulk Monday at the Summit Building in downtown Midland.

House begins debating voter ID legislation

By Jay Root
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House debated contentious legislation Monday aimed at requiring voters to show a photo ID before casting a ballot.

The bill was temporarily derailed on a parliamentary maneuver after Democrats raised objections that procedures were violated, but Republicans moved quickly to fix them. The bill was approved 6-2 in a House committee Monday afternoon and officials predicted it would be back on the floor by Wednesday.

Voter ID legislation sparked partisan tensions after Gov. Rick Perry put it on the fast track to passage. Republicans in legislatures across the nation argue it's needed to combat voter fraud. Democrats contend the bill is designed to erect hurdles for poor and minority voters who are less likely to have a state-issued ID card.

Having already passed the Senate, the legislation is deemed likely to get approval during the 2011 session after being shot down during high-intensity debates in recent years.

Rep. Patricia Harless, the Houston-area Republican who is carrying the bill in the House, said Texans already are required to produce an ID to get medical prescriptions, board an aircraft and obtain various goods and services.

"Ballot access should have at least the same integrity as renting a movie, boarding a commercial plane or cashing a check,"

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MC mulls eliminating vet tech program

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Students enrolled in Midland College's veterinary technology courses were alerted Monday the program may be closed.

With initial state budgets cutting up to $7 million in funding from Midland College, President Steve Thomas said they're looking at reducing spending by eliminating technical programs that have a high cost and low enrollment. He said the veterinary technology program is one they've told students and faculty is being considered for closure. Anyone already enrolled in the degree program would be permitted to finish before it would be completely dissolved, he said.

"I hope everyone understands we're responding to a crisis at the state level with our budget," Thomas said. "We've got to make some cuts."

The recommendation will be made to the board of trustees, who then will have to vote before any decisions are final. Thomas said they're waiting for more concrete information from Austin and decisions about where to set the tax rate and how much to charge for tuition before any votes will be taken.

"It's all premature to be talking officially because we still have no idea what the final appropriations bill will (look like)," Thomas said. "It probably will be sometime close to the end of May before that picture is really clear."

Those affiliated with the program said while they understand spending needs to be reduced, they clearly wish it could be accomplished without completely eliminating programs.

"Obviously we'd like to be able to see the program persist, but we also know there are realities," said Dr. Kerry Coombs, program director. "If there are no alternatives, I guess we'll have to go down fighting. The students didn't want to go down quietly."

Ashley Redwine, who moved from San Antonio to enroll in the program, said she chose Midland over a school closer to home because of its

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MRT file photo

VET TECH FUNDING Lynn Robbins, clinical director of veterinary technology at Midland College, demonstrates some of the simulation animals used for training and learning in this 2009 file photo. With state budget cuts affecting funding to schools, officials at Midland College are looking at cutting the program.

Man stabbed in altercation over stacking of wood

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland man was in jail Monday after allegedly stabbing a co-worker with a knife during a workplace dispute.

Remigio Martinez Rodriguez, 44, was charged in a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the stabbing of a co-worker on March 16.

Remigio Martinez Rodriguez: Charged in second-degree felony of aggravated assault in stabbing of co-worker

Deputies were called to Well Units Inc. on the 3800 block of South State Highway 349 in connection with a stabbing a little after 7 a.m. Wednesday, according to the affidavit for an arrest warrant.

Witnesses told deputies the altercation began between Rodriguez and the victim over how the victim was stacking wood in a pickup for the job site. The pair began arguing loudly about the wood and Rodriguez pulled out a blade between 3 and 5 inches long, the report states.

Rodriguez reportedly yelled that he was going to kill the victim and then began slashing at him, witnesses said.

One co-worker told deputies that Rodriguez made cutting motions with the knife back and forth on the victim's stomach, before stabbing him in the groin and chest.

After the victim was stabbed, several co-workers helped him into the office where they began telling the story to the owner of the company.

During the retelling of the events, witnesses said, the victim slipped out the door and

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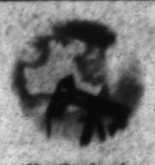

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With Gov. Rick Perry indicating he won't remove more than the $3.2 billion from the rainy day fund he agreed to last week, Warren said while they'd like additional savings to be used, they're planning for cuts. The $3.2 billion Perry and a House committee agreed upon would cover shortfalls for the current budget year.

"We're trying to tell them this is a hurricane," Warren said. "This is not just a rainy day; it's a full-fledged hurricane."

Garcia said because they won't have budgets from Austin for what could be several months, they're cutting $7 million from the upcoming school year and then will assess what needs to be done during the 2012-13 school year based on final numbers.

"In the second year we can make some good informed decisions," he said.

Warren said the $15 million cut proposed by the Senate assumes the Legislature will find $6 billion more to put into school finance, which they've yet to determine how they will accomplish.

School board Trustee James Fuller said he's worried Perry will attempt to fill that hole by requiring school districts that have a healthy fund balance, like MISD, to use it to a certain level.

"He's simply going to use us to replenish the rainy day fund," Fuller said.

Jay Isaacs, board president, said the district has about three months of operating expenses or around $30 million in its savings. He said lawmakers could consider requiring them to use the fund down to where they have just two months of operating expenses, for example.

Garcia said if they were required to use the fund to certain levels it could mean MISD has to borrow money in the fall semester and then repay those loans when local tax money comes in December, which is a process they don't like to do and don't currently take part in.

Even if additional funds were removed from the state's rainy day fund, Garcia said it wouldn't solve the problem. Without a fix to the system that lowered property taxes without creating a margins tax on businesses that filled the loss, he said the shortage will occur every biennium.

"We're just going to have to find a way to do things differently," he said.

The District Education Improvement Council gathers monthly and looks through instructional material at its meetings, Chairman Patrick Jones said.

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hands-on approach and up-to-date facilities.

"I was also really disappointed in the school for spending all that money on building this facility and now they're closing it down," Redwine said. "I'm getting my hands-on training, which I wouldn't have gotten anywhere else."

Midland College's program is one of six statewide that offers training for registered veterinary technicians, said Andy Walker, director of Training & Certification at the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.

She said Midland College hasn't had a large number of students go through the certification exam recently but that overall interest in such programs remains high. "It's too bad to hear that that might be closing down," she said.

Coombs said there are 32 students in the veterinary technology program this semester — 18 first-year students and 14 second-year students.

Annually, the program costs about $188,000, which also covers the cost of caring for animals that live on campus as well as the medications and supplies for surgery and other tasks being taught, Coombs said.

"All you have to do is look at the cost of veterinary services and you know that it's not cheap to provide that equipment and medications," he said.

Thomas stressed the decision is not final and that they're making decisions as a result of state funding.

"No official announcement (has been) made," he said.

Whatever the decision, he said students will be taken care of.

"We are trying to notify students," he said. "We certainly will honor the obligation that we have to those students. If we have students that are halfway through we're not just going to say, 'Sorry we're closing the program.'"

Destiny Cacy, a first-year student from Midland, said even if they are allowed to finish, she worries the quality of the program will decrease during its last year of operation because of budget cuts.

Coombs added they have a few first-year students who started in the second semester so they'd have to figure out how to accommodate those students without offering the full first-year courses.

"At this point there are probably more questions than answers," Coombs said.

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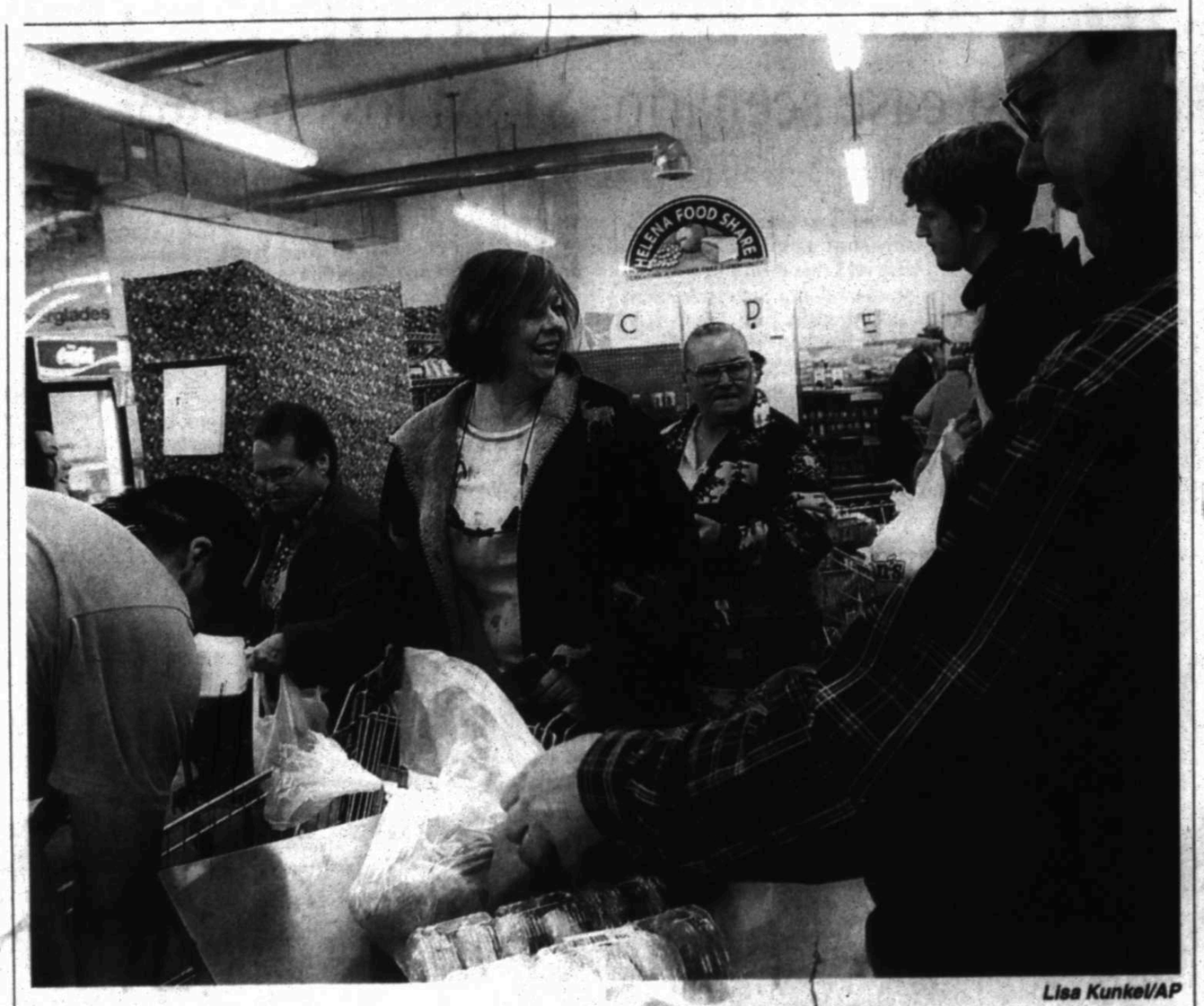

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RELYING ON GENEROSITY Myriam Garcia, center, shares a laugh with volunteers as they bag her groceries March 18 at the Helena Food Share in Helena, Mont. Garcia lives 40 miles from town, and her fixed income makes affording gas and groceries difficult, so she relies on the generosity of the food bank.

DOUBLE WHAMMY

Gas, food prices create added stress for rural families

By Matt Volz
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Twice a week, Myriam Garcia puts snow chains on her 22-year-old gas guzzler and noses two miles down the hill from her trailer in rural western Montana. Then, instead of turning south and driving the 45 miles to Helena for grocery shopping like she used to, she parks on the side of the road and waits for a friend or neighbor heading into town to give her a lift.

In Helena, Jackie Merenz loads her beat-up SUV with juice boxes, graham crackers and applesauce she bought at Walmart for her 6-year-old daughter's birthday party. The 60-mile round trip she makes twice a week for groceries hits her wallet hard — the food stamps don't go far, gas prices are skyrocketing and to top it off, her husband had to stop working after getting injured.

Living out in Montana's Big Sky Country often means driving long distances for the basic necessities, and people on tight budgets like Garcia, 49, and Merenz, 26, long have been creative in making ends meet.

But with food prices up nearly 4 percent last month — the biggest leap in 36 years — and the national average for a gallon of gas at a whopping $3.57, this economic double whammy is stretching family budgets to the breaking point.

"It took me $50 to fill up my car yesterday. And it will be gone in three days, probably," Merenz said. "We already live in HUD housing, we're already on Medicaid, we already have food stamps — and we still struggle."

Merenz and her husband Richard moved to a small house in Boulder, Mont., two years ago after he had sinus surgery and the doctor told him the Oklahoma humidity was not good for him. He got a job at the Montana Developmental Center, which caters to people with developmental disabilities and behavioral problems.

But then in December, a patient broke his nose, knocking Richard Merenz out of work and leaving him in need of two operations. It couldn't have come at a worse time, with the rising prices of milk and baby food for their three children ages 8 months, 2 and 6.

"Right now, we're just kind of winging it," Jackie Merenz said.

Merenz, balancing 2-year-old son Taylor on her hip as she loads the last boxes of Capri-Sun, said she's had to pay $200 more a month in groceries the last couple of months — on top of the food stamps she uses. Her daughter Andrea's birthday party will be simple, featuring pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey with her kindergarten friends.

About 75 miles north of the Merenzes, Garcia lives on 20 acres of pristine country near Craig. She's lived there for 12 years in a trailer that's off the electrical grid, raising chickens and three sons. The children are now grown. Garcia is disabled and receives Social Security payments.

Now gas prices have forced her frugality to an extreme. She runs her generator three hours a day, flipping it on to watch the news at 5 p.m. and for chores afterward. Sometimes the choice comes down to paying for fuel for her home and car or buying food.

"Before, I had three boys so I was always creative with a limited amount of funds. Now I have to be even more creative because gas is so high," Garcia said.

She uses a wood stove and a propane heater for warmth and takes housesitting jobs in Helena whenever she can to cut down on expenses.

"That is a big, big help. Especially in the wintertime. I get to eat, I get to do laundry and there's no expenditure on gas once I get there," she said. "It is kind of a nice little break where you have electricity at the flick of a button and you don't have to arrange your day around electricity and gas."

When she's back home and has to make the twice-weekly journey into town, she tries to avoid driving the long stretch of highway into Helena by carpooling whenever she can. She'll arrange rides with friends and neighbors, splitting the cost of gas.

"I can't really afford to drive to town. If I can drive into town once a month, I'm lucky," she said. "A lot of time people from Craig are leaving for town and I'll catch a ride with them. But I'm too scared to get in with strangers."

She's holding out for summer, when her garden will yield fresh vegetables and her chickens start laying again, giving her some relief from rising prices. But she is convinced the cost of gas and food will only keep going up, and she is preparing for even more frugal measures.

Garcia said she'd like to see the nation's lawmakers take a page from Lee Iacocca, who took an annual salary of just $1 when he set about turning around Chrysler in the 1980s. Politicians should do the same now to help turn around the U.S., Garcia said, and funnel the salary they forego back into Medicare and food and services for children.

"I'd like to see them step up. They already have income, they're already very wealthy — many of them are," she said. "Our country's in trouble. It wouldn't be forever. But it would give me faith and hope because I love America."

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Harless said. "The fact that states across the nation are passing voter ID laws is proof enough (of) the public's concerns regarding the potential of voter fraud."

Democrats know the bill is likely to pass but were trying to delay and amend the proposal during floor proceedings Monday. Legislators on both sides had been hunkering down for a long, partisan debate when House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, took it off the agenda due to procedural defects.

"I'm under no illusion about what the outcome is going to be today," said Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas. "My fear is that this bill is not going to increase the integrity of elections, but instead is going to keep legitimately eligible Texans from the polls."

At least eight U.S. states have strict photo ID requirements, according to a late 2010 study by the National Conference of State Legislatures. After Republicans picked up strength in the 2010 elections, photo ID bills are working their way through various state legislatures this year, including in Arkansas, Kansas and North Carolina. Harless said the Texas legislation is modeled after similar laws in Georgia and Indiana.

STABBING

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went back out into the lot, where he continued to fight Rodriguez.

Several co-workers were able break up the fight and put the victim in a pickup to take him to the emergency room.

Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies attempted to contact Rodriguez but he never came to the sheriff's office to discuss the issues, and deputies issued a warrant for his arrest.

He is being held on a $50,000 bond. If convicted, he could serve up to 20 years in prison.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ Classic Movie Club presents "The Glamour Collection," part III, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Meetings schedule

Midland College
4 p.m. today
Gibson Board Room, Administration Building
Midland College campus

Odessa College Job Fair

The Odessa College 2011 annual Job Fair will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Odessa College Sports Center.

Job fair attendees will have the opportunity to explore available jobs from a selection of more than 30 area employers, including Bureau of Prisons, Chase Source LP, Citibank, city of Midland, Covenant, Clover House Inc., Kelly Services, Medical Center Hospital, Permian Basin Community Centers, Texas Department of Safety, U.S. Navy, Workforce Solutions Permian Basin and many more. OC representatives also will be available to help with career and college planning. For more information, contact Gloria Rangel, OC job fair coordinator, at 335-6833.

Investment officer to address SIPES meeting

Members of the Midland chapter of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, will meet Wednesday at Midland Country Club beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Lee Munson, chief investment officer with Portfolio Asset Management in Albuquerque, N.M., will present "How The Rich Invest Their Money."

Japan relief fund

Wells Fargo customers can contribute to Japan earthquake and tsunami relief efforts through the company's ATMs, according to David O'Neil, Community Banking president for the Permian Basin.

"It still isn't clear just how wide and deep the impact will be from this earthquake and tsunami, in terms of lives and property," he said. "Nonetheless, we believe it's important to start relief efforts now, and it's gratifying that we can use our ATM network to allow others to help, as well."

Customers will not be charged any fees for using the service and 100 percent of their donation is sent to the American Red Cross, he said.

Donations also can be made via the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org.

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Recycle container locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

■ Citibank Ballpark west side — 5514 Champions Drive — cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B – 3325 W. Wadley Ave. — No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) — 3200 N. Garfield Road — cardboard, paper, plastic and aluminum

■ Super Mercado — 2208 N. Big Spring St. — cardboard

■ Walmart Supercenter — 200 West Interstate 20 — cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Walmart Supercenter — 4517 N. Midland Drive — cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Western Park Plaza — 1020 Andrews Highway — cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics, paper and aluminum

There also are 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

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Pick 3 night: 9-7-5
Daily 4 day: 7-1-1-8
Daily 4 night: 6-2-1-3
Cash Five: 6-12-13-27-28
Texas Two Step: 12-25-28-34 BB: 24

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 22, the 81st day of 2011. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act of 1765 to raise money from the American colonies. (The act was repealed the following year.)

On this date:

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Ten years ago: An 18-year-old student opened fire at Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, Calif., wounding three classmates and two teachers before he was shot by a police officer. (Jason Hoffman later hanged himself in jail.)

Five years ago: More than 125,000 hourly workers of General Motors Corp. and auto supplier Delphi Corp. were offered buyouts to help cut the companies' huge labor costs.

One year ago: Former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton toured the quake-devastated capital of Haiti — a visit intended to remind donors of the immense needs facing the recovery effort.

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So far, risk low from radiation in food in Japan

Radiation-tainted spinach from Japan's damaged nuclear reactors may sound scary, but here's a reality check: Even if any made it to stores there, you'd have to be Popeye to eat enough to worry.

With some fallout found in an increasing number of foods, Japan's government is taking steps to stop contaminated products from reaching consumers — and the U.S. and other countries are double-checking imports.

The Chernobyl disaster made clear that radiation from food can be a real risk: Thousands of cases of thyroid cancer after the 1986 reactor explosion there are blamed on the Soviet Union's failure to stop children in the region from drinking milk contaminated with radioactive iodine — children who also weren't given a thyroid-protecting drug, potassium iodide.

Japan's earthquake-damaged reactors haven't leaked nearly as much radiation as Chernobyl, and aren't expected to — and this time around, people are being warned, food is being tested and there's potassium iodide in the high-risk zone.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Agency: Train ride inspector faked report

COLUMBIA — A safety inspector admitted he never tested a children's train ride that derailed over the weekend, killing a 6-year-old boy and injuring dozens of others, state officials said Monday, and witnesses described the small engine increasing its speed just before it went off the tracks near a bridge.

Authorities have not said exactly what caused the train to crash Saturday at Cleveland Park in Spartanburg, the northwestern part of the state. The nearly 60-year-train dubbed "Sparky" opened a week early because of the warm spring weather and was supposedly checked by a state inspector last Wednesday. But after the crash, the inspector came forward to say he hadn't done a thorough review.

Benji Easler died after the train went off its rails, and his parents and siblings were also injured, along with 25 other children and adults onboard.

ALABAMA

Leaders apologize for handling of 1944 rape

ABBEVILLE — Nearly 70 years after Recy Taylor was raped by a gang of white men, leaders of the rural southeast Alabama community where it happened apologized Monday, acknowledging that her attackers escaped prosecution because of racism and an investigation bungled by police.

"It is apparent that the system failed you in 1944," Henry County probate judge and commission chairwoman JoAnn Smith told several of Taylor's relatives at a news conference at the county courthouse.

Taylor, 91, lives in Florida and did not attend the news conference. Family members said she was in poor health and was not up to traveling to Abbeville or speaking with reporters. But her 74-year-old brother Robert Corbitt, who still lives in town, was front and center and said he would relay the apology.

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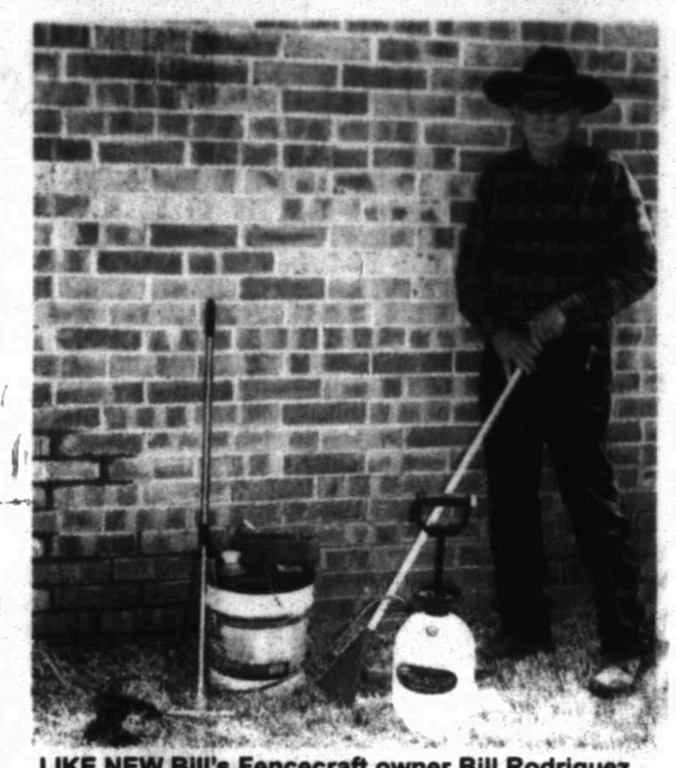

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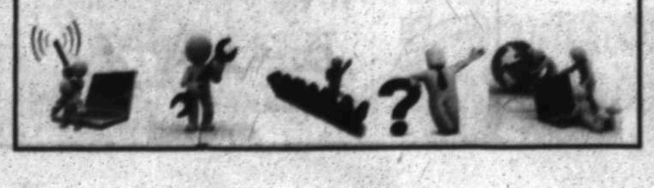

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Obama channels his inner Bush to justify war No. 3

■ How does the president justify in Libya what then state Sen. Obama spoke out against Iraq?

CAL THOMAS
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Ali Aujali, Libya's recently resigned ambassador to the U.S., is optimistic about the outcome of the bombing of his country. He tells me he thinks dictator Moammar Gadhafi will be ousted, free and fair elections will be held and a new government will be pro-Western.

From his lips to Allah's ears.

Given the history of the Middle East, such a notion requires greater faith than that possessed by the holiest of holy men.

After first displaying indecisiveness about Libya, President Obama touted his shotgun marriage to a "coalition" of nations attempting to dislodge Gadhafi. In Brasilia, Brazil recently, the president used the word "coalition" five times. Was this an attempt to align himself with former President George W. Bush, who advanced a "coalition of the willing" against Saddam Hussein in Iraq?

Obama seems to be channeling his predecessor. He signed an order closing Guantanamo prison as his first presidential act but recently announced it will stay open and the military tribunals established by Bush and supported by Congress will resume. And now, instead of Saddam Hussein, Obama is going after Gadhafi. Is this the same man who delivered a stem-winding, anti-Iraq war speech almost nine years ago in Chicago when he was a state senator?

That speech is worth revisiting.

State Sen. Obama said on Oct. 2, 2002, that he isn't "opposed to all war," only "dumb war, rash war."

Substitute Gadhafi and Libya for Saddam Hussein and Iraq in this excerpt from that speech: "I suffer no illusions about (Moammar Gadhafi). He is a brutal man. A ruthless man. A man who butchers his own people to secure his own power. He has repeatedly defied UN resolutions. ... He's a bad guy. The world and the (Libyan) people would be better off without him."

Here is Obama in 2002, with his ultimate argument against the Iraq war. Again I substitute Libya for Iraq and Gadhafi for Hussein: "(Gadhafi) poses no imminent and direct threat to the United States, or to his neighbors ... the (Libyan) economy is in shambles ... the (Libyan) military (is) a fraction of its former strength and ... in concert with the international community he can be contained until, in the way of all petty dictators, he falls away into the dustbin of history."

If Obama believed what he said in 2002 about Iraq and Saddam Hussein, doesn't that seem a good rationale for not committing anymore treasure — which we have run out of — and possibly more American lives with no greater goal than unseating Gadhafi in the hope that someone better will take his place?

What is this president's foreign policy? Does he have one other than pressuring Israel not to build more "settlements"? A "no-fly zone" will not depose Gadhafi and his sons. They must be overthrown, but that is not our announced objective. Does the president seriously believe a Gadhafi-free Libya will suddenly embrace Jeffersonian democracy? If so, he is a bigger amateur on the world stage than some suspect.

Obama says, "humanitarian reasons" are a motivating factor for using American and allied forces to topple Gadhafi. What makes Gadhafi worthy of special humanitarian concerns when many other governments similarly oppress their people?

Gadhafi can't live forever. The actuarial table will soon catch up with him. What's the rush, especially if a power vacuum is created in Libya that terrorist groups are all too happy to fill, as they might do in Egypt and other countries in the region that are now experiencing revolutions? Former Ambassador Aujali strongly doubts that will happen, but no one can be certain.

If Iraq qualified as a "dumb war" in Obama's mind back in 2002, what is smart about starting a third war against Moammar Gadhafi today? Is the United Nations, rather than Congress, now the authority for such action? That's what Democrats asked when President Bush was in the White House. It remains a valid question under President Obama.

OUR VIEW

Joining forces for water makes sense in West Texas

We have been saying for several years that water issues for the city, the Permian Basin and West Texas would become increasingly important as time went on. That is happening now.

The issues of water needs and water rights are now big news for our readers. As a community, we slowly are beginning to realize just how important water is to the people of our area.

Those issues are now almost a daily story whether it comes to rationing of lawn watering, gaining new water rights or the drought condition created by the lack of water. We can't escape what water means for us in this semi-arid desert setting.

The mayors of Midland, Abilene and San Angelo announced this last week they'll be working together to ensure the next generations have access to water at an affordable rate. Bonding together in this manner should make it easier to negotiate water rights than going it alone.

We have to remember that large metropolitan areas like San Antonio and Austin will be competing for the same water rights in many cases, so it makes sense that West Texas communities can better face these challenges by joining forces.

This is absolutely a solid strategy to carry forward with as long as it is not our only strategy. We can never have enough water to protect the growth of our city, and we should always be looking for ways and opportunities to add to our water inventory.

Chaps represented college, community well at nationals

We're pretty sure that members of the Midland College men's basketball team haven't realized yet what a great season they just completed. In fact, it really hurts when you fall one step short of your sport's ultimate goal.

In the case of the Chaparrals, that one faltered step was a 72-64 loss to No. 2-ranked College of Southern Idaho in the NJCAA National Championship game in Hutchinson, Kan. Yes that hurt, but it in no way should detract from a great season.

Coach Ross Hodge's team compiled a sterling 33-4 record during the 2010-11 basketball season while winning both the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title and the NJCAA Region V tournament championship.

In addition, these Chaps became the 10th team in MC men's basketball history to land a berth in the national tournament, keeping a strong tradition moving forward.

We offer our congratulations on this fine effort and are so very pleased at how this team represented its college and community this season. We also congratulate Ty Nurse and Guy Landry for being selected to the NJCAA All-Tournament team.

While we understand the temporary void these Chaps now feel, they will realize just how special this season was and they will know that there are many other NJCAA teams that would like to be in their shoes.

GUEST EDITORIAL
Amarillo Globe-News

Time for some to get serious on immigration

State Rep. Debbie Riddle has unveiled one of the most ridiculous pieces of legislation in memory.

The Houston-area Republican wants the Texas Legislature to enact a law that makes it illegal for employers to hire illegal immigrants, unless they are — and this is no joke, even though it sounds like one — a maid or a gardener.

There's no need here to itemize the ghastly stereotyping examples that this legislation brings to mind.

Suffice to say that exempting gardeners or maids falls into the category of gross insult to Texas residents of Hispanic descent, given that virtually all illegal immigrants living in Texas come across the border from Mexico.

Riddle's response to the criticism from many quarters is bizarre as well. Homeowners or business owners need not be afraid to hire illegal immigrants to do work around the house, Riddle says.

What in the world ... ?

Yes, Texas and the three other states — New Mexico, Arizona and California — that sit on our nation's border with Mexico have an illegal immigration crisis.

Arizona has taken controversial steps to deal with the issue, declaring that if the feds won't solve the problem, it should fall on the states to take matters into their own hands.

Texas well could follow suit before the 2011 Legislature adjourns in late May.

But the state also has an enormous budget deficit, the size of which has yet to be determined.

Both issues — immigration and the budget — require serious solutions.

Rep. Riddle's goofball illegal immigrant hiring bill doesn't even come close to deserving the Legislature's attention.

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Preparing America for more questions in Libya

■ How much is the United States willing to intervene when there are so many blemishes?

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The missile strikes that inaugurated America's latest attempt at regime change were launched 29 days before the 50th anniversary of another such — the Bay of Pigs of April 17, 1961. Then the hubris of American planners was proportional to their ignorance of *everything* relevant, from Cuban sentiment to Cuba's geography. The fiasco was a singularly feckless investment of American power.

Does practice make perfect? In today's episode, America has intervened in a civil war in a tribal society, the dynamics of which America does not understand. And America is supporting one faction, the nature of which it does not know. "We are standing with the people of Libya," says Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, evidently confident that "the" people are a harmonious unit. Many in the media call Moammar Gadhafi's opponents "freedom fighters," and perhaps they are, but no one calling them that really knows how the insurgents regard one another, or understand freedom, or if freedom, however understood, is their priority.

But, then, knowing is rarely required in the regime-change business. The Weekly Standard, a magazine for regime-change enthusiasts, serenely says: "The Libyan state is a one-man operation. Eliminate that man and the whole edifice may come tumbling down." And then good things must sprout? The late Donald Westlake gave one of his comic novels the mordant title "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" People who do not find that darkly funny should not make foreign policy.

In Libya, mission creep began before the mission did. A no-fly zone would not accomplish what Barack Obama calls "a well-defined goal," the "protection of civilians." So the no-fly zone immediately became protection for aircraft conducting combat operations against Gadhafi's ground forces.

America's war aim is inseparable from — indeed, obviously *is* — destruction of that regime. So our *purpose* is to create a political vacuum, into which we hope — this is the "audacity of hope" as foreign policy — good things will spontaneously flow. But if Gadhafi cannot be beaten by the rebels, are we prepared to supply their military deficiencies? And if the decapitation of his regime produces what the removal of Saddam Hussein did — bloody chaos — what then are our responsibilities regarding the tribal vendettas we may have unleashed? How long are we prepared to police the partitioning of Libya?

Explaining his decision to wage war, Obama said Gadhafi has "lost the confidence of his own people and the legitimacy to lead." Such meretricious boilerplate seems designed to anesthetize thought. When did Gadhafi lose his people's confidence? When did he have legitimacy? American doctrine — check the Declaration of Independence — is that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. So there are always many illegitimate governments. When is it America's duty to scrub away these blemishes on the planet? Is there a limiting principle of humanitarian interventionism? If so, would Obama take a stab at stating it?

Congress' power to declare war resembles a muscle that has atrophied from long abstention from proper exercise. This power was last exercised on June 5, 1942 (against Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary), almost 69 years, and many wars, ago. It thus may seem quaint, and certainly is quixotic, for Indiana's Richard Lugar — ranking Republican on, and former chairman of, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — to say, correctly, that Congress should debate and vote on this.

There are those who think that if the United Nations gives the United States permission to wage war, the Constitution becomes irrelevant. Let us find out who in Congress supports this proposition, which should be resoundingly refuted, particularly by Republicans currently insisting that government, and especially the executive, should be on a short constitutional leash. If all Republican presidential aspirants are supine in the face of unfettered presidential war-making and humanitarian interventionism, the Republican field is radically insufficient.

On Dec. 29, 1962, in Miami's Orange Bowl, President John Kennedy, who ordered the Bay of Pigs invasion, addressed a rally of survivors and supporters of that exercise in regime change. Presented with the invasion brigade's flag, Kennedy vowed, "I can assure you that this flag will be returned to this brigade in a free Havana." Eleven months later, on Nov. 2, 1963, his administration was complicit in another attempt at violent regime change — the coup against, and murder of, South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem. The Saigon regime was indeed changed, so perhaps this episode counts as a success, even if Saigon is now Ho Chi Minh City.

DOONESBURY
By Garry Trudeau

Health law at one year: Future still in question

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One year after President Barack Obama signed his historic health care overhaul, the law is taking root in the land. Whether it bears lasting fruit is still in question.

The legislation established health insurance as a right and a responsibility. Thousands of families, businesses and seniors have benefited from its early provisions.

But worries about affordability and complexity point to problems ahead. And that's assuming it withstands a make-or-break challenge to its constitutionality that the Supreme Court is expected to decide.

Public divisions over the law are still so sharp that Americans can't even agree what to call it. Supporters call it the Affordable Care Act, a shorter form of its unwieldy official title. It's also known as "Obamacare," the epithet used by Republicans seeking its demise.

While Obama returns from Latin America on the signing anniversary Wednesday, administration officials will fan out across the country. Community commemorations started Monday, underscoring that the health care battle has moved to the states. Even states suing to nullify the law's requirement that most Americans carry health insurance are proceeding with at least some of the building blocks.

Polls show that about one in eight people believe they have been personally helped already, well before the provision kicks in in 2014 to cover millions of uninsured. Interviews with people affected reveal it's not always clear-cut.

In small-town Circleville, N.Y., Patti Schley says one of the dozens of new insurance regulations made a dramatic difference for her family.

Her daughter Megan, 23, was out of college, going without insurance as she tried to launch a wedding photography business. Last summer Megan started getting sick and rapidly lost weight. Doctors diagnosed a serious digestive system disorder that would make her uninsurable.

But her parents were able to get her into a high-risk insurance pool created under the law, and this year Megan signed up for her father's workplace plan, under a provision extending coverage for adult children up to age 26.

"As a mother of a sick child, you are concerned whether your kid is 4 or 24," said Schley, an office administrator. "We couldn't wait for this to kick in."

Things are working out for the Schleys, but the high-risk pools that provided the initial lifeline for Megan are faltering. Nationally, the latest count shows fewer than 12,500 people signed up, mainly because of waiting periods and high premiums.

Another mom with an uninsured daughter ran into a Catch-22 that illustrates the law's complexity.

Mary Thompson of Overland Park, Kan., was sure the law would finally get 11-year-old Emily on the family's health insurance.

Insurers had repeatedly rejected Emily due to a birth defect of the spine, surgically corrected when she was an infant. The law requires insurers to accept children regardless of pre-existing health problems, a safeguard that will extend to people of all ages in 2014.

But because Emily's father is self-employed and the family buys its own coverage, things didn't work out as expected.

Certain "grandfathered" plans selling individual coverage are exempt from the law's requirement to cover kids. The Thompsons' plan was one. That meant they would have to apply for a whole new policy, and the mother, a breast cancer survivor, was unlikely to be accepted.

"We would have had to start over with me — and I can't start over," said Thompson. A social worker helped get Emily into Medicaid.

In neighboring Missouri, an insurance company's campaign to get small businesses to sign up by taking advantage of new tax breaks has yielded mixed results.

One of the chief promoters of the idea is Ron Rowe, an executive of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City. With some 150 previously uninsured businesses offering new coverage, his company's efforts earned the praise of Obama administration officials. But Rowe says many business owners found the math didn't work for them.

"The longer this has been out in the marketplace, the less appealing it's been to small-business owners," he said. A typical employee with 10 workers would have to pay about $31,000 a year for health insurance and recover only 10 percent to 15 percent of that through the new tax credit.

Rowe says his company is getting more interest from business owners by offering a cap on rate increases.

No group is more sensitive to medical costs than senior citizens, whose votes are also critical to Democrats' chances in the 2012 presidential election. So far, alarms that Medicare cuts would compromise their care have not been borne out. But Democratic lawmakers engineered the cuts to take effect gradually, while new Medicare benefits are being provided now.

Topping the list this year is a 50 percent price cut on brand-name prescriptions for Medicare recipients who fall into the coverage gap called the "doughnut hole." Daniel Wisniewski, a retired truck driver from Staten Island, N.Y., reckons that will reduce the price of one of his heart drugs from $234.99 a month to around $117.

"I'm not much on politics, but I feel that that's got to help me," said Wisniewski, 69. "I worked and paid into Social Security for 55 years. When I was a kid I used to wash dishes in a bakery after school."

Republicans say such gains will be temporary. For families, "any marginal benefits from this law are far outweighed by the heavy-handed intervention in their health care by Washington bureaucrats," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Affordability is the main worry for critics. A recent poll by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation found that one in five Americans said they had been negatively affected by the law, and about half of those cited costs. Some blamed the law for this year's premium hikes, although many experts say the impact was marginal.

"If they have a bad experience in the marketplace, it's very possible they're going to attribute that to the law," said Mollyann Brodie, Kaiser polling director. "It certainly presents a challenge for the proponents."

A lead author of the bill, Democratic Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, remains a strong supporter but laments not devoting more attention up front to cost control. "It gave detractors an opening," he said.

Online:
Background on Affordable Care Act:
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Pawlenty announces WH exploratory committee

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty pressed toward a White House campaign Monday by formally announcing an exploratory committee with a call for backers to help him "take back our government."

"At a young age, I saw up close the face of challenge, the face of hardship and the face of job loss," the Republican said in a two-minute video message designed to appeal to tea party activists and GOP rank and file facing economic insecurity.

"Over the last year I've traveled to nearly every state in the country and I know many Americans are feeling that way today. I know that feeling. I lived it. But there is a brighter future for America."

The optimistic note harkened to another upbeat politician: President Barack Obama, who ran on the message of hope and change in 2008.

Pawlenty's announcement of the exploratory committee almost certainly will lead to a full-blown candidacy for the GOP nomination in a field that has been slow to form. The winner would face the daunting task of unseating an incumbent president.

"We, the people of the United States, will take back our government. This is our country. Our founding fathers created it," Pawlenty said in the Hollywood-style video that featured a soaring soundtrack. It was posted on his Facebook page Monday afternoon.

"Americans embraced it. Ronald Reagan personified it. And Lincoln stood courageously to protect it. That's why today, I'm announcing the formation of an exploratory committee to run for president of the United States. Join the team and together we'll restore America."

It was the first definitive statement from a potential 2012 candidate on his or her White House campaign.

The Republican presidential field has been slow to form compared to past election cycles as familiar names such as Sarah Palin mull bids and other potential hopefuls like Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich work behind the scenes on their candidacies. The harsh media spotlight and the expense of a full-scale campaign operation deterred Republicans from early announcements in the expected race against Obama, who is certain to raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

"At this point, the clock is ticking. They've got less than a year," said Mo Elleithee, a Democratic strategist who is a veteran of presidential primaries.

"The first votes are going to be cast in 10 months and it's a lot of work to build an organization in Iowa and raise the money to start to develop your message. Ten months isn't that much time."

The first Republican presidential debate is just a few weeks away on May 2 in California.

Pawlenty, a conservative Republican who ran a Democratic-leaning state for two terms, has methodically moved toward a national campaign since announcing in 2009 that he wouldn't seek a third term. Since then, he stepped up his travel to early contest states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, recruited Republican aides with presidential campaign experience, and courted GOP donors.

Pawlenty's advisers are banking on a strong showing in Iowa to propel him through other critical primary states. He has made near monthly visits to Iowa since last summer and is due there the first two days of April. His next New Hampshire stop is scheduled for April 15, when he'll take part in a tea party-sponsored tax day rally.

Pawlenty has made overtures to the fiscal conservatives and tea partyers whose top concerns are Washington spending and the national debt, as well as the social conservatives who oppose abortion and gay rights and hold sway in the leadoff Iowa caucuses.

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LIBYA

Buoyed by strikes, rebels try to advance

ZWITINA — Libya's rebels scrambled to try to exploit international strikes on Moammar Gadhafi's forces and go on the offensive, as some of the opposition's ragtag citizen-fighters charged ahead to fight troops besieging a rebel city Monday. But the rebellion's more organized military units were still not ready, and the opposition disarray underscored U.S. warnings that a long stalemate could emerge.

The air campaign by U.S. and European militaries has unquestionably rearranged the map in Libya and rescued rebels from the immediate threat they faced only days ago of being crushed under a powerful advance by Gadhafi's forces. The first round of airstrikes smashed a column of regime tanks that had been moving on the rebel capital of Benghazi in the east.

CHILE

Obama favors Gadhafi stepping down from power

SANTIAGO — President Barack Obama said Monday the United States favors the ouster of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi but the international military effort has a more limited goal of establishing a no-fly zone over Libya and protecting civilians against massacre by forces loyal to the longtime ruler.

The president made his comments at a news conference in Chile, the second of three stops on a South American trip that coincides with the beginning of an international effort to create a no-fly zone to keep Gadhafi forces from taking to the air over parts of Libya. The United States has fired close to 150 cruise missiles against Libyan targets in the past three days, including one that hit inside the compound in Tripoli where Gadhafi and his family live.

YEMEN

Leader loses more of eroding power base

SANAA — A top military commander and at least 18 other senior officers defected Monday to the opposition movement demanding the ouster of Yemen's embattled president, depriving the U.S.-allied ruler of most of his power base.

The looming collapse of President Ali Abdullah Saleh's regime throws into doubt the American campaign against a major al-Qaida wing that plotted attacks in the United States.

Monday's defections led to rival tanks being deployed in the streets of Yemen's capital, Sanaa, creating a potentially explosive situation and prompting Saleh's defense minister to announce the military remained loyal to the longtime leader.

JAPAN

No quick fix seen at nuclear plant

FUKUSHIMA — Officials raced Monday to restore electricity to Japan's leaking nuclear plant, but getting the power flowing will hardly be the end of their battle: With its mangled machinery and partly melted reactor cores, bringing the complex under control is a monstrous job.

Restoring the power to all six units at the tsunami-damaged complex is key, because it will, in theory, power up the maze of motors, valves and switches that help deliver cooling water to the overheated reactor cores and spent fuel pools that are leaking radiation.

Ideally, officials believe it should only take a day to get the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear under control once the cooling system is up and running. In reality, the effort to end the crisis likely will take weeks.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

16 dead in plane crash

BRAZZAVILLE — At least 16 people were killed when a cargo plane crashed Monday into a densely populated Republic of Congo neighborhood, according to witnesses and a cameraman who captured the plane's fall on video.

The Antonov 32 — owned by private company Trans Air Congo — crashed in the Mvoumvou area of Pointe-Noire, the country's economic capital, burying several houses in debris.

ROME

Pelosi briefly hospitalized

U.S. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi was briefly hospitalized in Rome early Monday after feeling unwell, but by afternoon had resumed her schedule, a spokesman said.

Pelosi, a former House speaker, skipped talks in the morning with Italian officials, including the defense minister, as she was taken ill, the ANSA news agency reported.

"After several flights yesterday in Afghanistan, and a long flight back to Italy that arrived early this morning, Leader Pelosi was not feeling well," spokesman Nadeam Elshami said in a statement released in Washington.

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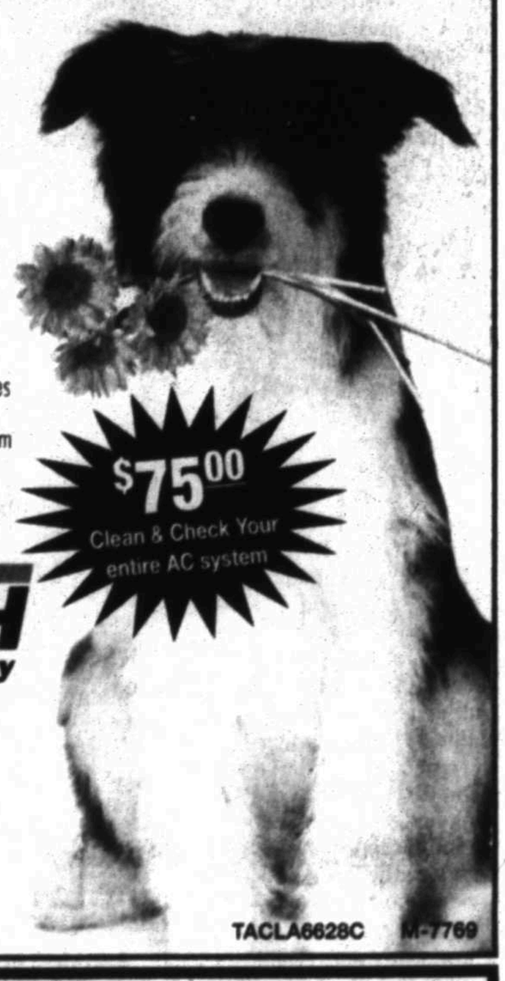
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Panel debates railroad commission changes

By Sommer Ingram
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The historic Texas Railroad Commission could be fundamentally restructured under legislation considered Monday by a state Senate panel.

The commission, which hasn't had authority over railroads since 2005, would be renamed the Texas Oil and Gas Commission under the measure, but most debate Monday focused on another aspect of the bill consolidating all the agency's authority to one elected official.

Currently, a three-member commission governs it, but supporters of the restructuring say that system has politicized the agency, making it inefficient.

"The problem is you have three very big fish in one pond," said bill author Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy. "The oil and gas industry is a very vital part of this economy, yet the three commissioners point in very different directions."

Opponents say the oil and gas industry has kept the Texas economy booming and doesn't need unnecessary volatility that may upset a delicate balance.

"Let's not introduce more risk into this industry," said Douglass Robison, a member of the Texas Oil and Gas Association. "If you go to one single official, we do not have the open deliberations and appellate structure that we currently do."

David Porter, one of the current railroad commissioners, argued that the single-commissioner change would negate checks and balances that are crucial to an industry that has such a vital role in the state's economy.

"The current changes would negatively impact the economy and effectively concentrate all regulatory power in one person's hands," Porter said. "As we face a looming budget crisis and increased federal intervention, now is not the time to toy with an industry that has been keeping us afloat."

The Sunset Advisory Commission, a 12-member oversight committee that includes 10 state lawmakers, voted in January to approve the agency name change and shift to a single commissioner.

The panel also recommended that the commissioner's political fundraising be limited and strengthens the commission's enforcement.

NEW LOOK ON LIFE

Associated Press

Del Peterson, grandfather of face transplant recipient Dallas Wiens, turns and gives thumbs up to the surgical team during a news conference at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston on Monday. Wiens, 25, a Fort Worth construction worker badly disfigured in a power line accident two years, ago received the nation's first full face transplant last week.

Texas man gets first full face transplant in US

Associated Press

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Pomahac led a team of more than 30 doctors, nurses and other staff at Brigham and

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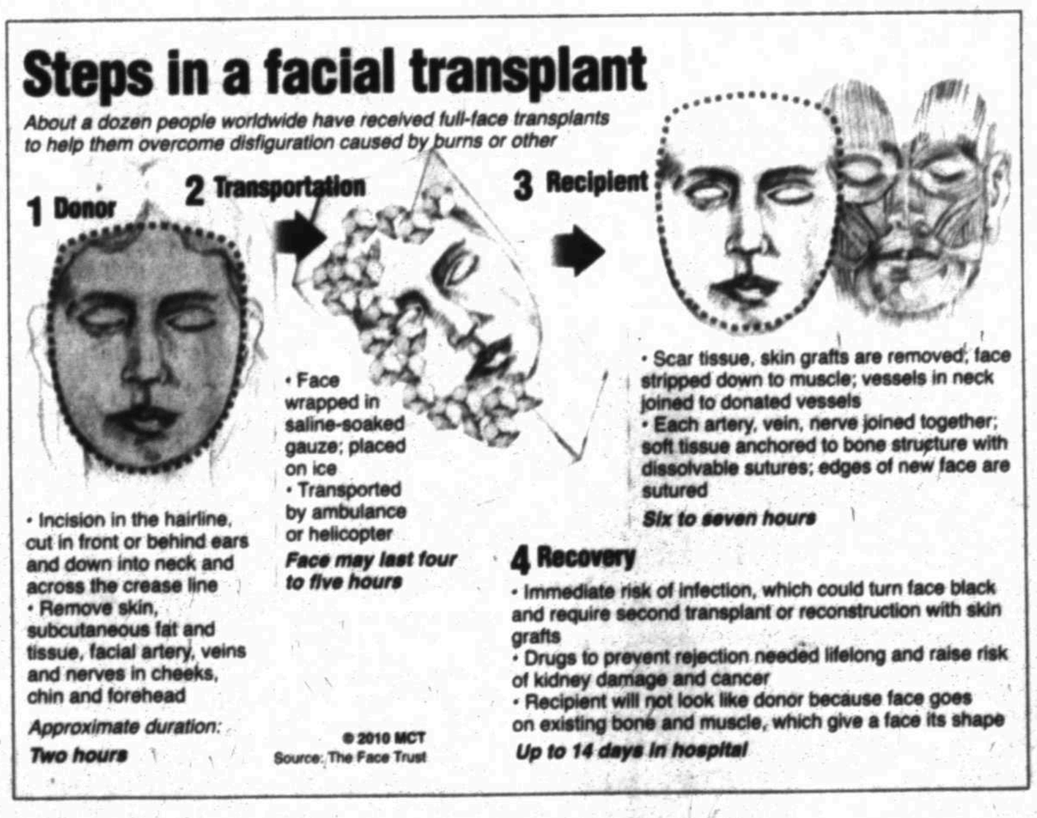

Brush site off Smith Road to close April 1

From staff reports

The brush collection site off of Smith Road will close on April 1 as the city begins transforming it into a recycling collection area.

Director of Solid Waste Morris Williams Jr. said the site is being closed so it can be cleaned out before it's reconfigured into Citizens Collection Station, which will take yard waste and other recyclables. Presently, the area meant for brush is filled with yard waste plus abandoned mattresses, tires and other unapproved trash.

"(Residents) are excited about having a different place to recycle," Williams said.

When the site is closed on April 1, Williams said people can bring yard waste and brush to the city's landfill free of charge. RECOM Resource Recovery also accepts yard waste for a fee of $29.80 per ton. Discounts are offered to residents who provide a water bill as proof of residency within the city limits.

Williams said they're hoping to have a portion of the site — which is located off of Smith Road and Veterans Airpark Lane — reopened for brush drop-off by the start of July. The full collection station should be operational by the close

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Midland Victims Coalition to offer free class

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Midland Victims Coalition will sponsor a free training session before its annual celebration next month.

The training will be taught by Midland FBI special agent Matt Espenshade and is open to those in law enforcement, advocates and volunteers who work with crime victims.

Espenshade will be the guest speaker for the annual Crime Victims Rights celebration being held at the Midland County Annex on Tuesday, April 12, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The training class will be held at the same location beginning at 2 p.m.

The celebration this year is titled "Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past" and will focus on the topic of stalking. Stalking victim Melissa Nay also is expected to speak at the celebration.

Last year was the first year the coalition provided the training to those in the field. Tomi Grover is a specialist in resources to combat human trafficking for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and spoke on human trafficking.

A local group then formed a human trafficking task force last fall to address the issue in West Texas.

Because of the response from the class, coalition board members looked to sponsor another training period again this year.

"It was so successful, and we know there's been some interest," said board President Cecily Shull.

The topic of stalking is being proposed before the Texas Legislature this year with four bills focusing solely on law enforcement and prosecution of stalking offenses.

"It's the topic with the legislation this session, and we wanted to coincide with them," Shull said.

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Fish tale? Some truths more unbelievable than fiction

SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

One of the guys in the office was talking about going fishing for rainbow trout in the stocked pond at Beal Park. So when I inquired about his choice of lures or bait, he seemed quite floored.

What, he asked, did I know about fishing?

When I told him I was a fishing "expert," it got the attention of another guy within earshot, who started giggling like a little girl.

Then I quickly quantified, explaining my "expertise" was in brackish and salt water, not so much in fresh water fishing.

Roaring laughter followed.

That's when I mentioned the fact I once had my own fishing show on the radio in South Louisiana.

"A fishing show?" One of the guys slipped out of his chair, he was laughing so hard.

By this time, the guys were incredulous.

But what perhaps made them suspicious is they were the only ones laughing. So I went on to tell fishing stories and more about the show I hosted back in the early to mid-1990s.

There were many times I'd catch two speckled trouts on a single cast with double sparkle beetles.

"People would call in and ask your advice on fishing?" one of the guys asked.

"Of course," I replied coolly.

The men could barely contain themselves.

They also seemed to have a difficult time imagining my catching live bait with a cast net, and chumming shallow waters with oyster shells and canned cat food for night fishing.

A passerby, joining in the laughter, noted to the guys she was aware I once worked as a radio news director, so it made just a little sense.

"You've never lied to me," one of the guys said. "But this is just too much to believe."

How so, I wondered?

Then the guys demanded proof. Which, of course, I didn't have after all these years.

A few days later, I thought to ask if the résumé from my hire date nearly 10 years ago was still in my personnel file. Just maybe that fishing show got a mention on the résumé.

And sure enough.

"Just goes to prove you can't believe everything you read on a résumé," the Beal Park fisherman said.

I'm still not sure they're convinced of this story, or not.

But it's no fish tale.

Beg your pardon?

Food columnist Joan Huff recalls a piece shared here some time back about aggressive beggars around town.

"Today, they hit an all-time low," Joan reported Monday. "The guy by Walmart has a sign that says: 'Why lie? Need beer. Thanks.'"

That's not a fish tale, either.

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Obituaries

Betty June Smith

Betty June Smith, age 79, of The Woodlands, TX went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 19, 2011. Betty was born in Winters, TX on March 16, 1932, as one of 11 children. She graduated from Winters High in 1949, and was elected to Who's Who in America. Her classmates also voted her "Most Popular" and "Most Witty". She attended Odessa Business College, and worked as a Secretary in Oil & Gas and the legal profession for 37 years. She was employed by Shell Oil where she met her husband, Ralph, and they were married in 1955. She attended Sunday school and church for 22 years straight without missing a day. She was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and very active in Women's Ministries. Betty also enjoyed cooking, shopping, singing, dancing, bridge, freelance writing, and spending time with her twin granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Nathan Smith; her brothers, Ray and George Wilson; her sisters, Kathleen Taff, Elaine Chapman, and Nina Jones.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Ralph Smith; her daughter, Stephanie Schoppe and her husband, James; granddaughters, Jennifer and Christine; her sisters, Frances Bolotin, Jody Sweatmon, and Claydene Harman; along with numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends. She is loved and will be missed by all.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 23 at The Woodlands United Methodist Church, 2200 Lake Woodlands Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380. Graveside services will be Thursday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m., in Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Texas.

To sign register book or to leave memories of Betty for the family, please visit: forestparkthewoodlands.com.

Mattie Belle Bartlett

Funeral services for Mattie Belle Bartlett, 87, of Midland, Texas, will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at First United Methodist Church of Levelland. Entombment will be in Resthaven Mausoleum, Lubbock, Texas. The family will receive visitors at the funeral home on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. She died Saturday, March 19, 2011 in Midland, Texas.

Mattie was born on May 10, 1923, in Bonham, Texas, and graduated from Bonham High School, and attended Texas Women's University, before going to work for the United States Government, as a Civil Servant for the next forty years. She married Rodney Eugene Kelly in 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1944. She later married Troy Bartlett in 1945. He died in 1994. Mattie was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Levelland and Smyer Senior Citi-zens.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Diane Kelly Steward of Midland, Texas; her grandson, Shane Steward of Lantana, Texas; two great-grandchildren, several nieces, great-nieces and nephews.

Charitable donations may be made in her honor to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

To join the family in celebrating Mattie's life, please go to: www.georgepricefunerals.com.

Ruth W. Bartha

Ruth W. Bartha passed away Sunday, March 20, 2011.

She was born in Monroe Oklahoma, the daughter of a pioneer physician, Dr. Benjamin Woodson and his wife, Lillie. She had a joyful childhood in the beautiful, eastern Oklahoma hills. She attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Sul Ross State and taught school for several years in El Paso. She moved to Midland in 1939 to work for Sun Oil Company. She married Louis A. Bartha, May 18, 1942.

She loved flowers and gardening, was an excellent homemaker, and had many close friends. She had a glorious smile and an unfailing positive attitude. She was a constant source of comfort and encouragement for her son.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Midland Garden Club, American Association of University Women, and Midland Historical Society.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, two sisters, and two brothers.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Gregory W. Bartha, three nephews and one niece.

Many thanks to her dedicated caregivers, Micah Ramirez and Melody Phillips.

Family will receive friends Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at Ellis Funeral Home, between the hours of 12 - 8 p.m. Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park, with Shannon Weisenfels of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorials should be directed to Hospice Midland, Midland Memorial Foundation, or the Gregory W. Bartha Health Science Scholarship at Midland College.

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

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Wendell Mayo

Wendell Mayo, of Big Spring, formerly of Midland, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2011.

Wendell was born September 1, 1930, in Van Horn, Texas, to Claude and Vesta Mayo.

He is survived by his wife, Irma Mayo; son, Greg Mayo and wife, Cyndi; daughter, Cheryl McCall and husband, Walter; brother, Charles Mayo and wife, Pearl; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2011, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Mark Lindsey of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Roberta Ratliff Reynolds

San Angelo - Roberta Ratliff Reynolds, 91 years of age, went to heaven on Sunday, March 20, 2011, at her residence.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at First United Methodist Church of San Angelo, with the Reverend William P. Proctor officiating. The graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m. in Garden City, Texas. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Roberta was born on December 16, 1919, in Glasscock County, Texas, to Bertha Mabel Cox Ratliff and James Brown Ratliff. She graduated from Garden City High School in 1937. Roberta attended Texas Tech University and earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nutrition from Texas State College for Women (today known as the University of North Texas).

Roberta married Clyde C. Reynolds on January 29, 1943, in Dallas, Texas. Roberta and Clyde lived at their ranch in Glasscock and Sterling counties. Clyde passed away November 10, 1992. Roberta lived on their family ranch for 51 years, before moving in 1994 to San Angelo, Texas, to be near her daughter and family.

She is survived by a sister, and her husband, Juanita and Richard Johnson of Fort Stockton, Texas; a brother, and his wife, Lester and Betty Ratliff of Big Lake, Texas; a son, and daughter-in-law, Ritchie and Jeanie Reynolds; a son- in-law, Rex Cotten; two granddaughters, Rachel Leigh and her husband, Brendan, Kristi Reynolds; two grandsons, Christopher Cotten and his wife, Whitney, Jonathan Cotten; and one great granddaughter, Brooke Leigh.

Known affectionately as "Nana" by her grandchildren and great granddaughter, Roberta looked forward to every visit, graduation, and celebration she spent with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, J.B. Ratliff Jr. of Fort Stockton, Texas and Jesse Derwood Ratliff of Midland, Texas; and her daughter, Rebecca Reynolds Cotten of San Angelo, Texas.

Roberta was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, before moving to San Angelo to become an active member of First Presbyterian Church. She was heavily involved in Meals on Wheels, as well as her Bridge community. She volunteered as a Pink Lady at Shannon Hospital, and greatly enjoyed her time as a Wells Fargo Leading Lady. Roberta was a member of Bentwood Country Club, and supported numerous charitable organizations.

Honorary pallbearers are Richard Johnson, Lester Ratliff, Rex Cotten, Christopher Cotten, Jonathan Cotten, Brendan Leigh, Lee Horton, Mike Ford, Howard Derrick, Jim Johnson, James Currie, and Norman Lubke.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904; or Meals for The Elderly, 310 East Houston Harte, San Angelo, Texas 76903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo. Family and friends may sign an online guest book at: johnsons-funeralhome.com.

Death Notices

Oscar Durwood Skelton

Oscar Durwood Skelton, 80, of Midland, passed away on March 20. Private services will be held in Pampa, Texas.

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

Ramona Brooks

Ramona Brooks, 74, of McCamey, passed away on Saturday, March 19, in Odessa.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at the East Side Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Resthaven Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of McCamey.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanie Prather; three sons, Jimmy Kennedy, and Ricky and Rowdy Mooney; a sister; eleven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Former Winkler County hospital administrator pleads guilty

From staff reports

ODESSA — A former Winkler County Memorial Hospital administrator pleaded guilty Monday and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail for improper conduct, officials with the Texas Attorney General's Office said.

Stan Wiley entered a guilty plea involving his decision to fire two hospital nurses who filed an anonymous complaint with the Texas Medical Board against a physician.

Wiley was sentenced by visiting Judge Robert H. Moore III in Ector County. The plea deal was reached after Wiley agreed to cooperate with the state's prosecution of the three remaining defendants in the case, a press release stated.

He was indicted on Jan. 13 by a Winkler County grand jury for two felony retaliation counts. On Monday, he pleaded guilty to one abuse of official capacity charge.

The Winkler County district attorney excused himself from the case, and the Texas Attorney General's Office is handling the matter.

The other defendants being tried are Sheriff Robert Roberts, County Attorney Scott Tidwell and former hospital physician Dr. Rolando Arafiles; the investigation includes charges of official oppression, retaliatory conduct and misuse of official information.

In 2009, two nurses with the hospital filed an anonymous complaint with the state's medical board alleging that Arafiles violated state regulations. Investigators found that after the board contacted Arafiles, he asked Roberts for help to find who filed the complaint.

Roberts then allegedly used his law enforcement position to obtain a copy of the report and hospital officials were able to identify the nurses.

Also on Jan. 13, a grand jury indicted Arafile on two counts of misuse of official information and retaliation. Roberts was also indicted and so was Tidwell. They each face charges of misuse of official information, retaliation and official oppression.

Grande to offer free calls to Japan through the end of March

From staff reports

Grande Communications announced Monday it will allow its phone customers in Midland and Odessa to make free calls to Japan as a way of supporting customers who may know someone recently affected by this month's earthquake and tsunami.

The free service will be in effect through the end of March and will be retroactive to March 11 when the earthquake and tsunami happened.

Officials said that charges will be automatically waived from customers' bills. Operator-assisted or directory assistance calls to Japan will be charged at the normal rate, a press release stated.

"Offering free phone calls is the least we can do to support customers whose family, friends or business colleagues in Japan may have been affected by this tragedy," said General Manager Mark Machen in a statement. "Not knowing how those we care about are faring in the wake of such a massive crisis can be very frightening. We hope Grande phone service can help serve as a lifeline to those in need."

Last week, Verizon Wireless and AT&T also announced that they would allow their U.S. customers to make free calls or send free text messages to Japan in an effort to help them reach their loved ones.

Verizon Wireless customers who are post-pay customers, or those who receive a monthly bill, qualify for the free services. Pre-paid phone card charges on Verizon also will not be charged for calls made to Japan and land-line fees for calls to Japan will be waived, as well. Services are available free of charge through April 10.

AT&T is offering free wireless calls from the U.S. and Puerto Rico to Japan, as well as free text messages from the U.S. to Japan through March 31. Fees for landline calls made to Japan of up to 60 minutes also can be waived by calling the company.

FACE

From 1B

Women's Hospital during the 15-hour operation last week. Wiens was listed in good condition at the Boston hospital on Monday. He did not appear at a news conference with the surgeon.

The Fort Worth man's features were all but burned away and he was left blind after hitting a power line while painting a church in November 2008. The transplant was not able to restore his sight, and some nerves were so badly damaged from his injury that he will probably have only partial sensation on his left cheek and left forehead, the surgeon said.

"When I saw Dallas for the first time I was worried that there may not be much we could do," said Pomahac.

Wiens has been able to talk to his family on the phone, said his grandfather, Del Peterson, who attended the news conference Monday.

After the accident, Wiens said "he could choose to get bitter or he could choose to get better. His choice was to get better. Thank God today he's better," Peterson said.

In an Associated Press story and a YouTube video last fall, Wiens spoke poignantly about why he wanted a transplant and how he wanted to smile again and feel kisses from his daughter, Scarlette, who turns 4 next month. Face transplants give horribly disfigured people hope of an option other than "looking in the mirror and hating what they see," he said.

He told the AP that his daughter and his faith have kept him motivated.

"She says, 'Daddy has a boo boo, but God and the doctors are making Daddy's boo boo all better,'" Wiens said. "She doesn't care and she never has since day one that I was disfigured."

No details about the donor were disclosed. The hospital said the match was based on gender, race, age and blood type.

Peterson said his grandson hopes to become an advocate for facial donations, and he thanked the donor family, saying, "You will forever remain in our hearts and our prayers, and we are grateful for your selflessness."

The surgery was paid for by the Defense Department, which gave the hospital a $3.4 million research grant for five transplants.

The new federal health care law also helped Wiens by allowing him to get insurance coverage under his father's plan for the expensive drugs he will have to take for the rest of his life to prevent rejection of his new face. He will be covered until he turns 26 in May. He expects to be eligible soon under Medicare, which insures the disabled as well as those over 65.

Wiens had no insurance when he was injured; Medicaid covered about two dozen operations in Dallas until his disability payments put him over the income limit.

About a dozen face transplants have been done worldwide, in the U.S., France, Spain and China. This was the third in the U.S. and the second at the Boston hospital. The previous one was in April 2009 — the partial replacement of the face of a man who was injured in a freak accident. In 2008, Connie Culp became the nation's first partial face transplant recipient. She underwent surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

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Man a assaults girl

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

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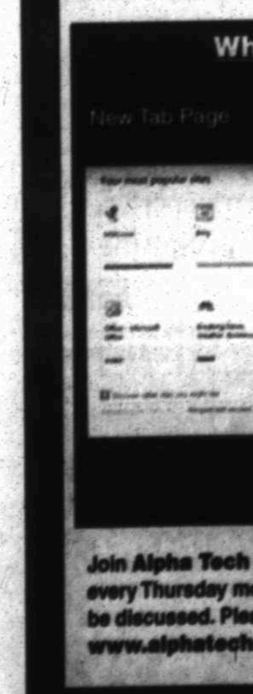

Man allegedly assaults pregnant girlfriend

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old man was in jail Monday night after allegedly assaulting his pregnant girlfriend.

Deangelo Armendariz, of Midland, was arrested Saturday night by police for a third-degree felony of assault on a family or house member and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana in a drug-free school zone.

Armendariz

Police responded to a domestic disturbance on the 1700 block of North Fairgrounds Road at about 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Officers identified a pregnant female who told police she was assaulted by her boyfriend, Armendariz, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

She told police that Armendariz repeatedly pushed her several times until she ultimately fell to the ground, the report read.

The victim produced two family violence packets from past domestic instances with Armendariz.

Police arrested Armendariz at his residence on the 200 block of Peach Street, where he was found to be in possession of marijuana in a drug-free school zone.

He was being held late Monday on a $25,500 bond. If convicted of the third-degree felony, he could serve up to 10 years in prison.

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Find the arrest affidavit.
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Man flips vehicle, charged with evading arrest

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland man was in custody Monday evening after allegedly evading arrest while drunk.

Allen Douglas Wright, 51, was arrested for a third-degree felony of evading arrest and detention in a motor vehicle and a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

Wright

A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper noticed a vehicle speeding on Business 20 early Sunday morning. The trooper tried to initiate a stop, but Wright refused and continued to drive, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

A short pursuit ensued before the vehicle crashed and rolled over, the report said.

The trooper believed the driver was intoxicated, but Wright refused to give a blood specimen at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Wright is being held on a $20,500 bond. If convicted of the third-degree felony, he could serve up to 10 years in prison.

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FELONY ARRESTS
FROM STAFF REPORTS

Christopher Jacob Amalla, 26, of Littlefield, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies in Ector County on a charge of violation of probation.

Nichundra L. Holloway, 36, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police in the 700 block of South Big Spring Street on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Douglas Wright, 51, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Department of Public Safety troopers on Business 20 on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention with a vehicle.

Jason Lacomas Spraglin, 30, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police in the 1500 block of South Terrell Street on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention with a vehicle.

Ruby Nevarez, 24, was arrested Sunday by Midland police in the 3900 block of Avondale Drive on a charge of assault of a family and/or house member.

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	No Ordinary Family "No Ordinary Animal" (N)		Best in Film: The Greatest Movies of Our Time America's favorite films are revealed. (N)				News	(:35) Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News at 6	Entertainment Tonight	NCIS Gibbs interrogates an accused murderer.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Enemy Within" (N)		The Good Wife "Ham Sandwich" (N)		CBS 7 News at 10	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman		Late
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	One Tree Hill Julian accepts a directing job.		Hellcats Marti faces initiation.		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park	South Park
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Glee Sue fills in for Principal Figgins.		(:01) Raising Hope	(:31) Traffic Light	The Simpsons	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Everybody-Raymond	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Zebras"	
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William McDonald	Dr. Hollisa Alewine	Eddie Chumney	Rico Cortes	Light of the Southwest Authors; musicians. (N)				Brad Scott	Rico Cortes	Ministerio Nueva Vida Jesús Cisneros.	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News (N)	Be a Millionaire	The Biggest Loser An eliminated contestant returns. (N)				Parenthood Adam worries about his job.		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		Late Night
	KBPT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Ferrets: The Pursuit of Excellence		Frontline Nonprofit group Digritas.		Chasing Churchill: In Search		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Llena de Amor (N) (SS)		Eva Luna (N) (SS)		Triunfo del Amor (N) (SS)		Aquí y Ahora Investigaciones periodísticas. (N)		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Univisión	Para Volver a Amar (N) (SS)	
	MyTV	16	16		16		Earl	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	Lyrics	Lyrics	My News	Access H.	Earl	Family Guy	Curb	Entourage
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:20) "Best Defense"		★ "Domestic Disturbance" (2001)			★★ "Ed Gein" (2001)			★★ "Necessary Roughness" (1991)			
	HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) ★★★ "Independence Day"			★ "Cop Out" (2010) Bruce Willis. 'R'				Big Love	Big Love		R. Gervais	Funny, Die
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Big Love		"Thurgood" (2011, Drama)			Paul	Real Time/Bill Maher		If God Is Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise			
	HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★★★ "Coraline" (2009, Fantasy)				★★ "The Lovely Bones" (2009) Mark Wahlberg.				Bones	★★ "Amelia" (2009) Hilary Swank.		
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Bev. Cop	(:45) ★★★ "The People vs. Larry Flynt" (1996) 'R'					★★★ "Get Him to the Greek" (2010) Jonah Hill.				Life on Top	Tale Crypt
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★★ "Home Alone" (1990)				★★ "The Book of Eli" (2010, Action)				"Bikini Frankenstein" (2010)			I Love You
	PLEX			96			(:10) ★★★ "Fly Away Home" (1996)				★★★ "The Sixth Sense" (1999) Bruce Willis.				(9:50) ★ "Jaws the Revenge"			Dogtown
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) "Transsiberian"		(:15) "The Tournament" (2009) Robert Carlyle. 'R'				Californ.	Californ.	Shameless (ITV)		"Girlfriend Exp"	
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	"Command Perf"		"Home of the Giants" (2007) Haley Joel Osment.				★★★ "Joe Strummer: The Future Is Unwritten"				(:05) "Pig Hunt" (2008)	
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 A young man is shot to death.		The First 48 Execution-style double homicide.		The First 48 "Final Call; Fatal Fury"		The First 48 "Street Law; Standing Up"		The First 48		(:01) The First 48 "The Slip: Pure Victim"	
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) "Tombstone"		★★★ "The Rainmaker" (1997) Matt Damon, Claire Danes. Premiere.						★★★ "The Rainmaker" (1997) Matt Damon.			
	BET	59	26		40		106 & Park: Top 10 Live		Together	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	Together	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams Show	
	BRAV	65	63		41		Bethenny Ever After		Housewives/OC		Million Dollar Listing (N)		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives		Happens
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report (N)		The Facebook		60 Minutes on CNBC		60 Minutes on CNBC		Mad Money		60 Minutes on CNBC	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA (N)		In the Arena (N)		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dirty Jobs		Auction Kings		Auction	Auction	American	American	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
	DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Phineas	Phineas	"Adventures of Sharkboy"			Suite/Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Scoreboard
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball					Scoreboard	SportsNation	
	FAM	53	54	34	42	33	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Chopped "Squashed"		Challenge		Cupcake Wars	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Spurs Insider (N)	Stars Insider (N)	UEFA Champions League Soccer Chelsea vs. Kobenhavn.					M1 Fighting Championship		The Final Score	Sports Stories	The Game 365
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	Two Men	★★★ "Wanted" (2008) James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman.					Lights Out "Rainmaker"		Lights Out "Rainmaker"		Justified	
	HALL	54	49	58		34	Little House on Prairie		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Hunters	House	House	First Place	First Place	Selling NY	House	Hunters	Property	Property	First Place	Selling NY
	HIST	71	62	29	50	43	To Be Announced		Larry the Cable Guy		Larry the Cable Guy		Top Shot (N)		Modern Marvels		Larry the Cable Guy	
	LIFE	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars "Wheels"	American Pickers "Invisible Pump"		American Pickers "Getting the Boot"		One Born Every Minute (N)		Four of a Kind (N)	Four of a Kind (N)	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show		The Ed Show (N)		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:30) ★★★ "Under Siege" (1992)			(:45) ★★ "On Deadly Ground" (1994) Steven Seagal, Michael Caine.						Ways Die	UFC Fight Night	
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Destination Truth "Yeti"		Destination Truth		Destination Truth (N)		Marcel's Quantum		Destination Truth		Marcel's Quantum	
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	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) "Baby Doll"		★★ "Wife vs. Secretary" (1936)			(:45) ★★★ "Red Dust" (1932)			(:15) ★★★ "Hold Your Man" (1933, Drama)			
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado: Edición		Aurora (SS)		Herederos-Monte		La Reina del Sur (SS)		Noticiero	La Reina del Sur (SS)		Decisiones
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids-Count	19 Kids-Count	What Not to Wear "Gina"		What Not to Wear "Jillian" (N)		What Not to Wear "Jordan" (N)		What Not to Wear "Gina"		What Not to Wear "Jillian"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones The murder of a young British heiress.		NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (Live)					NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Live)				
	TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Retired at	Cleveland	Roseanne	Roseanne
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ritual"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Families"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mean"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Careless"		Fairly Legal A prenuptial agreement.	
	VS.	38	39				Pregame	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Philadelphia Flyers. (Live)					Hockey	Frozen	NHL Overtime		Boxing (Taped)	
	WGN-A	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

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of summer, he said.

Once opened, the site will collect yard waste, aluminum, cardboard, paper, plastic, metals and large items. The area that was previously an unmanned dump site open 24 hours a day also will be staffed in the future and open only during certain periods, Williams said.

Total cost for the project including the first year's wages to manage the site is estimated at $600,000, Williams said. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper was approved by the City Council in February to take care of the design and to assist with bidding and performance of construction administration at a charge of $56,700.

Once the site is opened, Williams said they'll work to achieve efficiencies elsewhere in the system by reworking large item pickup.

Currently, residents can call and request large item pickup at any time. When the new system is implemented, people will have the option of setting large items out for collection twice a year. If they want items picked up at a time other than their designated days, a fee will be assessed.

When the Citizens Collection Station is opened, residents will be directed to an area depending on what they're dropping off, which will help to keep the site organized in a way that hasn't been achieved before, Williams said.

Until the station is opened, people can be fined for dumping items there.

"We want to make sure people understand when this thing closes on April 1 they could be cited and fined if they're dumping outside the fence," Williams said.

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REGION BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

El Paso woman killed in Martin County rollover

An El Paso woman was killed and three others were injured in a rollover accident in Martin County Sunday evening, according to Department of Public Safety troopers.

Brianca Marie Beltran, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene of the one-vehicle crash that happened at 6:10 p.m. She and three other 20-year-olds from El Paso were traveling west on Interstate 20 between Big Spring and Stanton when the car rolled into the center median near FM 818. Troopers said the crash was caused by "faulty evasive action" by driver Brittany Nicole Lujan.

Lujan and passenger Javier Gonzalez Jr. were taken to Midland Memorial Hospital. Another passenger, Erik Parra, was airlifted to Medical Center Hospital with spine injuries.

Gonzalez was discharged Sunday evening and Lujan was released Monday morning, according to MMH director of media relations Marcy Madrid. A Medical Center Hospital staff member said Parra was in the intensive care unit Monday morning.

DPS reports indicate that that none of the people in the car were wearing seat belts.

Free screenings offered today for Diabetes Alert Day

Midland Memorial Hospital and Casa de Amigos are offering free diabetes screenings today as part of Diabetes Alert Day.

Diabetes affects nearly 26 million Americans, including 132,316 individuals in Midland County.

According to MMH, a quarter of those with diabetes are unaware they have the disease.

To help combat that issue, free screenings are being offered today at Midland Memorial Hospital's campuses, 2200 W. Illinois Ave. and 4214 Andrews Highway, and at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

Casa de Amigos staff said they particularly encourage anyone who is overweight, under-active, older than 45 or who has a family history of the disease to take advantage of the tests.

Professionals from Midland Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph's Home Health care will provide testing at Casa de Amigos between 8:30-10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.

Tests at MMH will be offered from 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. At the main hospital, tests will take place near the "Welcome Home Cafe" on the first floor and at West Campus will take place near the cafeteria.

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Patrol nabs $5 million in drugs in West Texas

The U.S. Border Patrol says its agents have seized 160 pounds of cocaine, 50 pounds of marijuana and more than $150,000 in cash inside a truck at the Sierra Blanca checkpoint on Interstate 10 in West Texas.

A Border Patrol statement issued Monday said the seized cocaine has a street value of more than $5 million. Also seized Saturday besides the marijuana was 25 pounds of cough syrup with codeine and a gun with ammunition.

The Border Patrol statement said cocaine was hidden in duffel bags inside the sleeper compartment of an tractor-trailer rig driven by a 50-year-old Mississippi man accompanied by a 28-year-old Georgia man.

The drugs, cash and vehicle were delivered to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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We need a happier name for rainy day fund

JOHN KELSO

Cox Newspapers

It's time to change the name of the state's rainy day fund, for a couple of reasons.

First off, it's not accurate. Because of the tightfisted way Gov. Rick Perry has been clutching the money, it should be called the Noah and the Flood Fund.

Why am I going biblical here? Because it was looking like Perry would have to witness animals stepping two-by-two onto a large wooden boat before he'd let go of any of the rainy day fund.

Besides, Texans could use a tag that's a little more upbeat than a fund named after a weather event. "Rainy day" translates into a lousy day, right? Days around these parts have been rainy enough for school teachers, students and parents without constantly reminding them of it with that name that comes with a dark cloud attached over its head.

Couldn't we come up with something a little more chipper?

The rainy day fund: Instead, how about calling it "Adios, Mo' Dough"? That's my personal favorite. I'm suggesting that one because a few years ago, our governor used the expression "adios, mofo" to part ways with a TV reporter after an interview.

And when Perry endorsed a plan last week to let loose of $3.1 billion of the $9.4 billion fund, it was "mo' dough" than I expected him to ever say "adios" to.

Although it wasn't enough to keep the Legislature from having to make more cuts to education, most likely.

What's Perry waiting for? Armageddon? The Dallas Cowboys to make the Super Bowl? I mean, I like money, but what else is he fixing to do with it? Pile it up in the Rotunda and take a picture of it for his Christmas card?

Which leads to my next suggestion: Instead of rainy day fund, how about Perry's Pile? Since he's running the show, why not name it after him?

I'm sure you can think of your own suggestions. If so, email them to the address listed below.

Either way, I'd like to change the name to pretty it up. And why not?

These days, officials commonly adopt new names to make things seem less revolting than they really are. Think about it. Nobody gets fired anymore. Instead, your co-worker "has left to pursue other interests," even though the other interest is looking for another job.

Then there's "used car," which has magically been turned into a "previously owned vehicle," even if it's a piece of junk.

We've become a nation of language fabricators. Or, as the message lady on the phone says, "Your call is important to us." Yeah, right. And I am a Chinese aviator.

And Lord knows we've made these sorts of name changes before in the financial arena, too.

Remember the good old days, when governments went broke? Instead, we suffer a more benign-sounding "shortfall."

Then there's the stock market. Used to be when things went sour, the stock market would dip, drop or crash. No more, though. Now the stock market has a "correction." Does your life feel corrected when your 401(k) evaporates? I didn't think so.

So let's give the rainy day fund a happier name. How about using some of the money for a keg party on the Capitol steps and call it the State of Texas Money Stash Cash Bash? Hey, at least we'd go broke with a smile.

Woman charged in Houston fire waives extradition

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A woman who fled to Nigeria last month after a fire at her Houston home day care center killed four children was returned to the U.S. on Monday and has waived extradition to Texas, authorities said.

Jessica Tata landed at an Atlanta airport shortly after 5 a.m. on a flight from Lagos, Nigeria, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. The 22-year-old was booked into the Fulton County jail, where she will remain until authorities arrange to take her to Texas, sheriff's spokeswoman Tracy Flanagan said.

U.S. marshals will head that effort. Agency spokesman Dave Oney declined to say when the transport would take place but said the process should be complete within a week. Tata waived extradition during a court appearance in Atlanta, said Flanagan, who didn't have information on whether Tata had an attorney.

Tata was taken into custody Saturday in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Authorities believe she fled to the West African nation two days after the Feb. 24 fire, which also injured three children. Investigators believe Tata went shopping and left all seven children alone before a stove-top burner that was left on ignited the blaze.

The U.S. Marshals Service, which headed the search for Tata, said agents with the international police agency Interpol had been in Port Harcourt since Friday and were able to locate Tata based on leads and information from Interpol Washington, the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security and other authorities.

Tata's brother, Ron Tata of Houston, told the Associated Press on Saturday that relatives in Nigeria told him that his sister turned herself in to the U.S. Consulate. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston told reporters Monday that she also was told Tata had decided to turn herself in to U.S. and Nigerian officials.

Tata has been charged with manslaughter, injury to a child and child abandonment. The manslaughter charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BROWNSVILLE

Prosecutor dead in Mexico; mom blames crash

Authorities are contradicting family assertions that a 26-year-old South Texas assistant district attorney was killed in a car crash in Mexico over the weekend.

Maria Elena Alvarez de Lugo, mother of the Cameron County Assistant District Attorney Arturo Jose Iniguez, had told the Associated Press on Monday that her son died in a Saturday car crash. She declined to give further information.

However, Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos said authorities have no evidence to support that account. He says they are awaiting autopsy results.

WEATHERFORD

Torture suspect also charged with arson

A man accused of torturing a woman for nearly two weeks on a device used for skinning deer was charged Monday with burning down her home, a development that came just hours after a judge denied the man's request for a public defender.

Jeffrey Allan Maxwell remains jailed in Parker County on one count of aggravated kidnapping and two counts of aggravated sexual assault in lieu of $400,000 bond.

No additional bond had been set for the arson charge as of Monday evening, according to jail records. Arson of a habitation is a first-degree felony that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Ex-CIA agent's lawyer deconstructs NYT story

Associated Press

EL PASO — A former New York Times reporter was forced to defend her 1998 front-page article Monday as attorneys for an ex-CIA agent on trial for perjury said she overstated his role in a wave of 1997 bombings in Cuba.

Ann Louise Bardach interviewed Luis Posada Carriles over three days in June 1998. She co-wrote three articles published that July, including a front-page Sunday story that said Posada acknowledged planning the bombings at luxury hotels and tourist sites that killed an Italian tourist and injured many others.

Posada, who was born in Cuba and crisscrossed Latin America for years as an anti-communist militant, is accused of failing to disclose his alleged involvement in the bombings during U.S. citizenship hearings in Texas in 2005.

Going through Bardach's article, deconstructing it for jurors sometimes line-by-line, lead defense lawyer Arturo Hernandez suggested that Bardach and the Times exaggerated what Posada said. The article asserted that Posada "proudly admitted authorship" of the bombings, which Hernandez suggested was a sensational choice of words.

"Yes, it was a choice of words, and I agree with it," Bardach responded. "You don't contact the New York Times and sit down with a reporter for three days without being proud of it."

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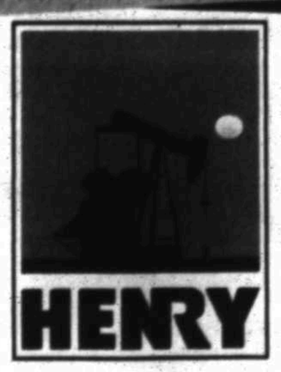

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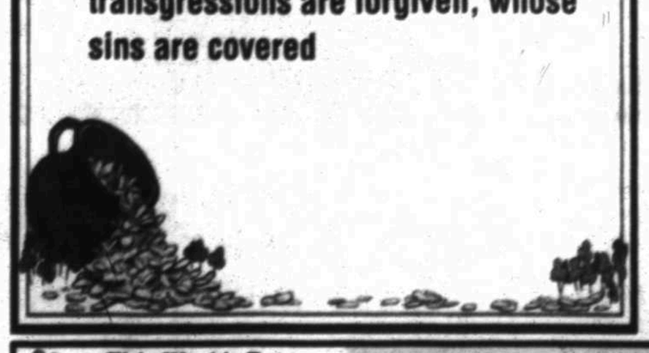

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TODAY Mostly cloudy high 84 low 47

WEDNESDAY Sunny high 80 low 43

THURSDAY Partly cloudy high 88 low 47

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly cloudy skies and isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning today and a 20 percent chance of rain with a high around 84 and southwest winds between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 47 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 80, a low around 43 and west winds around between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 88 and a low around 47.

The high on Monday reached 80 while the low dropped to 63. The record high for March 21 is 92 set in 1995. The record low is 25 set in 1989.

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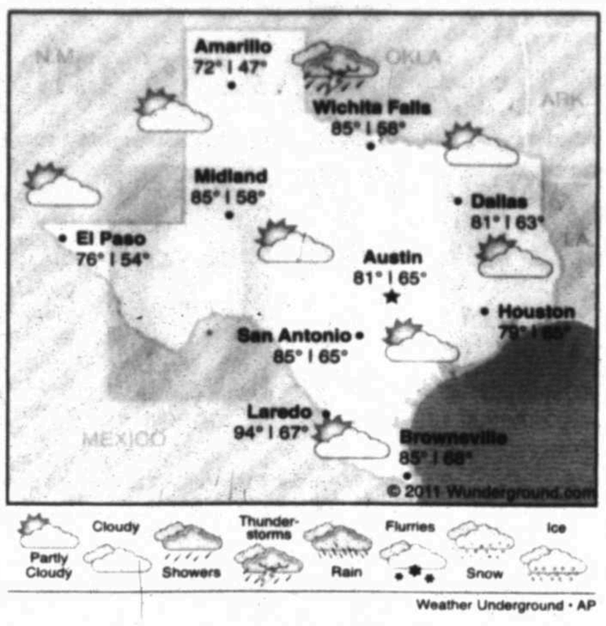
A Pacific storm system moved across Arizona on Monday, bringing periods of heavy snow, rain and wind across the state, and causing at least 30 crashes and 24 highway slide-offs.

Heavy snow fell in Flagstaff, and the white stuff fell at lower elevations including Prescott. Lower desert areas, including Phoenix, saw periods of heavy rain.

Winds were high across the state, as strong as 40 mph in Tucson.



Precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.04 in.
Total for year	0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.43 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	80
Low	63
Normal high	72
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Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
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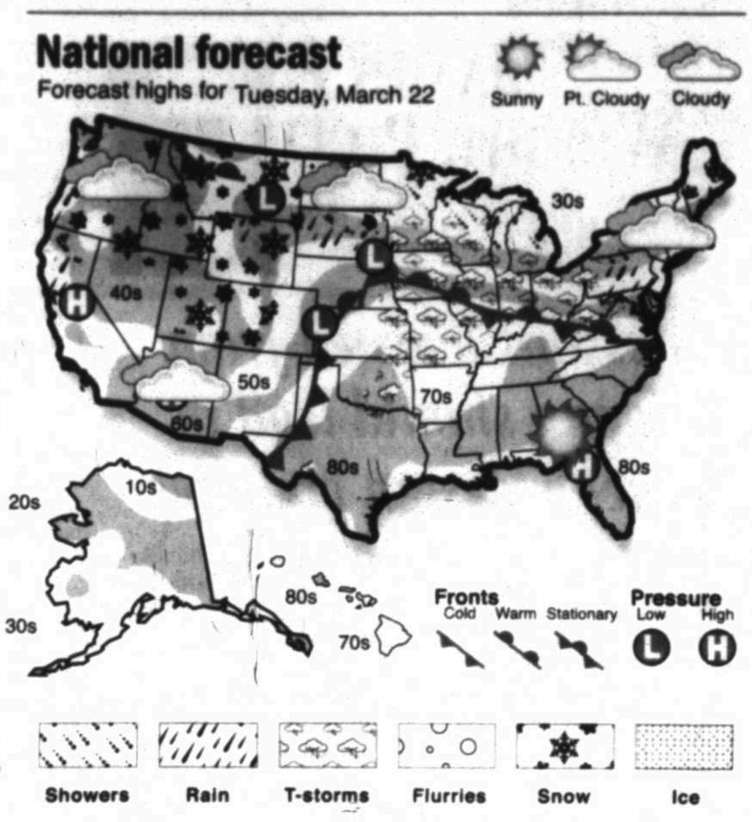

Wife's choice of dinner date is hard for man to swallow

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: My job requires me to travel out of town several nights a week, leaving my wife home alone. She recently invited a mutual (male) friend out for dinner during my absence. He's the other half of a couple we socialize with frequently. (His wife also was out of town.)

I told her I was uncomfortable with it. I don't think married men and women should go out alone with members of the opposite sex. She maintains that it wasn't a "date," that she was just having a meal with a friend.

I value your opinion and would like to know how you feel about this. Did I overreact? Is it appropriate for a married woman to go out for a meal alone with a man other than her husband? — FEELING CHEATED ON IN ILLINOIS

DEAR FEELING CHEATED ON: With some couples this wouldn't be an issue. However, how I feel about it is not as important as how YOU feel about it. If you have explained your feelings to your wife and she knows it made you uncomfortable — innocent as it was — then it shouldn't be repeated. I can't help but wonder how she would react if you told her you had run into the man's wife on one of your business trips and the two of you had had dinner together — and plan to do so again in the future.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever my father comes into my room to wake me up, he opens the shutters on my windows. After spending hours in a dark room, the bright light hurts my eyes.

I have talked to him about it several times, but usually find myself apologizing for being overly sensitive about the matter.

Abby, even when he has promised not to, he still does it. Is there anything I can do to make him stop? — SENSITIVE EYES IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR SENSITIVE EYES: Yes, there is. Take responsibility for waking yourself up by getting an alarm clock so you no longer need your father's "help."

DEAR ABBY: My husband's sister is being married in a few months. The wedding is in her hometown, which is more than 1,400 miles from where we live. My husband and I have three small children.

Taking our entire family and staying for three or four days will cost almost $3,000. Two of the children would not be able to attend the ceremony without causing a disruption, because of naps, feeding, etc. In spite of the financial burden and the fact that it will be a difficult trip for the children, the bride-to-be is demanding that all of us be there.

Abby, are we obligated to make this trip or would it be acceptable for only my husband to attend? If he goes alone, he will have time with his sister and the rest of the family, whom he does not get to see very often. We want to do the right thing, but the reality is that taking our family of five would be difficult and stressful for everyone. — ANXIOUS IN OHIO

DEAR ANXIOUS: Your husband needs to assert himself and talk some sense into his sister. While it is wonderful that she would like to have all of you at her wedding, an invitation is a request — not a summons. If being there with the children would be stressful financially, logistically and emotionally, you are right to stay home.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Kill That Dummy

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4
♡ 9 3
◇ A K Q 9 8
♣ 10 3 2

WEST
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♡ J 10 7
◇ J 6
♣ K 7 6

EAST
♠ 9 3
♡ 8 6 5 4
◇ 10 4 3 2
♣ J 9 8

SOUTH
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◇ 7 5
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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	1♠	2◇	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

How you play a specific suit depends on several factors, among them how many tricks you need from the suit and whether a particular opponent must be kept off lead. But sometimes the enemy can thwart your best efforts.

The auction was routine. That set the stage for an intriguing battle between South and West.

The Rule of Seven states that, by deducting the combined number of cards the declaring side holds from seven, declarer arrives at the number of times a single stopper must be held up. But that rule did not apply here. Declarer refused to play the ace of spades for one round, since West had bid the suit, winning the second.

South had five fast tricks in hand, so only four were needed from the diamond suit. Also, West had to be kept off lead at all costs. Since the odds favored a 4-2 diamond split, declarer led a low diamond, intending to duck the trick to East. Had West routinely followed the dictum of second hand low, declarer would have inserted the eight and, with the expected diamond distribution, all would have been well as long as declarer did not risk the finesse should East shift to a club.

But West shot in with the jack of diamonds, and declarer was forced to go up with a high diamond. When that suit did not split evenly, South tried for the fulfilling trick with a club finesse, and the defense prevailed.

Yes, declarer could still have prevailed by endplaying West, but that's another story.

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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, March 22, 2011:

This year, you appear extraordinarily grounded. Communication becomes a star issue, which you and others seem to work on. You also might find work more of a burden than in the past. Look at what you can do to transform this situation. The next four to five months could be very fortunate. In January, you will have started a new 11-year luck cycle. Eliminate what you don't want to deal with anymore. If you are single, the next four months could draw in quite a few suitors. The right person might be in the mix. If you are attached, your partner could be a bit "different." You are redefining this relationship. SCORPIO bottom-lines situations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Approach others with depth, even if you find someone to be remarkably superficial. Perhaps you can help this person make contact on a more profound level. Detach, and you'll gain a different perspective. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You generally are sure of yourself. Allowing people to know less about how you feel could be powerful. Let spontaneity just happen between you and others. Detach and watch someone start taking more responsibility. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Honor who you are in resolving a daily life issue. A partner might want to give his or her input. Realize you are seeing events from a different perspective. Know that if you value this person, there can be truth here. Tonight: Say little; do more.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ An innate sense of creativity touches nearly everything you do. Even though others see situations as you see them, they still could be elaborated on. Be easy with a child or new friend. You could be exhausted. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You continue to work on a personal level, not allowing bias to come forward. You'll understand much more as a result of this period of internal reflection. Plug into your to-do list, knowing there is a lot to accomplish. Tonight: Finally, taking it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Tap into your creativity, and nothing will baffle you for any length of time. Solutions appear if you are willing to get to the root of an issue and understand it. Someone cares a lot about you and lets you know it. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Take a gander. Detach. How much is the material side of life affecting you? You wonder if you have a choice or an opportunity to move in a different direction. Be willing to find an expert and investigate alternatives. Tonight: Do some reading. Relax before you approach an issue again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Understanding draws a very different perspective. Keep conversations flowing, even if you might need to do some rescheduling or a situation is turning your life upside down. Go with it, for now. There is much to be gained. Tonight: A key person responds to your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Take your time, knowing there is no rush. You need to tune in to what you feel and think. How much can you offer? This could refer to an emotional or financial situation. Do needed research. Tonight: Much-needed downtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your ability to move with the group yet point to basics could be far more important than you realize. Honor who you are, and ask for more feedback. Brainstorm; toss out ideas. You'll come up with solutions. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Honor what is going on among your friends, and get to the bottom of an emotional matter. This could involve someone you look up to or an issue involving responsibility and authority. Rome wasn't built in a day; nor does your thinking need to be solidified immediately. Tonight: Take the lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You have a way of looking at issues from both sides. A different perspective might be more important than you realize. Listen to what is being said. Understand there are many ways to the same goal. Use good sense. Tonight: Move onward.

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BORN TODAY

Actor William Shatner (1931), U.S. senator Orrin Hatch (1934), author James Patterson (1947)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Crick in the neck, e.g.
6 Exec's "I want it now!"
10 Sci. class
14 Foil maker
15 The Big Easy, briefly
16 Golden rule word
17 Having a sense of the Prairie State?
20 Retreats
21 Pub quaffs
22 Between then and now
23 "V for Vendetta" actor Stephen
24 Mil. morale booster
25 Scandinavian capital
27 Webster's impression of the Natural State?
33 '50s song, e.g.
35 Fr. holy women
36 Not con
37 Soccer score
38 En __: all together
40 Like the Reaper
41 Breakfast food
42 __ rug: dance
43 Skip over
44 Watch the Evergreen State?
48 One-named Deco designer
49 Mine output
50 Verizon forerunner
53 Test during pregnancy, briefly
56 Start of a birth announcement
58 Potting soil
59 Close to the Magnolia State?
62 Have to have
63 Sooner State tribe
64 Staggering
65 Estimate words
66 Political org. until 1991
67 Things to solve for, in some equations

DOWN
1 Not so dangerous
2 West Point rookie
3 Injury treatment brand
4 Beethoven's fifths?
5 Spring month in Paris
6 Latino's white American buddies
7 Sorbonne silk
8 What it takes, in an inclusive idiom
9 Buddy
10 Toe inflammation
11 Aware of
12 Suffix with narc
13 Misplace
18 Poet Ogden
19 __ Canarias
24 Its cap. is Abu Dhabi
26 __-Ball: arcade game
28 Olive or peanut product
29 Very, in music
30 Emulate a jack-in-the-box
31 Saharan
32 Vague number
33 Architect's S-curve
34 Feeling sluggish
38 Has to
39 Nonbelievers
40 Mop & __: floor cleaner
42 Pool shot
43 Lyon summer
45 Nut
46 More snoopy
47 Mardi __
51 Recorded, in a way
52 Most popular baby girl's name, 1996-2007
53 A.D. part
54 The Mediterranean, to Hans
55 Scot's turndowns
57 General __ chicken
58 Old Italian dough
60 Debt acknowledgment
61 Clinton played one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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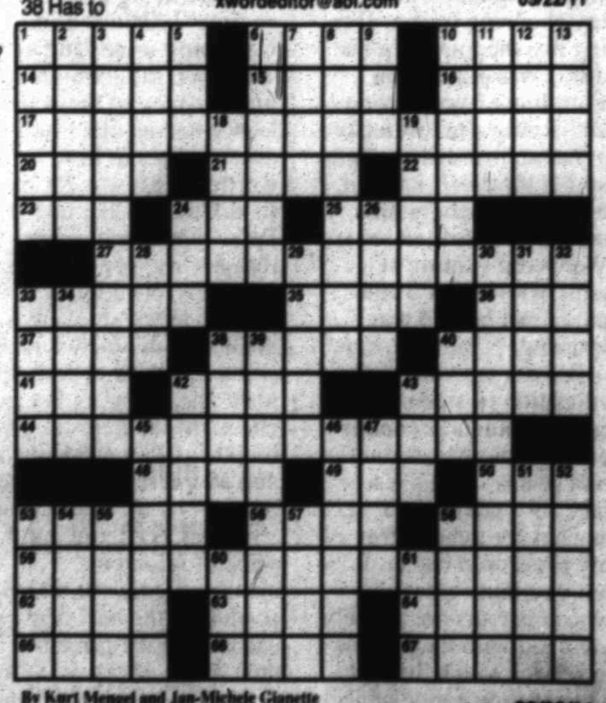

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Lessons learned from Japan should lead to reactor design changes

The series of large earthquakes that recently occurred off Japan's northeast coast didn't cause any damage to the nation's nuclear reactors because they automatically shut down as designed.

At that point, electrical power generators started operating emergency cooling pumps to maintain the reactor core temperature at safe levels. However, less than an hour later, an ensuing tsunami (that was twice the designed "worst case" height of 16 feet) struck the same region and knocked out all emergency electrical power generators for the cooling pumps of three reactors operating at Fukushima-Daiichi, leaving only batteries to maintain safe shutdown conditions. However, as these batteries ran out of power, their ability to adequately cool the reactors declined. The reactors then suffered serious damage through extreme overheating and hydrogen explosions, which led to the subsequent release of radiation.

The precise nature of the problems that have occurred in Japan since the March 11 earthquake and subsequent tsunami will not be known for some time because of the confusion on the ground. However, we do know the situation at the Fukushima-Daiichi reactor site is extremely serious and these reactors are near the earthquake's epicenter. When this event is concluded, the worldwide nuclear industry most certainly will incorporate the lessons learned into new reactor designs and operating procedures.

If we look back to the accident at Three Mile Island, there also was an apparent lack of transparency and unreliable information primarily because of inadequate instrumentation. However, in the end the conservative containment design at TMI worked. If someone were standing at the "fence" of the facility when the accident occurred, they would have received a smaller radiation dose than if they were standing next to the United Nations building in New York City (because it is made of granite, which contains a naturally occurring and slightly radioactive isotope of potassium).

The Japanese government and nuclear industry have continued to release official information ever since this devastating event, which dramatically has improved the situation compared to Three Mile Island.

It is accepted that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission remains the gold standard in regulating nuclear energy. The NRC has seismic standards for reactors in California that exceed the effects of the earthquake off the coast of Japan. New earthquake data periodically is reviewed by the NRC to ensure continued safety in the U.S. However, the failures in Japan directly are attributable to the tsunami design standards that may not be as severe in the U.S. because most major faults on the West Coast are beneath land rather than the ocean (tsunamis generally are caused by a violent upward shift of geological formations beneath the ocean).

How about the HT3R?

In the shadow of this tragedy, one important passively safe nuclear reactor design needs to be moved to the forefront of future nuclear power reactor options: the high-temperature gas-cooled reactor (HTGR) like that planned for the HT3R (High-Temperature Teaching and Test Reactor) facility being proposed by the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Los Alamos National Laboratory. It is to be located near Andrews as a prototypical "test and qualification" reactor for this nuclear reactor technology and would provide needed design data.

Since before 2000, China, Japan and others have been exploring HTGR nuclear reactors that are designed to operate at high temperatures (up to 1,500 degrees) and are cooled by helium, which cannot decompose like superheated water in the presence of zirconium to create explosive concentrations of hydrogen. These HTGRs are much more tolerant of high temperatures and are classified as "passively safe" because they do not require active systems or human intervention to safely shut down if they overheat. Rather, they automatically shut down and conduct away the remaining heat without damaging the reactor. The maximum temperature the reactor core could reach is several hundred degrees lower than any temperature that would damage the reactor or fuel components.

MAKING THE GRADE

Sherman

Lee High School senior **Mark Sherman** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Harold and Teresita Sherman.

He is a member of the Spanish Honor Society and has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity.

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Collins

Greenwood High School senior **Taylor Collins** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Sharon Rounsaville and Ron Rounsaville.

She is class vice president, is a member of Students in Philanthropy, Student Council, Interact and National Honor Society. She is athletic trainer and is involved in UIL literary criticism and drama.

She attends Crestview Baptist Church.

Collins plans to attend Baylor University.

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Midland High School senior **Audrey Erwin** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Travis and Tonya Erwin.

She is a member of Student Council, newspaper staff, Latin Club, National Honor Society and is vice president of the Model Organization of American States team. She is an academic letterman.

Erwin

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, where she is involved in Peer Ministry, youth choir and St. Ann's Family Fair and volunteers at Shine Catholic Work Camp. She is a member of Pickwick Players.

Erwin plans to attend the University of Texas and major in radio/television/film.

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Swendig

Midland High School senior **Ashley Jane Swendig** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Bradford and Julie Swendig.

She is a member of National Honor Society and Latin Club. She is a Texas Scholar and academic, orchestra and UIL letterman.

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, where she is involved in Peer Ministry, choir and the ACTS team and is a lector, teaches vacation Bible school and and volunteers at Shine Catholic Work Camp. She is a Symphony Belle.

Swendig plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in engineering.

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Templeton

Lee High School senior **Jarren Templeton** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Shay Templeton and Darren Templeton.

She is manager of the boys basketball team, member of Senior Girls, secretary of Business Professionals of America and member of Student Council and UIL accounting team.

She volunteers with United Way and Safe Place.

Templeton plans to attend Midland College.

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Brown

Lee High School senior **Joshua Ryan Brown** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. He is the son of Sherrie Carruth and Philip Brown.

He is a member of orchestra, All-Region orchestra, National Honor Society, AVID, StrictLee Strings and academic decathlon team. He is an academic and orchestra letterman. He is involved in TMEA.

He attends Odessa Christian Faith Center and is a volunteer tutor.

Brown plans to attend University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Rice University or Southern Methodist University and major in computer science.

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Evans

Midland High School senior **Ryan Jamal Evans** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. He is the son of Staci and Roosevelt Benjamin and Matt Jones.

He is a member of the football and basketball teams and D-FY-IT. He is first team All-District in football.

He is a member of his church's youth group and volunteers at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Evans plans to attend Texas Tech University or South Plains College and major in business/sports medicine or kinesiology.

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Woods

Midland High School senior **Kierre Steffon Woods** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. He is the son of Katherine Ellis.

He is a member of the football, soccer, track and basketball teams. He is first team All-District in soccer and second team All-District in football.

He volunteers with Midland Teen Court and is a Sunday school teacher at Stonegate Fellowship.

Spring break camp

Lanie Atwater, 7, above, and Zane Calley, 6, make shamrock men for St. Patrick's Day during craft time at Camp Fire USA's spring break camp last week at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Tim Fischer Midland Reporter-Telegram

Midland students win at regional science fair

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — Several Midlanders were among winners in the annual Regional Science Fair, which was March 5 at University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The local winners are:

Senior division

- Behavioral/social science: Anna Cain, Trinity School, first;
- Chemistry: Maggie Newton, Trinity School, first;
- Mathematical sciences: Mary Claire Holmes, Midland Classical Academy, first;

Intermediate

- Animal science: Benjamin Witt, St. Ann's School, first;
- Cell & molecular biology: Malini Naidu, Trinity School, second;
- Chemistry: Cameron Barton, Washington Math & Science Institute, second;
- Environmental management: Veena Agusala, Trinity School, first; Alec Almuina,Washington Math & Science Institute second;
- Mathematical sciences: Raquelle Reeves, third;
- Medicine & health sciences: Robin Bassett, Trinity School, first;
- Microbiology: Isaiah Monteya, Washington Math & Science Institute, third;
- Physics & astronomy: Olivia Lerwick, Trinity School, first;
- Plant sciences: Anthony Dragun, Trinity School, first; Hannah Mates, Emerson Elementary School, second; Jose Navarro, Washington Math & Science Institute, third;

Fifth grade

- Chemistry: Tommy Frances, Emerson Elementary School, third;
- Earth/space science: David Purdy, Washington Math & Science Institute, second;
- Math/physics: Sierra Elder, Washington Math & Science Institute, second;

Fourth grade

- Life science: Carley Ramharter, Washington Math & Science Institute, second; Allison Gammetsfelder, Washington Math & Science Institute, third;
- Math/physics: Patrick Miller, Washington Math & Science Institute, first;

Third grade

- Chemistry: Ellie Biggar, Washington Math & Science Institute, first;
- Environmental science: Douglas Doerfer, Washington Math & Science Institute, first; Kalyn Sansom, Washington Math & Science Institute, second;
- Math/physics: Landry Corbett, Washington Math & Science Institute, third.

It's important for parents to start teaching kids early in life

STACEY CALLAWAY

Stacey Callaway teaches sixth-grade English language arts at Scharbauer Elementary School.

I remember walking through a store when Carter was just a baby. I had him in his infant carrier sitting on the front of my shopping basket. During my shopping trip that day, I was telling him everything I was buying and seeing. He just looked at me and smiled a gummy smile. He didn't know it, but I was teaching him some of his first lessons. We weren't sitting at a table with a pencil and paper, but he still was learning.

Parents are vital in the education of students; in fact, I would say parents play the most important role in any child's learning. As a self-contained teacher for the majority of my classroom career, I can tell you that students whose parents are actively involved with them come to school with a distinct advantage in every subject.

Just like I did with Carter, it's important to start teaching early. I talked to him continuously, telling him exactly what we were doing at any given time. I often felt like I was doing some kind of sports report, giving him a play-by-play of the action. I once had an older lady comment about how worthwhile it was for me to talk to him like that. I know that is one of the reasons his vocabulary is well-developed today.

Trips to the store are a great way to practice many skills. Let your child help make the shopping list and check off the items as you buy them. Get a calculator and add up the price of the items you buy. Show your child how to figure out the price of sale items. You also can figure out which product is the best deal by calculating the price per unit.

Spelling tests are a cause for concern in many households. Students practice their words by writing them over and over and over again. But this does not work for all students. Even writing words can be made into a game. Get a timer and see how many times your child can write a word in 30 seconds. Buy a set of magnetic letters for the refrigerator to let your child manipulate while dinner is cooking. Shaving cream on a table, sand in a pan and hair gel in a baggie are also fun ways to practice the dreaded spelling list.

Children need to have experiences to give them background knowledge for what they read. In education terms, we call that building schema. Imagine reading about a zoo if you've never been to a zoo. Even if you can't travel extensively, use the Internet as a resource to give your children experiences that will help them in their reading. When traveling, visit museums and historical sites. Give your children a sense of the world around them.

I'm always amazed by how little my sixth-graders know of current events. Although watching the evening news may not be "must-see TV," a dose of news every so often won't hurt anyone. Ask your child if they know the names of the president, vice president and governor of our state. Explain to them the process of government. (Give yourself a refresher course before, if needed!) Reading the newspaper together also shows them events in the community and world.

Students are extremely computer-savvy when it comes to gaming and using social networks, but research is a skill that needs to be taught. Teach your children how to do research by looking up possible vacation destinations. Find out what subject your children are studying in science or social studies and help them find more information to take to school. Teachers appreciate any help you can give them.

Writing is a skill that improves with use. Letters may seem old-fashioned, but most children enjoy a trip to the mailbox when the possibility of getting something is involved. Find a grandparent, aunt or uncle or family friend who would be a good correspondent and have your children write them. Many places will send you information if you send a request in writing. Find some of these places and let your child choose what information they want to receive. Buy a journal for children to record their daily events. Write stories together based on movies or books you enjoy.

Children spend many hours at school, but it's those hours at home that often make the biggest impressions. Bringing your children in to your daily activities is a great way for their lessons to continue beyond the classroom.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

KICKING UP SOME DIRT Greenwood's Ambrey Stone safely slides into home as Midland High catcher Courtney Warren waits for the throw on Feb. 26 during the West Texas Classic softball tournament.

Rangerettes heading into district play

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

To say it's been a bumpy ride in Lee Ann Curry's first year as the head softball coach at Greenwood might be an understatement.

But through injuries, including losing ace pitcher Kendall Maddox for two weeks during non-district play, and a team adjusting to a new coach, the Rangerettes enter the District 4-3A season ready to make a run at the postseason.

The non-district season ended for Greenwood on Saturday with a 7-1 loss to Lubbock Cooper, but even with that recent setback, Curry said she and her squad are beginning to mesh at it is coming at the right time.

Greenwood opens district play at 5:30 p.m. today against rival Monahans at Greenwood.

"I came in and threw a lot of new things at them, and at first it was a little touch and go," said Curry, whose squad is 7-14 this season. "They are starting to believe in what we are trying to, and that's what is making the difference."

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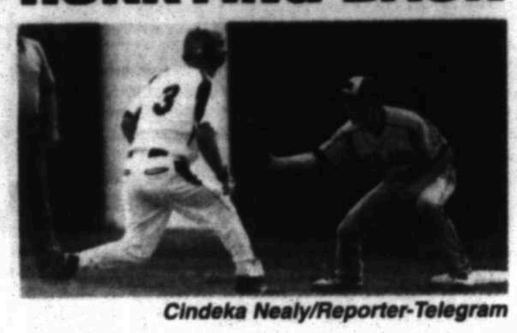

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Lee's Daniel Vargas runs back to the bag as Midland High's Michael Cristiani waits to tag him out Saturday at Lee High School. See today's capsules on **PAGE 2C.**

STAYING THE COURSE

West Virginia not changing for Baylor, Griner

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — West Virginia has what seems like an unusual plan to go against Baylor and 6-foot-8 Brittney Griner.

The Mountaineers intend to attack on offense and go right at Griner when they have the ball. And they plan to stick with their tenacious man-to-man defense, which is sure to create some one-on-one opportunities on offense for Griner, the dominating sophomore so used to being surrounded by multiple defenders.

"We showed our girls several clips of people attacking them and getting layups in transition," West Virginia coach Mike Carey said. "Let's not stand around, pass the ball around and let her just sit in the middle and try to block our shots when we go. ... If she blocks it, she blocks it. We can't change our game just because of that."

It will be a huge challenge for West Virginia (24-9) on Tuesday night when they play the top-seeded Lady Bears in a second-round NCAA tournament game on Baylor's home court. The Lady Bears are 20-0 at home this season.

Baylor (32-2) is trying to advance to the NCAA round of 16 for the sixth time in eight seasons — the Lady Bears went the Final Four last season when Griner was a freshman. Senior-filled West Virginia has never gotten past the second round.

Coach Kim Mulkey smiled when Griner was asked about West Virginia's plan — and when she answered.

"I've kind of gotten used to double teams," Griner said. "Whatever they throw at me, just roll with it."

Griner and Asya Bussie, West Virginia's 6-4 sophomore center, played against each other before in AAU

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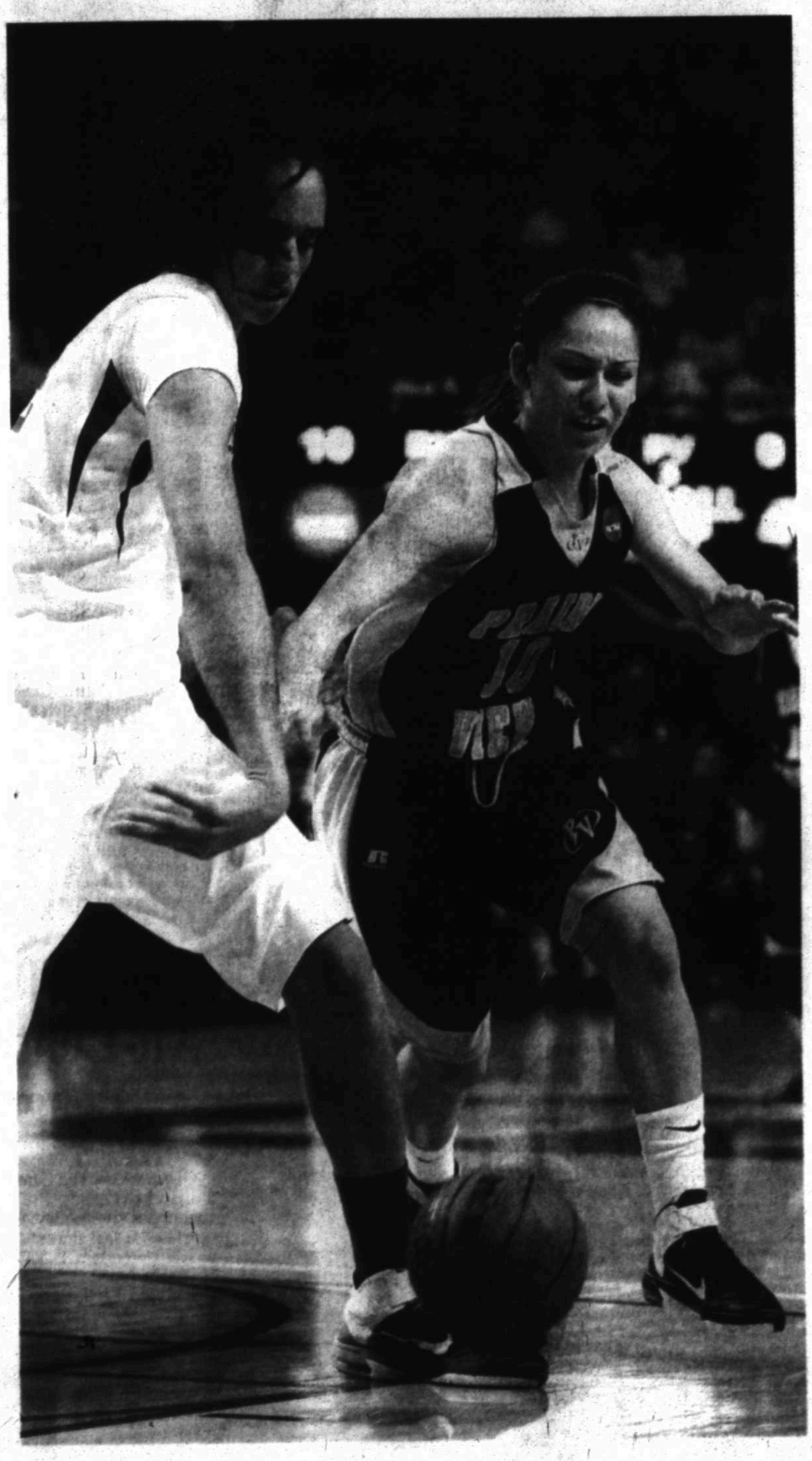

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Baylor center Brittney Griner, left, slaps the ball out of the hands of Prairie View A&M guard Siarra Soliz (10) on Sunday in the first half of a first-round NCAA Tournament game in Waco.

Scouts have Jones' attention leading up to NFL draft

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

A lot has changed for the Dallas Cowboys since they selected Oklahoma State wide receiver Dez Bryant 24th overall last April in the 2010 NFL draft.

After a disappointing 6-10 season, the Cowboys have a new coach (Jason Garrett), a new defensive coordinator (Rob Ryan) and several other new assistants. Owner Jerry Jones has vowed to be all ears when Garrett speaks, something that probably didn't always happen when Wade Phillips had the floor.

But one thing that's remained the same at Valley Ranch is the sway the club's scouts have on Jones in the buildup to the draft.

"They have spent all this time evaluating these players," Jones said at the NFL Scouting Combine last month in Indianapolis. "(Their opinions) are the ones that mean the most to me, not the homogenized (ones) that have come together as everyone has gotten together here or when the coaches get involved."

Times for the 40, Wonderlic test results and other information gathered at the combine and college pro days are important pieces of the puzzle as clubs build their draft boards. But several general managers say their ranking of the prospects is based primarily on input from scouts.

"We listen to our scouts," the New York Giants' Jerry Reese said. "They spend almost 200 days on the road. That's first and foremost."

While some media draft gurus emphasize bench-press reps and other so-called measurables, GMs prefer to rely on information gathered by scouts at games.

"What players do here at the combine can confirm some things we think about them,

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NFL says no legal ground for court to halt lockout

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL asked a federal judge Monday to keep its lockout in place, claiming there are no legal grounds to stop it while accusing the players of trying to manipulate the law with a bogus antitrust lawsuit.

The NFL filed its arguments in federal court in St. Paul, Minn., where U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson has scheduled an April 6 hearing on the players' request to stop the lockout. The injunction request was filed the same day as an antitrust lawsuit by Tom Brady, Drew Brees and seven other current NFL players against the league on March 11.

The NFL said any decision on a lockout must wait until the National Labor Relations Board rules on an unfair labor practice charge against the now-dissolved players' union that contends the players "failed to confer in good faith." That charge was filed Feb. 14 and amended on March 11 to include reference to the union's decertification.

The NLRB said the case is still under investigation and had no further comment.

The legal salvo is just the latest in the fight between the league and players. The antitrust suit was filed the day the union dissolved, the collective bargaining talks broke down and the NFL owners locked out the players after the two sides failed to forge a new CBA.

In arguing that Congress has barred judges from halting lockouts, the league cited the Norris-LaGuardia Act — Depression-era legislation passed with the intent of limiting employers' ability to crack down on unions, including their ability to seek court orders halting strikes. The NFL contends the law also protects an employer's right to impose a lockout in a labor dispute.

Gregg Levy and other NFL attorneys also argue that the union's "tactical and unilateral" maneuver to "instantaneously oust" federal labor law was illegal, and that the decertification proved the players did not want to negotiate in good faith.

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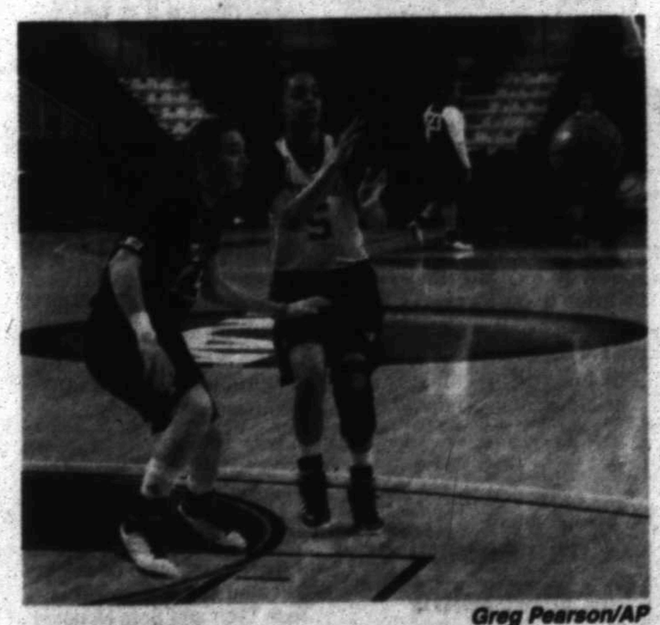
A&M bracing for rematch with improved Rutgers



Greg Pearson/AP

KEEP WORKING Texas A&M guard Maryann Baker (15) keeps her eye on the ball as teammate Kristi Bellock (5) delivers a pass during practice Monday in Shreveport, La. Texas A&M will face Rutgers in a second-round NCAA Tournament game today.

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

BOSSIER CITY, La. — Texas A&M coach Gary Blair offered fashion advice to anyone who might be inclined to wear dress shoes to Tuesday night's second-round NCAA tournament game between the Aggies and Rutgers.

"Wear your tennis shoes. There's going to be blood flowing out there," Blair said. "It's going to be a lot of fun. It'll be the best defensive game of the whole tournament."

Only Blair really knows if he truly expects such a ferocious contest, or whether it's part of his effort to ensure his players pay maximum respect to a team they trounced by 29 points back in December.

When Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer heard about Blair's comments, she suggested Blair might be trying to appeal to the sensibilities of the sizable A&M fan base living within driving distance of the Shreveport area in hopes of motivating them to attend the game.

Stringer said she hoped Blair's prediction of a hard-fought, defensive struggle proves correct, "but he knows he's got the upper hand."

At the very least, Blair has a painful history lesson to back him up as he tries to make his case that the second-seeded Aggies (28-5) won't have it so easy in their rematch with seventh-seeded Rutgers (20-12).

Only a year ago, A&M was stunningly eliminated in the second round of the tournament by a lower-seeded Gonzaga team that the Aggies had

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TODAY

DISTRICT 3-5A
LEE AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, San Angelo Central HS

Records: Lee 15-8, 2-2 in District 3-5A; San Angelo Central 12-13, 1-3

Last game: Lee 7, Abilene Cooper 1; Odessa Permian 6, San Angelo Central 2

Notes: The Lady Rebels returned back to the .500 mark in District 3-5A play with a convincing victory against Abilene Cooper on Saturday. Lee scored six runs in the second inning, and sophomore Emily Hardaway won her second straight 3-5A game by holding Cooper to two hits in the victory. ... Hardaway throwing on Thursday was part of a rotation that Lee coach Wes Overton implemented last week. Hardaway threw Tuesday's game against Midland High, and then freshman Kylee Olivas threw on Thursday against Odessa Permian. Who will start in the circle for the Lady Rebels will be a game-time decision today. ... Lee is tied for third place in District 3-5A, but have yet to put together a winning streak in league play so far this season. The Lady Rebels had to bounce back from a loss to Odessa Permian on March 17 and beat Abilene Cooper on Saturday. ... San Angelo Central held an early 2-1 lead against Odessa Permian on Saturday but could not muster up another run the rest of the game, and after three hits in the first inning, had three the rest of the game. ... Maddie Contreras threw for the Lady Bobcats in the loss.

Next: Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday; San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday

Lee Statistics
(15-8, 2-2)
District games only

BATTING

Player	AB	H	R	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB
D Gaona	9	4	2	.444	0	1	0	1	3
R Long	13	5	1	.385	1	0	0	0	1
A Alvarez	11	4	4	.364	0	0	0	1	2
K Schlemeyer	12	4	1	.333	1	0	0	1	0
K Olivas	10	3	2	.300	1	0	0	1	1
J Lane	12	3	1	.250	1	0	0	2	1
B Marquez	9	1	0	.111	0	0	0	0	0
C Sheppard	11	1	1	.091	0	0	0	2	0
E Hardaway	12	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	1
S Molinar	2	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**101**	**25**	**13**	**.248**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**8**	**9**

PITCHING

Player	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	SO
E Hardaway	2	1	0	22.0	9	3	2	0.64	4	13
K Olivas	0	1	0	4.0	6	4	4	7.00	3	3
Totals	2	2	0	26.0	15	7	6	1.62	7	16

ALPINE AT MIDLAND HIGH

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

Records: Midland High 11-12

Last game: Midland High 7, Abilene High 2 (8 innings)

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs take a break from 3-5A play today to take on area Class 2A power Alpine. Midland High won an extra-inning affair on Saturday as the Lady Bulldogs scored five runs in the eighth inning to beat Abilene High. Kelsey Hoppel earned the pitching victory after coming on in relief of starter Madison Garcia. Gaby Muniz was 3 for 5 in the game and five different Lady Bulldogs each had two hits. ... Today's junior varsity game between the two teams has been canceled.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday

MHS Statistics
(11-12, 3-2)
District games only

BATTING

Player	AB	H	R	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB
V Sisneros	17	8	2	.471	2	0	0	6	3
O Valle	8	4	0	.500	0	0	0	1	0
G Muniz	8	3	1	.375	0	0	0	1	0
M Ramirez	14	5	2	.357	0	0	0	1	0
N Posada	18	6	2	.333	0	0	0	7	1
C Warren	15	4	2	.267	0	0	0	1	1
S Baeza	4	1	0	.250	0	0	0	0	0
T Vines	17	4	7	.235	0	0	0	1	3
K Hoppell	17	4	7	.235	0	0	0	0	3
J Freeman	16	3	0	.231	0	0	0	0	1
L Segovia	14	3	1	.214	0	0	0	0	0
B Kujawski	11	2	1	.182	0	0	0	2	0
Ambrosio	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Garcia	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**156**	**47**	**24**	**.301**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**12**

PITCHING

Player	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	SO
K Hoppell	2	1	0	15.00	9	2	0	0.00	1	9
S Baeza	1	0	0	5.67	7	6	0	0.00	1	1
J Freeman	0	1	0	6.00	8	7	5	5.83	2	4
M Garcia	0	0	0	9.33	5	4	0	0.00	4	5
Total	**3**	**2**	**0**	**35.33**	**30**	**19**	**5**	**0.98**	**8**	**19**

3-5A Softball Standings

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Odessa Permian	4	1	16	5
Midland High	3	2	11	12
Lee	2	2	15	8
Odessa High	2	2	12	9
Abilene Cooper	2	2	11	11
San Angelo Central	1	3	10	11
Abilene High	1	3	11	10

Saturday's Scores
Lee 7, Abilene Cooper 1; Midland High 7, Abilene High 2, 8 innings; Odessa Permian 6, San Angelo Central 2; Odessa High was open.

Today's Games
Lee at San Angelo Central; Alpine at Midland High; Abilene High at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper; All games at 4:30 p.m.

ABILENE HIGH AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex

Records: Abilene High 11-10, 1-3; Odessa Permian 16-5, 4-1

Last game: Odessa Permian 6, San Angelo Central 2; Midland High 7, Abilene High 2 (8 innings)

Next: Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29

ODESSA HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

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

Records: Odessa High 12-9, 2-2; Abilene Cooper 11-11, 2-2

Last game: Midland High 3, Odessa High 2 on March 17; Lee 7, Abilene Cooper 1

Next: Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday; San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 2 p.m.

AROUND THE AREA
MONAHANS AT GREENWOOD

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Greenwood softball field

Records: Greenwood 7-14, Monahans 14-10

Last game: Lubbock Cooper 7, Greenwood 1

Notes: The Rangerettes begin district today after a tough weekend of non-district games. Greenwood fell to District 3-5A squad San Angelo Central on Friday, and then lost to Lubbock Cooper on Saturday. Greenwood coach Lee Ann Curry said her team felt the effects of a weather change and the quick turnaround. "I think we were drained," Curry said. ... Today's game will actually be the second meeting between the two rivals this season. Monahans and Greenwood opened the West Texas Classic in Midland against each other with the Lady Loboes winning, 6-3. "This is a big game because the last time we faced them we didn't play well," Curry said. "I've moved some people around since that game, and we are much more comfortable in where we are playing right now.

Next: Greenwood at Andrews, 1 p.m. Saturday; Monahans at Kermit, 5:30 p.m. Friday

Compiled by Len Hayward

RANGERETTES

From 1C

Curry said she knew there would be an adjustment period for her and the team, but she said what probably helped her team as much as anything was losing Maddox.

Maddox, who is one of the area's top returning pitchers, had a leg injury and was dealing with asthma, and during the Snyder tournament to weeks ago Maddox did not play at all. Curry said that Kassi Kraft and Sawyer Cobb both filled in the circle, and played well.

But where Curry said her team improved was in its defensive play.

"It was actually a good thing, because we had to beef up our defense," Curry said. "We didn't have who we normally have in the circle, and it's made them closer."

Maddox will be healthy for today's game, but Curry said the key for the Rangerettes in district play will be playing good defense and putting pressure on opposing offenses by getting the ball in play.

Curry said her coaching style is a little more aggressive than former coach Ken Ferguson, and she said the team is starting to get used to that style.

"If all the pieces come together then we've got a great shot (at a district championship)," Curry said. "We are going to have to strong defensively every game, and we have to put the bat on the ball."

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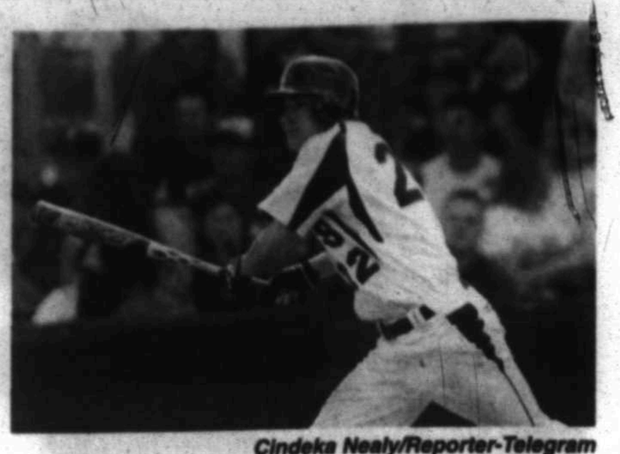

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HEADING TO FIRST Lee's Luke Stice hits a two-run double Saturday during their game against Midland High at Ernie Johnson Field.

TODAY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

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

Records: OHS 7-13, 1-2 in District 3-5A; MHS 12-9, 1-2

Last game: Odessa High 10, Odessa Permian 6; Lee 10, Midland High 8

Notes: Both Midland High and Odessa High enter today tied in the District 3-5A standings, but are coming off differing performances. MHS was on the road while OHS was at home and going into the bottom of the third of their respective games, the Bulldogs led Lee 5-2 and the Bronchos trailed Odessa Permian 2-0. From that point on in both games, though, their fortunes reversed. The Bulldogs eventually lost 10-8 and the Bronchos broke out for a 10-6 victory. ... Recently Midland High has been frustrated by either receiving a good pitching performance or productive day at the plate, but not in the same game. Saturday was an offensive day with Shane Sawyer knocking a grand slam early in the game. Blair Beck and Matt Reyes also homered in the game. But the Bulldogs scored all eight of their runs in two innings while they allowed the Rebels to chip away at their lead with runs in four of the six innings they batted. ... Fittingly, the Bronchos also scored in four of the six innings they came to the plate, including every inning from the third on. As a result they turned a 2-0 deficit into their first district victory. The Bronchos had just three extra base hits in the game and had to hold off a late rally from the Panthers, but nevertheless are right back in the district race.

Next game: Odessa High at Sweetwater, noon Saturday; Midland High at Abilene High, noon Saturday

3-5A Baseball

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Lee	2	0	13	8
San Angelo Central	2	0	11	8
Abilene High	2	1	8	10
Midland High	1	2	12	9
Odessa Permian	1	2	8	9
Odessa High	1	2	7	13
Abilene Cooper	0	2	7	12

Saturday's Scores
Lee 10, Midland High 8; Odessa High 10, Odessa Permian 6; Abilene High 13, Abilene Cooper 7. San Angelo Central was open.

Today's Games
Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Lee at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.; Abilene High at Brownwood, 4:30 p.m.

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

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

Records: Lee 13-8, 2-0 in District 3-5A; Permian 6-9, 1-2

Last game: Lee 10, Midland High 8; Odessa High 10, Odessa Permian 6

Notes: Two games into District 3-5A, Lee has already matched its district win total from last season at 2-0, good for a first place tie with San Angelo Central. Not only are the Rebels unbeaten in 3-5A, their last time out they came from behind to defeat rival Midland High. ... The Rebels trailed 5-2 going into the bottom of the third and appeared to have handed momentum to the Bulldogs, who launched a grand slam during a five-run top of the third. But the Rebels struck right back with four runs in the bottom of the frame. Mick Limon had an RBI-double and Kyle Copeland had an RBI-single before Michael Brosig, who also had a save in the contest, hit a two-run home run to claim a 6-5 lead and the Rebels never trailed again. ... Limon ran his record to 6-0 in the game as he blanked the Bulldogs in four innings during his start. The grand slam he surrendered was the biggest blemish on his day. ... As for Permian, the Panthers had 12 hits to the Bronchos 11 on Saturday, but wound up stranding nine runners —eight of whom in scoring position — as the Bronchos outscored them 10-4 from the bottom of the third on. As disappointing as the loss was to a rival, a victory against one of the district's unbeaten teams would be a huge lift for the Panthers.

Next game: Abilene Cooper at Lee, noon Saturday, Ernie Johnson Field; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, noon Saturday

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT ABILENE COOPER

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

Records: Central 11-8, 2-0 in District 3-5A; Cooper 7-12, 0-2

Last game: San Angelo Central 2, Midland High 0 (March 15); Abilene High 13, Abilene Cooper 7

Next game: Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, noon Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Lee, noon Saturday

ABILENE HIGH AT BROWNWOOD

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

Records: AHS 8-10; BHS 11-6

Last game: Abilene High 13, Abilene Cooper 7; Brownwood 12, Mineral Wells 1

Next game: Midland High at Abilene High, noon Saturday; Big Spring at Brownwood, 7 p.m. Friday

Compiled by Shawn Shroyer

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TODAY

Girls

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Abilene High 5-10-6, 1-5-2-3 (10 points) in District 3-5A; Lee 11-6-5, 4-5-2-0 (16 points).

Last game: Abilene High 3, Odessa Permian 2, SO (2-1); San Angelo Central 2, Lee 0.

Last meeting: Lee 1, Abilene High 0 on Feb. 26.

Notes & Quotes: There is nothing left to figure out on the girls side of District 3-5A. The four playoff teams are set in stone and Lee knows its going to be the fourth seed out of the district. That means the Lady Rebels meet District 4-5A champion Arlington Martin in the bi-district round. ... Abilene High meanwhile will not be in the postseason, giving the Lady Eagles nothing but pride to play for today. Many of the other 3-5A coaches have praised the skill shown by the Lady Eagles, but they have failed to have breaks go their way. Five of Abilene High's seven district losses have come by a one-goal margin. ... One of those close defeats came on Feb. 26 against the Lady Rebels. Lee dictated the action for a majority of the match, but managed to only cash in once when Jessi Gonzalez found Haylie Conner in the 14th minute for the match's lone goal.

Next: Abilene High's season is complete; Class 5A bi-district playoff game, Lee vs. Arlington Martin, TBA.

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium

Records: Midland High 17-6-1, 9-0-1-1 (30 points) in District 3-5A; Cooper 6-11-1, 2-6-2-1 (11 points).

Last game: Midland High 2, Abilene High 1 on March 15; Cooper 2, Odessa High 1.

Last meeting: Midland High 3, Cooper 0 on Feb. 26.

Notes & Quotes: Midland High has already clinched the District 3-5A title and top seed in the postseason, leaving only pride and momentum to play for today. The Lady Bulldogs can cap a strong 3-5A season with a win. They weren't defeated during regulation in the district with San Angelo Central giving the Lady Dawgs their lone 3-5A loss via shootout on March 5. ... Cooper is out of the race for the playoffs. ... In the first meeting between the two teams on Feb. 26, Midland High senior Laramie Holifield posted a hat trick, scoring all of the Lady Bulldogs' goals in a 3-0 victory. It was the first of two hat tricks Holifield has had this season.

Next: Class 5A bi-district playoffs, Midland High vs. TBA; Abilene Cooper's season is complete.

ODESSA HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, San Angelo Stadium

Records: Odessa High 8-12-2, 0-9-1-1 (3 points) in District 3-5A; Central 12-4-3, 6-0-2-3 (25 points).

Last game: Abilene Cooper 2, Odessa High 1; Central 2, Lee 0.

Last meeting: Central 3, Odessa High 0 on Feb. 26.

Next: Odessa High's season is complete; Class 5A bi-district playoffs, San Angelo Central vs. TBA.

Boys

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Abilene High 7-14-0, 1-4-3-3 (12 points) in District 3-5A; Lee 10-10-2, 5-2-2-2 (21 points).

Last game: Odessa Permian 2, Abilene High 1; Lee 3, San Angelo Central 2.

Last meeting: Abilene High 2, Lee 1, SO on Feb. 26.

Notes & Quotes: Lee moved into second place in District 3-5A with its 3-2 regulation victory against San Angelo Central on Saturday. The Rebels can secure the second seed for the postseason with a victory in regulation or shootout against Abilene High today. Should the Rebels lose and in-town rival Midland High win in regulation, they would be relegated to the third seed. ... Abilene High isn't playing in the postseason after a 2-1 loss to Odessa Permian on Saturday. ... The last time the Eagles visited Grande Communications Stadium, they found some magic. Trailing Midland High 4-3 as the final seconds began to tick off the clock, Abilene High senior Christian Valero made solid contact with the ball from about 35 yards out and squeeked it into the net to tie the match with a second left to play. The Eagles eventually won the shootout 3-2. ... The Eagles have played in more shootouts than any other team in District 3-5A, posting a 3-3 record in those matches. One of their three wins came against Lee on Feb. 26 at Shotwell Stadium. The Eagles won the shootout 3-2 with Zachary McFerin putting in the game-winner.

Next: Abilene High's season is complete; Class 5A bi-district playoff game, Lee vs. TBA.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

TAKE A SHOT Lee's Keagan Davis (22) takes a shot at the goal Saturdaydurring the Rebels' game against San Angelo Central at Grande Communications Stadium.

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium

Records: Midland High 10-7-4, 6-4-0-1 (19 points) in District 3-5A; Cooper 8-10-0, 0-6-4-1 (9 points).

Last game: Abilene High 5, Midland High 4, SO (3-2) on March 15; Odessa High 2, Cooper 1.

Last meeting: Midland High 4, Cooper 0 on Feb. 26.

Notes & Quotes: Midland High is still fighting for playoff positioning, but needs some help to move out of the third seed in District 3-5A. The Bulldogs must defeat Abilene Cooper in regulation today, then have Lee fall to Abilene High to make a claim at the league's No. 2 playoff seed. Should the Dawgs lose in regulation, Odessa High can move into the third seed with a win against San Angelo Central, pushing MHS to the fourth seed. ... Cooper is out of contention for a playoff spot and has yet to win a 3-5A game in regulation this season. The Cougars have the best win percentage in shootouts, though, going 4-1 in five tries. ... Cooper never had a chance of playing in a shootout during its first match with MHS on Feb. 26 at Grande Communications Stadium. The Bulldogs routed the Cougars 4-0 with four different players putting the ball in the net.

Next: Class 5A bi-district playoffs, Midland High vs. TBA; Abilene Cooper's season is complete.

3-5A Soccer standings

Boys

	District					Overall		
Team	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	W	L	T
y-Odessa Permian	7	0	1	4	27	11	10	1
x-Lee	5	2	2	2	21	10	10	2
x-Midland High	5	4	0	1	19	10	7	4
x-Odessa High	3	3	3	2	17	8	12	1
Abilene High	1	4	3	3	12	7	14	0
San Angelo Central	2	5	2	2	12	10	10	1
Abilene Cooper	0	6	4	1	9	8	10	0

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)

Saturday's Scores
Lee 3, San Angelo Central 2; Odessa High 2, Abilene Cooper 1; Odessa Permian 2, Abilene High 1; Midland High was open.

Today's Games
Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Lee; Odessa High at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian is open. All games at 6:30 p.m.

y-clinched district title
x-clinched

End of Regular Season

Girls

	District					Overall		
Team	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	W	L	T
y-Midland High	9	0	1	1	30	17	6	1
x-San Angelo Central	6	0	2	3	25	12	4	3
x-Odessa Permian	6	3	1	2	22	13	7	1
x-Lee	4	5	2	0	16	11	6	5
Abilene Cooper	2	6	2	1	11	6	11	1
Abilene High	1	5	2	3	10	5	10	6
Odessa High	0	9	1	1	3	8	12	2

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)

y-clinched district title
x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Scores
San Angelo Central 2, Lee 0; Abilene Cooper 2, Odessa High 1; Abilene High 3, Odessa Permian 2, SO (2-1); Midland High was open.

Tuesday's Games
Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Lee; Odessa High at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian is open. All games at 4:30 p.m.

End of regular season

ODESSA HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, San Angelo Stadium

Records: Odessa High 8-12-1, 3-3-3-2 (17 points) in District 3-5A; Central 10-10-1, 2-5-2-2 (12 points).

Last game: Odessa High 2, Cooper 1; Lee 3, Central 2.

Last meeting: Odessa High 3, Central 0 on Feb. 26.

Next: Class 5A bi-district playoffs, Odessa High vs. TBA; San Angelo Central's season is complete.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

Thinel named to All-Central Hockey League team

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Central Hockey League announced on Monday that Odessa Jackalopes forward Sebastien Thinel has been named to the All-Central Hockey League team.

Thinel

Thinel is currently leading the league in points and is close to winning his second Joe Burton Award, which goes to the regular season scoring champion. Entering today's game against Rio Grande Valley, Thinel has scored 34 goals and had 71 assists for 105 points. Thinel has also been the league's most prolific scorer the last three seasons as he has 299 points in those three years.

Thinel is in the midst of one of his best months of the season in March as he has 14 goals and 10 assists in 11 games.

Other members of the All-CHL team are Colorado forward Riley Nelson, Texas forward Chad Woolard, Rio Grande Valley defenseman Darcy Campbell, Wichita defenseman Andrew Martens and Missouri goalie Robby Nolan.

The Jacks (29-27-7, 65 points) will hit the road today as they begin the final week of the regular season with a 7 p.m. game against Rio Grande Valley. Odessa is 7-1-1 against the Killer Bees this season, including beating them twice last week.

Rio Grande Valley (24-33-6, 54 points) has a two-point lead over Laredo for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Berry Conference.

The Jacks will close the regular season on Friday and Saturday with a home-and-home series against Bossier-Shreveport. Odessa is in fifth place in the conference and will likely be in that seed once the playoffs begin.

Friday's game will be the first time the two teams have met since December 4 when the Mudbugs won 4-1 in Odessa. Friday's game is slated for 7:05 p.m. in Bossier City, and Saturday's regular-season finale is set for 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Ector County Coliseum.

LOCAL SPORTS

Cunningham part of champion rugby team

SAN MARCOS -- Midland High grad Hank Cunningham helped the Texas State men's club rugby team to a Texas State Rugby championship.

The Texas State squad defeated teams from Texas, Tech Tech and Sam Houston and have earned a spot in the national championship tournament in Minnesota later this spring.

Cunningham is a two-year starter for the team.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Detroit	18	9
Kansas City	14	8
Seattle	12	7
Toronto	12	9
Minnesota	13	10
Los Angeles	11	12
Baltimore	10	11
Cleveland	10	11
Boston	12	14
Tampa Bay	10	12
Texas	10	12
Oakland	10	14
New York	9	13
Chicago	8	14

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L
San Francisco	18	8
Colorado	15	8
Philadelphia	16	9
Atlanta	14	9
Cincinnati	14	9
Milwaukee	13	9
St. Louis	12	11
New York	12	12
Washington	11	12
San Diego	10	11
Chicago	10	15
Pittsburgh	10	15
Los Angeles	9	15
Houston	10	17
Florida	8	14
Arizona	8	19

NOTE: Split-squad games count
standings, games against non-major
teams do not

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 4, Boston 1
Washington 7, St. Louis 2
Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 1
Detroit 9, Houston 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Atlanta 7
Seattle vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear
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Cleveland vs. Kansas City at Su
Ariz., ccd., Rain
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Angels at T
Ariz., ccd., Rain
Colorado vs. San Francisco at Scott
Ariz., ccd., Rain
Texas vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix
ccd., Rain
Oakland vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Gle
Ariz., ccd., Rain
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Arizona at S
dale, Ariz., late
Chicago White Sox vs. San Diego a
na, Ariz., late

Tuesday's Games
Minnesota vs. Florida at Jupiter
12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin
12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Baltimore at San
Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit at Lakeland
12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Washington at Viera
12:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear
3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at P
Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers at
dale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix
p.m.
Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale
3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers
6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Su
Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
TIGERS 9, ASTROS 1

Detroit	001	112	112	— 9 1
Houston	100	000	000	— 1

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(8), E. Gonzalez (9) and V. Martinez. B. Ho
B. Myers, W. Wright (6). W. Lopez (7). Fu
(8). Melancon (9) and Quintero. W—Col
B. Myers.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G
x-Philadelphia	71	44	19	8	96	22
Pittsburgh	73	42	23	8	92	21
N.Y. Rangers	73	39	30	4	82	21
New Jersey	72	34	34	4	72	15
N.Y. Islanders	73	28	33	12	68	20

Northeast Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G
Boston	71	39	22	10	88	21
Montreal	73	40	26	7	87	20
Buffalo	72	35	28	9	79	21
Toronto	73	32	31	10	74	19
Ottawa	72	27	36	9	63	16

Southeast Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G
Washington	73	42	21	10	94	19
Tampa Bay	72	39	22	11	89	21
Carolina	72	33	29	10	76	20
Atlanta	72	30	30	12	72	20
Florida	72	29	33	10	68	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G
Detroit	73	43	21	9	95	23
Chicago	72	39	25	8	86	23
Nashville	73	38	25	10	86	19
Columbus	72	33	29	10	76	19
St. Louis	72	32	31	9	73	20

Northwest Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G
y-Vancouver	73	47	17	9	103	23
Calgary	74	37	27	10	84	22
Minnesota	73	35	30	8	78	18
Colorado	71	27	36	8	62	18
Edmonton	72	23	39	10	56	17

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G
San Jose	73	42	23	8	92	2
Phoenix	74	39	24	11	89	2
Los Angeles	72	40	26	6	86	1
Anaheim	72	40	27	5	85	2
Dallas	72	38	25	9	85	2

NOTE Two points for a win, one p
overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Scores
Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 4, SO
Calgary at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6:30
Edmonton at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARY
PENGUINS 5, RED WINGS

Pittsburgh	2	2	0	0
Detroit	0	1	3	0

Pittsburgh won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Du
(Conner, Staal), 15:14. 2, Pittsburgh, K
(Dupuis, Letang), 19:17.
Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, D
(Staal, Lovejoy), 10:51 (sh). 4, Pit
Kennedy 17 (Kunitz, Adams), 13:16. 5
Zetterberg 21 (Cleary, Stuart), 17:41.
Third Period—6, Detroit, V.Filp
(Stuart, Holmstrom), 1:57. 7, Detroit, G
(Kronwall, Lidstrom), 8:06 (pp). 8,
Modano 3 (V.Filppula, Lidstrom), 10:2
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Pittsburgh 1 (Koval
Letang NG, Neal G), Detroit 0 (Berti
Modano NG, Cleary NG).
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 8-8-
Detroit 11-12-14-4—41.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, B.Johnson
Howard. MacDonald. A—20,066 (20,
2:45.

CHL

TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts
x-Colorado	64	39	21	4	82
x-Rapid City	64	38	22	4	80
x-Bloomington	61	35	20	6	76
x-Missouri	63	35	22	6	76
x-Wichita	62	33	23	6	72
x-Quad City	63	33	29	1	67
x-Fort Wayne	62	29	26	7	65
x-Dayton	63	30	28	5	65
Evansville	63	19	32	12	50

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts
x-Allen	62	44	16	2	90
x-Bossier-Shreveport	64	36	25	3	75
x-Texas	62	33	24	5	71
x-Tulsa	63	33	25	5	71
x-Odessa	63	29	27	7	65
x-Mississippi	63	29	29	5	63
Arizona	64	25	30	9	59
Rio Grande Valley	63	24	33	6	54
Laredo	63	22	33	8	52

NOTE: Two points are awarded
one point for an overtime or shoot
Overtime or shootout losses are onl
in the OL column, not the loss colum
x-clinched playoff spot

Today's Games
Odessa at Rio Grande Valley, 7
Wichita at Missouri, 7:05 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Bloomington, 7:0
Texas at Allen, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Dayton at Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Bloomington at Quad City, 7:05

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Detroit	18	9	.667
Kansas City	14	8	.636
Seattle	12	7	.632
Toronto	12	9	.571
Minnesota	13	10	.565
Los Angeles	11	12	.478
Baltimore	10	11	.476
Cleveland	10	11	.476
Boston	12	14	.462
Tampa Bay	10	12	.455
Texas	10	12	.455
Oakland	10	14	.417
New York	9	13	.409
Chicago	8	14	.364

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	18	8	.692
Colorado	15	8	.652
Philadelphia	16	9	.640
Atlanta	14	9	.609
Cincinnati	14	9	.609
Milwaukee	13	9	.591
St. Louis	12	11	.522
New York	12	12	.500
Washington	11	12	.478
San Diego	10	11	.476
Chicago	10	15	.400
Pittsburgh	10	15	.400
Los Angeles	9	15	.375
Houston	10	17	.370
Florida	8	14	.364
Arizona	8	19	.296

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings, games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 4, Boston 1
Washington 7, St. Louis 2
Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 1
Detroit 9, Houston 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Atlanta 7
Seattle vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Cleveland vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Colorado vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Texas vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Oakland vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., late
Chicago White Sox vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., late

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
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San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
TIGERS 9, ASTROS 1

Detroit	001	112	112	—	9	18	1
Houston	100	000	000	—	1	4	0

Coke, Villarreal (6), Benoit (7), Valverde (8), E.Gonzalez (9) and V.Martinez; B.Holaday, B.Myers, W.Wright (6), W.Lopez (7), Fulchino (8), Melancon (9) and Quintero. W—Coke. L—B.Myers.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Philadelphia	71	44	19	8	96	228	190
Pittsburgh	73	42	23	8	92	213	181
N.Y. Rangers	73	39	30	4	82	215	179
New Jersey	72	34	34	4	72	154	182
N.Y. Islanders	73	28	33	12	68	203	233

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	71	39	22	10	88	213	175
Montreal	73	40	26	7	87	200	185
Buffalo	72	35	28	9	79	214	208
Toronto	73	32	31	10	74	192	225
Ottawa	72	27	36	9	63	164	223

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	73	42	21	10	94	198	176
Tampa Bay	72	39	22	11	89	214	217
Carolina	72	33	29	10	76	201	214
Atlanta	72	30	30	12	72	202	238
Florida	72	29	33	10	68	182	198

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	73	43	21	9	95	237	209
Chicago	72	39	25	8	86	234	202
Nashville	73	38	25	10	86	190	172
Columbus	72	33	29	10	76	195	218
St. Louis	72	32	31	9	73	201	214

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	73	47	17	9	103	238	172
Calgary	74	37	27	10	84	226	214
Minnesota	73	35	30	8	78	185	204
Colorado	71	27	36	8	62	198	250
Edmonton	72	23	39	10	56	175	237

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	73	42	23	8	92	211	191
Phoenix	74	39	24	11	89	213	207
Los Angeles	72	40	26	6	86	197	176
Anaheim	72	40	27	5	85	204	208
Dallas	72	38	25	9	85	203	202

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Edmonton at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARY
PENGUINS 5, RED WINGS 4

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Detroit	0	1	3	0	— 4

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Third Period—6, Detroit, V.Filppula 16 (Stuart, Holmstrom), 1:57. 7, Detroit, Cleary 24 (Kronwall, Lidstrom), 8:06 (pp). 8, Detroit, Modano 3 (V.Filppula, Lidstrom), 10:27 (pp).

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Pittsburgh 1 (Kovalev NG, Letang NG, Neal G), Detroit 0 (Bertuzzi NG, Modano NG, Cleary NG).

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 8-8-5-4—25. Detroit 11-12-14-4—41.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, B.Johnson. Detroit, Howard, MacDonald. A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:45.

CHL

TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	64	39	21	4	82	242	191
x-Rapid City	64	38	22	4	80	201	195
x-Bloomington	61	35	20	6	76	176	176
x-Missouri	63	35	22	6	76	197	163
x-Wichita	62	33	23	6	72	233	216
x-Quad City	63	33	29	1	67	177	171
x-Fort Wayne	62	29	26	7	65	177	192
x-Dayton	63	30	28	5	65	192	195
Evansville	63	19	32	12	50	174	236

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Allen	62	44	16	2	90	254	199
x-Bossier-Shreveport	64	36	25	3	75	224	187
x-Texas	62	33	24	5	71	212	209
x-Tulsa	63	33	25	5	71	229	224
x-Odessa	**63**	**29**	**27**	**7**	**65**	**231**	**231**
x-Mississippi	63	29	29	5	63	192	214
Arizona	64	25	30	9	59	199	244
Rio Grande Valley	63	24	33	6	54	182	214
Laredo	63	22	33	8	52	183	218

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OL column, not the loss column.
x-clinched playoff spot

Today's Games

Odessa at Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m.
Wichita at Missouri, 7:05 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Bloomington, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Allen, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Dayton at Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Bloomington at Quad City, 7:05 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Tuesday, March 15

Alabama 68, Coastal Carolina 44
College of Charleston 94, Dayton 84
Cleveland State 63, Vermont 60
Oklahoma State 71, Harvard 54
Missouri State 89, Murray State 76
New Mexico 69, UTEP 57
Boston College 82, McNeese State 64
Fairfield 62, Colorado State 60
Kent State 71, St. Mary's, Calif. 70

Wednesday, March 16

Wichita State 76, Nebraska 49
Miami 85, Florida Atlantic 62
Northwestern 70, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 61
Virginia Tech 79, Bethune-Cookman 54
Colorado 88, Texas Southern 74
California 77, Mississippi 74
Washington State 85, Long Beach State 74

Second Round
Friday's Scores

Colorado 89, California 72

Saturday's Scores

Northwestern 85, Boston College 67
College of Charleston 64, Cleveland State 56

Sunday's Scores

Wichita State 79, Virginia Tech 76, OT
Kent State 72, Fairfield 68

Monday's Scores

Miami 81, Missouri State 72
Alabama 74, New Mexico 67
Oklahoma State (20-13) at Washington State (20-12), late

Quarterfinals
Today's Game

Kent State (25-11) at Colorado (23-13), 8 p.m.

March 22-23

Alabama (23-11) vs. Missouri State-Miami winner, TBD
Northwestern (20-13) vs. Oklahoma State-Washington State winner, TBD
Wichita State (26-8) vs. College of Charleston (26-10), TBD

College Basketball Invitational
First Round
Tuesday, March 15

Davidson 85, James Madison 65
Creighton 85, San Jose State 74
Evansville 77, Hofstra 70
Boise State 81, Austin Peay 80

Wednesday, March 16

Rhode Island 76, Miami (Ohio) 59
UCF 69, St. Bonaventure 54
Duquesne 87, Montana 76
Oregon 68, Weber St. 59

Quarterfinals
Monday's Scores

UCF 66, Rhode Island 54
Creighton 102, Davidson 92
Boise State 75, Evansville 69
Duquesne (19-12) at Oregon (17-17), late

Semifinals
Wednesday's Games

Creighton (21-14) vs. Boise State (22-12), TBA
UCF (21-11) vs. Duquesne-Oregon winner

College Insider.com Tournament
First Round
Monday, March 14

Buffalo 75, Quinnipiac 68

Tuesday, March 15

Ohio 65, Marshall 64
East Tennessee State 76, Furman 63
Jacksonville 71, East Carolina 66, OT
Northern Iowa 84, Rider 50
Air Force 77, North Dakota 67
Santa Clara 68, Northern Arizona 63
Hawaii 76, Portland 64

Wednesday, March 16

Western Michigan 74, Tennessee Tech 66
Iona 85, Valparaiso 77
SMU 64, Oral Roberts 57, OT
San Francisco 81, Idaho 73

Second Round
Friday's Score

Santa Clara 88, Air Force 75

Saturday's Scores

Buffalo 49, Western Michigan 48
SMU 63, Jacksonville 62
San Francisco 77, Hawaii 74

Quarterfinals
Monday's Score

SMU 57, Northern Iowa 50

Today's Games

Ohio (19-15) at East Tennessee State (23-11), 6 p.m.
Buffalo (20-13) at Iona (23-11), 6:30 p.m.
Santa Clara (21-14) at San Francisco (19-14), 9 p.m.

Semifinals
March 24-25

SMU (20-14) vs. Santa Clara-San Francisco winner
Buffalo-Iona winner vs. Ohio-East Tennessee State winner

MONDAY'S CIT TEXAS BOX
SMU 57, N. IOWA 50

SMU (20-14): Mangrum 4-8 1-2 11, Samarrippas 2-4 1-2 5, Walker 1-4 4-4 7, Nyakundi 4-8 0-0 11, Dia 6-11 5-7 17, Clinkscales 0-0 0-0 0, Haynes 1-1 1-4 3, Patsevich 1-2 0-0 3, Harp 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-38 12-19 57.

N. IOWA (20-14): Ahelegbe 6-16 4-4 18, Moran 2-8 0-0 5, Koch 3-7 3-3 11, Pehl 1-1 2-2 4, James 1-6 4-5 6, Rank 1-2 2-2 4, Morrison 0-1 0-0 0, Dunham 0-3 0-0 0, Sonnen 0-7 2-4 2, Lange 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-51 17-20 50.

Halftime—SMU 31-23. 3-Point Goals—SMU 7-16 (Nyakundi 3-5, Mangrum 2-4, Patsevich 1-1, Walker 1-4, Dia 0-1, Samarrippas 0-1). N. Iowa 5-25 (Koch 2-4, Ahelegbe 2-7, Moran 1-6, Dunham 0-2, James 0-2, Sonnen 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—SMU 33 (Dia 21), N. Iowa 30 (James, Sonnen 6). Assists—SMU 12 (Mangrum 3), N. Iowa 7 (Sonnen 3). Total Fouls—SMU 17, N. Iowa 19. A—3,968.

NCAA Men's Div. II Basketball Tournament
At Springfield, Mass.
Quarterfinals
Wednesday's Games

Bellarmine vs. Midwestern State, 11 a.m.
Alabama-Huntsville vs. Minnesota State Mankato 1:30 p.m.
Anderson (S.C.) vs. West Liberty, 5 p.m.
Bloomfield vs. Brigham Young-Hawaii, 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Thursday's Games

Bellarmine-Midwestern State winner vs. Alabama-Huntsville-Minnesota State Mankato winner, 5 p.m.
Anderson (S.C.)-West Liberty winner vs. Bloomfield—Brigham Young-Hawaii winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 26
Championship

Semifinal winners, Noon

NAIA Division I Basketball
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Wednesday, March 16

Pikeville (Ky.) 76, Oklahoma Baptist 69
Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 92, Freed-Hardeman (Tenn.) 79
Robert Morris (Ill.) 77, Montana Western 76
Lee (Tenn.) 69, Columbia (Mo.) 67
Lindenwood (Mo.) 78, St. Catharine (Ky.) 72
Mountain State (W.Va.) 83, Park (Mo.) 58
Rogers State (Okla.) 66, Texas Wesleyan 64
Carroll (Mont.) (23-8) 69, Union (Tenn.) 63

Thursday, March 17

Georgetown (Ky.) 83, Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) 76
Concordia (Calif.) 96, Southern Poly (Ga.) 64
McKendree (Ill.) 75, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 62
Evangel (Mo.) 79, Xavier (La.) 71
Tougaloo (Miss.) 73, Emmanuel (Ga.) 58
Martin Methodist (Tenn.) 84, William Jewell (Mo.) 83
LSU Shreveport 106, Life (Ga.) 80
Biola (Calif.) 59, Montana State-Northern 48

Second Round
Friday's Scores

Pikeville 80, Azusa Pacific 75
Robert Morris 74, Lee 55
Georgetown 77, McKendree 59
Concordia (Calif.) 102, Evangel 62
Mountain State (W.Va.) 84, Lindenwood (Mo.) 67
Rogers State (Okla.) 66, Carroll (Mont.) 45
Martin Methodist (Tenn.) 88, Tougaloo (Miss.) 77
Biola (Calif.) 71, LSU Shreveport 70

Quarterfinals
Saturday's Scores

Pikeville 86, Robert Morris 77
Georgetown 69, Concordia (Calif.) 67
Mountain State (W.Va.) 69, Rogers State (Okla.) 62
Martin Methodist (Tenn.) 66, Biola (Calif.) 63

Semifinals
Monday's Scores

Pikeville 110, Martin Methodist 99
Mountain State (W.Va.) 69, Georgetown 63

Championship
Today's Game

Pikeville (29-7) vs. Mountain State (W.Va.) (33-3), 9 p.m.

Women

Women's National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Wednesday, March 16

Toledo 58, Delaware 55
Loyola-Maryland 67, Old Dominion 65
Charlotte 62, Liberty 56
South Carolina 67, Appalachian State 54
Oklahoma State 81, Pepperdine 74
Wisconsin 68, Butler 48
Kansas 79, Wichita State 58
Wyoming 79, Portland State 44

Thursday, March 17

Boston College 85, Yale 61
St. Joseph's 72, VCU 66
Virginia 69, Morgan State 56
Duquesne 64, Kent State 56
St. Bonaventure 77, Lehigh 43
Syracuse 77, Monmouth, N.J. 53
Eastern Michigan 67, Michigan 59
UNC Wilmington 63, Richmond 54
Utah State 103, Arizona 95
Oral Roberts 76, TCU 74
Auburn 68, Tennessee Tech 54
Arkansas 91, Lamar 65
Tulane 61, Southern 31
Northwestern 89, Creighton 63
Alabama 80, Memphis 69
Missouri State 76, Rice 65
Illinois State 72, Central Michigan 59
BYU 75, Denver 60
Colorado 71, UC Riverside 52
California 74, Cal Poly 60
Southern Cal 67, UC Santa Barbara 64
Nevada 65, St. Mary's Calif. 62

Friday, March 18

Florida 59, UMBC 47
Florida Gulf Coast 73, Drexel 67

Second Round
Saturday's Scores

Toledo 67, Auburn 52
Boston College 86, Saint Joseph's 59
BYU 102, Utah State 63
Duquesne 80, Kansas 63

Sunday's Scores

Charlotte 69, South Carolina 57
Illinois State 62, Wisconsin 59
Arkansas 65, Missouri State 64
Alabama 72, Northwestern 70
Virginia 71, Loyola-Maryland 49
Southern Cal 78, Nevada 59

Monday's Scores

Syracuse 63, St. Bonaventure 50
Eastern Michigan 63, UNC Wilmington 54
Florida 74, Florida Gulf Coast 69
Oral Roberts 92, Tulane 86
Wyoming 75, Oklahoma State 71
Colorado 81, California 65

Third Round
Today's Game

Alabama (18-14) at Toledo (25-8), 6 p.m.

Wednesday's Game

Arkansas (21-11) at Oral Roberts (23-10), 7 p.m.
Southern Cal (21-12) at BYU (25-8), 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston College (20-12) at Virginia (18-15), 6 p.m.
Eastern Michigan (24-12) at Syracuse (24-9), 6 p.m.
Florida (20-14) at Charlotte (25-9), 6 p.m.
Duquesne (24-8) at Illinois State (22-10), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (17-15) at Wyoming (24-8), 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball Invitational
First Round
Wednesday, March 16

Chicago St. 73, E. Illinois 64
Wright St. 82, Buffalo 79
Cleveland St. 73, IPFW 62
CS Bakersfield 83, Northern Colorado 74

Thursday, March 17

Manhattan 52, Sacred Heart 48
South Dakota 62, Idaho 47
Elon 103, S.C.-Upstate 72
UAB 58, Central Arkansas 54

Quarterfinals
Saturday's Score

Chicago St. 68, Cleveland St. 50

Sunday's Scores

UAB 59, Elon 50
Manhattan 75, Wright State 73
CS Bakersfield 90, South Dakota 64

Semifinals
Wednesday's Game

Chicago State at CS Bakersfield, 4 p.m.

Thursday's Game

UAB at Manhattan, 7 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, March 26 or Sunday, March 27

Chicago State-CS Bakersfield winner vs. UAB-Manhattan winner, TBA

NCAA Women's Div. II Basketball Tournament
At St. Joseph, Mo.
Quarterfinals
Today's Games

Bentley vs. Clayton State, Noon
Shaw vs. Metro State, 2:30 p.m.
Michigan Tech vs. Arkansas Tech, 6 p.m.
Cal Poly-Pomona vs. Northwest Missouri State, 8:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Wednesday's Games

Michigan Tech-Arkansas Tech winner vs. Cal Poly-Pomona-Northwest Missouri State winner, 6 p.m.
Bentley-Clayton State winner vs. Shaw-Metro State winner, 8 p.m.

Friday's Game
Championship

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

NAIA Women's Division I Basketball
At Oman Arena
Jackson, Tenn.
First Round
Wednesday, March 16

Shawnee State (Ohio) 70, Saint Xavier (Ill.) 60
Xavier (La.) 63, Lee (Tenn.) 53
California Baptist 88, Texas Wesleyan 75
Oklahoma City 87, Montana Tech 45
Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) 87, Southern Poly (Ga.) 79
Westminster (Utah) 60, Rogers State (Okla.) 56
Union (Tenn.) 62, Avila (Mo.) 37
William Woods (Mo.) 77, Biola (Calif.) 69

Thursday, March 17

Lubbock Christian (Texas) 76, Columbia (Mo.) 64
Bethel (Tenn.) 47, Evangel (Mo.) 38
Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) 63, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 56
Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 75, Belhaven (Miss.) 61
Campbellsville (Ky.) 76, John Brown (Ark.) 51
Freed-Hardeman (Tenn.) 78, Shorter (Ga.) 62
Langston (Okla.) 54, Vanguard (Calif.) 47
Lewis-Clark State (Idaho) 63, Westmont (Calif.) 57

Second Round
Friday's Scores

Shawnee State 64, California Baptist 58
Oklahoma City 67, Xavier 51
Lubbock Christian 66, Bethel (Tenn.) 60
Azusa Pacific 71, Lindsey Wilson 67
Westminster (Utah) 49, William Woods (Mo.) 40
Union (Tenn.) 81, Olivet Nazarene 69
Campbellsville (Ky.) 80, Langston (Okla.) 67
Freed-Hardeman (Tenn.) 71, Lewis-Clark State (Idaho) 50

Quarterfinals
Saturday's Scores

Shawnee State 54, Oklahoma City 47
Azusa Pacific 79, Lubbock Christian 54
Union (Tenn.) 78, Westminster (Utah) 61
Freed-Hardeman (Tenn.) 79, Campbellsville (Ky.) 74

Semifinals
Monday's Scores

Union (Tenn.) 58, Shawnee State 40
Azusa Pacific 58, Freed-Hardeman (Tenn.) 48

Championship
Today's Game

Union (Tenn.) (35-1) vs. Azusa Pacific (32-5), 7 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	50	19	.725	—
Philadelphia	36	34	.514	14 1/2
New York	35	35	.500	15 1/2
New Jersey	22	47	.319	28
Toronto	20	50	.286	30 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	48	22	.686	—
x-Orlando	45	26	.634	3 1/2
Atlanta	40	30	.571	8
Charlotte	28	41	.406	19 1/2
Washington	17	51	.250	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	50	19	.725	—
Indiana	31	40	.437	20
Milwaukee	28	41	.406	22
Detroit	25	45	.357	25 1/2
Cleveland	13	56	.188	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	57	13	.814	—
x-Dallas	49	21	.700	8
New Orleans	40	31	.563	17 1/2
Memphis	39	32	.549	18 1/2
Houston	37	34	.521	20 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	45	24	.652	—
Denver	42	29	.592	4
Portland	40	30	.571	5 1/2
Utah	36	35	.507	10
Minnesota	17	54	.239	29

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Lakers	50	20	.714	—
Phoenix	35	33	.515	14
Golden State	30	41	.423	20 1/2
L.A. Clippers	27	44	.380	23 1/2
Sacramento	17	52	.246	32 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Scores

Orlando 97, Cleveland 86
Indiana 102, New Jersey 98
Boston 96, New York 86
Chicago 132, Sacramento 92
Memphis 103, Utah 85
San Antonio 111, Golden State 96
Denver 123, Toronto 90

Today's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX SCORES

SPURS 111, WARRIORS 96

GOLDEN STATE (96): Wright 5-14 3-5 14, Lee 4-8 5-6 13, Udoh 7-14 1-2 15, Curry 3-8 1-1 8, Ellis 4-13 0-0 10, Radmanovic 2-5 0-0 5, Law 6-11 2-2 14, Williams 3-5 0-0 7, Thornton 4-6 2-2 10. Totals 38-84 14-18 96.

SAN ANTONIO (111): Jefferson 3-7 6-6 12, Duncan 2-2 0-0 4, McDyess 2-4 0-0 4, Parker 7-15 3-4 17, Ginobili 9-18 6-6 28, Bonner 2-9 0-0 6, Splitter 5-8 0-2 10, Hill 3-5 1-1 8, Neal 3-10 0-0 7, Novak 5-6 0-0 13, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-85 16-19 111.

Golden State	21	24	24	27	— 96
San Antonio	32	22	32	25	— 111

3-Point Goals—Golden State 6-19 (Ellis 2-5, Curry 1-2, Williams 1-3, Radmanovic 1-4, Wright 1-5). San Antonio 11-32 (Ginobili 4-9, Novak 3-4, Bonner 2-9, Hill 1-2, Neal 1-4, Jefferson 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 50 (Lee 9), San Antonio 46 (Splitter 14). Assists—Golden State 16 (Ellis 4), San Antonio 29 (Parker 15). Total Fouls—Golden State 19, San Antonio 11. Technicals—Golden State Coach Smart, San Antonio Coach Popovich. A—18,443 (18,797).

PACERS 102, NETS 98

INDIANA (102): Granger 7-17 4-4 20, Hansbrough 3-6 1-1 7, Hibbert 10-14 4-7 24, Collison 3-9 9-9 15, George 1-2 0-0 2, D.Jones 2-6 4-4 8, Rush 3-10 2-2 10, McRoberts 6-7 1-1 14, Foster 0-0 0-0 0, Stephenson 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 35-72 27-30 102.

NEW JERSEY (98): Graham 0-5 0-0 0, Humphries 4-8 1-2 9, Lopez 9-20 2-4 20, Farmar 6-12 2-2 14, Morrow 5-15 1-1 12, Vujacic 5-12 0-0 14, Outlaw 2-5 1-2 7, Wright 1-6 0-0 2, Gaines 6-11 5-7 18, Petro 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 39-98 12-18 98.

Indiana	15	25	29	33	— 102
New Jersey	19	25	17	37	— 98

3-Point Goals—Indiana 5-16 (Rush 2-6, Granger 2-7, McRoberts 1-1, D.Jones 0-1, Collison 0-1). New Jersey 8-26 (Vujacic 4-8, Outlaw 2-5, Gaines 1-2, Morrow 1-6, Graham 0-2, Farmar 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 51 (Hansbrough 9), New Jersey 54 (Humphries 14). Assists—Indiana 19 (Collison 12), New Jersey 25 (Graham, Farmar 4). Total Fouls—Indiana 13, New Jersey 26. Technicals—Hansbrough, A—13,792 (18,500).

MAGIC 97, CAVALIERS 86

ORLANDO (97): Turkoglu 3-10 0-0 8, Bass 9-10 4-8 22, Howard 9-11 10-12 28, Nelson 3-9 0-1 8, J.Richardson 4-12 2-2 11, Anderson 5-11 0-0 12, Q.Richardson 1-5 0-0 3, Arenas 2-8 0-0 5, Duhon 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-77 16-23 97.

CLEVELAND (86): Gee 3-10 0-0 6, Samuels 2-7 3-4 7, Hickson 6-14 6-7 18, Sessions 3-6 3-3 9, Parker 1-7 0-0 2, Hollins 2-4 0-0 4, Gibson 7-11 0-0 16, Eyenga 5-9 0-0 12, Harangody 1-4 0-0 2, Harris 1-8 5-7 8, Graham 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-81 17-21 86.

Orlando	30	26	24	17	— 97
Cleveland	15	23	20	28	— 86

3-Point Goals—Orlando 9-28 (Nelson 2-4, Turkoglu 2-6, Anderson 2-7, Q.Richardson 1-2, Arenas 1-4, J.Richardson 1-5). Cleveland 5-20 (Eyenga 2-3, Gibson 2-5, Harris 1-4, Sessions 0-1, Parker 0-2, Gee 0-2, Harangody 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 56 (Howard 18), Cleveland 45 (Hollins, Sessions, Hickson 6). Assists—Orlando 27 (Turkoglu 9), Cleveland 24 (Gibson, Sessions 6). Total Fouls—Orlando 16, Cleveland 17. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second, Cleveland defensive three second. A—19,343 (20,562).

CELTICS 96, KNICKS 86

BOSTON (96): Garnett 10-15 4-4 24, Pierce 8-13 4-4 21, Krstic 3-5 1-2 7, Rondo 6-15 1-3 13, Allen 5-16 5-5 15, Davis 3-8 2-2 8, West 0-2 1-2 1, Green 2-6 3-4 7, Arroyo 0-0 0-0 0, Murphy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-80 21-26 96.

NEW YORK (86): Anthony 7-17 7-8 22, Stoudemire 7-15 2-4 16, Turiaf 5-7 1-2 11, Billups 6-15 5-5 21, Fields 1-6 2-2 4, Sha.Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Jeffries 0-1 1-2 1, Douglas 2-7 1-2 5, Mason 2-3 0-0 6, She.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-74 19-25 86.

Boston	22	15	26	33	— 96
New York	25	26	18	17	— 86

3-Point Goals—Boston 1-10 (Pierce 1-2, West 0-1, Green 0-1, Rondo 0-2, Allen 0-4). New York 7-22 (Billups 4-9, Mason 2-2, Anthony 1-2, Jeffries 0-1, Fields 0-2, Sha.Williams 0-2, Douglas 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 56 (Garnett 11), New York 42 (Stoudemire 11). Assists—Boston 17 (Rondo 12), New York 20 (Douglas 4). Total Fouls—Boston 21, New York 23. A—19,763 (19,763).

BULLS 132, KINGS 92

SACRAMENTO (92): Garcia 5-9 0-0 12, Cousins 5-11 1-1 11, Dalembert 4-8 1-1 9, Udrih 5-10 3-3 13, Thornton 9-14 5-6 25, Thompson 1-6 2-4 4, Casspi 1-5 0-0 2, Jeter 0-3 4-4 4, Greene 0-3 0-0 0, Jackson 1-2 4-4 6, Taylor 1-3 3-4 6. Totals 32-74 23-27 92.

CHICAGO (132): Deng 5-9 6-6 17, Boozer 6-10 4-8 16, Noah 5-9 4-4 14, Rose 6-11 4-4 18, Bogans 6-9 0-0 15, Brewer 3-5 1-1 7, Gibson 1-3 0-0 2, Asik 6-6 2-6 14, Korver 7-11 0-0 18, Watson 4-6 1-2 11, Butler 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 49-80 22-31 132.

Sacramento	28	19	25	20	— 92
Chicago	34	30	34	34

Valero, Miller garner honors

Associated Press

ODESSA — Desiree Valero and Jeremy Miller have been named the Heartland Conference Pitcher and Hitter of the Week for their performances last week.

Valero

Valero, a freshman from Lee, recorded a 1.68 ERA in three appearances and won her only start which came against St. Mary's where she allowed just three hits and one earned run.

The loss for the Rattlers is their only league setback of the season thus far. For the week, Valero tallied eight strikeouts and walked just two in 16.2 innings pitched. She is receiving the award for the second time this season.

Miller, a senior from San Antonio, is the first Falcon baseball player to receive the hitting award this season. He hit .500 in five games last week, including a 5-for-5 performance with a triple, a home run and five RBI and three runs scored against Oklahoma Panhandle State.

He also went 2-for-5 against Abilene Christian with a triple and an RBI and had the go-ahead RBI in a 6-2 win over Incarnate Word. For the week he hit two triples and a homer and struck out just three times in 22 at-bats.

Tennessee fires coach Bruce Pearl

By Beth Rucker
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee fired Bruce Pearl after a season in which the coach was charged with unethical conduct for lying to NCAA investigators during a probe into recruiting.

In a statement released by the school Monday night, athletic director Mike Hamilton said Tennessee officials made the decision to relieve Pearl of his duties after learning about "additional violations committed on September 14 and in March 2011" by the staff.

Tennessee has agreed to pay Pearl $948,728 worth of salary and benefits as part of his dismissal agreement.

In six seasons, Pearl, 51, led the Volunteers to their first No. 1 ranking in 2008 and first NCAA tournament regional finals appearance, missing out on a trip to the 2010 Final Four by a single point.

Pearl acknowledged in a tearful press conference on Sept. 10 that he had given investigators false information when asked about a cookout at his home attended by high school juniors. The NCAA has since charged the Tennessee basketball and football programs with a dozen violations.

After a 75-45 loss to Michigan on Friday in the second round of the NCAA tournament, Pearl said that he planned to be accountable for the mistakes he had made but his "goal and desire is to be the basketball coach at Tennessee next year and for a long time."

Bob Leverone/AP

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN Former tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl kneels on the sideline in the closing seconds of the second half of a West Regional NCAA Tournament game against Michigan on March 18 in Charlotte, N.C.

Tennessee docked his salary by $1.5 million over five years, banned him from off-campus recruiting for a year and terminated his contract in September. Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive tacked on an eight-game suspension from conference play.

Hamilton and Cheek had voiced support for Pearl after he admitted lying, but last week Hamilton said that Pearl's future would reviewed once the season ended.

Failing to notify Tennessee of another possible recruiting violation that occurred just four days after his tearful press conference may have ultimately caused Pearl to lose the support of his bosses.

Tennessee officials learned from the NCAA in December that Pearl would be charged with a violation of the NCAA's "bump rule" after speaking with a high school junior on a recruiting trip to Georgia on Sept. 14.

Pearl, who had a 145-61 record, leaves the school as a popular coach.

NCAA TOURNAMENT GLANCE

Men

EAST REGIONAL
At The Prudential Center
Newark, N.J.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 25
North Carolina (28-7) vs. Marquette (22-14), 6:15 p.m.
Ohio State (34-2) vs. Kentucky (27-8), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
At New Orleans Arena
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
Florida (28-7) vs. BYU (32-4), 6:27 p.m.
Butler (25-9) vs. Wisconsin (25-8), 8:57 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Semifinal winners

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 25
Kansas (34-2) vs. Richmond (29-7), 6:27 p.m.
Florida State (23-10) vs. Virginia Commonwealth (26-11), 8:57 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
At The Honda Center
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
San Diego State (34-2) vs. Connecticut (28-9), 6:15 p.m.
Duke (32-4) vs. Arizona (29-7), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Semifinal winners

Women

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL
Second Round
Monday's Scores
At Bryce Jordan Center
University Park, Pa.
DePaul 75, Penn State 73
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.
Duke 71, Marist 66
Today's Games
At Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.
Connecticut (33-1) vs. Purdue (21-11), 6:05 p.m.
At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.
Georgetown (23-10) vs. Maryland (24-7), 6:15 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At The Liacouras Center
Philadelphia
Sunday, March 27
Connecticut-Purdue winner vs. Georgetown-Maryland winner
DePaul (29-6) vs. Duke (31-3)
Regional Championship
Tuesday, March 29
TBD

DAYTON REGIONAL
Second Round
Monday's Scores
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 79, Marquette 70
At St. John Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Ohio State 67, Georgia Tech 60
At Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City
Notre Dame 77, Temple 64
Today's Games
At John Paul Jones Arena
Charlottesville, Va.
Oklahoma (22-11) vs. Miami (28-4), 6:05 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Saturday, March 26
Tennessee (33-2) vs. Ohio State (24-9), TBA
Oklahoma-Miami winner vs. Notre Dame (28-7), TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
TBD

SPOKANE REGIONAL
Second Round
Monday's Scores
At Maples Pavilion Stanford, Calif.
Stanford 75, St. John's 49
At The Pit/Bob King Court
Albuquerque, N.M.
North Carolina 86, Kentucky 74
At McCarthey Athletic Center
Spokane, Wash.
Gonzaga 89, UCLA 75
Today's Games
At Cintas Center
Cincinnati
Louisville (21-12) vs. Xavier (29-2), 8:10 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Veterans Memorial Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Saturday, March 26
Stanford (31-2) vs. North Carolina (27-8), TBA
Gonzaga (30-4) vs. Louisville-Xavier winner
Monday, March 28
Regional Championship
TBD

DALLAS REGIONAL
Second Round
Today's Games
At Ferrell Center
Waco
Baylor (32-2) vs. West Virginia (24-9), 8:45 p.m.
At Intrust Bank Arena
Wichita, Kan.
Wisconsin-Green Bay (33-1) vs. Michigan State (27-5), 8:40 p.m.
At Auburn Arena
Auburn, Ala.
Georgia (22-10) vs. Florida State (24-7), 8:35 p.m.
At CenturyTel Center
Shreveport, La.
Rutgers (20-12) vs. Texas A&M (28-5), 8:40 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Sunday, March 27
Baylor-West Virginia winner vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay-Michigan State winner
Georgia-Florida State winner vs. Rutgers-Texas A&M winner
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basketball. "We lost in the championship but it was a good matchup," said Bussie, who was then asked if she felt like she held her own against Griner. "Yeah, definitely."

Griner agreed that "it was a good matchup. It was summer ball. We've both improved."

While Bussie's team-leading 54 blocks are 100 less than Griner has for Baylor, she said she was excited about the challenge and the chance to prove something.

"But I noticed she was sweating a little when she was answering that question," Carey said, smiling.

Playing in the Big East Conference, Bussie has already had her indoctrination against talented post players, including former Connecticut standout Tina Charles, the AP women's basketball player of the year last season.

"When (Bussie) was a freshman and she went against Tina Charles, her first three shots, Tina Charles just blocked," Carey said. "We were walking out of the building and I said, 'Are you hungry Asya?' She said, 'Not really, why?' I said, 'Well, you ate enough basketball tonight you shouldn't be hungry for a week.'"

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beaten comfortably earlier that season.

"When we played Gonzaga last year, I feel like the difference between our team this year is just that we all dealt with that pain after losing that game together," Aggies guard Sydney Colson said. "We're all motivated to not let something like that happen again."

There's also the matter of how impressively Rutgers handled their first-round game in Louisiana Tech's back yard. The Scarlet Knights dominated in a 76-51 triumph over the Lady Techsters, and the Aggies, who had played earlier, were able to watch much of it in person.

"We know that when we played them first, it was in December and nobody was at their highest peak," Texas A&M guard Maryann Baker said of the Aggies' 79-50 victory over Rutgers at the Maggie Dixon Classic in New York. "Just watching Rutgers yesterday and just watching some of their game film, we can clearly tell that the Big East has helped them improve greatly."

Mucho Macho Man a top Derby contender

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

Patti Reeves has a few new ringtones on her cellphone, which means she's ready to disco at any time, morning, noon or night.

"Macho, macho man/I've got to be, a macho man," go part of the lyrics to her recent download of the Village People's 1970's party-song classic "Macho Man."

Reeves has good reason to dance these days — she co-owns Mucho Macho Man, a 3-year-old colt favored to win the $1 million Louisiana Derby in his final prep before the Kentucky Derby on May 7.

Mucho Macho Man moved up to No. 3 in the Associated Press' latest Run to the Roses Top 10 list of Derby contenders. Undefeated Uncle Mo remains No. 1, with The Factor cruising to No. 2 following a wire-to-wire romp in the Rebel at Oaklawn Park over the weekend.

"At first, they hadn't heard of us," said Reeves, who also has downloads of several other Village People hits, including "Y.M.C.A." and "In The Navy." "Now that they know, they have been very supportive."

So much so that Reeves and trainer Kathy Ritvo have received "Macho Man" T-shirts and an autographed picture of the group that Reeves is considering hanging up outside Mucho Macho Man's barn at Gulfstream Park.

There's also a message on the group's website:

"What do Village People and the Kentucky Derby have in common? Well, one of the horses competing is named Mucho Macho Man and this horse has the only female trainer at the Derby!

"While VP doesn't predict races, we wish Mucho Macho Man the best at the Derby and we'll be watching."

Reeves said the front of the T-shirts say Macho Man, and on the back, the 'Man' is crossed out and replaced by 'Woman.'

"It's pretty cool," she said before adding that Mucho Macho Man gets his name from his sire, Macho Uno.

While Risen Star winner Mucho Macho Man gets ready to take on 12 rivals at the Fair Grounds this Saturday, The Factor made it three in a row start-to-finish victories, winning the Rebel by 6 1/4 lengths on Saturday.

The Factor gives Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert a good chance at winning his fourth Derby. Baffert, who also trains No. 9 Jaycito, last won it in 2002 with War Emblem.

Co-owner George Bolton said The Factor would likely return to Oaklawn Park for the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn on April 16, but Baffert said he's keeping his options open for his speed demon of a horse.

Coming up this weekend are several more Derby preps, including the Louisiana Derby, the Spiral Stakes and the Rushaway, both at Turfway Park, and the UAE Derby in Dubai on Saturday, and the Sunland Derby on Sunday.

MONDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

SPURS 111, WARRIORS 96: At San Antonio, Manu Ginobili scored 28 points and the San Antonio Spurs got a scare when Tim Duncan sprained his left ankle in a 111-96 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Monday night.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Duncan would be out "a while" but didn't have a timetable.

CELTICS 96, KNICKS 86: At New York, Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 11 rebounds, Rajon Rondo added 13 points and 12 rebounds, and the Boston Celtics scored the final 10 points for a spirited victory over the New York Knicks.

The Celtics showed the Knicks they will be tough to beat next month if this was in fact a preview of a first-round playoff series. Paul Pierce scored 21 points and Ray Allen had 15 for Boston despite a poor shooting night and a nasty cut on his head that briefly forced him from the game.

PACERS 102, NETS 98: At Newark, N.J., Roy Hibbert scored 24 points and Danny Granger had 17 of his 20 in the second half as the Indiana Pacers opened a two-game lead in the race for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference with a victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Darren Collison added 15 points — nine in the final 2:24 — and 12 assists for the Pacers (31-40). Charlotte (28-41) and Milwaukee (28-41) are tied for ninth, with the Bobcats playing host to Indiana on Wednesday.

MAGIC 97, CAVALIERS 86: At Cleveland, Dwight Howard scored 28 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and was way too much for Cleveland's front line to handle in leading the Orlando Magic to a win over the Cavaliers.

BULLS 132, KINGS 92: At Chicago, Derrick Rose and Kyle Korver scored 18 points apiece as the Chicago Bulls routed the Sacramento Kings.

JAZZ 103, GRIZZLIES 85: At Memphis, Tenn., Zach Randolph scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as the Memphis Grizzlies maintained their hold on the final Western Conference playoff spot with a victory over the Utah Jazz.

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MONDAY'S SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP

TIGERS 9, ASTROS 1: At Kissimmee, Fla., Victor Martinez had three hits and Detroit roughed up Houston starter Brett Myers.

Austin Jackson also had three of Detroit's 18 hits and Phil Coke pitched five strong innings. Alex Avila drove in three runs.

Myers is scheduled to start the season opener April 1 at Philadelphia, his former team. The right-hander gave up five runs, 12 hits and three walks in five innings.

NATIONALS 7, CARDINALS 2: At Jupiter, Fla., Tony La Russa and Jim Riggleman had to be separated when both benches cleared Monday during a testy spring training game between the Washington Nationals and St. Louis Cardinals.

The scuffle broke out after three batters were hit by pitches, but no punches were thrown and St. Louis reliever Miguel Batista was the only player ejected. The Nationals went on to a 7-2 victory.

With his team trailing 4-2 in the seventh inning, Batista plunked Ian Desmond in the back. While making his way to first, Desmond jawed with Cardinals catcher Tony Cruz, who was walking behind him. Upon reaching first base, Desmond turned to the mound and yelled at Batista — the two were teammates last season with Washington.

PHILLIES 4, RED SOX 1: At Clearwater, Fla., Roy Halladay looked ready for opening day and beyond, pitching into the eighth inning to lead Philadelphia past Boston.

The reigning NL Cy Young Award winner flirted with a rare spring training complete game. He held the Red Sox to one run and five hits before being relieved by Ryan Madson with two outs in the eighth.

TWINS 4, PIRATES 1: At Bradenton, Fla., Joe Mauer had two hits and an RBI to help Minnesota beat Pittsburgh.

Mauer, who had knee surgery in the offseason, started at catcher for the second time this spring and played six innings. Brian Duensing pitched five innings for the Twins, allowing an unearned run and three hits.

METS 8, BRAVES 7: At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Jason Bay drove in three runs and New York, after a messy inning by opening-day starter Mike Pelfrey, scored four times in the bottom of the ninth to beat Atlanta.

Kenshin Kawakami, making his first start this spring, allowed one earned run and three hits in three innings for Atlanta. He struck out three.

RAYS 3, YANKEES 1: At Port Charlotte, Fla., Bartolo Colon made another strong bid for a spot in the Yankees' rotation, allowing one run over six innings in New York's loss to Tampa Bay.

Colon gave up two hits and struck out five during his 64-pitch outing. In four exhibition starts, the burly right-hander has allowed four runs over 15 innings. He is competing with Ivan Nova, Freddy Garcia and Sergio Mitre for two openings behind CC Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Phil Hughes.

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The 57-page filing was filled with references and quotes from players, accusing them and the NFLPA of disbanding whenever it served their purposes at the bargaining table.

"We decertified so that we could fight them from locking us out and go back to work," Jeff Saturday, the NFLPA vice president, said in a radio interview the day after the March 11 decertification, according to the court filing. "And we feel like ... we can still negotiate this anytime you want."

According to the filing, NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said in a Sept. 29 interview that decertification was an "ace in our sleeve" that worked in the late 1980s in favor of the players.

"It's been a part of the union strategy since I've been in the league," Mawae said.

The league also cited comments from Baltimore Ravens receiver Derrick Mason nine days before the union dissolved.

"So are we a union? Per se, no. But we're still going to act as if we are one," Mason, an NFLPA player representative, said on March 2, according to the court filing.

The NFL said the players are unable to argue that they will suffer "irreparable harm" by the lockout, certainly when compared with the "hardships" facing the NFL, and that public is better served when the courts stay out of labor disputes.

The league accused the union of a "heads I win, tails you lose" strategy, claiming the players want the league subject to antitrust claims "if it ceases or refuses to continue football operations, and it is subject to antitrust liability if it does not."

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but what they do on the field is what's most important," Reese said.

The Cowboys and the Giants welcome their coaches' input, but it's the scouts who have the GMs' undivided attention.

"In our building, we like everybody to be involved in the process," Reese said. "But we're not going to send scouts on the road for 200 days and then ignore them at draft time.

"They know the guys intimately. They've been to the games. They've talked to everybody about the players. They've interviewed the players.

"The coaches come in on the tail end and try to get a piece of who these guys are, try to figure them out quickly. But the scouts really know who they are."

Kevin Colbert, director of football operations for the Pittsburgh Steelers, agreed.

"We have a good feel just from our college evaluation throughout the fall," Colbert said. "The workout and the interview process will supplement that. But, really, you have a good idea from the scouts."

In the days leading up to the draft, Jones will no doubt hear plenty from Garrett and Ryan. But it's the voices of scouting director Tom Ciskowski and his cohorts that will rise above the din of the draft chatter.

Dallas holds the No. 9 pick next month, its highest since 2003.

"(Coaches) are going to be looking at it with a cursory view relative to the work the scouts have put into it," Jones said. "That causes you to do things we ought to be doing: honoring that draft board and putting that rascal up there just like our scouts think it ought to go."

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He could have had the skills of seven-time champion Richard Petty, but so long as he was in mediocre to substandard equipment, nobody would have known. With RCR, Menard is certain that Labbe is getting full access to team owner Richard Childress' toolbox.

"I've got all the confidence that Richard is going to give me what I need," Menard said. "In the past, without getting into details, we've had issues with that. We've brought it to the attention to the people that mattered and it kind of seemed like it fell on deaf ears sometimes.

"Richard wants the No. 27 team to succeed. He's very personally invested in it and it's cool to be a part of."

Menard has shown promise right from the start at RCR.

He led 11 laps in the Daytona 500 and was in position to make a run at the win until the typical late-race chaos shuffled him back to a ninth-place finish. He was OK with a 17th-place finish at Phoenix, but Labbe said Monday if not for a bad crew chief call near the end of the race at Las Vegas, Menard would have finished far better than the 12th he earned.

Then came Sunday at Bristol, where Menard led 35 laps while driving down a cylinder for more than half the race to finish a career-best fifth. His previous best at Bristol was 16th in 2008.

All told, Menard has already led a career-high 49 laps this season — he led 28 in 2008 — and has two top-10 finishes after scoring just eight of 'hem through his first 147 races.

Labbe, who began working with Menard at the start of last season with RPM, praised his driver for a dedicated work ethic and commitment to learn as much as he can about the car.

"He's a really, really smart kid," Labbe said. "He gets in early, spends a lot of time with myself and the two engineers and asks a lot of questions. He's trying to learn the simulation side of it. I told him he needs to stop letting people knock him around on the track, and he's working really hard on that. I told him he needs to be perfect on pit road, and he spends a lot of time practicing getting onto pit road, understanding the timing lines. He's trying to get better at everything he does. You push him, but he takes it well."

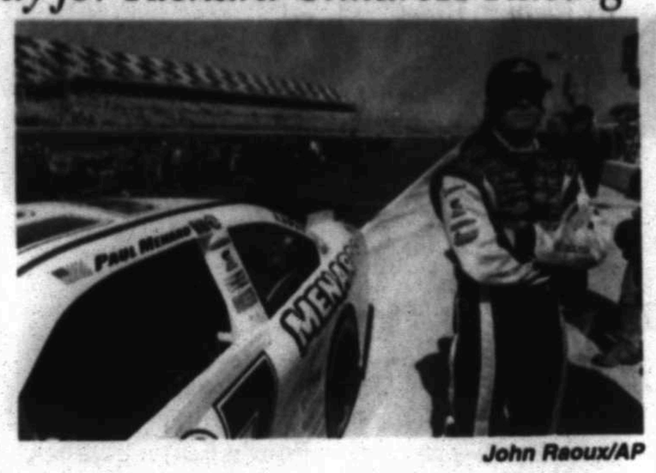
Menard gives a lot of credit to Labbe, who had nothing at RCR when they made their move in December. But because RPM was cutting back from four teams to two, and the economy had led to layoffs at other teams, Labbe was able to hand-pick his team members from a deep pool of talent.

His group worked hard through the short offseason on starting RCR's fourth team, and the depth of the organization has given Labbe time to spend attention on details — a luxury they didn't have at underfunded RPM — and have cars ready to race when they arrive at the track.

Menard is not running the full Nationwide Series schedule — he ran all 36 races last season but isn't scheduled to make his first start this year until Texas. Labbe believes that has helped Menard focus on only the Cup car.

So is Menard taking any satisfaction from his strong start to the season? No way, Labbe said.

"He's a quiet and reserved guy," Labbe said. "All he wants is to run well."



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LEADING THE WAY Paul Menard stands by his car after qualifying for the Daytona 500 on Feb. 13 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

■ Commentary

FIFA rivals seek Europe votes

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

PARIS — FIFA President Sepp Blatter and challenger Mohamed bin Hammam of Qatar are seeking support from European soccer leaders with the election for the sport's top job about two months away.

Blatter and bin Hammam, president of the Asian Football Confederation, have accepted long-standing invitations to attend the UEFA Congress.

Bin Hammam is trying to end Blatter's 13-year hold on the FIFA presidency. Members of European soccer's ruling body make up more than one quarter of the maximum 208 FIFA voters that Blatter and bin Hammam will attempt to woo before the June 1 election in Zurich.

"I need to introduce myself to you and the public," bin Hammam said. "My aim was also to meet with as many as I can of the presidents of the federations at this Congress."

The winner needs a two-thirds majority of votes cast on the first ballot or a majority on the second. FIFA has set an April 1 deadline for other candidates to be nominated by a single member federation.

The first FIFA election since 2002 — when bin Hammam helped manage Blatter's successful campaign — promises a hard-fought contest between former allies.

The 53-nation UEFA Congress opens Tuesday and Michel Platini is running unopposed for a second four-term term as UEFA president.

Platini has asked Blatter and bin Hammam to be guests Monday at UEFA's dinner, which will be held on a boat on the Seine. Blatter addresses UEFA members Tuesday at the Grand Palais.

Platini, a former French star, was mentored in soccer politics by Blatter after being chosen to organize the 1998 World Cup in France.

Bin Hammam, however, has recently revealed he offered to support Platini if he decided to take on Blatter in 2011. Platini voted for Qatar's successful bid to host the 2022 World Cup. Platini is seen as a strong candidate for the 2015 FIFA election, when Blatter would be 79.

While Blatter is unpopular with some European soccer powers, including England, other UEFA members could regard bin Hammam as an obstacle to Platini's FIFA ambitions.

In January, Platini said he would not declare himself a FIFA candidate while promising UEFA members he would serve them for four more years.

Former UEFA President Lennart Johansson lost to Blatter in the 1998 FIFA presidential election. He said bin Hammam lacks experience and predicts Blatter will be re-elected easily.

"Bin Hammam hasn't been long in business," Johansson told The Associated Press at a UEFA executive committee meeting Monday.

With Japan out, skating worlds to get new site

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press

ROME — Figure skating's governing body hopes to select a new site for its world championships by the end of the week because Japan is unable to be this year's host.

The championships were to have begun Monday in Tokyo but had been postponed because of the earthquake and tsunami.

The International Skating Union had offered Japan the possibility of hosting the worlds in October. But the Japan Skating Federation wrote back over the weekend, saying it was handing the competition back to the ISU.

ISU President Ottavio Cinquanta told The Associated Press on Monday he has asked members capable of hosting the worlds in late April or early May to send offers by Tuesday, and the ISU council will then vote Wednesday or Thursday.

In a letter to members, the ISU said such countries need an arena with at least 8,000 seats as well as a practice rink, about 700 hotel rooms and ability to televise the event.

"I think it's great they've decided to go ahead with worlds," said Meryl Davis, the Olympic and world silver medalist in ice dance with Charlie White. "The main concern was making sure we did what was right for Japan and remaining respectful toward Japan and what it's gone through. Now that Japan has vocalized it's OK with worlds going on, I think it's definitely the appropriate decision."

Cinquanta hopes to have at least three or four candidates, and possibly seven or eight.

"We'll see what comes in and then we hope to have an announcement by Friday," he said. "We're trying to move as quickly as possible. We gave Japan as much time as we could, but unfortunately the situation there is very serious and we've had to move on. But our thoughts are still with Japan."

The sooner a decision is made the better for skaters, who tailor their training based on when they will be competing. A couple of weeks' difference might not seem like much, but it can have a big impact.

"One of scariest feelings in world, for us, is you're getting ready to go off to a competition and you're skating the best of your life," U.S. men's champion Ryan Bradley said. "All of the sudden it's like, 'I'm peaking right now and I have to compete in eight days. It doesn't seem like a lot, but that's a huge difference."

U.S. Figure Skating told the ISU last week it could host the championships in either the arena in Lake Placid, N.Y., or the World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. Neither arena meets the 8,000-seat threshold, but U.S. Figure Skating believes both would be "strong" bids.

Both cities have experience hosting international skating events; Lake Placid hosted Skate America in 2009, and Colorado Springs recently was chosen as the site for next year's Four Continents Championships.

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When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Strength, speed, agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Swing Speed Training
For: All ages and handicaps
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Swing speed and fitness training
Where: Next Level Sports Training
For more info: 262-6466, www.frappieracceleration.com

3-Person Scramble
When: 1 p.m., March 26-27
Cost: $60 per player plus golf cart
For more info: Call 267-5354

Hogan Park Golf Course After School Program
When: 5-6 p.m., Wednesdays in April and May
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
What: Program for boys and girls ages 6-14
Cost: $135
Deadline: April 1
For more info: Contact Evan Dunkerson or Thomas Brantley at Hogan Park GC at 685-7360 or e-mail evan@hoganparkgolf.com

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: $35 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 697-6554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-6554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Mon.-Thurs., 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 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Super F League looking for administrative staff
What: The West Texas Super "F" Futsal League is looking for league staff members
For more info: Go to www.westtexas.superfleague.com

Poker

Permian Basin Poker Tour
When/Where: Woofers & Tweeters, 7 p.m., Sunday; Monday, Wednesday; Hog Pit Pub & Grub, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; 1 p.m. Saturday
Note: Players must register 30 minutes in advance of game time. No cost. Must be 21 or older.
For more info: Call Reid Brannon 631-2345 or visit pbpokertour.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: 684-0892

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Elephant at Putt-Putt Golf on Loop 250
For more info: Visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com or call Greg Larson at 620-6124

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0968

9th Annual Bloodgusher
What: Half marathon, 10K, 5K, 1K
When: Saturday, March 26
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex, Midland
For more info: Contact race director Greg Larson at 620-6124 or visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's 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, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state 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

Softball

Mizuno Chaos
What: The Mizuno Chaos girls fastpitch softball club is looking for players to fill out their roster for the fall and 2010 season for the 10U and 12U teams.
Contact: Call Abby for the 10U team at 432-557-6674, call Tom for the 12U team at 432-934-4718.

Throwing velocity and swing speed training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MUGS/ASA Umpires Needed
When: Each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: MUGS umpire building
For more info: Call David Edens at 684-0805 or Mack Gipson at 694-2837

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 413-3173 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch

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 times, 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 levels 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 Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

What: USTA Team Tennis Leagues
When: Adults 18 & older starting April 25
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

What: USTA Quick Start Team Tennis Leagues
When: Ages 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 beginners starting March 27
Where: Trinity School Tennis Courts
Call: Brandi 553-9076
What: USTA Women's Lone Star Team League (18 & older) Novices
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046 or 296-0901

Midland Tennis Club
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club having free tournaments and ladders for all ages and all levels for members. Annual dues are $65 Adults, $30 Youths, $140 Families
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland Tennis Club Tournaments 2011
What: Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
When: March 26-27, April 16-17,May 21-22, June 25 July 23-24, August 27-28, September 10-11, October 8-9, October 22-23
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046. Enter Thursdays by 1:00pm prior to each tournament

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 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: 3rd-6th grades, 8:30-10 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 10 a.m.-noon; Freshmen, 1-3 p.m.; May 31-June 2
Where: Abell Junior High gymnasium
For: Girls entering grades third through ninth
Cost: Grades 3-6, $45; Grades 7-9, $65
To register: Go to www.ladyrebelvolleyball.com
For more info: Call Diane Sandoval at 689-1645 or 553-8468 or e-mail at dsandova@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, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.pbwiki.com

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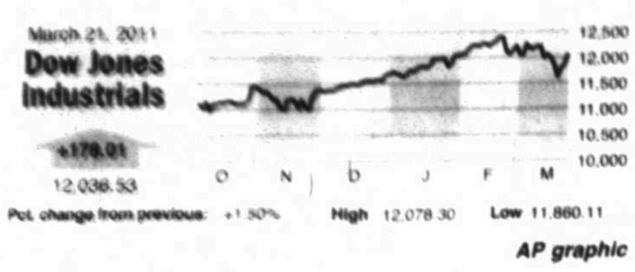

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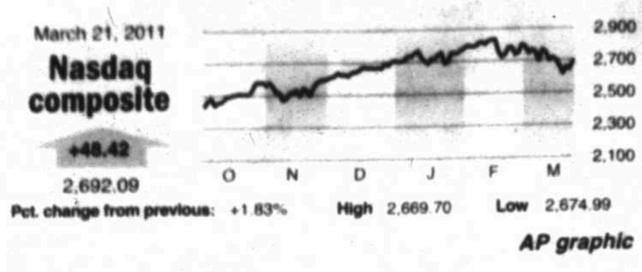

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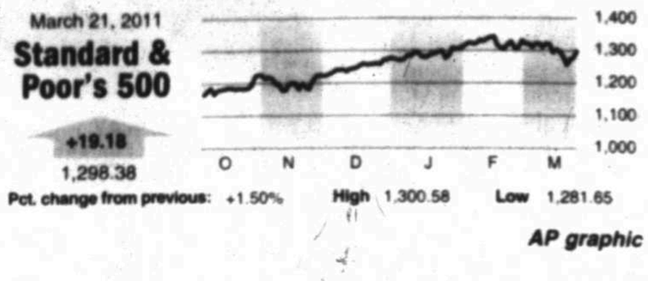

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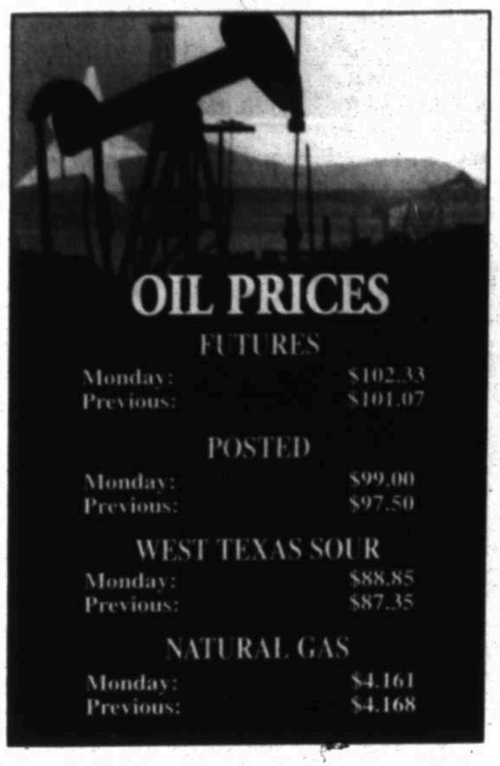

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LET'S MAKE A DEAL In this photo released by Newscast on Monday, Deutsche Telekom Chairman and CEO Rene Obermann, left, and AT&T Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson pose for photos in New York. AT&T Inc. said Sunday it will buy T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Telekom AG in a cash-and-stock deal valued at $39 billion that would make it the largest cellphone company in the U.S.

Deal to combine AT&T, T-Mobile raises questions

By Joelle Tessler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — AT&T's surprise announcement that it plans to acquire T-Mobile USA will force federal regulators to confront a difficult antitrust question: Can American consumers get good wireless service at a fair price if they must choose between just two national companies?

That debate will be at the center of the government review of the $39 billion cash-and-stock deal announced Sunday. If approved, the purchase would catapult AT&T past Verizon Wireless to become the nation's largest cellphone service provider.

The deal would combine AT&T Inc., the nation's second-largest wireless carrier, with T-Mobile USA, the fourth-largest, which is now owned by Germany's Deutsche Telekom AG. And it could pave the way for Verizon to go after Sprint Nextel Corp., which would be a distant No. 3 and the only remaining national provider.

None of the smaller U.S. carriers, including Leap Wireless, Metro PCS and U.S. Cellular, has complete nationwide coverage.

Officials at the Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission could spend a year or more scrutinizing the deal before deciding whether to block it or allow it to proceed with substantial conditions attached.

"I am not convinced that this deal is unthinkable," said Jeffrey Silva, an analyst with Global Medley Advisors. "But it's a very, very heavy lift."

Regulators will conduct a thorough market-by-market analysis to determine how many wireless choices consumers would have in communities across the country. And even if they allow the deal to go through, government officials probably would require the combined company to sell off assets — including wireless spectrum, cell towers and customers — in particular markets that are too concentrated.

The bigger question facing federal officials is whether the enormous cost of building a nationwide wireless network means that a market dominated by only two companies is the best they can hope for.

And if that's the case, what kinds of merger conditions should the government impose on AT&T to prevent it from abusing its power?

"This marketplace doesn't work, even before this merger," said Mark Cooper, director of research for the Consumer Federation of America. "I want policymakers to confront the fiction that competition in this market is sufficient to protect consumers."

Analyst Rebecca Arbogast, of the firm Stifel Nicolaus, believes government regulators also will consider conditions intended to help smaller wireless providers compete.

Those could include data-roaming obligations, which would require AT&T to let smaller regional wireless companies use its network to send data traffic in places where they do not offer their own service. The FCC is currently considering adopting industry-wide data roaming rules.

If government officials do eventually sign off on AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile, they likely will require the combined company to sell off wireless spectrum in certain markets. The hope would be that these airwaves — which are in scarce supply — would wind up in the hands of smaller players such as Sprint and Leap, possibly restoring some competition.

Oil tops $102

Oil prices climbed Monday as energy experts warned that Libya's oil exports could be off the world market longer than expected, and countries including the U.S. enforced a no-fly zone over Libya.

Traders also fretted about other uprisings in the Middle East and how much they could affect production from OPEC heavyweights, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Those two countries produce 12.4 million barrels of oil per day.

Benchmark West Texas crude for May delivery gained $1.24 to settle at $103.09 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The April contract, which ends Tuesday, rose $1.26 to settle at $102.33 per barrel.

Prices climbed after another violent weekend in Libya. Moammar Gadhafi vowed a "long war" as allied forces smashed his air defenses. On Monday, a top French official said international intervention could last "a while."

Oil traders said they are increasingly concerned about political stability in North Africa and the Middle East, which produces 27 percent of the world's oil. The Libyan uprising has essentially halted that country's exports, and experts said it's unclear when oil shipments will resume. "Markets hate uncertainty," analyst and trader Stephen Schork said. "Could this be a protracted no-fly zone like the one we saw in Iraq" following the Persian Gulf War?

Dollar slides

The dollar dropped to a four-and-a-half month low against the euro and slid against most other currencies, too, as investors sought out potentially riskier but better paying bets.

In late afternoon trading in New York, the euro rose to $1.4226 from $1.4159 late Friday, rising earlier in the day to as high as $1.4242, its strongest level since Nov. 5.

The British pound gained to $1.6315 from $1.6219, while the dollar fell to 97.85 Canadian cents from 98.61 Canadian cents. The dollar was also lower against most currencies from around the world, including the Scandinavian currencies, currencies in Latin America, the South Korean won and the Australian dollar.

Gold gained $10.30 to settle at $1,426.40 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $23.80 Up 0.80

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $96.97 Up 4.32

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $108.33 Up 4.02

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $42.70 Up 0.16

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $31.70 Up 0.98

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $11.55 Up 0.74

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.90 Up 1.00

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	7559241	4.43	-.07
SprintNex	2608227	4.36	-.69
iShJapn	1397751	10.67	+.30
BkofAm	1102644	14.05	+.01
S&P500ETF	1072163129.74		+1.98

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
McClatchy	3.75	+.45	+13.6
MediaGen	5.97	+.67	+12.6
Evercore	34.06	+3.66	+12.0
ChinaDigtl	6.58	+.70	+11.9
Fortress	5.81	+.58	+11.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVS2xVxS	44.99	-8.00	-15.1
CTFCVOL	46.08	-7.91	-14.7
BarcShtD	19.02	-3.26	-14.6
Sprnthlex	4.36	-.69	-13.6
SerMant	2.00	-.31	-13.4

DIARY

Advanced	2,478
Declined	578
Unchanged	71
Total issues	3,127
New Highs	122
New Lows	9
Volume	4,500,396,871

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DenisnM g	93515	2.87	+.26
Ur-Energy	67302	2.02	+.32
Uranerz	56603	3.89	+.79
KodiakO g	43666	6.89	+.44
NwGold g	39841	10.75	+.35

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewEnSys	5.44	+1.27	+30.5
Uranerz	3.89	+.79	+25.5
CoreMold	7.52	+1.42	+23.3
VistaGold	3.86	+.62	+19.1
Ur-Energy	2.02	+.32	+18.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iBio	3.21	-.39	-10.8
IncOpR	3.12	-.28	-8.2
Accelrt8	3.39	-.24	-6.6
eMagin	6.89	-.48	-6.5
Dreams	2.36	-.14	-5.6

DIARY

Advanced	339
Declined	140
Unchanged	36
Total issues	515
New Highs	7
New Lows	5
Volume	146,947,658

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	555954	17.39	+.25
PwShs QQQ	510270	55.50	+1.05
Microsoft	456528	25.33	+.53
Intel	413735	20.19	+.26
SirusXM	323602	1.72	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PranaBio	2.70	+1.23	+83.7
Oxigene rs	2.17	+.35	+19.2
optXprs	17.90	+2.57	+16.8
LeapWirlss	14.05	+1.91	+15.7
PruBcpPA	7.29	+.99	+15.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DeerConsu	8.65	-2.39	-21.6
Brightpnt	10.70	-1.93	-15.3
SmartHeat	3.37	-.38	-10.1
RIT Tech	4.45	-.47	-9.6
Servidyne	2.72	-.29	-9.5

DIARY

Advanced	2,061
Declined	573
Unchanged	106
Total issues	2,740
New Highs	91
New Lows	28
Volume	1,723,294,274

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72f	8	28.26	+.32	-3.8
Abraxas	...	...	**4.87**	**+.19**	**+6.6**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	...	**11.22**	**+.19**	**+4.5**
AlcatelLuc			5.26	+.19	+77.7
Alcoa	12	69	16.55	+.44	+7.5
AloniUSA	16		12.06	+.51	+101.7
AmTower		50	46.61	-4.01	-9.7
Amgen	...	**11**	**53.09**	**+.15**	**-3.3**
Anadarko	**.36**	**53**	**79.98**	**+2.71**	**+5.0**
Apache	**.60**	**15**	**125.10**	**+4.99**	**+4.9**
ApidMatl	**.32f**	**15**	**15.21**	**+.37**	**+8.3**
ATMOS	**1.36**	**17**	**33.90**	**+.67**	**+8.7**
AutoData	1.44	21	49.90	+.59	+7.8
BP PLC	**.42e**	...	**45.80**	**+.69**	**+3.7**
BakrHu	.60	35	70.61	+2.11	+23.5
BkofAm	.04	21	14.05	+.01	+5.3
Bar iPVix rs			32.67	-2.69	-13.1
BasicEnSv			23.80	+.80	+44.4
BerkHa A	...		**181277776.00**	**+3076.00**	**+6.1**
BerryPet	**.30**	**31**	**47.61**	**+1.44**	**+8.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46f**	**18**	**32.42**	**+.80**	**+8.1**
BrMySq	**1.32**	**15**	**26.00**	**+.27**	**-1.8**
BrownFA	**1.28e**	**23**	**68.42**	**+.42**	**-1.4**
BrownFB	**1.28e**	**21**	**67.86**	**+1.17**	**-2.8**
CVS Care	.50	13	33.73	+.12	-3.0
Cameco g	.40f	...	31.71	+2.31	-21.5
Cameron		26	60.90	+1.80	+20.0
Caterpillar	1.76	26	107.59	+2.53	+14.9
Celestic g		13	10.44	+.09	+7.6
CellTher rsh			.44	-.01	+19.2
CntryLink	2.90	12	40.48	-1.35	-12.3
ChesEng	.30	11	33.75	+.38	+30.3
Chevron	**2.88**	**11**	**105.19**	**+2.39**	**+15.3**
Chicos	.20f	22	14.02	+.12	+16.5
Chimera	.66e	6	4.28	+.02	+4.1
Cimarex	.40f	17	111.67	+3.94	+26.1
Cisco	.24	13	17.39	+.25	-14.0
Citigrp		13	4.43	-.07	-6.3
ClayEng	...	**32**	**96.97**	**+4.32**	**+15.5**
CocaCola	**1.88f**	**13**	**63.57**	**+.87**	**-3.3**
ColgPal	**2.32f**	**16**	**78.41**	**+1.46**	**-2.4**
Comcast	.45f	18	24.17	+.31	+10.5
CompPrds	...	28	30.72	+.74	+4.0
ConAgra	**.92**	**15**	**23.06**	**+.29**	**+2.1**
ConchoRes	...	...	**106.33**	**+4.02**	**+23.6**
ConocPhil	**2.64f**	**12**	**77.55**	**+2.20**	**+13.9**
CrackerB	.88	12	48.46	+.43	-11.5
CrosTim	**2.64e**	**17**	**46.17**	**+.86**	**+15.8**
DCP Mid	2.47f	44	40.22	+.28	+7.5
DTE	2.24	13	47.70	+.87	+5.3
Dataram h			2.14	-.06	+36.3
Dawson	...	...	**42.70**	**+.16**	**+23.9**
Dell Inc		11	14.71	+.20	+8.6
DeltaAir		15	10.17	-.07	-19.3
DevonE	**.68f**	**9**	**92.59**	**+2.56**	**+18.1**
DnFBull s			29.68	+.71	+6.6
Disney	**.40f**	**19**	**41.82**	**+.59**	**+11.6**
DowChm	**.60**	**21**	**36.97**	**+1.12**	**+8.3**
EMC Cp		36	26.58	+.95	+18.1
EOG Res	**.64f**	...	**111.46**	**+2.87**	**+21.5**
EmpDist	**1.28**	**18**	**21.20**	**+.40**	**+1.6**
Energen	.54f	16	69.16	+1.96	+25.3
EngyTsfr	3.58	45	59.26	+.78	+2.8
EnPro	...	12	**36.46**	**+.06**	**-12.3**
EntPrPt	2.38f	37	42.15	+1.37	+1.3
EricsnTel	.35e		12.19	-.01	+5.2
ExterranH	...	...	**23.35**	**+1.49**	**-2.4**
ExxonMbl	**1.76**	**13**	**82.04**	**+1.99**	**+12.3**
FordM		7	16.59	+.09	+3.1
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GATX	**1.16f**	**21**	**36.82**	**+.82**	**+4.4**
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Heinz	**1.80**	**17**	**49.09**	**+.12**	**-.7**
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Hitachi	...	...	**53.84**	**+1.74**	**+.9**
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Kaydon	.50	19	37.70	.22	-1.7
KimClk	3.60f	14	68.18	+.89	+3.4
Kinder	4.10e	19	72.50	+.99	+3.2
Kinder	4.10e	19	69.52	+.92	-5.0
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Mosaic	1.52	16	32.39	+.48	-10.1
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NewmntM	.64	6	25.33	+.53	-9.2
NiSource			27.64	+.92	+17.8
NoStrid	7.04e		47.46	+.30	+6.9
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NuStar	.99		13.09	+.09	+.1
NuPBR	.87		12.74	+.05	-2.4
NuvPI	.92		12.84	+.16	+.2
NSTAR	.64		12.96	+.07	-1.1
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OcciPet	**1.64f**	**18**	**100.96**	**+2.65**	**+2.9**
OhioCas	.20	23	31.42	+.86	+.4
PerTech	...	**22**	**4.85**	**-.05**	**-15.1**
PetDrl	...	...	**5.81**	**+.21**	**+27.1**
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TelefEsp s	**1.75e**	...	**25.17**	**+.90**	**+10.3**
Tesoro	...	12	25.63	+1.01	+38.2
3M Co	2.20f	16	90.95	+1.97	+5.4
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ValeroE	.20	60	28.30	+.96	+22.4
VerizonCm	1.95	28	36.46	+.52	+1.9
VulcanM	**1.00**	...	**43.63**	**+.81**	**-1.6**
Walgrn	**.70**	**19**	**41.97**	**+1.06**	**+7.7**
WellsFargo	.20a	14	31.88	+.05	+2.9
WstnRefin	...	...	16.10	+.74	+52.2
WhitingPt s	...	30	68.40	+2.50	+16.7
WmsCos	.50	23	30.75	+1.06	+24.4
XcelEngy	**1.01**	**15**	**23.69**	**+.24**	**+.5**
Xerox	**.17**	**14**	**10.25**	**+.13**	**-11.0**
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12,391.29	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,036.53	+178.01	+1.50	+3.96	+11.60
5,306.65	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,166.83	+110.88	+2.19	+1.18	+17.93
422.43	346.96	Dow Jones Utilities	406.23	+6.05	+1.51	+.31	+7.07
8,520.27	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,256.36	+139.96	+1.72	+3.67	+11.29
2,438.62	1,689.19	Amex Index	2,391.36	+39.42	+1.73	+4.68	+22.36
2,840.51	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,692.09	+48.42	+1.83	+1.48	+12.38
1,344.07	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,298.38	+19.18	+1.50	+3.24	+11.37
14,276.94	10,596.20	Wilshire 5000	13,779.34	+218.52	+1.61	+3.14	+12.88
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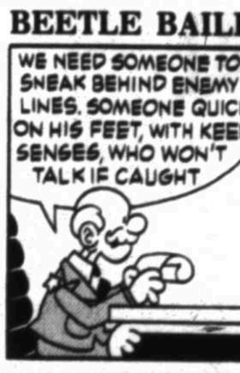

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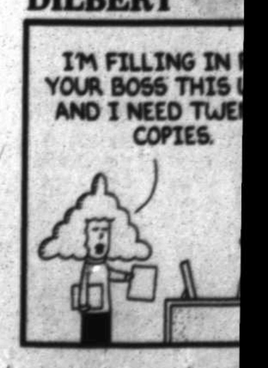

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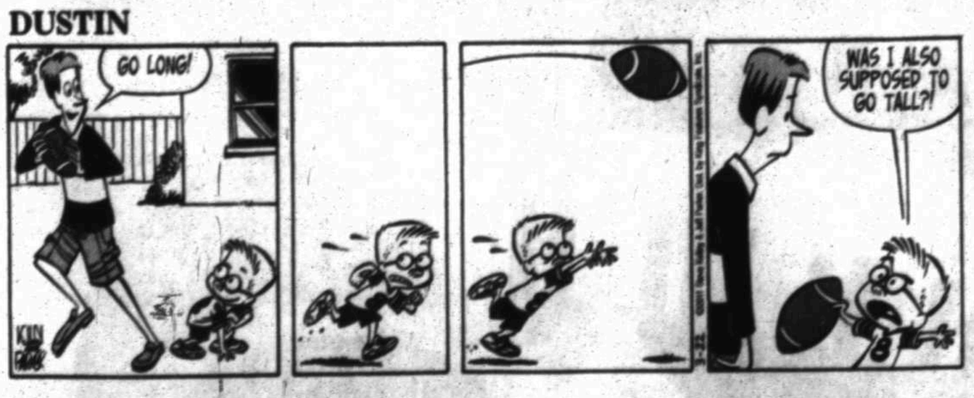

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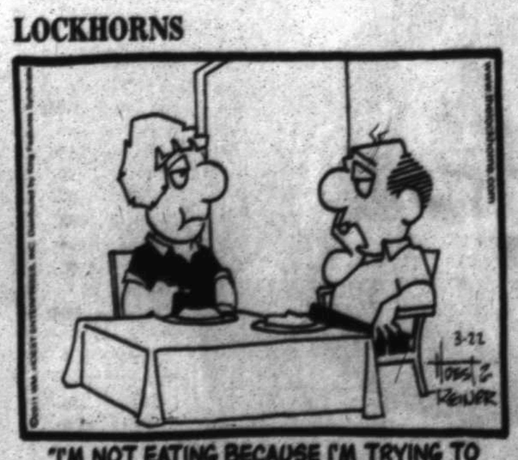

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Annual Benefit Chili Supper
Where--American Legion 19
501 Veterans Air Park Lane
East of Claydesta Post Office
When-- March 26th 2011
Time--5:30PM to 8:00 PM

Event-- To raise money for scholarships for 2 Graduating Seniors from local High Schools We will have chili, hot dogs, chili pie fixins, & all the sides. Plus pinto beans (not in chili) with Ice Tea and RO water to drink.

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Study says use of fire relatively recent in Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study is raising questions about when ancient human ancestors in Europe learned to control fire, one of the most important steps on the long path to civilization.

A review of 141 archaeological sites across Europe shows habitual use of fire beginning between 300,000 and 400,000 years ago, according to a paper in Tuesday's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Most archeologists agree the use of fire is tied to colonization outside Africa, especially in Europe where temperatures fall below freezing, wrote Wil Roebroeks of Leiden University in the Netherlands and Paola Villa of the University of Colorado.

Yet, while there is evidence of early humans living in Europe as much as a million years ago, the researchers found no clear traces of regular use of fire before about 400,000 years ago.

After that, Neanderthals and modern humans living in Europe regularly used fire for warmth, cooking and light, they found.

"The pattern emerging is a clear as well as a surprising one," they said, considering these ancient people were living in the cold European climate.

Their results raise the question of how early humans survived cold climates without fire. The researchers suggest a highly active lifestyle and a high-protein diet may have helped them adapt to the cold, adding that the consumption of raw meat and seafood by hunter-gatherers is well documented.

Before that period, there is a single site in Israel with earlier evidence of regular fire use, the researchers noted, and there are sites in Africa indicating sporadic fire use.

Not so sure of the late date for controlling fire is Harvard archaeologist Richard W. Wrangham, author of the book "Catching Fire: How Cooking Made Us Human," who argues that learning to cook food — perhaps as much as two million years ago — improved nutrition enough for a burst of evolution promoting development of a bigger brain and, eventually, leading to modern humans.

Wrangham suggested that the lack of earlier evidence of fire could merely mean that, over time, the burned bones or ashes had been destroyed or dispersed.

But Villa, in a telephone interview, said there is evidence of burned bones in a South African cave from a million years ago, "so burned bones do preserve."

"This paper represents very clearly the archaeological conclusions to what Wil Roebroeks has elegantly called a case of 'science friction' resulting from the clash between archaeological and biological evidence," Wrangham wrote in an e-mail.

"So either way we have a lovely puzzle," he said.

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Internet can be big help when planning vacation

Dear PropellerHeads: I have a job again and am looking forward to my first vacation. Any new websites in the travel area?

A: "New" is relative, especially when it comes to websites. "New" traditionally meant anything in the last few months, but nowadays it can be measured in days (or weeks if you push me). Unfortunately, I don't know of anything new in the modern sense, but I do know some that are new in the traditional sense.

When it comes to travel, most people use expedia.com, orbitz.com or travelocity.com. These three aren't going away anytime soon and figure to be the "Big Three" for some time to come.

More savvy travelers might utilize kayak.com, which not only searches directly with individual airlines, hotels and rental car sites, but also searches Expedia, Orbitz, priceline.com, hotwire.com and cheapoair.com to boot. What I like about Kayak is that they don't sell anything themselves, but direct you to the site that will. This gives some impression of non-bias, which I don't get with the Big Three.

Ask the PropellerHeads

If you want to go somewhere, anywhere, at anytime, check out skyscanner.com. Simply enter where you want to depart from, leave the destination blank, and be as specific on the date as you want to be. You get back a list of destinations and lowest fares to those destinations, from as close as the next state, or as far away as Zimbabwe. I used this site regularly while living in Europe and it discovered some great deals to Istanbul and Dubrovnik. Nothing new in those places; they are perpetually awesome.

A relatively new site called hipmunk.com offers one of the greatest improvements in flight-shopping that I've seen. Their "Agony Index" uses some magical formula that combines price, flight duration and duration of layovers. You can sort results by price, number of stops, and departure or arrival times, but it's mostly graphical interface makes picking out desirable flights an actual pleasure.

In fact, the whole Hipmunk interface comes off as very clean and intuitive. They actually do some of the choosing for you by hiding flights that are longer or more expensive than other options in the list. Who wants to pay more for their own torture, right? Instead of scrolling through dozens of pages of results, you get one page containing a couple dozen matches. Hipmunk is certainly "hip."

Alas, the holy grail of airfare sites does not exist, or at least I don't know about it. What I want is a website that will factor in baggage and other hidden fees piled on by the airlines. So in addition to entering the when, where and how many people, they ask me how many bags and factor known fees into the results. Seems "fare" to me.

Turning to hotels, in addition to the above sites and hotels.com, be sure to give booking.com a gander. There are two things I like about it. First, it seems to include a greater pool of hotels than the other sites do, especially for Europe, where there are more regional chains and mom-and-pop accommodations.

Second, booking.com seems to have more information about additional costs. It often indicates if there are additional fees (and how much they are) for breakfast, the gym, Internet, parking and pets. Hotel Cheapskate might seem cheaper at first, but Hotel PropellerHead could be the better deal.

Finally, I always plug TripAdvisor.com. I use this site religiously when picking hotels and restaurants. It often contains tips on how to beat the crowds at popular attractions. You can see the reviews by yours truly at www.tripadvisor.com/members/GracyInVienna. That, at least, should be "new" to you.

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