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This aerial photograph taken Sunday shows the area in south Midland County where a large grass fire burned land and destroyed homes. About 17,000 acres of land burned in the blaze that began Saturday and lasted into Sunday.

Firefighters extinguish massive grass fire

■ Fire marshal 'shocked' at scale of blaze.

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Firefighters worked into the early morning hours Sunday to contain a fire in southern Midland County that officials said scorched nearly 17,000 acres of land.

The blaze, which happened between Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Midkiff Road south of Interstate 20, destroyed 34 homes, according to the Texas Forest Service. Forestry planes observed that the fire's perimeter was about 37.6 square miles.

"I was shocked at the amount of area that it was," said Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little.

The fire crossed FM 1788 multiple times because of high winds and changing wind directions, Midland Fire Department Operations Chief Fritz Niggeler said Saturday night in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram. Firefighters were able to contain the fire early Sunday morning, and hundreds of residents who had been evacuated were allowed to return to their homes.

Five firefighting units worked for seven hours Sunday to extinguish hot spots, according to Battalion Chief Vince Hancock.

"The winds stayed low for us today, and so we were able to make good progress and extinguish all the spot fires," he said Sunday evening. Hancock also said Oncor employees were working to replace fallen power lines and poles. Oncor officials asked Midlanders to continue to exercise caution around fallen poles and downed wires.

Though regional American Red Cross officials said they believe that about 150 people were displaced because of the fire, only 24 evacuees registered and were staying at the makeshift shelter at Chaparral Center Saturday night.

The shelter remained open Sunday night with 100 available cots and expected to receive six to 10 people, all of whom had lost their homes in the flames, according to James Parks, director of emergency services for the regional Red Cross.

"It's a difficult time for everyone here in Midland County," Parks said. "Typically, West Texans band together, and we've had an outpouring

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Friends, Red Cross help man who has 'nothing left'

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Cory Lance Bontke was headed home from the grocery store with his mother to his residence on South County Road 1215 when he saw smoke. He sent his mother, who lives in a house near his mobile home and has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, to a friend's house. He put four of his small dogs into crates and sent them with her.

"My main concern was getting my mother out of there," said Bontke, who works for Venture Mud.

Before evacuating after 4 p.m. Saturday, Bontke and a neighbor tried to spray as much water as they could around his house to prevent it from catching flames. When he heard about the damage happening later that night, his heart began to sink. He tried to return to his residence to save his three kittens and German shepherd that he left behind but wasn't allowed inside the perimeter.

"I knew my house was gone," he said, adding that he didn't have insurance. "I never foresaw this happening."

He stayed with a friend for the night and visited his

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Sara Higgins/Reporter-Telegram

THERE TO HELP American Red Cross volunteer case worker Bob Cornell, left, speaks with Cory Lance Bontke, who lost his mobile home in Saturday's grass fire in south Midland County. The Red Cross provides food, clothing, shelter and medication on a case-by-case basis.

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Bill to allow more local purchasing by municipalities out of committee

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

A bill filed by Rep. Tom Craddick that's meant to allow cities more flexibility in keeping their purchases local was passed unanimously out of committee and now will head into the House for consideration.

As crafted, House Bill 1283 would permit cities like Midland to award purchases of less than $500,000 to local companies if the local bid falls within 5 percent of the lowest bid and offers the "best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities," according to the bill. A law passed in 2009 permitted the 5 percent allowance only to be applied to purchases of less than $100,000, according to bills filed with the Texas Legislature.

With such a provision, Midland was forced in November to spend $458,040 at a Carrollton dealership for 20 police vehicles rather than purchasing them at a Midland business. Rogers Ford also had submitted a bid for the purchase that would have totaled $464,380 — well within the 5 percent range — but because the total for the purchases was more than $100,000, the money had to be spent outside of the Permian Basin, city attorney Keith Stretcher said.

Per vehicle, the difference in price was only $317, and Stretcher and Mayor Wes Perry have said they would have preferred to keep the money in the local economy. Stretcher testified on the bill in mid-March and was the only one who came forward to speak on the issue, he said.

A bill that mirrors the House version was filed in the Senate by Sen. Kel Seliger. It has been referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, where Stretcher also anticipates testifying.

Craddick has said he supports the bill

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Obituaries

Christopher Lee Barrera

Funeral Services for Christopher Lee Barrera, 24, of Lamesa will be held on Tuesday April 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church with Father Joesph Kurembel officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Rosary will be held on Sunday April 10, 2011 and Monday April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home Chapel.

Christopher passed away on Saturday April 9, 2011 in Martin Co., Texas. He was born on June 25, 1986 to Delia (Cuellar) and Lee Barrera in Lamesa. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 2004. Christopher was employed by Britt Trucking. He enjoyed playing basketball and had a great love for music. His greatest desire was to serve the Lord and enlarge his Kingdom. Christopher was bold and courageous in his walk. He touched the lives of many, prayed for the sick and witnessed their healing. Though he struggled with his walk and things this world offers, his great love and testimony will live on through family and his Christian brothers and sisters. His testimony will save many souls.

Survivors include his parents, Delia and Lee Barrera of Lamesa; and two brothers, Trey Barrera and John Marc Barrera both of Lamesa; grandparents, Ramona and Elias Barrera, Juan Cuellar, and Elva Arismendez all of Lamesa, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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Tim Pinkerton

Tim Pinkerton, 23, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2011.

He was born on June 8, 1987, and graduated from Greenwood High School in 2006.

Tim had a very caring and generous personality. He was passionate about music and loved to learn all he could about it. He loved to sing and play his guitar. He had a sweet smile and a kind heart. He was a wonderful son, brother, uncle, and friend.

He is survived by his parents Danny and Vicki Pinkerton; his sister, Katy, and brother Nathan & his wife Dene', and their daughter, Raylee; his grandparents Kay and Jeanine Pinkerton, and Gwen West, and several cousins.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, April 11, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 PM. A memorial service celebrating his life on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 2:00 pm at Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

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

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Eleasar Gutierrez Jr., 40, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Librado C. Madrid Jr., 17, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland County deputies on a charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Joseph M. Quintela, 25, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of obstruction or retaliation.

Gabriel O. Villanueva, 34, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of driving while intoxicated (third offense).

Atrionn N. Bowers, 26, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of assault of a family or household member with previous conviction.

Luis A. Granado, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday by 238th Judicial District Court officials on a charge of manufacturing or delivering of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Bobby B.V. Hamill, 29, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of sexual assault.

Billie S. Hodnett, 58, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of driving while intoxicated (third offense).

Jose A. Negrete Jr., 28, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of assault of a family or house member impeding breath.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

All arrests are for felony offenses.

US citizen among bus passengers abducted in Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — At least one U.S. citizen was among dozens of men reportedly forced off passenger buses by armed attackers in the northeastern border state of Tamaulipas, where 72 bodies were found in mass graves last week, U.S. officials said Sunday.

The man has yet to be located, said a warden's message posted on the website of the consulate, which is located in the Tamaulipas city of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville.

It is not unusual for people living or working in Mexican border states to have been born in the U.S.

In a separate warden's message issued Friday, the consulate had warned that Mexican criminal gangs may be planning attacks "in the near future" against U.S. law enforcement or U.S. citizens in Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and San Luis Potosi.

Michael Paulsen/Houston Chronicle

Yuri McEwen practices with other Miyagi Ryu Nosho-kai dancers an Okinawan dance before their performance Sunday at the 17th annual Japan Festival at Hermann Park in Houston. About 20,000 people attended the event this year. Japan Festival was started in 1993 in the hopes of developing a stronger relationship between the greater Houston community and Japan. The event provides stage entertainment as well as traditional food and beverages vendors.

Homeless veteran finds viable housing option

By Aaron Bracamontes
El Paso Times

EL PASO — As a Vietnam War veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder and liver cancer, Larry Lochala relaxes by having a friend over and playing his guitar in the living room of his new apartment.

It is a sharp contrast to the dingy trash bin near the intersection of Paisano Drive and Santa Fe Street, where he used to spend the night.

"That is where members of the Christian Center found me, saying 'Jesus loves you,'" Lochala said.

"I jumped out ready to (attack) saying, 'If Jesus loves me, why am I here?'"

Lochala, 62, described himself as being "toxic" at that time of his life — a time when he was both homeless and lost.

Lochala said he was always angry, resentful and bitter. It meant looking at a stranger and for no reason thinking, "I could (expletive) kill you."

"When you are toxic, you're not seeing," he said. "You want the voices and everything to go away."

Lochala says he is no longer toxic and if he starts to feel anxious, he simply talks it out as he strums his guitar calmly inside his apartment.

After years on the streets, Lochala was able to get a roof over his head through a joint program of the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The 2-year-old program is called Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing. It has been successful in getting 69 homeless veterans off the street through a voucher program.

Officials are working to expand the program. They have vouchers ready to house up to 95 more homeless veterans.

"There is no one answer for homelessness" among veterans, said Joel Arrigucci, local homeless coordinator with the Department of Veterans Affairs. "If someone has post-traumatic stress disorder, they don't want to be around other people. They end up isolating other people and society."

Gerald Cichon, chief executive officer of the city Housing Authority, said the program is working.

"Every single one of those vouchers has its own story," Cichon said. "Our goal is to make sure every voucher is used to help a homeless veteran."

The new vouchers come from an $111,576 allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"They look very closely at the rates," Cichon said. "If you can't fill what you have before, then you can't get more."

The first step for any homeless veteran is to apply with the local Veterans Affairs office. Doing that initiates a process that includes eligibility checks into military history and criminal records.

Once a veteran is approved for the voucher, the vet must find a residence that accepts vouchers and then have the area inspected by a program official.

"It's a critical plan to end homelessness of veterans across the nation," Arrigucci said. "I don't know if we will ever get all homeless veterans off the street, but we will have the resources available for them."

Cichon said authorities are trying to get the word out to the estimated 165 homeless veterans still living on the streets of El Paso.

"We're shaking every tree," Cichon said. "It is not that there are not enough veterans that need help, it is that there is still a stigma on asking for help."

And wanting to get out of the rut is the true starting block, Lochala said.

"When you get sick and tired of being sick and tired," Lochala said, "then you start using that choice you have."

He said the test is responding to the hardships because anyone can find himself or herself in a bad situation.

"Don't ever say you won't be homeless, because I once thought that."

It's Senate vs. austerity in fight over budget

By Thanh Tan
Texas Tribune

Democrats did something rare last week on the floor of the Texas House: They pleaded with their colleagues in the Senate to stop a budget bill they did not have the votes to block, and used strong words to send their message across the rotunda.

"Thank God for the Senate," said state Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston.

"I appreciate their sentiment. We'll do our best," was the wry response from Senate Finance Committee Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan. "We have a fair amount of latitude, but we've still got to address how we're going to pay" for the budget.

The Texas House, where Republicans control 101 of 150 seats, passed a two-year budget that is widely considered to be so austere that the chamber's head budget writer, state Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, somberly promised the body he would do everything he could "to make the bill better" as it moved forward to the Senate.

House Bill 1 would reduce state and federal spending over the next two years by $23 billion by slashing financing for public education, reducing reimbursements for Medicaid, which could shutter nursing homes, and cutting off scholarships for incoming college students.

Many Republican and Democratic senators have openly said that cuts of that magnitude are unacceptable.

"We're not going to throw people out of nursing homes," said state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound.

Now that the bill is in their court, senators have hinted at efforts to craft an alternative budget that would include putting about $10 billion back into health and human services and public education. In March, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst appointed a subcommittee to find an additional $5 billion in non-tax revenue. On Tuesday, Ogden called on lawmakers to review the state's business tax, which was changed in 2006. He said it has consistently failed to generate the income that was anticipated and is part of the reason the state's budget has a structural deficit.

Senate leaders, unlike their House colleagues, have not ruled out the possibility of withdrawing additional money from the state's rainy day fund, which is expected to be left with a $6.3 billion balance at the beginning of the new fiscal year on Sept. 1. Senators are also developing a budget at a time when more Texans are realizing how the proposed budget cuts could affect them.

"We need to have a coffee party to wake people up to what's going on," said state Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, vice chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. In November, "a lot of voters didn't realize the extent of the deficit. The challenge is to convince the House that the Senate budget is more humane and much better for our state."

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, the longest-serving member of the Senate, said that at this point, the Senate has the upper hand because "we don't have to pass the budget. We're getting pressure to hold it because we need some guarantees" services will be protected.

"You've gotta use the tools and guns you've got while you got 'em," said Whitmire, who also serves on the Senate Finance Committee.

The momentum is expected to shift again within weeks. Ogden said he has planned for the Senate Finance Committee to revise the House bill and to send it to the floor before Easter. If the bill wins the support of at least 21 senators, it will be sent to conference committee, where five lawmakers from each house selected by the House speaker and lieutenant governor will try to work through the differences. The goal is to produce a compromise budget that can pass with a simple majority in both chambers.

Pitts, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, says the Senate can change "anything they want," of the $164.5 billion budget in the current bill. But he said that he has told the Senate that there is a lot of reluctance among House members to spend more.

"I don't automatically assume we can't come to a mutually satisfactory agreement," Ogden responded. "We've done it every time I've been over here."

The betting game has already begun on whether the budget battle between a more moderate Senate and a far stingier House will lead to a standoff — and a special session in the summer. The two committee chairmen refuse to say whether one body may have more sway than the other in the final outcome.

"The last thing we need to do is beat our chest. That's not the way to find agreement," Ogden said. "It's really a battle amongst equals. We'll all do the best we can."

Pitts says: "All the eyes of Texas will be on the Senate to make this better, but we're going to be very mindful here in the House of not spending any more of the rainy day fund and living within our means. This is not a power struggle."

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Gun control movement cuts back

By Stewart M. Powell
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The red billboard truck traveling around the United States has a big number emblazoned on its side — 2,995 as of last week, the running tab of people murdered by guns in the U.S. since the Jan 8. shooting in Tucson that left six people dead and 13 wounded, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz.

The truck started off in New York's Times Square and will traverse the U.S. keeping an updated tally on gun deaths as part of an effort by 550 Mayors Against Illegal Guns to galvanize support for stricter gun laws.

Yet despite the highly visible campaign, there is no groundswell for additional gun regulations in the wake of the Tucson shootings or the murder of a Texas ICE agent in Mexico with a weapon purchased in Dallas.

A loose consensus has emerged that recognizes that "these killings are the shooter's responsibility — not the gun's responsibility," says Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, a former county criminal court judge for two decades, says: "Drunk drivers kill 25,000 people a year and we don't ban cars — we go after the driver."

The political debate has shifted from ambitious attempts to ban specific kinds of weapons such as Saturday night specials or assault-style weapons to more modest efforts to limit the lethality of legal weapons and tighten screening to prevent purchases by convicted criminals or individuals with evidence of mental illness or instability.

Even those proposals face little hope of passage in the politically split Congress.

A measure to restrict ammunition clips to 10 rounds rather than the 33-round magazine used in Tucson has 105 Democratic co-sponsors but languishes in a subcommittee in the Republican-controlled House.

In the closely divided Democratic-led Senate, no action has been taken on a proposal by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to stiffen penalties for states that fail to provide updated mental health reports to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System used to screen prospective gun buyers. Schumer's proposal also would close the so-called "gun show loophole" that permits some firearms sales without background checks.

"Political divisions over guns and the power of the National Rife Association have created an environment where gun control has become essentially untouchable," says John M. Bruce, a University of Mississippi scholar who wrote "The Changing Politics of Gun Control."

"Democrats have decided they can't win on this issue so they're not going to bring it up. They're tweaking around the margins but our society has collectively decided that we're willing to accept tens of thousands of firearms fatalities each year."

Behind the lack of momentum for gun control is a simple political calculus: Jobs and the economy trump any talk of gun control on Capitol Hill by both parties.

"We don't have the luxury of spending political capital on a lot of other issues," says Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas. "Our focus is the economy — as it should be."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, who continues to back "responsible gun regulations consistent with the 2nd amendment," emphasizes that "we have a number of crises we are facing but creating jobs is imperative."

Even among centrist politicians in Congress, there is no support for additional restrictions in the wake of what amounted to an assassination attempt on Giffords as she met with constituents at a Tucson shopping center.

The turning point can be traced to a variety of factors. The U.S. Supreme Court significantly bolstered gun rights by overturning the District of Columbia's de facto ban on handguns in 2008 and by deeming gun ownership an individual constitutional right in 2010.

The rulings took disputes over gun ownership "off the plate," acknowledges Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., a gun control advocate elected to Congress after her husband was murdered and her son wounded in a shooting on a Long Island Railroad commuter train in 1993 that killed six and wounded 19. The high court left gun control supporters to pursue limited, "common sense things that we can do to make this country safer," McCarthy adds.

The National Rifle Association continues to exercise clout across the political landscape. Members of Congress remain ever mindful of NRA's role in the 1994 defeat of House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., and Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas, a 42-year House veteran and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee who set aside his personal opposition to sponsor Democratic legislation that banned some semi-automatic assault-style weapons.

Republicans parlayed Democrats' backing for the Clinton-era ban and other issues into a political rout to seize political control of both the House and Senate in 1994 for the first time in 40 years. Many of those Republicans were still in office to see the ban expire in 2004 under President George W. Bush.

"Partisan rivalry has become so ferocious that Democrats are unwilling to raise gun control because they fear Republican rivals will use it against them at the next election," says Glenn H. Utter, a scholar at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, who wrote the "Encyclopedia of Gun Control and Gun Rights."

"Now the NRA is not just looking to block additional gun control — it's looking to roll it back."

The number of states that with "right-to-carry" concealed weapons has increased from 29 in 1987 to 40 states. Lawmakers in Texas and at least eight other states so far this year have weighed expanding gun rights to permit licensed college students to carry concealed weapons on campus. Twenty-four states still prohibit concealed weapons on college campuses and 15 "right to carry" states leave the decision to individual campuses.

Founded in the frontier days of 1871 to improve marksmanship, the NRA's political juggernaut now is built upon nearly 4 million members who stand ready to respond to the organization's mantra, "Vote freedom first."

The organization poured $26.3 million into the 2010 midterm congressional campaign in donations to candidates, independent expenditures on behalf of selected candidates and lobbying expenses to carry the organization's message to Capitol Hill and the Obama administration.

President Obama has invited representatives from rival interest groups to a series of "active listening" discussions on gun safety measures, contending "we can get beyond wedge issues and stale political debates to find a sensible, intelligent way to make the United States of America a safer, stronger place."

But the NRA leadership has rejected the discussions, foiling administration efforts to find common ground. "To focus national attention on guns — and not criminals or mental health issues — misses the point entirely," NRA leaders Wayne La Pierre and Chris Cox wrote the president.

Jae C. Hong/AP

IMMIGRATION LIMBO In this Dec. 2, 2010, photo, a Cameroonian woman, who did not want to be identified for fear of reprisals against her and her family, poses for a photograph in Los Angeles. It took five years for the mother who was raped and beaten to win asylum. For a time, her three children in Africa didn't know she was alive — she feared she would jeopardize their safety if she contacted them. A bloated immigration court system has been saddled by explosive growth, a troubled reputation and a record backlog of nearly 268,000 cases as of the end of 2010. The problems are drawing increased scrutiny of a little-seen world where justice can seem arbitrary, lives can remain in limbo for years — and blame seems to be in abundance.

Finding ways to fix 'crisis' in immigration courts

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press

The mother from Cameroon came to immigration court bearing scars. She'd been imprisoned back home, she said, beaten with cables, burned with cigarettes and raped repeatedly, contracting HIV. Her husband had died behind bars; her three children she'd left behind were struggling to survive.

She was seeking asylum, hoping to remain in Los Angeles and bring her children there. They were on their own after their grandmother died, living in a bamboo hut without water or a toilet, begging for food. For years, the mother, who'd fled Cameroon, had no contact with her kids, fearing she'd jeopardize their safety. When she finally did, her oldest son — gravely ill with malaria — sent her a letter:

"Ever since you left us mum, six years now, life has become so miserable, hope God intervains," the 20-year-old wrote. "Our greatest desire is to be beside you and ... acquire the love we need from you mama."

If the system had worked, this kind of asylum case would have been resolved promptly. But this was immigration court, where justice often moves at a glacial pace. Files were lost. Background checks delayed. Hearings scheduled at least 12 times over five years. The woman's lawyers, fearing their fragile client had become suicidal, were so alarmed they appealed to two members of Congress — not to intervene, but to call attention to what they say is a system in desperate need of reform.

"So many things are wrong, it's hard to know where to start," says Judy London, one of two Los Angeles lawyers who represented the Cameroon mother.

Steps are being taken to fix the courts — federal officials are adding judges, improving training, reducing the influence of politics. But critics say these reforms are too little and long overdue. They follow a flurry of studies, congressional testimony and calls to do something about the crush of cases, complaints about erratic judges and delays that can leave thousands of immigrants in limbo for years.

Malcolm Rich, director of Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice, a legal research and advocacy group that has studied the courts, is hopeful the spotlight will have an impact. "Can I predict it with certainty ?" he asks. "Of course not. But we do have people in place who want to improve the way these courts are run."

One of the most immediate changes is the addition of 38 judges and about 90 others, including clerks, in the last 18 months to help tackle the enormous workload. At the end of last year, the backlog had reached nearly 268,000 cases, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, a research group based at Syracuse University.

Judges completed, on average, more than 1,500 cases each in fiscal year 2009, according to congressional testimony last year from Dana Leigh Marks, president of the National Association of Immigration Judges. That can mean as many as nine trials a day — some involving potentially life-and-death matters.

"The consequences for the people in court are very, very high," says Marks, a judge in San Francisco. "They may fear persecution in their homeland. That's a valid defense to deportation, even if they are in the United States illegally. ... If we're wrong, it's almost equivalent to sentencing someone to death."

The caliber of immigration judges themselves was at the heart of a recent political scandal that revealed how cronyism had tainted the system.

An internal Justice Department report in 2008 concluded that top advisers to then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales broke the law by choosing immigration judges based on political loyalties rather than qualifications. That practice was "systematic in nature," according to the report.

The report noted the Executive Office for Immigration Review — the agency running the courts — was occasionally allowed to publish vacancies but no one was considered without the proper political pedigree. As a result, numerous slots remained open for long periods despite pleas for more judges.

In congressional testimony last year, Juan Osuna, now acting director of the office, said "significant" measures had been taken to improve the courts, including changes in hiring practices.

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of support."

Midlanders donated water, sports drinks, food and bedding for displaced residents — plenty of donations for the time-being, according to Nancy Olaughlin, who was the captain of the case-worker volunteers.

"Midland just stepped in — even the businesses. They were wonderful," Olaughlin said. Local restaurants like Texas Roadhouse and Papa John's stepped in along with Mid-Cities Community Church to provide meals for the evacuees.

Parks said that though the shelter has enough items to give to displaced residents, the Red Cross is constantly in need of volunteers and monetary donations to help with the added volume of people needing assistance.

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Staff writer James Cannon contributed to this report.

Carol Ramirez/MRT contributor

POSSESSIONS DESTROYED Cars that were burned in a wildfire Saturday are shown Sunday morning near the intersection of Midkiff Road and County Road 118.

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property Sunday morning.

"There's nothing left," he said. "Everything's gone."

Firefighters were able to untie Bontke's German shepherd, named Texas, and let it loose before flames reached the house.

"I owe them a big favor," he said with tears in his eyes.

Bontke's friend, Paul Gossett, has offered to give his friend a bus conversion that sat near his now-destroyed mobile home during the fire. The bus and Bontke's mother's house suffered only minor outside damage. Bontke said he plans to put the bus conversion on his property where his residence previously stood.

"What I've got on right now is all I have left," he said, pointing to his clothes. "If it wasn't for friends, where would I be?"

The Red Cross provided Bontke food, clothing and other necessities and will do follow-up case work once he regains shelter on his property, volunteer case worker Bob Cornell said.

Olaughlin described the Red Cross shelter's efforts Sunday as a "touch-and-go" situation, waiting to see how much longer the disaster relief organization's services are needed. The shelter was empty Sunday afternoon, except for a few evacuees dropping by to register or volunteers asking how they could be of assistance. Parks said the center could remain open as late as Tuesday morning, depending on demand.

The Red Cross provided extra water and sports beverages and the Salvation Army sent three mobile kitchens to the area to support firefighters as they continued to fight spot fires Sunday.

Parks added that anyone whose home has been lost or damaged should register with the Red Cross, even if the displaced resident is staying with friends. In most cases, the Red Cross continues to support registered disaster victims on a case-by-case basis well after the shelter closes.

"We have a long way to go on this recovery effort; we're still in the beginning stages here," he said. "It takes such a long time to recover from a disaster like this."

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DO YOU NEED HELP?

- If you have been displaced by Saturday evening's grass fire, call the Red Cross at 563-2267.
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Hot, dry weather stokes raging Texas wildfires

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Firefighters on Sunday continued battling out-of-control wildfires scorching nearly 400 square miles across the state.

A fast-moving wildfire had spread to more than 60,000 acres Sunday in Jeff Davis County and destroyed about 40 homes in Fort Davis before it raged north and east. The blaze that started Saturday night in Presidio County missed the McDonald Observatory, which was used as an evacuation shelter, said assistant director Anita Johnson.

Local residents said the fire also missed Fort Davis National Historic Site, a U.S. Army cavalry fort built in 1854 to protect a mail route from San Antonio to El Paso and then reopened after the Civil War to protect freight wagons, according to the Texas State Historical Association.

Bob Dillard, a former Jeff Davis county judge, the county's top elected official, said firefighters spent Saturday evening pouring water on the Fort Davis bank and other downtown businesses, while residents toiled to save their homes. But by early Sunday, after the fire took down the electricity, the water shut off and the 1,100 residents evacuated.

"It was unbelievable — just horrific. There were horses on fire, buildings on fire, houses on fire," said Dillard, editor of the weekly Jeff Davis County Mountain Dispatch.

About 162 Amtrak passengers and 11 crew members were stranded for 18 hours after flames burned a railroad bridge. The train finally started moving Sunday morning after work was done on the bridge.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency was expected to respond to some of the state's massive fires, assisting volunteer and other fire departments from across Texas and two dozen other states, said Alan Craft, a Texas Forest Service spokesman.

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> — BOB DILLARD
> Editor, Jeff Davis County Mountain Dispatch

Sunday's hot, windy conditions and low humidity, combined with withered shrubs and grasses caused by the drought, made for dangerous conditions, Craft said. Air tankers usually used to douse such massive fires could not be flown Sunday because of wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph, Craft said.

Firefighters continued battling a 71,000-acre fire in Stonewall, King and Knox counties on Sunday, but no homes had been destroyed in the rural area of rolling plains, Craft said.

In the Texas Panhandle, a 60,000-acre blaze in Potter and Moore counties was threatening the towns of Dumas and Sunray but was not spreading as of early Sunday evening and no evacuations had been ordered. A 10,500-acre fire in Garza County south of Lubbock had been mostly contained Sunday, fire officials said, but some nearby communities were waiting for possible evacuation orders.

Some small fires were reported Sunday in East Texas, including a 129-acre Angelina County fire that was contained.

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because he thinks the city council should have the option of spending locally when they feel it's in the best interest of citizens.

That means if the council thought it was better to take the lower bid and spend money outside the area, they still would have that option, too, he said. However, this bill would give them more flexibility to consider area vendors when it's decided that keeping a purchase in Midland would benefit the city through increased tax revenues or employment to residents, among other reasons.

The $500,000 cap would apply to real property, personal property that is not affixed to real property, such as landscaping, or services other than construction services, according to the bill.

If passed, the bill would become law starting Sept. 1.

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Police investigate armed robbery at gas station

From staff reports

Police are investigating an armed robbery that happened at a gas station Sunday.

Officials received a call at 12:50 p.m. after a manager at Stripes on Midland Drive and Andrews Highway reported being robbed while leaving the store, according to Midland Police Department public information officer Tasa Watts.

The manager was carrying money to deposit when an armed suspect pushed the victim into a vehicle. The two traveled to South Cottonflat Road, where the suspect ran off with the manager's money.

No injuries were reported as a result of the incident, which officials said late Sunday remained under investigation.

Police do not have a description of the suspect at this time.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed April 4-8 by District Judges Robin Malone Darr, John G. Hyde, Rodney W. Satterwhite and George D. Gilles:

Lucinda Jean Baeza, 28, driving while intoxicated with child passenger, two years state jail suspended for three years probation, $500 fine, driver's license suspended for 365 days and attend a treatment program.

Cruz Gutierrez, 21, injury to an elderly, two years probation and attend a treatment program.

Racheal Michelle Hill, 31, abandoning a child, three years probation and attend a treatment program.

Billie Sue Hodnett, 58, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for three years probation, attend a treatment program, $1,000 fine, 10 days in Midland County jail and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Roderick Lide Jr., 20, burglary of a habitation, five years probation, $1,000 fine and 18 days in Midland County jail.

Cecilia Ann Montoya, 49, credit card or debit card abuse, two years state jail suspended for four years probation, $1,500 fine and pay $1,001.34 in restitution.

Jonathon Giovanni Oceguera, 22, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Mike Hebert Ortega, 19, possession of marijuana, two years probation and pay $140 in restitution.

Bryan Patrick Rodriguez, 20, tampering, two years probation and $1,000 fine.

John Robert Schubert, 45, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for five years probation, $1,000 fine, attend a treatment program, driver's license suspended for 365 days and 10 days in the Midland County jail.

Vince L. Shaw, 52, felony driving while intoxicated, four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Karla Michelle Torres, 30, driving while intoxicated with child passenger, two years state jail suspended for two years probation, $1,000 fine, driver's license suspended for 365 days and attend a treatment program.

John Henry White, 19, attempted burglary of a habitation, two years probation, $1,000 fine and pay $150 in restitution.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Company to be questioned today over Hawaii blast

Associated Press

WAIPAHU, Hawaii — Investigators plan to question officials at an ordnance disposal company today to try to determine the age and type of fireworks inside a storage bunker that exploded, killing five workers and injuring another, a fire official said.

Authorities probing the cause of the explosion also want to know what the six employees of Donaldson Enterprises Inc. were doing when the blast happened Friday and what their training was, Honolulu fire Capt. Gary Lum told the Associated Press on Sunday.

The company has completed hundreds of explosive-related projects with no serious accidents or injuries, according to its website.

A call to the company Sunday was not immediately returned. A woman who picked up the phone at a number listed for the company founder's wife, Ryoko Donaldson, said the family was trying to cope and had no comment.

Authorities also plan to return to the blast site today to see if the bunker is safe to enter for a more thorough inspection, Lum said.

"The investigator was called out and did some preliminary work on Friday, but it wasn't safe to go in the bunker at that point," he said.

He said the bunker was still warm Saturday, and officials wore protective equipment to retrieve the bodies of the last two victims.

Investigators with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco and Explosives; Honolulu police; and the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division were helping with the investigation.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meeting schedule

County Commissioners
9 a.m. today
Midland County Annex
2110 North "A" St.

News radio talk show schedules

KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m.: The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Veriel
9-11 a.m.: Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m.: Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m.: Local news reports
6-9 p.m.: Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight: Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m.: Coast to Coast with George Noory
Online: www.newstalkkcrs.com

KWEL (AM 1070)
6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon Laura Ingraham
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-6 p.m. Jason Moore
6-9 p.m. Michael Savage
Online: www.kwel.com

Sports radio talk show schedules

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Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

- Citibank Ballpark west side, 5514 Champions Drive: Cardboard, Nos. 1 and 2 plastics
- H-E-B, 3325 W. Wadley Ave.: Nos. 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 Nos. 1 and 2 plastics
- Walmart Supercenter, 4517 N. Midland Drive: Cardboard, paper and Nos. 1 and 2 plastics
- Western Park Plaza, 1020 Andrews Highway: Cardboard, Nos. 1 and 2 plastics, paper and aluminum

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

Know a soldier coming home?

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Today in history

Today is Monday, April 11, the 101st day of 2011. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 11, 1961, former SS officer Adolf Eichmann went on trial in Israel, charged with crimes against humanity for his role in the Nazi Holocaust. (Eichmann was convicted and executed.)

On this date:

In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of the French and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1970, Apollo 13, with astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert, blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan returned to the White House from the hospital, 12 days after he was wounded in an assassination attempt.

Ten years ago: Ending a tense 11-day standoff, China agreed to free the 24 crew members of an American spy plane after President George W. Bush said he was "very sorry" for the death of a Chinese fighter pilot, whose plane had collided with the American aircraft.

Mary Altaffer/AP

ETHICS ISSUES In this April 6, 2010, file photo, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speaks at the New York Law School in New York. O'Connor continues to hear cases in U.S. appeals courts while also playing a role in public policy issues. Her critics say she should do one or the other, but not both.

Critics fault retired Justice O'Connor over ethics

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor continues to hear cases in U.S. appeals courts, while also playing a role in public policy issues. Her critics say she should do one or the other, but not both.

O'Connor, 81, was forced to apologize for 50,000 recorded telephone calls made to Nevada voters in which she supported a ballot measure to change the way state judges are selected. O'Connor said she did not authorize the calls featuring her recorded voice, much less their post-midnight delivery. But she also defended her involvement in the campaign that included her appearance in a television commercial.

In September, federal judges in Iowa stayed away from a conference on judicial elections at which O'Connor spoke in the midst of another campaign over ballot issues. The judges had received an informal opinion that their presence would violate the judiciary's ethics code.

Most recently, O'Connor hosted an after-hours reception at the court that was billed as a celebration of Bristol Bay in Alaska. But the featured speakers, other than O'Connor, were opponents of a proposed Alaskan copper and gold mine. They were in Washington to lobby lawmakers and regulators against the proposed Pebble Mine.

Arthur Hellman, an ethics expert at the University of Pittsburgh law school, said O'Connor should consider stopping her participation in court cases if she "wants to engage in this level of political or politically related activity."

Partisan-tinged questioning of conduct by high court justices has grown.

Liberal interest groups have faulted Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas for speaking at a private dinner hosted by Charles Koch, one of two energy-company-owning brothers who, liberal groups say, have too much sway on policymakers.

Some liberals have called on Thomas to sit out the expected high court fight over the health care law because of his wife's public criticism of the law. Some conservatives say Justice Elena Kagan should not take part in the health care case because of her work in the Obama administration before joining the court.

O'Connor has traveled the country since her retirement in 2006 to criticize costly election campaigns for state judges, promote enhanced civics education for schoolchildren and advocate for Alzheimer's research. Her husband, John, died in 2009 of complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Her primary focus has been on judicial independence, which she believes is harmed by electing judges.

At the same time, she has heard cases on appeal since her retirement. It is not uncommon for retired justices to sit with federal appeals courts from time to time. Justice David Souter, who left the court in 2009, has heard cases with the Boston-based court.

Through the end of March, O'Connor had written two appellate decisions and joined the majority in a half-dozen others this year. None of the cases involved judicial elections or the fate of the Alaska bay.

The continuing judicial work allows O'Connor, who earns $213,900, to receive salary increases that are tied to inflation. Judges who stop hearing cases receive a pension equal to their final annual salary as a full-time judge, but are excluded from subsequent cost-of-living increases.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Ruling should allow release of Tinker the T. rex

SIOUX FALLS — The fossilized remains of Tinker the teenage T. rex soon could be returning to the prospectors who unearthed them, after a recent ruling from a federal bankruptcy court.

Most of the 65-million-year-old fossils have spent years in storage in Pennsylvania under the jurisdiction of a trustee, after the man hired to restore them filed for bankruptcy protection. The trustee wanted fossil hunters Ron Frithiof, of Austin, and Kim Hollrah, of Iowa, to pay $75,000 for services from Barry James and his company, Prehistoric Journeys.

A federal judge ruled last month that they owed just $18,480. Frithiof's attorney, Joe Ellingson, said he assumes his client will finally be able to take possession of Tinker as soon as he pays that amount.

CHICAGO

Study: Young children may make parents less fit

Could kids be to blame for new parents' bad health habits?

A study found that mothers of young children were heavier and ate more calories, sugary drinks and fatty foods than childless women. Dads and moms in the study were less active than their peers without kids.

Sheri Lee Schearer, 34, says the results reflect her life with a 5-month-old son. Before, when she worked as a paralegal, she had time to make a spinach salad or go out for one. Now, as a stay-at-home mom in southern New Jersey, she grabs whatever is easiest and quickest.

"I often find that his needs come before mine," she said. "Do I get to the gym? No. Do I eat always healthy? No."

Quick, easily prepared foods are often high in fat and calories. Parents who choose these foods may end up serving them to their children, perpetuating a cycle of unhealthy eating, the study authors said.

ACROSSTHENATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

White House: Obama to lay out spending plan

One budget deal down, President Barack Obama and Congress began to pivot Sunday from the painful standoff over this year's spending to a pair of defining debates over the nation's borrowing limit and the election-year budget.

Much will be revealed at midweek, when the House and Senate are expected to vote on a budget for the remainder of this fiscal year and Obama reveals his plan to reduce the deficit, in part by scaling back programs for seniors and the poor. Across the dial on Sunday, messengers from both parties framed the series of spending fights as debates over cuts — a thematic victory for House Republicans swept to power by a populist mandate for smaller, more austere government.

"We've had to bring this president kicking and screaming to the table to cut spending," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., on "Fox News Sunday."

KANSAS

Federal judge, 103, still hearing cases

WICHITA — In a courtroom in Wichita, the day begins much as it has for the past 49 years: Court is in session, U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown presiding. But what happens next is no longer routine; it's a testament to one man's sheer determination.

As lawyers and litigants wait in respectful silence, Brown, who is 103, carefully steers his power wheelchair behind the bench, his stooped frame almost disappearing behind its wooden bulk. He adjusts under his nose the plastic tubes from the oxygen tank lying next to the day's case documents. Then his voice rings out loud and firm to his law clerk, "Call your case."

Brown is the oldest working federal judge in the nation, one of four appointees by President Kennedy still on the bench. Federal judgeships are lifetime appointments, and no one has taken that term more seriously than Brown.

"As a federal judge, I was appointed for life or good behavior, whichever I lose first," Brown quipped in an interview. How does he plan to leave the post? "Feet first," he says.

IOWA

Tornado destroys dozen or more blocks

MAPLETON — Jamy Garden's house began to rumble with the approach of a tornado that at one point measured three-quarters of a mile wide. Then the windows shattered, spraying her with glass. Using her cell phone as a flashlight, she fled downstairs and called her grandmother.

On Sunday, she returned home, wandering her backyard in a blood-splattered hooded sweat shirt, her right hand and left knee wrapped in gauze. Around her lay a tangle of tree branches, twisted siding, broken glass and a canoe that wasn't hers.

The tornado that struck the evening before damaged more than half of Mapleton, a town of 1,200 in western Iowa, Mayor Fred Standa said Sunday. He estimated about 20 percent of the town was "almost flat."

The huge, centuries-old trees the town was named for had been pulled out of the ground and wrapped around houses and tossed on top of cars, Standa said. In one case, a huge motor home had been flipped on its side.

"It's not a pretty sight," Standa said. "It's something nobody has seen in this town."

Garden's house survived, but everything inside was tossed around. Her two dogs were safe, but she hadn't yet found her cat.

NEW YORK

School founded by Blue Man Group gets new stage

In the 20 years since they became a performance art sensation, the Blue Man Group has taken its men with blue heads on the road to stages in New York, Las Vegas and Europe.

The trio is now headed to center stage in the classroom. Blue Man founders Chris Wink, Matt Goldman and Phil Stanton are the co-founders of Blue School, a private preschool and elementary school that they started so they could send their own children to a school that was creative enough for them.

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Don't like Paul Ryan's long-term solution? What's yours?

■ There are a lot of people not ready to have an adult conversation about what the future holds.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

One of House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's favorite phrases is "adult conversation." As in we need to have an adult conversation about the nation's fiscal challenges. With the release of his budget resolution, Ryan is beginning the discussion even if his purported conversational partners on the other side of the aisle insist on banging their cups on their highchairs and wailing.

Three inescapable realities drive the federal budget: We spend too much on health care, we are growing older and we face an alarming federal debt. Ryan is daring to tell the country how he'd react to this in a stark instance of reality-based budgeting. His implicit challenge to those who reject his solution is, "Fine, what's yours?"

Health care costs are far outpacing inflation, and Medicare is growing at twice the rate of the economy. The two trends are related: Medicare's blank check payment system contributes to soaring medical costs. Beginning in 2022, Ryan would give new Medicare beneficiaries a subsidy to buy their own insurance. It would bring consumer choice and competitive pressure to an area sorely lacking them. Maybe you think this reform of Medicare — which has an ungodly unfunded liability over the next 75 years — is too radical. Fine, what's yours?

As we age as a society, the burden of maintaining our old-age entitlements falls more heavily on young workers. The Ryan budget notes that in 1950, 16.5 workers supported each Social Security recipient. In 2000, it was 3.4 workers. In 2040, it will be 2.1. Ryan's budget would force the president, working with Social Security's trustees, to submit a proposal to right the program's fiscal balance. This path might strike you as too timid — or too bold. Fine, what's yours?

The Ryan budget controls federal spending and brings it below 20 percent of GDP by 2015. It reduces the deficit $4.4 trillion compared with President Barack Obama's budget over the next 10 years and reaches so-called primary balance — a balanced budget outside of interest payments on the debt — by 2015. Obama would keep adding to the debt at a prodigious clip, almost doubling it from its current $14 trillion to $26 trillion over 10 years. Perhaps Ryan's method of controlling the debt is not to your liking. Fine, what's yours?

Ryan keeps tax revenue at the historic level of roughly 18 percent, and brings both the top personal and the top corporate tax rates down to 25 percent while eliminating deductions and loopholes. This reform — designed to make the tax code simpler and more pro-growth — might strike you as "unfair." Fine, what's yours?

The unspoken Democratic answer to all of the above questions is yet more taxes, coupled with price controls on health care. Democrats don't want to be frank about it for political reasons. They cover for their own substantive vacuity with evasions and crude attacks on Ryan's proposal as a budgetary death panel. Such is the lot of the adult in the room.

Paul Ryan is Washington's answer to those Republican grown-ups out in the states, Govs. Mitch Daniels of Indiana and Chris Christie of New Jersey. They all drench themselves in the details of policy, are unafraid to speak hard truths, and — in their own ways, in keeping with their different personalities — relish the art of public persuasion. No wonder the three of them are so often mentioned wistfully as (unlikely) potential presidential candidates.

As the chief executives of their states, Daniels and Christie have more power to enact policy into law than does Ryan. His budget is fundamentally an exemplary exercise. It demonstrates a comprehensive solution to the nation's fiscal condition, without tax increases and without more heavy-handed government intervention in health care. Ryan needn't sweep all before him to succeed, but merely survive — accomplishment enough, given his frankness on entitlements — to pass the baton to a Republican presidential candidate.

Perhaps you think this isn't the best way to start an "adult conversion." Fine, what's yours?

OUR VIEW

Participation in local issues benefits entire community

A heartfelt thanks should go to the League of Women Voters for hosting a panel discussion recently at Midland College on local water issues.

The session drew around 50 Midland residents and proved to be very informative. The league is always good at generating interest in such endeavors and we would like to see more of these informative sessions take place on issues that affect our city and county.

This session proved a great format for answering questions. Questions involved the new watering schedule, plans to meet future water needs, plans to possibly use water from the Fort Stockton Holdings operation and Midland's present association with the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Our only wish is that more Midlanders would take part in future opportunities of this nature. We do, however, appreciate the efforts of the League of Women Voters for making this event come to fruition. Government, in general, reacts positively when the public shows an interest, and we would love to see Midland become a community that actively participates in local issues that have to do with our city.

Time to create a new education funding system

The Reporter-Telegram recently ran a poll with the question, "State constitutional laws aside, which do you personally believe is more important if both can't be achieved — balancing the state budge or properly funding the state's public education system?"

While this poll is far from a scientific endeavor, we were somewhat surprised that a large majority of Midlanders preferred "properly funding the state's public education system" over "balancing the state budget."

We certainly would have to agree with Midlanders on this issue, but funding education needs to be a new item on the agenda of the Texas Legislature. Balancing the state budget at the expense of educating our children will not solve the overall problem that was created in the 2007 session when the legislature enacted a "margin" tax on businesses, a levy that was expected to raise significant revenue for state coffers.

As we now know, this business tax has fallen short of projections by more than $2 billion in each of the last two years and is expected to continue producing shortfall numbers for as long as we rely on the tax.

Meanwhile, the business tax has placed a hardship on small and midsized businesses, which feel the real brunt of this attempt to lower property taxes. In short, this means of funding education in Texas is inadequate.

First, education is underfunded by at least $2 billion per year. Small and midsize businesses are crippled by the tax, and property owners haven't seen the property tax relief that was envisioned.

This is a failed attempt at funding education and the state needs to erase the past and start over from scratch with a plan that works for everyone involved.

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Obama distances himself from gun program

■ Questions are being asked if a gun walked over into Mexico was used in a shooting of a Border Patrol agent.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Mission un-accomplished. I thought the goal of federal law enforcement officials was to keep guns out of Mexico and away from drug traffickers, not help them get in.

It's time to drive that point home to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and its acting director, Kenneth Melson. Thanks to reporting by CBS News and its investigative correspondent Sharyl Attkisson, the agency finds itself embroiled in an ugly controversy that might wind up soiling the Justice Department.

It's hard to tell who is more eager to get to the bottom of what CBS is calling the Obama administration's "gunwalker" scandal — Mexican officials or House Republicans.

Mexico's attorney general has demanded explanations from the administration.

Meanwhile, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, subpoenaed Melson to appear before the committee on April 13 and bring with him all memos, emails and other documents related to an ATF operation called "Fast and Furious."

Why a subpoena? Because, according to media accounts, when Issa initially asked for this material in a letter on March 16, his request was ignored.

Focused on the Arizona-Mexico border, the Fast and Furious initiative was part of Operation Gunrunner, which was supposed to stop the flow of weapons from the United States into Mexico.

That's right. Let's not forget that while Americans complain about drugs and immigrants being smuggled north, guns and ammunition are being smuggled south.

According to CBS News, the Fast and Furious program allowed smugglers to "walk" assault rifles and other weapons across the border and into the hands of a Mexican drug cartel in a bungled attempt to track down the cartel's leaders.

Two ATF agents told CBS News about the program. Agent John Dodson was the first to blow the whistle. And then Darren Gil, who was at the time the lead ATF officer in Mexico, told Attkisson that his supervisor in Washington informed him the operation went beyond Melson and had been approved by an official higher up in the Justice Department. Both Dodson and Gil claim they expressed serious concerns the agency was playing with fire by allowing guns to get into Mexico.

CBS said no one at the Justice Department would talk to Attkisson about the allegations. One reason could be that the department said there are ongoing investigations into this and other aspects of Operation Gunrunner.

So just to be clear: We have the Justice Department investigating itself on a scandal that could, if the allegations are proved, embarrass or even bring down someone in the department. That's convenient.

This is why a congressional inquiry is necessary. Issa wants to know everything about the Fast and Furious operation. Who created it? Who approved it? Who knew about it?

Those questions build up to an even bigger one: Did one of the guns that were allowed to be taken into Mexico wind up in the hands of the drug trafficker who killed Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry in a December shootout?

According to CBS, the trafficker who was arrested in connection with Terry's murder, Jaime Avila, was being tracked by the ATF and two of the assault rifles involved in the operation were found at the murder scene.

So it's possible that one agency's incompetence contributed to the death of a law enforcement agent in another branch.

The White House is well aware of this story. President Obama was asked about the controversial ATF program recently during an interview with Univision anchor Jorge Ramos. While conceding that the initiative might have been a "serious mistake," Obama was quick to distance himself from it — along with the nation's top law enforcement officer.

"Well, first of all, I did not authorize it," Obama told Ramos. "Eric Holder, the attorney general, did not authorize it. He's been very clear that our policy is to catch gun runners and put 'em into jail."

Not very Trumanesque was it? Apparently, when things go wrong, the buck doesn't stop with Obama. Can this story get any worse? Sure it can, depending on who knew what and how high it goes.

This is why the answers that Darrell Issa are seeking are so important, and why the Obama administration must provide them — one way or another.

DOONESBURY By Garry Trudeau

AROUNDTHEGLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IVORY COAST

UN, French fire on Gbagbo residence

ABIDJAN — United Nations and French helicopters fired rockets on strongman Laurent Gbagbo's residence on Sunday in an assault the U.N. said was to retaliate for attacks by his forces on U.N. headquarters and civilians.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he had authorized the strikes, accusing Gbagbo of using heavy weapons against Ivory Coast civilians and the U.N. forces trying to protect them.

Residents from nearby neighborhoods reported seeing two U.N. Mi-24 attack helicopters and a French helicopter open fire on the residence, where Gbagbo is holed up in a bunker. The residents couldn't be named for fear of reprisal.

TUNISIA

Tough transition after 'Arab spring'

TUNIS — In the new Tunisia, a store window in the capital displays books that were banned under the former regime. Protesters shout for jobs or justice almost daily on tree-lined streets. And after half a century of one-man rule, Tunisians can choose from more than 50 political parties.

Yet the freedom that is intoxicating Tunisia comes with a sense of fragility, a fear that it could spin out of control. So helmeted troops backed by armored vehicles stand guard along the central Avenue Bourguiba in Tunis, and some buildings are ringed with barbed wire. Police have sealed off a plaza where Tunisians held days-long sit-ins not so long ago, and have fired tear gas to prevent new rallies there.

The contradictions playing out in Tunisia's streets show how this tiny country's burst of freedom is marred by a growing anxiety over the future. With elections coming up, liberals worry that democracy will bring the Islamists, perhaps the best-organized political movement in post-revolt Tunisia, to power. Economists fear that continued turmoil will scare off investors and tourists. And activists who helped drive out dictator Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali in January are concerned his die-hard supporters will try to regroup.

YEMEN

Islamic enclave shows militant risk

SANAA — Islamic radicals have long held sway in the southern Yemeni town of Jaar. They turned it into a Taliban-style microstate, where the movie theater was converted into a mosque, men and women are banned from mingling in public and drinking alcohol is punishable by 100 lashes.

In recent weeks, they consolidated their authority in Jaar. As Yemen was thrown into turmoil by protests against President Ali Abdullah Saleh, armed Islamic radicals pushed out the military units based in the mountain town of 50,000 people and took over without a shot, seizing a neighboring town, as well.

The situation in Jaar offers a worst case scenario of what could happen if Saleh's rule crumbles: Islamic militants will become bolder and move to take advantage of the vacuum of power in the Arab world's poorest country.

The biggest worry is over al-Qaida's branch in Yemen, which the Obama administration considers the top terrorist threat to the U.S. Washington has given Saleh millions of dollars to fight the terror group, which is believed to have several hundred fighters holed up in mountain hideouts. The Obama administration fears that cooperation would be jeopardized if the longtime leader is ousted, although it has denounced the regime's violent crackdown against demonstrators.

BEIRUT

Witnesses: 4 protesters killed in key Syrian city

Syrian security forces and pro-government gunmen killed four protesters Sunday in the port city of Banias after the army sealed off the city as hundreds of protesters gathered, undaunted by the regime's use of deadly force to quell more than three weeks of unrest, witnesses said. State TV reported that nine soldiers were killed in an ambush near the city.

Details were sketchy because telephone lines, Internet access and electricity apparently were cut to most parts of the city. Army tanks and soldiers circled the city, preventing people from entering.

But one witness, reached by telephone, said hundreds of protesters had gathered near the al-Rahman mosque when security forces and armed men in civilian clothes opened fire on them. The names of the dead were read out on mosque loudspeakers.

He said dozens of people were wounded, but most of them asked to be treated at a small clinic instead of at the main hospital, which was under the control of the feared security forces.

Like most eyewitnesses who spoke to the Associated Press, he requested anonymity for fear of reprisals from the government. Several other human rights activists, also citing witnesses, reported shooting in Banias on Sunday.

Anti-war icon Bob Dylan jams in a Vietnam at peace

HO CHI MINH CITY, — Bob Dylan, whose anti-war anthems made him the face of protest against a war that continues to haunt a generation of Americans, finally got his chance to see Vietnam — at peace.

The 69-year-old Dylan took to the stage in the former Saigon on Sunday, singing such favorites as "A Hard Rain's a-Gonna Fall" and "Highway 61 Revisited."

Only about half of the 8,000 seats were sold to a mix of Vietnamese and foreigners who danced on the grass in the warm evening air as Dylan jammed on guitar, harmonica and the keyboard at RMIT University.

With more than 60 percent of the country's 86 million people born after the war, many young people here are more familiar with pop stars like Justin Bieber.

Still, Dylan's music during the tumultuous 1960s touched thousands of people in both nations.

GENEVA

Free beer off the menu if Swiss gov't has its way

Free beer will reportedly be verboten soon in Switzerland, if the government has its way.

Swiss weekly Sonntag said the Cabinet has drafted a plan to ban restaurateurs from offering any free drinks to customers.

It cited the director of the Swiss Alcohol Board on Sunday as saying an existing ban on promotions involving other alcoholic beverages would be extended to include beer.

Alexandre Schmidt said publicans would still be allowed to offer "spontaneous" rounds to regulars.

The proposal has drawn strong opposition from the hospitality industry as free beer promotions are common in bars, restaurants and at public events in Switzerland.

Gastrosuisse chief Bernhard Kuster likened the new law to prohibition and said it would do nothing to stop alcohol abuse.

CAIRO

Ex-President Mubarak denies abuse of power

In the first remarks since his dramatic ouster, former President Hosni Mubarak denied that he used his position to amass wealth and property during three decades in power, and issued an emotional defense of his legacy.

The statement, broadcast Sunday at the end of a turbulent weekend that saw a deadly military crackdown on protesters, only stoked more public anger in the midst of Egypt's turbulent transition to a more democratic system.

In the prerecorded audiotape, the 82-year-old Mubarak spoke with a tone of authority more in keeping with his past power than his current situation. He said he had agreed to "authorize" an investigation of his finances, and promised to sue all those who smeared his reputation.

As the ruling military council comes under increasing public pressure for its management of the post-Mubarak transition, the ex-president's first words were a reminder that he still has a grip on the country's mood.

Shortly after the speech was aired, Egypt's prosecutor general announced he had issued orders summoning the ex-president and his two sons for questioning on the embezzlement allegations.

African Union says Libya accepts cease-fire plan

Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — A delegation of African leaders said Sunday that their Libyan counterpart, Moammar Gadhafi, accepted their "road map" for a cease-fire with rebels, whom they will meet today. They met hours after NATO airstrikes battered Gadhafi's tanks, helping Libyan rebels push back government troops who had been advancing quickly toward the opposition's eastern stronghold.

The African Union's road map calls for an immediate cease-fire, cooperation in opening channels for humanitarian aid and starting a dialogue between the rebels and the government. AU officials, however, made no mention of any requirement for Gadhafi to pull his troops out of cities as rebels have demanded.

"We have completed our mission with the brother leader, and the brother leader's delegation has accepted the road map as presented by us," said South African President Jacob Zuma. He traveled to Tripoli with the heads of Mali and Mauritania to meet with Gadhafi, whose more than 40-year rule has been threatened by the uprising that began nearly two months ago.

"We will be proceeding tomorrow to meet the other party to talk to everybody and present a political solution," Zuma said, speaking at Gadhafi's private Tripoli compound, Bab al-Aziziya. He called on NATO to end airstrikes to "give the cease-fire a chance."

Gadhafi has ignored the cease-fire he announced after international airstrikes were authorized last month, and he rejects demands from the rebels, the U.S. and its European allies that he relinquish power immediately.

Ramtane Lamamra of Algeria, the head of the AU's Peace and Security Council, said the demand to give up power was brought up in Sunday's talks with the Libyan leader.

"There was some discussion on this but I cannot report on this. It has to remain confidential. It's up to the Libyan people to chose their leaders democratically," he told reporters in Tripoli.

Gadhafi enjoys substantial support from countries of the AU, an organization that he chaired two years ago and helped transform using Libya's oil wealth. So it is not clear whether rebels would accept the AU as a fair broker.

Though the AU has condemned attacks on civilians, last week its current leader, Equatorial Guinea President Teodoro Obiang Nguema, decried foreign intervention in Libya's nearly two-month-old uprising, which he declared to be an internal problem.

Lamamra was confident the rebel leadership would accept the AU's proposal when the delegation presents it to them today.

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Midland area zip codes turn up cash for residents

Valuable uncut sheets of never circulated $2 bills are actually being released to the first 6,967 callers who find their zip code on the distribution list below and beat the 48-hour deadline to get Vault Stacks full of real money

By Keith Berrymore
UMS Staff Reporter

UMS – Midland area residents who find their zip code on the Distribution List will feel like they just won the lottery.

That's because for the next 48 hours, full uncut sheets of never circulated $2 bills are being released by the World Reserve not to banks, not to dealers and not just to the rich and famous, but directly to Midland area residents who beat the order deadline.

The only thing residents need to do is look for their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication. If their zip code appears on the list, they need to immediately call the Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline to get the Vault Stack containing three protective bankers portfolios each loaded with its own full uncut sheet of never circulated $2 bills. But only the first 6,967 residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List can even get the Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios full of real money.

"The Gov't shut down printing of $2 bills in September 2006 and likely won't print more next year, so the money is being released until our last remaining $2 bills are completely gone," said Jefferson Marshall, Executive Director of the private World Reserve.

"That's why we've set up a Toll Free Distribution Hotline to make sure residents get them now," he said.

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"You would expect to only see uncut money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at the Smithsonian," he said.

"In fact, they are so seldom seen, banks don't even have them. That's why I've issued a directive to release a limited number of never circulated uncut sheets of valuable $2 bills from our private vault reserve to residents of the Midland area. Residents whose zip code is not on the Distribution List can't have our Vault Stacks of these full uncut sheets of $2 bills," Marshall said.

"These full uncut sheets of $2 bills will be highly sought after and are extremely popular to hand out as gifts for friends and family," he said.

Most people have never even seen a single $2 bill featuring President Thomas Jefferson on the front and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the back let alone one of these full uncut sheets of never circulated bills.

"We're bracing for all the calls. With just hours left, we're doing our best to make sure Midland area residents get through. But, it is important that residents find their zip code on the Distribution List and call the Toll Free Hotline right away to beat the deadline. Because when our release is over, it's over," he said.

"We're allowing residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List to claim as many as 10 Vault Stacks. But, since you can't get these Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios full of uncut sheets of money at banks, credit unions or even the Federal Reserve the limits will be strictly enforced," Marshall said.

"So, residents who want these full uncut sheets of real money need to call right now. If lines are busy keep trying, we promise to answer all calls," he said. ■

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How to get the money

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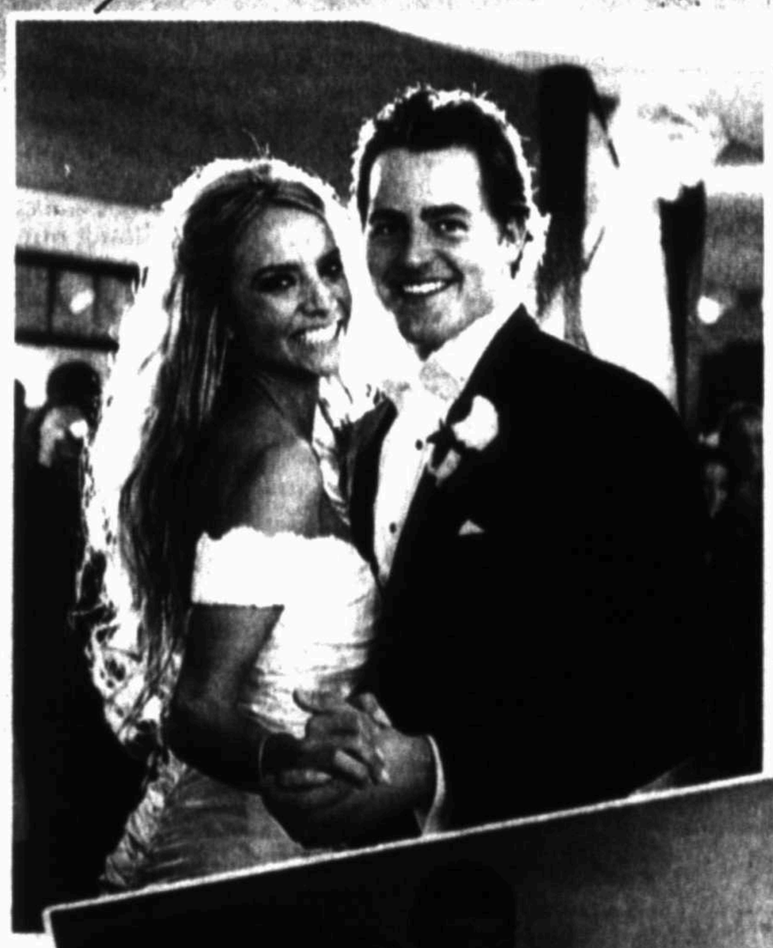

FAMILY OF THE BRIDE: AT TOP: Candace Koehl, from left, George and DiAnn Koehl, Stephen and Bet Ley McGee, Blaine and Wade Koehl and Lee and George Koehl Jr. AT LEFT: Candace, partnered with Stephen McGee, poses with her parents, DiAnn and George Koehl Jr. AT RIGHT: Candace, left, Jason Bassett, Dallas Cowboys, and Bet Ley, flanked by high school friends Jessica Bell and Stephen Bell, pose before their dates at the reception of the wedding.

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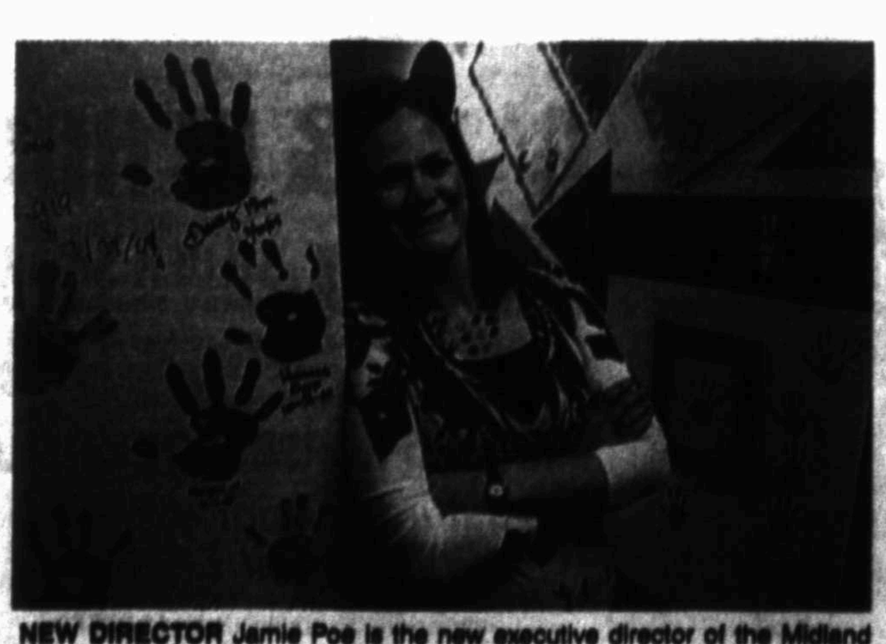

NEW DIRECTOR Jamie Poe is the new executive director of the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center.

Photo by Cindeka Nealy

Jamie Poe new executive director at Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Having completed her first month with the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, Executive Director Jamie Poe said she's grateful for the chance to be serving families.

"We are one of the few organizations that responds to victims who are in crisis," Poe said. "We are crisis intervention and follow-up services that promote emotional health and healing to people who have been victims of sexual assault and abuse."

Poe replaces Betty Dickerson, who retired after 30 years with the center.

Board President Bruce Brady said they wanted someone with experience in the community as well as with the services the center offers and agreed on Poe, a former board member, because she offered both.

"The combination of her, of course, as a member of the board and then her experience with CPS, she had a lot of knowledge about what we already did," Brady said. "She takes over from Betty Dickerson, who retired after a long and distinguished career. We just felt that Jamie would be a good fit."

Poe, 33, worked with Child Protective Services for 10 years, having served as a program director for investigation most recently. At one point she worked as the CPS investigator who was stationed at the Children's Advocacy Center. She's also been involved throughout the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center through her board service.

"It's something different, but it still is involved with kids. That's what I just feel like

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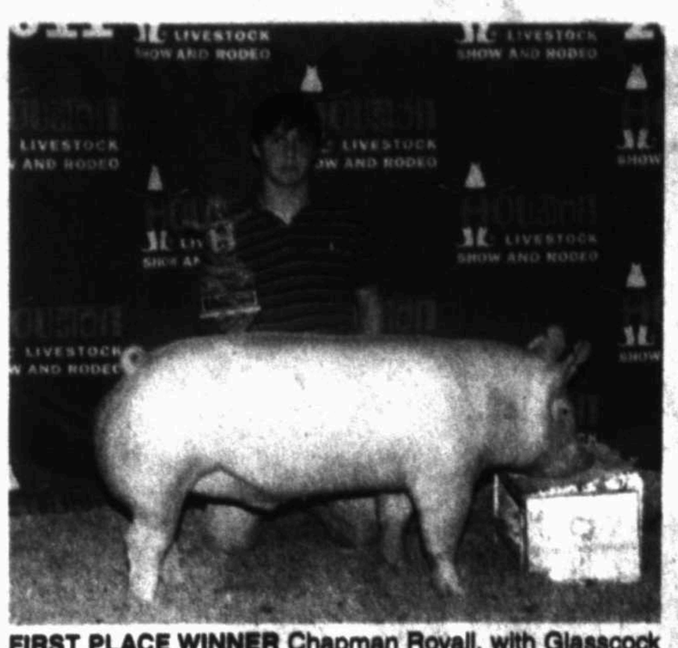

FIRST PLACE WINNER Chapman Royall, with Glasscock County 4-H, won first place in Class 7 Yorkshire Barrows recently at the Houston Livestock Show.

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ARMEDFORCESNEWS

Navy Lt. Victor A. Cunningham has returned to the U.S. after a deployment to Afghanistan.

Cunningham, a logistics officer with 14 years of military service, will be assigned to the USS Ronald Reagan, based out of San Diego, Calif.

He is the son of Janet Robinson and Bruce Cunningham, both of Midland, and a 1996 graduate of Lee High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from Auburn University.

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Lee High School senior Austin Brown has received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy. He is the son of Stephan Brown and Terri Brown.

Brown, who was nominated by U.S. Rep. Michael Conaway, will report to West Point in June for Cadet Basic Training.

He is president of the National Honor Society, member of the Principal's Advisory Counsel, basketball and track teams and is a colonel in the Commemorative Air Force.

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Marine Corps Pfc. Pedro Anciso III recently graduated from the Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) Asset Management School, Marine Aviaition Training Support Squadron-1 in Meridian, Miss.

He is the son of Maricela Guzman of Midland and Pedro Anciso Jr of Pasadena and a 2008 graduate of Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena. He joined the Marine Corps in August 2010.

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Navy Seaman Angelic E. Johnson recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

She is the daughter of Dorline Burton of Midland and 2010 graduate of Lee High School.

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Air Force Airman Shayne K. Lindsey graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He is the son of Brad Lindsey of Midland and Kelly Miles of Satellite Beach, Fla., and a 2008 graduate of Vero Beach High School in Vero Beach, Fla.

MONDAY PRIME TIME — APRIL 11, 2011

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars Celebrities compete in a ballroom dancing competition. (N)				Castle "The Dead Pool" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Kimmel David Arquette, Mike Birbiglia.
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	News	Ent. Tonight	Mother (N)	Mad Love (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	2 1/2 Men	Hawaii Five-0 "Ma Ke Kahakai" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman	Alec Baldwin, Wiz Khalifa (:35) LateLate
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	90210 "Blue Naomi"		Gossip Girl "Empire of the Son"		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park South Park
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	2 1/2 Men	Two and a Half Men	House "The Dig" (N)		The Chicago Code "Wild Onions" (N)		The Simpsons	Mother 'Stuff'	Met Your Mother	Raymond "Pilot"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Limitations"
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Jack Van Impe	Michael Howard	Update News	Jonathan Hansen	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Uri Harel	Dr. Denis Otero Dr. Ron Charles
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	Chuck "Chuck Versus the Family Volkoff" (N)		Law & Order LA "Zuma Canyon" (N)		Law & Order LA "Silver LA" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Poxx, K.D. Lang (N)	Jamie (:35) Late Night
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	News		Antiques "Billings, MT (Hour One)" (N)		A Experience "The Great Famine" (N)		Rediscovering Alexander Hamilton Explore the traits that made Hamilton a great man. (N)		News		Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Llena de Amor		Eva Luna		Teresa		El Triunfo de tu Amor		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Noctu.	Para Volver a Amar
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Earl	Smarter	Law&O "Magnificat"		Law&O "Inert Dwarf"		My News	Access H.	Earl	FamilyG	Enthus'm Entour.
FLIX		340	65		165		(4:55) ★ The Game		★★★ The Woodsman				★★★ Before and After Liam Neeson.			★★ Grind Billy Crudup.	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★ Bride Wars		Bill Maher		★★★★ Avatar ('09, Fant) Zoe Saldana.					(:40) Gervais	(:15) ★ Cop Out
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(:15) ★★★ Diary of a Wimpy Kid				★★★★ Mildred Pierce ('45, Dra) Joan Crawford.					Thrones	★★ Robin Hood
HBOS		304	70	16	102		(3:00) ★ Mission: Im...		Six Feet Under		★★ The Good Girl ('02, Com/Dra) Jennifer Aniston.						(:15) ★ Edge of Da...
MAX		310	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ X-Men Orig...		(:15) ★★ Raising Arizona Nicolas Cage.				★★★ Repo Men Jude Law.			(:30) Lingerie (N)	
MAX2		312	72	18	122		(:15) ★ Wayne's World Mike Myers.				★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past				(:45) Best Sex "Fantasy Nights"		★ Saturday Night...
PLEX				96			(5:20) ★★★★ Jaws			In the H	★ Ferry Mason: Case of the...				(:35) ★ 2010: The Year We Make Contact		Movie
SHOW		320	66	19	140	23	(5:00) ★ Dorian Grey		Weeds	The Big C	Borgias "The Moor"		Nurse J.		United (N) Nurse J.	United St	Borgias "The Moor"
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ Fragile		★★★ The Deal ('08, Com) Kate Blumberg.				★★ Big Fan Kevin Corrigan.			★ Extreme Movie	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	First 48 "Shell Shocked/ Cradle To Grave"		Inter. "Intervention In-Depth: Hillbilly Heroin"		Relapse "Adam/ Keri"		Paranor-mal State	Paranor-mal State	Paranor-mal State	Paranor-mal State	Inter. "Intervention In-Depth: Hillbilly Heroin"
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ Hidalgo		★★★★ Deliverance ('72, Adv) Burt Reynolds.				★★★★ Deliverance ('72, Adv) Burt Reynolds.				
BET		58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★ Don't Be a Menace to South Central...				Game	Game	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams
BRAVO		65	63		41		Bethenny Ever After		H.Wives "No Hate"		Real Housewives		Bethenny (N)		Bethenny Ever After		Real Housewives
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		As Seen on TV		Bio. "Dave Thomas"		Bio. "Rachael Ray"		Mad Money		Bio. "Dave Thomas"
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Dead C. "Bitter Tears"		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Dead C. "Bitter Tears"		Deadliest Catch
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	★ Wizards of Waverly Place:...		(:40) Rah H.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Montana	Montana
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter	Tonight	NFL Live
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Football	NFL Live	Sports "On the Clock"		NBA Coast to Coast (L)				Associat	Associat	NASCAR Now
FAMILY		53	34	34	42	33	Secret Life "Mirrors"		American Teen (N)		Make or Break (N)		Life of the Teenager		The 700 Club	Line?	Line?
FNC		45	38	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Unwrapp	Candy (N)	Diners (N)	Diners	Meat (N)	BestAte	Ice	G. Eats	Diners Diners
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	(5:30) Motocr.	SportsDay OnAir	Mavs Pre (L)		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Houston Rockets Site: Toyota Center -- Houston, Texas (L)				Mavs Post (L)	The Final Score	SportsD-ey OnAir Golden Age
FX		31	31	59	64	69	Half Men	2 1/2 Men	★★ Wild Hogs ('07, Com) John Travolta.						★★ Wild Hogs ('07, Com) John Travolta.		
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	HouseH	House	HouseH	House	My Place	My Place	HouseH House
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	American Pickers		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Restore	Restore	Pwn Star Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	★★ Too Young to Marry ('07, Romance) Polly Draper, Nina Dobrev, Trevor Blumas.				★★ Fab Five: The Texas Cheerleader Scandal ('08, Dra) Tatum O'Neal.				Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine Old Christine
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	WifeKids	WifeKids	Chris	Chris	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny Nanny
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Jail (N)	Jail (N)	Jail (N)	Jail (N)	★★★ Executive Decision ('96, Act) Steven Seagal, Kurt Russell.						WaysDie WaysDie
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Being Human		Being Human		Being Human (N)		Stargate Universe (N)		Being Human		Universe "The Hunt"
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan Guests Chris O'Donnell, P.J. Harvey		Lopez Tonight Guests Russell Brand, Mana
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	Movie	April	★★★ The Birth of a Nation ('15, War) Mae Marsh, Henry B. Walthall.							★ The Coward Frank Keenan.	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Aurora		Herederos del monte		La Reina Del Sur		Noticiero	El Cartel	Decision
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Kate Eight "Australia Zoo Visit" (N)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss Cake Boss
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Beaver in the Otter"		Bones "Bones on a Blue Line"		Bones "The Parts in the Sum of the Whole"		The Closer "Jump the Gun"		CSI: NY "Child's Play"	CSI: NY "Happily Never After"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	All Family	All Family	All Family	★★ Crocodile Dundee II Paul Hogan.				Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne Roseanne
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Untouchables"		WWE Tough Enough "Five for Flinching" (N)		WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE Monday Night Raw		(:05) WWE Tough Enough	(:10) CSI: Crime Scene "Getting Off"	
VERSUS		38	39				Adventure Sports		NBDL Basketball (L)				S Jobs	AdvSport	Mixed M Arts World Extreme Cagefighting		
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park South Park

TEACHERS AT THE CAPITOL Members of the Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met with Rep. Tom Craddick last month for "A Day at the Capitol." Midlanders traveling to Austin were Dorothy Beard, from left, Ann Andrews, Martha Kallus, Karron Pearson, Deanna Dunn, Dorothy Thompson and Ann Parish. They joined other members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association who visited with their legislators to seek support for their retirement fund and health care benefits. The event concluded with an ice cream social on the grounds of the Capitol.

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I'm called to do," she said, of her new position.

Having earned bachelor of arts degrees in psychology and English and then a master's degree in education, all from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Poe said she always assumed she'd become a teacher.

But, she took a job with the state after graduating and said she developed a passion for advocating for children.

"It was certainly not my idea, but I loved it," she said. "CPS does a job that really nobody else wants to have to do. They ensure that kids are safe and protected. I still get to be involved with that process. I still get to be involved in the protection of children."

In her new role, she said she'll work on continuing to provide the vital services and healing they offer and also to expand their funding sources in order to meet the region's needs because they serve Midland and its surrounding counties.

Brady said they considered about eight candidates but thought Poe would best serve the center and its goals.

"We already have a good agency. We just wanted to carry on with somebody who had a keen knowledge of our organization," Brady said. "Somebody who knows the community well and the surrounding communities."

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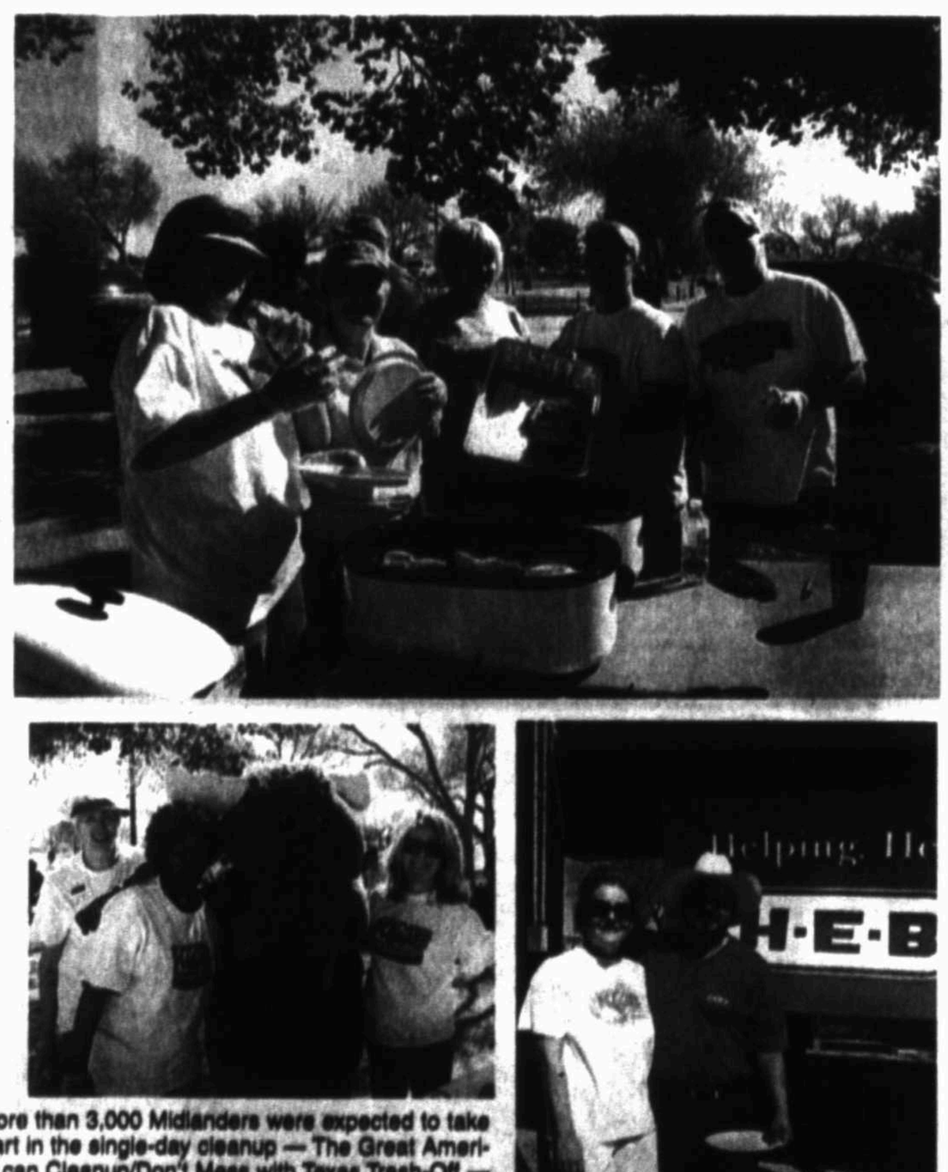
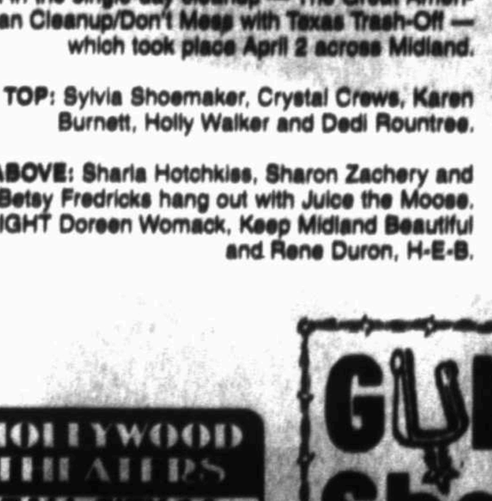
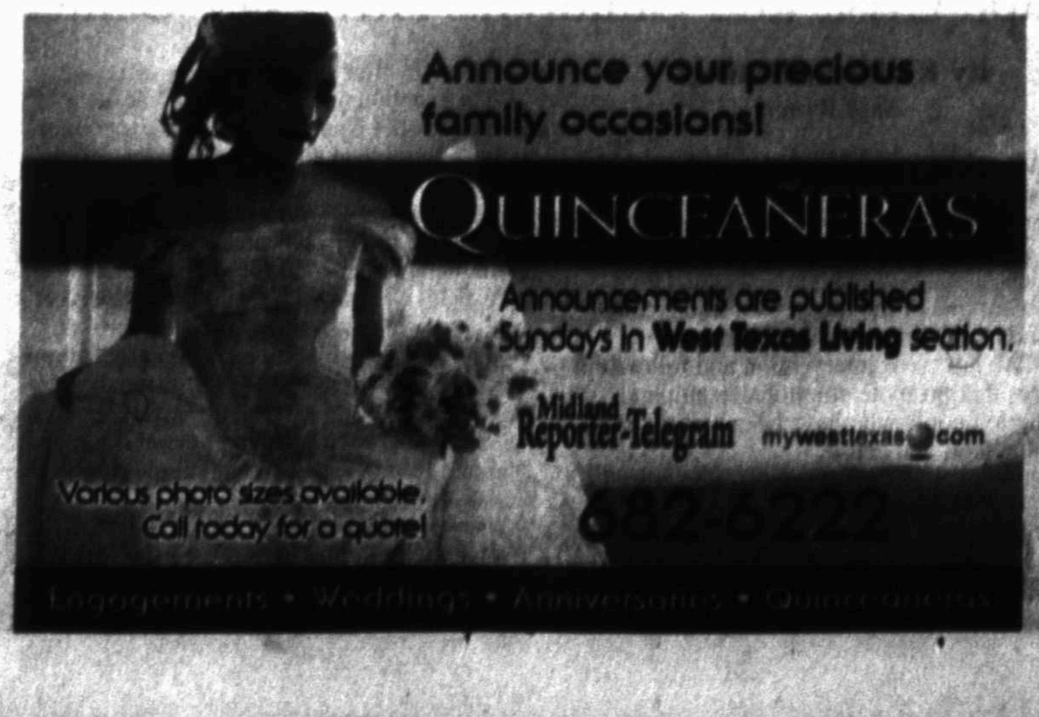




More than 3,000 Midlanders were expected to take part in the single-day cleanup — The Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off — which took place April 2 across Midland.

TOP: Sylvia Shoemaker, Crystal Crews, Karen Burnett, Holly Walker and Dedi Rountree.

ABOVE: Sharla Hotchkiss, Sharon Zachery and Betsy Fredricks hang out with Juice the Moose. RIGHT Doreen Womack, Keep Midland Beautiful and Rene Duron, H-E-B.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McGee-Koehl wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Brittany Koehl and Stephen McGee, who were married March 5 in an evening wedding, with the sun setting through the beautiful stained glass windows at First Baptist Church.

Approximately 1,000 guests watched, as the fathers of the bride and groom, both pastors, shared in officiating the ceremony. The groom's dad, the Rev. Rodney McGee, is a minster in Burnet, and the bride's dad, George Koehl III, is worship and music minister at First Baptist.

Because the groom is a quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, there were a few recognizable faces in the crowd, such as Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett and wide receiver Roy Williams; Jordan Shipley, wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals; and other NFL and college players and coaches.

The wedding party was an "all-star cast," including current and former professional and college football players, professional trainers, competitors in national fitness competitions and pageants like Miss America, entrepreneurs and business professionals.

The reception, which was hosted by the bride's parents, DiAnn and George Koehl, followed at the Museum of the Southwest. Tall burnished iron candelabra, adorned with roses and cascading orchids, covered the guests' tables, both in the Turner Mansion and outside under white tents. The food presentation, including a dramatic cheese and fruit tower, was a conversation piece. Food stations both inside and out offered a variety of foods, including Mexican cuisine. Guests oohed and aahed over the bride's seven-layer cake and the groom's cake, a camouflage design, reflecting his love of hunting, topped with a bride and groom with the groom's rifle and a copy of his hunting dog.

The groom's mother, Susan McGee of San Antonio, his father and stepmother, Rodney and Rosemary McGee of Burnet, hosted the rehearsal dinner at Midland Country Club on the eve of the wedding. The wedding day included a bridal luncheon at the Racquet Club hosted by Angela Spencer, Susan Lucas, Laree Cole and Susan Nichols, while the men participated in a morning skeet shoot followed by lunch at KD's Bar-B-Q.

Brittany is a 2008 graduate of Midland High School, where she was Catoico queen, and also a graduate of Texas A&M University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. The groom played quarterback for Burnet High School and Texas A&M. He has spent the last two seasons with the Cowboys, getting some good playing time near the end of the season.

After a honeymoon to Bora Bora, the couple are now living at Valley Ranch in Irving.

Prenuptial parties included a dessert and display shower in Midland in February hosted by Vicky and Javaid Anwar, Dayna and Dale Beikirch, Nancy and John Bergman, Suzanne and Marty Bloodworth, Megan and Richard Booth, Janna and Crosby Boyd, Michelle and Andy Cobb, Janabeth and David Cook, Kristal and Randy Cotton, Annette and Tim Culp, Nancy and Skeet Doss, Carol and Aaron Dover, Barbara and Darrell Dunton, Lisa and Tim Frosch, Carolyn and Stan Harris, Diana and Steve Jensen, Cathy and David Johnson, Linda and Stan Hamblin, Stacy and Brent Hilliard, Kelly and Todd Hullender, Retha and Jim Hunnicutt, Rhonda Lacy, April Paris, Brenda and David Parker, Shea and Karl Showers, Doris and Don McSparran, Karen and Todd Sparks, Susan and James Upham, Tracye and Mike Vaughan and Charlotte and J.C. Whitaker

Other parties included a Christmas ornament shower hosted by the bride's friends from church choir and Bible study and a girls' weekend in Austin — that included a lingerie shower — hosted by maid of honor Candace Koehl, sister of the bride, and the bridal party.

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Midland Country Club Ladies Association's March luncheon meeting

Carol Roberts-Spence, executive director of the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, was the guest speaker at the Midland Country Club Ladies Association's March luncheon meeting.

She told members about what she describes as her dream job. She used a power point presentation to show the progress being made on the center and to share her plans for its future.

The facility, which is set to open in early 2012 with a gala celebration, will offer a wide variety of events, including touring Broadway shows, symphony, ballet and opera performances, lectures and rock and C&W concerts. The highly popular Broadway musical, "Wicked," already is booked for the summer of 2012, she said.

She said interested persons still may purchase a paver to support the new venue. Personal or business names will be engraved in stone, and the concrete pavers will comprise the walkway in front of the building.

"Hard hat" tours of the center are ongoing, Roberts-Spence said. They take place 4 p.m. Fridays; reservations are necessary. To make reservations, call 552-4430 by the Wednesday before.

Roberts-Spence came to the Permian Basin from El Paso, where she served as director of The University of Texas at El Paso's Office of Special Events. She has been at her new post since March of 2010.

Among the lunchegoers were Emily Goodfellow, Sylvia Roberts, Ricki Perry, Cindy DeShan, Kelli Bettis and Karen Allen.

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KOEHL-MCGEE WEDDING Brittany Koehl and Stephen McGee received one-of-a-kind wedding wishes from Gov. Rick Perry.

Carol Roberts-Spence, left in photo above, director of the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Midland Country Club Ladies Association. With Roberts-Spence are Tina Strickling, center, and Cindy DeShan. LEFT: Others attending the meet ing included Sharla Hefelfinger, left, and Bonnie Hubbard.

BRIDGERESULTS

March 14
Strat A
1. Dorothy Brenneman-Flo Curry
2. Kathryn Martorina-Nunzio Martorina
3. Ann Servatius-Leonora Slusher

Strat B
1. Peggy Cook-Helen South
2. Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt
3. Linda Aaron-Jerry Burchell

March 15
Afternoon
North-South
Strat A
1. Jimmie Penn-Mary Hammond
2. Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites
3. Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt

Strat B
1. Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt
2. Jerry Burchell-Pat Grace
3. Jean Banks-Brenda Brauner

East-West
Strat A
1. Betty Marlow-Bitsy Loewenstein
2. Dixie Gifford-Kathryn Gesell
3. Marlene Blumentritt-Irene Hamm

Strat B
1. Betty Marlow-Bitsy Loewenstein
2. Marlene Blumentritt-Irene Hamm
3. Dorothy Brenneman-Ann Parish

Evening
North-South
1. Kathryn Noble-Nancy Cvik
2. Susie Girard-Fred Girard
East-West
1. Audrey Smith-Lyn Marr
2. Georgia Thomas-Linda Summers

March 16
Strat A
1. Aggie Anguish-Ann Servatius
2. Kathryn Martorina-Nunzio Martorina
3. Roni Oppenheim-Charlie Grimes

Strat B
1. Roni Oppenheim-Charlie Grimes
2. Don Troy Marlene Blumentritt
3. Frances Levin-Gloria Jackson

March 17
North-South
Strat A and B
1. Brenda Brauner-Dorothy Brenneman
2. Paulette Turner-Charlie Grimes
3. Patti Witt-Brenda Leonard
East-West
Strat A
1. Aggie Anguish-Georgia Temple
2. Ann Servatius-Jerry Burchell
3. Belle Harris-Dorothy Baird
Strat B
1. Belle Harris-Dorothy Baird
2. Pat Grace-Marlene Blumentritt
3. Ann Parish-Marty Massie

March 18
Strat A
1. Kathryn Gesell-Mary Hammond
2. Frances Mills-Janet Stoltz
3. Ann Servatius-Wyoma Whitlow

Strat B
1. Kathryn Gesell-Mary Hammond
2. Frances Mills-Janet Stoltz
3. Nancy Liberty-Helen South

March 20
North-South
Strat A
1. Jimmie Penn-Jean Pistole
2. Marlene Blumentritt-Brenda Brauner
3. Carol Hastings-Richard Stein

Strat B
1. Marlene Blumentritt-Brenda Brauner
2. Carol Hastings-Richard Stein
3. Joan LaFond-Betty Baxter

Strat C
1. Carol Hastings-Richard Stein
2. Ann Bailey-Judy Matthews
3. Marilyn Higgins-Patti Witt

East-West
Strat A
1. Kathryn Martorina-Nunzio Martorina
2. Alan Copeland-Betty Dickerson
3. Joy Hardy-Mercedes Barker

Strat B
1. Joy Hardy-Mercedes Barker
2. Jack Rockford-Jean Rockford
3. Marilyn Matthews-Sandy Thomas

March 21
Strat A
1. Flo Curry-Peggy Cook
2. Dorothy Brenneman-Leonora Slusher
3. Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites

Strat B
1. Nancy Cvik-Linda Scarpelli
2/3. Jerry Burchell-Linda Aaron
2/3. Paulette Turner-Marlene Blumentritt

March 22
Afternoon
Strat A and B
1. Debbie Kemp-Vicky Fisher
2. Jerry Burchell-Pat Grace
3. Marilyn Higgins-Gloria Jackson

Evening
NS 1. Amanda Shaw-Audrey Smith
EW 1. Steve Houston-Jane Blackwell

March 23
Strat A
1. Flo Curry-Peggy Cook
2. Marlene Blumentritt-Jerry Burchell
3. Linda Aaron-Marty Massie

Strat B
1. Marlene Blumentritt-Jerry Burchell
2. Linda Aaron-Marty Massie
3. Roni Oppenheim-Charlie Grimes

March 24
Strat A
1. Jean Pistole-Don Troy
2. Paulette Turner-Marilyn Higgins
3. Pat Grace-Marlene Blumentritt

Strat B
1. Paulette Turner-Marilyn Higgins
2. Pat Grace-Marlene Blumentritt
3. Dorothy Brenneman-Brenda Brauner

March 25
Strat A
1. Aggie Anguish-Ricki Perry

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HOME *dedication*

Eric and Sunney Johnson, in photo at left, and their children Ashlynn, from left, Sarah and Bailey, are the latest family to move into a Midland Habitat foir Humanity Home. Among the volunteers who worked on the home were members of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin chapter of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. ABOVE Sunney Johnson addresses the crowd March 28 during the dedication of their home at 1111 W. Dakota Ave. Her family listens, along with the Rev. Tom Finnie of Christ Church Midland and Alynda Best, executive director of Habitat.

BRIDGE

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2/3. Sadie Hudson-Sue Marshall
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Lee doubles partners Michael Endsley, left, and Devin Hampton look to prove last year's early exit in the District 2-5A tennis tournament was a fluke in the District 3-5A tennis tournament which starts today.

Cool demeanor makes Lee doubles team stronger

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Devin Hampton and Michael Endlsey are so laid back that it took Lee tennis coach Jayson Everett nearly a year to understand that their quiet demeanor wasn't a bad trait.

In fact, Everett said, it's a plus for the senior boys doubles team because not showing emotion gives their opponents less chance to figure out how to beat them.

"They are different than any other team I've coached as far as boys doubles goes," Everett said. "They show little to no emotion on the court, and they are almost so laid back it's as if they are just there. But in reality, inside they are very driven. I picked up small pieces of body language to understand where they are at, but they don't give anything away, which is a strength."

What they may lack in outward emotion, though, this pair of Lee seniors are driven to show that losing in the first round of the District 2-5A tennis tournament in 2010 was a fluke.

The two went into last year's tournament in Lubbock with their eye on advancing to the regional tournament, only to be bounced in the opening round by a team from San Angelo Central.

To this day, that loss still sticks with the two, and it even elicits some emotion from both.

The tandem enters today's District 3-5A tournament in San Angelo as the No. 2 seed in boys doubles, and are using last year's disappointment as motivation for this year.

"We are more aggressive, and all of our shots have improved," said Endsley, who will attend Texas A&M next fall and major in mechanical engineering. "We are a lot more consistent, we are smarter and our shot selection is better."

The two have been paired for the last two years and from the beginning the pairing seemed to work. But last season's disappointment ended what was a solid first season for the two.

This season they are seeded again, and learned first hand that a bad matchup could end their season quicker than they want. So they are prepared for anything, and Hampton said the two have been working to hone weak parts of their game with older players.

"At the beginning of the season, our

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DISTRICT 3-5A TENNIS TOURNAMENT

When: Today-Tuesday
Where: San Angelo Central HS tennis courts
Format: Top two in each division advance to regional tournament

Lee Lineup

Boys Singles: Pete Holder, Jr.; Brandon Phillips, Soph.
Girls Singles: Hope Williams, Freshman; Tuesdee Coggan, Jr.
Boys Doubles: Michael Endlsey, Sr.-Devin Hampton, Sr.; Stephen Mangum, Soph.-Paxton Albert, Jr.
Girls Doubles: Jordyn Willis, Jr.-Caity Tarabocchia, Jr.; Megan Presley, Jr.-Caitlin Leary, Jr.
Mixed Doubles: Danielle Rubio, Jr.-Kyle Milne, Jr.; Jose Paz, Jr.-Brandon Holguin, Sr.

Midland High Lineup

Boys Singles: Doug Charuk, Sr.; David Krisa, Sr.
Girls Singles: Hillary Gilland, Sr.; Katie Almaguer, Soph.
Boys Doubles: Jamieson Farquhar-Ty Parkison; Jacob Stump, Soph.-Jerry Rodriguez, Sr.
Girls Doubles: Morgan Kratzer, Soph.-Caroline Smith, Freshman; Carolina Murillo, Soph.-Sophia Ochoa, Soph.
Mixed Doubles: Catherine Hanson, Jr.-Wesley Sparks, Jr.; Frankie Sanchez, Jr.-Taylor Lamb, Jr.

Canham's double keeps RockHounds unbeaten

By Shawn Shroyer
Sports Writer

On Saturday, the Midland RockHounds displayed the ability to come from behind and win in the clutch. On Sunday, RockHounds manager Steve Scarsone joined in, making the right move in extra innings to keep his club unbeaten.

Scarsone went to his bench and called upon Mitch Canham to pinch hit in the 10th inning and Canham delivered a game-winning double in a 6-5 RockHounds victory at Citibank Ballpark. The RockHounds improved to 4-0 with the victory and stayed off a Cardinals (1-3) club that overcame a 5-1 deficit in the ninth inning to force extra innings.

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"Again we showed a lot of character," Scarsone said. "It didn't fall into place like we wanted it to. We missed some opportunities to blow it out in the middle innings. But that was a big pinch hit from Canham. That was asking a lot of him to get a hit off the bench like that."

Stephen Parker led off the bottom of the 10th with a double to the wall in center field to set the table. Jeremy Barfield, who homered in the eighth inning came up next and Cardinals pitcher Ramon Delgado went after him, rather than walking him to create a force at every base.

The strategy worked as Barfield

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David J. Phillip/AP

LOOKS GOOD ON YOU Charl Schwartzel waves while wearing his green jacket Sunday after winning the Masters championship in Augusta, Ga.

Lee boys contenders for 3-5A track title

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

BARNES BURNER Lee's Omar Barnes competes in the 400-meter run on March 5 during the Tall City Invitational at Memorial Stadium.

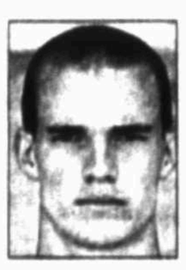
By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

It's a label Lee boys track coach Kenneth Hines is hesitant to accept. But whether he likes it or not, the Rebels head into the District 3-5A Track & Field Championships as a contender for the team title.

And while the squads from Abilene Cooper, Odessa High and San Angelo Central might have something to say about who the true favorite is at the 3-5A meet, at least one of the district's coaches believes Lee is capable of stepping up and bringing the team championship back to Midland.

"I think it's going to be a pretty close district meet, but in my mind

Horton



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I think Lee is probably the favorite," Midland High boys track coach Jeff Streun said. "They've got depth in a lot of events, good hurdlers and good relays."

The District 3-5A meet begins with field events starting at 11 a.m. today with preliminary running events starting at 3:30 p.m. at

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Schwartzel wins the Masters after a wild day

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Charl Schwartzel gave this Masters a finish it deserved.

On an amazing Sunday at Augusta National, where the roars came from everywhere and for everyone and didn't stop until it was over, Schwartzel emerged from the madness by becoming the first Masters champion to close with four straight birdies.

His final putt from 20 feet curled into the side of the cup for a 6-under 66, the best closing round at the Masters in 22 years. It gave the 26-year-old South African a two-shot victory over Australians Adam Scott and Jason Day.

"Just an exciting day," Schwartzel said. "So many roars, and that atmosphere out there was just incredible. A phenomenal day."

Indeed, this final round had it all.

First came a fist-pumping charge by Tiger Woods, who erased a seven-shot deficit in nine holes only to go flat on the back nine. Then came the stunning collapse of 21-year-old Rory McIlroy, who put his name in Masters lore for all the wrong reasons.

Still leading by one shot as he headed to the back nine, McIlroy hit a tee shot next to the cabins left of the 10th fairway and twice hit a tree to make triple bogey. He three-putted

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Lee, MHS girls looking up at 3-5A competition

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

A tight race for the girls team title is expected at the District 3-5A Track & Field Championships over the next two days.

However, neither Lee nor Midland High is expected to be a part of that mix.

And while the Lady Rebels are expecting to get several girls out of the 3-5A meet and into the Region I-5A meet, the same can't be said for Midland High.

Even going back to last season, the Lady Bulldogs have struggled to find the pieces that constitute a complete track team, and it was an issue MHS coach Tim Anuszkiewicz knew he would encounter when he took over the program two years ago.

Senior Lakyn Childress is the only returnee from last year's varsity squad and gives the Lady Dawgs their best chance of a regional qualifier. Childress, however, is making a change in events. After running the 400 meters for most of the season, she's switching to the 100 and 200 meters with her coaching staff believing those events provide Childress with her best shot of qualifying for regionals.

But after Childress it's fair to call the varsity roster thin with sophomore Shawntae Williams being the only other member.

"We've got a really young team this year that we're keeping at the JV level," Anuszkiewicz said.

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CHILDRESS CHARGING Midland High's Lakyn Childress competes in the 400-meter run on March 5 during the Tall City Invitational at Memorial Stadium.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CAPSULES

TAPPS 1-4A TOURNAMENT

When: Today-Tuesday
Where: Rose Park Tennis Center, Abilene
Midland Christian's lineup
Boys Singles: Garrett Nelson, Jr.; Jonathan Dorman, Soph.
Boys Doubles: Austin Rohwer, Jr.-Jacob Bradford, Jr.; Jacob Hamil, Sr.-Dane Buendel, Sr.
Girls Singles: Jules Fletchers, Jr.; Caitlyn Bell, Freshman
Girls Doubles: Caren Vestal, Sr.-Keli Key-Wilson, Sr.; Katie Vaughan, Soph.-Kalinda Wight, Soph.
Mixed Doubles: Austin Berry, Sr.-Cierra Cummings, Jr.; Cole Franks, Freshman-Amber Sosa, Sr.
Notes: The Mustangs enter this week's district tournament with their eye on getting as many players out as possible to compete for team titles at the state tournament in two weeks. Still, though, coach Jon Lanier said he is always a little leary heading into the district tournament because he never really knows who will play for each team. "Lubbock Trinity is a known quantity to us as their No. 1 boys doubles team won district last year," Lanier said. "I'm not real sure of the other teams." Lanier said Arlington Grace Prep will field a team for the first time this season. ... The four in each bracket will qualify for the TAPPS 1-4A state tournament, scheduled for April 26-27 in Waco.

TCAF DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

When: Today
Where: Trinity's Tennis Center
Trinity's lineup
Girls Singles: Meg Cory, Elizabeth Ragsdale
Boys Singles: Nathan Jones, Kevin Cory
Girls Doubles: Tamaeela Gurru-Christelle Reeves; Priyanka Gurru-Diana Nabulsi
Boys Doubles: Vijay Agusala-Jitae Kim; Adam Syed-Zach Lyon
Mixed Doubles: Mallory Hightower-Adam Ball; Christopher Cooper-Elizabeth Midkiff
Notes: The Chargers will take on El Paso Immanuel in the tournament today as they are looking at sending a large contingent to the TCAF state tournament in Fort Worth in a few weeks.

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volleys weren't amazing," said Hampton, who will go to Young Harris College in Georgia. "We've played with guys who are out of college and are big hitters, and that's helped us."

The pair, though, will have to navigate another tough boys doubles field in District 3-5A. Of all the divisions in the district, boys doubles has typically been the deepest, and Everett said there are six teams that can legitimately win this week.

Everett said, though, that Endsley and Hampton know that they can't take any opponent for granted and must start fast and stay hot through the tournament.

"Physically speaking, they are the most talented team in the district," Everett said. "These guys are going to have to play a full tournament because boys doubles is very deep. From their standpoint, and from anyone else's standpoint, you've got to come out swinging because the hot team is going to win the tournament."

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3-5A TENNIS TOURNAMENT NOTES

MHS BOYS TOP SEEDS: Midland High boys singles players Doug Charuk and David Krisa will be the top two seeds in this week's tournament. Charuk, who played doubles in 2010 at the 2-5A tournament, will be the tournament's No. 1 seed and Krisa will be the No. 2 seed.

"They have a very good shot (at going to regionals)," Midland High coach Alan Biel said. "The seeding shows they are favorites, but anything can happen in district."

Also seeded for Midland High is the boys doubles team of Jamieson Farquhar and Ty Parkison, who are fourth, and girls singles player Hillary Gilland, who is No. 2

ABILENE IS BACK: The tennis teams in the Tall City may be happier with the smaller District 3-5A compared o the 10-team District 2-5A, but it doesn't mean that the tournament will get any easier. Stalwarts such as Lubbock Coronado and Amarillo Tascosa may be gone, but returning is long-time nemesis teams Abilene High and Abilene Cooper.

District 3-5A Tournament
Monday-Tuesday at San Angelo Central
(Seeds in parentheses)
BOYS
Singles
Doug Charuk (1), Midland High, bye
Justin Fry, Abilene High vs. Logan Gibbs, San Angelo Central
Andrew Crain, Odessa Permian vs. Clayton Pope, Abilene Cooper
Brandon Phillips, Lee vs. Ryan Dubois (3), Odessa High
Bryant Beckham (4), Abilene High vs. Josh Ramirez, San Angelo Central
Adrian Sandoval, Odessa High vs. Ryan Abbott, Abilene Cooper
Pete Hulder, Lee vs. Zach Powell, Odessa Permian
David Krisa (2), Midland High, bye
Doubles
Preston Gideon-Nick Mast (1), San Angelo Central, bye
Tyler Beckley-Jake Sellers, Odessa Permian vs. J.T. Thomas-Collin Grover, Abilene High
Jordan Wilson-Ryan Morton, Odessa High vs. Stephen Margrum-Peyton Albert, Lee
Jacob Stump-Jerry Rodriguez, Midland High vs. Coleton Espinoza-Dustin Douglas (3), Abilene Cooper
Jamieson Farquhar-Ty Parkison (4), Midland High vs. Caleb Robertson-Harrison Graham, Abilene High
Brady Blau-Austin Tacker, Odessa High vs. Jason Ligon-Parker Wills, Abilene Cooper
Gavin Juarez-Reid Franklin, San Angelo Central vs. Manuel John Rosero-John Manuel Rosero, Odessa Permian
Michael Endsley-Devin Hampton (2), Lee bye

GIRLS
Singles
Erin Walker (1), Abilene High, bye
Taeadea Coggan, Lee vs. Sara Simons, Abilene Cooper
Katie Almaguer, Midland High vs. Natalie Nehls, San Angelo Central
Yoana Navarrete, Odessa High vs. Jamika Mildort (4), Odessa Permian
Emily Funk (3), Abilene High vs. Hope Williams, Lee
Mackenzie Freeman, Odessa Permian vs. Cheyenne Duncan, San Angelo Central
Brittony Wallace, Abilene Cooper vs. Shaniece Ledhess, Odessa High
Hillary Gilland (2), Midland High, bye
Doubles
Jaime Lee Denton-Katy Collins (1), San Angelo Central, bye
Jordyn Wilks-Kaite Tarabocchia, Lee vs. Lexi Valenzuela-Mikaela Jones, Odessa High
Kristine Stephenson-Claire Taylor, Abilene High vs. Caroline Murillo-Sonia Ochoa, Midland High
Angie Brokaw-Kelsey Haynes, Odessa Permian vs. Darla Lemieux-Shayna Cook (4), Abilene Cooper
Megan Taubert-Caroline Morris (3), Abilene High vs. Morgan Kratzer-Caroline Smith, Midland High
Jalili Bravo-Alejandra Pineda, San Angelo Central vs. Lucy Baiza-Sonia Del Hierro, Abilene Cooper
Emily Ornes-Lexi Gramelspacher, Odessa High vs. Morgan Priestley-Kaitlyn Leary, Lee
Charlotte Dawson-Carrie Lassiter (2), Odessa Permian, bye

MIXED DOUBLES
Jared Johnson-Claire Williams (1), San Angelo Central, bye
Casette Ornelas-Gabriel Chavez, Odessa High vs. Josie Pei-Brandon Holguin, Lee
John Durell-Leanna Haynes, Odessa Permian vs. Wesley Sparks-Kathryn Hanson, Midland High
Andrew Clem-Kayla Holloway, Abilene Cooper vs. Brandon McCarty-Marisa Cubbrill (4), Abilene High
Austin Horn-Jonea Bradshaw (3), Odessa Permian vs. Katie Watts-Taylor Gregory, Odessa High
Kate Lemasters-Antonio Rodriguez, Abilene High vs. Khynise Davis-Shelby Thompson, Abilene Cooper
Frankie Sanchez-Taylor Lamb, Midland High vs. Kyle Milne-Danielle Rubio, Lee
Erin Bynum-Steven Baker (2), San Angelo Central, bye

DISTRICT 3-5A GIRLS GOLF TOUR

DISTRICT 3-5A GIRLS GOLF TOUR

What: Round 4
When: Today
Where: Maxwell Golf Course, Abilene
Notes: San Angelo Central and Odessa Permian need to avoid major meltdowns to qualify for the regional tournament during today's round. The Lady Bobcats are a 1,031 through the first round and are eight strokes ahead of the second-place Lady Panthers and 42 strokes ahead of third place Midland High. ... The Lady Bulldogs shot their best round of the tournament with a 330 last week in Odessa, and Shelby Jones also vaulted herself back in the hunt for an individual berth in the regional tournament. Jones shot a 75 and is in fourth place overall, three strokes ahead of Abilene High's Mackenzie Curnutt. ... Lee's Libby Thomas shot her best round of the tournament in Odessa with a 2-over 74 and has a three stroke lead on San Angelo Central's Kamryn Cummings.

After Round 3
At Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Team standings: 1. San Angelo Central 355-359-317—1,031. 2. Permian 370-348-320—1,039. 3. Midland High 383-360-330—1,073. 4. Odessa High 382-361-333—1,076. 5. Abilene High 397-360-355—1,112. 6. Abilene Cooper 399-371-355—1,125. 7. Lee 407-381-352—1,140. 8. Permian II 438-427-370—1,235. 9. San Angelo Central II 439-431-394—1,264. 10. Midland High II 434-435-404—1,273. 11. Abilene Cooper 476-424—1,289. 12. Odessa High II 467-442-402—1,311. 13. Lee II 501-456-415—1,372

Medalist standings: 1. Libby Thomas, Lee, 80-79-74—233. 2. Kamryn Cummings, San Angelo Central, 76-85-75—236. 3. Christian Garcia, San Angelo Central, 86-82-75—244. 4. Shelby Jones, Midland High, 89-85-75—249. 5. Mackenzie Curnutt, Abilene High, 89-79-84—252. 6 (tie) Randi Hanfeld, Permian, 92-86-80—258, and Macee Law, Permian, 90-83-85—258, and Lauren Langford, Abilene High, 86-87-85—258. 9. Jaclyn Granado, San Angelo Central, 89-89-81—259. 10. Brittani Law, Permian, 91-92-78—261

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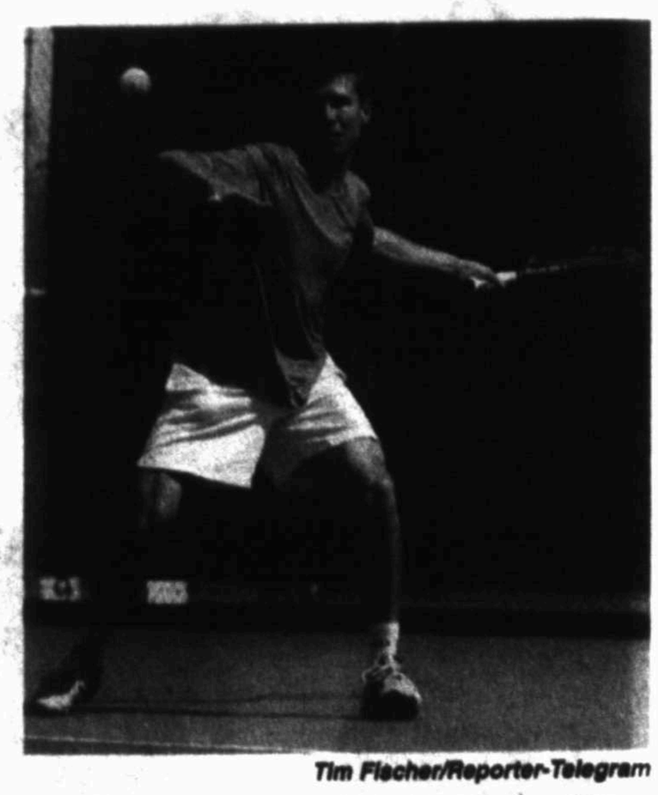

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ON RETURN Michael Ryderstedt looks to return a shot Saturday against Gary Sacks in The Racquet Club Invitational.

Ryderstedt takes Racquet Club Invitational title

Evan Jansa
MRT Correspondent

Behind a barrage of bludgeoning winners, Michael Ryderstedt was left feeling blissful as champion of The Racquet Club Invitational.

No. 2 Ryderstedt defeated No. 1 Lester Cook, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, to claim the title for the first time. Last year, the Stockholm, Sweden native lost in the semifinals, making his triumph in the final even more meaningful.

"I was just happy to be back," Ryderstedt said. "And then to win the title is a great feeling. I've had a great time here, and it's obviously a great bonus to win the tournament on top of that."

After dropping the first set, Ryderstedt didn't panic. Cook broke Ryderstedt's serve to take a 5-3 lead in the set, fighting his way out of a 40-0 hole in the game. Ryderstedt said the fact that he was broken in that fashion was reassuring for him.

"Honestly, I think I played well the whole match," Ryderstedt said. "He just played some great points to break me that game. I just felt confident that I was having a good day and playing well."

Only four of Ryderstedt's 25 winners came in the first set. He notched his first of the second set on the second point. From then on, he was in total control, honing an aggressive style, something Cook said is tough to play against.

"It's aggravating because he wasn't doing it in the first set," Cook, who won the tournament in 2007, said. "Then he started going for it and they started going in. You can tell there is some sort of desperation in it."

Desperate or not, it was both functional and effective for Ryderstedt who said his change in style was a result of the natural progression of the match and moving his feet well.

Ryderstedt finished the second set strong, painting the outside of the service box, preventing Cook from returning it back over the net. Throughout the match, the No. 315-ranked player in world varied the spin, speed, and location of his serve and wasn't broken after the first set.

Meanwhile, No. 239 Cook struggled with his serve. In the opening game of the decisive set, Ryderstedt broke Cook and hit three of his 14 third-set winners in the game.

"All I wanted to do was start off the set good, get a hold, and keep the match close," Cook said. "I thought maybe under pressure he wouldn't hit those shots but he was just too good. There was not much I could do."

With a 2-1 lead in the set, Ryderstedt's first serve of the game was called out by Cook. Standing in disbelief of a serve he thought was clearly in, Ryderstedt said he thought, "Let's go," to himself.

There was a palpable heightening of intensity from Ryderstedt, who won four consecutive points and broke Cook in the ensuing game.

"At that point, I was really in the zone," Ryderstedt said. "I felt it was going to be very tough for him to get back but it's not over till you shake hands."

Cook fought off three match points down 5-1 to hold, but as he said, Ryderstedt's aggressive style and overwhelming winners were too good.

"He started going for broke and it worked," Cook said. "It's pretty unfortunate, but it happens."

Midland's Zach Sivalls teamed up with Jackson Withrow to win the Pro-Am doubles title. Withrow is the No. 3-ranked junior player in the country and a Texas A&M commit. Sivalls said the opportunity to play with him was a great experience.

Sunday's Results
Singles Final
Michael Ryderstedt, Sweden def. Lester Cook, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
Doubles Final
Zach Sivalls-Jackson Withrow def. Pawe Piench-Lachlan Ferguson, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3

ROCKHOUNDS

From 1C

popped out to second to bring up Matt Sulentic. This time, though, Delgado elected to issue a free pass considering Sulentic was 4 for 4 in the game with a double. Catcher Petey Paramore was due up next, but with a left-handed option in Canham, who could also play catcher, to face the right-handed Delgado, Scarsone made the switch. It was a move Canham didn't expect entering the inning.

"No. 1 just kind of try to stay loose the whole game," Canham said. "You never know when a situation will present itself."

Canham worked a 1-1 count and slashed the next one he saw to deep right field, just over the outstretched arm of Cardinals right fielder Alex Castellanos. Parker scored with ease from second to end the game.

"He's a sidearm, three-quarters kind of pitcher and I was really just looking for something to drive into the gaps," Canham said. "I just tried to relax and even though the team needed me to come through, I went up relaxed."

Extra innings didn't seem possible through the first six innings, though. At that point, RockHound starting pitcher Shawn Haviland was working on a no-hit bid.

But Ryan Jackson led off the seventh for the Cardinals with a base hit to right for the first hit off Haviland. He then became the first run off Haviland, scoring on a triple by the next batter, Tyler Henley. But Haviland retired the next three hitters — thanks in part to a diving catch on a line drive from shortstop Grant Green — to end the inning and strand Henley.

The RockHounds stranded twice as many runners as the Cardinals, though, which came back to haunt them when the Cardinals scored four runs in the ninth off RockHounds relievers Neil Wagner and Trey Barham. It was the first time in 13 appearances Wagner had allowed a run.

But all of the RockHounds' woes were erased by Scarsone's gut feeling in the 10th.

"(Canham) was my only lefty and it allowed me to make a one-player switch with him being able to play catcher," Scarsone said. "It felt right and I went with it."

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NOTEBOOK
ROCKHOUNDS BITES: RockHounds pitcher Shawn Haviland was impressive on Sunday, taking a no-hitter into the seventh and holding the Cardinals to one run on two hits in seven innings. Of the 21 outs he recorded, only three were ground ball outs and one of those was a fielder's choice on a shallow pop-up to the outfield. Pitch count restrictions kept Haviland from going deeper in the game. "It would have been nice to have that happen later in the year so he could have went longer," RockHounds manager Steve Scarsone said. "He's more of a strikeout pitcher. He's been tops in the league in strikeouts. He was getting late movement, getting contact off the handle and getting a lot of weak pop-ups and fly balls." ... Designated hitter Matt Sulentic had his best game of the young season, going 4 for 4 with an RBI double, a run scored and an intentional walk. "He's been working extremely hard," Scarsone said. "Each at bat he's getting a little better, his hits just weren't falling. They're going to come in bunches as he relaxes."

TODAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS: Springfield Cardinals — Michael Blazek (RHP, 0-0, 0.00); Midland RockHounds — Ethan Hollingsworth (RHP, 0-0, 0.00)

TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
NW Arkansas	3	1	.750	—
Tulsa	3	1	.750	—
Springfield	2	2	.500	1
Arkansas	0	4	.000	3

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	4	0	1.000	—
Frisco	3	1	.750	1
Corpus Christi	1	3	.250	3
San Antonio	1	3	.250	3

Sunday's Games
NW Arkansas 3, Corpus Christi 2, 14 innings
Tulsa 7, San Antonio 5
Midland 6, Springfield 5, 10 innings
Frisco 11, Arkansas 4
Today's Games
San Antonio at Tulsa, 10:05 a.m.
Springfield at Midland, 6:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Corpus Christi at NW Arkansas, 7 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, CARDINALS 5, 10 INNINGS

Springfield	ab	r	h	bi
Pham, cf	4	1	1	0
Jackson, ss	5	2	2	0
Henley, lf	4	1	2	2
Luna, ph-lf	2	0	0	0
Hill, dh	5	0	0	0
Castellanos, rf	4	1	1	1
Adams, 1b	4	0	1	2
Vasquez, 3b	4	0	0	0
Nick Derba, c	3	0	1	0
Garcia, 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	37	5	8	5

Springfield	000	000	104	0—5
Midland	100	100	010	1—6

DP — Springfield 2, Midland 1. LOB — Springfield 5, Midland 10. 2B — Adams (1), Bona (2), Pearson (3), Sulentic (1), Parker (3), Canham (1). 3B — Henley (1), Mitchell (2). HR — Barfield (1).

Springfield	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hooker	4.1	7	2	2	1	1
Kulik	1.2	2	2	2	2	1
Prevert	2	2	1	1	0	1
Delgado L, 0-1	1.1	3	1	1	1	0
Midland						
Haviland	7	2	1	1	1	4
Storey	1	2	1	1	0	1
Wagner	1.2	4	3	3	1	2
Barham W, 1-0	0.1	0	0	0	1	0

Storey pitched to 1 batters in the 9th.
HBP — by Delgado (Pearson). BK — by Delgado (Sulentic). WP — Kulik, Prevert, Barham.
T — 3:10. A — 3,529

Midland High grad Nix hits 3-run homer in Nats win

Nix

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the 11th inning and the Washington Nationals rallied late to beat the Mets.

Laynce Nix followed with a three-run homer off Blaine Boyer (0-2), the Mets' fifth reliever.

Rodriguez's hit got past second baseman Daniel Murphy, who pinch hit for Brad Emaus in the ninth after the Mets' bullpen blew a 3-1 lead in the eighth.

Right fielder Lucas Duda, whose misplay of a flyball in the eighth led to the tying runs, scooped up the ball, but his throw to the plate was inaccurate and pinch-runner Wilson Ramos scored easily.

Drew Storen (1-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for Washington

The Mets wasted another fine start by Chris Young, who allowed one run and one hit in seven innings.

TEXAS MLB ROUNDUP

RANGERS 3, ORIOLES 0: At Baltimore, Derek Holland allowed five hits over six innings, Adrian Beltre and Ian Kinsler homered, and Texas topped Baltimore to win its third consecutive series.

The Rangers took two of three from the Orioles and improved to 6-1, matching the best start in franchise history (1989). The only other seasons in which Texas opened with more than two successive series wins were 1989 (five straight) and 1993 (four).

Holland (2-0) struck out six, walked two and hit a batter with a pitch. The left-hander had only one perfect inning, but he never failed to get the outs he needed.

Neftali Feliz got four outs for his third save.

ASTROS 7, MARLINS 1: At Houston, J.A. Happ pitched four-hit ball into the eighth inning and drove in two runs with a double for the Astros.

Hunter Pence, Carlos Lee and Matt Downs also knocked in runs for the Astros, who finished with a season-high 16 hits, six for extra bases.

Happ (1-1) allowed four hits in 7 2-3 innings, only two after the Marlins took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. He put Houston ahead to stay in the fourth with a two-run double off Florida starter Anibal Sanchez (0-1).

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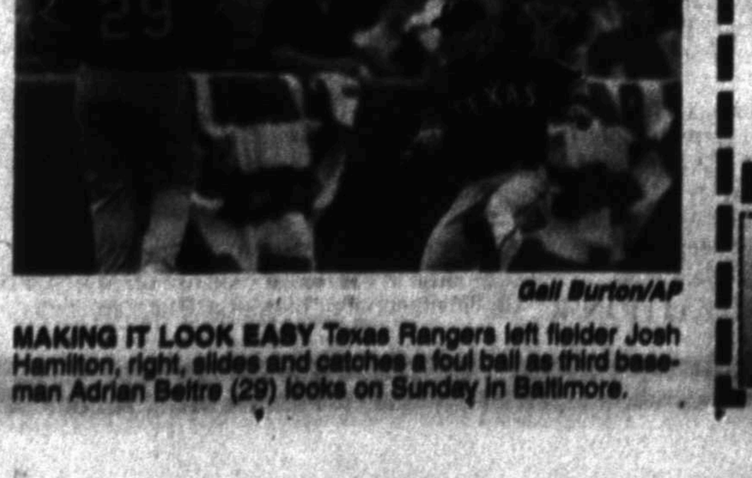

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MAKING IT LOOK EASY Texas Rangers left fielder Josh Hamilton, right, slides and catches a foul ball as third baseman Adrian Beltre (29) looks on Sunday in Baltimore.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Philadelphia	82	47	23	12	106	259	223
x-Pittsburgh	82	49	25	8	106	238	199
x-N.Y. Rangers	82	44	32	6	94	233	198
New Jersey	82	38	30	14	90	211	204
N.Y. Islanders	82	30	39	13	73	229	264

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	82	46	25	11	103	246	195
x-Montreal	82	44	30	8	96	216	209
x-Buffalo	82	43	29	10	96	248	229
Toronto	82	37	34	11	85	218	251
Ottawa	82	32	40	10	74	192	250

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Washington	82	48	23	11	107	224	197
x-Tampa Bay	82	46	25	11	103	247	240
Carolina	82	40	31	11	91	236	239
Atlanta	82	34	36	12	80	223	269
Florida	82	30	40	12	72	190	229

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Detroit	82	47	25	10	104	261	241
x-Nashville	82	44	27	11	99	219	194
x-Chicago	82	44	29	9	97	258	225
St. Louis	82	38	33	11	87	240	234
Columbus	82	34	35	13	81	215	258

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	82	54	19	9	117	262	185
Calgary	82	41	29	12	94	250	237
Minnesota	82	39	35	8	86	206	233
Colorado	82	30	44	8	68	227	288
Edmonton	82	25	45	12	62	193	269

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-San Jose	82	48	25	9	105	248	213
x-Anaheim	82	47	30	5	99	239	235
x-Phoenix	82	43	26	13	99	231	226
x-Los Angeles	82	46	30	6	98	240	198
Dallas	82	42	29	11	95	227	233

NOTE Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 4, Chicago 3
New Jersey 3, Boston 2
Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 2
Colorado 4, Edmonton 3, OT
Minnesota 5, Dallas 3

END OF REGULAR SEASON

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

WILD 5, STARS 3

Dallas	2	1	0	—	3
Minnesota	1	2	2	—	5

First Period—1, Minnesota, Staubitz 4 (Burns, McMillan), 6:25. 2, Dallas, Richards 26 (Eriksson, Benn), 12:28. 3, Dallas, Morrow 33 (Eriksson, Goligoski), 16:07. (pp)

Second Period—4, Minnesota, Spurgeon 4 (Brunette, Koivu), 7:19 (pp). 5, Minnesota, Gilles 1 (Brodziak, Kobasew), 11:53. 6, Dallas, Seguin 14 (Eriksson, Richards), 18:17 (pp).

Third Period—7, Minnesota, Miettinen 16 (Brunette, Koivu), 6:47. 8, Minnesota, Bouchard 12 (Cullen, Zanon), 19:47 (en).

Shots on Goal—Dallas 15-3-11—29. Minnesota 9-8-6—23.

Power-play opportunities—Dallas 2 of 5. Minnesota 1 of 2.

Goalies—Dallas, Lehtonen 34-24-11 (22 shots-18 saves). Minnesota, Theodore 15-11-3 (29-26).

A—18,504 (18,064).T—2:19.

AVALANCHE 4, OILERS 3

Edmonton	1	2	0	0	—	3
Colorado	1	2	1	0	—	4

First Period—1, Edmonton, Hartikainen 3 (Omark, Foster), 1:26 (pp). 2, Colorado, O'Reilly 13 (O'Jones, Wilkie), 4:24. 3, Colorado, Dupuis 6, 5:14.

Second Period—4, Edmonton, Foster 8 (Pisani, Omark), 5:08 (pp). 5, Edmonton, Reddox 1 (O'Marra), 12:28.

Third Period—6, Colorado, Hejduk 22 (Duchene, D.Jones), 10:37.

Overtime—7, Colorado, D.Jones 27 (Duchene, Hejduk), 3:57. (pp)

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 6-10-9-1—26. Colorado 12-4-4-5—25.

Goalies—Edmonton, Khabibulin. Colorado, Budaj. A—17,166. T—2:27.

PENGUINS 5, THRASHERS 2

Pittsburgh	0	0	4	1	—	5
Atlanta	1	1	0	0	—	2

First Period—1, Atlanta, Ladd 29 (Little, Antropov), 4:07 (pp).

Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 21 (Niskanen, Lovejoy), 6:25 (pp). 3, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 17 (Talbot, Lovejoy), 7:55. 4, Pittsburgh, Rupp 9 (Godard, Lovejoy), 15:27. 5, Pittsburgh, Letestu 14 (Tangradi, Kovalev), 18:14.

Third Period—6, Atlanta, Stapleton 5 (Antropov, Hainsey), 13:15 (pp). 7, Pittsburgh, Comrie 1 (Dupuis, Niskanen), 18:32 (en).

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 9-8-13—30. Atlanta 12-11-16—39.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 3. Atlanta 2 of 5.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, B.Johnson 13-5-3 (39 shots-37 saves). Atlanta, Mason 13-13-3 (19-15).

A—18,085. (18,545).T—2:20.

DEVILS 3, BRUINS 2

Boston	1	0	1	—	2
New Jersey	1	0	2	—	3

First Period—1, New Jersey, Elias 21 (Rolston, Tallinder), 1:47. 2, Boston, Peverley 18 (Ryder, Ference), 10:04.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, New Jersey, Zharkov 2 (Salmela), 4:00. 4, New Jersey, Urbom 1 (Josefson, Carkner), 9:10. 5, Boston, C.Kelly 14 (Seidenberg, Boychuk), 19:56.

Shots on Goal—Boston 11-11-4—26. New Jersey 14-10-8—32.

Power-play opportunities—Boston 0 of 2. New Jersey 0 of 1.

Goalies—Boston, Rask 11-14-2 (32 shots-29 saves). New Jersey, Helenius 15-12-2 (26-24).

A—17,625 (17,625).T—2:10.

RED WINGS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

Detroit	0	0	0	—	0
Chicago	0	1	2	—	3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Chicago, Pirois 11 (Kane), 5:18. 2, Detroit, Holmstrom 18, 6:56. 3, Detroit, Datsyuk 23 (Cleary, Bertuzzi), 7:56.

Third Period—4, Detroit, Miller 10 (Filppula, Hudler), 1:56. 5, Chicago, Sharp 6 (Hjalmarsson, Stalberg), 4:07. 6, Detroit, Cleary 26 (Bertuzzi, Stuart), 8:11. 7, Chicago, Keith 7 (Sharp, Hossa), 11:22.

Shots on Goal—Detroit 10-12-9—31. Chicago 10-9-17—36.

Goalies—Detroit, Howard. Chicago, Crawford. A—22,046 (19,717).T—2:23.

National Hockey League
Daily Playoff Glance
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
Wednesday's Games

Phoenix at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Phoenix at Detroit, Noon
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 7 p.m.

CHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Turner Conference
Rapid City vs. Fort Wayne
Friday, April 15: Fort Wayne at Rapid City, 8:05 p.m.
Saturday, April 16: Fort Wayne at Rapid City, 8:05 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20: Rapid City at Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: Rapid City at Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 24: Fort Wayne at Rapid City, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Missouri
Friday, April 15: Missouri at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
Saturday, April 16: Missouri at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: Colorado at Missouri, 7:05 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 21: Colorado at Missouri, 7:05 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 23: Missouri at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.
Berry Conference
Allen vs. Odessa
Thursday, April 14: Odessa at Allen, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 17: Odessa at Allen, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: Allen at Odessa, 7:05 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 21: Allen at Odessa, 7:05 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: Odessa at Allen, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa vs. Brooks-Shreveport
Friday, April 15: Tulsa at Brooks-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, April 16: Tulsa at Brooks-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: Brooks-Shreveport at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 21: Brooks-Shreveport at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 23: Tulsa at Brooks-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.

AL Boxes

RANGERS 3, ORIOLES 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	1	2	2	B.Roberts 2b	5	0	1	0
M.Young dh	3	0	1	0	Markks rf	5	0	1	0
Hamilton lf	4	0	1	0	Q.Lee 1b	5	0	1	0
A.Beltre 3b	4	1	1	1	Guerrr dh	4	0	2	0
N.Cruz rf	4	0	0	0	McRynni 3b	2	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	4	0	1	0	AdJons cf	3	0	0	0
Torreal c	4	1	1	0	Pdsn lf	3	0	0	0
ABlanc ss	2	0	0	0	Scott ph	1	0	0	0
Borbon cf	4	0	0	0	Clzturs ss	0	0	0	0
					Weters c	3	0	0	0
					Andino ss-3b	3	0	0	0
					Pie ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	33	3	7	3	Totals	33	0	6	0

	000	100	200	—	3
Baltimore	000	000	000	—	0

E—Mar.Reynolds. (2). DP—Baltimore 1. LOB—Texas 6, Baltimore 11. 2B—D.Lee (1). Guerrero (1). HR—Kinsler (4), A.Beltre (3). SB—A.Blanco.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Holland W,2-0	6	5	0	0	2	6
Oliver	1	0	0	0	0	0
O'Day	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Feliz S,3-3	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
Guthrie L,1-1	6	4	1	1	1	1
Ji.Johnson	1	2	2	2	0	0
M.Gonzalez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregg	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Holland (Mar.Reynolds). WP—Ji.Johnson.

T—2:42. A—21,452 (45,438).

INDIANS 6, MARINERS 4

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Brantly cf	5	1	1	1	Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0
ACarer ss	5	1	3	2	Figgins 3b	3	1	0	0
Choo rf	4	1	2	0	AKndy 2b	4	0	1	0
CSantn dh	4	1	0	0	Cust dh	3	1	0	0
Duncan lf	4	0	1	1	Smoak 1b	3	1	0	1
Kearns lf	0	0	0	0	Lngrhn cf	4	1	1	2
OCarer 2b	4	0	2	0	JRdrgz ss	4	0	0	0
LaPort 1b	4	0	0	0	MSndrs lf	2	1	1	1
Hannhn 3b	4	1	1	1	CGmnz c	3	0	1	0
Marson c	3	1	1	0					
Totals	37	6	11	5	Totals	30	4	5	4

Cleveland	221	100	000	—	6
Seattle	000	100	300	—	4

E—I.Suzuki (2). DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Cleveland 5, Seattle 3. 2B—Brantley (3), Duncan (2), O.Cabrera (1), Marson (2). HR—A.Carrera (3), Hannahan (2), Langerhans (2), M.Saunders (1). SF—Smoak.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tomlin W,2-0	6 2-3	3	1	1	3	4
Durbin	0	2	1	1	0	0
R.Perez	1	3	0	0	0	0
Sipp	1	0	0	0	0	1
C.Perez S,4-4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Beavan L,0-2	4 1-3	6	6	6	1	6
Pauley	3	0	0	0	0	3
Wright	1	1	0	0	0	2
League	1	1	0	0	0	1

Durbin pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
WP—Beavan 2, Wright.
T—2:48. A—21,128 (47,878).

ANGELS 3, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
RDavis cf	2	0	0	0	Bourjos cf	4	1	2	0
JMcDnl 3b	3	0	1	0	HKndrc 2b	2	1	0	0
Encrnc rf	3	0	0	0	Abreu rf	4	1	2	0
Bautist rf	1	0	0	0	Trmnsn dh	4	0	1	0
Lind 1b	4	0	0	0	V.Wells lf	4	0	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0	Callasp 3b	3	1	1	0
JRiver ph	1	0	0	0	Napoli 1b	3	0	0	1
Snider lf-cf	4	0	1	0	BoWlsn c	3	0	0	0
J.Nva 3b-lf	4	0	0	0	B.Wood ss	3	0	1	0
Thole c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	30	1	4	1	Totals	30	3	6	3

Toronto	000	001	000	—	1
Los Angeles	100	200	00x	—	3

E—R.Davis (1). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 6, Los Angeles 7. 2B—J.McDnl (3), 3B—Bourjos (1).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jo.Reyes L,0-1	7	6	3	1	1	6
Purcey	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Richmond	1	3	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Weaver W,3-0	7 2-3	4	1	1	4	11
Takahashi	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney S,2-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Jo. Reyes (H.Kendrick). T—2:48. A—43,525 (45,389).

ATHLETICS 5, TWINS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
DeJesus cf	4	0	2	0	Span cf	4	1	1	0
Barton 1b	5	0	1	0	Mauer c	4	1	1	0
Wnghf lf	4	0	1	1	Morlnd 1b	4	0	1	0
Matsui dh	4	2	2	1	Thome dh	4	1	2	1
Sweeny rf	3	1	1	0	DHong rf	4	0	1	0
M.Ellis 2b	3	1	1	0	Kuber rf	0	0	0	0
Kzmnff 3b	2	0	0	1	Cuddyr 2b	4	0	2	0
Powell c	3	0	2	1	Valanc 3b	4	0	2	0
Pnngtn ss	3	0	0	0	ACasill ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	9	3	Totals	34	3	10	3

Oakland	000	000	104	000	—	5
Minnesota	000	000	030	—	—	3

DP—Oakland 1, Minnesota 1. LOB—Oakland 7, Minnesota 5. 2B—Sweeney (1), Powell (1), Mauer (1), Morneau (3), Kuber (2). HR—Wnghf (2), Matsui (1), Thome (2). SB—Kzmnff (1). CS—DeJesus (1), Willingham (1). S—A.Casilla. SF—Kzmnff, Pennington.

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
McCarthy W,1-0	7 1-3	9	2	2	0	5
Fuentes	1	0	0	0	0	0
Balfour H,2-1,3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fuentes S,3-3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
S.Baker L,0-2	5	7	4	4	2	5
Manship	1-3	1	1	1	1	0
Perkins	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	0
R.Burnett	1	1	0	0	0	1
Mijares	1	1	0	0	0	1

S.Baker pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Al.Burnett (Kouzmanoff). WP—S.Baker.

T—2:50. A—38,484 (39,500).

WHITE SOX 6, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Fuld lf	4	0	1	0	Pierre lf	4	0	1	0
Damon dh	4	0	1	0	Bckhm 2b	4	1	1	1
Bupton cf	3	0	0	0	Rios cf	3	1	1	0
Cuthnn 1b	4	0	0	0	Konerk 1b	3	2	2	2
Zobrist 2b	4	0	0	0	Quentin rf	4	0	0	0
Joyce rf	3	0	2	0	Przyns c	4	0	1	1
BFrncs 3b	3	0	0	0	Vizquel ss	3	0	0	0
Shppch c	3	0	0	0	Teahen ph	1	0	0	0
Brignc ss	3	0	0	0	Morel 3b	3	1	1	1
Totals	31	1	4	0	Totals	31	6	7	5

Tampa Bay	000	001	000	—	1
Chicago	221	010	00x	—	6

E—Fuld (1), Floyd (1). LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 3. 2B—Fuld (2), Joyce (2), Morel (3). HR—Beckham (2), Konerko 2 (3). SB—Joyce (1). CS—Pierre (1), Rios (1).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Niemann L,0-2	2 2-3	5	5	3	2	1
Sonnanstine	5 1-3	3	1	1	0	2
Chicago						
Floyd W,1-0	6	4	1	0	1	8
T.Pena	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:08. A—23,436 (40,615).

ROYALS 9, TIGERS 5

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Getz 2b	3	1	1	2	Ajckson lf	4	0	0	0
McCarth cf	6	1	2	0	Rhyms 2b	4	0	1	0
Butler dh	4	1	1	1	Boesch rf	4	1	1	0
Butler 1b	4	0	1	0	MCarrr 1b	4	2	2	2
Kaaihu dh	4	1	1	1	VMrtnz dh	4	0	1	0
Francr ss	5	2	2	1	Raburn lf	1	0	0	0
Gordon lf	5	2	2	4	JhPerlt ss	4	0	0	0
Treanor c	4	1	1	0	Avila c	4	0	1	0
AEscor ss	4	0	2	0	Inge 3b	4	0	0	0
Totals	40	9	15	8	Totals	36	5	10	5

Kansas City	002	120	211	—	9
Detroit	001	001	201	—	5

E—Treanor (1), Inge (2), Raburn (1). Schierholtz (1), Porcello (1). DP—Kansas City 2. LOB—Kansas City 11, Detroit 4. 2B—McCarthy (2), Butler (1), Betemit (2), A.Escobar (2), Peralta (3), Ja.Francoeur (1). HR—M.Cabrera (4), Jh.Peralta (1), Avila (3). SB—Betemit (2), Sf.Getz (2), Ka.Aybar, Raburn. (2)

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chenowth W,1-1	7	5	4	3	0	6
Teaford	1	2	0	0	0	0
Tekotte	1	1	1	1	0	1
Soria S,1-4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Detroit						
Porcello L,0-2	5	9	5	5	3	2
E.Gonzalez	1 2-3	3	2	2	1	0
Schlereth	1 1-3	2	1	1	0	1
Wennhardt	1	1	2	1	0	0
Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Schlereth.

T—3:02. A—28,984 (41,255).

RED SOX 4, YANKEES 0

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr lf	4	0	0	0	Cwfrd lf	5	0	0	0
Jeter ss	4	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0
Teixeir 1b	3	0	0	0	AdGnzlz 1b	3	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	0	1	0	Youkils 3b	3	1	1	0
Grndrs cf	3	0	0	0	Ortiz dh	4	1	2	1
Swisher rf	3	0	0	0	D'Ellsury rf	3	0	0	0
Posada dh	3	0	0	0	Cameln cf	4	0	1	1
Chavez 3b	3	0	1	0	Drew rf	4	1	1	0
Martnz c	2	0	0	0	Scutaro ss	4	1	1	1
					Scutaro ss	2	0	2	2
Totals	28	0	2	0	Totals	34	4	12	4

New York	000	000	000	—	0
Boston	001	000	21x	—	4

DP—New York 1, Boston 1. LOB—New York 3, Boston 7. 2B—Ortiz (2), Scutaro (1). S—Cameron.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sabathia L,2-1	7 2-3	9	1	1	4	4
Chamberlain	2-3	2	2	2	2	2
Logan	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Marte	1	1	1	1	0	0
Boston						
Beckett W,1-1	8	2	0	0	0	10
Papelbon S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Sabathia (Ad.Gonzalez). by Beckett (Martnz).

T—2:58. A—37,661 (37,493).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 7, MARLINS 1

Florida	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Coghlnr cf	4	0	1	0	Bourn cf	4	1	1	0
Infante 2b	3	0	1	0	AngSnc ss	5	1	3	0
Morlnd lf	3	0	1	1	Pence rf	5	1	3	1
Stanton rf	3	0	0	0	Ca.Lee lf	5	1	2	1
GBnchz 1b	3	0	0	0	Wallac 1b	4	1	1	0
J.Buck c	4	0	1	0	Hall 2b	3	2	1	0
Hermis 3b	3	0	1	0	McDnls 3b	4	0	1	3
Ohlndrf ss	3	0	0	0	Quntnlr c	4	0	1	1
Maj.ca p	0	0	0	0	Happ p	3	0	2	2
R.Webb p	0	0	0	0	Meinch p	0	0	0	0
Dobbs ph	1	0	0	0	Lngdrf ph	1	0	0	0
DMrph ss	0	0	0	0	Wlkrsn ph	1	0	0	0
AnSnch p	2	0	0	0	Fulchn p	0	0	0	0
Sanchs p	0	0	0	0					
Bonifac lf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	29	1	4	1	Totals	37	7	16	8

Florida	100	000	000	—	1
Houston	100	230	10x	—	7

Today's Games

Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

MAVERICKS 118, SUNS 90

PHOENIX (90): Hill 3-12 1-4 7, Frye 2-7 2-2 6, Gortat 6-12 3-7 15, Nash 5-7 0-0 8, Dudley 5-11 1-2 11, Childress 4-6 0-0 8, Barbosa 2-8 3-4 7, Carter 2-6 2-2 7, Warrick 3-7 0-0 7, Lopez 0-0 0-0 0, Stiko 2-4 2-4 6. Dowdles 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 35-82 16-33 90.

DALLAS (118): Marion 9-20 0-0 18, Nowitzki 7-11 5-6 19, Chandler 2-3 0-0 4, Kidd 3-7 0-0 7, Beaubois 2-6 0-0 5, Terry 5-11 2-2 17, Stojakovic 6-13 2-2 17, Haywood 1-3 3-6 5, Barea 5-9 2-2 15, Brezec 0-0 0-0 0, Gooden 1-1 0-0 2, Mahinmi 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-86 15-20 118.

Phoenix	17	22	31	20	—	90
Dallas	29	31	32	26	—	118

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 2-20 (Brooks 1-2, Carter 1-4, Nash 0-1, Gortat 0-1, Barbosa 0-2, Dudley 0-3, Frye 0-7), Dallas 11-27 (Terry 3-7, Stojakovic 3-7, Kidd 2-3, Nowitzki 1-2, Barea 1-3, Beaubois 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 60 (Gortat 15), Dallas 57 (Marion 18). Assists—Phoenix 18 (Nash 5), Dallas 27 (Kidd 7). Total Fouls—Phoenix 19, Dallas 20. Technicals—Hill, Dallas Coach Carlisle. A—20,555 (19,200).

KNICKS 110, PACERS 105

NEW YORK (110): Anthony 11-21 6-6 34, Gallinari 4-12 0-0 8, Turkoglu 7-21 2-2 20, Harrington 3-10 4-7 10, Robert 3-9 0-0 7, Douglas-Roberts 3-10 4-5 10, Billups 5-11 11-12 21, Fields 2-5 0-0 5, Douglas 3-6 0-0 8, Curry 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 43-111 27-32 110.

INDIANA (105): Granger 7-21 2-2 20, Hansbrough 3-10 4-7 10, Hibbert 5-10 0-0 11, Dunleavy 5-11 2-2 14, Price 1-3 0-0 2, Watson 2-5 0-0 4, Rush 1-1 0-0 2, Mahorn 0-0 0-0 0, Foster 7-13 2-2 19, Dunleavy 0-1 0-0 0, Price 1-3 1-1 3, Ford 1-3 0-0 2, Posey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-84 9-14 105.

New York	28	29	28	25	—	110
Indiana	25	28	25	27	—	105

3-Point Goals—New York 11-36 (Anthony 0-13, Douglas 2-6, Billups 2-6, Jeffries 1-1, Billups 3-7, Walker 0-1, Carter 0-1, Carter 2-2, Fields 0-2), Indiana 5-14 (Granger 4-7, Price 1-2, Dunleavy 0-1, Collison 0-1, Rush 0-1, Dunleavy 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 54 (Fields 7), Indiana 58 (Hibbert 10). Assists—New York 18 (Billups 7), Indiana 20 (Collison 5). Total Fouls—New York 26, Indiana 25. Technicals—Billups, Turiaf. Indiana defensive three second. A—13,842 (18,165).

GRIZZLIES 111, HORNETS 89

NEW ORLEANS (89): Arias 5-11 0-0 11, Landry 4-6 5-5 11, Okafor 3-8 1-3 7, Paul 0-6 0-0 0, Belinelli 7-12 0-0 18, Gray 1-4 0-0 2, Green 4-9 1-2 11, J.Smith 4-6 0-0 8, Jack 2-7 5-6 10, Pondexter 1-3 1-2 3, Mbenga 3-3 1-2 7, Ewing Jr. 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-85 9-20 89.

MEMPHIS (111): Young 5-7 4-6 14, Randolph 5-6 4-5 14, Gasol 5

DISTRICT 3-5A TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes to watch

BOYS

Tyler Middleton, senior, Midland High (100, 400 relay) — There will likely be more eyes on the scoreboard awaiting Middleton's time in 100 to flash than any other athlete at the meet. His best mark of the season is 10.49, which he ran a little more than a week ago at the Lubbock Relays. Last time he ran the 100 at Ratliff, MHS coach Jeff Streun had a handheld time of 10.37 in the prelims. ... Middleton also ran the 400 relay for the first time this season at the Lubbock Relays, helping the Bulldogs to a gold medal, and will do so again at the 3-5A meet. "I feel good. My legs are healthy," Middleton said. "I'm ready for this 100 and 4x100 relay. I think we can make it to regionals. Coach said Cooper is pretty fast. We'll see how we run against them."

Adrian Horton, senior, Lee (300 hurdles, 800 relay, 1,600 relay) — Horton could make it out of the district in each event he participates in. He's the hands on favorite to win the 300 hurdles and a key piece to the Rebels' 800 and 1,600 relay teams.

Corey McPherson, senior, Lee (110 hurdles, long jump, triple jump, 800 relay) — McPherson is going to have a couple busy days at Ratliff, but could force himself into a couple more busy days at the regional meet in two weeks. After qualifying in the 110 hurdles, long jump and triple just last season, McPherson is committed to also helping the Rebels' 800 relay team advance to regionals as well this season.

Blake Bynum, senior, Midland High (300 hurdles, 400 relay, 800 relay) — Bynum knows who the favorite is in the 300 hurdles. After all, he's been chasing Lee's Adrian Horton all season. "Adrian Horton. That's about all I'm worried about," Bynum said with a smile. "We're good buddies. It's just like a game to us." ... Bynum also runs a leg on the Bulldogs' 400 and 800 relays with regional aspirations in both races. "I feel really confident (about the 400 relay)," Bynum said. "We have some young guys on the 4x200, but they're running really hard."

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

HANDING OFF THE BATON Lee's Shay Ray competes in the 800-meter relay March 5 during the Tall City Track Invitational at Memorial Stadium.

Chase Jones, junior, Midland High (pole vault) — Jones has won the last two meets he's competed in and comes into the district meet in top form. If he performs up to expectations, Jones should be vaulting again for regionals in Lubbock.

Dutton Watson, junior, Midland High (discus) — Watson missed the first few weeks of track season with an injury, but has improved every week since his return to the throwing circle. He'll be in the mix for a 3-5A title.

Omar Barnes, senior, Lee (long jump, triple jump, 400, 800 relay, 1,600 relay) — Barnes has already had a very memorable senior year and that's been his goal from the start. He's won multiple gold medals in every event he's competed in this season, and it wouldn't be a surprise to anyone if he qualifies for regionals in five events.

GIRLS

Lakyn Childress, senior, Midland High (100, 200) — Childress is Midland High's best chance of getting an athlete out of the District 3-5A meet and into regionals. She's run the 400 for most of the season, but is moving to the 100 and 200 based on the MHS coaching staff believing those two events are her best chances of advancing to regionals.

Shay Ray, freshman, Lee (long jump, 100, 400 relay, 800 relay) — The only sprinter to beat Ray in a 100 meters race this season is Lubbock Coronado senior Sharniece King, who is considered one of the top sprinters in the state. Ray has already made a splash as a freshman, and could make an even bigger one with a gold medal today. Last time she competed at Ratliff, she won the 100 meters at the West Texas Relays.

Tori Rackow, sophomore, Lee (long jump, triple jump) — Rackow hasn't competed at many track meets this season with most of her time on the weekends dedicated to being a striker for the Lady Rebels soccer team. But with soccer season behind her, Rackow has a chance to make a real impact for the Lady Rebels in the long and triple jumps.

Shauna Standard, junior, Lee (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles) — Standard has proven to be a stout competitor this season, pushing her way into the mix in every race she has competed. It's hard to count her out from finishing in the top three in either hurdles event.

Schedule

DISTRICT 3-5A TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Today's schedule
Field events
(All finals. Varsity only.)

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

Running events

(All preliminary races unless noted. Running order is varsity girls, varsity boys unless noted.)

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

Tuesday's schedule
Field events
(All finals.)

9 a.m. — Triple jump (Varsity boys, JV boys, JV girls); Long jump (Varsity girls, JV girls, JV boys); Shot put (JV boys, JV girls); Discus (JV Girls, JV Boys); High jump (JV boys, JV girls); Pole vault (JV girls, JV Boys)

Running events

(All finals. Running order is JV Girls, Varsity Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Boys unless noted.)

10 a.m. — 3,200 meters (JV girls, JV boys)
12:30 p.m. — 400 relay
12:48 p.m. — 800 meters
1:10 p.m. — 100 hurdles (Girls only)
1:25 p.m. — 110 hurdles (Boys only)
1:40 p.m. — 100 meters
2:05 p.m. — 800 relay
2:20 p.m. — 400 meters
2:55 p.m. — 300 hurdles
3:20 p.m. — 200 meters
3:50 p.m. — 1,600 meters
4:15 p.m. — 1,600 relay

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

CONTENDERS

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Ratliff Stadium. It continues with more field events at 9 a.m. Tuesday and the running finals at 12:30 p.m.

Hines is downplaying how the Rebels stack up, believing Odessa High and Central are much more well rounded as a team, while Cooper has some of the top performers in numerous events.

"We will have to hit on all cylinders to win the team title," Hines said. "Central and Odessa High have very solid teams. Cooper has some really good talents. Our relays and our hurdlers have to carry us if we're going to win."

The athletes running the relays and scaling the hurdles are eyeing that team title, though. Seniors Adrian Horton and Corey McPherson enter their respective events as favorites to finish in the top three and advance to the regional meet.

Their hopes are to accomplish that in enough events and pull in enough points to assist in the Rebels' ultimate goal.

"We feel great," said McPherson, who competes in the 110 hurdles, long jump, triple jump and 800 relay. "We have a bunch of athletes out here who can compete in a bunch of different events and get a medal and some points for us in the standings."

Added Horton, who is a 300 hurdler and runs a leg in the Rebels' 800 and 1,600 relays: "It's different this year than last year. Going into the district meet last year we weren't feeling confident. We have a lot of guys back from last year. It builds confidence for our team that we've got a shot to contend."

McPherson and Horton aren't the only Rebels capable of pulling in medals in multiple events. There's also senior Omar Barnes, who will compete in the long jump, triple jump, 400 meters and 800 and 1,600 relays with a legit chance to win each competition.

Junior Josh Shelton has proven he can contend in the 200 meters, while also being another key member in the Rebels' relays.

Hines is just glad the Rebels are finally getting their just due, believing several athletes on the team have been a tad underrated.

"I think these guys have been overlooked a bit all year long," Hines said. "You couple together their athletic ability with their work ethic and you get great results. What they may lack athletically, they overcome by coming to work every day. They don't skip on training and don't look for the easy way out. There's no sense of entitlement with them."

And while there's no doubt several Rebels will qualify for the regional meet, which is set for May 2-3 in Lubbock, coming up short of a district team title would be a little disheartening, according to Horton.

"I think it would be definitely disappointing," he said. "Everyone on the team is going into the meet thinking we want to be the district champs. Even if we get a lot of us through, I think everyone will be disappointed if we don't get the district title."

Middleton

MIDLAND HIGH'S REGIONAL OUTLOOK: If there's one area Midland High feels comfortable heading into the District 3-5A meet, it lies with its sprinters. And anytime Midland High sprinters are mentioned, senior speedster Tyler Middleton immediately comes to mind.

After finishing a hundredth of a second shy of advancing to the state meet in the 100 meters last season, Middleton has been dedicated to finally making it to Austin in the event this year.

"Tyler has his mind on Austin," MHS coach Jeff Streun said. "That's why he hasn't been running the relay much. He wanted to get his time in the 100 down. He really wants to be in Austin."

With Middleton added to the mix in the 400 relay at the Lubbock Invitational last week, the Bulldogs won the event.

Middleton is far from the only Bulldog expected to qualify for the regional meet, though. Senior Blake Bynum has a shot at doing so in the 300 hurdles, while juniors Dutton Watson (discus), Chase Jones (pole vault) and Zach Byars (shot put) along with senior Mercedes Lane (long jump, triple jump) are Bulldogs who could make it out of district in their respective field events.

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COMPETITION

From 1C

"We've only got one senior back from last season and we'll have a sophomore running with the varsity, too. The rest of our girls we're keeping them on the JV level right now. We're trying to develop this program and hopefully in the future we get these kids back out in the program."

Meanwhile, Lee coach Dan Pair knows the Lady Rebels don't have the depth to figure into the team title, but does expect several athletes to step up and compete for a medal and a place in the regional tournament.

"It's going to be a tough district meet. We haven't seen Central, Abilene High or Cooper all year, but we know they've put down some really good times," Pair said. "I think it's going to be a dogfight. We know what Permian and Odessa High can bring. We're starting to compete with those two teams, but it's going to be another dogfight."

Pair is hopeful one of the Lady Rebels' relays can advance to regionals and has hopes for several individuals, including freshman sprinter Shay Ray. Ray has had a strong season running the 100 meters and should compete for a spot on the medal stand.

Pair also has high hopes for sophomore Tori Rackow, whose best chances come in the long and triple jumps. Then there's sophomore Maria Gil, who will run the 400 and 800 meters. Neither Rackow nor Gil have competed much this season due to their commitments to the Lady Rebels soccer team, which can be said about several of the girls who will be competing for Lee over the next two days.

"We really hope a couple of our relays have a shot," Paid said. "A lot of these girls are just coming out of soccer. We're just now getting them, but we're excited to have them all here."

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Scores

Sunday
At Augusta National Golf Club
Augusta, Ga.
Yardage: 7,435; Par: 72

	First		
	(a-amateur)		
Charl Schwartzel, $1,440,000	66	–	274
Jason Day, $704,000	68	–	276
Adam Scott, $704,000	67	–	276
Tiger Woods, $330,667	67	–	276
Geoff Ogilvy, $330,667	67	–	276
Luke Donald, $330,667	69	–	276
Angel Cabrera, $266,000	71	–	276
Bo Van Pelt, $240,000	70	–	280
K.J. Choi, $240,000	72	–	280
Ryan Palmer, $216,000	70	–	282
Justin Rose, $176,000	68	–	283
Steve Stricker, $176,000	70	–	283
Lee Westwood, $176,000	70	–	283
Edoardo Molinari, $176,000	70	–	283
Trevor Immelman, $108,800	69	–	284
Brandt Snedeker, $108,800	70	–	284
Fred Couples, $128,000	73	–	284
Ross Fisher, $128,000	73	–	284
Rory McIlroy, $128,000	80	–	284
Ryo Ishikawa, $83,200	70	–	285
Ricky Barnes, $83,200	70	–	285
Yong-Eun Yang, $83,200	73	–	285
Martin Laird, $83,200	73	–	285
Gary Woodland, $70,400	70	–	286
Jim Furyk, $70,400	72	–	286
David Toms, $70,400	72	–	286
Robert Karlsson, $54,400	71	–	287
Charley Hoffman, $54,400	72	–	287
Ian Poulter, $54,400	73	–	287
Alvaro Quiros, $54,400	74	–	287
Miguel Angel Jimenez, $54,400	73	–	287
Phil Mickelson, $54,400	74	–	287
a-Hideki Matsuyama	74	–	287
Matt Kuchar, $54,400	75	–	287
Alexander Cejka, $43,200	70	–	288
Sergio Garcia, $43,200	73	–	288
Ryan Moore, $43,200	73	–	288
Paul Casey, $36,800	71	–	289
Bill Haas, $32,000	72	–	290
Steve Marino, $32,000	73	–	290
Kyung-Tae Kim, $28,800	68	–	291
Jeff Overton, $28,800	74	–	291
Nick Watney, $26,400	73	–	292
Ernie Els, $24,000	72	–	293
Aaron Baddeley, $24,000	74	–	293
Camilo Villegas, $21,920	76	–	294

Masters Champions

2011 — Charl Schwartzel
2010 — Phil Mickelson
2009 — x-Angel Cabrera
2008 — Trevor Immelman
2007 — Zach Johnson
2006 — Phil Mickelson
2005 — a-Tiger Woods
2004 — Phil Mickelson
2003 — x-Mike Weir
2002 — Tiger Woods
2001 — Tiger Woods
2000 — Vijay Singh
1999 — Jose Maria Olazabal
1998 — Mark O'Meara
1997 — Tiger Woods
1996 — Nick Faldo
1995 — Ben Crenshaw
1994 — Jose Maria Olazabal
1993 — Bernhard Langer
1992 — Fred Couples
1991 — Ian Woosnam
1990 — x-Nick Faldo
1989 — Nick Faldo
1988 — Sandy Lyle
1987 — x-Larry Mize
1986 — Jack Nicklaus
1985 — Bernhard Langer
1984 — Ben Crenshaw
1983 — Seve Ballesteros
1982 — x-Craig Stadler
1981 — Tom Watson
1980 — Seve Ballesteros
1979 — x-Fuzzy Zoeller
1978 — Gary Player
1977 — Tom Watson
1976 — Raymond Floyd
1975 — Jack Nicklaus
1974 — Gary Player
1973 — Tommy Aaron
1972 — Jack Nicklaus
1971 — Charles Coody
1970 — x-Billy Casper
1969 — George Archer
1968 — Bob Goalby
1967 — Gay Brewer Jr.
1966 — x-Jack Nicklaus
1965 — Jack Nicklaus
1964 — Arnold Palmer
1963 — Jack Nicklaus
1962 — x-Arnold Palmer
1961 — Gary Player
1960 — Arnold Palmer
1959 — Art Wall Jr.
1958 — Arnold Palmer
1957 — Doug Ford
1956 — Jack Burke Jr.
1955 — Cary Middlecoff
1954 — x-Sam Snead
1953 — Ben Hogan
1952 — Sam Snead
1951 — Ben Hogan
1950 — Jimmy Demaret
1949 — Sam Snead
1948 — Claude Harmon
1947 — Jimmy Demaret
1946 — Herman Keiser
1945 — No tournament. WWII
1944 — No tournament. WWII
1943 — No tournament. WWII
1942 — x-Byron Nelson
1941 — Craig Wood
1940 — Jimmy Demaret
1939 — Ralph Guldahl
1938 — Henry Picard
1937 — Byron Nelson
1936 — Horton Smith
1935 — x-Gene Sarazen
1934 — Horton Smith
x-won playoff

MASTERS

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from 7 feet for bogey on the 11th, four-putted from about 12 feet on the next hole and buried his head into his forearm as the shock began to settle in.

McIlroy shot 80, the highest final round by the 54-hole leader since Ken Venturi in 1956. Not since Jean Van de Velde at Carnoustie had someone blown at least a four-shot lead going into the last round of the major.

So wild was this steamy afternoon that eight players had at least a share of the lead on some point during the back nine. The steady hand came from Schwartzel, whose only bogey came on the fourth hole as this Masters was just getting warmed up.

He got up-and-down from behind the 15th green for birdie to briefly tie for the lead, only for Scott to stuff his tee shot into 2 feet up ahead on the par-3 16th. Schwartzel answered with a 15-foot birdie to catch Scott atop the leaderboard again.

Then came the pivotal 17th, where Schwartzel made a 10-foot birdie. It was the first time all day he had the lead to himself, and he finished it off in style.

South Africans now have won two of the last three majors, following Louis Oosthuizen winning at St. Andrews last summer. This one came on the 50th anniversary of Gary Player becoming the first international player to win the Masters.

"I am absolutely delighted for Charl and South Africa. Congratulations and very well done to him. That is how you finish like a champion!" Player said on Twitter.

In so many respects, this looked more like 1986 when Jack Nicklaus charged on the back nine to win a sixth green jacket over a Hall of Fame cast of contenders. There were twice as many possibilities at this Masters, though, from Woods and former Masters champion Angel Cabrera, from Geoff Ogilvy and Luke Donald, from K.J. Choi and Bo Van Pelt, who made two eagles on the back nine.

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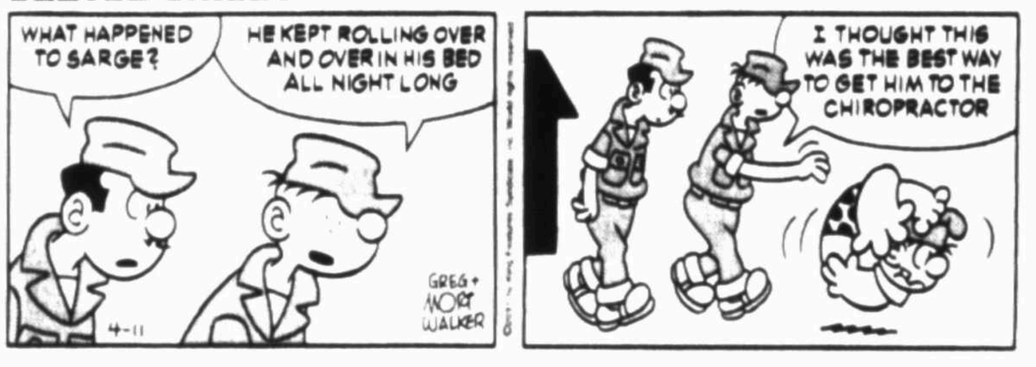

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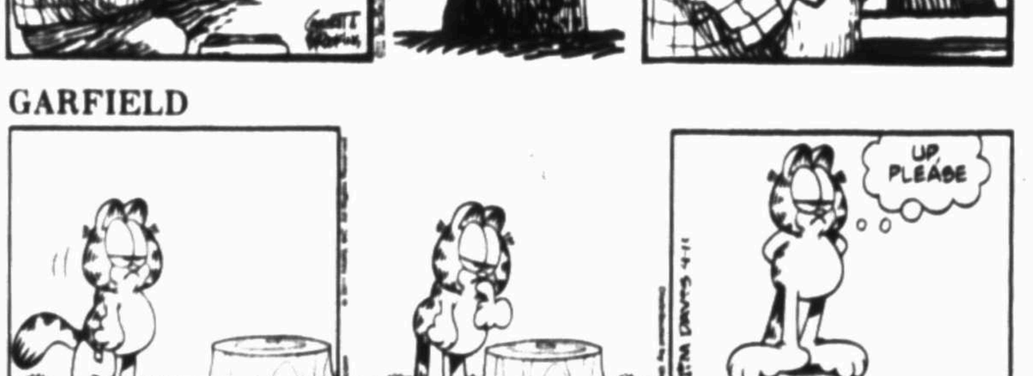

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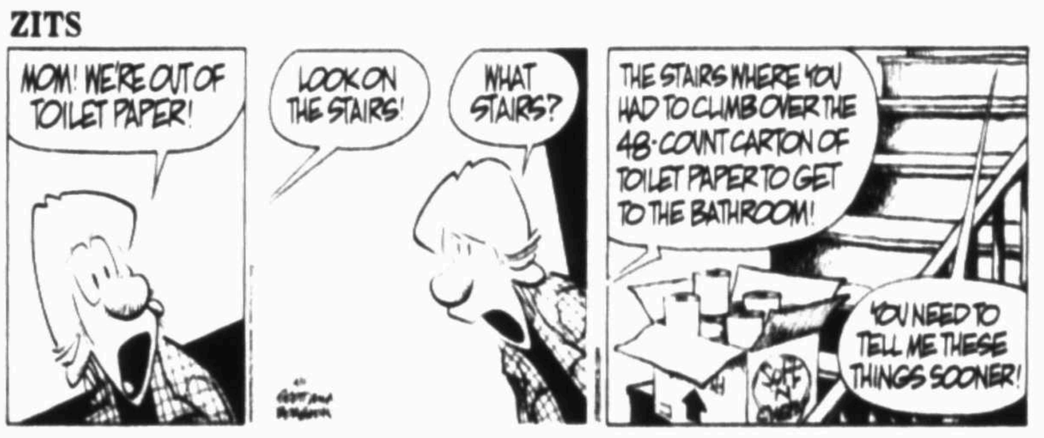

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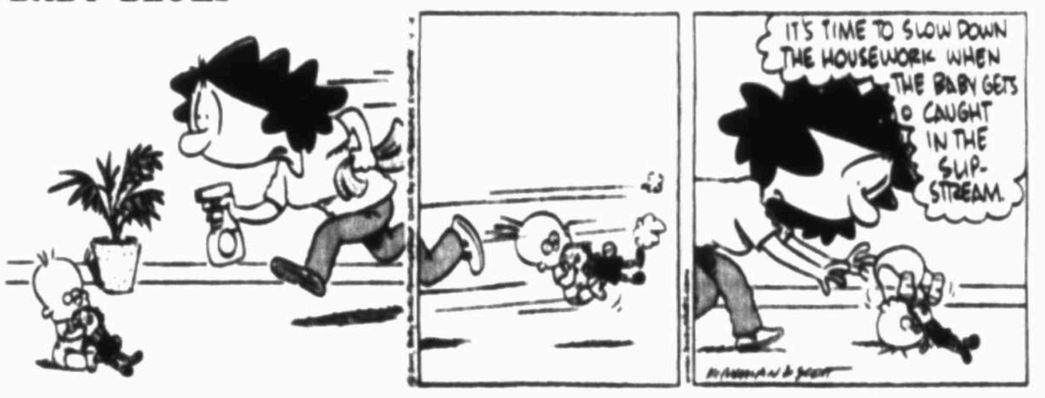

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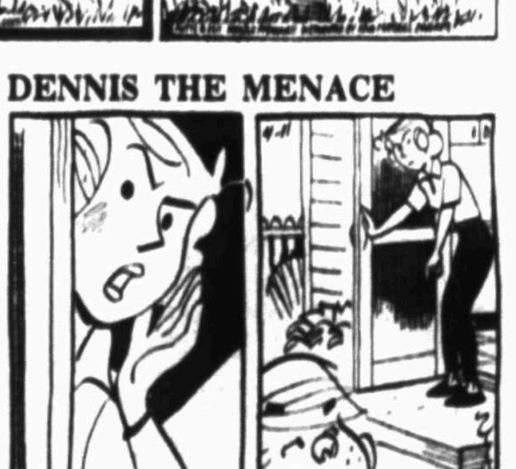

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TUESDAY Mostly sunny high 81 low 54

WEDNESDAY Sunny high 91 low 52

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 72 and north winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 47 and east winds around 5 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 81, a low around 54 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 91 and a low around 52.

The high on Sunday reached 81 while the low dropped to 63. The record high for April 10 is 95 set in 1948. The record low is 30 set in 1952.

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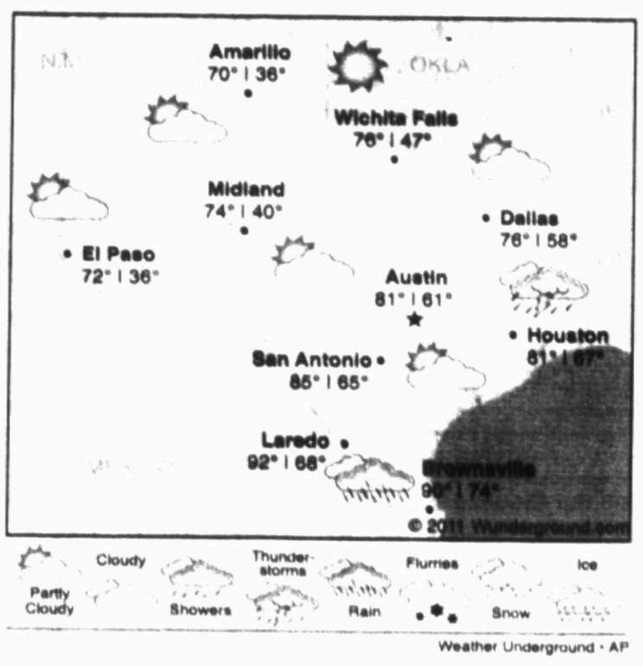
The threat for severe weather will shift east with a cold front today, increasing chances in areas from western New York and Ohio to Louisiana. The main danger of the strongest thunderstorms will be damaging winds and flash flooding.

This evening, an area stretching from the central Appalachians to central Gulf Coast will be affected by the violent thunderstorms. The thunderstorms should weaken before reaching the coast.

Ahead of the severe weather, warmer air will surge across the East Coast. Sunshine will complement the warm conditions over the Southeast.



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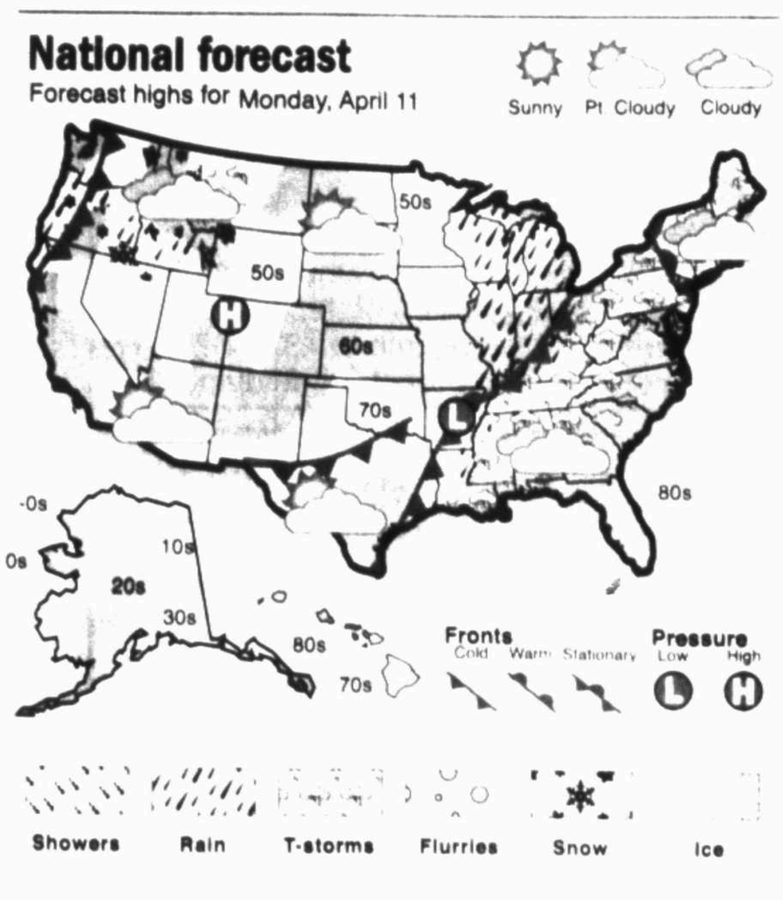
Rainfall Saturday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.04 in.
Total for year	.0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.1.68 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	81
Low	63
Normal high	77
Normal low	47
Sunrise	7:25 a.m.
Sunset	8:15 p.m.



Stopping for funeral cortege is customary thing to do

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: For years I have wondered about this every time I have gone to a funeral and have ridden in the procession to the cemetery.

As the procession travels to the cemetery, all cars and trucks pull over and stop. That custom strikes me as very touching. I was in another procession last week, and even the UPS truck and several semis pulled over.

My question is, is this a custom only in southern Indiana where I live, or does everyone do this? — WONDERING NEAR INDIANAPOLIS

DEAR WONDERING: According to Emily Post, this consideration should be accorded regardless of where people live. She writes: "If you encounter a funeral cortege (signaled by a line of cars with headlights or flashing hazard lights on), it's respectful to pull over to the side of the street until the cars have passed. Waiting at a green light while a cortege passes is also expected, even if someone behind you is honking to proceed."

DEAR ABBY: "Charlene" and I dated 10 years ago. We remained friends after dating. At the time, she was plus-sized.

I moved away for a while, and now that I am back, Charlene will talk to me only on the phone and not in person. Her reason is she is much too large now to let me see her. She doesn't want any human contact at all, and I'm scared for her. I have told her many times that I don't care about her weight. I want to see her, but she won't budge. I don't know how to get her to snap out of it. Help! — KEPT AWAY IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR KEPT AWAY: If Charlene has family and you know how to contact them, do so. Outline your concern that their relative has gained so much weight she's gone into hiding — and hope they can convince her to seek help. Other than that, there's no way to force direct contact on someone who doesn't want to see you. However, you should continue to be a supportive telephone friend. She may need all the emotional support she will allow.

DEAR ABBY: I divorced two years ago after 25 years of marriage. During the divorce I met a man who helped me through the emotional roller coaster I was on. We became close and hoped to be married eventually. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack.

My mother introduced me to another man, "Donald," who is good and kind, but who was "burned" after a divorce and a long relationship. We see each other once a week, but I'd like to see him more often.

I'm having trouble being in limbo and not becoming too attached to Donald. Conventional wisdom tells me to stop waiting for him to come around. I work, volunteer, and have been asked out by other men. I have turned them down so as not to jeopardize what I currently have. Donald isn't seeing anyone else.

Can you please help set me straight once and for all? I'm in my late 40s and feeling blue about my dating situation. — UNCERTAIN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Has Donald TOLD you he's not interested in marrying again? If not, he may warm to the idea eventually. However, for him to expect you to date him exclusively with no commitment on his part is unfair to you.

How long have you been seeing him? It seems to me you need to have a mature discussion. From where I sit you have no reason to feel blue. You're seeing him once a week, having a guaranteed good time, AND you can explore the possibility of a permanent relationship with him or any of the other men who have shown an interest. So think positive and enjoy yourself.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A K J 7 6 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ 9 ♣ A K 6 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — Regardless of the meaning of partner's one-no-trump response, you want to be in game, and the sure way to get there is by the quickest route. Bid four spades.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 9 5 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ A Q 9 8 3 2
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — You are in slam territory, and the easiest way to investigate is to set the trump suit as soon as possible. Don't waste time and space by rebidding the six-card minor — start by setting the trump suit. Bid three hearts.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 7 6 ♥ A 10 9 8 2 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ J 4 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — A jump shift by a passed hand promises support for your suit. You have a dead minimum, but don't pass. Simply rebid your five-card major to show a weak opening and leave it up to partner. Bid three hearts.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K 9 8 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ 9 7 6 2 ♣ 9 4 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

A — Partner has shown a balanced 22-24 points, so your king is just enough to proceed to game. However, partner could have a four- or five-card spade suit, in which case your ruffing value would make the suit game preferable. Bid three clubs. Stayman.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 11, 2011:

This year, you could discover once more what the expression "having your hands full" means. Ask for help or eliminate some of your responsibilities. Pressure builds around a domestic or personal matter. Honor your priorities. Tap into your ingenuity, and you could be amazed by the possible solutions. You enter a new life and luck cycle this month. Start it well. If you are single, meeting someone isn't the problem. Integrating this person into your packed life could be hard. If you are attached, hopefully your sweetie steps up to the plate. He or she can make all the difference. LEO makes you smile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Be more in touch with what you want. You will sense a heavy amount of confusion. Pressure builds to an unprecedented level. Digging through the hectic pace, you discover that having your primary concerns in hand helps. Tonight: Finally time to relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Prepare to deal with more than your fair share of change and upset. Though not known for your flexibility, you come off a lot more easygoing than many of those around you. If there is a problem, you will hear about it. Tonight: Put your feet up, far from the maddening crowd.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ The time has come to approach situations with greater fiscal clarity. Settling simply won't work. Pressure builds as you head down a chosen path, but boomerangs keep tripping you up — at least for now! Tonight: Join a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might have the power to do what you want, but you can't follow through because interruptions occur. A respected elder or boss keeps making demands left and right. Tonight: Buy flowers or another favorite treat on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Others sense your direction and needs, even though you reveal little. Confusion determines your choices. Your instinct might be to take off and do what is necessary for you. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You attempt to zero in on a key goal. Others seem to be touchy and difficult. One person might throw a tantrum while another distances him- or herself in order to make a point. Staying focused remains essential to achieving your desired results. Tonight: Distance yourself from others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ All eyes look to you for strong leadership, though everyone is vested in different ideas. Listen to news, and be more aware of your innate limitations. Share more with a trusted friend. Tonight: Sigh and celebrate. Today is over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You will be pressured to look at the big picture. Try to empathize and understand others. Stretch in order to get to the bottom of an issue and break past your innate restrictions. Tonight: Visit with a key friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Listen to news most carefully. One-on-one relating clears the path to success. Pressure builds around financial matters concerning a long-term response. A meeting doesn't have the strength and meaning it has had in the past. Tonight: Listen to great music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You will have a difficult time backing down in order to make progress. Someone clearly gets your ire up, triggering you beyond any level. Take a deep breath and let go of the situation until you are more in control. Tonight: Chat over a meal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Get in and put on your psychic armor, if you plan on getting anything done. Think carefully about how an associate or loved one is doing his or her very best to pull you into a situation. Don't give in. Tonight: Share with dear friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A friend could let you down or cause a problem when you least anticipate it. Understand why you need to go in a new direction. A partner tests your limits. Try not to trigger, knowing this too will pass. Tonight: Say "yes" to getting some exercise.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Joel Grey (1932), former Secretary of State Dean Acheson (1893), politician Ethel Kennedy (1928)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Dance move
5 Give a free ticket to
9 __-Abyssinian War, 1936 Mussolini triumph
14 Task list heading
15 Foot's curve
16 Grinding tooth
17 Bird sacred to Tut
18 "I'll pay whatever you're asking"
20 Doves' homes
22 Holy smoke
23 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie __": 1974 hit
24 Sportage automaker
27 As __ as Methuselah
28 "... three men in a __"
30 Cost to the customer, as of illicit drugs
33 Toon storekeeper from India
34 Problem for Pauline
35 Brake component
36 Smooth urbanite
40 Campus VIP
42 Double-reed winds
43 "She Done __ Wrong": Mae West film
44 Subject of a highly classified file
50 Small bill
51 Mustard's rank: Abbr.
52 Audible dance style
53 Pub purchase
54 Homemade shorts
57 Lazy __: revolving way
59 "Not another word!"
62 Use UPS
63 Sound that might accompany 37-Down
64 French franc successor
66 "The __ Love": Gershwin song
68 Hoodwinked of "Bewitched"
67 Chess standoff
68 Yemen city on its own gulf

DOWN

1 Pick-up __ toy
2 Also
3 Newspaper bigwig
4 Model's stance
5 Is able to
6 "__ man __ mouse?"
7 Early 20th-century year
8 Early antiseptic compound
9 Get in the way of
10 In a dilemma
11 "The Guns of Navarone" author MacLean
12 Hiking boots, e.g.
13 Galena or hematite
19 Civil rights gp.
21 Trapshooting
25 "Lord knows __!"
26 Rent-a-car option
29 Tampa NFLer
31 "Beowulf," e.g.
32 Dole out
35 Genealogy abbr.
36 Discover fortuitously
37 Scoffer's words
38 __ Nostra
39 Hangs on to
40 Pres. after GWB
41 Chopping, as garlic
44 Runs fast
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46 Director Hitchcock
47 "Cosby" actress Phylicia
48 Jerry's female friend, on "Seinfeld"
49 Part of a daunting split in bowling
55 Rugby racial
56 Cast aspersions on
58 West Point inits.
59 When doubled, a Gabor
60 Savings vehicle for later yrs.
61 Comics punch sound

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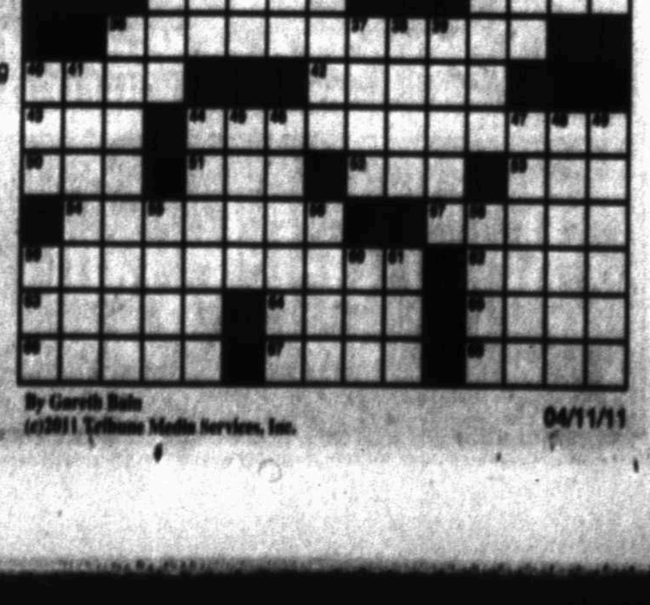

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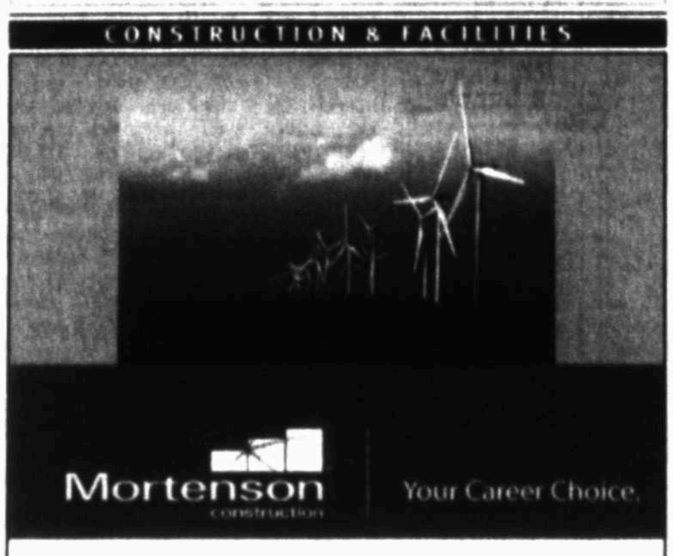

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