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City negotiating to buy land for fire station

MFD also looks to buy smaller, cheaper squad trucks for faster response time

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The Midland Fire Department could have a new addition on Sinclair Avenue after the Midland City Council voted Tuesday to negotiate for the purchase of a lot on the west Midland street.

MFD Chief Robert Isbell said the location was selected because it will help to serve an area that doesn't have a specific station.

"We looked at our historical run data that shows where we have, not just geographical need, but calls for service need," he said. "That area met both."

City Manager Courtney Sharp said they hope to break ground on the station late this year or early in 2013.

The council first started looking at adding a 10th fire station during the spring of 2011 after Isbell presented the group with data showing why an additional station was needed if the city wanted low emergency response times amid current growth.

Bonds were issued in January that will go toward the new station and a contract for architectural services for the facility awarded in February to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

No purchase price has been agreed to for the spot in the 4500 block of Sinclair Ave., Mayor Wes Perry said. Tuesday's vote allowed Sharp and City Attorney Keith Stretcher to begin negotiating for the property, Perry said.

"We had always kind of thought about the west side of town," he said.

After the 10th station has been completed, Isbell said the city will shut down either station five or station six for renovation. After that station is updated and reopened, the other station will close for renovations.

Total cost for the new fire station and updates to stations five and six is estimated at $8.5 million, Sharp said.

Isbell said the new station should help to prevent a "domino effect" that sometimes occurs. Each fire station has an area it can serve within a certain number of minutes, Isbell said. When looking at a map of the city, Isbell said northwest Midland, including the area around Sinclair Avenue and Andrews Highway, as well as out toward Highway 191, is an obvious spot that's not specifically covered.

At this point, Isbell said, response teams from other stations are covering those areas.

However, if station six, for example, sends an engine to a grass fire in west Midland, it's then without that crew if it receives a call for its own surrounding area. If a call does come in before the crew returns, an engine from another station may have to respond to station six's area, creating a domino effect of crews responding to regions that aren't necessarily within their immediate coverage area.

One solution MFD has proposed to address that issue within the coming months — as well as to keep response times lower in the future — is the addition of squad

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ABOVE: Felipa Lara and her Chihuahua Jessica wait for their hotdogs Tuesday at the Community Pachanga at Dunagan Park.

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LEFT: Ballet Folklórico dancer Janet Moreno performs during the event.

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Railroad Commission candidates fire at feds

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Take a handful of candidates, toss in a few jabs at the federal government about over-regulation and add a splash of toilet humor.

Mix it together and you've got the Republican primary for the Texas Railroad Commission, an agency that doesn't have anything to do with railroads but regulates the state's vital oil and gas industries.

The board has three rotating members. Six candidates are vying for a six-year term in the open seat for Place 1, and Chairman Barry Smitherman, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry, has drawn two Republican challengers to finish out his term in Place 2.

The fight for the open seat has drawn the most attention and the most money in the May 29 primary election, with a field of candidates pledging to battle environmental regulators who they say are stifling the Texas energy sector. All promise to also protect private property rights and promote public safety.

Christi Craddick, an oil and gas

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Apartments planned for ClayDesta

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

An apartment complex targeted at professionals working in the ClayDesta area could break ground as early as this summer after a Tuesday vote by the Midland City Council.

ClayDesta LP has a property under contract with developer Bart Irby and asked the city to consider honoring an ordinance approved in 2008 for the construction of apartments on the lot at the corner of North "A" Street and Veterans Airpark Lane.

The ordinance passed in 2008 called for 210 units, more than 420 parking spaces, a clubhouse and a swimming pool. The developer looking at the property at that time didn't secure the necessary long-term financing so the project never came to fruition, said Robert Rendall, attorney representing ClayDesta LP.

Irby is requesting to build a complex under that same ordinance, provided he be allowed to make slight variations on the positioning of four buildings, Rendall said.

"We don't believe it would impact any neighborhood whatsoever," Rendall said.

Without the old ordinance from which to work, Irby would have to go through the Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as two City Council meetings before being able to seek building permits. By moving ahead under the 2008 ordinance, he'll be able to shave off as much as three months of time in the process, said Kenneth Van Dyne, senior planner with the city.

Irby said the complex will be called "Midway Station" after Midland's former name and could be under construction by mid-summer. They're aiming to have the complex open 12 to 14 months after ground is broken, he said.

Brock Thompson, executive vice president of ClayDesta LP, said they

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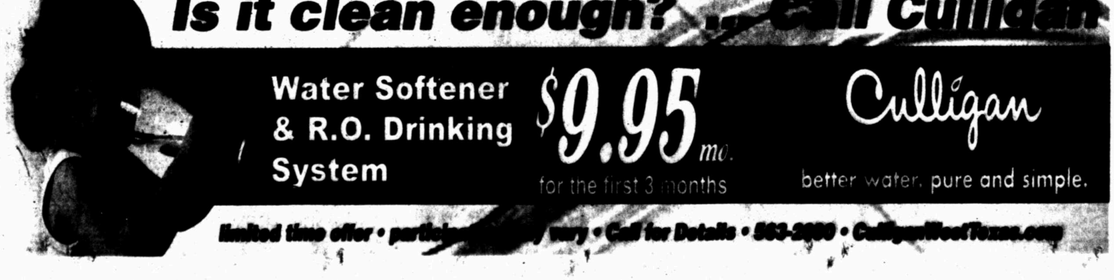

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Candidate Ted Cruz speaks to supporters Tuesday at a campaign stop at ASCO in Midland.

Sen. Kel Seliger outspends, out-fundraises opponent, Rives

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Sen. Kel Seliger outfundraised and outspent opponent Randy Rives in every area during the last month of the campaign.

According to campaign finance reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Seliger raised $166,404 during the last month and spent more than $362,600. He still maintains more than $1.2 million in cash on hand.

Rives raised $200 from two donors, spent just less than $12,000 and reported having just more than $7,200 in cash on hand, according to the Texas Ethics Commission.

Both spent funds on consulting and advertising expenses during the last month.

Seliger spent $30,000 on consulting services with The Eppstein Group, in Fort Worth, as well as nearly $51,000 on newspaper ads throughout the senatorial district, $40,000 on campaign mailers and $170,000 on television and radio advertisements.

Rives spent $1,500 on consulting with Tom Green County GOP Consulting as well as nearly $5,800 in newspaper ads and just more than $1,200 in radio commercials, according to the reports.

When it came to travel within the district, Seliger again outspent his opponent. The state senator spent about $1,300 with Southwest Airlines for travel while Rives spent just more than $300 on travel, the reports state.

Seliger, of Amarillo, was first elected to Senate District 31 during a special election in 2004 and has been re-elected since.

Rives is a former Ector County Independent School District president and is running because he said he wants voters to have a more conservative choice.

This week's was the last campaign finance report the two will have to file during the Republican primary.

Early voting continues through Friday at the Midland County Elections Office, Midland College, the Cogdell Learning Center, Christ Church and Manor Park.

The primary is scheduled for May 29.

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By the numbers

Seliger:
Contributions $166,404
Expenditures $362,634.66
Cash on hand $1,218,227.15

Midland donors of $250 or more
David Grimes, $500

Rives:
Contributions $200
Expenditures $11,898.49
Cash on hand $7,241

Midland donors of $250 or more
None

MPD: Drunk man keys car, fights officers

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland man remained in custody Wednesday after he allegedly keyed his girlfriend's car and assaulted police officers while intoxicated.

McGowan

Dylan W. McGowan, 28, is being held on a $12,500 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a public servant and a third-degree felony charge of criminal mischief. He was also arrested on a Class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Midland police were dispatched to the El Ranchito on the 400 block of East Scharbauer Drive around 10:20 p.m. Monday in reference to a disturbance. The victim told officers she had an argument with McGowan over him being in a bar. She said the disturbance continued after they left the restaurant and in anger, McGowan began to key her 2006 Toyota Solara, according to the felony complaint.

Officers said they noticed several deep scratches on the vehicle that corroborated the victim's statements. But McGowan said he fell against the car, which caused several scratches.

Officers wrote in McGowan's arrest report that he smelled of alcohol and had glossy eyes. Because of the evidence, officers were only going to arrest McGowan for criminal mischief, but McGowan then allegedly began resisting arrest.

McGowan allegedly began to be defiant and refused to walk with officers. He also struggled when officers placed handcuffs on him, even trying to wrestle out of the hold, police said. He allegedly continued to struggle and refused to get into the patrol car. It took multiple officers to gain control of McGowan, according to the report. During the struggle he allegedly struck officers and repeatedly tried to bite one officer on the arm, according to court documents.

Once in the vehicle, police said McGowan began slamming his head into the patrol car's glass window. He continued to be defiant after he arrived at the Midland County Central Detention Center and jailers were forced to pepper spray McGowan.

If convicted of the third-degree felonies, he could face up to 10 years in prison for each offense.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Robert J. Bennet, 23, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Shea L. Hall, 21, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Terry D. Robinson, 21, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Adrian Urias, 22, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Conaway, Canseco bring congressional 'Energy and Jobs Tour' to Midland

From staff reports

Conaway

Congressman Mike Conaway and Congressman Francisco "Quico" Canseco will bring their "American Energy and Jobs Tour" to the Permian Basin on Thursday, starting with a tour of a drilling rig and hydraulic fracturing site in Upton County.

Conaway and Canseco, joined by Doc Hastings, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee and Congressman Randy Neugebauer, will then hold a roundtable discussion at the Petroleum Club to discuss how businesses of all sizes and scope are affected by increasing energy prices.

The congressmen are part of the House Energy Action Team, whose members will spread out across the country Thursday to promote an all-of-the-above energy agenda. They will cite the Permian Basin, which provides two-thirds of Texas' crude oil and 17 percent of the entire nation's crude, as threatened by over-regulation and environmental policies and how it must be protected from such costly regulations to promote economic growth, job creation and energy security.

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MISD teachers receive more than $100k in grants

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Thanks to a grant funding from the Midland ISD Education Foundation, students will have the opportunity to get their hands on everything from iPads to drums to mummified chickens next year.

On Tuesday, a prize patrol consisting of Foundation Executive Director Jami Owen and Assistant Peggy Kuss visited 18 teachers at 12 MISD schools to award grants totaling $101,456.73.

"I was so excited when they came in," said Jodi Sprinkle, a math specialist at Travis Elementary. "I had no idea today was the day they were announcing awards."

Travis was awarded $6,855 to buy 15 iPads that will be used by teachers and students to animate lessons, video lectures and allow students to reteach the lessons to classmates, Sprinkle said.

"We're going to try and use the iPads in all content areas to enhance the learning," Sprinkle said.

Fannin Elementary also received a $3,150 technological grant for the purchase of a Smart Board and laptop for the school's library.

"Now the librarian can teach library literacy skills and show students how to use databases," said reading specialist Jaime Cole. "A lot of kids don't even know the district has databases."

"It's hard to teach lessons about literacy when there's a whole group crowding around one tiny computer," said Cole, who is completing her master's degree in library science.

Last year the education foundation awarded $88,119 in grants and Owen said she was glad to see the amount increase to more than $100,000 this year so half of the 36 applicants could have grants fully or partially funded.

"Without the foundation, I don't know when we would've actually gotten a board for the library, but now it's able to happen now," Cole said.

Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

Midland ISD Education Foundation Executive Director Jami Owen and Foundation Assistant Peggy Kuss present Patty Smith with a $6,000 check as part of the foundation's "Grants for Great Ideas" program. Smith coordinates the yearly Celebrations of Light storytelling festival and was one of 16 grant recipients surprised by the Grant Prize Patrol on Tuesday morning.

Kathy Ruiz teaches third grade science at Long Elementary and said she'll be able to teach students process skills, measuring, accurate record-keeping, weighing and to use technology like digital probes thanks to a $2,390.06 grant titled "The Walking Dead."

Students will mummify chickens and share their results with other grade levels by creating photo stories, Ruiz said.

The foundation generates its funds through a yearly concert and golf tournament. Spaces are still available for the June 4 tournament and those interested should call Kuss at 689-1083. A concert featuring Foreigner will be held Sept. 6, Owen said.

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Grant recipients

Alamo Jr. High: $20,474.40 for iPads to be used with all students and subjects, requested by Amy Herring

Burnet Elementary: $6,050 to purchase various drums to teach pre-K through sixth grade students about world music, requested by Stephanie Markgraf

Carver Center: $2,000 for Destination ImagiNation supplies for second through 12th grade students, requested by Sara Burleson

Emerson Elementary: $833.09 to allow sixth graders hands-on notetaking opportunities in reading and English class, requested by Brandi Fischer

Fannin Elementary: $3,150 for a laptop and Smart Board in the library, requested by Jaime Cole

Lee High School: $1,000 for the robotics program, requested by Alan Pitkin; $2,201.36 for Lee Lab Days which brings elementary students to LHS, requested by Andrea Voisine

Long Elementary: $2,390.06 for third-grade science students to mummify chickens, requested by Kathy Ruiz

Midland High School: $5,255 for traveling technology, requested by Annette Johnson

Milam Elementary: $2,000 for black fourth, fifth and sixth grade students to participate in a program that promotes community service and community mentors, unity mentors, requested by Regina Wilson

San Jacinto Jr. High: $6,895.68 for the robotics program, requested by Curt Cowdrey

Travis Elementary: $6,855 to allow sixth-grade students to reteach information they've learned in class through animation software, requested by Jodi Sprinkle

Midland ISD: $6,000 for Celebrations of Light storytelling festival, requested by Patty Smith; $21,200 for four UIL One Act Play unit sets for seventh and eighth graders, requested by Deb Shaw

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Midland-Odessa Urban Transit Board
Noon today
9601 Wright Drive

It could be hotter

The National Weather Service is predicting highs of 105 and 102 today and Thursday, respectively. Still, the record for May 23 and May 24 should be safe.

The record high for May 23 is 106 set in 1989.

The record high for May 24 is 108 set in 2000.

Summer Mummers tickets go on sale today

"Scurrilousness Among the Stars" or "May The Farce Be With You" by Jennifer and David Odom is the 2012 melodrama being produced by Midland Community Theatre's Summer Mummers, the oldest continuous melodrama performed in the United States. The show opens June 8 at the Yucca Theatre.

The MCT box office opens today. Tickets are $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, $10 for the balcony and $5 for the gallery. For tickets call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The melodrama is directed by Cody Tumlin with old-fashioned silent-film sequences, known as the Movi-ola, directed by Roger Barnes. The evening closes with the All-American Olio — a series of short sketches — directed by Phil Tytanic and choreographed by Misti Tytanic.

All proceeds from the Summer Mummers goes to benefit the operating budget of Midland Community Theatre Inc.

Graduation schedule this week

Trinity School, 10 a.m., Friday, Trinity School Beal Gym, 3500 W. Wadley Ave.

Coleman High School, 6:30 p.m., Friday, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

Greenwood High School, 7 p.m., Friday, MC Chaparral Center, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Midland Christian School, 8 p.m., Friday, MCS McGraw Events Center, 2001 Culver Dr.

Water worries

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

Monday's total: 14,879,000 gallons
(Previous 3 Mondays)
May 14: 11,513,000 gallons
May 7: 14,011,000 gallons
April 30: 16,516,000 gallons

Lake levels report

Representing totals from late May 2010-12

	2010	2011	2012
O.H. Ivie	42.22	27.69	16.80
Thomas	8.37	3.97	0.93
Spence	4.75	1.50	0.41
Percent full	21.64	13.30	7.64

Delivery
(in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 9,170,571 million
Midland: daily average last week 9,457,857 million
Midland: daily average last year 23,755,286 million
Odessa: daily average this week 12,939,871 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

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Number of voters Tuesday:
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Cogdell Learning Center: 22
Elections Office: 416
Midland College: 19
Manor Park: 34
Monday total: 521

Total since May 14: 3,887
Democrat: 188
Republican: 3,699

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 2-0-4
Pick 3 night: 8-4-0
Daily 4 day: 8-3-4-4
Daily 4 night: 4-9-2-4
Cash Five: 4-8-15-25-26
Mega Millions: 10-14-35-43-52
MB: 16
Megaplier: 2

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, May 23, the 144th day of 2012. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On May 23, 1937, industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Co. and the Rockefeller Foundation, died in Ormond Beach, Fla., at age 97.

RAILROAD

From 1A

attorney and Republican Party activist from Midland, and retiring state Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa are the favorites in the race for Place 1. She's the daughter of longtime state representative and former House speaker Tom Craddick. Chisum, who runs an oilfield services company, was one of Craddick's top allies when Craddick ruled the House from 2003-2009.

Those two have dominated the fundraising while competing for the claim as the most conservative candidate who could take the strongest stand against federal regulators.

State officials and energy companies have been fighting federal agencies over myriad issues in recent years, from the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline to protection of the dunes sagebrush lizard in West Texas, to the environmental impact of the oil and gas drilling process called fracking.

Republicans say the Obama administration is hurting exploration in Texas. Too many regulations make energy investors "gun shy" about Texas and cause investments to dry up, Chisum said.

The Environmental Protection Agency "can ruin your life," Chisum said.

"We all want to protect our land, water and critters," Craddick said. "But it's got to be based on good facts."

Trying to break through the Craddick-Chisum fight is Roland Sledge, an oil and gas attorney from Houston with experience in the public and private sectors. Sledge is a political newcomer who sprinkled the race with a touch of off-beat humor.

In an online video ad, Sledge channeled famed cowboy humorist Will Rogers, who said there are three kinds of people: those who learn by reading, those who learn by observation and others who have to urinate on the electric fence for themselves.

"Isn't it time we elect political leaders who have sense enough not to pee on electric fences?" Sledge asks in the ad before a man in a dark suit does just that and gets a shock. The ad drew some attention to Sledge's campaign, but recent polls have shown him still trailing far behind Craddick and Chisum.

"I feel like the salmon swimming upstream," Sledge said. "They are nice people but neither have the knowledge of 35 years in the business that I do."

Also running for Place 1 are geologist Becky Berger of Schulenberg, Beryl Burgess, a retired industrial lab technician from San Benito, and Joe Cotten, a financial adviser from Frisco.

If no one captures more than 50 percent of the voter, the top two finishers will compete in a July 31 runoff for the right to face Democrat Dale Henry in the November general election.

In Place 2, Smitherman faces Al Lee, a retired systems consultant from Dallas, Comal County Commissioner Gregory Parker and attorney Elizabeth Murray-Kolb.

Smitherman is a former chairman of the Public Utility Commission and led that agency in 2008 when the state pledged billions of dollars to boost wind energy, and says energy companies should be encouraged to explore and drill for more oil and gas.

Parker, who says global warming is a myth despite a broad consensus among climate scientists that humans contribute to climate change, says he would fight to protect the energy industry from over-regulation. Murray-Kolb said won't take any contributions from oil and gas interests, which she considers a conflict of interest for commissioners who are supposed to regulate those companies.

APARTMENTS

From 1A

envision the complex being useful for companies within the ClayDesta to lease units rather than putting people in extended-stay motels.

Apartments also will be available to individual tenants, Rendall said.

The bulk of the shifts in design being requested center around the pool and clubhouse, Rendall said. Under the design submitted by Irby, the clubhouse would be moved farther west than planned for in the 2008 ordinance.

From there, three buildings south of the clubhouse would be moved slightly farther south, according to plans submitted to the city.

In addition to tweaks on building positions, the new plan also calls for an exterior of brick and wood, rather than the stucco requested in 2008.

The property owners association at ClayDesta has approved the new proposal, Rendall said.

In other business on Tuesday:

■ A water delivery contract with the Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 was unanimously approved. The contract solidifies and provides additional detail to the 40-year agreement entered into between the two entities.

The fresh water supply district already has moved forward toward its charge of bringing water to Midland from the city's T Bar Ranch by May 2013. About 36 percent of the necessary right-of-way has been acquired and the first pipelines to be laid should arrive in June, said Jay Edwards, project manager, with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

Under the contract, the city agrees to purchase an average of 300 million gallons of water per month at a cost of no more than $2.78 per thousand gallons for the first three years.

■ Vector Oil & Gas LP was approved for two drilling permits on the east side of Holiday Hill Road, about a half a mile south of Mockingbird Lane. The wells will not be within 500 feet of any homes and no letters of objection were submitted regarding the permits, said Ron Jenkins, oil and gas compliance officer.

■ Glenn Miller Homes was given initial approval for smaller setbacks it had requested for homes being built on Quicksand Cove, west of Spence Drive. Miller requested permission to have homes set back 10 feet from the road, rather than the 15 feet typically required because the homeowners wanted to construct larger homes with smaller yards.

■ Mockingbird Oaks Development was provided initial approval for the construction of about 135 residences as well as four acres of town homes on the west side of Holiday Hill Road, about 450 feet south of Briarwood Avenue.

■ The Midland Police Department was given approval to file a joint application with Midland County for $31,908 from the Justice Assistance Grant Funds Program. The city would receive 60 percent of the grant, or $19,145, for the purchase of equipment, technology and other materials related to basic law enforcement duties.

■ Bluestem Energy Holdings, LLC was approved for amendments to its existing drilling permits near Mockingbird Lane and North Midland Drive. The company plans to shift the location of its electrical line, as well as the company operating the line. It also amended the location of its tank battery.

■ Jones Brothers Partnership will sell the city 5,000 tons of flexible base caliche for a price of $63,750.

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MFD

From 1A

trucks.

Isbell made a presentation to the council during its Tuesday briefing about squad trucks and said during a test period within the department, a squad truck helped to decrease response times across the board. A squad truck is essentially a pickup retrofitted with some emergency response equipment and can respond to non-fire emergencies.

Isbell said they can increase the response time of the calls they take and allow for fire trucks to stay at the station and be available for other calls.

During their monthlong test of a squad truck, Isbell said they were able to keep engines from having to go out about 150 times. During those calls, the squad truck had a response time of five minutes and 35 seconds during 80 percent of its calls.

Robert Patrick, director of general services, said there will be two trucks requested in the upcoming budget. Each would cost about $70,000. A pumper truck, or traditional fire truck, costs about $550,000, Patrick said.

In addition to decreasing response times — which Isbell said drove the initiative — the addition of squad trucks would provide a savings in fuel costs, as well.

A typical fire truck gets about 3.1 miles to the gallon, while a squad truck could go about 14 miles for every gallon of fuel.

"We were really looking at our response times to see if we could get better," Isbell said.

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Joplin remembers deadly tornado

Associated Press

JOPLIN, Mo. — Carrying small American flags and wearing T-shirts bearing the names of friends and loved ones who died when a massive tornado tore through Joplin one year ago, thousands of people made a somber march Tuesday through some of the town's hardest-hit neighborhoods.

Residents and officials are dedicated to remembering their losses but are also committed to what is certain to be a long, slow recovery from a tornado that killed 161 people and injured hundreds of others. The storm last May wiped away entire neighborhoods in the city of 50,000, destroyed Joplin's only public high school and left behind a ghastly moonscape of block after city block of foundations wiped clean of their structures.

"It's been a roller-coaster type year. Extremely high highs and lots of low lows," said Debbie Fort, the principal of Erving Elementary School, which has been operating out of temporary facilities.

"It's important that we take a moment to reflect and remember," she said. "But it's a new chapter in our lives. This really signifies our future, the future of Joplin."

Signs of the challenges ahead were plentiful on the 4-mile "Walk of Unity," from the glaring absence of century-old trees in the city's central neighborhoods to the ghostly shell of St. John's Regional Medical Center, which formed a stark backdrop at a late afternoon memorial service marked by a moment of silence at 5:41 pm. — the exact time the tornado hit.

"There is not a handbook out there that says, 'Here's how you develop a community that has an 8-mile-long, 25 to 30 city-block wide swath of area that has basically lost everything,'" said David Wallace, a Texas developer whose firm was hired by the city to oversee Joplin's rebuilding plan. He estimated the recovery will cost nearly $2 billion, about half of which has already been pledged by private sources.

Throughout the day, residents, hospital workers, volunteers and politicians gathered across the disaster zone to mark the May 22, 2011, tornado, mixing somber remembrances with steely resolutions to rebuild.

"It is so fitting to begin this day, this anniversary, by reflecting on our faith as dawn breaks over a renewed Joplin," Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon said at a sunrise service at Freeman Hospital, which is eight blocks from St. John's but was undamaged. "Scripture tells us that the path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day."

The afternoon procession started in neighboring Duquesne, where more than one-fourth of the community's 750 homes were destroyed and nine people died. The Joplin portion of the walk began past a Walmart where three people were killed and 200 survived by huddling together in employee break rooms, bathrooms and other designated safe zones.

Beam them up: Ashes of 'Star Trek' actor in orbit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — James Doohan, Scotty from "Star Trek," spent his acting career whizzing through the cosmos. Gordon Cooper was one of America's famous Mercury seven astronauts. And Bob Shrake spent his work life anonymously helping send NASA's high-tech spacecraft to other planets.

Now the three men who made space their lives are also making space their final resting place. Their ashes — and those of about 300 others — were aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket that blasted into orbit Tuesday as part of an in-space for-profit burial business.

Shrake was an engineer who designed spaceship control instruments for NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif. After he died in 2007, his family decided that space would be a nice place to send some of his ashes so they spent a few thousand dollars to launch them in space with the Texas-based firm Celestis Inc. His daughter, Robin Smith, of Grapevine, got up very early Tuesday to watch the pre-dawn launch, and said it was fitting.

"I thought wow, he was actually up in the sky, in the place where his work is being used," Smith said by telephone.

The ashes were in a special container, which SpaceX president Gwynne Shotwell confirmed Tuesday was in the second stage of the Falcon rocket. That section of the rocket was jettisoned about 10 minutes after launching a capsule full of supplies for the International Space Station. It will remain in orbit for about a year then burn up as it returns to Earth.

You don't have to be in the space business to have your ashes deposited in orbit, but you do have to have nearly $3,000. Some of what Celestis calls "participants" in this flight, which the company called its "new frontier" mission, have no connection to space.

Some people's ashes that flew Tuesday, including those of Doohan and Cooper, were also on a botched 2008 SpaceX launch that didn't get the remains into orbit and dropped into the Pacific Ocean. This is a makeup flight for them.

Others whose ashes have flown previously include "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry and his actress-wife Majel Barrett, who was in the series.

Smith said her father — ever the frugal engineer — might have thought this a waste of money, but his family is glad they did it: "Most of his career dealt with outer space and orbit and now he's in it."

Comanche tribe makes Depp honorary member

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M — Johnny Depp has been made an honorary member of the Comanche tribe.

Depp is in New Mexico, shooting the film adaptation of "The Lone Ranger." He plays "Ranger" sidekick Tonto in the film.

Comanche Nation tribal member LaDonna Harris said Tuesday that the tribal chairman presented Depp with a proclamation at her Albuquerque home May 16. She said the Comanche adoption tradition means she now considers Depp her son.

Harris said Depp seemed humbled.

His spokeswoman, Jayne Ngo, confirmed the actor participated in a ceremony, but she declined to provide details.

Harris said she had read in interviews that Depp identified himself as being part Native American, so she thought it would be fun to adopt him — a tradition she says is common in Comanche culture. She ran the idea past her adult children, and they agreed.

Harris said she reached out to the "Dark Shadows" star through a friend who is working as a cultural adviser on the "Lone Ranger" set.

The Comanche Nation is based in Lawton, Okla. About half of its 15,000 members live in southwestern Oklahoma.

Depp has been the topic of much discussion in Indian Country and online since he was cast as Tonto, with comments ranging from his costume, to the selection of a non-Native for the part, to how the role itself has historically epitomized Hollywood's misrepresentation of Native culture.

Midland man gets 35 years for retaliation against peace officer

From staff reports

A 48-year-old Midland man was sentenced to 35 years Tuesday after he was found guilty for retaliating against a peace officer last fall.

Michael Marvin Russie was indicted Nov. 30, 2011, on a third-degree felony for threatening to harm a public servant.

He has remained in the Midland County jail since his arrest on Oct. 23, 2011.

A third-degree felony carries a punishment between two and 10 years but the punishment was enhanced to 25 to 99 years prison time after it was found he was convicted for past felonies, authorities said.

According to the Midland County District Clerk's Office, Russie was convicted on seven felonies and one misdemeanor in Pinellas County, Fla.

The felonies ranged from July 3, 2001, to Sept. 17, 2007, and included four charges of theft, two charges of battery of a law enforcement officer and one charge of resisting an officer with violence.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney for Administration Laura Nodolf.

Constable candidates raise about $10,000 in races

From staff reports

Both David Criner and Glenn Wells raised around $10,000 in their respective races to become a constable in Midland County.

Criner, who's running for constable of Precinct 1, raised a total of $10,710 since fall 2011. Of that, $875 was contributed between April 20 and May 19, the last required reporting period for the May 29 primary election.

Glenn Wells, who's running for constable of Precinct 2, raised $9,980.29 since fall 2011. Of those funds, $3,430.29 was donated during the most recent reporting period, according to documents filed this week with the Midland County Elections Office.

James "Gene" Smith, constable for Precinct 1, reported raising $350 during the primary race.

Mark Wohleking, who also is running for commissioner of Precinct 2, raised $5,840 in total during the primary race, according to documents filed with the elections office.

Criner works for the Midland County Sheriff's Office as a juvenile investigator and retired from the Department of Public Safety after more than 20 years.

Campaign finance reports for April 20 through May 19

David Criner, candidate for constable, Precinct 1
Contributions $875
Expenditures $206.10
Cash on hand $5,681.45
Total raised during primary race: $10,710

James "Gene" Smith, constable, Precinct 1
Contributions $0
Expenditures $520.20
Cash on hand $350
Total raised during primary race: $350

Glenn Wells, candidate for constable, Precinct 2
Contributions $3,430.29
Expenditures $4,566.96
Cash on hand $63.47
Total raised during primary race: $9,980.29

Mark Wohleking, candidate for constable, Precinct 2
Contributions $1,650
Expenditures $3,669.82
Cash on hand $26.37
Total raised during primary race: $5,840

Brooks Smith, candidate for county commissioner, Precinct 3
Contributions $0
Expenditures $2,170.74
Cash on hand none listed
Total raised during primary race: $1,850

Lynn Yarbrough, candidate for county commissioner, Precinct 3
Contributions $0
Expenditures $420
Cash on hand none listed
Total raised during primary race: $0

Source: Midland County Elections Office

Smith was first elected constable in 2000. Prior to that he worked in security and law enforcement for more than 30 years.

Wells has served as chief administrator for the Precinct 2 constable's office since January 2011 when the previous constable resigned. He's worked in the constable's office for four years.

Wohleking serves as a detective with the crimes against persons unit at the Midland Police Department. He's worked previously in roles with the Midland and Marfa police departments.

In the race for the Republican candidate for commissioner of Precinct 3, both candidates reported raising no money during the most recent reporting period.

Throughout the primary race, Brooks Smith raised $1,850 while Lynn Yarbrough reported not raising funds.

Smith is a real estate associate with Legacy Real Estate and a former Greenwood Independent School District Board member.

Yarbrough is semi-retired from the scale sales and service business where he worked for more than 30 years.

The winner of the primary race will face Democrat Luis Sanchez, the current commissioner for Precinct 3.

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3 sentenced in immigrant smuggling attempt

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Three men have been sentenced to prison in an immigrant-smuggling attempt that ended when the smugglers' sport utility vehicle plowed through a South Texas home, killing the 70-year-old woman inside.

The SUV's driver has eluded capture, but a judge in Corpus Christi has sentenced Romeo Cantu, Marcos Adrian and Everardo Hernandez-Salazar on Tuesday to prison time ranging from 4 to 8 years for their roles in the run.

Early Aug. 6, a police officer stopped a Chevrolet Suburban in Falfurrias, but as the officer approached it sped off and a chase ensued.

Mistrial declared in mom's murder case

Associated Press

EL PASO — A judge has declared a mistrial in the case of a West Texas mother facing a capital murder charge in the beating death of her 4-year-old son.

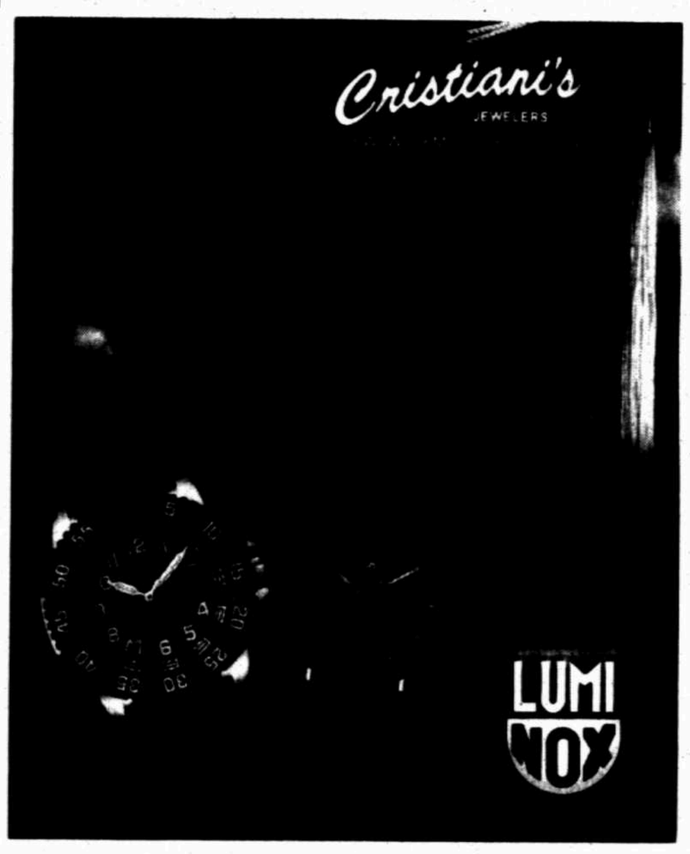
The trial of 27-year-old Vikki Macias, of El Paso, will start over June 15 after the judge agreed with defense arguments that a police detective crying on the witness stand could negatively influence the jury against the defendant.

The El Paso Times reported that police Detective Rosalynn Carrasco broke down while testifying Tuesday.

Prosecutors say Macias fractured the skull of her son, Dallas, and the child had a broken leg that never was treated.

Defense attorneys say the boy hurt himself when he fell off a bed while jumping on it.

Macias was arrested shortly after the boy died in March 2011.



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Opinion

Obamacare decision puts Roberts on trial

■ The left, including the president, has problems trying to bully the chief justice into making the right decision.

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Novelist John Grisham hardly could spin a more provocative fiction: The president and his surrogates mount an aggressive campaign to intimidate the chief justice of the United States, implying ruin and ridicule should he fail to vote in a pivotal case according to the ruling political party's wishes.

If only it were fiction.

The justice is of course John Roberts and the case involves the Affordable Care Act (ACA), aka Obamacare, which would be affordable only if the court upholds the individual mandate requiring all Americans to buy health insurance.

The left's narrative goes as follows: If the justices side with the Obama administration, they will be viewed as brilliant and nonpartisan. If the reverse occurs, why then, the justices are partisan, judicial activists who have delegitimized the court.

Writing in The New Republic, Jeffrey Rosen laid it out for Roberts, whose vote likely will be decisive: "In addition to deciding what kind of chief justice he wants to be, he has to decide what kind of legal conservatism he wants to embrace. Of course, if the Roberts court strikes down health care reform by a 5-4 vote, then the chief justice's stated goal of presiding over a less divisive court will be viewed as an irredeemable failure."

Lest there be any lingering confusion, permit me: Vote our way, Justice Roberts, or you will go down in history as having abrogated your duty; your reputation will be destroyed; and the country will hold you accountable not only for withholding health care from the American people, but also for rolling back the New Deal.

In so many words.

Wait, the New Deal? Yes, according to many on the left, including Rosen, if the court rolls back Obamacare, it will also roll back the New Deal. Legal scholars on the right insist otherwise, noting that lawyers for the plaintiffs were explicit in denying any interest in overturning precedents.

I leave this debate to others more worthy, but the idea that decisions must be popular and/or bipartisan is silly on its face. Just because something is popular doesn't make it "right" or legally correct. And, difficult as this is to accept in our Twitter culture, Supreme Court justices needn't be popular.

Nevertheless, the left is pushing many such non-legal arguments, including that the court shouldn't overturn a "popular" legislative act. Even the president advanced this argument as recently as last month, although the ACA is not, in fact, all that popular.

Speaking in the Rose Garden, Obama said: "Ultimately, I'm confident that the Supreme Court will not take what would be an unprecedented, extraordinary step of overturning a law that was passed by a strong majority of a democratically elected Congress."

Senate Judiciary Chairman Pat Leahy also recently publicly lobbied Roberts, saying he trusts that the chief justice has "a strong institutional sense of the proper role of the judicial branch." And, "it would be extraordinary for the Supreme Court not to defer to Congress in this matter that so clearly affects interstate commerce."

This not-so-stealth campaign to influence the Supreme Court is obnoxious, if not unethical. It is also factually challenged. Overturning a law would not be unprecedented or extraordinary, as any first-year law student could tell you, but don't take my word for it. Harvard University's Laurence Tribe, one of Obama's professors and a leading liberal scholar of constitutional law, said that his former student "obviously misspoke."

It happens. Yet criticizing the Supreme Court is a consistent refrain from Obama, who began his presidency by scolding the justices. During his first State of the Union address, Obama broke decorum by criticizing the justices present for their Citizens United ruling, saying the court had "reversed a century of law that I believe will open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations — to spend without limit in our elections."

Talk about extraordinary.

Publicly chastising the court — and now taunting Roberts specifically — seems to have two purposes. One is to get under Roberts' skin in hopes that he'll rule the "correct" if not necessarily "legally correct" way. Two is to lay the groundwork for declaring the court illegitimate if all or part of Obamacare is overturned.

Either way, it's politics at its filthiest and is beneath the dignity of the court — and of the White House. Unfortunately for Roberts, it's up to the chief justice to hold the bar high.

OUR VIEW

Aviation conference offers dose of reality

We had hoped to hear of a better future for Midland International Airport at its Aviation Summit on Monday, but instead we were jolted into today's reality in the airline industry.

Speaker Mike Boyd, who specializes in forecasting for the Boyd Group International, delivered a message that air passengers can expect higher prices and further limited options, not just here in the Permian Basin but all across the United States.

We have been preaching the use it or lose it philosophy in matters related to getting and keeping airline service. But, according to Boyd, that thinking may be only a small part of what will influence air travel from MAF.

It appears profit margins on connectivity are keying airline strategies and not just increased passenger count. That means even full flights might not be enough to keep a flight if it doesn't fit in with connectivity issues at the major hubs, which now have fewer flights and fewer seats.

That approach places a real strain on regional airports and will continue to impact regional offerings in a downward pattern. The one thing hitting the airline industry hardest is rising fuel costs — to the point where smaller carriers can't make a profit even flying at near capacity.

The good news for Midland International at this point is it is operating from a strong position, owning a strong region economy and high passenger volume. MAF is likely to be affected less by the current airline strategy than some other regional airports such as Abilene, San Angelo and Waco. Midland generates nearly 1 million passengers annually and produces $153 million in revenue between the airlines that use MAF.

Even here, however, we are seeing a scaling back of non-stop flight offerings and fewer seats in the market area. We have recently lost direct flights to Austin and will lose a non-stop flight to Albuquerque, N.M., in November. Air traffic is being pushed to the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston hubs for connectivity purposes.

Boyd says, if you lose a flight under today's airline strategy, don't expect to get it back because the airlines aren't going to expand anytime soon. That's why it's extremely important to fight for the flights we have under our wings now because it will be hard to bring them back in the future.

Whatever strategy we adopt for keeping our airport strong and viable will face a tough challenge. We face a future of fewer available seats with an increasing importance of hub connectivity. That sounds like we don't actually have much say in the conversation except to keep our flights full and that brings us back to square one.

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Hispanics have no friend in Obama

■ The president is daring the Hispanic community to do more than protest silently.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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President Obama recently gave a commencement address but some in his audience were intent on giving him a lesson.

Obama was speaking at Barnard College in New York — one of the country's most respected women's colleges — to highlight one of the more far-fetched drumbeats of his re-election campaign: that the GOP is waging a "war on women."

But Obama got a taste of his own medicine thanks to a silent protest staged by more than 60 students, faculty members and families of students who have figured out that this administration is at war with the immigrant community. The protesters poked at Obama by wearing campaign-style buttons that read — in reference to his 2008 slogan: "Yes You Can! Stop Deportations."

He sure can. Immigration reform advocates wasted more than a year arguing with Obama over whether he had the authority to stop deportations of illegal immigrants — or at least determine the order of who gets removed so that students and people with U.S.-born children would go to the back of the line.

Well, of course he has this authority. Presidents have tons of executive power. In fact, Obama has splurged on it. He has used executive power to direct the Justice Department to stop defending the Defense of Marriage Act, which allows states to not recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states; create more environmental regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions; grant state waivers from federal education mandates intended to increase accountability and raise academic standards; loosen the terms for borrowers to pay back student loans; and bypass the Senate confirmation process to install officials using recess appointments.

So when the president was claiming he didn't have the power to stop deportations, maybe what he really meant was that he was terrified to do anything about the practice because he knew that he would be portrayed by opponents as weak on combating illegal immigration.

Aside from critics such as Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, who nurses a double standard where he is tough on illegal immigrants but soft on the employers who hire them, it's hard to imagine anyone arguing that Obama is a softie on this issue.

Here you have a president whose administration has deported more than 1.2 million people in three years. The overwhelming majority of those sent home — more than 80 percent — were Latino, and that means perhaps hundreds of thousands of Latino families were divided. Latinos didn't take kindly to that because they value nothing more than family.

According to a recent survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, nearly 60 percent of Latinos disapprove of Obama's deportation policies. And why do they disapprove of removing people who shouldn't be in this country anyway? It's because of the three D's: degree, discretion and dishonesty.

Degree: Forcible removal is only one tool in the government's toolbox. And it should be used sparingly because it can divide families and remove breadwinners from the home. The administration is using deportations aggressively — and even bragging about how many people it removes each year.

Discretion: A vital tenet of the American justice system is discretion for police, prosecutors and judges. Circumstances must be taken into account, and leniency applied in some cases. The administration has eliminated discretion by refusing to allow cities and states to opt out of Secure Communities, which requires localities to submit to federal officials the fingerprints of those suspected of being in the country illegally.

Dishonesty: Obama administration officials claimed that most of those deported were guilty of crimes and they weren't deporting students who may have been eligible for relief under the DREAM Act, which would have given legal status in exchange for attending college or joining the military. Both statements have been proved untrue.

Amazingly, Latinos still prefer Obama to presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney. But that support is a mile wide and an inch deep. And the main reason is Obama's deportation policies, and that his advisers never told him the No. 1 rule for staying in the good graces of Latinos: Don't mess with the family.

Obama did. And he could be paying for it with a Latino electorate that seems ambivalent about his re-election.

The choice for Latino voters is dreadful: They can vote for a Republican who promises to drop the hammer on illegal immigrants, or they can vote for a Democrat who already has.

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Boy Scouts get tech-savvy to increase membership

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Boy Scouts of America is trying to recruit a new generation of kids to join its troops with high-energy, high-tech activities that include thrill-inducing zip lines at a new adventure camp, apps and a television show.

Wayne Brock, one of two new Boy Scout leaders named this week, told The Associated Press that the organization founded in 1910 has refocused on reaching children whose attention is increasingly pulled in a myriad of different directions by a host of alternate activities.

The Boy Scouts' membership peaked in 1972 at almost 5 million. Last year, they had about 2.7 million youth members, down slightly from about 2.8 million in 2007. Brock said the group has been working hard in the past five years to draw in new members, and he will continue that effort.

"We have a saying — 'the main thing.' When we say 'the main thing' we're talking about providing a quality Scouting experience to an ever-increasing number of youth," he said. "So our challenge is to continue to remain a relevant and exciting program for the young people."

An Eagle Scout who has worked for the Boy Scouts for 40 years, Brock noted there was a time when leaders thought Scouts should leave their cellphones behind when they headed out on hikes. Now, though, the thought is why not bring them along?

"What difference does it make whether you stop and identify a plant ... by opening up a book or do you bring up an app on a phone?" Brock asked. The school of thought has changed so much there's now an app for The Boy Scout Handbook.

Brock, who was named chief Scout executive, the top professional in the Texas-based organization, and Wayne Perry, who was named the group's national president, the top volunteer leader, also touted a new camp set to open next year in West Virginia's New River Gorge region.

When it opens, the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, located on more than 10,000 acres of forested mountains, will be the home of the national Scout jamboree.

"The goal is to make it extremely exciting. Make it safe, but make it perceived to be dangerous. We have some zip lines there that I guarantee you no adult will go on. And some climbing walls that are very safe but I think a lot of adults are going to say 'you first,'" said Perry, co-owner of the Seattle Mariners and chief executive officer of Shotgun Creek Investments.

Another goal is to inspire Scout leaders to make similar additions to camps back home. The key to building membership, Perry said, is "break through all of the fog that kids face today on things that occupy their time and get them engaged."

"When the world is such that the average young person spends an inordinate amount of time in front of a video game, what we represent is a change from that," Perry said.

"Once we get them, they say, 'Hey this is fun.' Is it a great challenge to get them engaged? Yes. Do we have any trouble once we get them? No."

Michael Jargowsky, of Sea Isle City, N.J., who has been a Scoutmaster for 14 years, said he thinks the Boy Scouts have done a good job of evolving. Jargowsky noted a Boy Scout camp that has traditional activities like hiking and learning how to start a campfire now also offers such things as digital photography and robotics.

"If we do want to keep these kids — although they love the physical stuff — we also have to marry in the Internet with it and that's what the Scouts are really starting to do well I think," Jargowsky said.

Defense says Muslim soldier never built bomb

Associated Press

WACO — A Muslim soldier was stopped just hours before completing assembly of a bomb that he planned to detonate at a restaurant full of Fort Hood troops, prosecutors said during opening statements Tuesday at his federal trial.

After Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo was arrested at a motel near the Army post in July, police found components for an explosive device in his room and backpack, showing he "intended to commit mass murder," prosecutor Gregg Sofer said.

Abdo, 22, faces up to life in prison if convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and five other charges.

But lead defense attorney Zach Boyd countered in U.S. District Court in Waco that no bomb was ever built, and the government is "not going to be able to get around that fact."

Abdo was AWOL from Fort Campbell, Ky., when he was arrested in Killeen. He told investigators that he went to Texas to "martyr himself" for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, said FBI special agent C. Michael Owens, the first prosecution witness.

Owens testified that Abdo told investigators he planned to put a bomb in what looked like a gift box, leave it a Chinese buffet frequented by Fort Hood soldiers, wait outside and shoot any survivors.

But he was headed for South Texas and not the Fort Hood area when he went AWOL. He said he stayed in several cities — paying for motel rooms and food with cash or gift cards so he couldn't be tracked. When he couldn't get to his destination by taxi, Abdo said, he looked at a map and recognized Killeen because of the news reports after the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage in which a Muslim soldier is charged, Owens said.

"He said he wanted to give faith to brother Nidal and said 'People think he's crazy, but he's not crazy and I came here to remind the people,'" Owens testified.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged in the shootings that killed 13 and wounded more than two dozen. Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted.

Abdo said he didn't plan an attack inside Fort Hood because he didn't believe he would be able to get through security at the gates, Owens said. But Abdo said he bought a military uniform at a local store because it was necessary to fit into the community, Owens testified.

Killeen police began investigating Abdo on July 26 after a gun store employee reported a young man bought 6 pounds of smokeless gunpowder, shotgun ammunition and a magazine for a semiautomatic pistol, while seeming to know little about his purchases, according to previous court testimony and documents. Officers also learned he bought a U.S. Army uniform and a "Smith" name patch from another store but didn't know his unit. He was detained at the motel July 27.

Military officials had been trying to find Abdo since he went AWOL over the July 4 weekend. That's when police in Oak Grove, Ky., near Fort Campbell, also reported finding a shovel, two large bleach containers, body bags and a digital camera in a trash bin outside a truck stop.

Oak Grove police Sgt. Victor Lynch told jurors Tuesday that "his heart was racing" when he saw those items. Lynch found Abdo's car at a nearby restaurant, where a truck stop employee had reported seeing him go after dumping the items. Lynch said he found a cattle prod, three boxes of handcuffs, trash bags and a large body bag carrier in the car, but Abdo was nowhere to be found.

Owens testified earlier that Abdo said he had planned to offer a Fort Campbell soldier a ride, kill him and videotape it while reciting the names of people he felt had been wronged by the U.S. military — including Abeer Qassim al-Janabi, a 14-year-old Iraqi girl who was raped before she and her family were killed in 2006. Five current or former U.S. soldiers went to prison, one for a life term, for their roles in that attack.

Texas lawmakers study food shortages across state

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers should pass laws that make it easier to produce and sell fruit and vegetables in poor communities to promote better health, farmers and activists testified Tuesday.

Judith McGeary, founder of the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance, asked for new laws to cut through regulations that make it difficult for small "cottage food" producers to prepare and sell food to the public from vegetable gardens and chicken coops in urban areas. She complained particularly about Frisco, which used zoning laws to ban such businesses.

Property taxes also remain a challenge, McGreary said, with counties making it difficult for small farmers to get agricultural exemptions. She said new state laws could ease the burden on small farmers. Texas ranks 43rd in the nation in the number of farmer's markets and small farms per capita, she added.

Public Health Committee Chair Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, pointed out that some businesses have abused the agriculture exemption and that lawmakers must strike a balance.

Studies show children and adults who know where their food comes from, or are involved in community gardening, tend to eat healthier food, particularly in low-income communities.

Drew DeBerry, the deputy commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture, warned lawmakers that one out of every four children Texas is food insecure and one out of five is obese, two things that are related because poor people often spend their money on calorie-dense foods that lead to obesity. He said more emphasis should be placed on educating children to develop good eating habits.

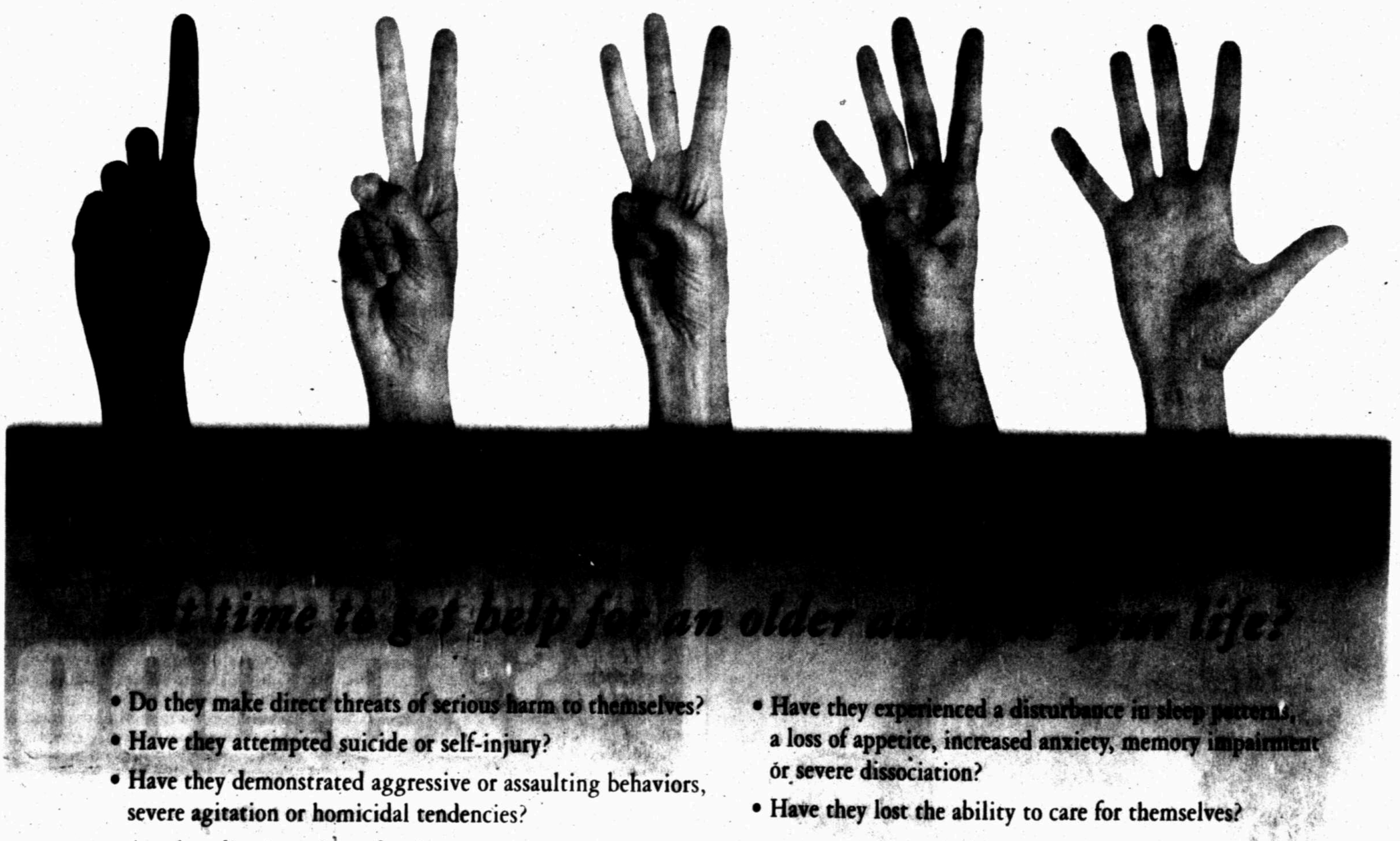
"We need to teach our children about the three E's: education, exercise and eating right," he said.

The House Human Services and Public Health Committees are investigating why Texas has the second-highest rate of people having trouble getting enough food. In 2010, that was more than 4 million Texans.

Last year Texas distributed $5.32 billion in federal funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. Texas recently surpassed California to become the largest distributor of SNAP funds, topping $500 million a month to 3.6 million Texans.

Rep. Susan King, R-Abilene, asked what could be done to allow more feral hogs to enter public food banks, because the animals are a major nuisance in Texas. State law allows hunters to give away deer meat, but federal law says only live feral hogs taken to a slaughter house can be distributed to the public.

"We don't have enough money to pay for everything we would like to have for a food source, and this is a ready food source that some people eat," King said. "Maybe we can do something to make that food source available."



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WASHINGTON

Powell not ready to endorse Obama for re-election

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell declined Tuesday to renew the presidential endorsement he gave Barack Obama four years ago, saying he wasn't ready "to throw my weight behind someone" at this time.

The former chairman of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff and Cabinet member under President George W. Bush demurred when asked if he was backing Obama again. A longtime GOP figure, Powell caused a stir in Republican political circles four years ago by endorsing Obama over war hero Sen. John McCain, calling Obama a "transformational figure."

IOWA

Man with zebra, parrot in truck gets DUI

DUBUQUE — An Iowa man stopped outside a Dubuque bar with a small zebra and a parrot in his truck has been charged with drunken driving.

Officers arrested 56-year-old Jerald Reiter of Cascade on Sunday in the parking lot of the Dog House bar, where people had been taking photos of the animals.

US Army more selective on recruits, re-enlistments

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Uncle Sam may not want you after all.

In sharp contrast to the peak years of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the Army last year took in no recruits with misconduct convictions or drug or alcohol issues, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press. And soldiers already serving on active duty now must meet tougher standards to stay on for further tours in uniform.

The Army is also spending hundreds of thousands of dollars less in bonuses to attract recruits or entice soldiers to remain.

It's all part of an effort to slash the size of the active duty Army from about 570,000 at the height of the Iraq war to 490,000 by 2017. The cutbacks began last year, and as of the end of March the Army was down to less than 558,000 troops.

For a time during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army lowered its recruiting standards, raising the number of recruits who entered the Army with moral, medical and criminal — including felony — waivers.

Recruits with misdemeanors, which could range from petty theft and writing bad checks to assault, were allowed into the Army, as well as those with some medical problems or low aptitude scores that might otherwise have disqualified them.

A very small fraction of recruits had waivers for felonies, which included convictions for manslaughter, vehicular homicide, robbery and a handful of sex crimes. The sex crimes often involved consensual sex when one of the individuals was under 18.

In 2006, about 20 percent of new Army recruits came in under some type of waiver, and by the next year it had grown to nearly three in 10. After the Defense Department issued new guidelines, the percentage needing waivers started to come down in 2009.

Now, as the Army moves to reduce its force, some soldiers will have to leave.

Officials say they hope to make cuts largely through voluntary attrition. But Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, has warned that as much as 35 percent of the cuts will be "involuntary" ones that force soldiers to abandon what they had hoped would be long military careers.

"This is going to be hard," said Gen. David Rodriguez, head of U.S. Army Forces Command. "This is tough business. As we increase things like re-enlistment standards, some of the people who were able to re-enlist three years ago won't be able to re-enlist again."

The Army, in an internal slide presentation, is blunt: "Re-enlistment is a privilege, not a right; some 'fully qualified' soldiers will be denied re-enlistment due to force realignment requirements and reductions in end strength."

In a memo earlier this year, Army Secretary John McHugh laid out more stringent criteria for denying re-enlistment, including rules that would turn away soldiers who have gotten a letter of reprimand for a recent incident involving the use of drugs or alcohol, or some soldiers who were unable to qualify for a promotion list.

"It's all focused on allowing us ... to retain only those soldiers who have the right skills, the right attributes and who help us meet the requirements and are those soldiers which truly have the greatest potential," said Army Brig. Gen. Richard P. Mustion, the Army's director of military personnel management.

Last year, as the budget and personnel cuts began to take hold, just a bit more than 10 percent of Army recruits needed waivers to join. The bulk of those — about 7 percent — were medical waivers, which can include poor eyesight that can be corrected. About 3 percent were for misconduct that did not involve convictions.

The decline in recent years was almost entirely on conduct waivers, not medical. As an example, there were 189 recruits with "major misconduct" waivers last year, and none with criminal convictions, compared to 546 misconduct waivers in 2009 and 220 with convictions.

Mustion said that as Army recruiters look at the applicants coming in they "are truly able to identify the very best soldiers, future soldiers, and those who display the greatest potential."

He said they are evaluating each one on his physical, academic and aptitude test performances "and, quite frankly, would they require a waiver to come into the military versus the next soldier who has the same credentials but wouldn't require a waiver."

Waivers have long been a source of debate. Military officials have defended the process, saying it allows good people who once made a minor mistake to enlist. But mid-level officers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan also told top defense officials that the dramatic rise in the number of bad-behavior waivers was a problem, that they were often spending too much time on "problem children."

Steven Dale Green, a former 101st Airborne Division soldier, came into the Army on a morals waiver because of an earlier problem with drugs. He is now serving five life terms for killing an Iraqi family and raping and killing the 14-year-old daughter in March 2006.

With the economy struggling, it's still a recruit-rich environment. But Army officials worry that as the economy gets better, they may not get all the high quality recruits they need, and their best soldiers may decide not to re-enlist because they may do better in the corporate world.

For now, however, the Army is saving money in the process.

According to Mustion, soldiers in just six types of jobs are getting bonuses when they enlist: interpreter/translators, divers, cryptologic linguists, medical laboratory specialists and explosive ordnance disposal specialists. And those bonuses average about $3,300-$3,500, he said.

That is a steep drop from the $16,000-$18,000 bonuses the Army was paying on average to new recruits in 2007-08.

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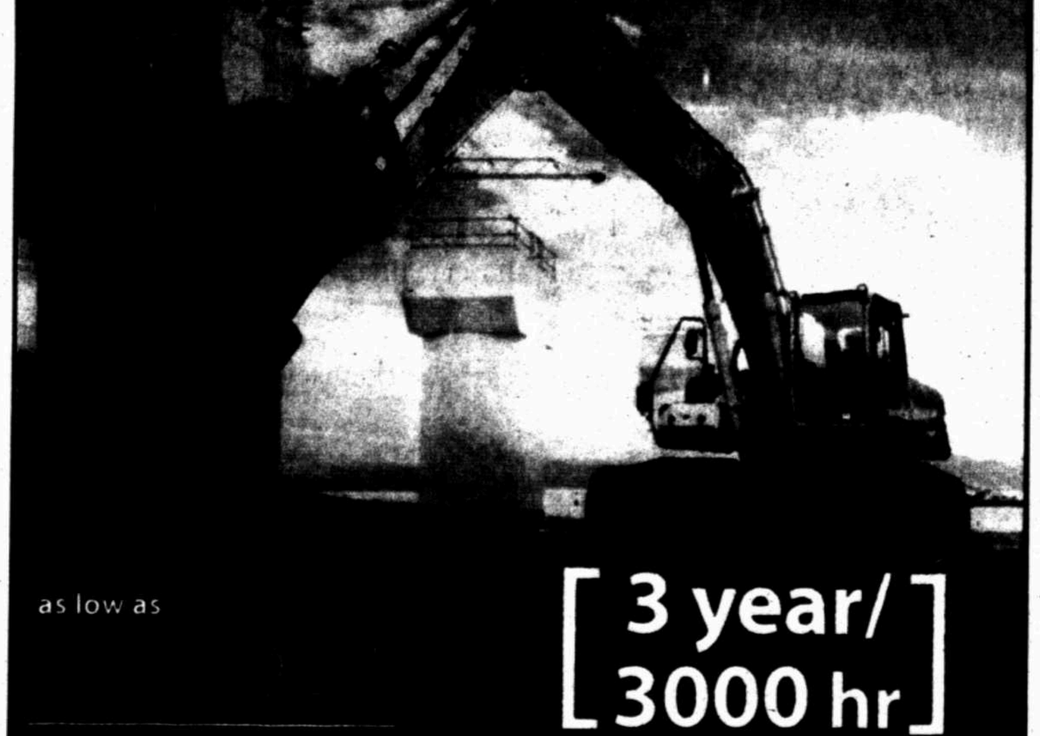

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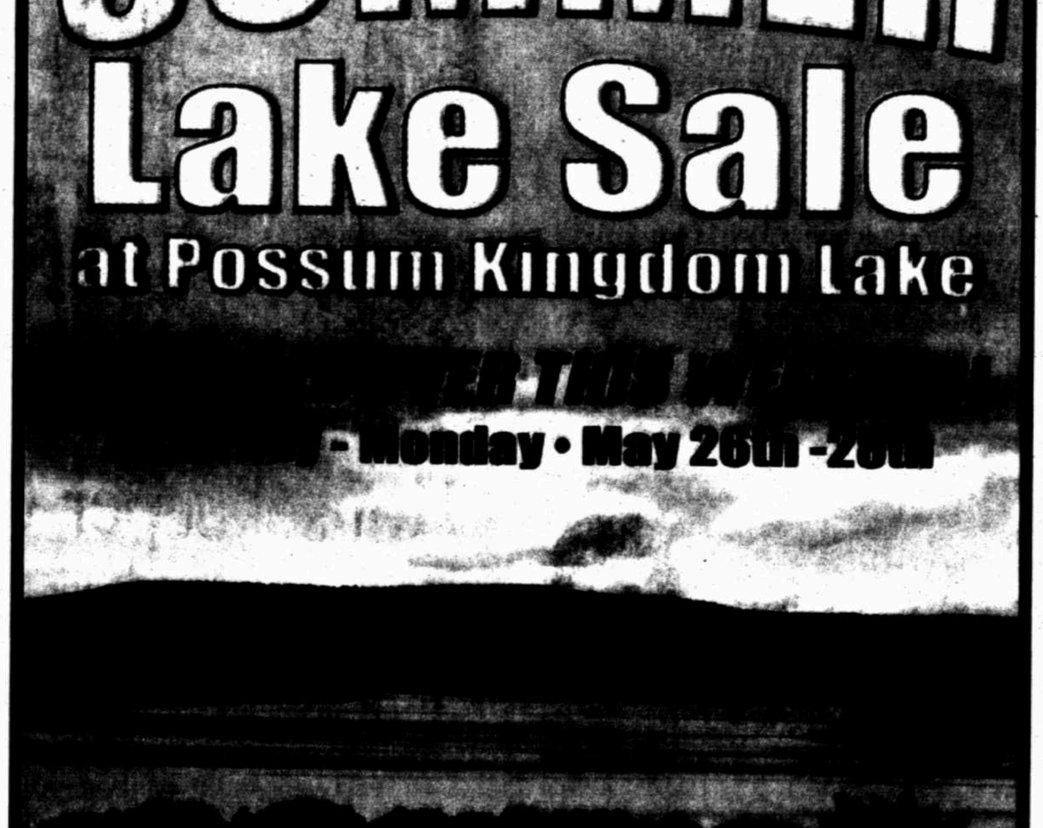

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Augie Fernandes is the executive director of the West Texas Food Bank.

Executive director takes on mission to revitalize West Texas Food Bank

ED TODD'S PROFILES

Ed Todd is a writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Augie Fernandes listens. At age 64, closing in on 65, he listens for his calling to carry out "God's work," which for him is feeding the hungry — folks from childhood well into their senior years.

By 2010, he had been retired for two years after heading up the Gleaners Community Food Bank, Michigan's largest food bank that takes in economic-beleaguered Detroit.

An innovative problem-solver, Fernandes was called out of retirement, sort of drafted for a high-minded cause, by Feeding America, the former America's Second Harvest, the nation's foremost hunger-relief charity.

His assignment was to travel the 1,500-plus miles from his Michigan home to Midland-Odessa to revitalize the West Texas Food Bank (WTFB). It was foreign territory to him, although he had traveled through West Texas in touring the continent coast-to-coast on his motorcycle.

"The country is wonderful. The people are gracious and helpful," he reflected this week in his Odessa office where, as executive director, he heads up the WTFB that serves 22 counties, from the plains of Midland-Odessa to the mountainous Alpine-Marfa region to multicultural El Paso.

While a "great and wonderful city," El Paso is a "little confused," Fernandes reckoned by wit. The people there don't fully appreciate that they culturally are in Old Mexico, New Mexico and Texas.

Citing West Texas as "really unique," Fernandes said the "folks are very settled in the

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New online training available for Alzheimer's caregivers

From Staff Reports

A new free training program now is being offered online for families that care for older adults suffering from Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's and Other Dementia's CARE: Changing Aging through Research and Education training program offers services to help families care for those living with the disease in their home.

Approximately 60 to 70 percent of those who suffer from Alzheimer's live at home with 80 percent of their care being provided by family members, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

That's why a local office is wanting to find a way to educate and provide help for those family members dealing with the challenging behaviors associated with the disease.

Home Instead Senior Care in Midland will offer the program through the website www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com.

The classes are free and each course ranges from five to 15 minutes in length. No preregistration is required, officials said.

The four classes offered include: An overview and introduction to the Alzheimer's disease; "Capturing Life's Journey;" techniques to manage behaviors; and activities to encourage engagement.

"Helping Families Cope," a free guide book, also is available and includes advice to help families keep their loved ones engaged and manage behaviors.

"Until there is a cure, we offer an interim solution," said Tracy Baugh, owner of Home Instead Senior Care, in a press release.

"The educational information we're

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FOOD ETC.

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Pork recipes range from saute to slow cooked

Years ago, fear of diseases meant pork had to be cooked very well done. In recent years, because of improved diet, nutrition and methods of raising the animals, meat is safe to eat when cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees. Fresh pork is available in various cuts including ribs, roasts, loin, bacon, ham and the crown roast which is popular during holidays.

Pork has been called "the other white meat" and is very lean compared to the pork of years past. When selecting fresh pork, the meat should appear bright pink. If it is gray it has been sitting on the shelf at the grocery for too long. The best pork has a higher percentage of meat to fat. With a lower fat content, it sometimes is difficult to cook it so it is safe to eat, but it stays tender and juicy.

Cooking time is similar to other cuts of meat — it depends how thick it is. Thin cuts cook faster than thicker ones. For instance, a thin pork chop could be sauteed quickly as in the Southwester Pork Chop recipe, while a roast such as that in the Spicy Dr. Pepper Pulled Pork recipe is cooked for hours in a low-temperature oven.

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Marlene Martinez is head of housekeeping for Sleep Inn & Suites.

Housekeeper works to keep hotel clean, inviting

Marlene Martinez admits she's a little obsessive when it comes to cleaning. Ever since she was a little girl living with her grandparents in El Salvador, she has swept, washed and scrubbed to gain a sense of personal satisfaction.

"I like clean; I don't know why," said Martinez, 36.

Martinez coordinates the housekeeping efforts at Sleep Inn & Suites in Midland as executive housekeeper, and admittedly takes pickiness to a whole new level. Her duties range far beyond cleaning and doing laundry; in addition to managing a housekeeping staff of eight, she books rooms from the front desk and even helps drive the shuttle to the airport when staff is short. She regularly makes runs to the grocery store to pick up cleaning supplies and sets up breakfast in the mornings for guests.

"This is just a nametag," she said, pointing to her "executive housekeeper" designation.

She's a jack of all trades, and isn't too keen on waiting for others to take care of problems as they arise. Hotel staff accidentally poured hamburger grease down a drain while hosting a Super Bowl party for its guests this year. While everyone discussed calling a plumber, Martinez simply began pulling out the hardened grease by hand.

It may be a dirty job for a clean person, but Martinez shrugs and simply says she likes everything about the job.

Martinez was recruited by hotel staff while being contracted to wax and clean the floors after the hotel first opened in 2008. She gave in to the staff's pleas and worked there for a year before being promoted to executive housekeeper. She still owns the floor cleaning business with her husband, and works there opposite of her four-day, 10-hour schedule at the hotel.

Her home life mirrors her work as she assigns different tasks to her three children to keep the house clean, though she does cut them a little more slack when checking their work.

Martinez may appreciate cleanliness, but her passion is in nursing. She finished nursing school in El Salvador and worked at a hospital for two years before moving to Arizona with her husband more than a dozen years ago for the chance at a better life. English became a stumbling block for Martinez, and she put off school as she worked and took care of her growing family. She now takes ESL courses through Odessa College so she can work toward studying to become a nurse again.

The work never stops for Martinez between taking care of her family, maintaining a separate business and studying outside of her job, but she says her workload hasn't really changed as the hotel business booms in Midland. The hotel sells out three weeks in advance for Mondays through Thursdays, and maintains about an 85 percent occupancy on the weekends. Managment tells any guests who stay at the hotel with any frequency they should consider booking through the calendar year, then canceling when they can't use the room. The hotel currently is undergoing construction that will add 52 rooms, bringing the total number to 123.

One person who has a house in Corpus Christi has been staying at the hotel for 14 consecutive months. Some of the guests have been around long enough get to know the staff pretty well; some came to the lobby for a baby shower to honor one of the housekeepers.

Some of the room numbers have become notorious to housekeeping and management because of the messes guests have left. One man who stayed there for more than six months was said to have dozens of pairs of shoes lined up neatly in his room.

Hotels are increasingly becoming more like homes for Midlanders and visitors who are faced with a difficult housing and renting market, and Martinez considers it her job to make sure they feel at home, whatever that takes.

"It should feel not like a hotel, but like a house," she said. "This is a second home."

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Hotels by the Numbers

Hotel-motel sales tax revenues have been at an all-time high in Midland. Here's a look at the numbers from the State Comptroller's Office:

February 2012:	$5,491,756
February 2011:	$3,308,509
February 2010:	$2,383,247
February 2009:	$2,701,621

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Obituaries

Alma Joyce McClaine

Alma Joyce McClaine, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away.

She was born on April 11, 1934, in Brownwood, TX to Henry and Evelyn (Smith) Fry. In 1951, Joyce graduated from Cisco High School and received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Home Economics from North Texas University in 1954. Joyce married James David McClaine on August 6, 1955, in Cisco, TX. They lived in Odessa, Midland, and Sweetwater, before returning to Midland, where they raised their family. James was a registered professional engineer of Texas and Joyce supported him throughout his career endeavors. They enjoyed ranching in Callahan and Coke counties. Joyce was a homemaker, teacher, rancher, and businesswoman, who was an avid reader, enjoyed fashion designing, sewing, and classical music. Her memberships included AAUW, Petroleum Engineers Wives, University Graduate Women, Permian AIMEES, Delphen Study Club (Cisco), PTA, and a Girl Scout leader. She was a faithful Christian, who taught Sunday School for many years, was active in tape ministry, WMU, and other church activities. She enjoyed many hours entertaining family and friends during the holidays and throughout the year.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother. Joyce is survived by her husband of 57 years, James D. McClaine, of Midland, Texas; sons: Stephen McClaine, and wife Jena, Brian McClaine and wife, Elizabeth, all of Midland; daughter, Brenda Carrens and husband, Carey of Taunton, MA; grandchildren, Chris and wife, Dayna of Edmond, OK, Lindsay Elliott and husband, Adam, Lauren Greer and her husband, Chase, Matthew, Sarah, Timothy, and Joseph McClaine, all of Midland, and Aistin Carrens of Taunton, MA; great-grandchildren; Gage, Kyler, and Annley McClaine of Edmond, OK and Capri Elliott of Midland.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 24, 2012, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702 or Gifts of Hope - Allison Cancer Center, 400 N Garfield ST, STE 100, Midland, TX 79701.

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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Larry Don Tull, Sr.

"Heroes get remembered, but legends never die.". With the passing of Larry Don Tull, Sr., age 51, of Odessa, Texas, on May 20, 2012, this quote rings true, because he will live on in the hearts of those who were near and dear to him.

Larry's journey began on August 9, 1960, when he was born in Spur, Texas, to Charles and Bernie Tull. Larry was an Odessa High School graduate from the class of 1978. He married his soul mate, Jeannette "Jo" DeGraffenreid, on May 3, 1979, in Odessa. Larry and Jo lived in Odessa, where they raised their two sons. Larry worked in the oilfield for 35 years, most recently as an oilfield Service Supervisor for BJ Hughes, until his journey came to an end, when he lost his battle with cancer.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Charles Tull, and brother, Wayne Tull.

Larry was considered a great man because he was a faithful companion, loving parent, cherished grandparent, true friend, and dedicated family man. He will be dearly missed by those that he is survived by: his wife, Jeannette "Jo" Tull; sons, Larry Don Tull, Jr. and wife, September, and James Wesley Tull; brother, Eddie Tull and Carla; sister, Janice Tull; grandsons, John Charles Tull, Robert Hickman, and Alexander Donovan Tull; mother, Bernie Tull; and numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home. Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Robert Lamb officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Mary Gay Sanders Rulla

Mary Gay Sanders Rulla was born on September 11, 1937, to Sidney Reuben Sanders and Alta Loreta Dennis Sanders in Baird, Texas. In 1942, Gay moved with her family to Abilene. She graduated from Abilene High School in 1956, where she was a member of the Acapella Choir and volleyball team.

On June 5, 1955, Gay married Calvin Clan Hancock. They moved to Midland in 1957, where they raised their three children. Gay attended the University of Texas Permian Basin and received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geology. She was employed with J.W. Humbard and Associates and later became manager of Midland Energy Library. She married Lorin J. Rulla, in Midland, on April 29, 1990. After Lorin's death in 2009, she retired and moved to Lake Brownwood, which she referred to as "my little piece of heaven". She loved working in the yard, tending to her plants and birds, carving gourds, and being doted on by her youngest son, Greg.

Those left behind to treasure Gay's memory are her children, Judy Hancock Mitchell and husband, Royce of Midland, Terry Hancock and wife, Carren of Bangs, Gregory Hancock of Lake Brownwood, and Stacie Lynn Chacon of Midland; her grandchildren include, Melissa Howard Lofton of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Benjamin Howard and wife, Katey of Midland, Megan Mitchell Clark and husband, Coby of Dallas, Jeremiah Mitchell of New York City, Will Hancock of Midland, Haley Hancock of Spokane, Washington, Chandler Hancock of Bangs, and Anthony Michael Floyd of Midland; her great grandchildren, Hickson Howard and Leyla Floyd; and her brother, Jack Sanders and wife, Betty of Texarkana. Gay was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Lorin.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 26, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., in Brownwood, at Gay's home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home. Friends may sign the guestbook at: blaylockfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

Dedria Von Harris

Funeral service for Dedria Von Harris, 52, of Midland, are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Dedria Von Harris died May 22, 2012, in Austin, TX.

Jack H. Jones, Jr.

Jack H. Jones, Jr., 53, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, May 21, 2012, in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Kenda Jones; one daughter, Anna Jones (fiancé, William Vanderzyden); one son, Jacoby Jones (Chelsey); his mother, Mary Jones; his paternal grandmother, Alvenia Messimer; one sister, Sherri Kinsey (Terry); and five grandchildren.

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

Leon Hemphill

Leon Hemphill, 37, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Hemphill; daughter, Rachel Hemphill; mother, Joyce Ann Collins, stepfather, Michael Collins; sister, Marchetta Dewberry; grandmother, Elnora Shaw-Hemphill; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

A gathering for family and friends will be Thursday, May 24, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral services are set for Friday, May 25, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, 1508 S. Main St.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Louis C. Ramirez

Louis C. Ramirez, 80, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, May 21, 2012.

A vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 24, 2012, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Bonilla (Merardo), Ruth Calderon (Vicente), Louise Ramirez, and Lisa Rodriguez (Sam); two sons, Felix Hilario and John Hilario (Pilly); three sisters, Luz, Simona and Martina; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

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

Raymond Ochoa Gonzales

Raymond Ochoa Gonzales, 58, passed away Monday, May 21, 2012, in Odessa.

Survivors are his daughters, Anyssa Gonzales and Sierra Gonzales; sisters, Susie Nelson, Elva Sanchez, Merle Cuellar, Mary Alice Hudson, Lucy Gonzales, Sonya Charez, and Debbie Padilla; brothers, Roman Gonzales and Paul Chavez, Jr.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

'Polka King' Eddie Blazonczyk dies at 70

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Grammy Award-winning polka great Eddie Blazonczyk, who began playing the lively music in the 1950s and went on to earn the nickname "Polka King" after starting his own band and label, has died. He was 70.

His record label, Bel-Aire Recordings, and his son, Eddie Blazonczyk Jr., said Tuesday that Blazonczyk died of natural causes Monday at a hospital in the Chicago suburb of Palos Heights.

Blazonczyk retired in 2001 after suffering a stroke, and his son took over his band, Eddie Blazonczyk and the Versatones. The band formed in 1962, after Blazonczyk's brief venture into pop music that landed him on Dick Clark's "American Bandstand," and toured the U.S., Canada and parts of Europe.

"He attracted so many people to the polka audience, whereas previously they were scared away by the word polka," Eddie Blazonczyk Jr. said. "After hearing his style of the music, they weren't afraid of polka anymore. They knew it wasn't 'She's Too Fat For Me' or 'Roll Out the Barrel.' They knew it was an evolution of the music."

The Versatones, which picked up a Grammy in 1987, played their last show on Dec. 31, 2011.

The younger Blazonczyk described his father as a kind of music mogul, a founding member of the International Polka Association, a disc jockey and polka music promoter who ran a publishing company and music school.

"He was very good at what he did," said Dave Ulczycki, president of the International Polka Association. "That's why he was called the 'Polka King.' He was the top guy."

The association said on its website that Eddie Blazonczyk and the Versatones was "unchallenged in its height as America's No. 1 Polka Band." Blazonczyk was a member of the association's Polka Music Hall of Fame.

Blazonczyk was born to Polish immigrant parents on July 12, 1941, in Chicago. His parents operated music clubs in the city and he started playing in the 1950s with Happy Eddie and his Polka Jesters, performing at Polish festivities.

For a time, Blazonczyk performed pop music with Mercury Records as Eddie Bell and the Bel-Aires, when he appeared on "American Bandstand." But he returned to polka in 1962, forming the Versatones and going on tour.

Blazonczyk played many instruments but preferred the bass, and he sang lyrics in both English and Polish. Some of his biggest hits include "Angeline Be Mine Polka" and "Poor Boy Polka."

Blazonczyk earned many accolades throughout his career. He was named a National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellow in 1998. His son said many friends have been sending him condolence messages since learning of his father's death.

"For them this is truly the day that the music died," Blazonczyk said.

Online:
http://belairerecords.com.

Pomegranate molasses: What it is and how to use it

By J.M. Hirsch
Associated Press

Matthew Mead/AP

Roasted chickpeas in a thick pomegranate molasses, topping a salad of peppery greens and goat cheese in Concord, N.H.

Are you about over the pomegranate trend yet?

If so, you might want to revisit it just once more. But this time we aren't talking about chugging the juice or turning it into fancy cocktails.

This time it's pomegranate molasses, a thick, syrupy concentrate that is sweet and tart and as delicious as it sounds.

To explain pomegranate molasses, we ought to start with the fruit itself. Pomegranates originated in western Asia and the Mediterranean, with the best supposedly coming from Iran. The trees produce large, usually red orb-like fruits filled with edible seeds, each of which is covered by a juice-filled membrane.

The seeds (or rather the juicy membrane around them) have a sweet, tart and fairly astringent taste. They can be eaten as is, or crushed to extract the juice.

Likewise, that juice can be consumed as is or mixed with sugar syrup. The latter is called grenadine, a popular flavoring for cocktails (though many modern grenadines are synthetic and no longer made from pomegranate juice).

If you take the unsweetened juice and boil it down until it is thick and syrupy, you have pomegranate molasses, a popular flavoring in Middle Eastern cooking. Pomegranate molasses once was unheard of outside of ethnic markets, but today can be found in the international aisle of most larger grocers.

And if you can't find it, it's easy enough to make. Buy a bottle of pomegranate juice (or juice concentrate), then boil it until it has reduced and become thick.

The thick, deeply red syrup has an intensely sweet-tart flavor that pairs surprisingly well with savory dishes, especially grilled meats. For example, pomegranate molasses and walnuts are a classic flavoring for poultry.

Opened bottles can be refrigerated for long periods. But it's not likely to sit around for long. You don't need to love Middle Eastern food to love what pomegranate molasses can do for the foods you already love. For ideas for using pomegranate molasses, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle column over on Food Network: http://bit.ly/K8qfdn

Roasted Pomegranate Chickpea Salad

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

3 tablespoons pomegranate molasses
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
Two 15-ounce cans chickpeas, drained
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Ground black pepper
4 cups arugula
2 cups baby spinach
Kosher salt
4-ounce log soft goat cheese

Heat the oven to 450 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the pomegranate molasses, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the drained chickpeas and toss to coat evenly. Arrange the chickpeas in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the chickpeas are dried and starting to get crunchy.

Remove the chickpeas from the oven and set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together the olive oil and lemon juice. Season with pepper, then add the arugula and spinach. Toss to coat.

Divide the greens between 4 serving plates, then sprinkle each with kosher salt. Divide the chickpeas between the salads, then top with crumbled goat cheese.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 370 calories; 140 calories from fat (38 percent of total calories); 15 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 42 g carbohydrate; 16 g protein; 8 g fiber; 930 mg sodium.

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• Family lives day to day in midst of 7-year-old son's battle with cancer.

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• Jim May recommends counseling for woman addicted to Internet shopping.

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Texas Rattlesnake Man still having fun at 61

Jackie Bibby lives in Rising Star, or as he calls it, Twinkle City. He is the Texas Rattlesnake Man and has the credentials and bites to prove it. He does some crazy things with snakes.

"I've been in the Guinness Book of World Records nine times for doing things like holding snakes in my mouth, suspended by their tails. I do one stunt where I get in a see-through bathtub with 195 rattlesnakes. I get in sleeping bags full of snakes both head first and feet first."

He makes his living as an alcohol and drug counselor, but he's been fooling around with snakes as a hobby and a sport for 43 years.

"It started in Brownwood when I was 18 years old and won the rattlesnake sacking event. There was a competition to see who could put the most rattlesnakes in a tow sack and I won. I won two trophies and got my name in the paper and the rest is history. I've been doing it ever since. I tried to enter the year before when I was 17, but they said I was too young and to come back next year, so I did."

His hobby has taken him to Europe 14 times, to Asia once and all over the U.S., including several trips to New York and Hollywood. He is a snake celebrity and people at rattlesnake roundups pose for pictures with him and get his autograph. At those events he wears a derby hat made of rattlesnake skins. He has garnered tons of publicity, including a page on a Jeff Foxworthy calendar. On it, a picture of Jackie carries the phrase, "If you ask for an autograph at a rattlesnake roundup, you might be a redneck."

A couple of years ago Jackie started a television show. "It's called 'Rattlesnake Republic' and comes on Sunday nights at 8 on Animal Planet. The ratings have been fabulous. We've had phenomenal response. It's about four teams of rattlesnake hunters that go around Texas chasing rattlesnakes and competing against each other and doing shows, stuff like that."

If you've ever seen a rattlesnake safety film that shows the underside of a man's arm with a huge zigzag scar on it from armpit to wrist, that arm belongs to Jackie. He's been snake bitten 10 times. He has a few fingers that don't work as well as they used to, but says anything you do for fun is risky.

"I've definitely been a model for 'don't do this at home.'"

Rattlesnake season is from February to April. Jackie says Texas only has seven rattlesnake roundups now. When he started there were 42. He blames environmentalists for shutting down a lot of them.

"They think what we're doing is messing up the ecology and get down on us," he said.

During off-season he does seminars, corporate events, safety demonstrations for schools and benefits for non-profit organizations.

Jackie is one happy fellow.

"I never thought at 61 years old I'd be having this much fun."

Autistic man offers free hugs to strangers

By Vincent T. Davis
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Most Saturday mornings, Christopher Webster can be found downtown, across from Alamo Plaza, offering strangers a gift without any strings, catches or small print.

Seated at a flagstone landing on a recent weekend, Webster held up a sign to the crowd as it streamed past. Some stared, some pointed and some snapped photos of Webster, clad in a black T-shirt with "I Love Texas — San Antonio" across the front. Draped over his shoulders was a peach-colored bedsheet that flapped in the wind, part of his new superhero theme.

Heather Wallace took him up on the message on his cardboard sign that read "free hugs."

"It's just a little kindness — everybody needs a hug," said Wallace, who had surprised her husband, Michael, with a trip from Midland to San Antonio for his birthday. "He looked like a happy kind of guy."

Webster, 27, who also goes by JoJo and Jose, has hugged hundreds of strangers, but that's not the surprising thing: Webster has Asperger's syndrome, which causes difficulty interacting with others.

"It was stepping out of my comfort zone," he said. "Once I started, it became natural. Sometimes its boom, boom, boom; it's mind-boggling."

For the past six years,

> "There are a lot of people who need hugs but won't ask for them.
> — Christopher Webster

Webster has taken part in the "Free Hugs" social movement started in 2004 by an Australian using the pseudonym Juan Mann.

A friend talked Webster into joining the huggers. After a couple of years, the friend moved on. Webster is still in place with open arms.

Before he began his hug fest, Webster, who also has been diagnosed as bipolar, was withdrawn, said Mark Stoeltje, executive director of San Antonio Clubhouse, a nonprofit prevocational program for adults with severe mental illness.

"He brought in a personal DVD player and watched Tim Burton movies," Stoeltje said.

"There's a part of him that knew (the landing) is where he needed to be, and he started coming out of his shell, more and more."

"There are a lot of people who need hugs," Webster told Stoeltje, "but won't ask for them."

Now, Webster repairs the clubhouse computers and attends college computer system classes.

At his post, he doesn't flinch when people sometimes get carried away, like the man who gave him a bear hug and swung him back and forth like a pendulum, or the woman who ran and leaped into his arms.

His record for hugs came on St. Patrick's Day, with 81 hugs in 45 minutes. He said he averages 22 hugs each Saturday.

He caught the eye of Karen Springer of Fair Oaks Ranch from across the street. "This is right up your alley," she told her son, Kyle, 19, as she pushed him in his wheelchair up to Webster. The teen, who has a rare chromosome disorder, rose slowly and was lost in Webster's embrace.

"Kyle loves to hug," Springer said, as her son burrowed his head in the hugger's arms. He was followed by a dentist and his group from Dallas, in town for a conference.

"We ran over here because we thought it was very endearing," said Pam Watkins, one of the group.

After their hugs, Watkins bought Webster two cold bottles of water. "You'll give better hugs if you're hydrated," she said.

"I do it to make the world a better place," Webster said. "One hug at a time."

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way that they do things," that change is "not going to be rapid," but the country and the people are resilient as evidenced by the boom-to-bust and bust-to-boom cycles and in dealing with drought and occasional rains.

"I don't see anybody giving up out here," he said. "There is no pretense here. It is all real."

Toward revitalizing the WTFB, Fernandes foresees making the El Paso WTFB branch a "free-standing food bank," thereby allowing the WTFB "to totally focus on the Big Bend and the Permian Basin" for a beneficial "giant step backward into the future."

Fernandes' fervor for his mission to feed the hungry and his enthusiasm for the grandeur of the nation are shared devotions.

"Before you get a passport to go out of this nation," he said, "you should have a card that certifies that you have toured three national parks first," such as Big Bend, Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon. "Let's start looking at America. This is a great nation. People are gracious, helpful, most interesting folks," especially when "you get off the main roads and get out there on the side roads and byways and all that."

Just behind his desk in his Odessa WTFB office is a heartening artwork that exhorts: "Make It Happen."

His assignment, now nearing its second year, is revitalizing the WTFB that was founded in the mid-1980s as the Permian Basin Food Bank and strengthening its standing and confidence in the communities it serves.

An impassioned and straight-shooting soul of tall stature and abounding energy, Fernandes put aside his retirement joys of wood-working and toiling in his perennial-flower garden at his and wife Linda's pastoral Salem Township acreage near Ann Arbor and west of Detroit to take on his renewed mission in West Texas.

"Hunger is a symptom of poverty," he has observed throughout the years and especially so in a slumped economy in a nation long-hailed for its prosperity and buoyancy. Even in oil-boom prosperous Midland and Odessa, there are pockets of poverty.

"If you look at the war against poverty," Fernandes declared, "our battleground is hunger."

He reflected on his experience in running the Detroit-based Gleaners Community Food Bank.

"I saw folks who were our donors become our recipients in a matter of five years," Fernandes said of that niche of America's manufacturing belt beset by decline. "I've watched people who had good-paying jobs, (folks) who used to be our donors and our volunteers, now coming in for food assistance, trying to survive, trying to keep it going, until the job market came back."

Through its partners, including church-sponsored food pantries and other outlets, such as Helping Hands of Midland, Catholic Charities and The Salvation Army, WTFB distributes food to the needy, necessarily including Midland-Odessa where the poor and hungry children and adults seem overshadowed in an oil-boom thriving economy.

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> **executive director of West Texas Food Bank**

The recent weekend Stamp Out Hunger campaign in Midland-Odessa bought in at least 100,000 pounds of food to supplement the 11 million pounds of food distributed annually by WTFB and converted into meals. "Everything that comes to the food bank cascades back out to the community through our partners," Fernandes said.

WTFB revitalization plans include a nutrition-based teaching kitchen and a Midland distribution center.

As Fernandes noted, "to totally nourish a community," the community must be enriched nutritionally, culturally, spiritually and intellectually, such as through the arts and education. A well-nourished child, Fernandes observed, "can learn better" than one who is malnourished.

"We need to look at the community as a whole and not segment it," he said. "When we better the life of those in the community that have the least, we are bettering the life of those who have the most."

For a senior citizen on fixed income, the food bank would allow that person to have some extra food and not be forced to make a choice between "eating a meal or taking my medication."

"Food banks are a growing industry in America," which Fernandes said is a "sad commentary for what is going on" in a changing economy. Corporate jobs for years have been shipped overseas, effectively making "one man's bust another man's boom."

Winning the fight against poverty entails a strengthened economy and a well-trained, well-motivated and well-educated workforce and, ultimately, self-sufficient and hearty individuals, families and communities.

For WTFB, the goal is "a West Texas without hunger."

Of his WTFB role, "I firmly believe that we do God's work," Fernandes said. "All sorts of (good) things happen when you are doing this work." And when conflict occurs, "I always say, 'You manage your business with your head. You manage your mission with your heart. When you are in conflict, you yield to the heart.'"

Bumper crop of bad license plates cross DMV desks

KEN HERMAN

Ken Herman writes for the Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — It's a list, compiled daily, that serves as inspiring tribute to Texans' boundless creativity. Or maybe it's Exhibit A for non-Texans' case that we're a troublingly tasteless and crude subspecies.

OU SKS. OU SX. TUSUCKS. TEXSUX. UT-SUX. BMW SUX. USUK2.

The list shows up every afternoon for Tim Thompson and Linda Kirksey at their Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' offices. It usually includes about 150 items, sometimes as many as 200. Some get approved. Some get rejected. All, incredibly, are what someone wants on their personalized license plate.

"I see a lot of 'somebody sucks,'" said Thompson, deputy director of the agency's vehicle titles and registration division.

Unless something slips by Thompson and Kirksey, the agency's director of registration services, you won't see anything on anybody's Texas license plate alleging someone or something sucks, sux, sks or sx.

(FYI, because of an agency snafu, OUSUQS, originally marked for rejection, is on somebody's vehicle. And no, I don't know if you can get SNAFU on a plate.)

Dating back to January 2010, the agency has rejected about 1,150 requested personalized plates. There are laws about what you can and can't put on your license plate. Sometimes there are close calls. But know this: In general, you're not getting an F in front of U or a 4 in front of a Q.

Thompson and Kirksey, working with a staff of five, and who have other tasks, are the final arbiters of what's out of bounds. State law bans anything indecent, defined as "a reference to a sex act, an excretory function or material or sexual body parts."

That ban knocked out pages and pages of requested plates, almost all of which are banned from this newspaper by the puritanical, humorless, killjoy grown-ups who run the place.

Some of the requested plates named a preferred body part. Others touted a special skill or sought company for special activities.

Many requested plates get knocked out by state law banning vulgarities, defined as "curse words." Others fall to the ban on plates referring to "illegal activities or substances or implied threats of harm" and anything deemed an "expression of hate directed toward people or groups that is demeaning to people or groups, or associated with an organization that advocates such expressions."

It probably was the "illegal activities" ban that got Austin lawyer Jamie Balagia's plate rejected. Balagia wanted "DWIDUDE" because that's the moniker he uses in defending folks charged with DWI.

"If I had a Wendy's franchise and I wanted 'Wendy's,' would they have said no?" Balagia asked.

You also can't get a plate construed as a "misrepresentation of law enforcement or other governmental entities and their titles." That got US GOV and FTR GOV rejected.

Also rejected were THEHO, 1BADHO, HO4SHO and SXY HOE. (OK, people, I think we know the agency's stance on HO. Looks like Santa can't get HOHOHO for his sleigh.)

Also banned were SSAMUD and others that are the reason the agency sometimes uses mirrors while reviewing requests. State law anticipates attempted backward spellings by banning plates that are objectionable when viewed "directly or indirectly."

Thompson's only been on the job for seven months and has been "quite amazed at the resourcefulness of the public." Some days there are no rejections, but that's unusual, he said, noting each day's list usually includes at least a handful of thumbs-down rulings.

Is it ever a close call? Yes, and Thompson said he leans toward rejection in those cases, because there is an appeal process if applicants want to go that route. By way of example, Kirksey noted the rejection list included MIKE69. But, she said, if Mike could show the plate is for a 1969 Chevy he very well might get it.

It's helpful, Thompson said, that staffers who do the reviewing are a diverse bunch, giving them differing insights on what's dirty. He recalled catching one that got by a younger staffer.

"You didn't see the movie 'Porky's'?" asked Thompson, 51, before realizing the raunchy movie came out in 1982.

He also noted younger staffers can be more attuned to text-message lingo now showing up in license plate requests.

"At the end of the day, I just try to be reasonable and think about the citizenry at large," Thompson said.

Neither Thompson nor Kirksey has personalized plates.

Agency spokesman Adam Shaivitz said it's helpful to think dinner plates when thinking about license plates.

"The rule of thumb is think of good, appropriate conversation at your family dinner table," he said. "You wouldn't want anything on a plate that you wouldn't say in front of your kids or your parents or your grandparents."

We are, however, a diverse state, blessed with diverse dinner tables and diverse dinner table conversation. Maybe that's not the best rule of thumb. Maybe it kind of sx.

The rejection list makes you wonder about the requestors (as well as the future of mankind). Because it's the way of the world, I'm guessing somewhere between 99.8 and 100 percent of the more vulgar requests come from males.

And what are we to make of whoever wanted — and didn't get — a plate beginning with an "a" and followed by two numeral 5's in spelling a slang word for the very, very southern end of the digestive tract? Who, one must wonder, would want that plate? Best I can come up with is some guy getting a plate for the car his wife is getting in the divorce.

Day after day, request by request, Kirskey wonders about some requestors.

"We wish we could have pictures of who is asking for the plates," she said.

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Spicy Dr. Pepper Pulled Pork

From "The Pioneer Woman Cooks"

2 onions, peeled and quartered
1 whole pork shoulder roast
Salt and black pepper to taste
One (11-ounce) can chipotle chiles in adobo sauce
Two (12-ounce) cans Dr. Pepper
4 Tablespoons packed brown sugar
Hamburger or Hoagie buns

Preheat oven to 300. Place the onion quarters in the bottom of a pot. Place the roast on top of the onions and add salt and pepper to taste. Pour the chipotle chiles over the top. Pour Dr. Pepper over the chiles. Add the brown sugar to the liquid, stirring slightly to combine. Cover the pot and cook for at least 6 hours, flipping the roast 2 to 3 times during the cooking process. Meat should be fork tender when done. (If not ready in 6 hours, return to oven in 30 minute intervals until done.) Remove roast from oven and shred it completely. Spoon the fat from the top of the liquid in the pot. Return meat to pot and keep it in the juice until you need it. Serve on buns if desired.

Brown Sugared Pork Tenderloin

From "The Busy Moms Cookbook"

1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
2 (2-pound) packages pork tenderloin

Combine first 6 ingredients in a large zip-top freezer bag. Add pork to bag; seal bag, and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes, turning bag once. Preheat grill to medium-high (350 to 400.) Drain marinade from plastic bag into a small saucepan; bring to a boil. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat, and set aside. Grill tenderloins, uncovered over medium-high heat 10 to 12 minutes on each side or until pork is barely pink inside or a meat thermometer inserted in thickest portion of tenderloin registers 155 degrees, basting often with reserved marinade. Remove from grill; let stand 10 minutes or until temperature reaches 160.

Barbecued Ribs

From "Fix It and Forget It"

3-4 pounds boneless pork ribs, cut into serving-size pieces
1 cup barbecue sauce
1 cup Catalina dressing

Place ribs in slow cooker. Combine barbecue sauce and salad dressing. Pour over ribs. Cover. Cook on Low 8 hours.

Roasted Pork Loin with Cherry Balsamic Pan Sauce

From "The Ski House Cookbook"

2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 1/2 to 3-pound pork loin roast, tied
1 large shallot, minced, or 2 Tablespoons minced onion
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
1/2 cup jarred pitted sour cherries, sliced in half, plus 2 tablespoons reserved syrup from jar

Preheat oven to 400. Heat the oil in a large oven-proof skillet or roasting pan over high heat. Generously salt and pepper the roast. When the pan is hot, add the roast and brown on all sides, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer the pan to the oven. Roast the pork until an instant-read thermometer reads 140 degrees when inserted into the thickest part of the roast 20 to 30 minutes.

Remove the roast to a platter and let rest for 5 minutes while you prepare the sauce. While it rests, the temperature of the roast should rise to 145 or 150. Return the pan to medium-high heat and add the shallot. Cook for 2 minutes, add the vinegar, and scrape the pan with a wooden spoon. When the vinegar is reduced to a glaze, after about 5 minutes, add the broth and reduce again by half, about 7 minutes. Add the cherries and syrup and simmer for 3 minutes. Remove from the heat. Slice the roast thinly, drizzle the sauce over the meat, and serve immediately.

Grilled Pork Chops with Maple-Cranberry Glaze

From "The Dish Diva"

Spice Rub:
1 Tablespoon sugar
1 Tablespoon hot smoked paprika
2 teaspoons seasoned salt
2 teaspoons dry mustard
2 teaspoons kosher salt
2 teaspoons celery salt
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons pepper
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon ground chipotle chili powder

Glaze:
1/2 cup jellied cranberry sauce (about half of a 16-ounce can)
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup cran-raspberry juice
2 Tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 Tablespoon Triple Sec
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
8 (3/4-inch thick) center-cut pork chops

Mix all spice rub ingredients together in a small bowl. Mix cranberry sauce, maple syrup, cran-raspberry juice, Dijon mustard, triple sec, orange peel, salt and pepper in saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, whisking until smooth. Cool to room temperature.

Spray a grill rack with non-stick spray and prepare barbecue at medium heat. Sprinkle spice rub generously over both sides of pork chops (about 1/2 Tablespoon per side), pressing to stick. Place chops on grill, cover, and cook 5 minutes per side. Brush generously with glaze. Move to cooler part of grill and continue to grill, uncovered, until cooked through, brushing frequently with glaze, about 3 minutes longer per side.

Southwestern Pork Chops

From "Southern Living Annual Recipes 1998"

4 (1/2-inch thick) boneless pork chops
1/2 cup (1-ounce) shredded 4-cheese Mexican blend
1/2 cup fine, dry breadcrumbs
2 Tablespoons milk
2 Tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
2 garlic cloves, pressed
1 small onion, chopped
2 (15 1/2 -ounce) cans whole kernel corn with red and green peppers, rinsed and drained
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 Tablespoon lime juice
Garnishes: fresh cilantro sprigs, lime wedges

Place pork chops between 2 sheets of heavy-duty plastic wrap; pound to 1/2-inch thickness, using a meat mallet or rolling pin. Combine cheese and breadcrumbs. Dip pork in milk, and dredge in breadcrumb mixture. Brown pork chops in 1 tablespoon hot oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat 3 minutes on each side. Remove from skillet.

Sauté garlic and onion in remaining 1 tablespoon hot oil in skillet until tender. Stir in corn and chopped cilantro; cook 2 to 3 minutes. Top with pork, and drizzle with lime juice. Cover and cook over medium heat 7 minutes or until pork is done. Garnish if desired.

Correction

Photos of Lee High School's Rebelee Coronation that appeared in Monday's Tall City Teens section should have been credited to Curtis Routh. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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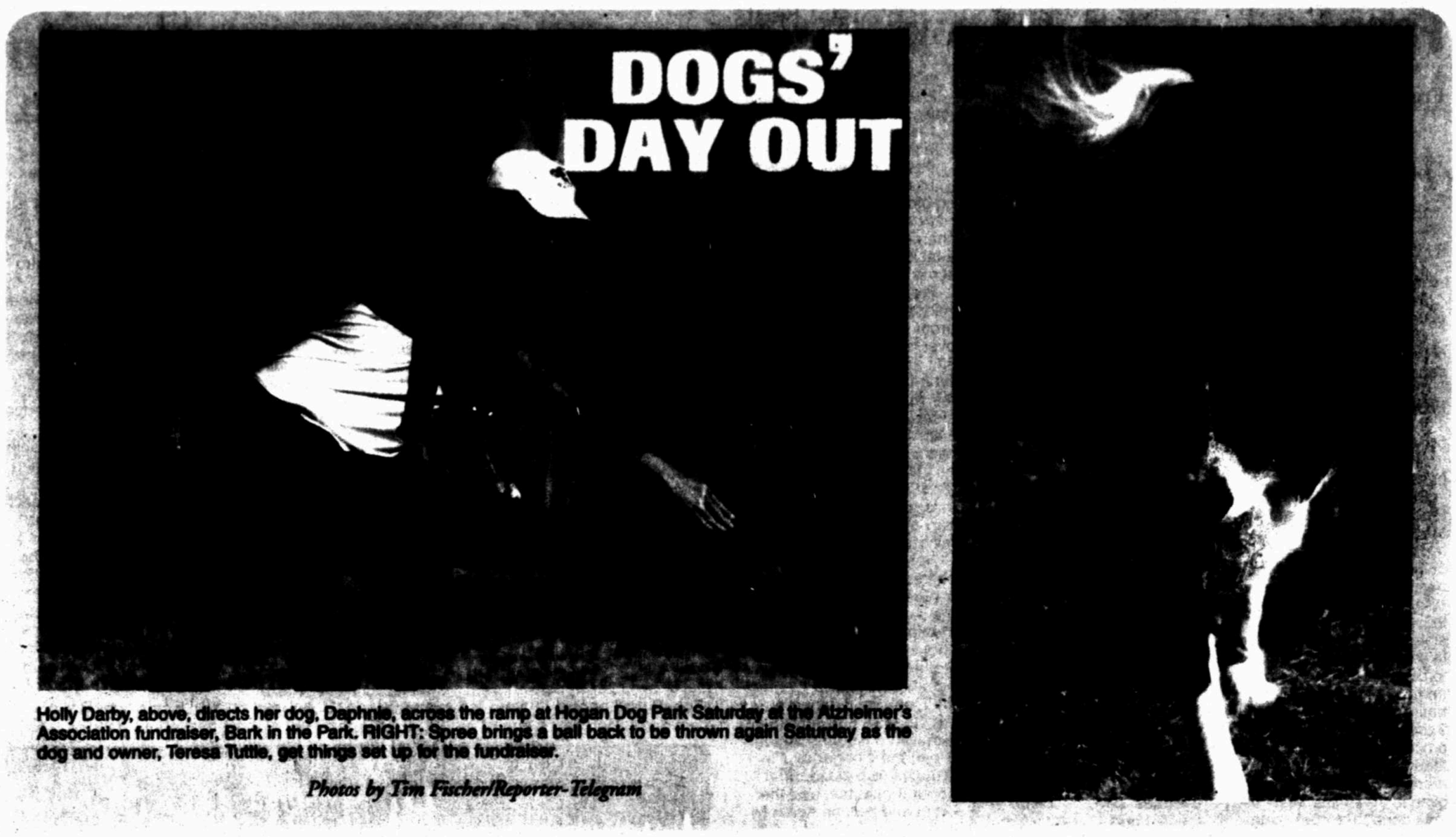

Holly Darby, above, directs her dog, Daphnie, across the ramp at Hogan Dog Park Saturday at the Alzheimer's Association fundraiser, Bark in the Park. RIGHT: Spree brings a ball back to be thrown again Saturday as the dog and owner, Teresa Tuttle, get things set up for the fundraiser.

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Fungal gnats are not harmful to plants

Dear Neil: I have gnats coming out of flower pots of several different plants I'm growing indoors. I have tried a repellent insecticide labeled for rose pests, but it didn't work. What can I do? They're driving us crazy.

Answer: Those are fungal gnats, and they live and breed in the algal mass ("moss") that grows on the surface of potting soil and even on the surfaces of flowerpots. They're especially annoying, but harmless to your plants. They're not feeding on the plants themselves, so systemic insecticides like what you probably applied will have no impact on them. The potting soil is being kept consistently too wet. You either need to cut back gently on the amount of water you apply, or (probably better) lengthen the intervals between waterings. Don't overdo it, however — you won't have to make much of a change in watering to have big impact on the gnat population. Finally, the most important and most immediate thing you can do is to repot each of your plants into cleaned or new flowerpots that have no algal growth. Use a table fork to comb away the top quarter-inch of soil from the potting soil, then replace it with new potting soil.

Dear Neil: We're having trouble finding a new bois d'arc tree to replace one that soon will fall down in our garden. Nurserymen don't seem to sell them. Can you offer any suggestions?

Answer: I took it one step farther. I just did a web search for "buy fruitless thornless Maclura pomifera" and came up with many matches, so we know they are out there. I suspect most retail nurserymen just wouldn't see enough traffic asking for them to justify keeping them in stock. You could try native plant nurseries, also those that specialize in large assortments of unusual types of trees. At one point in time, Fanick Nursery in San Antonio offered such a selection. You could check with them.

Dear Neil: I have several oak trees that vary in size from 3 to 6 inches in trunk diameter. Would it still be advantageous to mulch these trees? If not, at what point should we stop?

Answer: Mulching is always appropriate for any size of tree. However, the larger a tree grows, the less critical it is. For the first two or three years, as trees are establishing good root systems, mulching really helps in the process. By the time they're well-rooted, however, you probably can switch over to turf or to a shade-loving groundcover.

Dear Neil: What are the things that look like okra pods that have followed yucca flowers in our neighborhood this year? Are they related to the drought and heat from last summer?

Answer: Those are the fruit, and the seeds for another generation of yuccas are contained within them. It happens most years, but when conditions are very dry, the plants will be less able to bloom, therefore produce seed.

Dear Neil: Every summer we get a ton of sticker burs in our yard at our vacation place. What can we do to get rid of them? We're heading there soon, and they are so painful.

Answer: Grassburs can be prevented, but there is no control for them once they germinate and start growing. Mow frequently to keep the seed heads (stickers) from forming. Then, early next March and again early next June, apply a pre-emergent herbicide to keep the next generation from germinating in the first place. Dimension, Balan or Halts all will work well, but you must make both treatments. The products are effective for about 100 days, and the germination/growing season for grassburs is twice that long, hence the double treatment. And, applying the granules only in June will have little, if any, effect, because most of the plants are already growing. Tip taught to me by my dad: when you have to pull grassburs out of your clothes, carpeting, pet's fur, etc., moisten your fingers first. It softens the points just a little, and that makes the task somewhat less painful.

Desert willow

Vitex tree

Small trees becoming more important in landscapes

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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Do not stop planting trees. You may want to wait until fall, but we need trees for many reasons. Trees provide shading, cooling, soil stabilization, rain water percolation, they decrease noise pollution, screen ugly views, accent and soften architecture, reduce heat island, increase property values and provide habitat wildlife and people.

We've already looked at medium size tree species, so now let's look at trees species from the small size category — up to 20 feet. With shrinking landscape space, small trees have become increasingly important.

There are several excellent choices beginning with desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*) which is commonly used throughout the region. Desert willow is well-adapted, grows fast and is heat- and drought-tolerant. It blooms on and off throughout the growing season with beautiful orchid-like blooms that range in color from pure white to deep purple. It is not a true willow, but the leaves are slender like a willow. Desert willow is easy to grow, but may need some training to develop strong single or multiple trunks. Hummingbirds feed on fragrant flowers.

Flameleaf sumac (*Rhus lanceolata*) is an underused small tree that can be seen on Highway 80 between Midland and Odessa. It has a shrubby form and sometimes grows in colonies, but some can be trained to a trunk or multi-trunk shape. Leaf texture is fine, flowers are small and form clusters of small, reddish fruit. Fall color is spectacular in burgundy, red and orange hues. It has outstanding heat- and drought-tolerance.

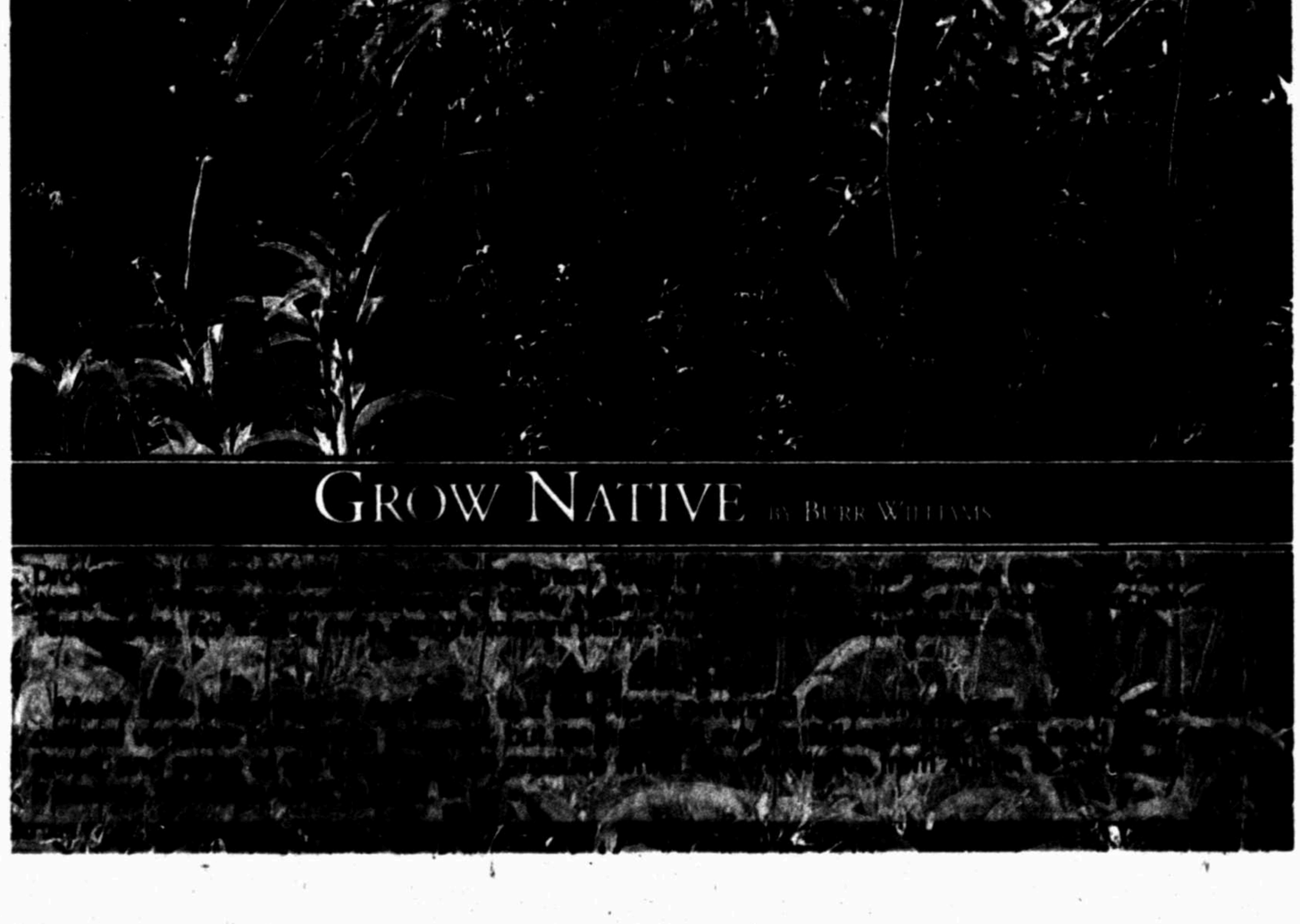
Flowering senna (*Senna corymbosa*) is a small, semi-evergreen tree with dark green leaves and bright yellow flowers. It grows fast and typically dies young, but can be a rewarding tree if you know its life span. Floweringsenna grows about 8 to 10 feet tall to a bush or, with training, small tree form. It blooms with masses of bright yellow flowers in late summer and fall, although some spring and sporadic blooming can occur. It has good drought- and heat-tolerance, but can succumb to extreme winter cold.

Vitex (*Vitex agnus-castus*) is a great small tree that grows rapidly without any significant problems. It is the purple or lavender tree blooming right now. It can be trained to a single-trunk form but is usually a multi-trunk or it can be kept as a shrub. Pruning it to a shrub each year will keep it blooming more with larger blooms. This same technique can be used with desert willows, too. Vitex is invasive, producing many seedlings, even here, but it is easy to grow, beautiful and heat- and drought-tolerant. There are a few pink, white and dark purple forms. This deciduous tree is a good butterfly plant.

Mexican redbud (*Cercis canadensis var. mexicana*) is a beautiful, small redbud with shiny, wavy leaves. It blooms in spring with the typical purple-pink flowers followed by short, flat, reddish seedpods. This redbud has better drought- and heat-tolerance than other redbuds. It usually develops into a multi-trunk form but some can be trained to a single-trunk form. Watch out for soft brown scale which can be a persistent and damaging insect.

There are several other great small trees like Texas mountain laurel, Texas persimmon, goldenball lead tree, Mexican buckeye, New Mexico olive, Mexican plum, goldenrain tree and Chinese photinia.

Do your research now, locate your tree and plant this fall when the heat of summer has eased up for a great, new addition to your garden.



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Thunder to face Spurs in journey to the top

Associated Press

Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant points up during a timeout in the fourth quarter against the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 5 ofthe Western Conference semifinal playoff series on Monday in Oklahoma City.

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma City Thunder haven't found any shortcuts as they try to climb to the top of the Western Conference.

The Thunder's path through the postseason lined up so their first three opponents have been the only three teams to win the West since 1998.

It started with the Dallas Mavericks, who were trying to defend their NBA title. Next up was the Los Angeles Lakers, who have won five championships since 2000. In the Western Conference finals, the Thunder will now face the four-time champion San Antonio Spurs.

If the franchise can reach the NBA finals for the first time since losing to Michael Jordan's Bulls in 1996 as the Seattle SuperSonics, it will be after getting through the cream of the crop out West.

"You go over the last few years, and it's been the usual suspects at the top and it's been that way for a reason," Lakers star Kobe Bryant said, pondering how L.A. could get back to the top after getting eliminated by the Thunder.

Oklahoma City is well on its way to cementing a spot among the West's elite, improving each season since winning only 23 games after relocating from Seattle in 2008.

"We're not thinking about the history of the last Western Conference champions," said Oklahoma City backup center Nazr Mohammed, himself a veteran of the Spurs' 2005 championship team.

"All we're thinking about is San Antonio and what needs to be done."

The series starts Sunday night in San Antonio, with both teams getting the better part of a week of down time to prepare. Both teams took Tuesday off after Oklahoma City finished off a five-game series against the Lakers with a 106-90 victory on Monday night.

The Spurs completed their second straight playoff sweep by beating the L.A. Clippers on Sunday and have won 18 games in a row.

"We are proud of that," San Antonio sixth man Manu Ginobili said. "It's not easy to accomplish, but who cares? But now we're going to face in the conference finals against a very rough, skilled opponent."

Each team has a speedy, All-Star point guard — San Antonio's Tony Parker against Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook. Each has a crafty,

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CAREER CALLING

Big Spring native lives out dream as pro umpire

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

On the face of it, Nick Bailey's life is pretty simple — hotels and ballparks.

But for a kid who grew up in Big Spring, it's a life that he wouldn't trade for anything in the world.

Bailey is an umpire in the Texas League, and beyond the extensive travel required in a league that is one of minor league baseball's most spread out, Bailey, 27, is making a living doing something that he loves.

Most people "think it's pretty cool, but most people don't understand it," Bailey said. "We get a lot of interesting questions on the road, like, 'When are you going to go to the pros?'"

Bailey's fixation with umpiring began when he was 16 years old working little league games in the Permian Basin for extra gas money. He knew early on that it was something he wanted to do regularly, and in 2005 he took a trip to Midland for a RockHounds game to talk with a current Texas League umpiring crew.

From that day forward, Bailey knew his future would be calling professional baseball games for a living.

"I tried to finish college, but I came up a little short because I wanted to go ahead and do this," Bailey said. "After meeting those guys and finding out what the lifestyle is, I decided I wanted to pursue it."

Bailey ventured to Florida to go to an umpiring school in 2007 and that same year he began his career umpiring professional baseball. Bailey said the umpiring course lasts five weeks in January, and after they end, an umpire is placed in a league depending on the opening.

Beginning with that first year in 2007, Bailey has umpired in six different leagues in his career, spending time in the Arizona League, Pioneer League, South Atlantic League, California League, Florida State League and finally the Southern League.

After working in the

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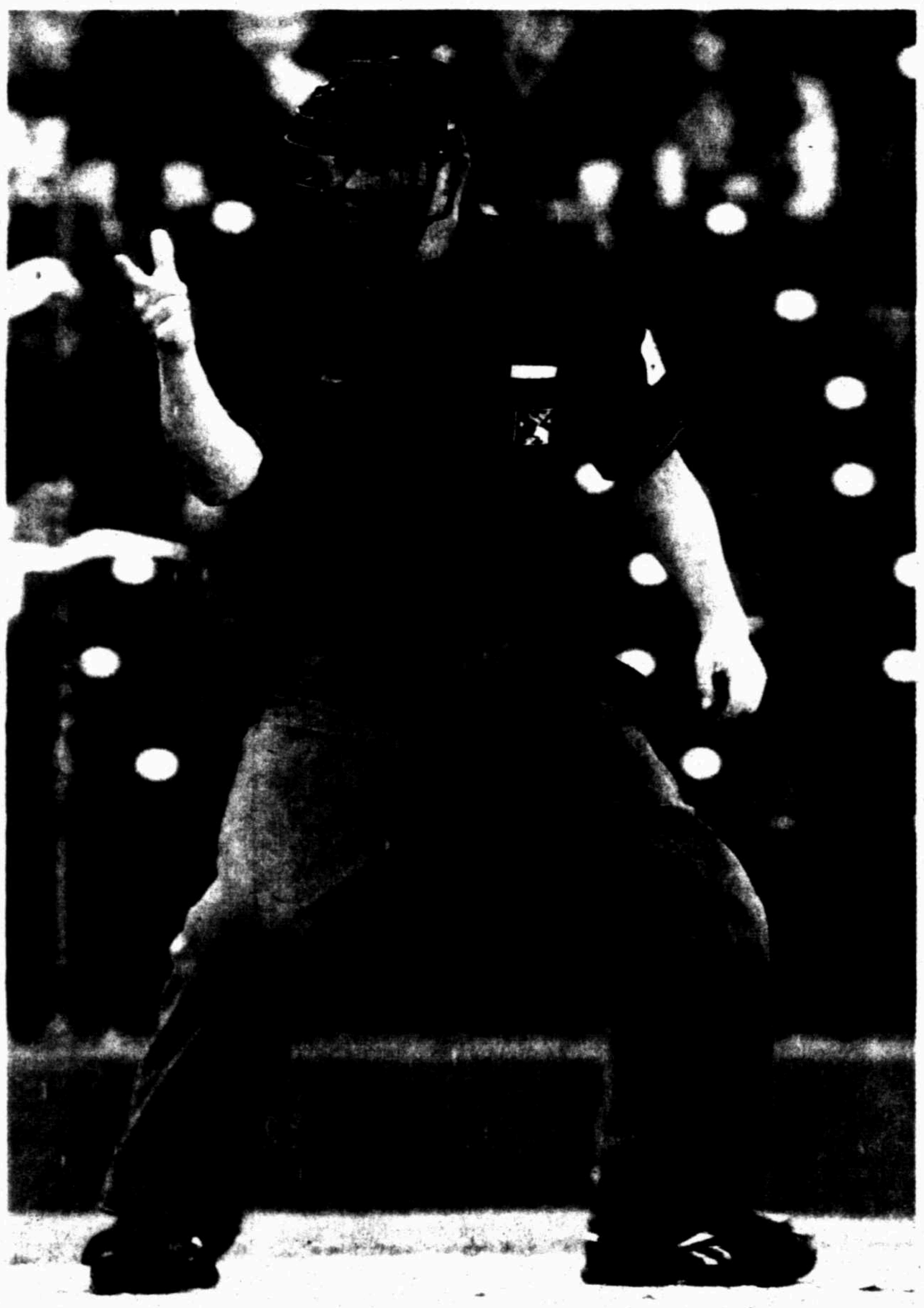

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Umpire Nick Bailey calls a strike May 17 at Citibank Ballpark. Bailey, who grew up in Big Spring, is a Texas League umpire. He has been an umpire since 2007.

NFL wins salary cap fight with Redskins, Cowboys

Associated Press

ATLANTA — An arbitrator upheld the NFL's salary cap reductions on the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins for this season and next.

Stephen Burbank ruled Tuesday in favor of the league and dismissed the grievances by both teams. The Redskins lost $36 million over two years. The Cowboys lost $10 million for overloading contracts during the uncapped 2010 season despite league warnings about such maneuvering.

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The Cowboys and Redskins, who filed their grievances against the league and players' association, said in a joint statement they would "abide by the arbitrator's decision to dismiss."

"We will continue to focus on our football teams and the 2012 season," the NFC rivals said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones compared the dynamics of the salary cap with using a credit card.

"The way you work around the salary cap is you kind of use the credit card to spend money that you won't be spending in the future," Jones said Tuesday at the owners meeting. "So it caused us to do more credit card spending in the future."

Redskins general manager Bruce Allen said the team is "obviously disappointed." Asked how losing another $18 million might inhibit the Redskins, he said: "We'll see. We'll have time to talk about it."

Baylor gets top Big 12 baseball honors

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Just a few short years ago, the Big 12's baseball product was so strong that even a team that couldn't qualify for the conference tournament was able to make it into the NCAA tournament.

That's not the case in the first year after conference realignment took effect.

In a year dominated by regular-season champion Baylor, the Big 12 enters its conference tournament this week in Oklahoma City hoping to avoid setting a record low for teams that move on to the postseason.

At least five Big 12 teams have made it into the NCAA tournament every year since 1998, with a record eight teams in 2009. That's the year Oklahoma State finished ninth out of 10 teams but still made it despite missing the Big 12 tournament.

But this year, there could be as few as three teams that get into the NCAA tournament — one less than in the first year of the Big 12 back in 1997.

"I do believe Baylor will be a national seed; I think Texas A&M, with a couple wins, can become a national seed. ... I think we're going to be a lock to be in

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Astros hand struggling Cubs 8th straight loss with win

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Pess

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HOUSTON — J.D. Martinez hit the go-ahead RBI single in the sixth inning and Jose Altuve had a solo homer to give the Houston Astros a 2-1 win over the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

The loss extends Chicago's losing skid to a season-long eight games.

The hit by Martinez was the first for Houston since the first inning, but Justin Maxwell and Carlos Lee both drew two-out walks before it to set up the seore.

Houston starter J.A. Happ (4-3) allowed five hits and a run in six innings for the win. Closer Brett Myers pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

Alfonso Soriano led off the fourth inning with a solo shot to left-center field that tied it at 1-1. The home run marked the first time in four games that Chicago had scored before the ninth inning.

Altuve hit a leadoff home run to put Houston up early. It was his second career leadoff homer after his first career home run was an inside-the-park home run on August 20.

Jed Lowrie followed with a ground-rule double before Cubs starter Travis Wood (0-1) settled down and retired the next eight batters. Lowrie walked with two outs in the third inning before Wood sat down the next nine Astros.

He got some help from his defense on the second out in the sixth inning when Soriano

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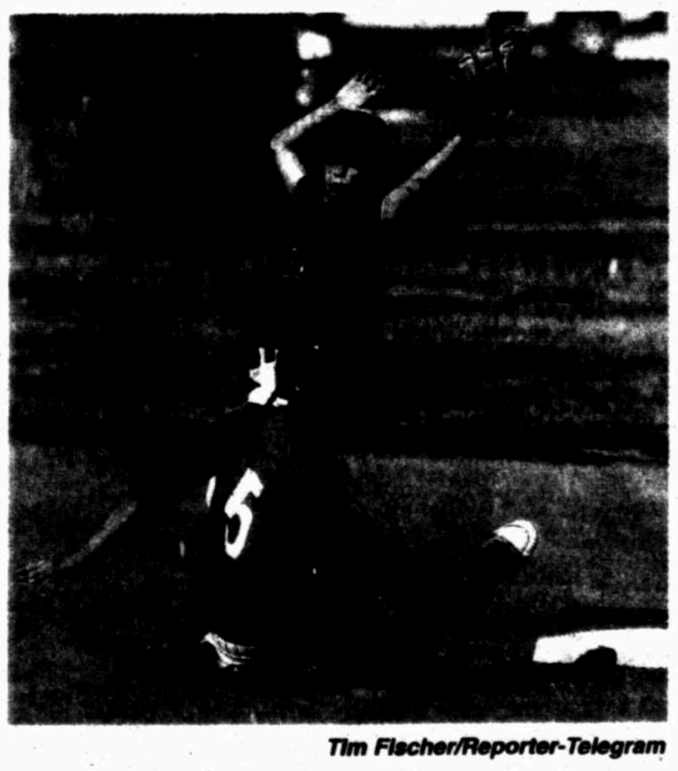

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Stretch for the catch

The Mets' Ty Coleman (5) safely steals second as Phillies' Kasey Blackmon misses the throw Tuesday evening at the Little League City Tournament.

UMPIRE

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Southern League in 2010, Bailey made the move to the Texas League the next season. He's been here ever since and is a crew chief this season.

"Fortunately, I've got a group of 12 guys this year that have pretty good dispositions," said Texas League President Tom Kayser. "There are times you might get umpires with a little bit of a chip on their shoulders, and (Nick) is very professional. He's very easy going, and he's got a good attitude. He pretty much gets along with the people on the field and just goes about his business."

Making the move to the Texas League has given Bailey the chance to work in front of his family and friends the last two years, along with being able to work a level higher in his career.

He does admit the travel can be tough. After last Thursday's game between Frisco and Midland, his crew, which also includes Justin Sassaman and Alex Ortiz, had to drive to Springfield, Mo.

But, that is the lone drawback to his job because along with being able to go to a ballpark everyday from April through September, he gets to see his family more often and gets to play plenty of golf. And, he works in a league where the oldest ballpark was built in the mid-1990s and the majority of them have been built in the last 10 years.

"I played (golf) in Big Spring with both of my grandpas, and it was pretty cool," Bailey said.

Bailey, who is not married, said he does have to do some explaining about what exactly he does as a professional umpire. He said most people think he just calls balls and strikes, outs at bases and has the occasional argument with a manager. But, he said he's evaluated on things such as positioning and his timing on pitches.

Umpires are evaluated by traveling evaluators that see them in action, and he said an umpire's strike zone is one of the last things discussed.

"People ask me all the time do they talk about your strike zone, and do they talk about your judgment," Bailey said. "I guess they would if you were just awful they might, but (the strike zone) is one of the very few things those guys talk about. They are more prepared to help get you in the right position and the right way to take a play."

Beyond the explaining, Bailey said he's adhered to two simple tenets in his career: work hard and be able to communicate with people. Everything will else will fall into play if you can do those two things each night.

And with as much as he enjoys working in his home state, he knows that doing those two things will give him the best chance to reach his ultimate goal of umpiring in the Major Leagues.

"You are going to mess up, and you are going to make mistakes," Bailey said. "Working hard and being able to communicate with people are the two biggest things in our job. All the rest of the stuff you learn as you move up. If I work hard every night, that's all I can ask."

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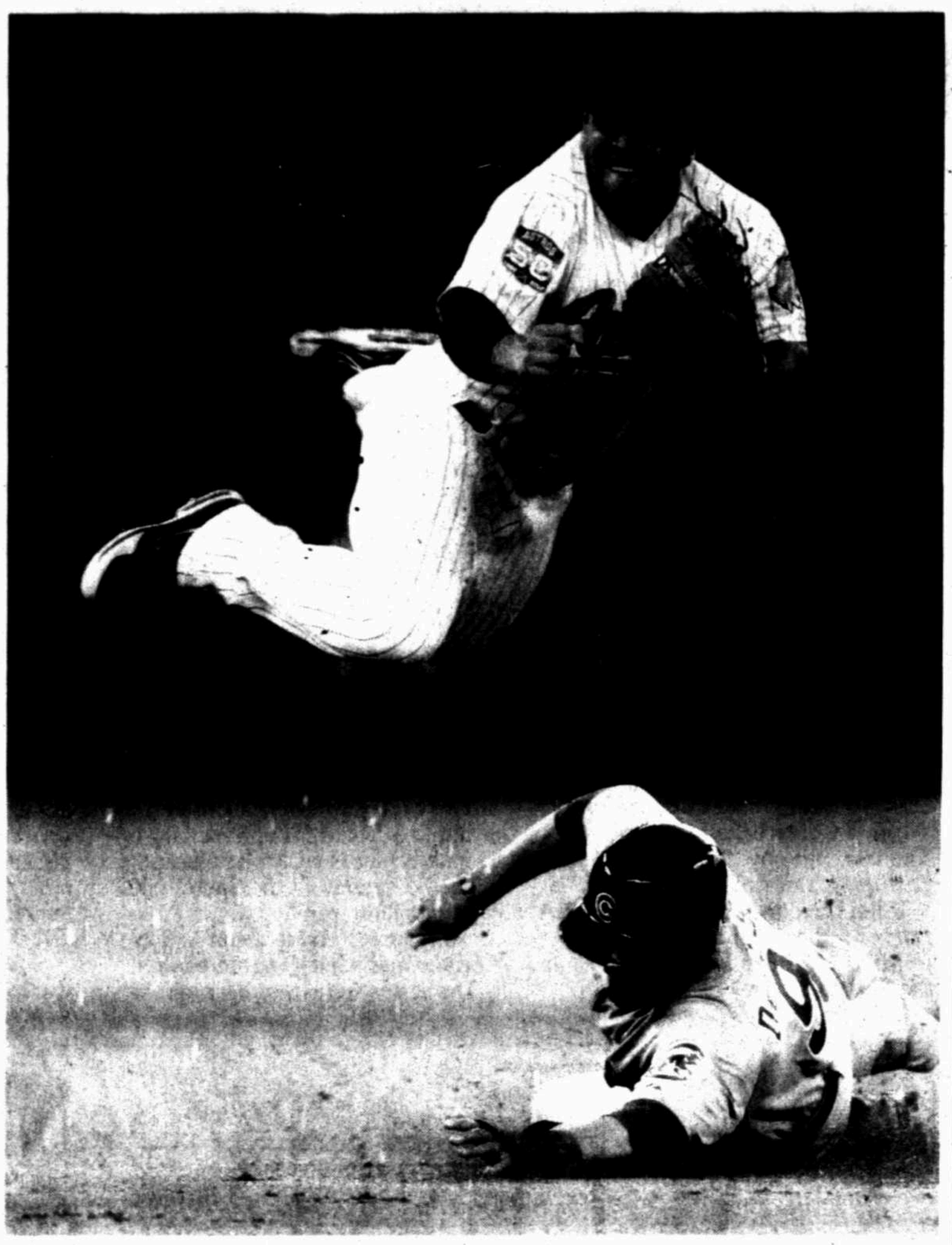

Associated Press

The Houston Astros' Jose Altuve goes high to avoid the Chicago Cubs' David DeJesus, who is out at second base in the first inning Tuesday in Houston. Cubs' Reed Johnson was safe at first on the fielder's choice.

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robbed Lowrie of a hit with a nifty catch in left field. After the catch Soriano took the ball out of his glove and planted a kiss on it before throwing it back in.

Maxwell's walk after Soriano's catch chased Wood. He was replaced by Shawn Camp, who walked Lee before allowing Martinez's single to shallow right field.

Wood allowed two hits and two runs with three strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings in his second major league start of the season. He was recalled from Triple-A Iowa before Tuesday's game.

Houston third baseman Chris Johnson was ejected after slamming his helmet on the ground and arguing a call at first base in the fourth inning.

With the game tied at 1-1, Johnson hit a ground ball to shortstop Starlin Castro, who made a diving stop and whose throw to first appeared to barely beat Johnson.

Johnson was called out to end the inning and immediately ripped off his helmet and slammed in to the ground while yelling at first base umpire Tim Tschida.

He was quickly thrown out of the game and was replaced Matt Downs for the fifth inning.

Reliever Wesley Wright pitched 1 1-3 hitless innings for Houston after Happ left before he was replaced by Wilton Lopez.

Lopez got into a jam in the eighth after allowing a single to Reed Johnson with one out. Johnson was replaced by pinch-runner Tony Campana, who went from first to third on an error by Lopez on a pickoff attempt.

The throw to third base arrived in time, but Downs had to leave the bag and go low to catch it, allowing Campana to dive over him Superman-style and crawl back to the base safely.

Lopez ended the threat by striking out Castro and Soriano.

BAYLOR

From 1C

the NCAA tournament," Oklahoma coach Sunny Golloway said Tuesday. "I think Texas would feel more secure with a win or two because their RPI is behind ours, and you've got four other teams that know they've got to win the tournament outright. So, it's going to make for a great and interesting competition."

The double-elimination tournament starts today with Baylor (42-12, 20-4 Big 12) facing Kansas State (26-29, 7-17), fourth-seeded Oklahoma (35-21, 13-10) taking on Oklahoma State (32-23, 13-11), No. 2 seed Texas A&M (41-14, 16-8) playing Kansas (22-32, 7-16), and third-seeded Texas (30-20, 14-10) against Missouri (28-26, 10-14).

The top-seeded Bears grabbed the conference's top honors after reeling off a record 18 straight conference wins to start Big 12 play. Steve Smith was named coach of the year, catcher Josh Ludy won player of the year and designated hitter Nathan Orf was the newcomer of the year in voting announced Tuesday.

Oklahoma State lefty Andrew Heaney won pitcher of the year, while Texas pitcher Parker French earned freshman of the year honors.

Smith suggested that Baylor's dominance may have hurt the Big 12 from an RPI perspective. The Bears swept six straight Big 12 series before getting swept themselves in a three-game set at Oklahoma.

"Nobody really gained a lot by playing us this year because we didn't lose any to them," Smith said.

The coaches even traded ideas Monday night on how they might change the conference schedule to boost the RPI. Oklahoma State coach Frank Anderson pointed out that Nebraska's departure to the Big Ten came at the price of 27 conference games. Some teams ended up replacing the Cornhuskers' void with low RPI opponents.

"We need to do something to rectify that problem because this league's too good to not get but three or four people in. It shouldn't happen," Anderson said.

Smith didn't see a need for changes after only one season, considering the conference's strength over time, but he hopes it opens eyes to the importance of strong nonconference scheduling.

There are more changes ahead.

At the awards luncheon Tuesday, opposing coaches took turns saying goodbye to Texas A&M's Rob Childress and Missouri's Tim Jamieson, who will take their teams to the SEC next season. TCU and West Virginia will replace them.

"It's going to be a disappointment to not to be able to compete week in and week out with the great group of coaches that we have," Childress said. "We'll definitely carry the Big 12 flag with pride as long as we can, until somebody knocks us out."

Jamieson recalled memories of his wife being pregnant with their first son during the first Big 12 tournament in Oklahoma City and their second son the following year, when the event moved across town into its current location at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark for the first time. There were also the hard-to-swallow moments losing the 2004 and 2011 championship games after leading with one out left.

"I know that where we're headed is going to be a challenge but I can guarantee you — I can guarantee you — that the experiences I've had over the last 24 years being a part of the Big Eight and Big 12 will not be near what they will be in the future just because of the people, the venue, the competition, the coaches," Jamieson said.

Clemens trial juror: 'Why should we believe you?'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Among the 29 questions the Roger Clemens jury wanted to ask the pitcher's chief accuser, Brian McNamee, one cut to the heart of the case.

"Why should we believe you when you have shown so many inconsistencies in your testimonies?"

"I won't ask that," U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton declared during a bench conference with trial attorneys to decide which juror questions he would read. "That's for them to decide."

The question makes it sound as if at least one of the jurors in the perjury case has serious doubts about the credibility of the government's key witness against the 11-time All-Star pitcher.

Or it could be that the juror believes McNamee but wanted to play devil's advocate just to make sure.

If the World Series can have days off, so can trials of baseball players. The court did not sit Tuesday because the judge had another obligation, a timely pause following five-plus grueling days of testimony from the government's key witness. In addition, Walton's practice, rare among judges, of allowing jurors to submit their own questions allows an unusual mid-trial glimpse of how the case looks to those whose opinions will ultimately matter most.

Clemens is charged with lying to Congress when he testified in 2008 that he had never used steroids or human growth hormone. McNamee, Clemens' longtime strength coach, says he injected Clemens with steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001 and with HGH in 2000. He is the trial's only witness to claim firsthand knowledge of Clemens using those substances.

Of course, when the World Series takes a break, it's easy to tell who is winning. Definitive scores are kept. The first team to get four victories takes home the trophy.

The subjective nature of a jury trial makes such score-keeping impossible, especially when considering that this jury cares little about baseball and knew little or nothing about Clemens at the outset. The government might end up having the better case, but by then the jurors might have been put off by a plodding presentation by prosecutors that is literally putting people to sleep. Two jurors have already been dismissed for dozing off during a trial now in its sixth week.

Clemens' top lawyer, Rusty Hardin, could have the opposite problem. He is colorful, witty and displays the type of courtroom personality lacking by the government, but his scattershot method of cross-examination is confusing and sometimes hilarious. A defense lawyer wants to create confusion and doubt among the jurors, but there's also the possibility that the panel will perceive Hardin as someone putting on an act that's more style than substance.

BASEBALL PARINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 5A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Semifinals

Arlington Martin (W4, 29-3) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (T6, 19-10)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Coppell Sports Center
Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Coppell Sports Center
x-Game 3: TBA Saturday, Coppell Sports Center

El Paso Montwood (W1, 32-2) vs. Southlake Carroll (W7, 21-9)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Citibank Ballpark
Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Citibank Ballpark
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

CLASS 4A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Semifinals

Denton Ryan (W4) vs. Waco Midway (W8)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Midlothian HS
Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Midlothian HS
x-Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday, Midlothian HS

Wichita Falls Rider (F4, 22-7) vs. Cleburne (W7, 24-8)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Graham HS
Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Graham HS
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

CLASS 3A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Semifinals

Lubbock Cooper (W2, 29-4) vs. West (W8, 27-6), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene

Andrews (R4, 23-13) vs. Mineral Wells (W7, 21-8)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

CLASS 2A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Semifinals

Alpine (W4, 22-4) vs. Sonora (R7)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Christensen Stadium
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Christensen Stadium
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Bushland (W1, 25-4) vs. Blanco (R8)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Game 2: Noon Saturday, Snyder
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

CLASS A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Semifinals

Miles (W2) vs. Stamford (W8), TBA

Winters (R2, 21-6) vs. Seymour (W8)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Eastland HS
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Eastland HS
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

SOFTBALL PARINGS

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CLASS 5A
Regional Final

Plano East (W8, 34-3) vs. Lewisville Hebron (F8, 27-11), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Allen HS

CLASS 4A
Regional Final

Wichita Falls Rider (W4, 31-6) at North Richland Hills Birdville (W5), 7 p.m. Friday

CLASS 3A
Regional Final

West (W8) vs. Kennedale (R8, 26-11)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Burleson Centennial HS
Game 2: Noon Saturday, Burleson Centennial HS
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

CLASS 2A
Regional Final

Alpine (W4, 28-6) vs. Colorado City (W3), 7 p.m. Thursday, Ratliff Softball Complex, Odessa

CLASS A
Regional Final

Petrolia (R7) vs. Seymour (W7), TBA

Paterno earned $13.4 million pension

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno earned a state pension of $13.4 million for his 61-year coaching career at Penn State.

Paterno's family said Tuesday through a spokesman that Paterno's widow, Sue, will receive an initial payment of $10.1 million by the end of May, with the rest to be paid out over the next two years.

The calculations were made through the standard formula for anyone in the State Employees' Retirement System, according to his family. Paterno never accessed his pension.

Paterno died in January at age 85.

Paterno began working at Penn State as an assistant coach in 1950 before being promoted to head coach in 1966. He held Division I records for head-coaching tenure at one school and career victories, with 409.

His compensation package from Penn State was worth $1.02 million last year, making him the university's top earner, according to an open-records report released by the university in May 2011.

The formula to calculate the pension could account for no more than $240,000 in salary, the family said.

The Penn State report doesn't include compensation from outside the university that top coaches typically collect, like endorsement deals.

Paterno's total compensation paled in comparison to many of college football's other well-known coaches, especially since Penn State won two national titles under Paterno. Alabama pays Nick Saban more than $4.6 million a year, while Oklahoma's Bob Stoops earns nearly $4 million.

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NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 3, Philadelphia 2
Saturday, May 12: Boston 92, Philadelphia 91
Monday, May 14: Philadelphia 82, Boston 81
Wednesday, May 16: Boston 107, Philadelphia 91
Friday, May 18: Philadelphia 92, Boston 83
Monday, May 21: Boston 101, Philadelphia 85
Today's Game: Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 26: Philadelphia at Boston, TBD
Miami 3, Indiana 2
Sunday, May 13: Miami 95, Indiana 86
Tuesday, May 15: Indiana 78, Miami 75
Thursday, May 17: Indiana 94, Miami 75
Sunday, May 20: Miami 101, Indiana 93
Tuesday's Score: Miami 115, Indiana 83
Thursday, May 24: Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 26: Indiana at Miami, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Oklahoma City 4, L.A. Lakers 1
Monday, May 14: Oklahoma City 119, L.A. Lakers 90
Wednesday, May 16: Oklahoma City 77, L.A. Lakers 75
Friday, May 18: L.A. Lakers 99, Oklahoma City 96
Saturday, May 19: Oklahoma City 103, L.A. Lakers 100
Monday, May 21: Oklahoma City 106, L.A. Lakers 90
San Antonio 4, L.A. Clippers 0
Tuesday, May 15: San Antonio 108, L.A. Clippers 92
Thursday, May 17: San Antonio 105, L.A. Clippers 88
Saturday, May 19: San Antonio 96, L.A. Clippers 86
Sunday, May 20: San Antonio 102, L.A. Clippers 99

CONFERENCE FINALS
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Oklahoma City vs. San Antonio
Sunday, May 27: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 29: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 31: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 2: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday, June 4: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 6: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, June 8: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX
HEAT 115, PACERS 83
INDIANA (83): Granger 3-6 1-2 10, West 5-13 0-0 10, Hibbert 3-10 1-2 8, Hill 3-9 0-0 6, George 3-9 4-5 11, Barbosa 3-10 0-0 6, Collison 2-6 4-4 8, Amundson 3-6 0-2 6, Hansbrough 2-6 4-4 8, D.Jones 1-8 2-2 5, Stephenson 0-4 1-2 1, Pendergraph 1-1 0-0 2, Price 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 30-89 17-23 83.
MIAMI (115): Battier 4-7 1-2 13, James 12-19 4-4 30, Turiaf 1-1 0-0 2, Chalmers 3-6 2-2 8, Wade 10-17 7-13 28, Anthony 3-4 1-2 7, Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Cole 1-4 4-4 6, J.Jones 2-3 0-0 6, Haslem 5-6 0-0 10, Howard 1-1 1-2 3, Harris 1-1 0-0 2, Pittman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-70 20-29 115.

Indiana	20	20	17	26	— 83
Miami	26	23	27	39	— 115

3-Point Goals—Indiana 6-21 (Granger 3-4, Hibbert 1-1, D.Jones 1-4, George 1-4, Barbosa 0-3, Hill 0-5), Miami 9-16 (Battier 4-5, J.Jones 2-3, James 2-4, Wade 1-2, Chalmers 0-1, Miller 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 46 (Hibbert 12), Miami 55 (Chalmers 11). Assists—Indiana 15 (George 3), Miami 20 (James 8). Total Fouls—Indiana 21, Miami 20. Flagrant Fouls—Hansbrough, Haslem, Pittman. A—20,097 (19,600).

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 2
Monday, May 14: NY Rangers 3, New Jersey 0
Wednesday, May 16: New Jersey 3, NY Rangers 2
Saturday, May 19: NY Rangers 3, New Jersey 0
Monday, May 21: New Jersey 4, NY Rangers 1
Today's Game: New Jersey at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 25: NY Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 27: New Jersey at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles 3, Phoenix 1
Sunday, May 13: Los Angeles 4, Phoenix 2
Tuesday, May 15: Los Angeles 4, Phoenix 0
Thursday, May 17: Los Angeles 2, Phoenix 1
Sunday, May 20: Phoenix 2, Los Angeles 0
Tuesday's Score: Los Angeles at Phoenix, late
x-Thursday, May 24: Phoenix at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 26: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Wednesday, May 30: Western Champion at Eastern Champion, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2: Western Champion at Eastern Champion, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 4: Eastern Champion at Western Champion, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6: Eastern Champion at Western Champion, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 9: Western Champion at Eastern Champion, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Eastern Champion at Western Champion, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 13: Western Champion at Eastern Champion, 7 p.m.

LSFL

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Houston	6	0	1.000	380	192
RG Valley	4	2	.667	335	275
Amarillo	3	3	.500	296	300
Abilene	3	3	.500	246	320
Corpus Christi	2	4	.333	269	349
Laredo	2	5	.286	314	396
West Texas	**2**	**5**	**.286**	**306**	**314**

Sunday's Scores
Houston 61, Corpus Chriti 7
Abilene 39, West Texas 37
Monday's Score
Rio Grande Valley 81, Laredo 49
Saturday's Game
Rio Grande Valley at Amarillo Venom, 7:05 p.m.
Sunday's Game
West Texas at Corpus Christi, 3:05 p.m.

NFL

NFL Calendar
Late July — Training camps open.
Aug. 4-5 — Hall of Fame inductions; Hall of Fame game, Canton, Ohio.
Aug. 9-13 — Preseason openers.
Sept. 5 — Regular-season opener.
Sept. 9-10 — First full regular-season weekend.

NCAA Golf

NCAA Div. I Women Scores
Tuesday
At Vanderbilt Legends Club
Franklin, Tenn.
Yards 6,377; Par 72
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3. Brooke Pancake, Alabama	68
5. ChirapatJao-Javanil, Oklahoma	69
5. Stephanie Meadow, Alabama	69
5. Giulia Molinaro, Arizona State	69
5. Tessa Teachman, LSU	69
9. Lindy Duncan, Duke	70
9. Kimberly Kaufman, Texas Tech	70
9. MadeleneSagstrom, LSU	70

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

YANKEES 3, ROYALS 2

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Dyson cf	4	0	0	0	Jeter ss	4	0	1	1
Hosmer 1b	3	0	1	0	Grndrs cf	3	0	0	1
Butler dh	4	0	0	0	Cano 2b	3	1	1	1
Mostks 3b	4	0	0	0	AlRdrg 3b	4	0	1	0
Francr rf	4	1	2	1	Ibanez dh	4	0	1	0
AGordn lf	3	0	1	0	Swisher rf	3	0	0	0
Falu 2b	4	1	1	0	Teixeir 1b	3	1	1	0
AEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Martin c	1	1	0	0
Quinter c	3	0	1	1	Wise lf	3	0	1	0
Totals	33	2	7	2	**Totals**	28	3	6	3

Kansas City 001 100 000 — 2
New York 000 120 00x — 3

E—Francoeur (1). DP—Kansas City 2, New York 1. LOB—Kansas City 6, New York 5. 2B—A.Gordon (11), Quintero (9). HR—Francoeur (3), Cano (5). SB—Al.Rodriguez (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Hochevar L,3-5	6 2-3	6	3	3	3	8
Mijares	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
New York						
P.Hughes W,4-5	6	5	2	2	2	7
Wade	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Eppley	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Rapada	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
R.Soriano S,3-3	1	1	0	0	0	0

Logan pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Hochevar (Martin).
T—2:37. A—37,674 (50,291).

ORIOLES 4, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Aviles ss	4	0	0	0	Andino 2b	4	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	0	Hardy ss	3	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	Markks rf	4	0	2	0
AdGnzl rf	4	0	1	0	AdJons cf	4	0	1	0
Youkils 1b	3	1	1	1	Wieters c	3	1	0	0
Mdlrks 3b	3	0	0	0	Betemt 1b	3	1	1	2
Sltlmch c	2	0	0	0	C.Davis dh	3	1	1	0
Nava lf	2	0	0	0	Hall pr-dh	1	0	1	0
Byrd cf	2	0	0	0	Tollesn 3b	3	1	1	2
Pdsdnk ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Flahrty 3b	0	0	0	0
					Avery lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	1	2	1	**Totals**	31	4	7	4

Boston 000 100 000 — 1
Baltimore 020 000 02x — 4

LOB—Boston 3, Baltimore 7. HR—Youkilis (3), Betemit (7), Tolleson (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Doubront L,4-2	6	4	2	2	2	9
F.Morales	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Albers	1 2-3	2	2	2	1	3
Baltimore						
Matusz W,4-4	6 1-3	2	1	1	1	9
O'Day	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Strop	1	0	0	0	1	1
Ji.Johnson S,16-16	1	0	0	0	0	0

Balk—F.Morales.
T—2:57. A—25,171 (45,971).

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 5

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
KJhnsn 2b	4	1	0	0	C.Pena 1b	5	1	2	3
YEscor ss	4	1	1	0	BUpton cf	5	1	2	1
Bautist rf	4	1	3	2	Joyce lf	3	0	0	0
Encrnc dh	3	0	1	0	Zobrist rf	4	1	1	0
Arencii c	4	0	0	0	Scott dh	4	2	2	1
Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0	SRdrgz 3b	4	0	1	0
Rasms cf	3	0	0	0	Sutton 2b	4	1	2	1
YGoms 1b	4	1	1	1	Gimenz c	4	1	1	2
RDavis lf	2	1	0	0	EJhnsn ss	4	1	3	0
Thams ph-lf	2	0	0	0					
Totals	34	5	7	3	**Totals**	37	8	14	8

Toronto 000 041 000 — 5
Tampa Bay 010 511 00x — 8

E—S.Rodriguez (7), Zobrist (4). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 6. 2B—B.Upton (6), Scott (9), Sutton (1), E.Johnson (3). HR—Y.Gomes (2), C.Pena (6), B.Upton (4), Scott (8). SB—R.Davis 2 (8), E.Johnson (8). CS—E.Johnson (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Hutchison L,3-2	4	7	6	6	0	3
E.Crawford	2	5	2	2	0	0
L.Perez	1	1	0	0	0	0
Villanueva	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
M.Moore	4 2-3	3	4	2	4	6
Badenhop	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
W.Davis W,1-0	2	3	1	1	0	1
Jo.Peralta	1	1	0	0	0	1
Rodney S,14-14	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Hutchison (Joyce). WP—Hutchison.
T—3:03. A—12,307 (34,078).

INDIANS 5, TIGERS 3

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
RSantg 2b	4	0	1	0	Choo rf	4	2	2	0
Dirks lf	5	0	2	0	Kipnis 2b	5	1	1	0
MiCarr 3b	2	0	0	0	ACarer ss	4	0	1	1
Fielder 1b	5	0	0	0	Hafner dh	3	0	1	2
DYong dh	3	0	1	0	CSantn c	3	0	1	0
Boesch rf	4	1	1	0	Brantly cf	4	1	2	0
JhPerlt ss	3	1	0	0	Damon lf	3	0	0	0
Avila c	3	1	1	3	Cnghm lf	1	0	0	0
Kelly cf	3	0	0	0	Ktchm 1b	4	1	3	1
					JoLopz 3b	3	0	1	1
Totals	32	3	6	3	**Totals**	34	5	12	5

Detroit 030 000 000 — 3
Cleveland 101 012 00x — 5

E—Porcello (1). DP—Detroit 1, Cleveland 1. LOB—Detroit 10, Cleveland 10. 2B—Boesch (5), Choo (11), A.Cabrera (13), Kotchman (6), Jo.Lopez (5). HR—Avila (5). SB—Dirks (1), Choo (7), Brantley 2 (6). SF—Hafner.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Porcello L,3-4	5 1-3	8	5	4	3	6
Below	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	2
Putkonen	1 1-3	2	0	0	1	0
Cleveland						
Jimenez W,5-3	6	5	3	3	6	2
Sipp	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
J.Smith	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Pestano	1	0	0	0	0	1
C.Perez S,14-15	1	1	0	0	1	1

WP—Porcello, Jimenez 2.
T—3:04. A—15,049 (43,429).

TWINS 9, WHITE SOX 2

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	5	1	2	1	De Aza cf	4	0	0	0
Revere rf	5	0	0	0	Bckhm 2b	3	1	1	1
Mauer c	3	1	1	0	OHudsn 3b	1	1	1	0
Wlngh lf	5	1	1	2	A.Dunn dh	2	0	0	0
Mornea 1b	3	2	1	3	Lillirdg ph	1	0	1	0
Doumit dh	4	1	2	0	Konerk 1b	4	0	2	1
Komats pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Przyns c	3	0	0	0
Dozier ss	4	0	0	0	Fukdm rf	1	0	0	0
ACasill 2b	4	1	1	2	Rios rf	2	0	0	0
JCarrll 3b	3	2	1	1	Flowrs c	0	0	0	0
					Viciedo lf	3	0	0	0
					AlRmrz ss	3	0	0	0
					EEscor 3b-2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	36	9	9	9	**Totals**	29	2	5	2

Minnesota 040 500 000 — 9
Chicago 100 000 001 — 2

DP—Minnesota 3. LOB—Minnesota 4, Chicago 3. 2B—Span (9), Doumit (4), A.Casilla (6), Lillibridge (1), Konerko (10). HR—Morneau (6), Beckham (5). SB—Span (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Walters W,2-1	9	5	2	2	2	8
Chicago						
Floyd L,3-5	3 2-3	8	9	9	3	4
Z.Stewart	3 1-3	1	0	0	0	3
Ohman	2	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Walters (Rios), by Floyd (J.Carroll). WP—Floyd.
T—2:23. A—20,026 (40,615).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 2, CUBS 1

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
DeJess rf	4	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	2	1
RJhnsn cf	3	0	1	0	Lowrie ss	3	0	1	0
Campn pr-cf	0	0	0	0	Maxwll rf	3	1	0	0
SCastro ss	4	0	0	0	Ca.Lee 1b	3	0	0	0
ASorin lf	4	1	1	1	JDMrtn lf	3	0	1	1
Mather 3b	3	0	1	0	CJhnsn 3b	2	0	0	0
JeBakr 1b	3	0	1	0	MDwns 3b	1	0	0	0
Camp p	0	0	0	0	CSnydr c	3	0	0	0
Russell p	0	0	0	0	Schafer cf	3	0	0	0
Cardns ph	1	0	0	0	Happ p	2	0	0	0
Barney 2b	4	0	0	0	Wrght p	1	0	0	0
Lalli c	3	0	0	0	WLopez p	0	0	0	0
T.Wood p	2	0	1	0	Myers p	0	0	0	0
LaHair 1b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	32	1	6	1	**Totals**	28	2	4	2

Chicago 000 100 000 — 1
Houston 100 001 00x — 2

E—Camp (2), W.Lopez (1). LOB—Chicago 6, Houston 5. 2B—T.Wood (2), Altuve (9), Lowrie (7). HR—A.Soriano (4), Altuve (3). CS—Je.Baker (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
T.Wood L,0-1	5 2-3	2	2	2	2	3
Camp	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Russell	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Happ W,4-3	6	5	1	1	2	6
W.Wright	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	3
W.Lopez	2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Myers S,11-12	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:47. A—20,091 (40,981).

REDS 4, BRAVES 3

Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	2	3	2	Cozart ss	4	1	1	1
Prado lf	4	0	1	0	Stubbs cf	3	1	1	0
Fremn 1b	4	0	1	0	Votto 1b	4	0	1	0
Uggla 2b	3	1	0	0	BPhllps 2b	4	2	2	3
Heywrd rf	4	0	1	1	Bruce rf	3	0	0	0
JFrncs 3b	3	0	0	0	Heisey lf	3	0	1	0
Diaz ph	1	0	0	0	Cairo 3b	3	0	0	0
DRoss c	4	0	0	0	Hanign c	2	0	0	0
Pstrnck ss	3	0	0	0	Latos p	2	0	0	0
Beachy p	2	0	0	0	Costanz ph	1	0	0	0
Hinske ph	1	0	0	0	Ondrsk p	0	0	0	0
Medlen p	0	0	0	0	Chpmn p	0	0	0	0
OFlhrt p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	3	6	3	**Totals**	29	4	6	4

Atlanta 100 100 010 — 3
Cincinnati 201 100 00x — 4

E—Cairo (1). LOB—Atlanta 4, Cincinnati 3. 2B—Bourn (9), Heyward (6). HR—Bourn 2 (3), Cozart (5), B.Phillips 2 (4). SB—Stubbs (8), Votto (3). CS—Heisey (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
Beachy L,5-2	7	6	4	4	1	5
Medlen	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
O'Flaherty	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Latos W,3-2	7	5	2	2	1	8
Ondrusek	1	1	1	1	0	1
Chapman S,2-3	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:33. A—26,438 (42,319).

NATIONALS 5, PHILLIES 2

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Lmrdzz lf	5	1	2	0	Pierre lf	5	0	0	0
Clipprd p	0	0	0	0	Polanc 3b	5	0	1	0
Harper rf	5	1	2	2	Victorn cf	4	0	1	0
Tracy 3b	4	0	0	0	Pence rf	3	1	1	0
LaRoch 1b	3	0	0	1	Ruiz c	1	0	0	0
Dsmnd ss	3	1	1	1	Schndr c	2	0	1	0
Espinos 2b	4	0	2	0	Kratz ph-c	1	1	1	1
Ankiel cf	4	1	1	1	Luna 1b	4	0	1	1
Flores c	4	0	0	0	Galvis ss	4	0	1	0
Zmrmn p	3	1	2	0	Fontent 2b	3	0	1	0
Grzlny p	0	0	0	0	Hallady p	2	0	1	0
Berndn ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Wggntn ph	1	0	0	0
					Diekmn p	0	0	0	0
					Contrrs p	0	0	0	0
					Bastrd p	0	0	0	0
					Orr ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	10	5	**Totals**	36	2	9	2

Washington 004 100 000 — 5
Philadelphia 010 000 010 — 2

E—Halladay (1). LOB—Washington 6, Philadelphia 9. 2B—Victorino (8), Luna (1). 3B—Harper (3). HR—Desmond (8), Ankiel (3), Kratz (1). SB—Desmond (5), Espinosa (4). SF—LaRoche.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
Zimmermann W,3-4	6	7	1	1	2	2
Gorzelanny	2	2	1	1	0	0
Clippard S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia						
Halladay L,4-4	6	9	5	5	1	6
Diekman	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	4
Contreras	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bastardo	1-3	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:38. A—45,569 (43,651).

METS 3, PIRATES 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Baxter lf	4	1	1	0	Tabata lf-rf	4	1	1	0
Niwnhs cf	3	1	1	0	JHrrsn rf-ss	4	1	2	0
DWrght 3b	4	0	0	0	AMcCt cf	3	0	1	2
Duda rf	4	0	1	1	PAlvrz 3b	4	0	1	0
DnMrp 2b	3	1	0	0	Walker 2b	4	0	1	0
I.Davis 1b	4	0	0	0	GJones 1b	4	0	0	0
Cedeno ss	3	0	2	0	Barajs c	4	0	1	0
Nickes c	4	0	1	1	Barmes ss	3	0	0	0
Dickey p	1	0	0	0	Resop p	0	0	0	0
ATorrs ph	1	0	0	0	JMcDnl p	2	0	0	0
Rauch p	0	0	0	0	J.Cruz p	0	0	0	0
Byrdak p	0	0	0	0	McLoth lf	1	0	0	0
Hairstn ph	1	0	0	0					
Frncsc p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	3	6	2	**Totals**	33	2	7	2

New York 010 000 020 — 3
Pittsburgh 000 001 010 — 2

E—P.Alvarez (9). LOB—New York 6, Pittsburgh 5. 2B—Baxter (8), Tabata (7), J.Harrison (5), Barajas (6). 3B—J.Harrison (2). SB—A.McCutchen (8). S—Dickey. SF—A.McCutchen.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Dickey W,6-1	7	5	1	1	0	11
Rauch	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Byrdak	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
F.Francisco S,11-13	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pittsburgh						
Ja.McDonald	7	4	1	1	2	8
J.Cruz L,1-1	2-3	2	2	1	1	2
Resop	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:36. A—15,794 (38,362).

MARLINS 7, ROCKIES 6

Colorado	ab	r	h	bi	Miami	ab	r	h	bi
JHerr 2b	3	1	1	0	Reyes ss	3	1	1	0
Scutaro 2b	1	0	0	0	Petersn cf	5	2	1	1
Pachec 3b	5	1	2	0	HRmrz 3b	5	1	3	2
CGnzlz lf	5	1	1	0	Kearns lf	1	1	1	0
Tlwtzk ss	4	1	1	1	Coghln lf	3	0	1	1
Helton 1b	5	1	2	1	Stanton rf	5	1	2	1
Cuddyr rf	3	1	3	1	Morrsn 1b	4	0	0	0
WRosr c	3	0	1	2	J.Buck c	4	0	0	0
Fowler cf	3	0	0	0	DMrph 2b	3	1	1	0
Giambi ph	1	0	0	0	Nolasco p	3	0	1	2
Rogers p	0	0	0	0	Cishek p	0	0	0	0
Nicasio p	2	0	0	0	Solano ph	1	0	1	0
Colvin ph	1	0	0	0	Mujica p	0	0	0	0
Roenck p	0	0	0	0	Choate p	0	0	0	0
Outmn p	0	0	0	0	Webb p	0	0	0	0
Belisle p	0	0	0	0	H.Bell p	0	0	0	0
EYong ph-cf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	37	6	11	5	**Totals**	37	7	12	7

Colorado 300 010 020 — 6
Miami 203 101 00x — 7

E—Tulowitzki (8), W.Rosario (3), J.Buck (3). LOB—Colorado 8, Miami 13. 2B—Pacheco (3), C.Gonzalez (9), Cuddyer 2 (16), Stanton (10), Do.Murphy (2), Nolasco (1). 3B—Petersen (1). SB—H.Ramirez 2 (9). SF—W.Rosario.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Nicasio L,2-2	5	9	6	5	3	6
Roenicke	1 1-3	3	1	0	1	0
Outman	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Belisle	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Rogers	1	0	0	0	2	1
Miami						
Nolasco W,5-2	6	8	4	4	1	6
Cishek	1	0	0	0	1	2
Mujica	0	2	2	1	1	0
Choate	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Webb	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
H.Bell S,7-11	1	1	0	0	0	1

Mujica pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Roenicke (Do.Murphy).
T—3:36. A—22,242 (37,442).

CARDINALS 4, PADRES 0

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi	St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Venale rf	4	0	0	0	Furcal ss	3	1	0	0
Maybin cf	4	0	0	0	MCrpnt 3b	1	0	1	0
Alonso 1b	3	0	1	0	Descls pr-3b	2	2	0	0
Guzmn lf	4	0	0	0	Hollidy lf	4	1	2	1
JoBakr c	3	0	0	0	Beltran rf	3	0	2	2
Amarst 2b	3	0	0	0	YMolin c	3	0	0	0
ECarer ss	3	0	0	0	MAdms 1b	2	0	0	0
Parrino 3b	3	0	1	0	Greene 2b	4	0	0	1
Volquez p	2	0	1	0	Chamrs cf	3	0	1	0
Hinshw p	0	0	0	0	Wnwrg p	4	0	0	0
Palmer p	0	0	0	0					
Tekotte ph	1	0	1	0					
Totals	30	0	4	0	**Totals**	29	4	6	4

San Diego 000 000 000 — 0
St. Louis 100 002 10x — 4

DP—San Diego 1, St. Louis 1. LOB—San Diego 4, St. Louis 8. 2B—Parrino (3), Volquez (1), M.Carpenter (9), Holliday (7). SB—Greene (5). CS—Chambers (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Volquez L,2-4	6	5	3	3	4	1
Hinshaw	1	1	1	1	2	1
Palmer	1	0	0	0	0	1
St. Louis						
Wainwright W,3-5	9	4	0	0	1	9

HBP—by Volquez (Descalso).
T—2:34. A—39,151 (43,975).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Baltimore	28	16	.636	—	—	6-4	W-1	13-10	15-6
Tampa Bay	26	18	.591	2	—	6-4	W-1	16-7	10-11
Toronto	24	20	.545	4	—	5-5	L-1	12-10	12-10
New York	22	21	.512	5 1/2	1 1/2	3-7	W-1	13-11	9-10
Boston	21	22	.488	6 1/2	2 1/2	7-3	L-1	9-11	12-11
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**Str**	**Home**	**Away**
Cleveland	24	18	.571	—	—	6-4	W-1	12-12	12-6
Chicago	21	22	.488	3 1/2	2 1/2	5-5	L-1	7-13	14-9
Detroit	20	22	.476	4	3	4-6	L-1	11-12	9-10
Kansas City	17	25	.405	7	6	5-5	L-1	5-17	12-8
Minnesota	15	27	.357	9	8	6-4	W-1	6-14	9-13
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**Str**	**Home**	**Away**
Texas	26	17	.605	—	—	4-6	L-1	11-9	15-8
Oakland	22	21	.512	4	1 1/2	5-5	W-2	10-10	12-11
Seattle	20	24	.455	6 1/2	4	5-5	W-4	8-8	12-16
Los Angeles	18	25	.419	8	5 1/2	4-6	L-3	11-10	7-15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	26	17	.605	—	—	5-5	W-3	15-8	11-9
Atlanta	26	18	.591	1/2	—	5-5	L-2	10-7	16-11
Miami	24	19	.558	2	—	7-3	W-3	11-7	13-12
New York	23	20	.535	3	1	4-6	W-1	12-8	11-12
Philadelphia	21	23	.477	5 1/2	3 1/2	6-4	L-4	10-13	11-10
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**Str**	**Home**	**Away**
St. Louis	24	19	.558	—	—	4-6	W-2	11-8	13-11
Cincinnati	23	19	.548	1/2	1/2	7-3	W-4	11-8	12-11
Houston	20	23	.465	4	4	5-5	W-2	15-10	5-13
Pittsburgh	20	23	.465	4	4	5-5	L-1	11-9	9-14
Milwaukee	17	26	.395	7	7	2-8	L-2	10-13	7-13
Chicago	15	28	.349	9	9	2-8	L-8	9-15	6-13
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**Str**	**Home**	**Away**
Los Angeles	29	13	.690	—	—	8-2	W-5	19-4	10-9
San Francisco	23	20	.535	6 1/2	1	7-3	W-2	12-10	11-10
Arizona	19	24	.442	10 1/2	5	4-6	L-1	7-13	12-11
San Diego	16	28	.364	14	8 1/2	4-6	L-2	12-16	4-12
Colorado	15	27	.357	14	8 1/2	2-8	L-6	9-14	6-13

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores
Baltimore 4, Boston 1
Cleveland 5, Detroit 3
N.Y. Yankees 3, Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 5
Minnesota 9, Chicago White Sox 2
L.A. Angels at Oakland, late
Texas at Seattle, late
Today's Games
Boston (Bard 3-5) at Baltimore (Arrieta 2-4), 11:35 a.m.
Toronto (R.Romero 5-1) at Tampa Bay (Shields 6-2), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 6-1) at Oakland (J.Parker 1-2), 2:35 p.m.
Texas (Feldman 0-1) at Seattle (Millwood 2-4), 2:40 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 0-2) at Cleveland (McAllister 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (W.Smith 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Diamond 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 4-2), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores
N.Y. Mets 3, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 5, Philadelphia 2
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 3
Miami 7, Colorado 6
Houston 2, Chicago Cubs 1
San Francisco 6, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 4, San Diego 0
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late
Today's Games
N.Y. Mets (Niese 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 2-4), 11:35 a.m.
San Francisco (Zito 3-1) at Milwaukee (Estrada 0-3), 12:10 p.m.
Washington (E.Jackson 1-1) at Philadelphia (Hamels 6-1), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Hanson 5-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (White 0-3) at Miami (Zambrano 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 4-2) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Suppan 2-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 6-1), 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 5-0) at Arizona (J.Saunders 2-3), 8:40 p.m.

GIANTS 6, BREWERS 4

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
GBlanc rf	4	0	0	0	Aoki rf	4	1	2	1
BCrwfr ss	4	1	1	0	Morgan cf	5	0	1	0
McCarr lf	3	2	1	0	Braun lf	4	0	1	1
Posey c	4	1	2	3	ArRmr 3b	4	1	2	0
Pagan cf	3	0	0	1	Lucroy c	4	1	2	0
A.Huff 1b	3	1	0	0	RWeks 2b	4	0	1	2
SCasill p	0	0	0	0	Green 1b	4	0	0	0
Arias 3b	4	1	1	2	Clzturs ss	4	0	0	0
Burriss 2b	4	0	0	0	Marcm p	2	0	1	0
M.Cain p	2	0	0	0	J.Perez p	0	0	0	0
Romo p	0	0	0	0	Kottars ph	1	1	1	0
Belt 1b	0	0	0	0	Loe p	0	0	0	0
					Hart ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	5	6	**Totals**	37	4	11	4

San Francisco 200 202 000 — 6
Milwaukee 000 200 200 — 4

DP—San Francisco 1. LOB—San Francisco 2, Milwaukee 7. 2B—Posey (8), Aoki (4), Ar.Ramirez (13), Lucroy (8), R.Weeks (6), Marcum (1). 3B—Aoki (2), Lucroy (4). HR—Posey (6), Arias (1). SF—Pagan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
M.Cain W,4-2	7	11	4	4	0	8
Romo	1	0	0	0	0	1
S.Casilla S,11-12	1	0	0	0	1	1
Milwaukee						
Marcum L,2-3	6	5	6	6	2	5
J.Perez	1	0	0	0	1	2
Loe	2	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:57. A—30,451 (41,900).

Late Boxes

MARINERS 6, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	0	2	0	Ackley 2b	3	1	1	1
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	MSndrs cf	3	2	0	0
Hamltn cf	4	0	0	0	ISuzuki rf	4	1	2	2
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Seager 3b	2	1	0	0
MYong dh	4	0	0	0	JMontr dh	3	0	1	2
DvMrp lf	3	0	1	0	Smoak 1b	4	0	0	0
N.Cruz rf	3	0	0	0	Jaso c	3	1	0	0
Napoli c	2	0	0	0	Carp lf	2	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	3	1	2	1	C.Wells lf	1	0	0	0
					Ryan ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	31	1	6	1	**Totals**	28	6	5	5

Texas 000 000 010 — 1
Seattle 103 100 10x — 6

E—Hamilton (2). DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Texas 5, Seattle 6. 2B—Moreland (5), J.Montero (6). 3B—I.Suzuki (3). HR—Moreland (7). SB—Kinsler (6). SF—J.Montero.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Darvish L,6-2	4	4	5	4	6	5
M.Lowe	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tateyama	2	1	1	1	1	2
Mi.Adams	1	0	0	0	0	2
Seattle						
F.Hernandez W,4-3	8	6	1	1	2	7
Wilhelmsen	1	0	0	0	0	1

PB—Napoli.
T—2:49. A—18,672 (47,860).

ATHLETICS 2, ANGELS 1

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Trout lf	4	0	1	1	JWeeks 2b	3	0	0	0
Callasp 3b	4	0	1	0	Crisp cf	4	1	1	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0	Reddck rf	3	0	2	0
Trumo rf	4	0	0	0	Kaaihu dh	4	0	1	1
KMorls dh	4	0	0	0	S.Smith lf	2	1	1	0
HKndrc 2b	4	1	1	0	Cowgill pr-lf	0	0	0	0
Aybar ss	3	0	1	0	Dnldsn 3b	4	0	1	0
Bourjos cf	3	0	0	0	Barton 1b	1	0	0	0
BoWlsn c	2	0	0	0	KSuzuk c	3	0	0	0
					Pnngtn ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	5	1	**Totals**	26	2	6	1

Los Angeles 000 010 000 — 1
Oakland 011 000 00x — 2

DP—Los Angeles 3. LOB—Los Angeles 5, Oakland 7. 2B—Trout (6), Pujols (9), Donaldson (4). SB—Reddick (5), Barton (1). CS—Pennington (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Williams L,4-2	6 1-3	5	2	2	5	2
Takahashi	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Isringhausen	1	1	0	0	1	1
Oakland						
Milone W,6-3	7	5	1	1	1	3
R.Cook	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fuentes S,4-5	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Williams (J.Weeks).
T—2:46. A—11,292 (35,067).

DODGERS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Arizona	ab	r	h	bi
GwynJ cf	5	0	1	0	Blmqst ss	4	1	1	0
EHerr 3b-2b	5	0	1	0	A.Hill 2b	4	0	1	1
Ethier rf	4	1	2	1	J.Upton rf	3	0	1	0
VnSlyk 1b-lf	5	0	1	0	MMntr c	2	0	0	0
Sands lf	4	1	1	0	HBlanc ph-c	2	0	0	0
Belisari p	0	0	0	0	CYoung cf	4	0	1	0
Guerra p	0	0	0	0	Kubel lf	4	0	0	0
Abreu ph	1	0	0	0	Gldsch 1b	3	0	1	0
JWright p	0	0	0	0	J.Bell 3b	3	0	1	0
DeJess 2b	3	1	0	0	Corbin p	1	0	0	0
AKndy 3b	1	0	0	0	Breslw p	0	0	0	0
Treanr c	3	1	1	2	Shaw p	0	0	0	0
Sellers ss	4	1	1	1	Overay ph	1	0	0	0
Capuan p	2	0	1	0	Zagrsk p	0	0	0	0
Loney 1b	1	1	1	2					
Totals	38	6	10	6	**Totals**	31	1	6	1

Los Angeles 020 000 130 — 6
Arizona 000 100 000 — 1

E—J.Bell (1). LOB—Los Angeles 9, Arizona 5. 3B—Sellers (1), Bloomquist (3). HR—Ethier (9), Treanor (1), Loney (2). CS—J.Upton (2). S—Capuano, Corbin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Capuano W,6-1	6	4	1	1	1	5
Belisario	1	0	0	0	0	2
Guerra	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Wright	1	1	0	0	0	1
Arizona						
Corbin L,2-3	5 1-3	6	2	2	2	3
Breslow	1 2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Shaw	1	3	3	3	0	2
Zagurski	1	0	0	0	1	2

T—3:17. A—24,768 (48,633).

GIANTS 4, BREWERS 3, 14 INNINGS

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
GBlanc cf	6	0	0	0	Hart 1b	6	0	0	0
BCrwfr ss	5	1	0	0	Aoki rf	5	1	0	0
MeCarr lf	5	1	3	0	Braun lf	5	2	2	2
Posey c	5	1	1	3	Morgan lf	1	0	0	0
JaLopz p	0	0	0	0	ArRmr 3b	4	0	1	1
SCasill p	1	0	0	0	CGomz cf	6	0	1	0
Pill 1b	4	0	0	0	RWeks 2b	5	0	1	0
Romo p	0	0	0	0	MParr p	0	0	0	0
Burriss 2b	2	0	0	0	Ishikaw ph	1	0	0	0
Arias 3b	6	0	2	0	J.Perez p	0	0	0	0
Schrhlt rf	5	0	0	0	Kottars c	4	0	0	0
Culersn 2b	4	0	1	0	Clzturs ss	6	0	0	0
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0	Wolf p	2	0	0	0
A.Huff ph	1	0	0	0	FrRdrg p	0	0	0	0
Hensly p	0	0	0	0	Maysnt ph	1	0	0	0
HSnchz c	1	1	1	1	Axford p	0	0	0	0
Bmgrn p	2	0	0	0	Lucroy ph	1	0	0	0
Belt 1b	1	0	0	0	Veras p	0	0	0	0
					Green 2b	2	0	1	0
Totals	48	4	8	4	**Totals**	49	3	6	3

San Francisco 300 000 000 000 01 — 4
Milwaukee 000 001 020 000 00 — 3

E—Arias (3), B.Crawford (9). DP—San Francisco 1, Milwaukee 1. LOB—San Francisco 12, Milwaukee 10. 2B—Ar.Ramirez (12). 3B—Me.Cabrera (5), Arias (2). HR—Posey (5), H.Sanchez (2), Braun (12). SB—Belt (2). S—Bumgarner.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Bumgarner	7 2-3	5	3	1	1	10
Romo	2-3	0	0	0	1	2
Affeldt	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Hensley	1 2-3	0	0	0	2	1
Ja.Lopez	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
S.Casilla W,1-2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Milwaukee						
Wolf	7	5	3	3	3	4
Fr.Rodriguez	1	1	0	0	1	2
Axford	1	0	0	0	2	1
Veras	2	0	0	0	0	2
M.Parra	2	1	0	0	0	2
J.Perez L,0-1	1	1	1	1	2	2

HBP—by M.Parra (B.Crawford).
T—4:34. A—31,644 (41,900).

'Hounds Watch

Monday's Score
Corpus Christi 5, Midland 2
Today's Game
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 6:30 p.m.
Arvest Ballpark, Springdale, Ark.
Records
Midland 23-21, NW Arkansas 24-20
Radio/Internet
www.milb.com
KMCK 96.1 FM

Sunday	Monday	Today	Thursday	Friday
Midland 9, Corpus Christi 3	Corpus Christi 5, Midland 2		Midland at NW Arkansas, 7 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas, 7 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Chicago Cubs at Houston, 7 p.m., WGN
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m, Fox Sports Southwest
NBA
Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 6, Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., ESPN
NHL
Playoffs, conference finals, game 5, New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Little League City Tournament, Mid City Little League Park & Butler Park

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Activated 3B Kevin Youkilis from the 15-day DL. Placed OF Ryan Sweeney on the 7-day DL retroactive to May 20.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed 3B Brent Morel on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 18. Agreed to terms with INF Orlando Hudson on a one-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed INF-OF Ryan Raburn on the bereavement list. Recalled INF Danny Worth from Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Selected the contract of LHP Will Smith from Omaha (PCL). Placed 2B Chris Getz on the 15-day DL. Transferred RHP Blake Wood to the 60-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Designated RHP Jason Marquis for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Cole DeVries from Rochester (IL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Recalled C Konrad Schmidt from Reno (PCL). Optioned LHP Patrick Corbin to Reno.
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed C Welington Castillo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 19. Recalled LHP Travis Wood from Iowa (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Reinstated RHP Chien-Ming Wang from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Ryan Mattheus on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 21.
Eastern League
ALTOONA CURVE—Announced LHP Jhonathan Ramos was transferred to Bradenton (FSL).
American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Released OF Matt Garza and RHP Drew A. Graham.
Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM—Sold the contract of RHP Stephen Shackleford to Seattle (AL). Signed RHP Ian Durham and RHP Brennan Flick. Released RHP Kevin Asselin.
JOLIET SLAMMERS—Sold the contract of RHP Gaby Hernandez to Arizona (NL).
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed C Joel Carranza and RHP Nick Schreiber. Released INF Anthony Long and RHP Kyle Wahl.
United League
SAN ANGELO COLTS—Signed RHP David Phillips. Released INF Clay Calfee, INF Relly Mercurio, C Zach Crosswhite, RHP Kris Honel and RHP Francisco Cervantes. Placed RHP Gorman Romero, RHP Chris Weast and OF Rudy Wilson on the inactive list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed DT Josh Chapman.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed WR Aaron Weaver.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed WR Rishard Matthews.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed WR Jarius Wright, WR Greg Childs, DB Robert Blanton, K Blair Walsh, LB Audie Cole and DT Trevor Guyton.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed QB Kyle Newhall-Caballero.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed WR Greg Ellingson.
HOCKEY
American Hockey League
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Signed F Chris Bruton to a one-year contract.
MOTORSPORTS
INDYCAR—Fined E.J. Viso's team with KV Racing Technology $25,000 for violating a rule regarding brakes during a post-qualifying inspection on May 20.
SOCCER
USL W-League
D.C. UNITED WOMEN—Signed F Ashley Herndon, MF Katie Menzie, G Didi Haracic and F Tiffany Brown.
COLLEGE
NABC—Elected Stanford coach Johnny Dawkins and Stevenson coach Gary Stewart to the board of directors.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON—Named Ryan Freeberg men's assistant basketball coach.
JAMES MADISON—Promoted women's assistant lacrosse coach Katie Linnertz to women's associate head lacrosse coach.
TULSA—Suspended LB Shawn Jackson three games for a violation of team policy.
VIRGINIA TECH—Announced men's freshman basketball G Adam Smith is transferring from UNC Wilmington.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 70-76 degrees; 8.22' low. Black bass are good on shakyheads, Texas rigs and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 71-76 degrees; 8.37' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on Road Runners and minnows. Blue catfish are fair to good on live shad and cut bait.
COLORADO CITY: 18.92' low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 70-76 degrees; 10.6' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, shallow running crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on minnows and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: 71-78 degrees; 14.97' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, finesse spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on stinkbait and nightcrawlers.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 70-75 degrees; 15.42' low. Black bass are fair to good on squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and wacky rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 70-76 degrees; 41.41' low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and swim jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on tail spinners and live bait. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 69-74 degrees; 5.88' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits, finesse jigs and weightless soft plastics. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good slabs and Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad and slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 84.53' low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 4.28' low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 69-75 degrees; 15.09' low. Black bass are fair on wacky rigged worms, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 69-74 degrees; 26.23' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
PANHANDLE
GREENBELT: Water stained; 69-75 degrees; 38.21' low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on live and minnows. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.
MACKENZIE: Water stained; 70-76 degrees; 87.69' low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and shakyheads. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers. Ramp No. 1 is still open.
MEREDITH: 96.42' low. No report available.
PALO DURO: 46.61' low. No report available.
SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water clear; 68-73 degrees; 21.04' low. Black bass are good on swimbaits, jerkbaits, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, topwaters and soft plastics. White bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and Red Fins. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp and nightcrawlers in 3-12 feet. Yellow catfish are very good on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.
CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water stained; 73-77 degrees. Black bass are good on minnows and watermelon spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait, shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water fairly clear; 71-75 degrees; 0.03' low. Black bass are good on topwaters in coves. Hybrid striper are good on white riversides. White bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on doughbait and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.
BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 73-78 degrees; 10.48' low. Black bass are good on watermelon and craw colored crankbaits and spinnerbaits in 5-15 feet. Hybrid striper are fair on minnows. White bass are good on minnows and Li'l Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs in 10-20 feet. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.
BUCHANAN: Water murky; 70-75 degrees; 23.75' low. Black bass are fair on Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, chartreuse Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and weightless wacky rigged watermelon Whacky Sticks in 8-16 feet. Striped bass are good on watermelon topwaters and Rat-L-Traps on the surface at first light. White bass are fair trolling green Rat-L-Traps and jigging Pink Minnows over rock piles. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines and trotlines baited with live bait.
COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 69-73 degrees; 15.44' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics, crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.
GRANBURY: Water murky; 71-76 degrees; 0.64' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps and minnows. Striped bass are good on minnows and chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and Li'l Fishies. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp and nightcrawlers.
TRAVIS: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 42.79' low. Black bass are fair on shad colored topwaters, watermelon soft plastic worms, and smoke grubs. Striped bass are fair on minnows. White bass are good on chartreuse topwaters, white grubs and small spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on fresh stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
WALTER E. LONG: Water lightly stained. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, and soft plastic worms. Hybrid striper are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.
WHITNEY: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 0.05' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on Li'l Fishies and minnows. White bass are fair on minnows. Charlie slabs, and pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and Li'l Fishies. Catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Thursday
At Boston House of Blues, Danny O'Connor vs. Daniel Sostre, 10, junior welterweights.
Friday
At the Horseshoe Casino, Hammond, Ind., Fres Oquendo vs. Joey Abell, 10, for the WBA Fedelatin heavyweight title.
At Ameristar Casino Resort Spa, St. Charles, Mo. (ESPN2), Ji-Hoon Kim vs. Alisher Rahimov, 10, lightweights; Efrain Esquivias vs. Roberto Castaneda, 10, super bantamweights.
Saturday
At Nottinghamshire, England, Lucian Bute vs. Carl Froch, 12, for Bute's IBF super middleweight title.
At The Grand Oasis Cancun, Cancun, Mexico, Pablo Cesar Cano vs. Fidel Monterrosa, 10, lightweights; Sergio Thompson vs. Juan Ramon Solis, 12, for the vacant WBC International silver lightweight title.
June 1
At Sands Casino Resort, Bethlehem, Pa. (NBCSN), Gabriel Rosado vs. Sechew Powell, 12, junior middleweights; Prenice Brewer vs. Ronald Cruz, 12, for the vacant WBC Continental Americas welterweight title.
June 2
At Home Depot Center, Carson, Calif. (SHO), Antonio Tarver vs. Lateef Kayode, 12, for Tarver's WBO cruiserweight title; Austin Trout vs. Delvin Rodriguez, 12, for Trout's WBA World light middleweight title; Vusi Malinga vs. Leo Santa Cruz, 12, for the vacant IBF bantamweight title; Ronald Wright vs. Peter Quillin, 10, middleweights; Winky Wright vs. Peter Quillin, 10, middleweights.

TENNIS

ATP

Open de Nice Cote d'Azur Results
Tuesday
At The Nice Lawn Tennis Club
Nice, France
Purse: $575,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-4.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 7-5, 6-1.
Denis Istomin (7), Uzbekistan, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 7-6 (3), 1-6, 6-1.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-3, 6-3.
Bernard Tomic (5), Australia, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3.
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 6-2, 7-5.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Brian Baker, United States, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-5.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Fabio Fognini (8), Italy, 7-6 (3), 7-5.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-3.
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Robin Haase (6), Netherlands, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6).
Doubles
First Round
Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, and Santiago Gonzalez (4), Mexico, def. Treat Conrad Huey, Philippines, and Frank Moser, Germany, 6-4, 3-6, 10-6 tiebreak.
Daniele Bracciali, Italy, and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, 7-5, 2-6, 12-10 tiebreak.
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Matthew Ebden and Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.
Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Michail Elgin, Russia, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-4.
Oliver Marach, Austria, and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, def. Nicolas Mahut and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 7-5, 6-3.
Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (3), Netherlands, def. James Cerretani, United States, and Andre Sa, Brazil, 7-5, 6-2.

Power Horse World Team Cup Results
Tuesday
At Rochusclub
Duesseldorf, Germany
Purse: $1.66 million (World Championship)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Blue Group
Serbia 2, Russia 0
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, 6-1, 6-3.
Germany 1, Croatia 0
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-1, 6-1.
Red Group
Czech Republic 2, United States 0
Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, def. Andy Roddick, United States, 6-1, 6-2.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. James Blake, United States, 6-2, 6-1.
Argentina 1, Japan 0
Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Tatsumi Ito, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.

WTA

Internationaux de Strasbourg Results
Tuesday
At Centre Sportif de Hautepierre
Strasbourg, France
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Mona Barthel (5), Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (7).
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).
Anabel Medina Garrigues (4), Spain, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.
Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 3-0, retired.
Francesca Schiavone (2), Italy, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-1, 6-2.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Marina Erakovic (6), New Zealand, 6-1, 6-3.
Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Maria Kirilenko (3), Russia, 3-6, 7-5, retired.
Shahar Peer, Israel, def. Aleksandra Wozniak (9), Canada, 7-5, 6-0.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Timea Babos, Hungary, and Hsieh Su-wei (4), Taiwan, def. Conny Perrin, Switzerland, and Marina Shamayko, Russia, 6-1, 6-0.
Monique Adamczak and Stephanie Bengson, Australia, def. Lenka Junikova and Kristina Kucova, Slovakia, 1-6, 6-4, 10-8 tiebreak.
Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, and Anne Keothavong, Britain, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, and Pauline Parmentier (3), France, 6-4, 2-6, 10-5 tiebreak.
Andrea Gamiz, Venezuela, and Ximena Hermoso, Mexico, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, and Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, walkover.

Brussels Open Results
Tuesday
At Primerose Royal Tennis Club
Brussels, Belgium
Purse: $637,000 (Premier)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Peng Shuai (7), China, 7-5, 6-3.
Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 6-1, 6-4.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Sania Mirza, India, 6-1, 7-5.
Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Tammy Hendler, Belgium, 7-5, 7-5.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (9), Russia, 7-5, 6-2.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-2, 6-2.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Kaia Kanepi (8), Estonia, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-3, 6-2.
Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, def. Zheng Jie, China, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Maria Kondratieva, Russia, def. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, and Eva Hrdinova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 3-6, 10-4 tiebreak.
Christina McHale and Melanie Oudin, United States, def. Daniella Jeflea and Sally Peers, Australia, 6-3, 4-6, 10-8 tiebreak.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Sania Mirza (4), India, def. Mervana Jugic-Salkic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Sandra Klemenschits, Austria, 6-4, 6-2.
Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Katalin Marosi, Hungary, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (1), Slovenia, 1-6, 6-2, 10-8 tiebreak.
Elena Bovina, Russia, and Natalie Van Uytvanck, Belgium, def. Catalina Castano, Colombia, and Sophie Lefevre, France, 2-6, 7-6 (10), 10-6 tiebreak.

SPORTS BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

NORTH CAROLINA

Toyota to use redesigned Camry for 2013 season

SALISBURY — Toyota will use a re-designed Camry for NASCAR's 2013 Sprint Cup season.

All four NASCAR manufacturers will go to updated or new cars next season. Toyota is sticking with its Camry model, which has been the best-selling car in America the last 10 years.

The Camry is built in Georgetown, Ky., and Lafayette, Ind.

The model used next season in competition will have a new front grill that matches the production model, and distinct character lines down the side of the car. The Camry will have an updated rear bumper, and will be closer than ever to its showroom sibling.

Toyota Racing Development worked with its global network design team to create the on-track model of the Camry.

GEORGIA

Florida women earn 2nd straight national title

ATHENS — Lauren Embree and Alex Cercone won their singles matches to help Florida take its second straight national title with a 4-0 victory over UCLA on Tuesday.

The Gators (27-1) were up 3-0 when Embree sealed the championship with a backhand that McCall Jones had no chance to reach. Embree, selected the tournament's most outstanding player, beat Jones 6-4, 6-0.

Cercone knocked off Chanelle Van Nguyen 6-2, 6-0.

UCLA won a program-best 26 matches this season. The Bruins lost 4-0 to Florida in last year's national semifinals at Stanford.

The Gators' only loss this season came Feb. 12 at Stanford.

Florida earned the doubles point when Sofie Oyen and Allie Will beat Robin Anderson and Skylar Morton 8-4 and Cercone and Caroline Hitimana beat Jones and Carling Seguso 8-5.

MUNICH

Bayern beats Netherlands 3-2 in friendly

Arjen Robben was booed by many of his home Bayern Munich fans when he made an appearance for the Netherlands in a friendly three days after he missed a penalty in the Champions League final against Chelsea.

Robben's spot kick in extra time was saved by Petr Cech and Chelsea won the penalty shootout to lift the title at Bayern's Allianz Arena.

Bayern won 3-2 Tuesday in a match that was part of the settlement to a long dispute between the club and the Dutch football federation after Robben returned injured from the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and could not play for months. Bayern demanded and won compensation from the Dutch.

SPAIN

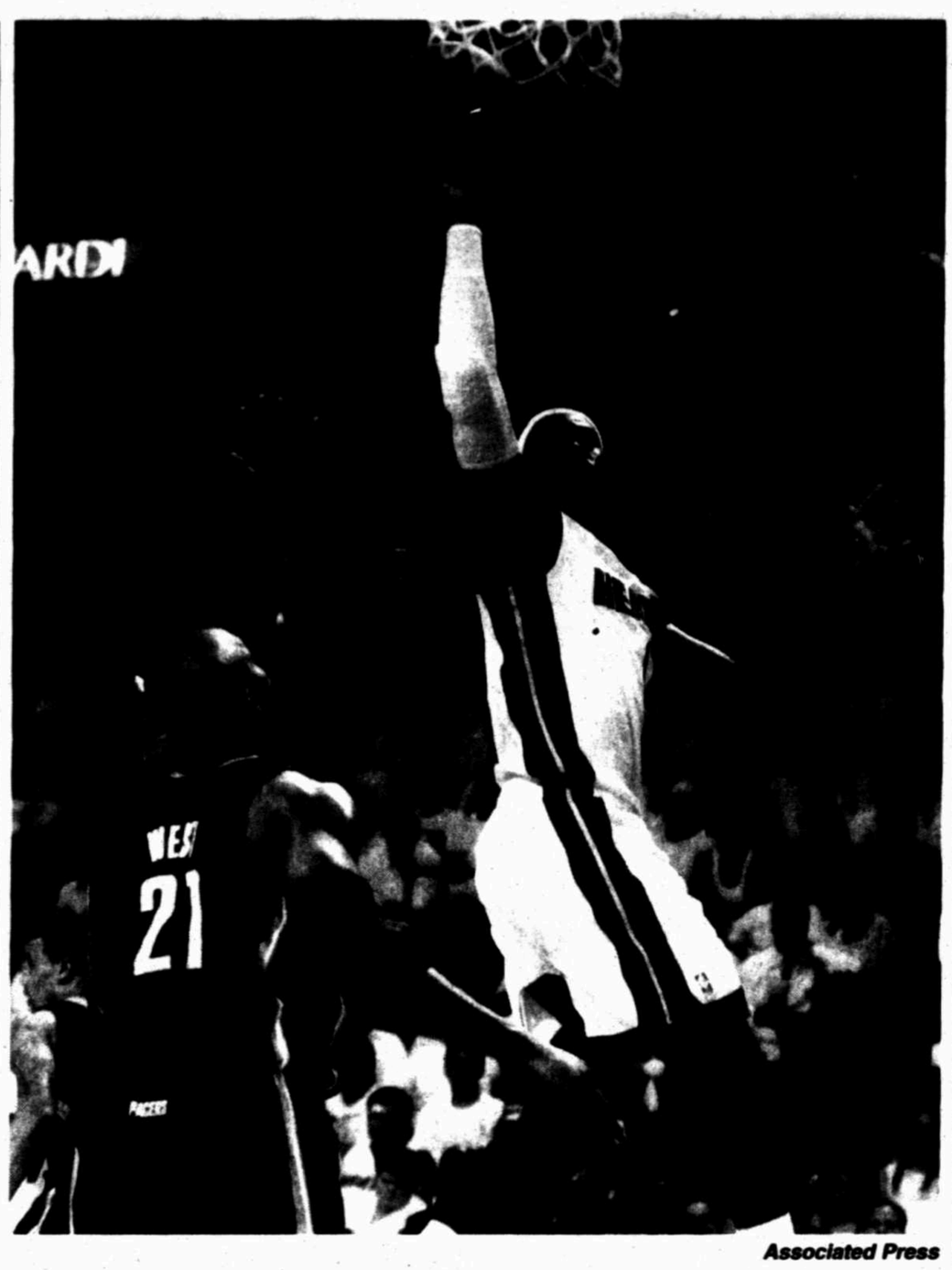
Striker David Villa to miss Euro 2012

BARCELONA — Spain striker David Villa has ruled himself out of the European Championship after failing to recover from a leg injury that forced him to miss much of the last season with Barcelona.

Villa is Spain's all-time leading scorer but hasn't played since fracturing his left shin in December, and Barcelona said Tuesday that Villa will not be fit in time for Euro 2012.

Barcelona said on its website that Villa made the decision himself and informed Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque that he's still not physically fit enough to play in a major tournament.

European and world champion Spain opens its defense on June 10 against Italy.



Associated Press

The Miami Heat's LeBron James, right, shoots as Indiana Pacers' David West (21) watches during the second half of Game 5 in the Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series in Miami on Tuesday. The Heat defeated the Pacers 115-83.

James, Wade pair up to pounce Pacers in Game 5

Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami took a big step forward. Indiana lost two forwards.

Suddenly, the road back to the Eastern Conference finals no longer looks daunting for the Heat.

LeBron James scored 30 points, Dwyane Wade added 28, and the Heat moved a win away from the NBA's final four with a 115-83 victory over the hurting Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Heat lead the best-of-seven East semifinals 3-2, with Game 6 in Indiana on Thursday night.

"This is our challenge right now, to leave it behind us," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "A lot of good things tonight, but we have to focus on the next one."

James added 10 rebounds and eight assists. Shane Battier scored 13 points, Mario Chalmers had eight points and 11 rebounds, and Udonis Haslem finished with 10 points for Miami, which never trailed, held a 22-2 edge in fast-break points and shot a franchise playoff-record 61 percent — best of any team in the playoffs this season.

Paul George scored 11 points for Indiana, with starting forwards Danny Granger and David West adding 10 points apiece. Granger left with a sprained left ankle in the third quarter, and West left with what the Pacers called a left knee sprain at the end of that period. X-rays on Granger were negative, and he's listed as day-to-day.

Heat	115
Pacers	83

It was an 11-point game when Granger departed early in the third quarter, and the Heat outscored the Pacers by 21 the rest of the way.

"We learned early in this series, you don't get two wins for a blowout," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said.

A series marked by ugly moments had more, with two flagrant fouls in the second quarter and another with 19.4 seconds remaining when Miami reserve center Dexter Pittman went across the lane to send a forearm into the chin area of Indiana's Lance Stephenson — who was caught on camera making a choke sign toward James during the Pacers' Game 3 win, drawing the ire of the Miami locker room.

"Game 6 is going to be physical," Wade said. "We've got to understand that this team has a lot of pride. Their crowd is going to be ready. They're going to come out with a lot of energy. We've got to withstand that first hit and still be standing. We're ready for it."

Miami, which had gotten into quick deficits in each of the first four games, was the team that started hot in Game 5, running out to a 19-8 lead on the strength of three 3-pointers from Battier — who had been 2 for 19 from the field in the first four games of the series. Battier left his mark in many ways, even stopping a 3-on-1 Indiana break to set up a score by Wade at the other end.

THUNDER
From 1C

left-handed sixth man — the Spurs' Ginobili and the Thunder's James Harden.

And each has a reserved superstar, Tim Duncan against Kevin Durant. Both offenses can be deadly on the pick and roll.

"They're tough. They have a good point guard who's very good in the pick and roll, they have a whole bunch of shooters and obviously a great big man," Harden said. "These next four days are going to be key. We have to lock in and focus.

"The series switches from the Lakers being a big, physical team to the Spurs with shooters and running the pick and roll very well. We're going to have to change our mentality a little bit, but I think we're ready for it."

Both teams raced through the first round in sweeps, then did well to manage extended waits while their second-round opponents were finishing off seven-game series. The aging Spurs, who got the top seed despite practically giving away a couple of games by resting all their top players, have made the most of their rest all season long.

"This team is good at taking care of our bodies. We will have some good practices where we can stay in shape and everybody is just focused on doing this the right way," Ginobili said.

The Spurs won the season series 2-1 despite playing all three games without Ginobili, and they raced past Oklahoma City in the final month of the season to claim home-court advantage in the series.

All three meetings were played before roster moves around the trade deadline for both teams, with the Thunder bringing in veteran guard Derek Fisher while San Antonio added Stephen Jackson and Boris Diaw.

"The only games they lost is when Pop took all of their guys out," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said.

Alabama leads in NCAA women's golf tourney

Associated Press

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Alabama finished the opening round by grabbing a two-stroke lead over Virginia, and Portland Rosen shot a Cavaliers' school-record 6-under 66 in near perfect conditions in the morning to lead the individual standings Tuesday at the NCAA Division I women's golf championship.

The Crimson Tide, ranked second nationally by GolfStat, finished with a 2-under 286 led by a 4 under by senior Brooke Pancake. But Alabama only finished with the lead after Elizabeth Brightwell of Virginia was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard about three hours after finishing her round. She signed for a 71 instead of a 72, putting down a 4 on the par-4 4th instead of a 5.

"I feel bad for her, I feel bad for them a great group of kids and coaches," Alabama coach Mick Potter said.

"As a coach, it just scares me to death whenever they walk out of that tent. So you know in a regular season tournament you can kind of handle it here. Out here, it's just so important and they just have to be careful. We talk to them about it all the time, and hopefully everybody else learns from that mistake and just a little bit more attentive to what they're doing when they walk out of there."

That turned Virginia's 6-under 282 total with a four-stroke lead at the time over LSU to even par 288 when Brightwell's 72 was dropped for Briana Mao's 77.

The 288 still is a school best for Virginia in the Cavaliers' sixth NCAA championship in the program's nine years.

Tiger Woods is the only one who can measure progress

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The trouble with trying to measure the progress of Tiger Woods is that by his own definition, he never really gets there. Even when he was at his best, Woods always thought he could get better.

So while winning tournaments is the goal, that's not always the best gauge.

Woods preached patience two weeks ago at The Players Championship when he said, "Guys, I've done this before. I've been through this. ... I had some pretty good runs after that, and this is no different." He then tied for 40th at Sawgrass for the worst three-tournament stretch of his PGA Tour career, which followed what some thought was a breakthrough victory at Bay Hill.

Puzzling? Yes.

Alarming? Not necessarily.

Go back to early 1999, when it looked as though Woods had finally figured out the swing overhaul under Butch Harmon with a 62-65 weekend at Torrey Pines for a two-shot victory. At his next tournament, Woods began a streak of 15 consecutive rounds without breaking 70. It wasn't until that epiphany on the range some three months later — "Butchy, I've got it," he famously told his coach — that Woods was able to play by feel and went on a run for the ages.

The revamped swing under Hank Haney appeared to finally come together in 2005 when Woods outlasted Phil Mickelson in that dramatic duel at Doral, and then a month later he won the Masters with a birdie on the first extra hole. Mission accomplished? Not quite. Two tournaments later, Woods missed the cut for the first time in more than seven years.

Woods is finishing up what could be his last two-week break until October. Starting next week with the Memorial, he is scheduled to play seven tournaments in the next 11 weeks through the PGA Championship, which precedes the FedEx Cup playoffs.

To figure out his progress going into this pivotal stretch is more difficult than ever.

Consider his last six tournaments. Woods closed with a 62 and made Rory McIlroy sweat to win the Honda Classic. He withdrew midway through the final round of Doral with tightness in his left Achilles tendon. He won Bay Hill. He had his worst showing ever at the Masters as a pro. He missed the cut at Quail Hollow. He was never a factor at The Players Championship.

Woods was at Congressional on Monday to promote the AT&T National, which benefits his foundation, when the question came up again.

How will you know you're back?

"Well, I won a tournament already," Woods said with a laugh.

When he won the Chevron World Challenge in December for his first win since November 2009, he told of getting a text from a friend reminding him of the lyrics from an LL Cool J song: "Don't call it a comeback, I've been here for years."

But it is a comeback. The old Tiger Woods, who averaged more than six wins a year for an entire decade, had gone MIA. And by now, Woods knows he will always be measured against his past.

"I remember I had a pretty good year in 2000," Woods said. "And I didn't win for a couple months. And the word 'slump' came about. And that's basically the same thing that just happened here. I just played three events and, 'When are you back?' Well, I just won a tournament three tournaments ago."

Looking back on his performance during the other two swing changes, there's room for skepticism.

Harmon said he and Woods began revamping his swing after the 1997 season. Based only on results, Woods' big run began with back-to-back wins in Germany and the Memorial at the end of May 1999. In the 35 tournaments he played while rebuilding his game, he still managed to finish in the top five in nearly half of his tournaments, and he was in the top 10 just over 65 percent of the time. He never missed a cut. Only five times did he finish out of the top 25. He won three times.

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ARIZONA

Fitzgerald's world travels a chance to help others

TEMPE — Larry Fitzgerald is back from his latest globe-trotting adventure, this one to Southeast Asia. He jokes that the only place he's never been is Antarctica, and he plans to visit there "hopefully in late February."

But while the Arizona Cardinals' star wide receiver's travels are certainly something he truly enjoys , he says it's also given him a chance to see just how severe the struggles are for poverty stricken people around the world, and just how good most Americans have it.

"Some of it's leisure, some of it is just to get away," he said. "A lot of it is just to try to give back. We're extremely fortunate. I'm not talking about me or football players, as Americans we're fortunate to be able to turn the water on every day, be able to drink clean, healthy water and healthy food. There are a lot of places in the world where they don't have that same comfort."

Fitzgerald, whose main charity in the United States is to combat breast cancer — the disease that claimed his mother — has formed a foundation with good friend and former teammate Anquan Boldin to help drought-stricken Africa. He says on this year's trip, with stops in Malaysia and Thailand, he helped the Starkey Hearing Foundation, which distributes hearing aids to the poor around the world.

ATLANTA

NFL passes new pad rules for players

The NFL made thigh and knee pads mandatory equipment for the 2013 season, something the players' union was not pleased with.

Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay, chairman of the competition committee, said Tuesday at an owners meeting that because this is a playing rule, the league can apply it unilaterally.

"We have a vote of the membership and can implement," McKay said. "Some of us felt we were remiss that we took it out of the rule book — high school and college makes it mandatory — and in our mind that is how it should be and will be in 2013.

"We have some work to do with the union."

McKay said the league will meet with NFL Players Association representatives on the issue, something they have discussed in the past.

HOUSTON

Hall of Famer Dickerson joins lawsuit

Hall of Fame running back Eric Dickerson is the latest former player to sue the National Football League and seek compensation for head injuries.

Dickerson is the lead plaintiff among 15 men named in the suit filed Monday in federal court in Houston. Other plaintiffs include former Minnesota Vikings player John Randle and the estate of Ernie Stautner, a longtime Dallas assistant coach and former player in Pittsburgh.

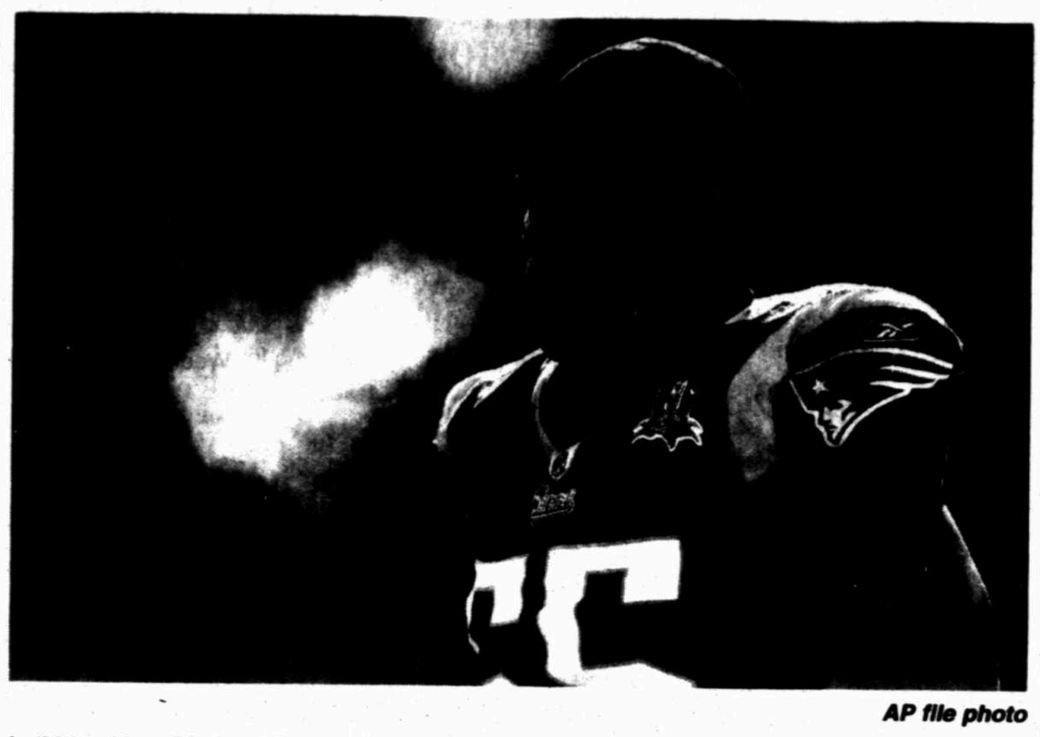
More than 1,000 former NFL players are suing the league, saying not enough was done to inform them about concussion dangers and not enough is done to take care of them today.

LOS ANGELES

Football star Donald Driver is new 'Dancing' champ

He already has a Super Bowl ring, and now football star Donald Driver can add the "Dancing With the Stars" mirrorball trophy to his awards collection.

The Green Bay Packers receiver won the ABC dance show Tuesday. He and partner Peta Murgatroyd hoisted the glittery prize above their heads as streamers and confetti filled the ballroom.



AP file photo

In 2010, New England Patriots linebacker Junior Seau (55) warms up on the field before an NFL wild-card playoff football game in Foxborough, Mass. In recent interviews with 40 players — 13 rookies, 17 active veterans and 10 former NFL players — The Associated Press heard growing worry about the physical and emotional toll professional football takes. The 43-year old Seau's suicide at his oceanfront home on May 2 resonated across the age groups, with more than half of each saying that particular event pushed them to ponder their future in the sport or the difficulties of adjusting to a new daily life after leaving the league.

Seau's suicide prompts worries about post-NFL life

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Junior Seau's suicide is troubling NFL players.

No one knows precisely why the 43-year-old Seau shot himself in the chest at his oceanfront home May 2, less than 2 1/2 years after the end of his Pro Bowl career as a linebacker. What is clear — and cause for concern among other players — is that he reached some serious depths of despair.

"To see a guy like that, in such a dark place, to take the action he did ... makes you think about life after football and what it's like, and what you'll be going through, when that time comes, mentally," said Colts linebacker A.J. Edds, who is entering his second NFL season. "This might have been what people needed to open their eyes a little bit about what might happen down the road. How do you go forward to prevent it? Hopefully some good can be found from a horrible situation. Hopefully that's one silver lining — that it might help other guys keep from getting to a place like that."

In 40 interviews with The Associated Press during the last two weeks, many players voiced growing worry about the physical and emotional toll professional football takes. Seau's suicide resonated among the 13 rookies, 17 active veterans and 10 retirees, with more than half of each group saying it pushed them to consider their future in the sport or the difficulties of adjusting to post-NFL life.

It's one thing to read about hundreds of guys they've never heard of suing the league because of neurological problems traced to a career long ago. It's quite another to find out about Seau, a charismatic, recent star for the Chargers, Dolphins and Patriots who played in the Super Bowl.

"The difference with Junior for many folks my age or younger is that I played against Junior a bunch. He was a peer. It's more impactful. Not to suggest I had a great friendship with Junior or knew him off the field. I didn't. It's simply closer to home for me than a guy who played in the '70s or '80s," said Pete Kendall, a starting offensive lineman from 1996-2008 for the Seahawks, Cardinals, Jets and Redskins. "All of those kinds of situations are horrible, but Junior's situation probably would have people re-examining things."

Indeed it did.

Even less-experienced NFL players in their mid-20s were forced to face some complicated questions in recent weeks.

"You can't avoid thinking about how the game might be affecting your future. Even something as small as forgetting where I put my keys. I know everyone does that from time to time, but am I forgetful because of football? Have I already done damage to my brain playing the game?" Packers tight end Tom Crabtree, who's played two seasons in the league, wrote in an email.

"When you see a guy we all assume to be so happy and successful take his own life, it's disturbing. I worry about how happy I am with life right now and wonder if the damage is too much to overcome. ... It's like these brain injuries really turn you into another person," Crabtree wrote. "It slowly chops away at your happiness. Nothing you can do about it."

He was one of a dozen players who, unprompted, mentioned brain disease or concussions in connection with Seau, even though there has been no evidence of either with the linebacker, who played from 1990 to 2009.

"The obvious questions arise: Was it depression? Brain damage? I've been reading a lot of different articles about it. I personally believe that concussions will definitely give you some sort of brain damage. Was that the cause? We won't know for sure until they examine his brain," former Chargers, Dolphins and Vikings receiver Greg Camarillo said. "But it definitely makes you think, as someone who has played this sport, about the damage that can be caused."

Explained rookie receiver Mohamed Sanu, chosen by the Bengals in the third round of April's draft: "You kind of wonder about your safety and your health and wonder if you'll be like that one day."

Players frequently mentioned that Seau's suicide prompted heartfelt conversations with spouses or close pals.

"As soon as something like that happens, you start calling all your friends to make sure they're OK, just checking on everybody," said Ken Norton Jr., who retired in 2000 after 13 seasons as a linebacker for the Cowboys and 49ers and now coaches that position with the Seahawks. "It just opens your eyes and makes you more aware of what each other is going through — and ask that extra question, give that extra hug, to make sure there aren't any problems we don't know about."

Matt Bowen, a former defensive back for the Redskins, Bills, Rams and Packers whose last season was 2006, got a telephone call from a college teammate the day Seau died.

"'I just want to tell you if you're ever down, you're ever depressed, just call me.' He was worried. ... My buddy from Iowa calling hit home a little bit," Bowen said. "A little doubt creeps into the back of my mind: Well, maybe this could happen to me."

In responding to the AP's questions, rookies were, to a man, certain the league is making things as safe as possible for them. They, of course, have yet to participate in their first training camp or game.

But players who've spent time in the NFL were split on whether they're properly equipped for what might await down the road. Asked whether the league is doing all it can to take care of players' financial, mental, physical and neurological health, particularly when it comes to having a good life in retirement, 13 veterans or retirees said yes, while 11 said no.

"There's a program for everything, but it can't prepare you for everything. Most people find out about the real world when they're 18 or 19. Ex-NFL players find out about it at 30 or 35," said 39-year-old Jon Kitna, a quarterback for the Seahawks, Bengals, Lions and Cowboys from 1997-2011.

"You might think you've got it bad in football, because it can be a grind and you might think meetings are a drag, but the real world gives you a totally different mindset," said Kitna, now teaching algebra and coaching football at the high school he attended in Tacoma, Wash. "There are a lot of programs available, but you have to search for the answers. That's harder for athletes, because they've been given answers their whole life."

Dolphins like what they see from Ryan Tannehill

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Forgive rookie quarterback Ryan Tannehill if he looks lost. Since joining the Miami Dolphins, he has been trying to get around town without using a GPS.

Driving home one day from the team complex, Tannehill was determined to find his way without navigational help. He overshot his apartment and wound up on Alligator Alley.

"I ended up missing an exit and was halfway to the Everglades before I turned around," he said with a rueful smile.

There are sure to be moments of confusion for Tannehill on the field, too, but so far the Dolphins like what they see. Even his competition for playing time raves about the rookie.

"Hey, he can spin it. He definitely can throw the ball," incumbent quarterback Matt Moore said Tuesday following the first of the Dolphins' offseason organized team activities. "He's quiet right now, but you can tell he's definitely a quality, quality player. I'm looking forward to getting to see him play more."

It's been many years since a rookie quarterback joined the Dolphins with the lofty expectations that accompany Tannehill. Some of that stems from desperation — since Dan Marino retired following the 1999 season, the Dolphins have started 16 quarterbacks, the most in the NFL.

Tannehill was selected eighth overall in last month's draft, making him the first QB taken in the opening round by the Dolphins since Marino in 1983.

It's unlikely he'll beat out Moore and veteran David Garrard to start the season opener. But it wouldn't be surprising if the rookie sees significant action before the season is over.

Working against Tannehill is his lack of experience at quarterback. He started just 19 games there at Texas A&M after switching from receiver.

On the other hand, his progress with the Dolphins should be accelerated because he's so familiar with the offense. His college coach, new Dolphins offensive coordinator Mike Sherman, brought along the A&M playbook.

As Tannehill lined up to run a play Tuesday, he paused before taking the snap to tell tight end Michael Egnew he was lined up wrong. Garrard, 34, said it's weird to be around a rookie quarterback who already knows everyone's assignments.

"They usually come in with a question mark on their face and have starry eyes trying to figure out what's going on," Garrard said. "But this is the offense he ran in college, or a lot of it."

As a result, Garrard and Moore find themselves getting help from the rookie.

"A lot of times he's giving us tips on things," Garrard said.

While the two veteran quarterbacks praise Tannehill, he appreciates the way they've accepted him.

"From day one they kind of welcomed me into the quarterback room," he said. "I was kind of wondering how it was going to be walking into that room, but they're great guys."

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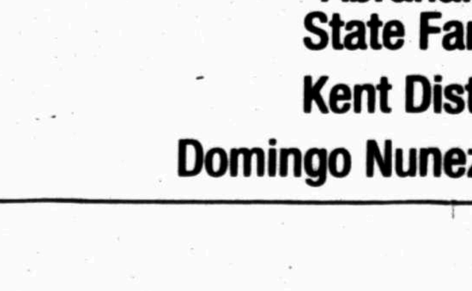

We are also asking for a suggested admission charge of 1 can food item, which will be donated to Helping Hands of Midland Food Bank. We will be having a friendly competition between the football players vs. band, cheerleaders & dixie dolls to see who can collect the most canned food items.

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Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 102, a low around 71 and west winds between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 99 and a low around 71. The forecast does show a slight chance of showers on Thursday.

The high on Tuesday reached 91 while the low dropped to 61. The record high for May 22 is 107 set in 1953. The record low is 48 set in 1931.

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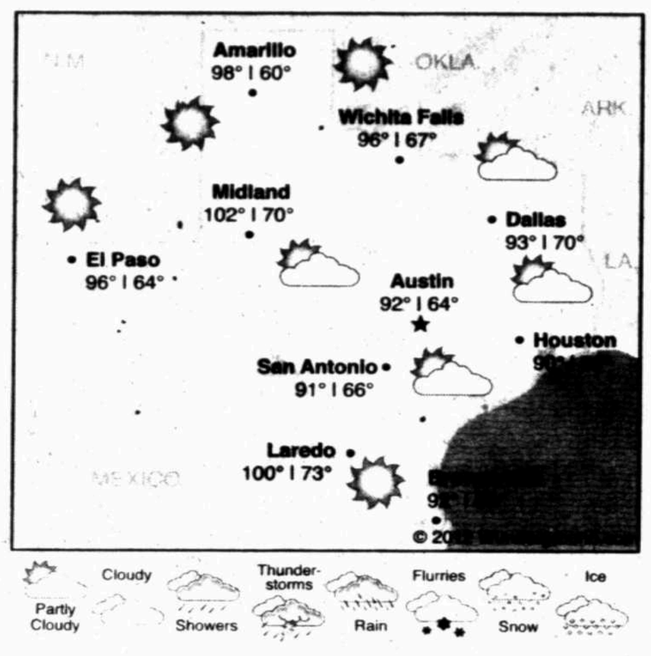
Unsettled weather will continue along the Atlantic seaboard and over the Appalachians on today. A dip south in the steering currents high in the atmosphere will continue to trap moisture in the region and create conditions for showers and thunderstorms. While much of the activity will occur during the afternoon and evening, there will be some exceptions. High levels of moisture and light flow at the surface will also produce late-night and early morning fog.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	2.88 in.
Total for year	4.23 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.60 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

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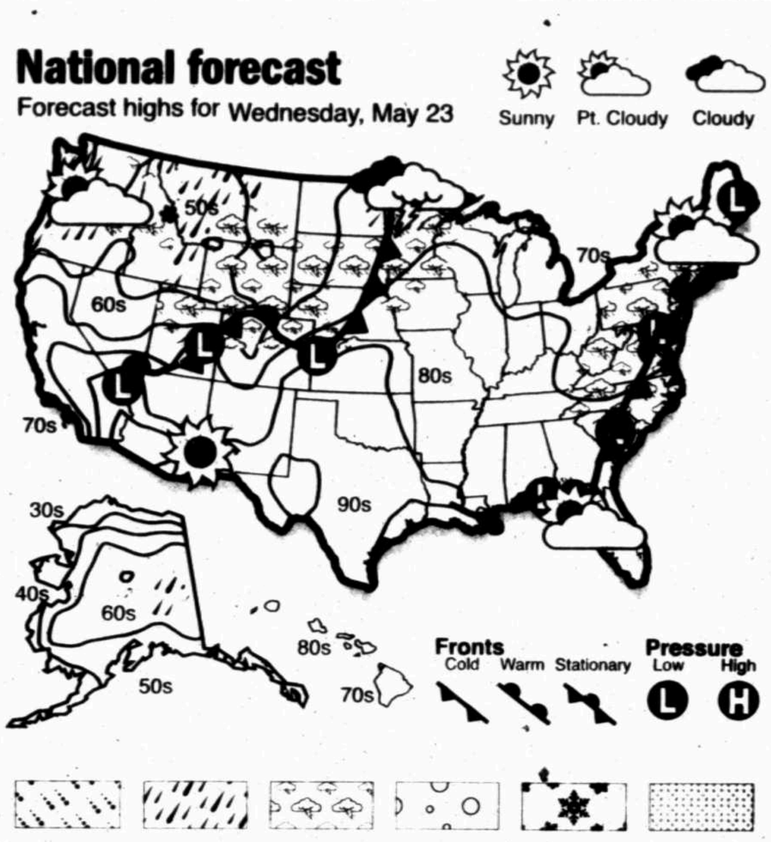

Peeping tom gets an eyeful, and couple reclaims privacy

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: From time to time I have read letters in your column about peeping toms. You might find our experience interesting.

Many years ago, soon after my husband, Klaus, and I arrived as newlyweds from Germany, we rented a small bungalow in L.A. There were seven of them in two rows behind our landlord's large home in the front.

Between our little house and our next-door neighbor's was a brick patio that extended from our bedroom window to her back door. Not long after we moved in, the woman began looking into our bedroom window on weekend mornings, pressing her nose against the glass. Because we were guests in this country, we didn't want to say anything, but we knew we needed to stop her.

My husband came up with the perfect solution. He placed a large mirror in the window frame. Sure enough, the weekend came and she peered into our window. Seeing her face reflected back, she dashed into her house and never looked again. — LILO IN COSTA MESA

DEAR LILO: I like your husband's style. Your neighbor may not have gotten the thrill she was seeking, but she sure enough got the message.

DEAR ABBY: There is a segment of the population that I have not seen you address. It's the many women whose dreams of marriage and children never came true.

Society gives so much attention to women who are pregnant and have children. It is very difficult for us to hear people brag on and on about their children and pass around their pictures.

People need to develop sensitivity for those like me, who prayed 25 years for marriage and children, but who didn't get this "gift from God." — ALONE IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR ALONE: Parents bragging about their children and showing off pictures are natural reactions to having offspring. It is not meant to punish the childless.

There are thousands of children who desperately need the attention and affection you long to bestow, so please consider becoming an adoptive or foster parent, or volunteer with an organization such as Big Brothers Big Sisters. Join the ranks and you, too, can experience the joys of rearing children, and bragging as you show off your pictures.

DEAR ABBY: I am a freshman in college. I would like to transfer to a college that two of my best friends from high school attend and also change my planned major. We have been friends since seventh grade, and we would like to rent a house over the summer and remain in it during the next school year.

My father insists that I shouldn't live with my high school friends. He says I should concentrate on making new friends and see my old ones less often. He makes it sound like if I don't do what he wants, that I'll mess up my entire future.

Am I wrong here? Would living with my friends be that horrible? — MIXED UP IN NEW YORK

DEAR MIXED UP: Your father may be concerned that you and your friends will be distracted and not apply yourselves fully to your studies if you share a house together. Although many first-year students change their planned majors, changing schools and your major and moving in with your friends may appear to your father as a retreat from adult responsibilities. The question you must answer is: Does he have cause to be concerned about your motives or your study habits?

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Eliminate the problem

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ J 8 2
10 5 2
A Q 8
♣ A 9 7 4

WEST
♠ 7 5
Q J
K 10 9 3
♣ K J 10 6 2

EAST
♠ 4 3
K 8 7 6 3
J 7 2
♣ 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9 6
A 9 4
6 5 4
♣ Q

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♠

A critical decision at duplicate bridge is the battle for the maximum result. In a World Olympiad Pairs encounter, Anton Maas of the Netherlands found an elegant way to land an overtrick on this deal.

North's two clubs was the Drury Convention, asking the strength of South's third-hand opening. South bid what he thought he could make.

Declarer won the opening trump lead with dummy's eight and led a low club toward the closed hand! That was a two-edged sword. It might steal a trick in clubs and, should the queen lose to the king, the nine of clubs could be established if either defender started with J 10 x in the suit. West won with the king and reverted to spades, won with the jack in dummy. A club was ruffed in the closed hand and the queen of diamonds was successfully finessed.

After discarding a diamond on the ace of clubs, declarer ruffed a club, crossed back to the ace of diamonds and completed stripping the minor suits by ruffing a diamond.

Now declarer cashed the ace of hearts and exited with a heart, and the defenders were faced with a Hobson's Choice.

If West was allowed to hold the second heart, the defender would have to concede a ruff-sluff. If East overtook the queen of hearts with the king, dummy's 10 would become the 11th trick. There was no escape, and even a heart opening lead would have fared no better and the result was an overtrick for North-South. Analyze how declarer would proceed if you doubt our statement.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 23, 2012:

You have a gift for effortlessly making friends this year. As a result, many of your long-term dreams could become realities. Learn to work with the unexpected more easily. If you can relax, rather than become tense, you will be able to handle an innate volatility this year. If you are single, you'll meet several potential suitors and will have difficulty selecting. Don't, but take a workshop in the art of diplomacy. If you are attached, don't fight over money — get separate checking accounts. CANCER is moody.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Sometimes even the best of intentions go haywire, making you wonder what your role in this mess was. At this point in time, you might have a very controlling boss or friend. Do your best not to respond to his or her game. Tonight: Happily head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Communication runs amok, as someone might not do or say what you feel is needed in a certain circumstance. Clearly, someone you are dealing with wants to have things his or her way. Detach and let this person have just that. Tonight: Visit with pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Your vision and another person's vision of what works might be in direct opposition. Choose not to make it an issue, and distance yourself appropriately. Let this person see the "rightness" of his or her ways, though do be nice. Tonight: Buy a new item for summer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might feel that you are in an either-or situation. Don't take others' comments personally. Your best move might be to simply pull back until a situation is resolved. The unexpected occurs out of the blue. Avoid a power play at all costs. Tonight: What you want to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might choose to distance yourself some from all the goings-on around you. You feel as if someone is pushing too hard to have his or her way. A simple "no" doesn't seem to work. The unexpected occurs. Tonight: Take a personal night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You will need to focus, as many people might attempt to distract you. Could an argument be building with a child or loved one? He or she might need your reassurance. Deal with joint financial issues carefully. There is a latent issue emerging. Tonight: Among friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Tension builds, as a respected elder, boss or parent demands that certain matters be done his or her way. Push easily comes to shove. Hard words are spoken. Don't get into this power play. The only way to win a control game is not to play. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal situation. Talk to someone with more experience in such matters who is not involved. Detach and don't get into a struggle of wills. Recognize that no one wins that way. Let the other party be upset for a while. You cannot be responsible for his or her mood. Tonight: Take in a different vision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Deal with each person individually, even if this isn't the norm for you. Relating directly helps you establish needed boundaries. Someone needs to understand that he or she doesn't have access to your funds as if they were his or her own! Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might want to rethink a personal issue rather than keep pushing to have your way. You might not realize how you are coming off. Do you really want the other party in this interaction to feel pushed? Tonight: Why not allow someone else to make the first move and choose the plans?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You are concerned about finishing up an errand or completing a project. Your mind is elsewhere; therefore, you could cause yourself a problem. An unexpected call or email could bring you back to the here and now. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your imagination takes over. Even when someone tries to be controlling, your sense of humor makes it close to impossible to take this person seriously. By not playing, you break past a new barrier. Tonight: Let the romantic in you out.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Douglas Fairbanks (1883), singer Rosemary Clooney (1928), actor Adam Wylie (1984)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 First country you'd come to if you sail west from Mumbai
5 Soft wood
10 Out of sight, perhaps
14 Sex researcher Shere
15 Online commerce
16 CBer's handle
17 "It's lower during dry seasons
19 Minor quarrel
20 Cockney abode
21 Part of many a plot
22 Fallen orbiter
23 "Index that measures skin sensation
29 Pseudonym preceder
30 Lewd look
31 Old MGM rival
32 Support staff?
34 Burn slightly
35 A boater may rest on them
36 "Road trip respite
38 "Winter storm respite for some
40 Barbados, e.g.
41 Carry
43 Roger of "Cheers"
44 Earth-friendly prefix
45 Yours, to Yves
46 Collected dust
47 "Knocked loopy
50 Add (up)
54 Greenish blue
55 What a winner may have to break
56 Get hot
58 Lag, and a hint to what the starts of the answers to starred clues have in common
61 BMW rival
62 Feudal lord, or his subject
63 Treated, as a sprain
64 Bark site
65 Latin bears
66 Like child's play

DOWN
1 "Yikes!"
2 "__ Vice"
3 When many start fifth grade
4 Society page word
5 "You __ I": "Yep!"
6 Pong producer
7 Two-time Grammy winner Patti
8 RSVP part
9 Draft pick
10 Prank
11 Movement to promote equitable commerce
12 Bowling equipment mfr.
13 Court arbiter
18 Dishonest scheme
22 Mess up
24 Saint-Saëns' "__ Macabre"
25 Car dealer's offer
26 Plant with fronds
27 Gumbo pods
28 Optimistic
32 Kid in Westerns
33 When many dig clams
34 Animal trail
35 Be a debtor of
36 Mottled
37 "Beetle Bailey" dog
39 Ancient consultant
42 Dots
45 Back, at sea
46 Naval builder
48 "Honestly"
49 Hagar's comics wife
50 Erie Canal city
51 Dressed to the __
52 Brother of Jack and Bobby
56 Night flier
57 Sharer's word
58 Winter woe
59 Get out in the open
60 Make haste

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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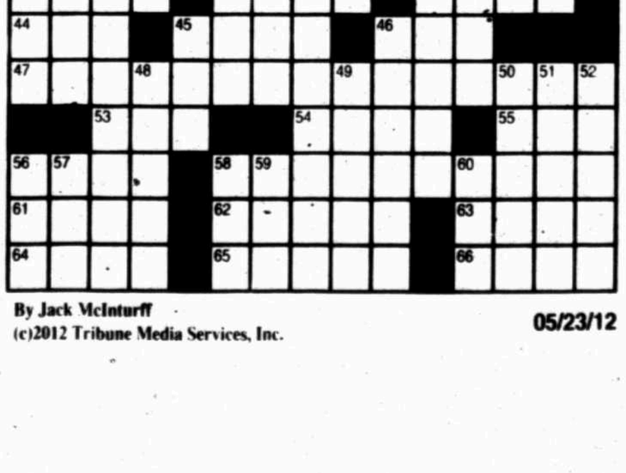

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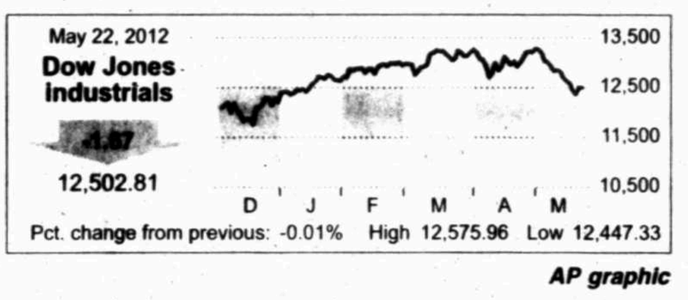

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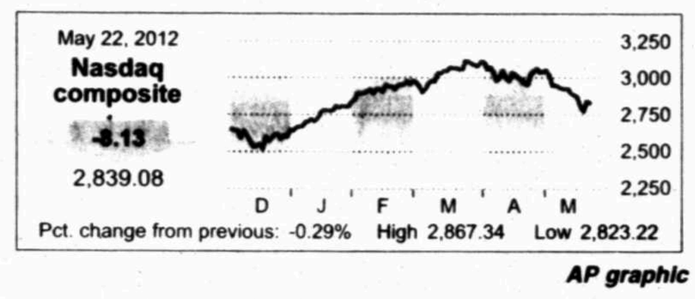

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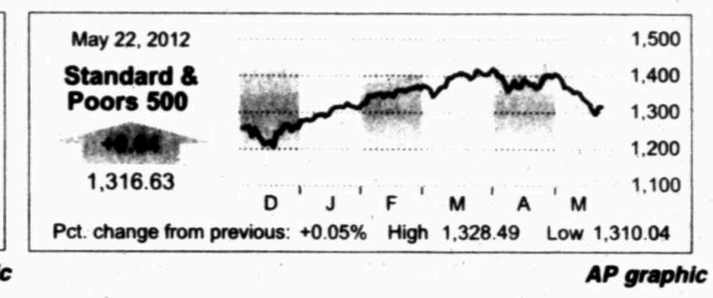

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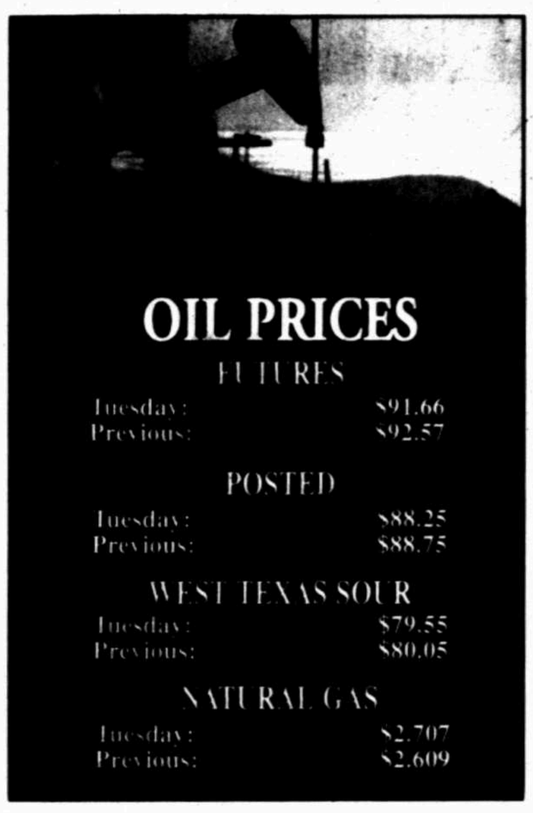

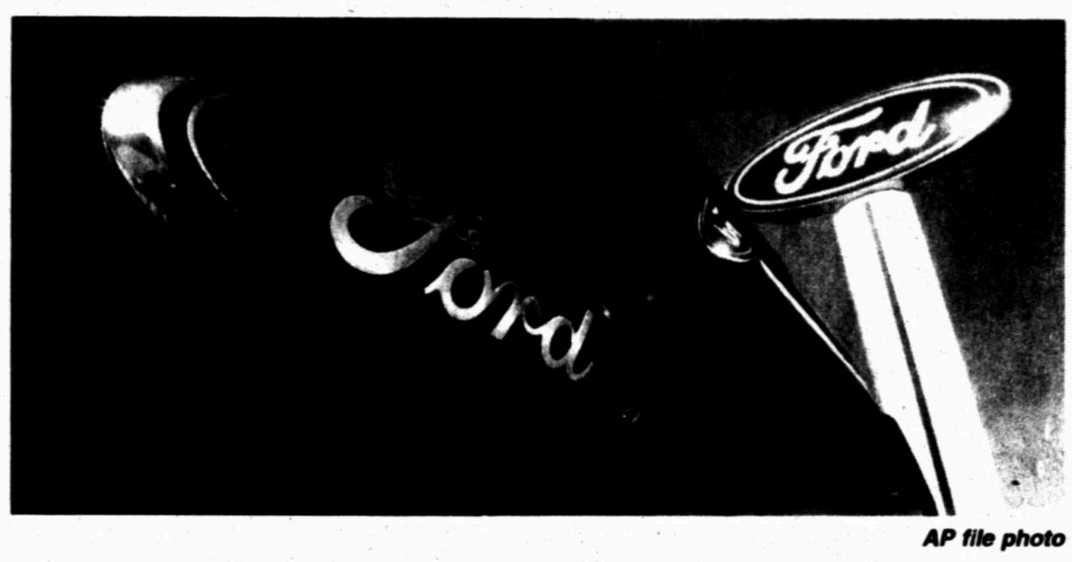

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A Ford logo on the tailgate of a pickup and on a dealership sign at Salem Ford in Salem, N.H., in 2011. Moody's Investors Service on Tuesday raised Ford's debt ratings to investment-grade for the first time in seven years. The upgrade means that all Ford's assets, including factories and the blue oval logo, are back in the company's hands and no longer will be used to secure the company's debt. Ford posted the assets as collateral in 2006 in order to get a $23.5 billion loan and avoid bankruptcy.

Ford to get blue oval back after Moody's upgrades debt rating

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. is getting its blue oval logo back.

Moody's Investors Service raised Ford's debt ratings to investment-grade Tuesday for the first time in seven years. The rating increased to Baa3 from Ba2. The upgrade means that all Ford's assets, including factories and the blue oval logo, are back in the company's hands and will no longer be used to secure the company's debt. Ford posted the assets as collateral in 2006 in order to get a $23.5 billion loan and avoid bankruptcy.

"This is a great day for us and is the result of several years of hard work and progress by everyone associated with Ford," Executive Chairman Bill Ford Jr. said in a statement.

Ford needed two ratings agencies to upgrade it to investment grade to get its assets back. Fitch Ratings upgraded the company last month. Standard and Poor's has not get upgraded Ford and said in March that it didn't expect to change Ford's ratings within the next year.

"The key factor in our considering an investment grade rating for Ford was whether or not the company would be able to sustain its strong performance," said Bruce Clark, Moody's senior vice president. "We concluded that the improvements Ford has made are likely to be lasting."

Moody's said one of Ford's main strengths was its low break-even point in North America, the company's largest market. The ratings agency calculated that Ford has to sell only 1.8 million cars and trucks to break even. In the 12 months ended in March, Moody's said, Ford shipped 2.7 million cars and trucks in North America, 50 percent above the break-even point. Before its restructuring in 2009, Ford had to sell 3.4 million cars and trucks before it started earning a profit.

Moody's also said Ford's cars and trucks are increasingly competitive with Asian automakers. Moody's also believes Ford can maintain its investment grade even in the face of a European downturn.

"In addition, we believe that Ford will maintain a robust new product renewal program," the agency wrote.

An investment-grade rating signals that a company's debt has a low risk of default. Companies with investment grade credit ratings generally pay lower interest on debt. Ford will also have an easier time borrowing for projects like new plants in Asia.

Moody's also affirmed General Motors Co.'s credit rating of Ba1, one notch below investment grade, on Tuesday. Moody's said GM remains on track to return to investment grade within the next year.

Ford lost its investment grade status in 2005 when it was racking up billions in losses as the SUV boom went bust. The company decided that a massive restructuring loan was worth risking its logo. The influx of cash helped Ford to revamp its cars and trucks and — unlike rivals General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group — avoid bankruptcy protection.

Ford began its turnaround in 2006 when Bill Ford Jr. fired himself as CEO and hired Alan Mulally from aviation giant Boeing. The automaker used the billions it borrowed — which Mulally often calls a "giant home improvement loan" — to close plants, shed brands and cut its global workforce by one-third. Ford has paid back much of that debt. It also resumed paying a dividend in March for the first time since September 2006.

Ford's former chief financial officer, Lewis Booth, said just before his retirement in April that getting the blue oval back would have an "enormous" psychological impact on the company after its wrenching turnaround.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2136702	6.98	+.15
S&P500ETF	1691349	132.20	+.23
SPDR Fncl	978353	14.01	+.11
PatriotCoal	856000	2.18	-1.18
JPMorgCh	834461	34.01	+1.50

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PhoNMda	4.83	+.48	+11.0
Mechel pf	2.84	+.25	+9.7
DSW Inc	61.23	+5.43	+9.7
MillMda n	14.65	+1.26	+9.4
RadianGrp	2.61	+.22	+9.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PatriotCoal	2.18	-1.18	-35.1
HugotnR	7.67	-3.98	-34.2
Express	16.76	-6.33	-27.4
ProUMex	31.00	-7.22	-18.9
PortgTel	4.50	-.70	-13.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,571
Declined	1,477
Unchanged	95
Total issues	3,143
New Highs	21
New Lows	46
Volume	4,024,945,165

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	38333	5.53	-.30
CheniereEn	37123	14.70	-.20
NwGold g	28937	8.41	-.26
NDynMn g	18071	2.56	-1.26
Rentech	17906	1.85	-.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonRid	3.79	+.48	+14.5
USAntimny	3.40	+.36	+11.8
CmtyBkTr	2.01	+.21	+11.7
RareEle g	4.25	+.35	+9.0
Arrhythm	2.88	+.18	+6.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NDynMn g	2.56	-1.26	-33.0
MGTCap rs	4.41	-1.26	-22.2
PowrREIT	6.91	-1.79	-20.6
Alderonlr g	2.22	-.28	-11.2
Electrmed	2.55	-.28	-9.9

DIARY

Advanced	188
Declined	264
Unchanged	36
Total issues	488
New Highs	1
New Lows	22
Volume	72,244,189

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook n	973116	31.00	-3.03
SiriusXM	523275	1.96	-.02
PwShs QQQ	503364	62.44	-.07
Clearwire	480318	1.30	+.10
Intel	452145	26.03	-.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GeneticT h	3.99	+1.58	+65.6
Cleantch rs	3.42	+.99	+40.7
Cyclacel pf	3.08	+.57	+22.6
Benihana	16.12	+2.82	+21.2
ChiCache	5.44	+.94	+20.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FNB Utd rs	18.34	-9.65	-34.5
CapSwst	85.11	-18.70	-18.0
HamptnRB	2.86	-.46	-13.9
NuPathe	3.11	-.46	-12.9
JamesRiv	3.05	-.42	-12.1

DIARY

Advanced	918
Declined	1,597
Unchanged	120
Total issues	2,635
New Highs	24
New Lows	74
Volume	1,804,916,661

Oil near 2012 low

Oil prices dropped near their lows for the year following warnings of a "severe recession" in Europe and an apparent easing of tensions over Iran's nuclear program.

Benchmark U.S. crude on Tuesday lost 91 cents to end the day at $91.66 per barrel in New York while Brent crude fell by 40 cents to end at $108.41 per barrel in London. Both contracts hit a low for 2012 on Friday at $91.48 and $107.14, respectively.

Oil has declined almost every day this month as elections in Greece and France threatened existing plans to fix the euro-zone economy. A top economist for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development warned Tuesday that the eurozone could fall into recession this year if leaders fail to stimulate the economy.

If that happens, it would stunt growth in world oil demand at a time when supplies are expanding.

At the pump, U.S. gasoline prices fell nearly a penny to $3.68 per gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular unleaded has dropped by 25.6 cents since peaking this year in early April.

In other futures trading, natural gas added 9.8 cents, up 4 percent, to finish at $2.707 per 1,000 cubic feet. Natural gas prices have jumped by 42 percent since hitting a 10-year low on April 19 as supplies declined.

Dollar rises

Fears of a slowdown in the global economy pushed the dollar higher against most major currencies Tuesday.

The ICE U.S. Dollar Index, which measures the dollar against six other currencies, jumped to its highest level since Sept. 2010. Traders consider the dollar a safe haven asset, so it tends to rise when investors are worried about the economy.

The euro fell to $1.2756 from $1.2793. The British pound fell to $1.5799 from $1.5807.

The dollar rose to 79.92 Japanese yen from 79.36 yen, to 0.9419 Swiss franc from 0.9391 Swiss franc and to 1.0182 Canadian dollar from 1.0190 Canadian dollar.

Gold for June delivery fell $12.10 to finish at $1,576.60 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $10.97 Down 0.68

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $57.39 Down 2.81

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $89.64 Down 0.62

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $25.07 Down 1.17

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.56 Up 0.22

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.00 Up 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.35 Down 0.12

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	49	33.54	-.09	+10.9
Abraxas	...	**13**	**2.82**	**-.09**	**-20.6**
AdamsEx	**.65e**	**...**	**10.27**	**+.01**	**+6.5**
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.48	-.01	-5.1
Alcoa	.12	16	8.49	-.11	-1.8
AlonUSA	.16	...	8.51	-.07	-2.3
AlphaNRs	...	...	11.21	-.46	-45.1
Amgen	**1.44**	**16**	**68.91**	**-.41**	**+7.3**
Anadarko	**.36**	**...**	**64.11**	**-.53**	**-16.0**
Apache	**.68f**	**8**	**82.63**	**-.09**	**-8.8**
Apple Inc	10.60	14	556.97	-4.31	+37.5
ApldMatl	**.36f**	**10**	**10.54**	**-.12**	**-1.6**
ArchCoal	.12m	17	7.15	-.57	-50.7
ArenaPhm	...	...	6.06	+.14	+224.1
Ariba Inc	...	...	44.87	+7.23	+59.8
ATMOS	**1.38**	**16**	**33.02**	**+.28**	**-1.0**
AutoData	1.58	19	52.96	+.26	-1.9
BP PLC	**1.92**	**5**	**37.85**	**+.14**	**-11.4**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.55	+.06	-13.6
BakrHu	.60	11	41.46	-.53	-14.8
BkofAm	.04	...	6.98	+.15	+25.5
Bar iPVix	...	...	20.61	+.71	-42.0
BasicEnSv	...	.5	10.97	-.68	-44.3
BerkHa A	**...**	**201**	**20550.00**	**+330.00**	**+5.0**
BerryPet	**.32**	**...**	**38.32**	**-.69**	**-8.8**
BestBuy	.64	...	18.46	+.29	-21.0
BlkHillsCp	**1.48**	**30**	**32.08**	**+.12**	**-4.5**
BostonSci	...	17	5.94	-.05	+11.2
BrMySq	**1.36**	**15**	**32.83**	**+.12**	**-6.8**
BrownFA	**1.40**	**21**	**84.21**	**+.31**	**+5.2**
BrownFB	**1.40**	**22**	**86.54**	**+.11**	**+7.5**
CVS Care	.65	17	44.94	+.06	+10.2
Cameron	...	20	46.85	+.26	-4.8
Caterpillar	1.84	12	91.49	-.49	+1.0
Celestic g	...	7	7.56	-.06	+3.1
Cemex	.32t	...	5.54	-.03	+6.9
CntryLink	2.90	31	38.52	-.19	+3.5
ChesEng	.35	6	14.92	+.01	-33.1
Chevron	**3.60f**	**7**	**99.32**	**-.37**	**-6.7**
Chicos	.21	17	15.07	-.02	+35.3
Cimarex	.48	9	56.79	-1.51	-8.3
Cisco	.32f	12	16.73	+.06	-7.2
Citigroup	.04	7	26.92	+.67	+2.3
ClayEng	**...**	**6**	**57.39**	**-2.81**	**-24.4**
Clearwire	...	...	1.30	+.10	-33.0
CocaCola	**2.04**	**20**	**74.19**	**-.32**	**+6.0**
ColgPal	**2.48f**	**20**	**99.19**	**+.23**	**+7.4**
ConAgra	**.96**	**15**	**25.25**	**+.10**	**-4.4**
ConchoRes	**...**	**19**	**89.64**	**-.62**	**-4.4**
ConocPhil	**s2.64**	**6**	**51.67**	**-.10**	**-7.0**
CrackerB	1.60f	16	57.38	-.75	+13.8
CSVS2xVxS	...	...	9.10	+.38	-71.5
CSVelIVSt s	...	...	9.15	-.33	+40.6
CrosTim	**2.92e**	**13**	**39.19**	**-1.36**	**-19.8**
DCP Mid	2.64f	25	43.42	+.67	-8.5
DTE	2.35	14	56.15	+.42	+3.1
Dataram h	...	...	.93	-.06	+15.1
Dawson	**...**	**16**	**25.07**	**-1.17**	**-36.6**
Dell Inc	...	8	15.08	+.11	+3.1
DevonE	**.80**	**5**	**61.62**	**-1.27**	**-.6**
DirSCBear	...	...	22.04	+.33	-16.8
DirFnBear	...	...	27.03	-.65	-27.6
Disney	**.60f**	**16**	**44.39**	**...**	**+18.4**
DowChm	**1.28f**	**16**	**30.48**	**-.06**	**+6.0**
EMC Cp	...	22	25.59	-.16	+18.8
EOG Res	**.68**	**21**	**101.33**	**+1.13**	**+2.9**
ElPasoCp	.04	66	29.54	+.44	+11.2
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**20.50**	**+.06**	**-2.8**
Energen	.56	11	44.31	+.51	-11.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	10	45.52	+.06	-.7
EnPro	**...**	**17**	**37.57**	**-.15**	**+13.9**
EntPrPt	2.51f	20	49.75	+.25	+7.3
Encsson	.35e	...	8.61	-.05	-15.0
ExterranH	**...**	**...**	**11.83**	**-.64**	**+30.0**
ExxonMbl	**2.28f**	**10**	**81.95**	**-.09**	**-3.3**
Facebook n	...	...	31.00	-3.03	-18.9
FordM	.20	7	10.19	-.01	-5.3
ForestOil s	...	9	8.60	-.23	-36.5
FrontierCm	.40	20	3.32	-.05	-35.5
FrozenFd	**...**	**...**	**1.32**	**+.07**	**+2.3**
GATX	**1.20**	**16**	**39.37**	**+.43**	**-9.8**
GabMultT	**.80**	**...**	**6.64**	**+.03**	**+6.6**
GAInv	**.50e**	**...**	**26.71**	**+.09**	**+7.2**
GenElec	**.68**	**16**	**19.18**	**+.06**	**+7.1**
Golfsmith	...	...	6.06	+.02	+89.4
Goodrich	**1.16**	**20**	**125.50**	**+.55**	**+1.5**
GtPlainEn	**.85**	**17**	**19.98**	**+.08**	**-8.3**
HalconR rs	...	...	9.02	+.01	-3.9
Hallibrtn	.36	9	30.78	-.39	-10.8
Heinz	**1.92**	**18**	**54.06**	**+.09**	**...**
Hitachi	**...**	**...**	**63.70**	**...**	**+22.2**
iShBraz	1.50e	...	51.15	-1.46	-10.9
iShChina25	.77e	...	33.63	-.23	-3.6
iShEMkts	.81e	...	37.78	-.40	-.4
iShR2K	1.10e	...	75.99	-.46	+3.0
IntegrysE	2.72	21	54.29	+.64	+.2
Intel	**.90f**	**11**	**26.03**	**-.12**	**+7.3**
InterDig	.40	16	25.98	-.74	-40.4
ItauUnibH	.85e	...	13.77	-.27	-25.8
JPMorgCh	1.20	8	34.01	+1.50	+2.3
JohnJn	**2.44f**	**17**	**63.52**	**+.05**	**-3.1**
KimbClk	**2.96**	**18**	**78.68**	**+.04**	**+7.0**
KindME	4.80f	...	80.22	+1.01	-5.6
KindMM	4.80t	...	71.93	+1.08	-8.4
LSI Corp	...	11	6.98	-.35	+17.3
LegacyRes	2.22f	8	26.56	+.22	-5.9
Lowes	.56	17	25.49	-.11	+.4
Lubys	**...**	**25**	**5.43**	**-.13**	**+20.4**
MktVGold	.15e	...	42.54	-.47	-17.3
MarvellT	.24	13	12.99	-.26	-6.2
McDnlds	2.80	17	91.34	+.07	-9.0
Merck	1.68	17	37.46	-.14	-.6
MeritMed	**...**	**24**	**13.02**	**-.24**	**-2.7**
MexcoEn	...	43	6.00	+.11	-14.3
MicronT	...	...	5.71	-.07	-9.2
Microsoft	.80	11	29.76	+.01	+14.6
MorgStan	.20	23	13.31	+.12	-12.0
Nabors	...	10	14.12	-.17	-18.6
NatGrid	**3.11e**	**...**	**52.84**	**-.55**	**+9.0**
NOilVarco	.48	13	66.73	-.44	-1.9
NewsCpA	.17m	14	19.54	+.04	+9.5
NokiaCp	.26e	...	2.88	-.14	-40.2
NvMAd	**.95e**	**...**	**15.06**	**+.02**	**+2.6**
NvPNII	**.94**	**...**	**15.08**	**-.05**	**+1.8**
NuvPI	**.92**	**...**	**14.63**	**-.08**	**+1.1**
NSTFI3	**.66e**	**...**	**14.83**	**+.01**	**+3.6**
NTXQI	**.82**	**...**	**16.34**	**+.04**	**...**
OcciPet	**2.16**	**10**	**80.84**	**-.03**	**-13.7**
Oracle	.24	14	26.36	+.10	+2.8
ParTech	**...**	**12**	**5.08**	**+.01**	**+28.9**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**4.98**	**-.17**	**-30.5**
PatriotCoal	...	...	2.18	-1.18	-74.3
PattUTI	**.20**	**7**	**15.26**	**-.14**	**-23.6**
PeabdyE	.34	6	23.65	-.97	-28.6
PennaRE	**.64f**	**...**	**12.53**	**+.01**	**+20.0**
Prmian	1.46e	13	19.18	+.03	-5.8
Petrobras	1.03e	...	19.87	-.80	-20.0
Pfizer	**.88**	**14**	**22.37**	**-.17**	**+3.4**
PioNtrl	.08	18	100.68	+.84	+12.5
PlainsAA	**4.18f**	**16**	**79.23**	**+.48**	**+7.9**
PwShs QQQ	.49e	...	62.44	-.07	+11.8
Praxair	**2.20**	**19**	**107.68**	**-.70**	**+.7**
PrmEgy	**...**	**9**	**23.80**	**+.07**	**+5.4**
PrUShS&P	...	...	16.97	-.02	-12.0
ProctGam	**2.25f**	**16**	**63.15**	**-.24**	**-5.3**
RangeRs	.16	...	63.83	+.71	+3.1
RegionsFn	.04	23	6.29	+.09	+46.3
Rowan	...	29	30.82	-.26	+1.6
RoyDShllA	3.44f	13	63.20	-.07	-13.5
SpdrDJIA	3.56e	...	124.83	+.02	+2.4
S&P500ETF	2.64e	...	132.20	+.23	+5.3
SabnR	4.03e	12	50.49	-.32	-19.9
SanderFm	**.68**	**...**	**53.90**	**+.88**	**+7.5**
SandRidge	**...**	**23**	**6.17**	**-.33**	**-24.4**
Sapient	**.35e**	**21**	**10.59**	**-.10**	**-16.0**
Schlmbrg	1.10	17	66.40	-.36	-2.8
SeagateT	1.00	69	26.36	-1.49	+60.7
SigmaAld	**.80**	**19**	**71.09**	**+.88**	**+13.8**
SiriusXM	...	14	1.96	-.02	+7.7
Smucker	1.92	20	77.03	+.45	-1.5
SprintNex	...	...	2.41	+.04	+3.0
SP Engy	1.10e	...	65.25	-.16	-5.6
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	14.01	+.11	+7.8
SunocoL s	1.71f	11	35.52	-.07	-9.8
TelefEsp	**1.75e**	**...**	**12.55**	**-.05**	**-27.0**
Tesoro	...	6	22.92	-.33	-1.9
3M Co	2.36	14	84.13	-.33	+2.9
Trchmrk s	**.60f**	**10**	**46.28**	**+.11**	**+6.7**
TriContl	**.43e**	**...**	**14.93**	**-.04**	**+4.9**
TylerTech	**...**	**44**	**36.99**	**-.20**	**+22.8**
UBWV	**1.24**	**16**	**25.25**	**-.03**	**-10.7**
Vale SA	1.74e	...	18.04	-.48	-15.9
ValeroE	.60	6	22.06	+.18	+4.8
VangEmg	.91e	...	38.27	-.31	+.2
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**35.20**	**-1.15**	**-10.5**
Walgrn	**.90**	**11**	**31.25**	**-.10**	**-5.5**
WellsFargo	.88	11	31.67	+.27	+14.9
WstnRefin	.16	12	19.40	-.17	+46.0
WhitingPet	...	9	45.88	-.25	-1.7
WmsCos	1.20f	17	31.29	+.28	+16.1
XcelEngy	**1.08f**	**16**	**27.80**	**+.48**	**+.6**
Xerox	**.17**	**8**	**7.19**	**-.01**	**-9.7**
Yahoo	...	17	15.29	-.29	-5.2
Zynga n	...	...	6.80	-.29	-27.7

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We will regularly update the Permian Basin stocks list.

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,338.66	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,502.81	-1.67	-.01	+2.33	+1.19
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,007.98	+4.85	+.10	-.23	-6.35
474.18	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	467.90	+2.26	+.49	+.69	+7.77
8,496.42	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,542.58	-.40	-.01	+.88	-8.60
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,223.35	-16.74	-.75	-2.41	-5.96
3,134.17	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,839.08	-8.13	-.29	+8.98	+3.38
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,316.63	+.64	+.05	+4.69	+.03
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	13,800.71	+2.46	+.02	+4.63	-.98
860.37	601.71	Russell 2000	759.63	-5.01	-.66	+2.53	-6.26

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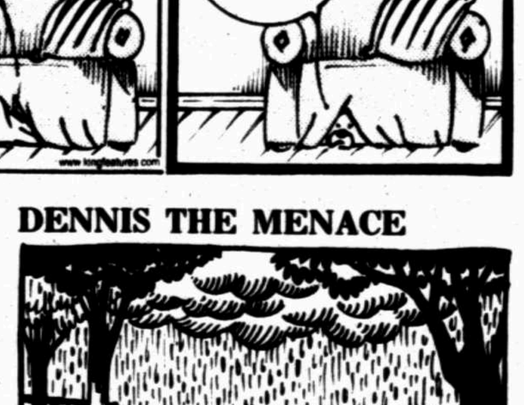
"Who did you say recommended this fertility clinic?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"ONE MAN'S THUNDERSTORM IS ANOTHER MAN'S SUNSHINE."

DUSTIN

FAMILY CIRCUS

"C'mon, Daddy, it's easy to touch your toes. Look!"

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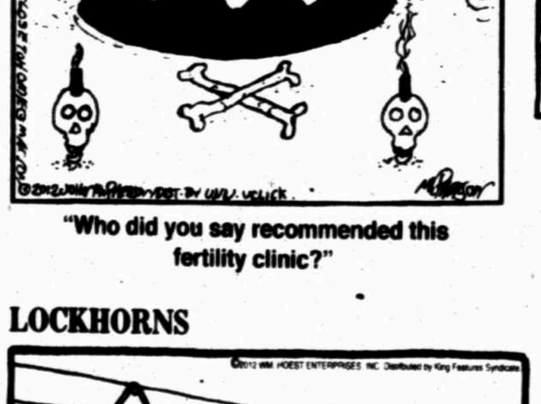

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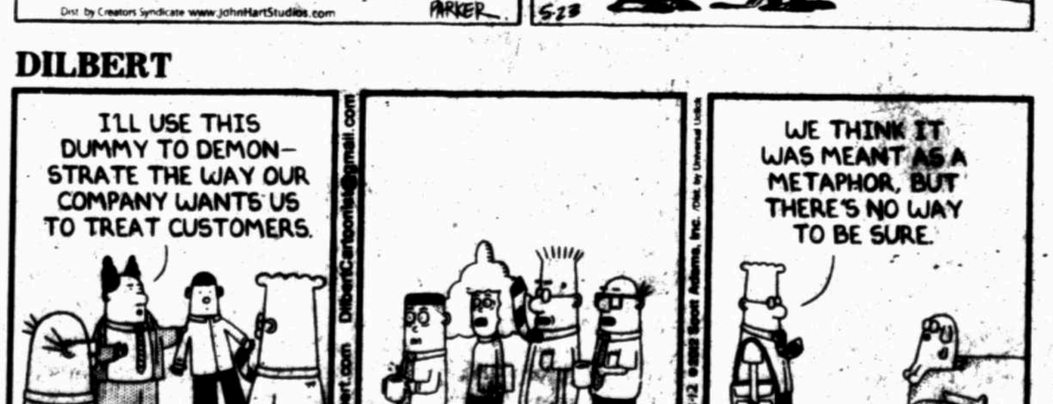
DILBERT



NOTICE OF SALE of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale Date is Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 11am.

Aztec Storage Center
500 S. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79703

#9 Jason Niver Household Goods

VECTOR OIL & Gas LP is hereby providing Notice of intent to move in equipment and spud the Barron #1 well located 1910.4' FNL and 820.8' FWL Section 6, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the city limits of Midland. This notice is given pursuant to a requirement of the City of Midland under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23, labeled Ordinance No. 8769, more particularly found under Section L (7), effective January 1, 2010.

VECTOR OIL & Gas LP is hereby providing Notice of intent to move in equipment and spud the Barron #3 well located 714.0' FNL and 730.4' FWL Section 6, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the city limits of Midland. This notice is given pursuant to a requirement of the City of Midland under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23, labeled Ordinance No. 8769, more particularly found under Section L (7), effective January 1, 2010.

Public Notice
Proposal #2012-018

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for the installation and operation of all snack vending machines located on the Midland College Campuses. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Purchasing Agent, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The County Purchasing Agent, Monte Jamison, located in Room 130 of the County Courthouse Annex, 2110 N. "A" Street, Midland, Texas 79705 will accept sealed bids until the time and date indicated. The bids will be opened and read aloud at the time and date indicated.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening and the Commissioners Court meeting.

The County must receive the sealed bids not later than the date and time indicated, to be considered.

12MCO481 Roof on building "B" of the Midland Juvenile Justice Center located at 3800 N. Lamesa, Midland Texas.

To be received until May 30th, 2012, 2:00 PM, opened on May 30th at 2:05 PM. A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on site for all interested parties, at building "B" of the Midland Juvenile Justice Center located at 3800 N. Lamesa on the 22nd of May at 10:00AM all interested parties will have the opportunity to measure the roof and make notes at that time.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the bid(s) at any time.

Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4871.

Monte Jamison
County Purchasing Agent

ACCIDENTLY SOLD daughters gold rimmed China, inherited from mother-in-law, at garage sale on Sat., 5/19 on Cuthbert St. Will pay you triple to get it back. Thank you, 432-522-2062.

ROXY'S CLEARANCE sale at Industrial Street Antiques. 1015 West Industrial. Items 25%-75% off through the month of May.

BLACK & brown male chihuahua found on Ward St near Wadley, if not claimed free to good home. please call 432-556-7782

FOUND A beautiful West Highland Terrior. Female white. Recently groomed. Found the corner of Shell and Midland Dr. the morning of May 18th. I have taken her to Petsmart. She is chipped, but has her info wrong!

FOUND A Blue Heeler puppy in the 4000 block of Big Spring. Call 432-978-3182.

FOUND FEMALE black lab mix. Found Friday, May 11th on Haynes, pink camo collar, no tags. 432-352-3157

FOUND HALF Min Pin/Chihuahua male, black and tan. Found on corner of Ward & Auburn Friday May 18th. Call 687-1536 or 889-8046.

FOUND PUPPY 3400 block of Baumann. Female Heeler white with black patches. Wearing a flea collar. 894-0452

FOUND SET of keys. Intersection of Golf Course and Midkiff. Has 6 keys. 262-3763.

Lost & Found

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FOUND SMALL light brown dog, male; near Midland Dr./West Illinois. 432-978-6558.

TAN MALE chihuahua weighs 8 pounds, no collar, been neutered. Call 432-247-5045

LOST 10 month old Miniature Dapple Dachshund. Black and brown mix with white speckles. Goes by Dugan. Reward offered. Please call 432-349-0953.

LOST CREAM colored Shepherd mix with curly tail. Last seen on Monty/McDonald. Reward. 432-312-6747.

LOST FEMALE black and tan Min-Pin, answers to Falon, near 4002 Westminister Dr. REWARD! Call 432-269-2094.

REWARD: LOST black and white 7 month old kitten on Friday, May 18th. Goes by "Oreo" 4400 Cherrywood, Briarwood neighborhood/area. No collar, but does have a chip. Call 432-694-8913 or 432-934-5959.

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7:30pm
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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0275785
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 24, 2012 Status/Permit No. 737520
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 5, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HENRY RESOURCES LLC, [RRC Operator No. 378535] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of rule 37, and the DENISTY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEEW DRILL permit in Sec. Sec. 19, Bk. 39, T1N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-436, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and BETTY SUE (STRAWN) Fields, MARTIN County, being 22.2 miles W direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department **at (512)463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	KIMBERLY
Lease/Unit Well No. :	1938
Lease/Unit Acres :	6447.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1041.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	852.0

Lease Lines :	1041.0 F WEST L,	21094.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines :	1041.0 F WEST L,	1094.0 F SOUTH L

FIELD: BETTY SUE (STRAWN)

Lease/Unit Name :	KIMBERLY
Lease/Unit Well No. :	1938
Lease/Unit Acres :	6447.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1041.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	852.0

Lease Lines :	1041.0 F WEST L,	1094.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines :	1041.0 F WEST L,	1094.0 F SOUTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

BETTY SUE (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12500 eet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Blair Kenley, at (432) 694-3000.

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1985 MERCEDES Benz, 4dr, 300SD, turbo diesel, sky blue, Pioneer system, $100. Call 432-254-7564

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FORD 1983 LTD Crown Victoria, CLASSIC 4 door sedan. 83,170 original miles. Good body, first $1500 cash, takes it! Call 432-269-9119.

FORD 2005 Mustang 48k miles, leather, new tires. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222.

FORD 2007 Fusion SEL, V6, auto, 36k mi. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

HONDA 2000 Prelude. 114k miles, very good mechanicle condition, $4,775 OBO. 432-682-1706

HONDA 2003 Acura CL Type S, white, 2 door, sunroof. 88,000 miles, great condition. $9500 obo. Call 432-889-9697.

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HYUNDAI 2001 TRIBUNE, Red, automatic, 114k miles, runs great, real sporty. $4500 firm. 254-8109.

LINCOLN TOWN CAR 2008 Signature Limited, fully loaded, 35k mi. White with blue fabric half top, chrome package, excellent condition, $23,000. 432-263-1101 or 432-816-6494.

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2007 MAZDA MX5 CONVERTIBLE
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2011 BMW 750LI
Blk/Natural Brn, Driver Asst Pkg, Prem. Sound Pkg., Lux Seating Pkg., Night Vision, 14k Miles

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Cream/Tan, Nav., Sat.,Radio, Sunroof, 20" Chrome Wheels, 59k Miles

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT: Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., a publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas is seeking an accounting assistant for the tax department. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. Position also requires someone with good work ethic, self-motivation, and must work well in a team environment. This position will include spreadsheet preparation, data entry, tax return processing, clerical and administrative duties. Excel and Word proficiency a must. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment. E-mail resume and salary requirements to: kjones@claytonwilliams.com.
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Full-time, knowledge in A/P, A/R, payroll, Quickbooks, Word and Excel. Attention to detail is a must. Must work Saturday's. Two days off per week including Sunday's. Apply in person: Carter's Furniture, 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6, Midland, Tx.

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For immediate consideration, please go to: www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under "Careers" to complete an online application.

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Well Servicing Manager (Andrews, Tx). Down hole and knowledge of rigs required. Competitive salary/benefits. Apply at Standard Energy Services, 1300 S US 385, Andrews, Tx; call Wesley at 432-209-5904 or e-mail resume to Robbye@thestandardenergy.com EEO

HEALTHCARE

Attendants
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. needs Attendants to assist elderly and disabled in home with personal care, meal prep & light housekeeping. Flexible scheduleds. Se habla espanol. Call: Melissa or Charolette @ 1-800-458-3257. E.O.E.

Certified Histologist
needed for busy physician practice. Please fax resume to Arita Routh at 682-2284.

Certified Radiology Technician
Certified Radiology Technician needed full time for Urgent Care Facility. Insurance benefits and paid vacation provided. Hourly salary will depend on experience. Send resume to 3401 Greenbriar, Suite 200, Midland TX 79707 or call 432-648-5215 and ask for office manager.

Child Care Positions
St. Luke's United Methodist FT
ST. LUKES Child Developement Program: Full time and part time child care positions available. Must have high schoool diploma or its equivalency, be 18 of age or older. We offer Vacation, Sick and Personal days, Pension Plan and Health Plan. Apply in person at 3011 W. Kansas, Midland.

Dietary Aide
Martin County Hospital District FT
Dietary Aide Full Time 9:30-5:30. Every Other Week end. Contact Human Resources. Martin County Hospital. 432-607-3227. Must apply in Person

LVN & CNA
Crane Nursing & Rehabilitation Center PT
Crane Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is accepting applications for LVN and CNA positions, both shifts, Benefits available. Please send resumes or come by and pick up an application: 699 Campus Dr. Crane, Texas 79731, or fax 432.558.7059 Attn: Clint Slayton

PT Drug Testing Clerk
American Medical Group PT
Part-Time drug testing clerk, willing to train and certify. Please apply in person at 4519 N Garfield Ste 14 in Midland.

RN and Chaplain
Interim Homecare and Hospice
Midland, TX 79701
Interim homecare and hospice has the following positions open. Full-time RN hospice and RN for Home Health program and also Chaplain. Apply in peson at 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste 200, Midland, Tx 79701 or fax resume to 432-618-0307. No phone calls please. EOE.

RN
Calvert Home Helath Care, Inc. FT
RN NEEDED FOR HOME HEALTH VISITS. Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. has an immediate opening for a field RN in our Midland office. Experience in home health or hospice nursing preferred. Must be computer proficient. Competitive salary & benefits. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm with occasional on-call and weekend duties. You may email your resume to dmadison@chhci.com, fax it to 686-0460 or come by our office at 6112 N. State Hwy. 349, Ste. A-3 to complete an application. EOE

RN's Wanted for Home Health
Big Spring, Ft. Stockton and the Monahans/Pecos areas. Full or part-time. Must be currently licensed by the State of TX. and willing to travel. Bilingual preferred. We offer: excellent pay and benefits. Contact Larry at 432-218-7996 or visit our website @ www.hochomecare.com to apply.

Sitters/CNA'S
Nurses Unlimited, INC FT
Nurses Unlimited, INC is seeking Sitters/CNA'S to work for private duty clients. Must pass drug test & background check. All shifts available. Call 432-522-5680. E.O.E.

Weekend RN Position
Crane Nursing & Rehabilitation Center PT
Crane Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is accepting resumes' for the Weekend RN position, applicant must hold a current valid Registered Nurse license, long term care experience preferred, but not required, Please send resumes or come by and pick up an application: 699 Campus Dr. Crane, Texas 79731, or fax 432.558.7059 Attn: Clint Slayton

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Front Desk and Housekeeping
Americas Best Value Inn FT
Now hiring Front Desk and Housekeeping. Apply in person at: 1003 South Midkiff, Monday-Friday 8am-3pm.

FRONT DESK & HOUSEKEEPERS
Apply in person: **La Quinta Inn & Suites Midland North**, 2606 N. Loop 250 W. *Competetive Pay * Health Benefits available * Monthly bonus

General Manager
Marriott SpringHill Suites FT
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Hotel General Manager
Confidential FT
Hotel General Manager position available. Marriott or Hilton experience required. Call 432-689-9400 for further details.

Various Positions
Travel Lodge #10082 FT/PT
Immediate openings for Front Desk, Housekeepers, Maintenance and Laundry. Apply at: 2500 Commerce Dr, Midland, TX.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available
Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.
Starting pay is $10.00 hourly.

These [illegible] require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least [illegible] ence required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes [illegible] of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and [illegible] social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Make Ready & Maintenance Assistant

Now hiring a Make Ready and Maintenance Assistant (HVAC) for The Dakota. Apply online at www.bhmanagement.com or in person at 5101 North"A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705. EOE

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Police Chief

The City of Hereford is seeking a Police Chief. Job description, qualifications, and our application forms are available on our website, www.hereford-tx.gov.

Security Officers

AlliedBarton Security Services FT

SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED ASAP in the Midland/Odessa area. Contact Rebecca Barnett at ALLIEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES for consideration. (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Jack's Convenience Store

Are you energetic, a people person, with professional work ethics and would like a job with a future?

We are currently in need of Sales Associates. You must be able to pass a drug screen and background check. We offer a great benefit package of vacation, and 401K.

Qualified applicants apply at:

Jacks#1, 1000 Andrews Hwy Midland,TX

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NON PROFIT & VOLUNTEER

FULL TIME CLIENT ADVOCATE

The Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center is looking for a full time client advocate that can also serve as a backup forensic interviewer. The individual must have a bachelor's degree (a degree in a social science is preferred) and have good communication skills. Pay will be determined based on experience. If you are interested, please send your resume to **PO BOX 10081, Midland, Texas 79702** or e-mail to **elm@mrccac.org**. Resumes will be expected through May 30th.

OTHER JOBS

All Positions

Schlotzsky's FT/PT

Schlotzsky's is hiring full and part-time positions. Salaried Assistant Managers and Shift Leaders Flexible scheduling, clean grease free restaurant, **$8.00 - $10.00 an hour.** Please come by 5211 West Wadley or 1109 Andrews Highway to apply.

ARAMARK Facility Services

is accepting applications on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 from 1PM-6PM and Wednesday, May 23, 2012 from 8AM-1PM for remote camp positions.

Available positions are: Site Manager, Chef, Baker, Environmental Services Worker (Custodial), Cook, Food Prep Worker & General Utility Worker.

Applications and interviews are available during the specified hours noted in the ad at COMFORT INN, 902 W. Interstate 20, Midland, TX. No phone calls please. SEE ARAMARK REP PERSONNEL.

Bed Prep

Rhino Truck Accessories FT

Now hiring for truck bed prep. Hourly plus bonuses. Vacation, insurance and weekends off. Apply in person at 5306 West Wall, Midland TX 79703

Cleaning Techs

Blackmon Mooring is now hiring Cleaning Techs for immediate employment! Experience in household cleaning, sales, or disaster recovery preferred. Must pass background check, drug screen, & have a valid Texas drivers license. Benefits available. Pay DOE. Please fax Resume to 432-682-4117 or apply in person at 2060 Market St., Midland, Tx.

Hair Stylist

ClubCuts FT

ClubCuts is pleased to announce an opening for a Hair Stylist. The position offers a sign-on bonus with paid vacation and other benefits. We offer a flexible work schedule and competitive pay. Call Aiondra at 978-9737 or apply in person at either Midland location.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

1st Staffing Group USA is now hiring Pipe Inspectors, Assistant Property Managers, Delivery Drivers, Shop Hands, Telemarketing, Clerical, Temporary Jobs, Entry Level Positions are also available. Need Furniture Movers for 2 days 5/26 & 27/12, must be able to lift 40 lbs. Please apply online at www.1stsgusa.com or in person at 4400 N. Big Spring St., Ste. C 26, Midland, TX. 79705. 432-550-4059

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

... and salary requirements to:

John Maddox, Production Director

c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram

201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701

E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

or

come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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The Kent Companies

Truck Driver CDL not necessary

Local delivery with occasional travel outside Midland/Odessa

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Warehouse Administrator

The Kent Companies

Receiving/Sorting/Processing inventory

Lifting up to 50 lbs

Basic computer and office skills

Full time up to $12 an hour Great Benefits!

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All PT/FT Positions

Domino's Pizza, Join the busiest and best Pizza Delivery Co. Now hiring for all PT/FT positions. CSR's, drivers, and shift management. Competitive pay and fun work environment. Drivers earn great tips and full hourly wage. No split wages! Apply at any Midland Domino's Pizza locations. 3300 W. Illinois Ave., 604 N. Big Spring St., 4519 N. Garfield St., 2410 Rankin Hwy.

Bus Staff and Host

The Garlic Press FT/PT

Midland, TX 79705

The Garlic Press is hiring a Bus Staff and Host. Apply in person at Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 1pm or 5:30 and 7pm.

Cook

Pizzeria Venti FT/PT

Pizzeria Venti has openings for all position and shifts. Call 432-689-7220.

Crew Member

Little Caesars Pizza PT

Now accepting applications for part-time night and weekend shifts. Great working environment, flexible hours. Apply in person at either location.

Dishwasher, Line Cooks & All Positions

Lori's Cafe is looking for dishwasher $9.00 hr. Also hiring all positions including Line Cooks, breakfast experience from $10-$15. Insurance benefits, attendance bonuses, etc. 432-570-1701, hours 6 - 2.

Positions Available

Now hiring full & part time help. Cashier and counter help. Apply in person at Michael's Charcoal Grill. 723 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas

RETAIL JOBS

All Positions

The Warfield Travel Center FT

Looking for a change? The Warfield Truck Stop is currently hiring! $10/hr starting pay - full/part-time, all shifts available! Benefits include Quarterly Retention & Referral Bonuses + much more! Apply at 10400 I-20 @ FM 1788 today!

MERCHANDISER

Part time Merchandiser/Store Setter

24 hours a week Tuesday through Thursday

Must be able to lift up to 25 lbs

Please apply at 2408 N Big Spring St

SALES JOBS

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The Plainview Herald Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of media advertising would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to, selling advertising in all print publications of the Plainview Herald and all online products including myplainview.com.

The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full benefits package. If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

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Desirable Qualifications & Skills:

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- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

PLAINVIEW HERALD

Jason Johnson, Advertising Director

Plainview Daily Herald, 820 Broadway, Plainview, TX 79072

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- **Ft Stockton**
- **Monahans**
- **Big Springs**
- **And Other Surrounding Areas**

You May also fax your resume to 214-989-3438 or visit southernstarjobs.com to view a complete job description and apply on-line

At southernstarjobs.com

SKILLED LABOR

Compressor Systems, Inc.

Field Service and Product Support Technicians/Mechanics

Compressor Systems, Inc., industry leader over 35 years and largest privately owned company providing natural gas compression equipment and services, is currently seeking Field Service and Product Support Technicians for the Midland, Kermit, Monahans and Pecos, Texas areas.

Qualifications:

- **Must be willing to relocate to the Midland, Kermit, Monahans, or Pecos, Texas areas.**
- Must be willing to learn and listen to instructions.
- Must be willing to work as directed.
- Must be dependable and capable of working independently.
- Must have professional appearance and good people skills.
- Must have proven mechanical aptitude.
- Must be willing to work unusual hours.
- Must be willing to work overtime when needed to do so.
- Must be willing to travel if necessary.
- Must have a valid driver's license and be able to maintain an acceptable driving record in line with CSI requirements.
- Must be able to pass all DOT drug-related testing.
- Must be able to meet company lifting standards.
- Must have basic hand tools.
- Must have good written and verbal communication skills.
- Must have good customer-relation skills.
- Must be able to use reference materials.
- Basic computer skills helpful but not required.

We offer a competitive compensation and benefits package. For consideration, please apply online at http://www.warren-equipment.com/careers/ or you may contact us at recruiter@warren-equipment.com

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SHOP PORTER

We have a back log of work and need additional team members. A Shop Porter is needed to assist our auto body techs with light body work, clean shop, dispose of boxes and damaged parts, move vehicles and drive customers. Must be dependable and responsible and possess a valid driver's license. We offer a comprehensive benefit package and a clean safe working environment. Please apply in person at the Collision Center or at Bergmotors.com.

3205 W. Wall Street - Midland, TX 79701-3759

www.bergmotors.com

Crane Operators & Riggers

Warrior Crane PT

Warrior Crane is now hiring certified experienced Crain Operators & Riggers. Apply in person at: 14625 Hollyhock, Gardendale, TX.

Experienced Oil Welder

Walsh Welding Inc. FT

Experienced welder for the Midland-Odessa area who have worked on drilling rigs Must have your own welder. Work days & nights. Get paid weekly. Email (2357@sonoratx.net) your information or give us a call 325-387-2357.

FLEET MECHANIC

Ingram Concrete is seeking full-time employees to fill **Fleet Mechanic** positions in Midland and various locations in West Texas. Prior diesel experience required. We offer competitive pay based on experience. No waiting period on medical insurance. Other employee benefits available. Please call **325-646-6518** for additional information. EEO Employer

Full Time Maintenance

Villa Chateau Apartments FT

Full time maintenance person needed, must have own tools, Drug Screen/Background Check done. Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apts. 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. No phone calls please.

HVAC Installers

TMI Mechanical FT

HVAC Duct Installers and **Experienced Helpers** needed for work on local job. Top pay depending on experience. Call **432-686-0002** for interview.

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Experienced Manual Machinist, must have 5+ years experience with basic lathe and mill operations blue print reading capabilities.

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TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (up to $26 per hour for the right individuals), paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call 432-686-0002 for interview.

Manual Lathe Operator, Shop Hand , Welder

Premier Tools F/T

Manual Lathe Operator. Shop Hand and Welder needed. Apply in person at: 2915 South County Rd. 1255, Midland, TX 79703 or call 432-563-1784

Metal Stud Framers & Acoustical Ceiling Installers

Call 432-683-1618.

Multiple Positions

Cooper Construction Company FT

Trim and Form Carpenters, Laborers, Bricklayers, and Mason Tenders needed. Drug test required. Good wages, DOE

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COOPER

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Sand Blasters, Painters & Helpers

Accurate, Inc. FT

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Shop, Service & Closed Loop Hands

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Immediate positions available for shop, service & closed loop hands. Must pass drug screen, physical and have current permanent drivers license. All positions require individuals to be self-motivated and able to work alone as well as working under direct supervision. Applicants must be mechanically inclined, have basic hand tools and able to work overtime and stay out of town for up to 3 weeks at a time. Solids control experience a plus. Benefits package, medical, dental, vision, 401K. Pickup application at 2124 Maurice Road, Odessa, TX or fax resume to 432-550-3190

Reference: Service/Shop/Loop hands

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SKILLED LABOR

TEMP-TO-HIRE
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

3 Class A CDL Drivers
Beaver Express seeking 3 Class A CDL Drivers with Hazmat & Tanker. 50hours/ week, $17.00/ hour. Excellent salary & benefits, 401K, Profit Sharing & Insurance. Apply in person 6404 W. Hwy. 80, Midland, TX.

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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call for interview or online @ www.silverlinetx.com

DRIVERS
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL** and **non-CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Please come by 2823 S. Rankin Hwy, Midland, TX.

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Drives a manual residential truck to provide prompt, courteous and complete waste and/or recycling removal for residential customers.Valid Class A or B CDL with air brakes endorsement. 2 years of commercial truck driving experience. Equivalent of high school diploma or G.E.D certification. Interested candidates should send resume to 8220 W. Hwy 80 Midland, TX 79706. *Republic Services promotes a drug-free and alcohol-free workplace and conducts pre-employment drug testing.*

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Vacuum & Tank Truck Drivers
Permian Petroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need Class A CDL vacuum and tank truck drivers with tank endorsement and clean driving records. Must be experienced. Offering sign-on bonus, competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-687-1643, call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434 or email rvmaskell@gmail.com.

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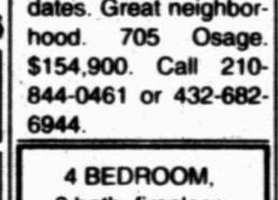

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