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Boehner: More domestic drilling needed

House speaker says Obama's energy rhetoric is empty

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Although President Barack Obama promotes an "all-of-the-above energy strategy," his actions hardly have matched his promises, House Speaker John Boehner said Tuesday.

Speaking near an oil rig in Midland County, Boehner said whether it's been through the president's lack of support for the Keystone XL Pipeline or the decrease in drilling on federal lands during his tenure, Obama has not done what the majority of Americans want when it comes to oil and gas.

"It's time for the president and his actions to match his rhetoric," Boehner said. "This is what America wants. They want us to be self-sufficient and produce our own oil and gas."

Boehner accompanied U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, on a tour of a Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd. rig Tuesday afternoon. Earlier in the day, the two observed a hydraulic fracturing operation from another site within the county.

Conaway said he wanted Boehner to learn firsthand about the Permian Basin's oil and gas exploration and production business. He also wanted Boehner to get a look at what happens during hydraulic fracturing. The process is much different in reality than how it's painted by those using "scare tactics" in Washington, Conaway said.

"And then, (we took) him to a drilling rig to show him how the hard work is done in West Texas and the activity that's actually made West Texas what it is today," Conaway said.

Boehner said the Permian Basin is a great example of how those developing America's natural resources can create "good-paying jobs" while also contributing to the goal of decreasing the country's dependence on foreign oil.

If more oil were produced in the U.S., Boehner said there would be more price stability at the pump. As it

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Doug Russell Pool was filled Tuesday with water from recently drilled wells. Washington pool also will be filled with well water, said Kimberly Cornelsen, assistant manager of the city of Midland Parks & Recreation Department.

"We just felt like it was so important to move in that direction for the community," she said.

City officials drilled wells to support the pools to ensure both could open for the summer without drawing from the city's water source. Cornelsen said the project started in March and was completed with the help of Aldredge Gardens, which contracts with the city for services.

Doug Russell Pool will open for Memorial Day weekend on May 26 and 28, while Washington Pool will open May 27. Both pools will open for the summer on June 2.

Fees for drop-in swimming are $1 per person, and swim lessons range from $35 to $50. Registration for lessons begins May 1.

The pools open May 26. For more information, call 685-7355.

Court OKs homestead exemption

■ Seniors also to receive additional $40,000 property tax exemption

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Midland County taxpayers will receive a break after a 3 percent tax exemption for homesteads was approved Tuesday.

Those who are 100 percent disabled or who are older than 65 also will receive an additional $40,000 exemption on their property taxes after a unanimous vote by the Midland County Commissioners' Court.

"This court has been very attuned to lowering tax rates and doing what we can under the state to relieve the property taxpayer burden," County Judge Mike Bradford said.

The court took up the discussion during its Monday meeting but then recessed until Tuesday afternoon while County Attorney Russell Malm researched a legal question related to the issue. Initially, the court had proposed offering a flat $10,000 exemption to homestead owners. However, tax codes require any exemption to the homestead be provided through percentage discounts rather than dollar amounts, Malm said.

Under the proposal, all property taxpayers with a homestead exemption will receive a 3 percent reduction on their property's appraisal value before the county's taxes are assessed.

For example, if a resident owns a $200,000 home, they will be taxed only on $194,000 of that home's value. Homestead exemptions are available to those who own their home and use it as a primary residence.

On homesteads where the 3 percent reduction results in less than a $5,000 exemption, the owner will receive a $5,000 exemption instead. Malm said the state requires a minimum of $5,000 be given if homestead exemptions are being applied.

For a $100,000 home, the owner will qualify for the $5,000

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City ponders incentives, education for conservation plan

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

A $500,000 program that would include incentives for conservation, education programs and long-term restrictions was the suggestion from a firm working to help Midland reduce water use in the years to come.

More council news
Residents object to drilling proposal. Page 4A

Freese and Nichols Inc. was hired by the city in November to investigate an incentive and conservation program that could help cut water use. The firm returned Tuesday with a preliminary recommendation. It will bring a final proposal in June for the Midland City Council to consider.

"We wanted to look at basically the universe of water conservation strategies," said Jeremy Rice, of Freese and

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Competition to find Amelia Earhart hot after 75 years

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jon Thompson has traveled the world collecting art and artifacts for museum exhibits, seen the remains of the Titanic on the sea floor and participated in two unsuccessful missions to find Amelia Earhart.

Now 72 and battling prostate cancer, Thompson is convinced he and a team from deep-sea exploration company Nauticos will finally be successful in finding the Kansas-born aviator's plane, which disappeared with Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan in July 1937. He's among the researchers looking for Earhart as the 75th anniversary of her disappearance approaches, and competition between search parties is fierce.

"Admittedly, it's a needle in a haystack, but with the technology we have employed and the brains we have involved, if we don't find it, no one will," Thompson said.

Theories about what happened to Earhart and Noonan are varied. They disappeared while flying from New Guinea to Howland Island as part of the adventurer's attempt to become the first female pilot to circumnavigate the globe.

Last month, the International Group for Historic Aircraft, headed by longtime Earhart seeker Ric Gillespie, said a U.S. State Department analysis of an image off the remote island of Nikumaroro, in what is now the Pacific nation of Kiribati, looks like it could be aircraft landing gear. Gillespie's team will return in July to renew its search.

A few months later, Thompson will be a sonar operator on a ship headed by David Jourdan, a deep-sea explorer who used high-tech equipment in 1999 to find the Israeli submarine, the Dakar, which went missing in 1968.

"It seems to be the greatest unsolved mystery of the last century," Thompson said.

Thompson and Jourdan are among the many historians and researchers who believe Earhart's plane crashed into the ocean, which they say explains why extensive searches shortly after the disappearance failed to uncover remains or debris.

Gillespie's group believes Earhart and Noonan may have managed to land on a reef abutting the atoll, then known as Gardner Island, and survived for a short time. They surmise the plane was washed off the reef shortly after landing and that the wreckage may be in the deep waters nearby. That is what they will look for during their 10-day expedition in July.

Conspiracy theories that Earhart and Noonan were U.S. government agents captured by the Japanese before the World War II have largely been debunked.

Thompson and his group plan to spend two months searching a 400- to 600-square-mile area within 20 miles of Howland Island. It's the final section of an area where research from three institutions suggests the plane could have crashed. Thompson's two previous missions searched about 2,200 square miles nearby.

Before fall, Thompson will complete proton therapy treatment for prostate cancer at Houston's MD Anderson Cancer Center. He will also work with students at the University of Texas' Cockrell School of Engineering to analyze two theories about Earhart. One investigates how far the plane would glide before sinking based on ocean drifts and other aspects of crashing on water. The other looks at where the aircraft could have flipped and broken on impact if Earhart was too exhausted and weak to operate the machine.

Vishnu Jyothindran, a senior studying aerospace engineering who is leading the research, is excited by the uncertainty.

"In class, you expect you'll get a question that you can solve with data in the textbook," he said in a statement. "We don't have that guarantee here and that's unfortunate, but it's also just reality."

If artifacts are found, Thompson already knows what the exhibit would look like. The artifacts would travel on a three-story barge and dock at dozens of North American cities. It would be called "Patience, Persistence, Passion." Visitors would enter an area that looks like Earhart's childhood home, go through a portion showcasing technology that helped find the crash site, and finally go into a place where the aircraft — or a replica of it — would be displayed.

Human remains and any wood would have disintegrated at 18,000 feet, Thompson said. But Earhart's jewelry, helmet and even her leather jacket could still be found.

"I hope we still find it strapped in the seat belt," he said, grinning.

Man allegedy attacks girlfriend

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland man remained in custody Wednesday after being charged for allegedly assaulting his girlfriend.

Gutierrez

Michael Angelo Gutierrez, 23, is being held on a first-degree felony of aggravated assault on a date with weapons and a third-degree felony assault, which resulted in impeded breathing.

Midland police were dispatched to the 1900 block of North Midland Drive around 4:30 a.m. Sunday in reference to a check area report. When officers arrived, they were flagged down by a victim reporting a disturbance with weapons and an assault. The victim said her boyfriend, later identified as Gutierrez, beat her and dragged her around by her hair, according to Gutierrez's arrest report.

She said he threatened to kill himself and had multiple knives out throughout the residence, the woman told police.

After forcefully gaining entry into the residence, officers arrested Gutierrez. During a subsequent interview, the woman told officers that Gutierrez strangled her and she almost lost consciousness. She said Gutierrez was holding a kitchen knife while he assaulted her.

If convicted of the first-degree felony of aggravated assault against a date with weapons, he could face between five and 99 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system. Gutierrez can also be sentenced to up to 10 years if convicted of the third-degree felony charge of assault.

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Toddler found in lagoon dies

Associated Press

GALVESTON — A 2-year-old found floating in a beachfront lagoon in Galveston has died.

Officials with the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office and Galveston Island Beach Patrol say Mia Briones was with relatives when she apparently wandered off Sunday night.

After a 10-minute search, relatives found her in the lagoon near the beach.

A medical examiner's spokesman told The Galveston County Daily News the toddler was pronounced dead at an area hospital early Monday morning. An autopsy is scheduled to determine cause of death.

The girl disappeared after a beach patrol member working security at a recreational vehicle park told her relatives camping wasn't allowed on the beach.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

ERCOT doesn't foresee rolling summer power outages

The state's electric grid operator is predicting that Texas will make it through the summer without rolling outages after the system was pushed to the brink last year.

Trip Doggett, CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, told lawmakers Tuesday there should be enough power since forecasters are not anticipating the same extreme temperatures seen during last summer's record drought.

Yet Doggett said the reserve power supply will nonetheless be tight and predicted that lesser emergency measures will again be needed. Those steps include asking consumers to voluntarily conserve energy and buying power from other grids.

Last summer's sweltering heat pushed the Texas power grid to full capacity. ERCOT escaped resorting to rotating residential outages by shedding large industrial and commercial users and buying power from Mexico.

LUBBOCK

Apartment fire sends 7 to hospital

A Lubbock fire official said three people, including a small child, were critically burned and four others were injured in a blaze at a Lubbock apartment complex.

Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Loveless said three tenants suffered moderate burns and another person had minor burns from the fire Tuesday morning at the 24-unit complex.

He says all seven were taken to area hospitals.

Loveless says investigators have not confirmed reports that the fire was the result of an explosion about 9 a.m.

Firefighters were checking each of the units after extinguishing the two-alarm blaze about 11:30 a.m.

Loveless said the cause is under investigation.

FORT HOOD

Judge considers delaying shooting trial

A military judge is considering whether to postpone the trial of the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood shooting rampage.

Maj. Nidal Hasan's attorneys asked during a Tuesday hearing that the trial be delayed from June until October.

It's unclear when the judge, Col. Gregory Gross, will decide on the request.

Gross previously delayed the court-martial from March until June after a request by defense attorneys.

Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. He faces the death penalty if convicted in the November 2009 shootings on the Texas Army post.

Last week, Gross denied a defense request to remove the death penalty as a punishment option if Hasan is convicted.

LUBBOCK

Nude maid service raising eyebrows

Police in this staunchly conservative West Texas city are keeping close tabs on a young entrepreneur's recently opened cleaning service that offers nude maids.

Lubbock police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said the owner of Fantasy Maid Service of Lubbock doesn't have a permit to operate a sexually oriented business and officers are watching for any violation, which would bring a $2,000 fine.

But owner Melissa Borrett insists she's not operating such a business. Customers pay $100 an hour for one maid or $150 an hour for two maids, and no touching is allowed, she said.

"I run a maid service," the 26-year-old entrepreneur said. "We really just clean houses. These girls are not performers. They're maids."

The West Texas native and mother said she started the business about a month ago because she was struggling as a waitress to make ends meet. She had even been living at the Occupy Lubbock encampment near Texas Tech University's campus in Lubbock.

"I just decided to go a little bigger, work a little smarter," she said.

Her business model isn't unique, but the city's ordinance requires all sexually oriented businesses to apply for a permit, which costs $650 a year, and to post a $5,000 surety bond or letter of credit.

Such businesses are defined as any commercial venture whose operations include "providing, featuring or offering of employees or entertainment personnel who appear in a state of nudity, seminude or simulated nudity and provide live performances or entertainment" intended to sexually stimulate or gratify customers "and which is offered as a feature of a primary business activity of the venture."

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Eugene D. Arcos, 32, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Matthew C. Brown, 20, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Hilario E. Esparza, 35, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault against a family member.

Henry P. Rangel, 44, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Joseph A. Salazar, 18, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Candice M. Welch, 20, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of hindering the apprehension of a known felon.

Michael Angelo Gutierrez Jr., 23, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault of a date, family and/or house member and a charge of assault of a family and/or house member.

Za Khar, 31, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Man charged in attack on senator's office

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A homeless man accused of throwing a bag filled with six Molotov cocktails at the office of state Sen. Wendy Davis last month has been charged with arson.

The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office said 40-year-old Cedric Steele was formally charged Tuesday with the second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

Investigators said Steele tried unsuccessfully to speak to Davis in the days before the alleged attack and talked of aliens after his arrest.

Davis wasn't in her Senate district office when staffers heard fire alarms and smelled a strange odor.

Short on time or cash for 2011 taxes? You have options

By Purva Patel
Houston Chronicle

Put off your taxes until the last minute?

You may want to file online unless you can make it to a post office before the latest pick-up time. Though the Internal Revenue Service has extended the filing deadline to Tuesday, the U.S. Postal Service no longer keeps offices open until midnight to give late filers a timely postmark.

The deadline normally is April 15, but it's two days later this year because the 15th falls on Sunday and the District of Columbia observes the Emancipation Day holiday on Monday.

As more taxpayers began filing online rather than by mail, the Post Office in recent years discontinued the practice of keeping locations open until midnight on tax day.

In the Houston area, the Texan Veterans Military Post Office at 7231 FM 1960 will be open latest, until 10 p.m. on Tuesday. The Barbara Jordan Post Office at 401 Franklin downtown will close at 7 p.m. - although officials there are considering stationing workers curbside later than that to accept drop-offs from motorists.

Mail placed in collection boxes and lobby drops at other post offices will be collected at their regular posted times, said USPS spokeswoman Dionne Montague.

Returns must be dropped off before the last posted pick-up time to get the April 17 postmark, she said.

Those who need more time to finish their returns can file for an extension with Form 4868, but still must make an estimated payment on time or risk facing penalties. And if taxpayers underestimate what they owe, the IRS will charge interest on the difference.

The six-month extension gives taxpayers until Oct. 15 to file a return.

Through its Fresh Start Program, the IRS is offering installment plans for some taxpayers short on cash.

Those who owe $50,000 or less in combined tax, penalties and interest, for instance, can set up a monthly payment agreement for up to six years either online or by filing form 9465-FS.

Some filers who were unemployed for at least 30 days between Jan. 1, 2011 and Tuesday can apply for a six-month extension of time to pay any past penalties they may owe. They won't be charged a late-payment penalty if they pay tax, penalty and interest due by Oct. 15.

Self-employed taxpayers who saw a 25 percent or greater drop in business income in 2011 due to the economy also can apply.

To qualify, the taxpayer's income must not be greater than $200,000 if filing jointly, or greater than $100,000 if filing as single or head of household. Use form 1127A to apply.

Study: Tax deadline day can be deadly on US roads

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The two certainties in life — death and taxes — may be more intertwined than Ben Franklin ever imagined: A study found that deadly auto accidents increase on Tax Day.

Drivers recklessly racing to the post office to meet the deadline might be one reason. Or it could be that stressing over taxes distracts motorists and contributes to human error, researchers said.

They looked at 30 years of data and found 6,783 traffic-related deaths on Tax Day, or 226 per day. That compares with 213 per day on one day a week before the deadline day and another day a week after.

Drivers were slightly less likely than passengers and pedestrians to be killed.

The traffic death rate on Tax Day — which usually falls on April 15 — was 6 percent higher than on other April days. That doesn't sound like a lot, but lead author Dr. Donald Redelmeier said it means an average of about 13 extra deaths per day and amounts to about $40 million in annual losses to society.

That estimate includes loss of life, injury and property damage costs, said Redelmeier, a physician and researcher at the University of Toronto.

Jim Wenger/AP

Justice, a 4-month-old Labrador terrier mix, is shown Tuesday in Dallas. Dallas police are investigating after getting a call April 4 about a group of males setting a dog on fire at an apartment complex in the southeast Dallas area of Pleasant Grove. A witness told police someone poured lighter fluid on the puppy before setting him on fire. Before police arrived, a woman tried to put out the flames while the crowd laughed.

Puppy set on fire in Dallas

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas police are investigating after a 4-month-old puppy was badly burned last week in the southeast Dallas area of Pleasant Grove.

Police received a call April 4 about a group of males setting a dog on fire at an apartment complex. The group scattered when police arrived.

A witness told police someone poured lighter fluid on the puppy before setting him on fire. Before police arrived, a woman tried to put out the flames while the crowd laughed.

Witnesses also told police someone had tried to strangle the puppy with a rope.

DFW Rescue Me is caring for the Labrador terrier mix they've named Justice. He was burned on more than 60 percent of his body.

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■ Midland Fire Department's "Fill the Boot" campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is today through Friday.

Firefighters will be collecting donations between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Midland Drive and Loop 250, Midland Drive and Andrews Highway, Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue and Garfield Street and Golf Course Road.

■ Midland County Republican Women are meeting 11:30 a.m. today at the Petroleum Club. Marita Noon, of New Mexico, will be speaking about the energy industry. Other speakers will be candidates running for judge for 238th District Court: Jeff Robnett, Mike Rittenberry, David Lindemood and Elizabeth Byer Leonard.

Luncheon tickets are $21.50 at the door. There is no charge just to hear the speakers.

For more information, go to www.mcrw.us; to make luncheon reservations, call Joann at 684-0064.

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners are to meet 10 a.m. Saturday at George Hancock's shop, 1709 Clark St. Loy Cornett will give the demonstration. For more information, call 682-1700

■ Greg Hall, the engineer who helped rescue the 33 Chilean miners in August 2010, is the featured speaker at this year's Center for Children and Families' annual "Evening with ..."

The event is July 20 at the Horseshoe. It will include dinner, live and silent auctions, a raffle and the opportunity to attend a question-and-answer session with Hall, a Texas A&M University graduate who is president of Drillers Supply International in Cypress.

For information on tickets and sponsorships, contact Mary Macferran at 570-1084 or mmacferran@centerswesttexas.org.

Lake levels report

Representing totals from early April 2010-12

	2010	2011	2012
O.H. Ivie	42.93	29.71	17.07
Lake Thomas	5.04	4.80	1.01
Lake Spence	4.28	2.05	0.44

Delivery
(in gallons)
Midland: Daily average this week 11.562 million
Midland: Daily average last week 13.700 million
Midland: Daily average last year 18.024 million
Odessa: Daily average this week 14.002 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

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

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

■ All types of watering devices are permitted.

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

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

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Daily 4 day: 3-8-4-4
Daily 4 night: 4-1-9-7
Cash Five: 6-8-23-27-29
Mega Millions: 2-6-12-31-48 MB: 25 Megaplier: 4

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2012. There are 264 days left in the year.

On this date:

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

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

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

In 2009, Susan Boyle, a middle-aged volunteer church worker, wowed judges and audiences alike with her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream" on the British TV show "Britain's Got Talent."

Five years ago: North Caroline's top prosecutor dropped all charges against three former Duke University lacrosse players accused of sexually assaulting a stripper at a party, saying the athletes were innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse." MSNBC announced it was dropping its simulcast of the "Imus in the Morning" radio program, responding to growing outrage over host Don Imus' on-air reference to the Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos." (CBS Radio followed suit the next day.)

— Associated Press

MISD trustees OK uniforms at 9 elementaries

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

School uniforms will be mandatory for at least 15 Midland ISD elementary campuses this fall after the board approved standard attire at nine elementary schools Tuesday evening.

Uniforms were approved for Burnet, Crockett, DeZavala, Fannin, Houston, Jones, Long, Milam and Rusk elementaries in a 5-0 vote.

More schools could be added to the standard attire list at the May board meeting because the board did not make a decision regarding uniforms at Bonham and Henderson elementaries. Parents from various schools spoke against uniforms during the public forum period and said they felt like they hadn't been given the opportunity to say whether they support uniforms.

Bonham parent Audra Hudnell said she felt the letter sent to MISD parents was misleading because instead of asking whether they support uniforms, it asked for opinions on uniform colors and whether they'd like to serve on a committee.

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren disagreed and said the letter was adequate and allowed parents to voice their opinions. He approved the letter and encouraged all campuses considering the implementation of standard attire to send the same letter, signed from the respective campus principal.

While only seven of the 66 surveys returned to Bonham were negative, Hudnell said she thinks the results would have been different had the letter been formatted differently.

"I do believe if a different survey were put out to each one of these schools in plain text, the responses would have been different," Hudnell said. "We felt like the decision had already been made and we had no choice."

Henderson parent Holly Evans agreed with Hudnell and said a discussion about uniforms did not really include parents.

Evans cited how the school said 100 percent of the PTA board members said they supported school uniforms at an Oct. 19 board meeting, however, there are no official minutes from the board meeting.

Henderson principal Geta Mitchell said she mistakenly thought the Oct. 19 meeting fulfilled quota requirements, but still felt like she gave the parents adequate time to respond.

Trustees indicated parents should be given the opportunity to say either "yes, we support uniforms" or "no, we do not want uniforms.

"This says we're going to have uniforms and is not an open-ended survey," said trustee Rick Davis. "I'm in favor of uniforms personally, but we have to get parent input and however well-intended this was, it is not an open-ended survey."

The board did not approve uniforms at Bonham and Henderson because they want the principals to gain additional feedback.

"I hope they will come back with favorable data in May and I will gladly cast my vote for uniforms," Davis said.

Warren said it is probable uniforms for Bonham, Henderson and three or four additional elementaries will be on the May agenda.

Throughout the meeting, trustee James Fuller said he wanted to ensure the schools have specific documentation that reflects total participation of parents from campuses.

"I don't want the parents to come back and say they didn't have a chance to participate," Fuller said.

In response, all principals in attendance at the meeting indicated they had given parents adequate time to weigh in. Warren said he believes all 11 schools followed the procedure by talking with parents, teachers and the campus education improvement committees.

Fuller said he believes uniforms teach kids neatness and organization. Uniforms teach kids to care about their appearance, he said.

Uniforms were approved at Travis Elementary in March and worn at 11 MISD campuses this year, including Bowie, Carver, Pease, South and Washington elementaries, Abell, Alamo, Goddard and San Jacinto junior highs and Lee and Midland freshman high schools.

Board President Jay Isaacs and Vice President Tommy Bishop were not present for any of the meeting's action items. Isaacs left the meeting at 5:50 p.m. to catch a flight.

Also at the meeting:

■ Amanda Lopez was introduced as the new head volleyball coach at Midland High School. Lopez will replace Terri McColloch, for whom she worked as assistant coach for four years. Lopez's husband also coaches at MHS.

■ It was announced Mike Lloyd will become principal of Pease Academy of Technology and Communication for the 2012-13 school year. Lloyd has 13 years experience in Midland ISD and has served the last nine years at Pease as a teacher and most recently assistant principal. He assumed the principal's responsibilities on an interim basis when Lillian Porter resigned at the end of the first semester for

Please see MISD/5A

Residents object to drilling proposal

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Residents in Mockingbird Heights hope an oil company will reconsider before moving ahead with its proposal to drill near their neighborhood.

Bluestem Energy Holding LLC has requested two drilling permits near Mockingbird Lane. A public hearing was held at Tuesday's City Council meeting, and a vote will be taken in the coming months.

Neighbors said they're not opposed to oil and gas activity, but they don't see any reason why the company can't move operations farther from their homes. The city's oil and gas drilling ordinance requires wells sit at least 500 feet away from occupied structures. Bluestem's proposal includes one well that would be exactly 500 feet from a resident's back wall.

"It looks like a stone's throw away," said Joe Carrasco.

He and others said they're concerned about truck traffic, noise, dust and other hazards.

Don Washburn, who lives on Baybrook Court, said the company has a right to do what it wants. But, he said with the price of oil as high as it is, there's no reason a company can't take measures to reduce noise and appease neighbors if it really wants to recover the minerals.

"Our first responsibility is to the city of Midland, not to an oil company from out of town," he said.

The city received nine letters of objection to one well proposal and four to the other. A petition with 94 signatures opposing the wells also was submitted, said Ron Jenkins, the city's oil and gas compliance officer.

John Anderson, engineering coordinator with Bluestem, said the company eventually hopes to drill three wells from one of the proposed locations, including some that use a "deviated" or semi-directional technique. He said the company could move the well and drill farther in a directional manner but that would drive costs up.

"It drives the cost up, and at some point it does become uneconomical," he said.

The company already has been granted five drilling permits with no protests, he said.

Council members said the first permits requested were not as close to neighborhoods. In this request, they asked that Anderson meet with residents in Mockingbird Heights and see if there's anything the company can do to address their concerns.

Anderson said there may be measures they could take to reduce noise or other issues.

In other business, the council:

■ Authorized Mayor Wes Perry to sign an amended interlocal agreement with the Midland County Freshwater Supply District No. 1. Under the amendment, the city would agree to guarantee up to $70 million in bonds for the project. The change was needed to allow the district to secure its financing, City Attorney Keith Stretcher said.

The partnership still will have the water district financing and paying for the pipeline and its operations, city officials said.

The contract still requires the water district to bring water from Midland's T Bar Ranch property to the city limits by May of 2013. The city then will pay for water it uses from those pipelines.

At least some council members were cautious about the change.

Michael Trost, councilman for District 4, said the measure brought up Tuesday should have been discussed when the project was first brought forward. At this point, however, Trost said, the city has few other options than to move forward with the water district.

"These guys have no collateral. I don't like putting the citizens of Midland in a bind like this," he said.

■ Approved three drilling requests for Callon Petroleum Operating Company. The wells will go in near Golden Gate Drive and Briarwood Avenue.

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CONSERVATION

From 1A

Nichols.

Rice said the firm surveyed cities in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado to learn about effective strategies. They also interviewed city staff and worked with a committee to learn what recommendations would be accepted by Midlanders when it comes to conservation.

"It doesn't do you any good to implement a program and then no one goes along with it," he said.

Simone Kiel, also with the firm, said officials found providing incentives to residents willing to install more water-friendly materials typically isn't effective by itself. Instead, officials said providing those incentives, along with an education program and continued restrictions, typically works best.

"In conservation programs, you're looking for long-term behavior changes that are permanent," she said.

In Midland, 86 percent of water is used by residential customers, she said. In the winter, an average of 15 million gallons per day is used, of which only a small portion is used outdoors.

In the summer, the city uses about 24 million gallons per day with peaks of closer to 35 million gallons per day when it's available. This spring and summer, the city is restricted to 18.5 million gallons per day.

If the program compiled by Freese and Nichols is fully implemented, Kiel said the city would save 550 million gallons of water in the first year and up to a billion gallons of water a year by 2030.

To accomplish that, Rice said the firm recommends offering rebates for rain, wind and freezing temperature sensors on sprinklers. The systems ensure outdoor watering systems don't go off if it's raining, overly windy or below 32 degrees.

The firm also proposes the city offer rebates for shower heads and aerators that save water, for low-flow toilets and for restaurants that use pre-rinse faucets, among several other things.

Mayor Wes Perry said city officials assumed incentives for different kinds of turf would be most effective.

However, Rice said the firm's research shows cities typically spend large amounts to offer turf incentives but don't usually see the return in water savings.

"Intuitively, we had a different answer," Perry said.

Rice said the firm also found incentives for rainwater harvesting systems and irrigation retrofits provided a low return for the investment needed to offer such benefits.

Instead, offering residents a water audit program that can help show them where they're wasting or how they can easily save or upgrade can be useful in promoting conservation, he said.

Additionally, Rice said the firm recommends the city maintain water restrictions.

The rules wouldn't need to be as stringent as they are this year, Kiel said, and instead could consist of simply restricting outdoor watering to anytime before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Rice said the city also could modify its residential landscaping ordinance to allow for only a certain percentage of turf in every yard.

It also could require further insulation of pipes in new construction. Pipes that allow for water to warm up more quickly end up saving resources as residents will spend less time waiting for the shower or sink to become hot, Rice said.

The firm also said the city of Midland would benefit from hiring a water conservation coordinator to oversee programs and ensure they're continually implemented.

Education efforts also would be key, Rice said.

Kiel said Midland is in a "drought response" mode right now because of its shortage. Such a situation typically results in at least some residents who are willing to sacrifice and keep water use low.

In the long-term, however, she said Midland would move into more of a conservation mode that encourages behavioral changes that don't necessarily require major sacrifices.

"They're willing to sacrifice in extreme situations. A lot of people revert back," she said. "The most effective are ones that don't require a lot of behavior changes."

Council members said they will consider the proposal and look at it again in June when it's finalized.

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EXEMPTION

From 1A

exemption because the 3 percent exemption would only decrease their homestead's value by $3,000.

"The minimum applied would be $5,000," Malm said.

The exemption will be applied to all of about 22,000 properties qualified as a homestead in Midland County, said Kathy Reeves, tax assessor/collector.

After that exemption has been applied, all older than 65 or disabled will receive the additional $40,000 exemption, Reeves said.

The group — which in 2011 included 7,264 accounts — already was receiving a $20,000 property tax exemption. The exemption has been at that level since 1983, when it was raised from $10,000, Reeves said.

Under the new exemption, those older than 65 will first have 3 percent reduced from their home's value and then have the $40,000 exemption applied.

For example, a 72-year-old who owns a $200,000 home would pay property taxes only on $154,000 of that home's value.

Commissioners Luis Sanchez and Randy Prude said senior citizens deserve an increase to their exemption because of everything they've done for the community and because many are living on fixed incomes.

"We can afford it right now, so it's something we need to do," Sanchez said.

Commissioner Robin Donnelly said in addition to assisting Midland's seniors, he also wanted to ensure something was provided to all homestead owners. With a population of "working poor" in Midland, Donnelly said relief is needed both for those on fixed incomes and for those working to keep owning a home an affordable venture.

"I just wanted to make certain the county was responding to all residents," Donnelly said.

If the 3 percent exemption had been applied during 2011, Reeves said the county would have lost about $264,336 in property tax revenue. The new exemptions will be applied to appraisal values released for the coming tax year.

If the $40,000 exemption approved for those older than 65 had been in place during 2011, the county would have lost just more than $575,900 in property tax revenue, according to Reeves' calculations.

Bradford said the exemptions were voted on as separate from the county's property tax rate.

He said he still will recommend a reduction to the property tax rate in the coming year. The current rate for the county is 0.198207 per $100 valuation.

"Those seniors need something and this is a way we can provide it," Bradford said. "The next thing is the tax rate."

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. House Speaker John Boehner, left, responds to questions Tuesday after he and Rep. Mike Conaway toured the Faskin Oil and Ranch drilling rig, located off County Road 40 near Farm-to-Market Road 1788 in Midland County. Conaway is giving Boehner a tour of independent oil operations so that he can see the importance of hydraulic fracturing. \

BOEHNER

From 1A

stands, Americans are subject to nearly $4 gasoline, in part, because of the impact the market has taken from fear created amid situations in the Middle East.

"We can bring more price stability to the market if we're producing more oil in the U.S.," he said.

Instead, Obama has supported more regulation and a less friendly tax climate for the oil and gas industry, Boehner said.

A bill Obama supported that would have ended $4 billion in taxpayer subsidies of major oil and gas companies actually would have increased the cost of gasoline, Boehner said, citing statistics from the Congressional Research Service.

Additionally, the current administration has listened to "radical environmental groups" and pushed for more regulation in the energy industry when it should be left to states to manage those rules, he said.

"Washington is trying to regulate everything that moves," he said.

If the Keystone XL Pipeline weren't crossing international borders, Boehner said the project could have been completed without the president's input. However, because it must cross into the U.S. from Canada, Obama is involved and has worked to thwart the pipeline.

Those who object to the Keystone XL Pipeline cite environmental concerns. Some also argue they don't believe it would create the thousands of jobs promised by those supporting the project.

Boehner said more than 160 miles of pipeline already operate safely across the U.S. and he sees the Keystone Pipeline as being equally safe.

"It is the right thing to do for the country. It's passed every level of environmental review and the only thing that stands in the way is the president's own re-election," Boehner said.

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MISD

From 4A

personal reasons. Warren said there were 26 applications for the principal position and he believes Lloyd will do an exceptional job.

■ It was announced San Jacinto Junior High principal Joanna Rowley will serve as executive director of bilingual and ESL for the district. Warren said current director Liz Lozano will be moved to a different administrative position in the district that will be announced at a later date. Warren said the search for a new San Jacinto principal has begun.

■ Three teaching appointments were approved for the remainder of the school year. Jane Talley was hired to teach fourth grade at Milam, Denise Malm to teach sixth grade at Greathouse and Kelcee Baker to teach PE.

■ The board found that good cause did not exist for resignation for former Alamo Junior High science teachers and coaches Omar Torres and Kyle Cunningham who left teaching mid-year. They will be referred to the Texas Education Agency.

■ The board voted not to renew the teacher term contract for Alamo Junior High teacher Cynthia Conally.

■ Members of the School Health Advisory Council presented five recommendations to the board including a 30-minute pre-lunch recess for all elementary students, an emergency action plan for physical education classes with more than 45 students to one teacher and the implementation of three programs concerning mental health programs. The board will take action on these recommendations at the May board meeting.

■ The board heard a report from XY-Zone coordinator Mike Mills about the program's success at connecting with at-risk boys at Midland High School. The program is funded through the United Way's Whole Child Initiative Grant and administered through Communities in Schools. Because of the program's success, it will be implemented at Lee High School next year.

■ The board approved refunding 2004 series bonds and set 6 percent as the minimum savings rate.

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ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

FBI: Silent robber may have struck 4 banks

SANTA FE — Authorities are on the hunt for a serial bank robber in New Mexico who federal agents said likely has robbed four banks without saying a word.

FBI spokesman Frank Fisher said the masked robber, who authorities believe is connected to at least four Santa Fe bank robberies, strikes banks armed with a handgun but doesn't speak to bank workers.

Fisher said in each case the suspect escapes with a significant amount of money. He said the suspect is described as wearing a denim jacket with a white fleece collar.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect.

ARIZONA

Police: Boy, 16, stole neighbor's underwear

BULLHEAD CITY — A 16-year-old juvenile has been arrested after Bullhead City police said he broke in and stole dozens of pairs of his female neighbor's underwear.

The Mohave Daily News reported the 16-year-old was arrested late Saturday after a 23-year-old female victim reported missing 20 bras and 30 pairs of panties from her bedroom.

The victim's brother told police he believed the thief was the victim's next door neighbor, a 16-year-old boy. The brother said he became suspicious when, on a previous visit to the boy's house, he had seen some female underwear in the boy's bedroom.

Bullhead City police spokeswoman Emily Montague said the boy lives with his 62-year-old grandmother.

The boy was cited for residential burglary and possession of stolen property and released back to his grandmother.

MASSACHUSETTS

Police put the squeeze on toothpaste thief

EAST LONGMEADOW — Police using surveillance video have put the squeeze on a man suspected of trying to steal a shopping cart full of toothpaste from a western Massachusetts grocery store.

Police arrested 23-year old Timmy John Laflamme on Monday after spotting him sitting in a car across the street from the Stop & Shop supermarket in East Longmeadow he was accused of trying to rob last week.

Laflamme, of Chicopee, pleaded not guilty to shoplifting and was ordered held without bail because of pending cases in Springfield.

Police told The Republican that Laflamme tried leaving the store with the toothpaste on April 4 but fled when he was stopped by store employees.

Police said shoplifting toothpaste and other toiletries is common. Thieves try to resell the items to small convenience stores.

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Opinion

Obama tantrum produces same old liberal smear

■ The president's social Darwinism comment about Rep. Paul Ryan's budget another example of how it's easier to scare people than have a discussion based on the facts.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Social Darwinism isn't what it used to be. President Barack Obama lambasted the Paul Ryan budget as "thinly veiled social Darwinism" in a scorching budget speech last week. The charge displayed the same care as his contention that it would be unprecedented for the Supreme Court to overturn legislation passed by Congress — in other words, another verbal temper tantrum substituting petulance for reason.

Social Darwinism is the 19th-century creed that, drawing on biology, supposedly held that a laissez-faire economy should operate on the basis of "survival of the fittest." The strong rise, while the weak fall, unaided and deserving their pitiable fate.

What are the telltale signs of social Darwinism in the Ryan budget? Total federal spending only will increase from $3.6 trillion this year to $4.8 trillion in 10 years. If you can't already hear the cries of children relegated to the poorhouse and of old people pushed out onto ice floes, you must be a 21st-century robber baron. Ryan wants to spend 19.8 percent of GDP as of 2022, a greater share of the economy than when President Bill Clinton left office — that infamous advocate of private-sector predation at the expense of the worthless poor.

Doesn't Ryan want to cut taxes for the rich? He would reduce tax rates, while making the revenue up by closing loopholes and deductions. This Darwinistic notion was endorsed by President Obama's own fiscal commission, chaired by men the president fulsomely praised without ever once mentioning that they were a danger to the weak and the vulnerable on account of their unhinged belief in a society run by and for the evolutionarily superior.

But Ryan wants to end Medicare, doesn't he? Ten years from now, Ryan proposes introducing an element of choice into Medicare while limiting the program's growth to the GDP growth rate plus 0.5 percent, the same spending goal that the president sets out in his own budget. If Ryan is "red in tooth and claw" on Medicare, so is the president. The difference is that President Obama prefers a price-setting bureaucratic panel to competition as his Darwinistic tool to weed out the maladapted elderly.

If the president were asked to enunciate a line between heartless social Darwinism and prudent budgeting, he surely couldn't do it. What he means by a social Darwinist is someone who wants to spend less money than he does. By this standard, the president is a damnable social Darwinist compared with the House progressive caucus that wants to spend $1.5 trillion more than he does over the next 10 years and raise taxes by several trillion more.

If social Darwinism is merely the belief that the market is the best system for allocating capital and wealth, and that a free society necessarily will be an unequal one, then almost everyone in America is a social Darwinist. Even the president constantly pledges fealty to the market and doesn't want to confiscate all of Mark Zuckerberg's income. He is using social Darwinism as a free-floating pejorative for people whose policy preferences he doesn't like, which is entirely appropriate.

The liberal historian Richard Hofstadter popularized the label in a book he wrote in the 1940s. He applied it to supporters of the free market in the 19th century who never applied it to themselves. As Princeton professor Thomas Leonard points out, American businessmen in the Gilded Age rarely leaned on Darwin: "Their defenses of laissez faire much more commonly invoked religion, the common good, Horatio Alger mythology, the American republican tradition." Even the two alleged theorists of social Darwinism, Herbert Spencer and William Graham Sumner, were complex figures and awkward fits for the term. Hofstadter used social Darwinist, Leonard writes, "in the traditional way: as an epithet to discredit views he opposed."

In this respect, liberalism hasn't evolved at all through the decades: Seventy years later, it's still the same witless insult, for the same reason.

OUR VIEW

Historical Society deals blow to courthouse future

We knew it would be a challenge to find a proper role for the old downtown courthouse, but we didn't envision it as the albatross it has become.

This week, the Midland County Historical Society turned down an offer by the county commissioners to take over the courthouse by turning the first floor into an expanded Midland County Museum and converting the rest to office space rented by nonprofit organizations.

We thought this offer held promise for both the downtown revitalization effort and for saving the old courthouse as an important building connected to the history of our city. However, the historical society ultimately thought residents are not best served by a nonprofit managing community property. The organization determined the courthouse was better suited for commercial use and management by a for-profit entity.

But there doesn't appear to be a for-profit entity interested in the old courthouse, leaving the commissioners back at square one.

This is another in a line of failed options for the courthouse. Some saw the courthouse as the potential for downtown activities of the Midland County Public Library. But that option is now dead, with the library expanding to the old Alldredge Furniture building on Loop 250.

Some proposed that the cramped traffic courts be moved into the bigger courthouse, but the final decision on that move was that it would be cheaper to build a new municipal courthouse than to renovate the old courthouse.

We know there is a possiblity that the commissioners could decide to tear down the old courthouse. You better have a good alternative if that is the case. Still, it is clear that we cannot leave an empty hull of a building sitting in the middle of an area we are trying to energize. That neither would serve the past nor guide the way to our future.

It is our hope we can keep a part of the past in our building for the future. This simple desire is proving to be a monumental task the further we explore the limited opportunities for our old courthouse.

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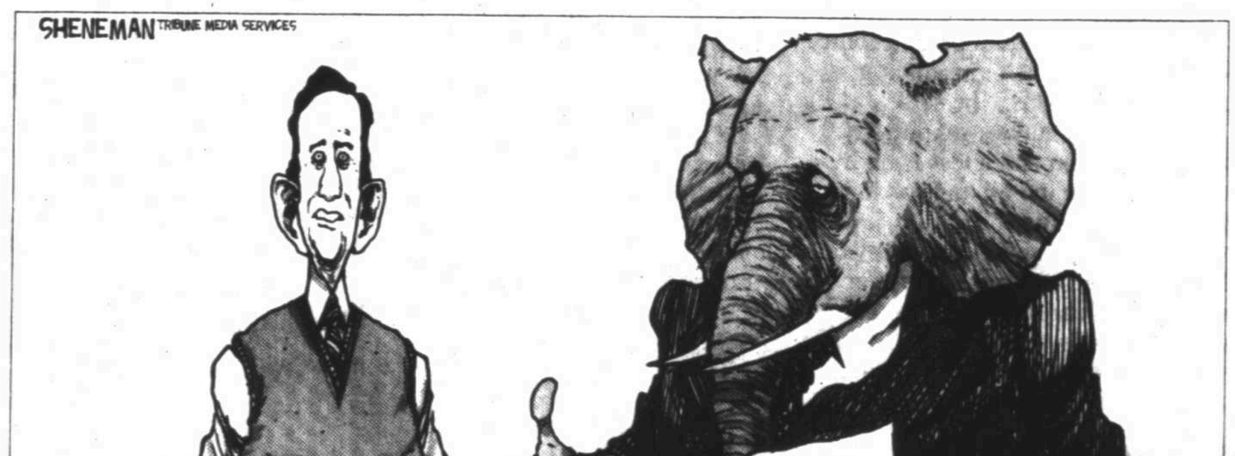

It's hard to compete with the twits

■ South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley learned the hard way what happens when whispers hit the front page.

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

All it takes is one little twit. Or a tweet, as the case may be — not that the two are mutually exclusive.

In fact, very likely the person who recently started a rumor about South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley was trying to create that idiot's delight — "buzz" — for his blog. Or whatever little virtual temple he had erected to himself.

So it goes in the ridiculous political arena in which we now find ourselves.

The rumor — that Haley was about to be indicted for tax fraud — was so delicious that other bloggers, tweeters and even some mainstream media outlets felt compelled to repeat it.

Except that it wasn't true. Not even a little bit. Some twit apparently thought it would be fun to start a rumor and see what happened next. We all know what happens: Indictments spread like wildfire; corrections couldn't roast a marshmallow.

The damage took only a couple of hours. And Haley, a rising star in the Republican Party and a possible vice presidential pick for Mitt Romney, is all too aware of the potential cost to her reputation. She's been through this before. While she was running in the Republican primary for governor, two men stepped forward to claim sexual dalliances with the married mother of two.

Obviously, South Carolinians either didn't buy it or didn't care. The attack was so vile and, frankly, not so credible that voters reacted by checking the box by Haley's name. Her popularity as governor ebbs and flows as these things go, but her appeal as a national figure does not seem affected by local attacks. She's going to be around for a long time.

Meanwhile, what Haley experienced as a target of the rumor mill should be of more general concern to everyone. The New York Times tracked the path of the Haley/tax rumor to show how quickly it traveled from a small spark in the fevered brain of a political enemy into a bonfire of inanity. It began with a blog item, then was tweeted by The Hill, a Washington political newspaper, and reported in a short article by The Daily Beast.

All of this happened between 12:52 p.m., when the blog post went online, and 1:12 p.m., when a reporter for USA Today actually decided to call Haley's office and find out if the story was true. Give that reporter a raise! But the rumor was retweeted at 1:14 by a Washington Post reporter and later picked up by online outlets Daily Kos and The Daily Caller. By 3:29, The Drudge Report linked to the Daily Caller article featuring the headline: "Report: DOJ may indict SC Gov. Nikki Haley for tax fraud."

The next morning, The State newspaper, South Carolina's largest, had a front-page story. All in a day's whisper.

What is abominably clear is that this sort of thing can happen to anyone at any time. And much worse things can be said that can't easily be disproved. Haley extinguished this fire by releasing a letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that there was no investigation.

But what if, instead, the rumor were that a candidate was once suspected of child abuse? "Neighbors, who remembered Candidate A as quiet and polite, nonetheless say they always suspected ..."

We used to recognize rumors for what they are, but in the era of insta-everything, rumors get to enjoy enough time in the sunlight to make an imprint on the community psyche. Most disappointing during this particular cycle was the failure of legitimate news organizations to turn the rumor over and examine its underbelly before repeating it.

What happened to a minimum of two corroborating sources before a story is posted?

Even laymen unfamiliar with traditional journalism's standards and procedures learned that rule from "All the President's Men," the movie based on Woodward and Bernstein's historic Watergate investigation.

That was then. Now editors faced with dwindling subscriptions and advertising must compete with the twits who make it up as they go. But the danger of trying to keep up with twits and tweeters is that eventually you may get good at it — and no better.

Integrity of information is the one thing newspapers can promise readers that other new media can't deliver with the same consistency.

It isn't only a matter of pride or even of survival of newspapers, in which I obviously have a personal interest. Ultimately, it is a matter of helping protect freedoms that will become diminished as a less-informed citizenry surrenders responsibility to titillation — and slouches inevitably toward idiocracy.

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Santorum suspends GOP presidential campaign

By Marc Levy
Associated Press

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Bowing to the inevitable after an improbably resilient run for the White House, Rick Santorum quit the presidential race on Tuesday, clearing the way for Mitt Romney to claim the Republican nomination.

"We made a decision over the weekend, that while this presidential race for us is over, for me, and we will suspend our campaign today, we are not done fighting," he said.

Santorum, appearing with his family, told supporters that the battle to defeat President Barack Obama would go on but pointedly made no mention or endorsement of Romney, whom he had derided as an unworthy standard-bearer for the GOP.

The former Pennsylvania senator stressed that he'd taken his presidential bid farther than anyone expected, calling his campaign "as improbable as any race that you will ever see for president."

"Against all odds," he said, "we won 11 states, millions of voters, millions of votes."

Santorum signaled his intent to maintain a voice in the campaign to come, saying: "This game is a long, long, long way from over. We will continue to go out and fight and defeat President Barack Obama."

Santorum spoke with Romney before the announcement, a Republican source close to the campaign said, and Romney asked to meet him sometime in the future

The delegate totals told the tale of Santorum's demise. Romney has more than twice as many delegates as Santorum and is on pace to reach the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination by early June. Still in the race, but not considered a factor: former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Rep. Ron Paul.

Santorum had hoped to keep his campaign going through the Pennsylvania primary on April 24, but decided to fold after his severely ill 3-year-old daughter, Bella, spent the weekend in the hospital.

Santorum, a feisty campaigner who took everyone by surprise with his win in Iowa's leadoff caucuses, ran on his conservative credentials and his experience in Congress — he was a House member for four years and senator for 12 — but was hobbled by a lack of money and organization.

He said that while Romney was accumulating more delegates, "we were winning in a very different way. We were touching hearts" with a conservative message.

In a statement, Romney called Santorum "an able and worthy competitor" and congratulated him on his campaign.

"He has proven himself to be an important voice in our party and in the nation," Romney said. "We both recognize that what is most important is putting the failures of the last three years behind us and setting America back on the path to prosperity."

With Romney on his way to the nomination and a contest against the president, Obama's campaign manager, Jim Messina, sharply criticized Romney for waging a negative ad campaign against his opponents.

"It's no surprise that Mitt Romney finally was able to grind down his opponents under an avalanche of negative ads. But neither he nor his special interest allies will be able to buy the presidency with their negative attacks," Messina said. "The more the American people see of Mitt Romney, the less they like him and the less they trust him."

Obama sees biggest divide since Johnson-Goldwater

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — President Barack Obama said Tuesday the choice facing voters this November will be as stark as in the milestone 1964 contest between Lyndon Johnson and Barry Goldwater — one that ended up with one of the biggest Democratic landslides in history.

The president made his comments during a fundraising blitz in Florida, and right before his general election foe was essentially decided. Republican Rick Santorum dropped out of the presidential contest, making it clear that Obama would face off against Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor.

Obama used a daylong trip to Florida to call again for Congress to raise taxes on millionaires, a populist pitch on an issue that he hopes will help define the differences with nominee-to-be Romney.

"This election will probably have the biggest contrast that we've seen maybe since the Johnson-Goldwater election, maybe before that," Obama told donors at the first of three campaign events in this battleground state. The events were expected to raise at least $1.7 million.

In his 1964 race against Goldwater, Johnson carried 44 of 50 states and won 61 percent of the popular vote, the largest share of any candidate since 1820.

Running on a record that included the Great Society, Johnson portrayed Goldwater as a dangerous extremist. He was aided by Goldwater's GOP convention speech, in which the candidate proclaimed, "Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice."

Republicans said Obama's tax proposal was aimed at dividing Americans along class lines and gave him an excuse to raise more money for his re-election campaign.

"He can't run on his record, so he is coming down here to raise money using taxpayers' funds to do so," said Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla.

In a reception at a gated community in Palm Beach Gardens, Obama said Democrats would ensure the rich pay their fair share, while focusing on investments in education, science and research and caring for the most vulnerable.

By contrast, he said, Republicans would dismantle education and clean energy programs so they can give still more tax breaks to the rich.

Obama did not mention Romney by name, but the economic fairness message was the theme of his day — and aimed squarely at the wealthy former Massachusetts governor.

Obama later outlined his support for the so-called Buffett rule at a speech at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla., arguing that wealthy investors should not pay taxes at a lower rate than middle-class wage earners.

The push for the Buffett rule, named after billionaire investor Warren Buffett, comes ahead of a Senate vote next week and as millions of Americans prepare to file their income tax returns. The plan has little chance of passing Congress, but Senate Democrats say the issue underscores the need for economic fairness.

Obama was capping his day at a large rally-style event in Hollywood, Fla., that was to include a musical performance by singer John Legend, and a fundraising dinner in nearby Golden Beach, Fla.

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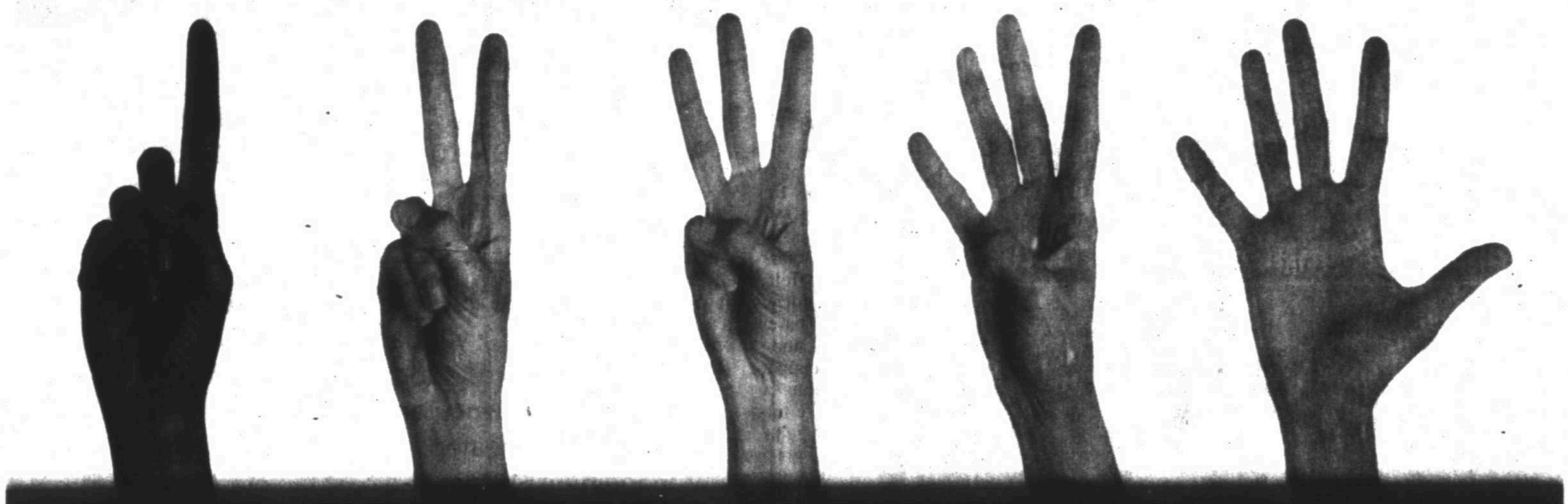

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Who's the rich guy? Obama, Romney duel over status

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — One candidate is worth up to $250 million, ran a private equity firm and plans to build an elevator for the cars at his beach house. The other is the former head of the Harvard Law Review who became a best-selling author and millionaire and now lives in the world's most famous mansion — 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Just don't expect Mitt Romney and Barack Obama to embrace their elite status. In a campaign year when populism sells, they are trying to stick the rich guy label on each other, making clear that being wealthy and privileged is not necessarily a political asset when you're running for president in this uncertain economy.

President Obama, traveling to battleground Florida, opened a new push by Democrats on Tuesday to increase taxes on millionaires, emphasizing a fight with Republicans. The proposal stands little chance of passing in Congress but serves as a stark general election contrast with Romney.

"We've got to choose which direction we want this country to go," Obama told a boisterous audience of students at Florida Atlantic University. "Do we want to keep giving tax breaks to folks like me who don't need them? ... Or do we want to keep investing in those things that keep our economy growing and keep us secure?"

The former Massachusetts governor, who opposes the plan, has faced withering criticism from Democrats who try to paint him as a ruthless financier who has paid lower tax rates unavailable to typical middle class families.

On the other hand, Romney's team contends Obama's plan would raise taxes on small businesses, harming an engine of growth and job creation at a time when the economy needs it the most.

Romney campaign spokeswoman Gail Gitcho said Obama was the "first president in history to openly campaign for re-election on a platform of higher taxes," and the Republican National Committee called the idea of higher taxes on millionaires a "political distraction" that would do little to cure the nation's debt problem.

Obama is pitching the "Buffett rule," named after billionaire investor Warren Buffett, which argues that wealthy taxpayers should not pay taxes at a lower rate than middle-class wage-earners. Obama has proposed that people earning at least $1 million annually — whether in salary or investments — should pay at least 30 percent of their income in taxes. Many wealthy people earn most of their income through investments, which is taxed at 15 percent, allowing them to pay a lower overall rate.

Obama's team and Senate Democrats have teed up the issue ahead of the annual mid-April deadline when many Americans file their income tax returns with the federal government. In addition to Obama's speech, Vice President Joe Biden plans to discuss the issue in New Hampshire on Thursday, and Obama's campaign is using social media to spread the message. Yet beyond tax policy, the Buffett rule serves as a touchstone in the contenders' fight to portray each other as the candidate of the elite at a time of 8.2 percent unemployment.

While both Romney and Obama are millionaires, there is a huge difference in their wealth. Presidential candidates have to disclose broad outlines of their holdings, but it's possible to discern only a wide range. Romney is worth $190 million to $250 million, according to the filings. Obama is worth between $1.8 million and nearly $12 million.

Democrats contend Romney's past as head of the private equity firm Bain Capital is a major weakness because he was paid to reorganize companies, a process that sometimes led to the elimination of jobs. Obama's campaign has repeatedly pressed Romney to release several years of tax returns, pointing to personal tax records that have shown investments in the Cayman Islands and a Swiss bank account. There have been no indications, however, that the investments were used to avoid taxes.

And then there are some of the video clips circulating on YouTube: Romney's proposed $10,000 bet to Gov. Rick Perry during a debate in December; his declaration in January, discussing health insurance providers, that he likes "being able to fire people who provide services to me," and more recently his comment in February that he's "not concerned about the very poor" because they have an "ample safety net."

Romney's wealth gained more attention last month when Politico reported that planned renovations to his San Diego-area oceanside home included a four-vehicle garage with an "elevator lift" to transport vehicles between floors.

Romney, focusing ever more attention on Obama, has made a concerted push to paint the president as a detached liberal who doesn't fully grasp the depths of the nation's economic woes. Obama, who has written two best-selling books and taught law at the University of Chicago School of Law, is portrayed as an enthusiastic supporter of government instead of private enterprise.

In one dig, Romney calls Obama a "nice guy ... who spent too much time at Harvard" — though Romney himself earned a joint JD/MBA at Harvard, spending more time there than Obama. Romney also says the president suffers from "years of flying around on Air Force One, surrounded by an adoring staff of true believers telling you that you're great and doing a great job."

Both would be considered wealthy by any standard. Romney's campaign has estimated that he is paying more than $6.2 million in taxes on $45 million in income for the past two years. Obama and his wife, Michelle, reported income of $1.73 million last year, mostly from books he's written, and they paid more than $450,000 in federal taxes.

Both Romney and Obama have made appeals to Americans by highlighting more routine endeavors: Obama ventured into an Irish pub on St. Patrick's Day to down a pint of Guinness and frequently talks about his devotion to basketball and other sports. Romney, whom aides describe as a penny-pincher, has used Twitter to remind voters about flying Southwest Airlines and grabbing lunch at Subway. In January, one of Romney's sons circulated a photo of his dad doing his own laundry.

Obama's team points to polls showing the president with favorable personal approval ratings and relatively high marks when respondents are asked whether he can relate to their problems. A poll released Tuesday by The Washington Post and ABC News found Obama with a double-digit lead over Romney, 49-37, when adults were asked who better understands their economic problems. About half of the respondents, 52 percent, said unfairness in the economic system favoring the wealthy represented a bigger problem for the country than over-regulation of the free market system.

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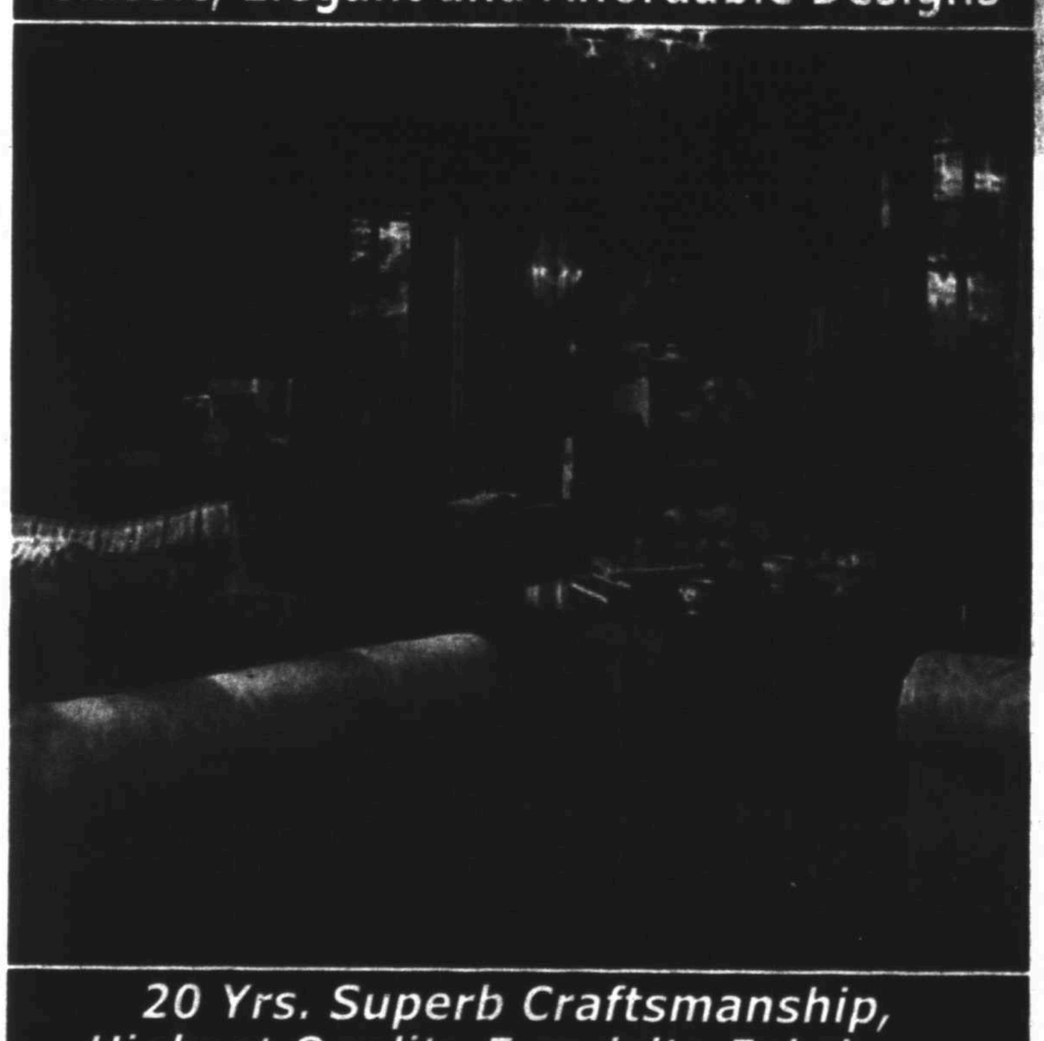
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Jessie Cox is an 81-year-old foster grandparent and Midland Community and Senior Services volunteer. She works with children at the Midland County Library and schools in the area.

Grandmother shares joys of life with youth at school, library

ED TODD'S PROFILES

Ed Todd is a writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Jessie "Granny Red" Cox is a jolly hoot, an ebullient youngster-at-heart, a cheery soul at almost 82.

As Sabrina Smith, a generation younger, observed, "She is a mess. She is just Jessie. You never know what she is going to say or what she is going to do."

Predictably unpredictable, gentle Granny Red Jessie is adored by the children she comforts and encourages at school and library.

A granny among grannies, "She loves the children that she works with" through the Midland Community and Senior Services' Foster Grandparents Program (FGP), said Smith, FGP volunteer coordinator.

Her assignments include working with kindergarten children at South Elementary School on weekday mornings and then mingling with pre-school children at the Midland County Public Library's Children Department on weekday afternoons.

"It is playtime for me," the red-haired Jessie said at the library. Her comments equally fit with her delights at school. "I like it here. I will be here tomorrow if the sun comes up."

Jessie is heartening.

Please see **TODD**/4B

Odessa man to open RockHounds game with national anthem

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Marshall Nelson still gets nervous.

He's opened the Midland RockHounds games a dozen or so times by singing the national anthem but standing up in front of a crowd of friends, familiar faces and a lot of guests, he still feels the nervousness.

Thursday will be the first time he's gotten to really open for the baseball team.

"I'm excited. I've never sung at an opening day kind of thing," he said.

Nelson was one of several who came out Feb. 24 and auditioned to sing the national anthem during the home games this season.

A few days later, a RockHounds staff member sent Nelson an email asking at what games he would be willing to sing. Then she sent a second email.

"Would you be interested in singing on opening night," she asked.

It didn't take him but a second to type out his three-letter response: Yes.

Nelson said he's always enjoyed singing and sang in the choir when he was in junior high. For awhile after he graduated, he didn't sing again in public.

When his children were past the toddler age, he started singing in the church choir at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Odessa. Now he sings in the choir at First Presbyterian in Odessa.

The choir director at his church sang the national anthem at a RockHounds game and suggested the staff give Nelson a chance to do it as well.

The first time he sang, he performed at the end of the season in the old ballpark.

They started asking him back every now and then.

Please see **ANTHEM**/3B

West Texas writer to speak at annual spring fundraiser

■ Staff said plant sale not included in this year's event because of drought.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The George W. Bush Childhood Home is gearing up for its annual spring fundraiser but is nixing its plant sale this year because of the drought.

This year's 'Petals and Pearls' event will be held at Alldredge Gardens on April 25.

A social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by the guest speaker at 5:30 and a book signing at 6:15 p.m.

Each year, the 'petals' part of the event is accompanied by a plant, bush and flower sale but executive director Paul St. Hilaire said because of this year's drought conditions, staff have decided to withhold the portion of the fundraiser.

Instead, the event will feature Lubbock author Sue Ellen Haning who will talk about her book "Two Nuts in Italy."

The book centers around a three-month backpacking trip she took with her then 21-year-old daughter, Jenny. The self-described adventure challenged writer discusses the journey, near misses and other crazy adventures the two had while on the odyssey.

"She has a wonderful story to tell about her experiencing with her daughter backpacking through Europe on a whim," St. Hilaire said.

"It's a marvelous book. All the ladies here in town will get a lot of enjoyment out if it."

Please see **PETALS**/5B

military dog HANDLER

Courtesy photos

Native Midlander Staff Sgt. Samantha Navarrete is a military dog handler stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Navarrete and her canine partner, Besy, recently returned from a deployment in Afghanistan.

Airman serves country with man's best friend

Most dogs are content to chase after a ball, but Besy, a 5-year-old, 63-pound German Shepherd, finds satisfaction in searching for explosives.

Besy is the military working dog paired with Staff Sgt. Samantha Navarrete, 27, a Midland native stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. She has been in the Air Force for nine years and in 2009, was named Airman of the Year by her base in Incirlik, Turkey.

Navarrete, who grew up without brothers, joined the military as a way to honor her grandfather's service. After graduating from Midland High School in 2003, she began her Air Force career in Security Forces at Lackland Air Force Base. After serving in Wyoming and Turkey, she applied to be a working dog handler, and returned to Lackland for three months of canine school upon acceptance. She trained with about four to five different dogs at the school house in both patrol and detection before receiving her first canine partner at her duty station at Andrews Air Force Base.

Navarrete worked with her first dog, a Belgian Malinois, for a year before it had to be euthanized for medical reasons. Her second dog, Brit, was retired after working with her for two years and now lives with her at the base. The 13-year-old German Shepherd continues to be protective of Navarrete and still is learning to adjust to retired life.

"He still wants to work," she said. "He still wants to get in the patrol car and find bad guys; that's just what their whole life consists of. The way

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Obituaries

Beulah Mae Bradford "Aunt Beulah"

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Beulah Mae McDavid born in Lockhart, TX on November 2, 1921, to William & Josephine McDavid. She was one of thirteen children, Beulah attended school in Lockhart, TX. She moved to Midland, TX in 1931, where she met her husband, Charles Bradford.

Mrs. Bradford accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior when she was quite young. She united with Greater St. Luke AME Church and served in various ministries over a period of 50 years, such as Trustee, Treasure of Sunday School, President of Choir, & New Horizon Director of Public Relations. Before moving to Plano, TX, she was honored for being the longest continuous member of Greater St. Luke AME.

In the union of Charles & Beulah Bradford, there were no children born. When Beulah's health began to fail her, she was blessed to be taken care of by her two nieces, Henrietta Levier & Elwina Terry of Plano, TX. She leaves behind a host of nieces & nephews, great nieces & nephews, great-great nieces & nephews, great great great nieces & nephews, along with several other friends and family.

She will always be remembered as a very loving and caring Aunt & Friend.

Donald Cliff Collyer

Donald Cliff Collyer, 50, of Midland, passed away on Monday, April 9, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 11, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park for family and close friends.

Cliff was born on October 3, 1961, in Carlsbad, NM, to Don and Phyllis Collyer. He married Kristy Fox on August 18, 2000, in Midland.

He was a compassionate and gentle man, that went about helping others. He was a wonderful father, husband, and friend to so many. He lived for his children and made sure that he never missed anything that they were involved in.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Kristy Collyer of Midland; 4 daughters, Larissa Paap and husband, Chris of Austin, Lindsay, Lauren, and Leigh Collyer of Midland; and son, Russell Henderson of Midland; father, Don Collyer of Midland; sister, LeAnn Collyer of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Collyer; and brother, Scotty Collyer.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to be made to the American Cancer Society, 2304 West Wadley Avenue, Midland, TX 79705.

Pallbearers will be: Mike McCoy Aaron "Chip" Wilson, Jr., Phil Carleton, Marvin Moore, Tom Williams, and Gary Mulloy.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5900

Manuel Segura Sauceda

Manuel Segura Sauceda, 70, of Midland, TX, was called by the Lord, on April 7, 2012. He spent his final moments surrounded by his family.

Manuel was born January 12, 1942, in San Antonio del Bravo, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Rosalio Galindo Sauceda and Maria del Refugio Segura. Manuel moved to Texas at the age of 18, spending a couple of years working as a farm hand, then he later met and married Viviana Valadez, with whom he had seven children. One of his passions in life was music. He loved to sing and play the guitar, so much that he formed a group in the seventies called Los Hermanos Sauceda de La Frontera. Another passion of his was the love of nature; farming and raising farm animals. For many years he lived in Pecos, TX, where his children were raised and most of his life was spent. Manuel had a great sense of humor bringing a smile to everyone he encountered. Manuel was a truck driver for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Viviana V. Sauceda; sons, Rene Sauceda and Noe Sauceda; daughters, Elizabeth Orona, Maria G. Sauceda, Griselda Sauceda, and Christina Luna, all of Midland; brothers, Trinidad Sauceda of Midland, Eladio Sauceda of Odessa, and Jose Angel Sauceda of Midland; sisters, Rosa Madrid and Elia Lujan, both of Odessa; eighteen grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. Manuel is preceded in death by his parents, Rosalio and Refugia Sauceda; his son, Eliazar Sauceda; his two sisters, Vicenta Carrasco and Maria Sauceda; grand-daughters, Maria Guadalupe Sauceda and Marlena Sauceda; and grandson, Joel Luna, Jr.

A funeral mass is set for Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, with Father Gilberto Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

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Margarita "Margie" P. Baker

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven .
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Margarita "Margie" P. Baker, age 65, of Midland, made her ascension into heaven on Sunday, April 8, 2012, at home in Midland. Margarita was born October 31, 1946, in Fort Stockton, TX. She is the daughter of the late Manuel M. and the late Rita (Pacheco) Gomez.

Margies family remembers the times she would reminisce, sharing cherished stories with her loved ones. She was loving, caring, compassionate, and giving. She enjoyed helping her husband in his work and now they are together again, forever. Though she is no longer here on earth to see, hear and embrace, she is alive forever, in our hearts.

Left to cherish her memory are one daughter, Diane M. Garcia of Odessa, TX; and two sons, Elias O. Anaya, Jr. of Midland, TX, Oscar M. Gomez of Eunice, NM; three sisters, Rachel Romero of San Diego, CA, Virginia Garcia of Odessa, TX, Janet Gomez of Odessa, TX; and five brothers, Bartolo Gomez of Odessa, TX, Julian Gomez of Andrews, TX, Samuel Gomez of Kansas, Reynaldo Gomez of Odessa, TX, Roberto Gomez of Midland, TX. She also has seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

Predeceased by her husband, Will O. Baker; two brothers, Manuel D. Gomez and Raymundo Gomez; one granddaughter, Joey ,Anne Garcia; and one great granddaughter, Valentina Tarango.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 12, at American Heritage At West Texas Memorial Park, 4100 N FM 1788, Midland, TX, with David Cole officiating.

Viewing will be on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at American Heritage Chapel, 4100 N FM 1788, Midland, TX 79707.

American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home at West Texas Memorial Park
The Healing Starts Here.

Melva Lynne Anderson

Melva Lynne Anderson, 74, of Mesa, AZ, passed away on March 17, 2012. She was an Arizona resident for eight years, having returned from her native Texas.

She is survived by her husband Donald E. Anderson; two sons and a daughter, Chuck Bailey of Scottsdale, Cliff Bailey (Samie) of Rockwall, TX and Caron Close (Mark) of Scottsdale; a sister, Pamala Houghton (Bill) of Phoenix; a brother, Charles Sprayberry of Midland, TX; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents, LeRoy and Amanda Sprayberry of Odessa, TX.

She was a graduate of Odessa High School. She will be interred at the Phoenix National Cemetery on Friday, April 13, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of the Valley , 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Kayden George Hill

Kayden George Hill, 1 month, passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2012, in Sweetwater,Tx.

Kayden was born February 26, 2012, in Sweetwater, Tx, to parents Lisa Gonzales and Brian Hill, Jr. He was cremated, with a memorial service planned for a later date.

Survivors are: father, Brian Hill, Jr. of Sweetwater, TX; mother, Lisa Gonzales of Sweetwater, TX.; brothers, Rian Hill of Sweetwater, Devin Luis Gutierrez of Sweetwater, John Paul Gutierrez of Sweetwater; paternal grandfather, Lewis Brian Hill, Sr. of Sweetwater; maternal grandparents, George and Wanda Gonzales of Sweetwater; paternal great-grandmother, Bobbie Chance of Sweetwater; maternal great-grandparents, Alice and Robert Gonzales of Sweetwater; maternal great-grandmother, Majorie May of Sweetwater.

All arrangements are under the care and direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Jessie Nicholson

Jessie Nicholson, 70, passed away, at his home, Monday, April 9, 2012.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

LBJ books offer different takes on day of Kennedy assassination

By Patrick Beach
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Two new books offer different accounts of a notorious day in Dallas and Lyndon Baines Johnson's actions over the course of it. Was he a gentleman or a manipulator? You'll have to read both accounts, one from pre-eminent Johnson biographer Robert A. Caro and the other from LBJ Library director Mark K. Updegrove, to decide.

An excerpt in the April 2 New Yorker magazine of Caro's upcoming work, "The Passage of Power," gives a vivid, minute-by-minute account of Johnson's actions in Fort Worth and Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, the day an assassin's bullet killed John F. Kennedy and made Johnson the 36th president.

Caro's fourth volume in a series that began in 1982 with "The Path to Power" portrays Johnson in limbo after having traded the power of Senate majority leader for the gilded cage of the vice presidency, feeling politically washed up and musing about whether Kennedy would toss him off the 1964 ticket.

It also shows him, after the assassination, maneuvering and manipulating those around him, including Kennedy's widow and brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, to see his swearing-in took place exactly as he saw fit.

"He seems to have felt even in this first hour that the best way to legitimize his ascent to the throne, to make himself seem less like a usurper, would be to demonstrate that his ascent had the support of his predecessor's family," Caro writes.

Contrast that with Updegrove's "Indomitable Will: LBJ in the Presidency," which was published last month.

The director of Austin's LBJ Library & Museum draws on oral histories, recordings and personal accounts from insiders to portray Johnson on the same day as decisive and in command. "Far from being crude and inconsiderate, Lyndon Johnson was thoughtful, cool and compassionate" after the assassination, remembers Newsweek correspondent Chuck Roberts, who was on the scene in 1963.

These allegations, however, have been rattling around since 1967's publication of William Manchester's "The Death of a President," which Johnson considered to be a part of Robert Kennedy's "calculated effort to destroy me."

According to Sarah Hughes, who swore in Johnson on Air Force One and is a source in Updegrove's book: "By almost all credible accounts, Johnson's behavior was exemplary. Johnson believed that Manchester's book was a covert effort on Bobby Kennedy's part to undermine him as Kennedy contemplated his own bid for the presidency."

Here again, we have tension in the respective approaches of the authors: Caro, who is arguably the most prominent narrative biographer of our time, and Updegrove, the director of an institution that wants to encourage warts-and-all scholarship, as Johnson ordered, but would rather not have the parking lot in front of its museum empty. (Updegrove is the author of two previous books on the presidency and is a sought-after TV commentator.)

It's also an example of how a magazine like The New Yorker publishes a juicy excerpt that probably will increase sales for Caro's book, but in the process, focuses on Johnson's image rather than his legislative achievements — something that Updegrove thoroughly documents in his book. (The next volume in the Caro series will look at LBJ's legislative successes, and at the end of the new volume, Caro praises Johnson for a smooth transition after the assassination.)

"So much of (these kinds of discussions) are about image, and the Kennedys come out looking so much better than LBJ," Updegrove said from his LBJ offices last week. "Johnson does not come off well in terms of words, speeches or images. But he comes off extraordinarily well in terms of what he did. If you look at the political substance of his accomplishments, and how it relates to civil rights in particular, I think it's remarkable. And I don't like to see this man caricature-ized as being a bumbling, crude cowboy. It's not fair to him, and frankly, it's not fair to history."

As most historians know, Caro and the LBJ Museum haven't always seen eye-to-eye. Former museum director and Johnson aide Harry Middleton once wrote Caro has "a loathing for his subject so deep it coats a steamy sheen over his prose."

And for a time, volumes of Caro's "The Years of Lyndon Johnson" were conspicuously absent from the museum gift shop. That changed with "Master of the Senate" in 2002, and Caro was warmly received at a speech he gave at the University of Texas' LBJ School of Public Affairs next door. (For his part, Caro has consistently thanked LBJ library staff members.)

Updegrove sees "Indomitable Will" as something of a corrective because Johnson is "an easy mark for historic revisionism," he writes in his introduction.

"Even responsible biographers ... can craft an account that is factually correct but unduly skewed, given the subject's enormous breadth and inherent contradictions." He goes on to quote former Texas Gov. John Connally and CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, the latter of whom called Caro's works "one-sided."

Both books agree the Secret Service's initial impulse — acting on the presumption that Kennedy's assassination might be part of a larger plot — was to get Johnson out of Dallas as soon as possible, and Johnson agreed. Agent Rufus Youngblood tells Caro that Johnson later was "adamant" that Kennedy's remains and Jacqueline Kennedy be with him on Air Force One.

Caro also discusses Johnson's two phone calls to Robert Kennedy and the substance of those conversations, which were not recorded and which both parties remember very differently. The fallout from those calls only deepened the mutual animosity between Kennedy and Johnson, "perhaps the greatest blood feud of American politics in the 20th century," Caro writes.

Houston man builds safe haven for butterflies

By Kathy Huber
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Last summer, Eric Huelskamp was searching for heat- and drought-tolerant plants for his family's sunny back garden. Existing lantana, esperanza, plumbago, vitex and ruellia fit the bill, but because he wanted more colors and height, he decided red and yellow butterflyweeds might be the perfect choice.

Once they were established, the low-maintenance perennials began attracting butterflies with nectar-filled flower clusters. Spent blooms cast an abundance of seed, which Huelskamp shared with friends.

Yet the fun had just begun.

The butterflyweeds pulled through the mild winter, Huelskamp said. "This month, I have had the most extraordinary result: my own backyard butterfly habitat."

Scores of caterpillars — the monarchs' young — munched on the plant leaves. The larvae eventually spun their cocoons, and chrysalises popped up all over the garden, at times in peculiar places, he said. Butterflies emerged from the jade capsules, and the family saw the hanging insects ready their wings to fly.

"Watching this life cycle occur up close has been fun for my family and me," he said. "My two sons, 10 and 12, have shown a lot of interest watching the change from caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly first hand. And, we had to proudly show everyone who stopped by for a visit the happenings in our backyard."

"I'm in no way an expert," he said. "Anyone can do this."

Create your butterfly habitat

Thanks to a long growing season and an assortment of plants that thrive here, gardeners easily can provide food and shelter for beautiful, beneficial butterflies.

Butterflies are cold-blooded insects that bask in the sun to raise their body temperatures. A sunny, flowering garden with a flat stone for basking tucked among the blooms will help attract butterflies. Flowers that grow in the sun provide more nectar.

Butterflies are attracted to simpler, brighter flowers.

Flowers in the composite family (daisy and aster) and flowers in clusters (milkweed/butterflyweed and viburnum) are good nectar sources. Often the more fragrant a flower, the more nectar it produces.

Flowers' size, shape, fragrance and markings help butterflies locate nectar. Place flowering plants in groups if possible, since butterflies can spot masses of color more easily.

Avoid insecticides

Butterflies dislike strong winds, so, if possible, include shrubs, small trees, ornamental grasses and vine-covered trellises as protection from wind and rain as well as a resting place. Some plants, such as the butterfly bush (buddleia), provide both nectar and shelter.

Encourage female butterflies to lay eggs in your garden by planting larval food plants. The caterpillars that hatch will seek a safe place to form a cocoon.

Butterflies drink by sucking water from moist ground. Sink a saucer in the ground, fill with sand and soak. Then put a flat pebble at the edge for a perch.

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- MRT Real Estate Account Executive Robin Kingham documents her progress training for half-marathons to benefit Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

INSIDE THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM

- PARADE magazine's 30th annual report: 'What People Earn, Then and Now' offers a peek at Americans' paychecks over the past three decades. Find PARADE inside Sunday's edition.

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KOSA CBS	7 7 7 7 7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: One World (N)		Criminal Minds "The Company" (N)		CSI: Crime Scene "Altered Stakes" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman Magic Johnson, Larry Bird (N)	(:35) Late(. (N)	
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BET	58 26 40	(5:00) 106 & Park		★★ Fat Albert Kenan Thompson.					★★ National Security Steve Zahn.			Wendy Williams	
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CNBC	46 45 39 72	The Kudlow Report		Cruise Inc.		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
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MSNBC	47 51 49 73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38 39	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Live!	Poker
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SYFY	66 64 41 57 67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost "City Hell"		Ghost Hunters (N)		Monster Man (N)		Ghost "Frighternity"		Monster	"Wee Boots"
TBS	25 11 44 66 41	Seinfeld "The Bris"	Seinf. "The Comeback"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Guests Lena Dunham (N)		The Office	Office "Sex Ed"
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WGN	19 18	America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death

TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Texas shows its colors during springtime

I looked out the window and it was spring. The lawns were coming back to life and leaves were appearing on formerly bare branches. The mesquite trees were beginning to show their special shade of green.

Most people's favorite season is the one in which they were born. I was born in late spring so the season of renewal is my favorite time of year. I love to see the earth come back to life, when it purges itself from winter's darkness and feels cleansed, blessed again. It's when we witness the season of hope.

Spring is when you want to get out and do things you may never have done before, like grabbing a cane fishing pole and a can of worms and going to the lake; or going outside to watch a bug for about an hour; or stretching out and staring at your shoes while you contemplate things.

You wear fewer clothes in the spring. Shorts and T-shirts replace sweaters, coats, hats, scarves and gloves. And you might even go around with no socks or shoes.

The outside beckons and you think about taking a walk. The bicycle that's been unused for months awaits a rider. You feel the tires to make sure they're ready. You take it outside to test everything. The fresh air makes you feel frisky and you become a child again.

You get out the ice cream freezer and clean the barbecue grill and imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and yellow and red appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume. Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Flowers are arranged between the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets. Texas is the birthplace of spring.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds.

Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mockingbirds flash their white tail feathers while cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully in the perfect blue of an April sky. The miracle of spring is amazing to observe.

The 24-hour celestial parade is a wondrous event. We wake up to a dawn of sunrise pink. Later the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid-afternoon they become active and bounce around like giant white pillows. At sundown the sky is streaked with crimson and gold. And darkness brings its own special magic. Spring makes you glad to be alive.

ANTHEM

From 1B

For six years, he worked as an usher at the park and sang more often at games than he does now.

"It's a very special song. It's your own country's anthem and I love baseball. It's neat to do it at a baseball game and when your friends come, it's fun to sing in front of people you know."

He practices usually on the drive to the ballpark.

"It's a difficult song. You have to start low enough to hit the high note at the end," Nelson said.

The coolest thing that has happened during one of his performances was a year he got to sang on July 3 and when he hit the "rockets red glare" in the song, staff set off fireworks in the parking lot.

"I didn't know it was going to happen, but it was really neat," he said.

When asked if it threw him off, he said it did surprise him but luckily he kept going.

"You always worry about messing up the words but so far I never have," Nelson said.

He averages about three or four performances each summer. He also has sang for the Odessa Jackalopes hockey games several times over the years.

But this week, he's anticipating getting back to his favorite pastime, watching baseball and singing for the team.

"I'm looking forward to Thursday," he said.

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Marshall Nelson

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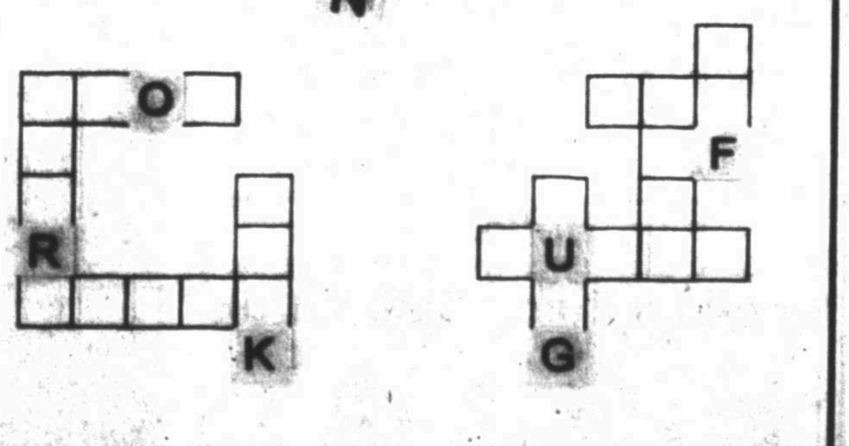

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Dogs

From 1B

they are brought up, they love doing their job."

Navarrete recently returned to Midland after a six-month deployment in Afghanistan with Besy — an adventure on which they embarked after only a few months of training together. The two worked side-by-side along the Pakistan border, searching vehicles or patrolling in villages and compounds to find explosives or persons of interest.

Navarrete found civilians in Afghanistan reacted to her much differently when she was with Besy; the dog's presence served to deter people from wanting to get in the middle of patrols.

"They think animals like dogs and cats are like filthy animals," Navarrete said. "They're very scared of dogs."

In the midst of the deployment, it became clear Besy suffered from symptoms experienced by many returning war veterans. Navarrete realized her partner had developed post traumatic stress disorder.

"Dogs get it just as much as humans do," Navarrete said. "It can be from any type of exposure they had from previous deployments — being around explosions and gunfire, vehicles they rode in — it's something that stresses them out."

The two grew a special connection as Navarrete helped Besy overcome PTSD, and as Besy became Navarrete's support system away from home.

"As long as I'm not happy, he's not happy," she said. "If he doesn't like what we're doing for the day, he's moody. He's just like a human."

In her current position as a working dog handler at Andrews Air Force Base, Navarrete is charged with supporting security for important political figures, including U.S. President Barack Obama. The job often takes her and Besy on the road for presidential details.

"It's a day-to-day operation for us, just making sure that the president is secure and everything goes the way it needs to," she said.

Besy already has grown accustomed to working the 12-hour shifts, but Navarrete tries to allow her partner to enjoy being a dog whenever possible. The two throw around a ball during free time on shift, but both find their passion in working with their best friend.

"It's hard to explain the bond between a handler and the dog," Navarrete said. "As most people know, you grow a bond with your household pets, they're just like your family. But that's your partner; he's there for you, only waits for you."

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Courtesy photos

Native Midlander Staff Sgt. Samantha Navarrete is a military dog handler stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Navarrete and her canine partner, Besy, recently returned from a deployment in Afghanistan.

Todd

From 1B

"Why shouldn't I be?"

She loves youngsters.

"She comforts them when they need a hug," said Rebecca Irigoyen, kindergarten teacher at South Elementary School. "She is a lot of help. I don't know what I would do without her. The kids just love her."

At the library, she toils with crafts in faceting props for the library's handsome vaudevillian, 28-year-old, 6-foot-3 Kelly Brashear who, with far-reaching exuberance, acts out enlightening and intriguing tales for the real young'uns.

His antics take in "Tell The Truth, Big Bad Wolf," a story about seeking life's truths; "Born To Read," a tale about knowledge-seeking; and "Jack Goes Peanuts," an adventure in expanding horizons.

Brashear is a Jessie fan bordering on the hyperbole.

"She is the greatest person in the world," he declared. "If we didn't have her and the Foster Grandparents, we would be sunk."

She brings goodness to the young'uns.

"They are all great kids. Some can be a little wild."

"I do love kids, always have," she said. She raised nine of her own.

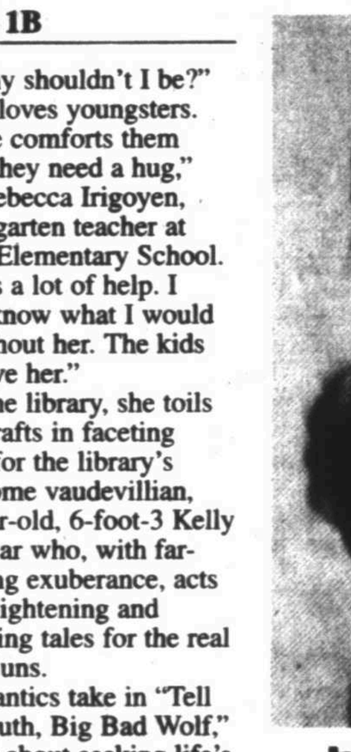
What is there to like about her?

"Everything," said 7-year-old Jennifer Yeso, whose mother, Hilda Yeso, agreed Jessie is "funny. I (too) like to hear her stories."

Just who is Jessie Bowden Wright Cooper Cox?

Here is a hint: "I do my best" in whatever tasks she undertakes. "If they don't like it, they will have to find somebody else." Disclaimer: She does not "do computers."

Her 1947 Midland High School yearbook, CATIOCO (acronym for cattle, oil, cotton) reflects a smattering about her among the 144 seniors pictured therein: "Jet," because she was a fast gal but is "not fast anymore"; "Conceited People," an aversion because she never was of that clique; and "Expert Typist," because she never was one but wanted to be. "I loved school from day one. She was fond her teachers even though one was "meaner than a snake."



Jessie Cox, high school senior portrait

Overall, "I like ordinary, down-to-earth people." She sidesteps folks who are "full of themselves."

"I was pretty," she sajd of her youth. "But don't say that. People will think I am conceited."

Growing up in the safety of enterprising small-town Midland back in the 1930s and 1940s, "The only thing you had to worry about was if you didn't mind (your parents), you got a spanking."

During the Great Depression, her father worked for the New Deal's Civilian Conservation Corps. He died in 1938 at age 47, and her mother, living to 97, supported the family by doing household day work.

"I learned not to loaf around from her," Jessie said. "She was always busy."

Her mother raised four children to her nine. "She was a little smarter than I was," Jessie quipped.

Of sorrow in her life, she lamented the death of her five-year-old brother due to measles.

"We didn't have a radio or anything like that," Jessie recalled. Her brother, James Henry, was fond of the country-and-blues singing of yodeler Jimmie Rodgers. On the wind-up phonograph, their mother played Rodgers' songs of longing, lament, hope.

"When he died, she put the phonograph up, and it was never played again."

No sloucher, the 5-foot-7, blue-to-green-eyed Granny Red found adventure in work.

In her youth, Jessie and her sister, Joy, hoed in cotton fields, each making a silver dime per mile-long row between Lamesa Road and Fairgrounds Road. She waited on customers at the downtown five-and-dime Morrison's store on busy Main Street. She found enjoyment and comfort in working for Midland grocer Herbert Powell, who in 1938 founded the "Meat, Bread and Molasses" store, later renamed Sundown Market. She was a courteous "Number, please," telephone operator who, as today, "enjoyed talking with people."

In reflecting on her 1947 yearbook's motto, "Not failure but low aim is crime" by American romantic poet James Russell Lowell, Jessie reckoned, "I don't always succeed in what I do, but I make my mark."

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Use graham crackers for elegant desserts

FOOD ETC.
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Who knew a simple graham cracker combined with other ingredients could make a very elegant dessert? In these recipes, graham crackers are layered with various delicious combinations of ingredients and refrigerated several hours. When the dessert is removed from the refrigerator, the graham crackers will have softened, becoming almost cake-like. Family and guests will never guess the dessert included graham crackers.

One of my family's favorite desserts is the Chocolate Éclair Cake listed today. However, recently my daughter was home from Taiwan where she is teaching English and I made the No-Bake Strawberry Icebox Cake for her and some friends.

Both of these dishes make an elegant presentation with very little effort. The strawberry version may be our new favorite for now because it was so refreshing. With the beautiful strawberries appearing on the grocery shelves, it is the perfect dessert for your next get-together.

Chocolate Banana Graham Refrigerator Cake

From www.nabiscoworld.com

1 (3.9-ounce) package Jell-O Chocolate Instant Pudding
1 cup cold milk
1 (8-ounce) tub Cool Whip
1 banana, chopped
11 Graham crackers broken in half (22 squares), divided

Beat pudding mix and milk in medium bowl with a whisk for 2 minutes. Stir in 11/2 cups Cool Whip and bananas. Spread 1 rounded tablespoon of pudding mixture onto each of 20 graham squares. Stack grahams together, then stand on edge on serving platter to make 8 1/2-inch loaf. Frost with remaining Cool Whip. Crush remaining graham squares, sprinkle over loaf. Refrigerate 4 hours before serving.

Chocolate Éclair Cake

From "Keepers"

1 (16-ounce) box graham crackers
2 (3 1/2-ounce) packages Instant French Vanilla Pudding
3 cups plus 3 Tablespoons milk
1 (12-ounce) carton Cool Whip
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
6 Tablespoons cocoa
2 Tablespoons margarine
2 teaspoons light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla

Place a single layer of whole graham crackers on the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan. Combine pudding mixes with 3 cups of the milk, stirring until thickened. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread half the pudding on graham cracker layer. Top with another layer of graham crackers. Cover this layer with remaining pudding. Top with a third layer of crackers.

In a small saucepan, combine remaining milk, powdered sugar, cocoa, margarine, corn syrup and vanilla. Stir over low heat until liquefied. Pour over top layer of crackers. Refrigerate at least 12 hours.

No-Bake Strawberry Icebox Cake

From www.thekitchn.com/summer-recipe-nobake-strawberr-

2 pounds fresh strawberries, washed
3 1/2 cups whipping cream, divided
1/3 cup confectioners sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 box graham crackers
2 ounces dark chocolate, finely chopped

Take out a few of the best-looking strawberries and set them aside for the garnish. Hull the remainder and slice each berry into thin slices. With a hand mixer or in the bowl of a stand mixer, whip 3 cups of cream until it just holds stiff peaks. Add the confectioners sugar and vanilla and whip to combine.

Spread a small spoonful of whipped cream on the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking pan or a platter of this size. Lay down six graham crackers. Lightly cover the top of the graham crackers with more whipped cream, and then a single layer of strawberries. Repeat three times, until you have four layers of graham crackers. Spread the last of the whipped cream over the top and swirl it lightly with a spoon. Add a few more strawberries.

To make the ganache, heat the cream until bubbles form around the edges; then pour over the chopped chocolate. Let it stand for a few minutes, then whisk until it is thick and glossy. Drizzle over the layered dessert with a spoon. Refrigerate for at least four hours, or until the crackers have softened completely. Garnish with additional berries.

Graham Cracker Tart

From Allrecipes

2 (6-ounce) packages orange flavored gelatin
4 cups boiling water
1 (16-ounce) package graham crackers
2 (8-ounce) cans crushed pineapple
1 (12-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Pour the gelatin mix into a large bowl, and stir in the boiling water until the gelatin has dissolved. Refrigerate until set, about 3 hours.

Make a layer of graham crackers in the bottom of a glass 9x13-inch baking dish. Spoon a layer of gelatin over the graham crackers, and top with a layer of crushed pineapple. Cover with a layer of whipped topping. Repeat the layers all the way to the top of the pan, ending with whipped topping on top. Refrigerate for a few hours before serving to let the graham crackers absorb the flavors of orange and pineapple.

Cinnamon and Cream Cheese Icebox Cake

From 5 Ingredient Fix on Food Network

3 cups chilled heavy cream, divided
1/2 cup plus 1 Tablespoon granulated sugar, divided
1 cup softened cream cheese
9 to 12 chocolate graham crackers, broken into squares
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

In a medium bowl, add 2 cups cream and 6 tablespoons sugar and whisk, using a hand mixer, until soft peaks form, 3 to 4 minutes. Slowly add the cream cheese and beat until fully incorporated.

Spread 1 1/2 cups cream cheese mixture on the bottom of a springform pan and arrange a layer of graham crackers on top. Spread another 1 1/2 cups cream cheese mixture and one more layer of graham crackers. Spread the remaining cream cheese mixture on top, making sure you have a smooth top. Cover the pan with plastic wrap, making sure it touches the top layer, and freeze until firm, about 2 hours.

Remove from the freezer and place in the refrigerator for about 6 hours to defrost but still remain firm. Place the remaining graham crackers in a food processor and grind until you have fine crumbs. Using your hand mixer, whip the remaining 1 cup cream until stiff peaks form and add the cinnamon and the remaining 3 Tablespoons sugar.

Remove the plastic wrap and the side of the pan and frost the cake all over with the cinnamon cream. Sprinkle the whole top of the cake with graham cracker crumbs. Serve cold.

Jell-O Graham Cracker Cake

From www.living.jroy.net

Applesauce
Jell-O (whatever flavor(s) you like — for holidays you can use two colors and sugar-free is fine
Instant vanilla pudding and ingredients needed to make pudding
Low-fat graham crackers
Light Cool Whip

Combine Jell-O and applesauce — use the general rule of 1 cup applesauce to one box of dry Jell-O. Use as many or as few flavors as you like; red and green for Christmas, red and blue for the 4th of July etc. Prepare vanilla pudding according to box instructions.

Lay down a base of graham crackers, how many is determined by how big you want it. Spread a layer of applesauce mixture down. Put another layer of graham crackers, this time changing the direction you lay them. This helps keep the cake stable. Next, place a layer of vanilla pudding. Then another layer of graham crackers. Keep layering ending with graham crackers on top. Chill for at least one hour, preferably several hours. Frost with Cool Whip. It is best to make it the night before so the graham crackers get nice and soft.

No-Cook Pumpkin Chocolate Icebox Cake

From Sunset, November 2011

3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, at room temperature
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
2 Tablespoons half and half
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
28 chocolate graham cracker sheets (12-ounces)
Unsweetened cocoa powder, for dusting

Beat cream cheese and sugars in a bowl with a mixer on medium speed until smooth. Then, beat in pumpkin, half and half, salt, pumpkin pie spice, and vanilla until smooth and fluffy. Lay enough graham crackers in a 9x9-inch pan to cover bottom (cut to fit if necessary.) Spread a quarter of pumpkin mixture over crackers with a spatula. Layer 3 more times ending with pumpkin mixture. Cover, chill overnight. If using as a fall dessert, lay leaf cutouts on top and dust with cocoa, then remove cutouts to leave the leaf shapes on top.

Food Etc.

Because May is the time for graduation and families coming together for celebrations, what is your favorite recipe that serves a crowd? It can be a main dish, salad, side dish or dessert. Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Reporter-Telegram, 201 East Illinois Avenue, Midland, 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7680. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is April 25.

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Source: Publisher's Weekly

PETALS

From 1B

The annual spring event is one of two main fundraisers for the Childhood Home.

All money raised is used for general operating expenses. The home is one of only six presidential sites in the United States that is owned by a private foundation and relies on fundraisers, donations, grants and gift shop sales to stay open, St. Hilaire said.

Each year, the home holds the annual spring fundraiser close to Mother's Day as a way to honor and bring attention to the women in the area.

"The idea of the 'Petals and Pearls' celebration is to celebrate the lives of all the women in our lives," he said.

"We'd like to see as many faces out there as possible."

For more information and to purchase tickets, call the George W. Bush Childhood Home at 685-1112.

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Crabgrass infestation likely is dallisgrass

Dear Neil: My yard is infested with crabgrass! How did it get all through the lawn so quickly? I've used (variety of product brands named), and it's still flourishing. What can I do? My lawn has been ruined by the crabgrass.

Answer: First things first — we need to be sure the identification of the weed is correct. It is very, very early in the growing season for this kind of alarm to be sounded about true crabgrass. It's an annual weed that comes up from seed in March and April. For it, the only reliable controls are with pre-emergent weedkillers applied in early March and repeated in early June. (June treatment is of no value if no treatment was made in March.) Frequent mowing certainly will discourage it in healthy lawns.

That said, I'm asked a variation of this question many times each week this time of year, and it's almost always dallisgrass that's involved. To differentiate: crabgrass is a medium-green annual grass that comes up from seed. Its seed heads are 6 inches tall, and they look like helicopter rotors. Dallisgrass is a deep green, clump-forming perennial grass with quick-growing and conspicuous seed heads (late spring through summer) 12 to 15 inches above the turf. Because dallisgrass comes back from its roots, pre-emergent weedkillers do not work on it. You either will have to dig it by hand or apply a glyphosate-only weedkiller spray in very careful spot-treatments, knowing as you do the spray will kill both the dallisgrass and the turf. Since MSMA left the market, we have no reliable control for one unwanted grass within another lawngrass, other than to use pre-emergents for the annual weeds. If all of that is too confusing, take a generous sample to your local independent retail nursery, and look for a Texas Certified Nursery Professional for help. As for the speed of the invasion, every dallisgrass seed is fertile, even without pollination. Quick spread is one of its hallmarks.

Dear Neil: Palms I have had for 10 years looked like they were hurt by the freezing weather 15 months ago. I had the landscaper trim off the dead leaves. I suppose, because of the drought, they produced no new leaves last year and nothing this spring. Are they dead?

Answer: Almost assuredly, yes. But, it was from the cold, not the drought. It's time to replant.

Dear Neil: Every time I grow potted plants on my patio, I end up with ants in the bottoms of the pots. They come pouring out when I water. What can I do to prevent this?

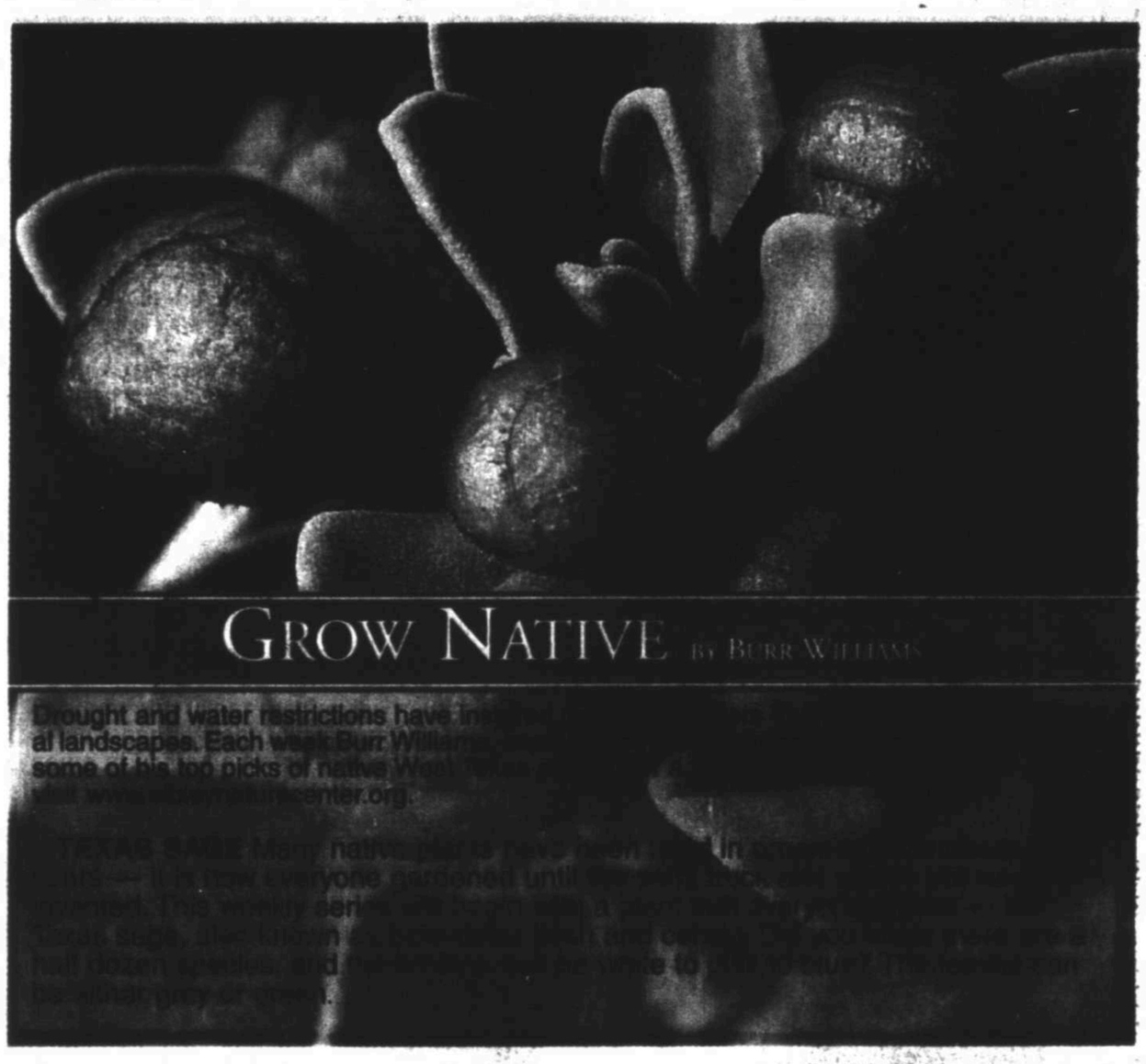
Answer: Anyone who has grown container plants outdoors has faced this issue, so you're not alone. I've done a couple of different things, depending on the circumstances. I have poured one of the garden insecticides that is labeled for use on my plants through their soil, as a drench, applied at spraying strength. I leave it 10 or 15 minutes, then I flush it through with a thorough watering. I also have submerged other plants' soil balls in a large tub of water for a couple of hours. The ants float to the surface, but it has killed them the times that I've done it. If it's fire ants that are involved, do not pour fire ant liquids into the soil, as they can burn plants' roots. In that case, I would use one of the fire ant baits, and I'd apply it on the ground around the pots and perhaps on the potting soil surface.

Dear Neil: We have a heavily treed lot, and after last year's drought, we lost our newly sodded yard. It broke my heart, but we had the trees trimmed heavily (grass needs light). How can we prepare the soil for new sod that is coming? Compost or peat?

Answer: I so wish you had asked before you went to all that trouble. To answer your specific question: the grass is going to have to grow in your soil long after the organic matter will have rotted and disappeared, so there is no reason to add either compost or peat as you rototill and rake the soil. As I commented to an earlier question above, I also am asked a variation of this question scores of times every spring. I also have been down this same path in my own lawn. I almost would guarantee that lack of sunlight is what killed your new sod last year. Granted, the trimming will allow more sun to reach the new grass, but what will you do when the trees regrow and fill right back in? With my arm around your shoulder for psychological encouragement, I'll say many of us have looked upon shade as a chance to try other landscaping options — to move toward shade-tolerant groundcovers and shade-loving shrubs. As the Astrodome found out when Astroturf had to be developed, there just are times you have to go to "Plan B."

Dear Neil: When can I dig and move my iris? They are too crowded, and they're in too much shade.

Answer: Iris can be moved most of the time, but late September is, by far, the best.



Maintain landscape by trimming, cleaning and adding mulch

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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Limited irrigation water shouldn't send your entire landscape down the tubes. Here are some steps to take to preserve and maintain your landscape.

Evaluate. Marginal plants may need to go. Choose plant species that will thrive with less water and our climate. If you don't want to plant because of the current water restrictions, use this time for planning. Once your landscape plan is complete, spend the summer creating new beds, installing improved irrigation, hardscaping, outdoor rooms and other garden features.

Fall is an ideal time to plants trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers, hardy flowering perennials and many other winter hardy plants. Our water situation may be better at that time and the growing conditions are generally excellent for establishing new plants.

Tidy up. Look for dead, brown, weedy or distracting plants and debris in the landscape. Removing brown, dead, damaged plants can tidy up a property in a dramatic way. Controlling weeds, pruning errant limbs, painting the fence and other basic chores can make a big difference. These are simple, but effective steps to improve the appearance of any property.

Mow the lawn. Even though most of us are not watering our lawns, there are areas that are green and growing. These green areas are mostly because of the hand watering of trees. A freshly mowed lawn, even if it is dormant, will keep your home landscape neat. Keep weeds pulled or mowed for a neater appearance, too.

Add edging. A good, clean, crisp edging can make your landscape look great. The edging serves to emphasis the line of design (not too many curves), help keep grass out of beds, provide a surface for a string trimmer or edger and it looks good. Steel, rock, brick, concrete and many other materials can be used.

Improve soil. Consider top dressing your beds and garden areas with compost. A 3- to 4-inch layer of compost is great. Work it into the soil where you can but where you can't, it eventually will get worked in through weather, insects, microorganisms and decomposition. The compost will breakdown to humus and will act like a sponge, increasing the soil's ability to hold water and nutrients.

Use mulch. A generous 4-inch layer of mulch will conserve soil moisture and keep soil temperatures cool. Purchase mulch bagged or in bulk. The city of Odessa has free mulch at the Recycle Time Machine. Some tree pruners have shredders that produce great mulch. Shredded pine bark, shredded tree limbs and hardwood mulch breakdown to add humus to your soil over a couple of years helping maintain a healthy soil. Pine needles, cottonseed hulls, shredded plant debris and several other types of organic mulch can be used.

Control unwanted grass and weeds. Before adding mulch, take several sheets of newspaper and lay on top of the soil. Crisscross the papers and moisten them until there is a 1/2- to 1-inch layer of newspaper. Cardboard also can be used as a very effective weed barrier. It can be pinned to the ground with drip irrigation staples to keep the wind from getting under it. Both newspaper and cardboard then can be covered with several inches of mulch to make a very effective, organic weed barrier.

Reduce the lawn. Use the above method to cut down on the lawn area. New beds eventually could be planted with drought-resistant ground cover, perennials, ornamental grasses or any number of plants. Patience is needed with this method which may need six months to two years to kill bermudagrass.

Trim, clean up, mulch and plan for a better West Texas landscape.

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Look at what's blooming on our roadsides. Many of our wildflowers make great garden plants. Calylophus, plains black foot daisy, Engelmann daisy, guara, gaillardia, mallow, penstemons, verbena and many others are worth pursuing. These natives are easy to grow if you get them established and don't over water them and many of these are perennial.

Flower Market set for Saturday

ODESSA — The Ellen Noël Art Museum's annual Flower Market is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The fundraising event will benefit the museum's George and Milly Rhodus Sculpture and Sensory Garden.

This year's market will focus on drought-tolerant plants and water conservation. Retired Ector County Extension Agent Debbie Frost will speak at 10:30 a.m. about drought tolerant plants and Darlene Mays, Ector County Neighborhood Development Services supervisor, will speak at 11:45 a.m. about water wise use and Odessa city water restrictions.

Admission to the market is free. Those attending a preview party 6-8 p.m. Friday will have first choice in selection of plants and vendors' wares. The evening also will include hors h'oeuvres and beverages provided by Ogi's Restaurant and Bar. Cost is $35 per person. Reservations may be made at www.noelartmuseum.org or by calling 432-550-9696 extension 210.

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Lee's Mangum headed to region tennis tourney

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

ODESSA — It wasn't exactly how Stephen Mangum planned it, but a day after winning a singles match for the first time in the District 3-5A Tournament, the Lee junior earned himself a trip to the Region I-5A Tournament with a 7-6 (7-0), 6-3 win against Midland High senior Frankie Sanchez in a second-place playback match.

"It feels incredible because I hadn't won a district match before this year," Mangum said. "So now it's crazy to be going to regionals."

Mangum's morning started with a straight-sets loss to No. 1-seeded Nick Melott in the boys singles championship, leaving the door open for a second-place playback game between Mangum and Sanchez.

Melott showed why he was the top seed in the match, never trailing in game points and taking six straight at one point from the end of the first game to the start of the second. It was a sobering loss for Mangum after an exhilarating come-from-behind win Monday to reach the championship match.

"I'd have liked to win to have that secured spot at regionals," Mangum said after the match, "but sometimes people just play too good, and that was Nick today."

Mangum didn't have long to dwell on the loss to Melott, however, as Sanchez was entrenched in a three-set battle with Central's Logan Gibbs for a chance to play Mangum.

"I watched that match," Mangum said. "I was like, 'Do not win Frankie — I love you bro, but do not win.'"

But Sanchez overcame a tiebreaker loss in the second set to take the match 6-3, 6-7 (7-0), 6-1 to set up the match he predicted Monday between he and Mangum.

"I know I'm going to get Stephen," Sanchez said Monday, adding Tuesday: "I had the feeling before the tournament."

Sanchez seemed to carry over momentum from his early match into the match against Mangum, going up 5-2 in the first set while Mangum continued to have a hard time finding a rhythm.

That's when Mangum decided to put his slow start to the day behind him.

"I realized I just needed to fight my way back into it no matter what," Mangum said. "I had to disregard what happened in the morning and just fight through it."

Mangum did just that, using a strong serve to take the next five games and go up 6-5 in the set before Sanchez sent it to a tiebreaker. Despite forcing his second tiebreaker of the day, Sanchez said he began to feel the effects of his long day in the form of a cramp in his left leg.

Please see **MANGUM**/4A

Lee junior Stephen Mangum returns a shot Tuesday in the District 3-5A Tournament finals at Ratliff in Odessa. Mangum won a playback match to advance to the Region I-5A Tournament.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Missed chances

Gary Rhodes/MRT contributor

Midland High's Selena Campos races for the ball against Arlington High's Kendall Kinsley on Tuesday afternoon during a regional quarterfinal game at Edwards Field in Abilene. Arlington won 3-0.

MHS girls' season ends with loss to Arlington

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Lady Colts 3
Lady Bulldogs 0

ABILENE — Opportunities in playoff soccer games are rare, and when a team gets them, it has to take advantage.

The Arlington High girls soccer team took advantage of its chances Tuesday afternoon at McMurry University's field, giving the Lady Colts a 3-0 win over Midland High in a Class 5A regional quarterfinal

Arlington High midfielder Annie Wheeler scored two first-half goals that provided the Lady Colts the momentum and edge they needed to roll by the Lady Bulldogs.

Plus, Wheeler was part of a Lady Colt defense that thwarted a number of Lady Bulldog chances, along with goalkeeper Nikki Lockwood making a number of key saves.

"All season we've been playing other team's systems and how they play," Arlington High coach Andrea Stone said. "Our focus going into the playoffs was playing our game and not playing someone else's game."

Midland High's season ends one game short of the regional tournament and with a 19-7-1 record. Meanwhile, Arlington High improved to 18-4-5 and will take on Flower Mound Marcus at 2 p.m. Friday at Grande Communications Stadium in a Region I-5A semifinal.

Through the first 20-plus minutes, neither team found many opportunities, but Midland High did have a chance when Madison Morrow had a point-blank shot blocked by Lockwood, and MHS couldn't control the rebound for another shot.

Lockwood made two more key saves later in the game, but the save on Morrow's shot set the tone for the rest of the game.

"It kept the team going, and it kept us going in the back," said Lockwood, a junior. "I think it helped with the fire in us."

After that save, Arlington High began to exert pressure on Midland High's defense, and Wheeler — a tall, rangy senior midfielder for the Lady Colts — found space on the right side of the 18-yard box and took advantage.

It was just enough space to allow Wheeler to make a move around a Midland High defender and blast a right-footed shot into the top of the net in the 24th minute.

Less than five minutes later, Wheeler struck again, this time using her height to leap over Midland High's defenders on a corner kick and finish a nice feed from Molly Kate McLaughlin for a 2-0 lead. Molly Lukk finished the scoring in the 66th minute.

"I think once they got that first goal, we (thought), 'That's OK, we can always work our way back,'" said Midland High senior forward Molly Barham. "The second goal came, and it was just so sudden, and I don't think we've been down 2-0 all season. It was overwhelming, but we fought hard, and

Please see **MHS**/4C

Lady Rebels softball routs Abilene Cooper

Lee's Destiny Reyes dives to catch the ball hit by Abilene Cooper's McKenzie Black to end the third inning Tuesday during their game at Gene Smith Field. The Lady Rebels won 10-0.

Cindaka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Lady Rebels 10
Lady Cougars 0 (6)

Lee softball coach Wes Overton always seems to grimace when he has to say something he believes is a cliché. But, nothing other than what Overton deems a cliché describes the Lee softball team's current situation better.

The Lady Rebels began what Overton called a three-step process Tuesday with their final District 3-5A home game against Abilene Cooper at Gene Smith Field.

Lee easily scaled its first hurdle in its late-season quest to qualify for the post-season with a 10-0 run-rule victory against the Lady Cougars. The game was called with no outs in the bottom of the sixth inning when sophomore shortstop Ciara Sheppard scored Lee's 10th run on a wild pitch for the mercy-rule victory.

Combine the win with Abilene High's 8-4 loss to Midland High and the Lady Rebels (16-12, 5-5 in district) now find themselves tied for fourth place with Abilene High for the fourth and final playoff berth available in 3-5A with two games to play.

"We did what we had to do," Overton said. "We had some business in front of us. I know these are old clichés but we had three steps ahead of us and we took care of one of them

Please see **LEE**/2C

MHS boys stay in 2nd, move to regionals

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Midland High boys golf didn't gain any ground on Odessa Permian on Tuesday and lost some ground to third place Abilene High. But thanks to the Bulldogs shooting a 312 during the final round of the District 3-5A Boys Golf Tour at Diamondback Golf Club, they finished second and earned their first regional tournament berth since 2008.

Inside

Find District 3-5A boys golf scores and other area golf results on **Page 4C**.

Midland High finished the tournament with a score of 1,253 and was 10 strokes behind district champ Odessa Permian and finished 13 strokes ahead of third-place Abilene High.

"Over the four rounds, I was pretty satisified with them but I still think we just never put everybody together at one time," Midland High coach Billy Mitchell said. "Each round we had to count of couple of scores in the 80s. I'm real proud of the kids with the way they hung in there and kept fighting and competing."

Lucas McCubbin shot an 80 and finished the tournament at 310 and was tied for sixth, earning all-district honors. Chandler Smith also shot a final round 80 and was at 317 and ended up in ninth spot and also was an all-district selection.

Lee, meanwhile, shot 328 as a team and finished fifth overall. The Rebels' Blake Roberson finished 10th, shooting a final round 82 and was at 318 for the four rounds to earn all-district honors.

The Region I-5A boys tournament is scheduled for April 16-17 at the Rawls Course in Lubbock.

Marlins' Ozzie Guillen apologizes over Castro flap

Associated Press

MIAMI — A contrite Ozzie Guillen sat in the heart of Little Havana seeking forgiveness for what the Miami Marlins manager called the biggest mistake of his life — saying he admired Fidel Castro.

This wasn't some offhanded insult about a sports writer, the type of thing that got the outspoken Guillen in trouble in Chicago. This was personal to the fan base that the Marlins rely on so much that they built their new stadium in the middle of the city's Cuban-American neighborhood.

Guillen

Castro is the sworn enemy of those fans.

So after being suspended for five games Tuesday, the Marlins manager tried to quell the tempest.

"I'm here on my knees to apologize," Guillen said.

"I'm very sorry about the problem, what happened. I will do everything in my power to make it better. ... When you make a mistake like this, you can't sleep."

A chastened Guillen, who has a history of polarizing comments about gays and

Please see **GUILLEN**/5C

'Hounds end 6-game road trip with loss

Cardinals 5
RockHounds.....2

From staff reports

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Springfield scored five late runs off Midland RockHounds reliever James Simmons as the Cardinals came from behind to take a 5-2 victory Tuesday afternoon at Hammons Field.

The game concluded a six-game road trip for the 3-3 RockHounds, who will make their 2012 home debut at Citibank Ballpark against Arkansas at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The loss spoiled a great start by A.J. Griffin, who pitched six no-hit innings, walked one and struck out eight.

Midland clung to a 1-0 lead heading into the seventh inning when the Cardinals struck with three runs against Simmons (0-1). RBI singles by Adam Melker and Thomas Pham were sandwiched in between two walks and two wild pitches by Simmons.

Then in the eighth, Simmons walked leadoff batter Rainel Rosario, and then allowed a bunt single by Jose Garcia and a sacrfice bunt by Greg Garcia before being lifted for Brett Hunter. Jake Shaffer then greeted Hunter with a single to center field to score Rosario and Jose Garcia for a 5-1 lead.

The RockHounds added a run in the ninth when Michael Choice scored and later scored on an infield throwing error.

CARDINALS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Springfield	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss 2b	3	0	0	0	JGarcia 2b-3b	4	1	1	0
Gil 3b	0	0	0	0	GGarcia	2	1	0	0
Spina 3b	3	0	0	0	Shaffer ff	3	0	1	2
Peterson lf	4	0	1	0	Scruggs 1b	2	1	0	0
Choice cf	3	1	0	0	Melker cf	4	1	1	1
Horton dh	4	1	1	0	Pham dh	3	0	1	2
Barfield rf	4	0	0	0	Vasquez 3b	2	0	0	0
Aliotti 1b	3	0	2	1	Wong	1	0	0	0
Lipkin c	3	0	0	0	Derba c	3	0	0	0
Coleman ss	3	0	0	0	Rosario rf	2	1	0	0
Totals	**30**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**Totals**	**26**	**5**	**4**	**5**

Midland	010	000	001 —2
Springfield	000	000	32x —5

E — Freeman (1). DP — Springfield 2. LOB — Midland 5, Springfield 4. 2B — Horton (1), Aliotti (1), Peterson (1). SB — Shaffer (1). S — Shaffer, G. Garcia.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Griffin	6.0	0	0	0	1	8
Simmons L, 0-1	1.1	3	5	5	3	1
Hunter	0.2	1	0	0	1	1
Springfield						
Gorgen	6.0	3	1	1	0	6
Butler W, 1-0	1.2	1	0	0	1	3
Freeman S, 1	1.1	0	1	0	1	2

WP — Simmons 2. HBP — by Gorgen (Gil), by Freeman (Cumbliss). PB — Derba.
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TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	4	2	.667	—
Springfield	3	3	.500	1
Arkansas	2	4	.333	2
Northwest Arkansas	2	4	.333	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	4	2	.667	—
Corpus Christi	3	3	.500	1
Midland	3	3	.500	1
San Antonio	3	3	.500	1

Tuesday's Scores
Springfield 5, Midland 2
Tulsa 8, Corpus Christi 3
San Antonio 10, NW Arkansas 2
Frisco 8, Arkansas 1
Thursday's Games
Corpus Christi at NW Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Springfield at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

LEE

From 1C

today. We've got two big steps to go."

The Lady Rebels jumped on Abilene Cooper pitcher Ashley Rangel early, posting four runs in the first and second innings. Lee batted around in the first, sending all nine batters to plate and scoring four runs on five hits and an error.

Senior left field Alicia Alvarez began the rally with an infield hit and moved up to second two batters later when Cooper shortstop Kaylin Farmer couldn't handle a hard hit line drive hit by Sheppard.

Freshman first baseman Rosie Marquez singled down the right field line to bring in Alvarez from second for the game's first run. A second straight single to right by third baseman Kristen Schlemeyer brought in Sheppard from third for a 2-0 advantage for the Lady Rebels.

Marquez then scored from third on a fielder's choice ball hit by junior pitcher Emily Hardaway. Brandi Marquez, who replaced Hardaway on the base paths as a courtesy runner, scored the rally's final run courtesy of a single on a chopper up the middle of the diamond by Kylie Herring.

Lee repeated its four-run effort in the second inning which, like the first, began with a single by Alvarez, who moved up to second after Cooper left fielder Afton Dutlinger failed to field the Lee senior's base hit.

Alvarez moved to third on a ground out by second baseman Dee Gaona and beat a throw home by Farmer after Sheppard hit a sharp grounder at the Cooper shortstop for a 5-0 Lady Rebels lead.

Sheppard went to second on a single by Rosie Marquez and the bases got loaded when Cooper first baseman Katie Earles dropped a throw from third baseman Jamie Beyer on a grounder from Schlemeyer.

Sheppard scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Hardaway and Marquez came in after Cooper center fielder Vanessa Curranza made a throwing error trying to throw out Sheppard at home for a 7-0 lead. The rally ended when Destiny Reyes brought in Schlemeyer with a double to the fence in right center for an 8-0 Lee advantage.

Reyes, who went 2 for 3 with a double and a RBI, said it's the Lady Rebels' current state of mind that allowed them to open the game so hot at the plate.

"We're playing with heart," Reyes said. "Our mindset right now is to just play with heart, work as a team and take it one game at a time."

And, perhaps no player displayed more heart than Reyes, who had the defensive play of the game.

Reyes made a highlight-reel diving catch on a weekly hit pop up off the bat of McKenzie Black in the third inning, helping cap what was an impressive all around performance from the Lady Rebels catcher.

"I didn't see (third baseman Schlemeyer) getting to it," Reyes recalled, "so I just thought I might have a chance at it. I knew I had it once I dived."

While the Lee bats were heating up and with her defense making plays, Hardaway had everything under control from the pitcher's circle, holding the Lady Cougars (15-12, 2-8) to a mere four hits. She also walked one batter, while striking out seven. No Cooper baserunner advanced past second base and just one made it even that far.

"Another great game," said Overton of Hardaway's performance. "She was behind very few batters, which means she was getting a lot of first-pitch strikes. That's what she's got to do."

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LEE 10, ABILENE COOPER 0, 6 INNINGS

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Ashley Rangel and McKenzie Black. Emily Hardaway and Destiny Reyes. W — Hardaway. L — Rangel. 2B — Lee: Reyes. RBI — Lee: Hardaway 2, Reyes, Alicia Alvarez, Clara Sheppard, Rosie Marquez, Kristen Schlemeyer, Kylie Herring.

Records: Abilene Cooper 15-12, 2-8 in 3-5A; Lee 16-12, 5-5

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

Lady Dawgs softball rallies for win over Abilene High

Lady Bulldogs.....6
Lady Eagles 4

From staff reports

ABILENE — Midland High was two outs away from dropping its second straight District 3-5A game, but the Lady Bulldogs made the most of their finals gasps.

The Lady Dawgs scored six runs in the seventh inning, rallying to an 8-4 victory against Abilene High on Tuesday. With the win, the Lady Dawgs (21-9, 9-2) clinch at least a share of the District 3-5A title, and can clinch it outright with a win against Abilene Cooper in the season finale next week.

Meanwhile, Abilene High (11-10, 5-5) falls into a tie with Lee for the fourth and final playoff berth available in 3-5A.

With one out and Brittany Baggett on first, junior second baseman Taylor Vines doubled to left field, scoring Baggett and cutting the Lady Eagles' lead to 4-3. Vines was close behind Baggett, though, taking third on the throw from the outfield and then scoring on an error during the relay throw, tying the game at 4-4.

Senior Gaby Muniz followed Vines with a single to left and promptly stole second to move into scoring position. Muniz moved up to third on an Abilene High fielding error on a ball hit by Courtney Warren, putting runners on the corner with one out.

3-5A Softball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	7	2	21	9
Odessa High	7	2	15	12
Odessa Permian	7	4	23	5
Lee	5	5	16	12
Abilene High	5	5	11	10
Abilene Cooper	2	8	15	12
San Angelo Central	1	9	9	13

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched share of district title

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Lee 10, Abilene Cooper 0 (6 innings)
Midland High 8, Abilene High 4
Odessa Permian 5, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa High was idle.

THURSDAY'S GAME
Abilene at Midland High, 1 p.m. Aubrey Gill Sports Complex.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Lee at San Angelo Central; Corpus Christi High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Odessa Permian; Rudy Burns Complex. All games at 2 p.m. Midland High is (8).

Senior shortstop Naomi Posada hit an infield single, scoring Muniz and pushing courtesy runner Bianca Ambrosio to second. Senior Val Sisneros continued the rally with a single to center, scoring Ambrosio and giving MHS a 7-4 advantage.

Marissa Urias then loaded the bases with a base hit and freshman Shelby Neatherlin singled to left to score Posada. After Merissa Ramirez popped out for the second out of the inning, Baggett reached on an error, which also allowed Sisneros to score, capping the six-run rally.

MIDLAND HIGH 8, ABILENE HIGH 4

Midland High	002	000	6—	8 12 4
Abilene High	400	000	0—	4 8 4

Stefani Saenz and Courtney Warren, Samantha Rodriguez, Chastine Simmons (7) and Lauren Williams. W — Saenz (12-4). L — Rodriguez (9-9). 2B — MHS: Val Sisneros. Taylor Vines; AHS: Christy Rodriguez.

Records — Midland High 21-9, 9-2; Abilene High 11-10, 5-5.

Midland High baseball gets first loss in district play

Bobcats 2
Bulldogs 1

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — For the first time in District 3-5A play this season, the Midland High baseball team tasted defeat.

The Bulldogs lost their first district game Tuesday, falling to San Angelo Central 2-1 at Nathan Donsky Field. Central overcame an early 1-0 deficit, scoring two runs in the fourth inning, which proved to be the difference.

Midland High coach Barry Russell said Tuesday's loss was a case of his team not taking advantage of numerous scoring opportunities.

"We didn't execute," Russell said. "We got runners on in every inning. We had the leadoff guy on in four straight innings and couldn't bunt him over. We executed the bunt in the first and ended up scoring because of it. Because we couldn't execute the bunt later, we lost. When you play at that place you bet-

3-5A Baseball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	7	1	19	8
Lee	5	2	19	6
Abilene Cooper	4	3	8	11
Abilene High	4	4	11	10
San Angelo Central	3	5	12	14
Odessa High	3	5	9	18
Odessa Permian	1	7	4	21

TUESDAY'S SCORES
San Angelo Central 2, Midland High 1; Odessa Permian 6, Abilene Cooper 5; Abilene High 8, Odessa High 4.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Midland High at Lee; Odessa Permian at Odessa High; Abilene High at Abilene Cooper. All games at 4:30 p.m.

ter be able to bunt the ball because the wind blows in your face."

Jimmy Essman knocked in Austen Wade in the first inning with a RBI single, putting the Bulldogs up 1-0. Midland High starting pitcher Alex Mata held the Bobcats in check until the fourth inning, when they took advantage of a batter getting hit by a pitch followed by an error and got one of their three hits in the game to knock in the go-ahead run.

Mata pitched a complete game, allowing two runs — one earned — on three hits, a walk, an intentional walk, while hitting two batters with pitches. He also notched seven strikeouts. This was Mata's first appearance on the mound since March 16 when the Bulldogs played their first game against Central and he failed to throw a strike.

"The good news is we got Alex back," Russell said. "The bad news is we wasted a pretty good pitching performance by him. He threw real well, just didn't get the run support he needed."

Now, the Bulldogs must bounce back from their first loss of the district season with their second game against crosstown rival Lee at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Ernie Johnson Field. Midland High won the first meeting against the Rebels 4-3 in extra innings on March 20.

CENTRAL 2, MIDLAND HIGH 1

Midland High	100	000	0—	1 3 1
Central	000	200	x—	2 3 1

Alex Mata and Travis Sims. Brock Barger and Logan Sawyer. W — Brock Barger. L — Alex Mata (1-3).

Records - Midland High 18-8, 7-1 in 3-5A; Central 12-14-1, 3-5.

Next: Midland High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Ernie Johnson Field; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17

HSROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL
ANDREWS 6, GREENWOOD 4

ANDREWS — The Greenwood baseball team had nine hits but three errors in a District 4-3A loss to Andrews on Tuesday.

Zach Long took the loss for the Rangers, who fell to 4-14, 1-4 in district.

Greenwood next travels to Fort Stockton at 1 p.m. Saturday.

ANDREWS 6, GREENWOOD 4

Greenwood	000	112	0—	4 8 3
Andrews	101	220	x—	6 4 0

Zach Long, Victor Urias (8) and Zach Redwine. Criswell, Brown (7) and Ramos. W — Criswell. L — Long. S — Brown. 2B — GHS: Long, Stephen Milligan. Garrett Carlisle. AHS: Ramos, Buck; 3B — AHS: Marquez

Record: Greenwood 4-14, 1-4 in District 4-3A

Next: Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 1 p.m. Saturday

SOFTBALL
PECOS 9, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6

Midland Christian outhit Pecos, 13-11, but couldn't recover from committing six fielding errors in a non-district loss to the Lady Eagles at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex on Tuesday.

The Lady Mustangs led 3-2 after the first inning and was up 6-4 after the fourth inning. But then they were shut down in the final three frames, while Pecos added five more runs.

The Lady Mustangs were led at the plate by Maddie Kalt, who was 2 for 3 with 2 RBI, while Bethany Roach went 3 for 4. Madi LeRoy and Lauren Grizzard each doubled in the game.

The Lady Mustangs (12-15-1) return to TAPPS 1-4A play at 6 p.m. Friday with a visit to Grapevine Faith. They'll play a second game against Faith at 1 p.m. Saturday.

PECOS 9, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6

Pecos	200	213	1—	9 11 3
MCS	300	300	0—	6 13 6

Gonzalez, Villanueva (6) and Roman. Britton Rea and Maranda Galindo. W — Gonzalez. L — Rea. 2B — Pecos: Gonzalez, Alvarez, Contreras; MCS: Madi LeRoy, Lauren Grizzard.

Record: MCS 12-15-1

Next: Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 6 p.m. Friday

MC baseball loses to Howard

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team dropped a 5-3 non-conference game to No. 8-ranked Howard College on Tuesday at Christensen Stadium.

The Chaparrals (21-17) answered Howard College's two runs in the top of the first with a pair in the bottom of the inning but then were held scoreless the rest of the way.

MC had eight hits, led by Joel Atkinson, who was 2 for 3 with a sacrifice fly; Ethan Kohnle was 1 for 3 with an RBI and a sacrifice, while Jeremie Fagnan was 1 for 4 with a double.

The Chaps return to Western Junior College Athletic Conference play with a four-game series against Odessa College, beginning with a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Friday at Christensen Stadium.

NO. 8 HOWARD COLLEGE 5, MIDLAND COLLEGE 2

Howard College	201	001	001	—5 7 1
Midland College	200	000	000	—2 8 2

Blunt, Gates (6), Scoggins (8) and Richoux. Jayden O'Dell, Jake Batsman (4), Jeremy Filipek (6), Hunter Pieke (8) and Tyler Barlow, Steel Russell (8). W — Blunt. L — O'Dell. 2B — HC: Bell, Bickerstaff. Richoux; MC: Jeremie Fagnan.

Record: Midland College 21-17

Next: Odessa College at Midland College (DH), 3 p.m. Friday

UTPB drops 2 to Lubbock Christian

From staff reports

ODESSA — Lubbock Christian University pounded out 21 hits, including eight for extra bases, as the Chaps swept a doubleheader from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, winning the first 2-1 before taking the second 5-0.

UTPB struck first in the opener when Chelsey Morgan grounded out to second base, allowing Lee grad Whitney Kuhrt to score from third.

The lead would not last long as Lubbock Christian answered in the top of the second thanks to a triple by Andrea Argee, who later come around to score on a single by Lee grad Stephanie Rendon.

The score would stay that way until the fourth when Rendon struck again with another RBI single to left to plate Kim Frazier, which proved to be the game-winner.

In the second game, the duo of Forsan grad Amanda Longorio and Carollin Hall kept the UTPB bats at bay, allowing just one extra base hit and didn't allow more than one hit in an inning.

Jacks lose to Bulls in NAHL semifinal

From staff reports

Bulls 4
Jackalopes 1
Bulls win series 3-1

ODESSA — The Amarillo Bulls opened up a two-goal lead and never let it go as they beat the Odessa Jackalopes 4-1 on Tuesday at the Ector County Coliseum to win an NAHL South Division semifinal series.

The Bulls won the series 3-1 and will take on the winner of the Topeka-Texas series, which resumes Thursday.

Odessa's first season in the NAHL ended with an opening-round playoff loss to the team that scored the most points during the regular season.

Amarillo opened the scoring with a goal from Mike Davis halfway through the first period, and then Greg Gibson added another goal early in the second period.

The Jacks did cut the lead in half on a Lawrence Cornellier power-play goal at the 3:38 mark of the second period, but just more than 30 seconds later Mike Erickson scored a short-handed goal for a 3-1 lead.

The Bulls outshot the Jacks 46 to 23 as Jacks netminder Connor Hellebuyck stopped 42 of 46 shots on Tuesday.

Gibbs sidelined 4-to-6 months after knee surgery

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Fire defender Cory Gibbs will be sidelined for four to six months following surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee.

The 32-year-old was injured Wednesday during training and was operated on Tuesday by Dr. Jason Koh at Glenbrook Hospital.

Selected for the 2006 U.S. World Cup roster, he missed the tournament after injuring his right knee during an exhibition against Morocco.

"I've dealt with injuries in the past and have come back to perform at a high level," Gibbs said.

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Tennis

ATP World Tour
U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships
Tuesday
At River Oaks Country Club
Houston
Purse: $442,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-4, 6-2.
Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, def. Wayne Odesnik, United States, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Adrian Ungur, Romania, 6-3, 6-3.
Tatsuma Ito, Japan, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-4, 7-6.
Ryan Sweeting, United States, def. Ricardo Mello, Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Michael Russell, United States, def. Daniel Gimenio-Traver, Spain, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles
First Round

Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Frank Moser, Germany, def. Carlos Berlocq and Diego Junqueira, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3.
Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, and Scott Lipsky (1), United States, def. Philipp Marx, Germany, and Lovro Zovko, Croatia, 7-6 (8), 6-0.

WTA
Barcelona Ladies Open
Tuesday
At Centre Municipal Tennis Vall d'Hebron
Barcelona, Spain
Purse: $220,000 (Int'l.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Dominika Cibulkova (3), Slovakia, def. Irena Bremond, France, 6-0, 6-3.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Laura Thorpe, France, 6-3, 6-4.
Flavia Pennetta (5), Italy, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.
Yulya Beygelzimer, Ukraine, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Annalisa Bona, Italy, 6-3, 6-1.
Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-2.
Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 6-2, 7-5.
Julia Goerges (2), Germany, def. Aravane Rezai, France, 6-4, 6-0.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Francesca Schiavone (1), Italy, 6-4, 6-3.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round

Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Darya Kustova, Belarus, and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-3.
Mervana Jugic-Salkic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Sandra Klemenschits, Austria, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives and Arantxa Parra Santonja (2), Spain, 7-6 (7), 6-3.
Simona Halep, Romania, and Janette Husarova, Slovakia, def. Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain, and Sloane Stephens, United States, 5-7, 6-2, 10-3.

WTA
e-Boks Open
Tuesday
At Forum Arena
Copenhagen, Denmark
Purse: $220,000 (Int'l.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Mona Barthel (8), Germany, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-3, 6-4.
Monica Niculescu (4), Romania, def. Valeria Savinykh, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Anne Keothavong, Britain, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Kaia Kanepi (5), Estonia, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Malou Ejdesgaard, Denmark, 6-0, 6-0.
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Johanna Konta, Britain, def. Karolina Pervak (7), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 1-0 retired.
Pauline Parmentier, France, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 7-5, 6-1.
Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, def. Sofia Arvidsson (8), Sweden, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1.
Angelique Kerber (2), Germany, def. Stefanie Foretz Gacon, France, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Coll. Baseball

TUESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST

E. New Mexico 10, Wayland Baptist 4
Houston Baptist 10, Texas Southern 2
McMurry 11, Southwestern, Texas 7
Rice 6, Texas St 5
Tarleton St. 8, Hardin-Simmons 3
UTSA 7, Texas-Pan American 3

MIDWEST

Ohio St. 6, Ohio U. 5

EAST

Adelphi 11, Felician 3
Baruch 15, Purchase 6
Bentley 19, Assumption 15
Castleton St. 16-3, New England Coll. 3-2
Chestnut Hill 14, Sciences (Pa.) 6
Harvard 5, Boston College 2
Manhattan 11, Sacred Heart 5
Susquehanna 3, King's (Pa.) 2

SOUTH

Augusta St. 13, Erskine 8
Belmont 8, Tennessee Tech 1
Bryan 9, Lee 8
Carson-Newman 5, King (Tenn.) 1
Catawba 5, Wingate 4
Clemson 12, Furman 5
Cumberland, Tenn. 9, Indiana-Southeast 6
Florida 6, Florida St. 3
Georgia Southern 3, Kennesaw St. 2
Georgia Tech 6, Mercer 4
Lindsey Wilson 8-12, Asbury 1-3
Louisville 12, Kentucky 0
Loyola NO 6, Tougaloo 0-5
Maryville, Tenn. 5, Emory 3
Milligan 9, Emory & Henry 3
Morehead St. 7, Georgetown, Ky. 3
Sewanee 14, Rust 10
St. Catherine 6, Martin Methodist 5
Thomas (Ga.) 10-9, Spring Hill 1-5
Thomas More 9, Ohio Wesleyan 3
Trevecca Nazarene 12, Campbellsville 4
Tusculum 9-5, Barton 7-1
UNC-Greensboro 4, Duke 3
Virginia Tech 13, Radford 5

NBA DL Playoffs

(x-if necessary)
First-Round
Los Angeles vs. Iowa
Today: Los Angeles at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Iowa at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.
x-Monday, April 16: Iowa at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Springfield vs. Canton
Friday: Springfield at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 15: Canton at Springfield, 6 p.m.
x-Monday, April 16: Canton at Springfield, 6 p.m.

Austin vs. Erie
Thursday: Austin at Erie, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 15: Erie at Austin, 3 p.m.
x-Monday, April 16: Erie at Austin, 6:30 p.m.

Dakota vs. Bakersfield
Thursday: Dakota at Bakersfield, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 15: Bakersfield at Dakota, 3 p.m.
x-Monday, April 16: Bakersfield at Dakota, 7 p.m.

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	4	0	0	1.000	252	198
Iowa	2	2	0	.500	234	238
San Antonio	2	2	0	.500	214	221
Kansas City	0	4	0	.000	170	255

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Jose	3	1	0	.750	275	218
Arizona	3	1	0	.750	254	217
Utah	2	2	0	.500	234	234
Spokane	1	3	0	.250	214	255

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	242	232
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	216	252
Georgia	2	2	0	.500	199	222
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	162	168
Orlando	1	4	0	.200	133	179

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	197	186
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	301	231
Milwaukee	2	1	0	.667	193	153
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	.250	181	228

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Utah at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Box

RANGERS 1, MARINERS 0

Seattle					Texas				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Figgins rf	3	0	0	0	Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0
Ackley 2b	4	0	0	0	Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
Suzuki rf	3	0	0	0	Hamlin cf-lf	4	0	1	0
Smoak 1b	4	0	2	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	2	0
Seager 3b	4	0	0	0	M Ahrng dh	4	1	1	0
Jaklmir dh	3	0	2	0	N Cruz rf	4	0	0	0
M Br dcs cf	3	0	0	0	D Mdlrp 1	4	0	3	1
Olivo c	3	0	0	0	Gentry pr-cf	0	0	0	0
Kawsk ss	3	0	0	0	Napoli c	2	0	0	0
					Morlnd 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	4	0	Totals	31	1	7	1

Seattle	000	000	000	—	0
Texas	010	000	00x	—	1

E—M.Saunders (1), Seager (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Seattle 5, Texas 8. 2B—Beltre (1), Dav.Murphy 2 (4). CS—Kinsler (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Beavan L,0-1	6 1-3	6	1	1	1	3
Wilhelmsen	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Feliz W,1-0	7	4	0	0	2	4
Adams	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan S,2-2	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Beavan (Napoli). WP—Beavan.
T—2:23. A—25,753 (48,194).

TIGERS 5, RAYS 2

Tampa Bay					Detroit				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Jnnngs cf	4	0	2	1	A Jckson cf	2	1	0	0
C Pena 1b	3	0	1	0	Boesch rf	4	0	2	0
Longori 3b	3	0	1	1	MCarr 3b	2	1	1	0
Joyce lf	4	0	1	0	Fielder 1b	3	1	1	1
Zobrist rf	4	0	1	0	Dthrg 1	4	0	2	0
Kppngr dh	4	0	0	0	CThrsnr pr-lf	0	1	0	0
S Rdrgz 2b	3	0	0	0	Raburn dh	4	0	0	0
Loaton ph	1	0	0	0	JuWstrn ss	3	0	0	1
JMolin c	3	1	1	0	Jaklmir c	3	1	1	0
Vogt ph	1	0	0	0	Worth 2b	4	0	0	0
Brlngr ss	3	1	1	0					
Totals	33	2	8	2	Totals	30	5	8	4

Tampa Bay	001	000	100	—	2
Detroit	001	000	12x	—	5

DP—Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 7. 2B—J.Molina (1), Mi.Cabrera (1). HR—A.Jackson (1). CS—Jennings (1). SF—Jh.Peralta.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
M.Moore	6 2-3	4	2	2	5	4
McGee L,0-1	1-3	2	2	2	0	0
Badenhop	1	2	1	1	0	0
Detroit						
Porcello	7	7	2	2	1	4
Coke W,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Valverde S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	2

McGee pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

HBP—by Porcello (C.Pena). WP—M.Moore.
T—2:35. A—22,574 (41,255).

BLUE JAYS 7, RED SOX 3

Boston					Toronto				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Ellsbury cf	3	2	0	0	Y Escor ss	5	2	2	0
Pedroia 2b	5	0	3	0	A Jhnsn 2b	4	1	1	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	0	1	3	Bautista rf	4	0	1	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	Lind 1b	4	0	2	1
Youkilis 3b	4	0	2	0	Encrnc dh	3	2	2	2
Sweeny rf	3	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	2	1
C.Ross lf	4	0	1	0	Thams lf	3	1	1	0
Saltmch c	3	0	0	0	Arencl c	4	0	1	2
Punto ss	4	1	1	0	Rasms cf	3	0	0	1
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**34**	**7**	**11**	**7**

Boston	000	001	002	—	3
Toronto	102	003	10x	—	7

DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Boston 10, Toronto 6. 2B—Pedroia (3), Ad.Gonzalez (1), Youkilis (1), Sweeney (2), C.Ross (1), Lind (2), Hill (1), Encarnacion (1). SB—Encarnacion 2 (2), Lawrie (1). SF—Ad.Gonzalez, Rasmus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Bard L,0-1	5	8	5	5	1	6
J.Thomas	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bowden	2	2	1	1	0	3
Toronto						
Drabek W,1-0	5 1-3	3	1	1	3	4
Francis	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
L.Perez	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	1
Janssen	1	3	2	2	1	3

Bard pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.

T—3:19. A—26,351 (49,260).

YANKEES 5, ORIOLES 4, 12 INNINGS

New York					Baltimore				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	6	1	2	1	Ert Chvez lf	4	0	0	0
Swisher rf	5	0	1	0	Hardy ss	6	1	1	1
Cano 2b	6	2	3	0	Markks rf	4	1	0	0
ARdrgz 3b	5	0	0	0	Adlons cf	3	1	0	0
Texeir 1b	6	1	1	0	Wlsons c	4	0	1	0
Grndrs cf	4	1	0	0	NJhnsn dh	3	0	0	0
Arulors dh	2	0	0	1	Reimld pl-dh	2	0	1	0
Ibanez ph-dh	0	2	1	0	Mrtnez rf	3	0	1	0
Martin c	4	0	1	0	C Davis 1b	5	0	1	0
ENunez pr	0	0	0	0	Andino 2b	5	1	1	0
CStwrt c	1	0	0	0					
Gardnr lf	4	0	2	1					
Totals	**46**	**5**	**12**	**4**	**Totals**	**40**	**4**	**6**	**1**

New York	100	003	000	001	—	5
Baltimore	200	110	000	000	—	4

E—Martin (1), Mar.Reynolds (2). LOB—New York 12, Baltimore 8. 2B—Swisher (2), Cano 2 (3), Ibanez (1), Ad.Jones (2), Andino (3). HR—Jeter (1), Hardy (2), SB—Ibanez (1), Ad.Jones (2). CS—Mar.Reynolds (1). S—Gardner. En.Chavez. SF—Ar.Jones.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
F.Garcia	4 2-3	4	4	3	3	3
Phelps	2 1-3	0	0	0	0	4
Robertson	1	0	0	0	1	1
Logan	0 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Wade	2 1-3	1	0	0	1	4
Rapada W,1-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	3	1	.750	—	—	L-1	3-0	0-1	3-1
Baltimore	3	2	.600	1/2	—	3-2	L-2	3-2	0-0
Toronto	3	2	.600	1/2	—	3-2	W-1	1-1	2-1
New York	3	2	.600	1/2	—	3-2	W-2	0-0	3-2
Boston	1	4	.200	2 1/2	2	1-4	L-1	0-0	1-4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	4	0	1.000	—	—	4-0	W-4	4-0	0-0
Chicago	2	2	.500	2	1/2	2-2	W-1	0-0	2-2
Kansas City	2	2	.500	2	1/2	2-2	L-1	0-0	2-2
Cleveland	1	3	.250	3	1 1/2	1-3	L-1	1-3	0-0
Minnesota	0	4	.000	4	2 1/2	0-4	L-4	0-1	0-3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-3	4-1	0-0
Seattle	3	1	.750	1/2	1/2	3-3	L-2	0-0	3-3
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1 1/2	1 1/2	2-2	W-1	1-2	1-0
Oakland	2	3	.400	2	1	2-3	W-1	2-3	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	L-1	4-1	0-0
Washington	3	2	.600	1	1	3-2	W-1	0-0	3-2
Miami	2	3	.400	2	2	2-3	W-1	0-1	2-2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2 1/2	2 1/2	1-3	L-3	0-1	1-2
Atlanta	1	4	.200	3	3	1-4	W-1	0-0	1-4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	5	1	.833	—	—	5-1	W-3	0-0	5-1
Houston	3	2	.600	1 1/2	1	3-2	L-1	3-2	0-0
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1 1/2	1	3-2	W-2	1-2	2-0
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	2	1 1/2	2-2	L-1	2-1	0-1
Cincinnati	2	3	.400	2 1/2	2	2-3	L-2	2-3	0-0
Chicago	1	4	.200	3 1/2	3	1-4	L-2	1-4	0-0

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Arizona	3	0	1.000	—	—	3-0	W-3	3-0	0-0
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-1	1-0	3-1
Colorado	3	1	.750	1/2	1/2	3-1	L-1	0-1	3-0
San Diego	1	3	.250	2 1/2	2 1/2	1-3	W-1	1-2	0-1
San Francisco	1	3	.250	2 1/2	2 1/2	1-3	W-1	0-0	1-3

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Scores

Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 4, 12 innings
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Toronto 7, Boston 3
Texas 1, Seattle 0
Kansas City at Oakland, late

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-1) at Cleveland (Masterson 0-0), 11:05 a.m.
Boston (Lester 0-0) at Toronto (R.Romero 0-0), 11:37 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 0-0) at Detroit (Verlander 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 0-0) at Oakland (McCarthy 0-1), 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-0) at Baltimore (Arrieta 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Millwood 0-0) at Texas (Lewis 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 1-0) at Minnesota (Pavano 0-1), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Tuesday's Scores

L.A. Dodgers 2, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 2
Atlanta 6, Houston 4
Milwaukee 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona at San Diego, late

Today's Games

St. Louis (Garcia 1-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 1-0), 11:35 a.m.
Washington (Strasburg 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-0), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Saunders 0-0) at San Diego (Luebke 0-1), 5:35 p.m.
Miami (Jo.Johnson 0-1) at Philadelphia (Halladay 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Delgado 0-0) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 0-1) at Colorado (Guthrie 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Badenhop 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

M.Rivera S,1-2 1 0 0 0 0 2

Baltimore						
W.Chen	5 2-3	7	4	2	1	6
Lindstrom	1-3	1	0	0	2	2
Ayala	1	1	0	0	0	2
J.Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Patton	1	0	0	0	1	0
Strop L,0-1	2	2	1	1	0	2

Logan pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.

HBP—by F.Garcia (Markakis), by Wade (Ad.Jones), by Lindstrom (Swisher). by W.Chen (A.Rodriguez). WP—F.Garcia 5.
T—4:38. A—24,859 (45,971).

NL Box

BRAVES 6, ASTROS 4

Atlanta					Houston				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	1	1	0	Schafer cf	5	2	3	0
Prado lf	5	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	5	0	2	0
Heyward rf	5	0	1	0	Lmtrez lf	5	1	1	0
McCnn c	4	1	1	0	CLn 1b	3	0	3	2
Uggla 2b	5	1	2	1	Bogsvc rf	4	0	0	0
C.Jones 3b	4	1	2	2	MDrrns ph	1	0	0	0
Heyward rf	4	1	0	0	Wallace pr	0	0	0	0
Pstrnck ss	3	1	1	1	T Buck ph	0	0	0	0
Venters p	0	0	0	0	C.Johnsn 3b	5	1	2	1
Kimrel p	0	0	0	0	CSnydr c	5	0	0	0
Hanson p	2	0	1	0	MGnzlz ss	3	0	1	1
Hinske ph	1	0	1	1	DCrpnt p	0	0	0	0
JWilson pr-ss	0	0	0	0	Bstelr rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**Totals**	**38**	**4**	**12**	**4**

Atlanta	003	100	110	—	6
Houston	010	010	200	—	4

DP—Atlanta 1. LOB—Atlanta 8, Houston 12. 2B—Uggla (1), C.Johnson (3), HR—C.Jones (1), Pastornicky (1). SB—Bourn (1), Schafer 3 (3). CS—Bourn (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
Hanson W,1-1	5	6	2	2	3	8
Venters	1-3	3	2	2	0	0
O'Flaherty	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Venters	1	1	0	0	1	3
Kimbrel S,1-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Houston						
Wetland L,0-1	5	8	4	4	2	5
Lyon	1	0	0	0	0	0
D.Carpenter	1	0	1	1	1	1
W.Lopez	2	3	1	1	0	2

WP—Wetland. D.Carpenter Balk—Wetland.
T—3:12. A—22,036 (40,981).

DODGERS 2, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh					Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Tabata rf	4	0	0	0	DGordn ss	3	1	1	0
Presley lf	4	1	2	0	M.Ellis 2b	4	0	0	0
McCtch cf	4	0	1	0	Kemp cf	4	0	1	0
McGeh 3b	4	0	0	0	Ethier rf	4	0	1	0
Hague 1b	3	0	1	0	JRiver lf	4	0	0	0
Walker 2b	3	0	0	0	Guerra p	0	0	0	0
Barajs c	3	0	0	0	Ramirez ss	4	0	1	0
Barmes ss	3	0	0	0	Uribe 3b	3	0	3	0
Correia p	2	0	1	0	A.Ellis c	3	0	0	0
J.Cruz p	0	0	0	0	Ethier cf	1	0	0	0
GJones ph	1	0	0	0	AKndy ph	1	0	1	0
Grilli p	0	0	0	0	Jansen p	0	0	0	0
					Gwynn rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**29**	**2**	**7**	**2**

Pittsburgh	000	000	100	—	1
Los Angeles	100	000	01x	—	2

DP—Pittsburgh 1. Los Angeles 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 2. Los Angeles 6. 3B—McGehee (1). HR—Ethier (2). SB—D.Gordon (4). CS—Cruz (1). S—Kershaw.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Correia	6	4	1	1	2	3
J.Cruz	1	2	0	0	0	2
Grilli L,0-1	1	1	1	1	0	2
Los Angeles						
Kershaw	7	4	1	1	0	7
Jansen W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Guerra S,3-3	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—2:26. A—56,000 (56,000).

CARDINALS 3, REDS 1

St. Louis					Cincinnati				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Jay cf	5	0	1	0	Hrms 2b	4	0	1	0
Beltran rf	4	0	1	1	Cozart ss	3	1	1	0
Holliday lf	4	0	1	0	Votto 1b	3	0	1	1
Brkmn 1b	3	1	2	0	Rolen 3b	4	0	2	0
Furcal ss	3	0	0	0	Bruce rf	4	0	1	0
Freese 3b	3	1	2	2	Heisey lf	4	0	0	0
YMolin c	4	0	1	0	Stubbs cf	3	0	0	0
Descls 2b-1bd	2	1	1	0	Mesoraco c	3	0	0	0
Greene ss-2bdd	1	0	1	0	Leake p	2	0	0	0
Lohse p	2	0	0	0	LeCure p	0	0	0	0
Kmatts ph	2	0	1	0	Chapman p	0	0	0	0
Boggs p	0	0	0	0	Ondrusk p	0	0	0	0
Rosscup p	1	0	0	0	Marshll p	0	0	0	0
Motte p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**33**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**

St. Louis	100	002	000	—	3
Cincinnati	000	001	000	—	1

DP—Cincinnati 3. LOB—St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 5. 2B—Y.Molina (4), Greene (1), Bruce (1). 3B—Berkman (1). Cozart (2). HR—Beltran (3), Freese (3). SF—Jay.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Lohse W,2-0	6 4	1	1	1	1	2
Boggs	2	0	0	0	0	2
Motte S,2-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Leake L,0-1	6 7	3	3	1	4	
LeCure	1	0	0	0	2	3
Ondrusek	1	2	0	0	0	1
Marshall	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Lohse (Cozart), by Leake (Berkman).
T—2:33. A—17,110 (42,319).

NATIONALS 6, METS 2

Washington					New York				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Desmnd ss	4	1	2	1	Tejada ss	3	1	1	0
Lmrdzz 2b	3	0	1	0	Cedeno 3b	4	0	3	1
Clippard p	0	0	0	0	DnMrp 2b	4	0	0	0
Lidge p	0	0	0	0	Bay lf	4	1	1	0
Zimrm 3b	3	2	1	1	Duda rf	4	0	0	0
LaRoch 1b	5	0	1

MANGUM

From 1C

Mangum, meanwhile, finally found a rhythm, taking the tiebreaker 7-0 for the improbable 1-0 lead in the match.

Sanchez's condition worsened in the second set after getting cramps in both legs. Despite being visibly hobbled, Sanchez battled Mangum to a 3-3 tie to start the set.

"That's a big part of what tennis is all about — is overcoming certain obstacles and setbacks and still finding a way to play well," Midland High coach Alan Biel said. "And (Sanchez) really did that."

But after the two took turns breaking serve for four straight points, Mangum finally held serve to go up 4-3 and never looked back, winning the last three games to take the match 7-6 (7-0), 6-3.

"It was just a matter of who could finally hold their serve, and I knew that," Mangum said. "When I finally did that, I felt so relieved."

After the last point, Sanchez fell to the ground before being carried off the court. After the match, walking to stay moving and sipping a Gatorade, Sanchez was happy with his effort despite the cramps.

"I gave it my best," he said.

Mangum, meanwhile, hopes the best is yet to come for him, as Tuesday was a fitting continuation of his rise in his first season of singles play. He becomes the first Rebel to advance to the regional tournament since 2006.

"Stephen has really picked up the leadership role on our team as far as on-court performance," Everett said. "He knows that he's the guy now."

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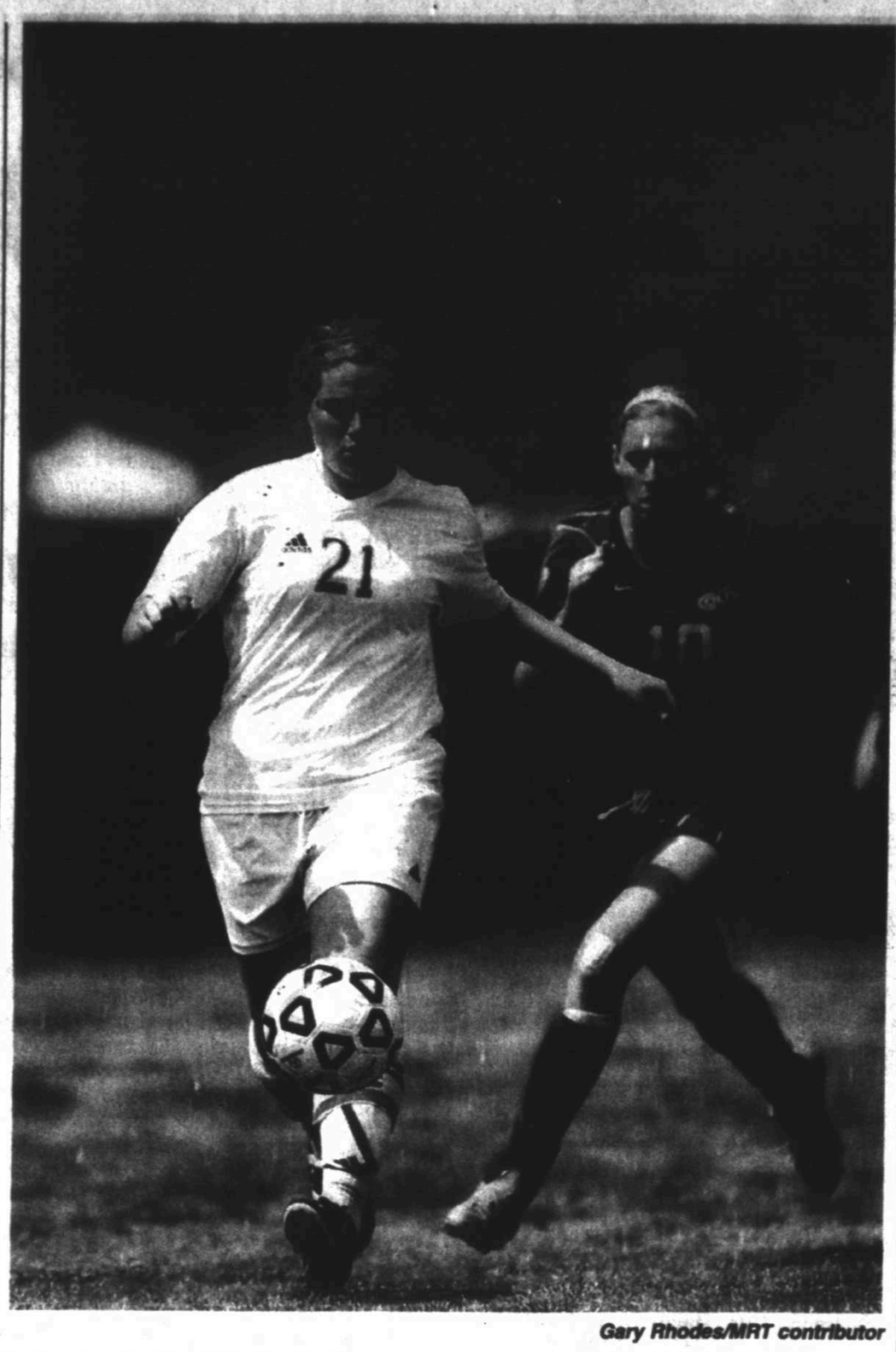
Boys Singles Championship
Nick Melott (1), San Angelo Central, def. Stephen Mangum (2), Lee, 6-1, 6-3.
Third-Place Match
Frankie Sanchez (3), Midland High, def. Logan Gibbs (4), San Angelo Central, 6-3, 6-7 (0), 6-1
Second-Place Playback
Mangum (2), Lee, def. Sanchez, Midland High (3), 7-6 (0), 6-3.

Girls Singles Championship
Erin Walker (1), Abilene High, def. Claire Williams (2), San Angelo Central, 6-4, 6-2.
Third-Place Match
Emily Funk (3), Abilene High, def. Jerrika Mildfelt, Permian, 6-4, 6-1.

Boys Doubles Championship
Bryson Beckham-Brandon McCarty (1), Abilene High, def. Austin Hunt-Alex Hunt (2), Odessa Permian, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (4).
Third-Place Match
Grant Gideon-Joe Helton (3), San Angelo Central, def. Brandon Appleton-Jason Ligon, Abilene Cooper, 6-2, 6-4.

Girls Doubles Championship
Katy Collins-Jamie Lee Denton (1), San Angelo Central, def. Marlee Cutbirth-Caroline Morris (2), Abilene High, 6-4, 6-1.
Third-Place Match
Cheyenne Duncan-Anna Schnewemann (3), San Angelo Central, def. Lavender Hackman-Emilee Phillips, Abilene Cooper, 6-1, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles Championship
Shayne Cook-Dustin Douglas (1), Abilene Cooper, def. Lacy Schnewemann-Ruben Dominguez, San Angelo Central, 6-2, 6-3.
Third-Place Match
Ryan Morton-Kaleigh Smith (4), Odessa High, def. John Dunst-Leanne Haynes (2), Odessa Permian, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.
Second-Place Playback
Schnewemann-Dominguez, San Angelo Central, def. Morton-Smith (4), Odessa High, 6-2, 6-2.



Gary Rhodes/MRT contributor

Midland High midfielder Morgan Hannon brings the ball upfield as Arlington High's Molly Lukk pursues.

MHS

From 1C

it motivated us to keep working."

MHS did keep working, but the Lady Bulldogs attack was thwarted by an Arlington High defense determined not to let midfielders Madison Scribner and Morgan Hannon create opportunities.

The Lady Bulldogs managed four shots on target, including a free kick from Hannon that Lockwood needed a finger tip save to keep out of the net midway through the second half. It was that kind of day for Midland High, who struggled to find consistency against the Colts.

"It comes down to the momentum of the game, and if they are down 1-0 all of the sudden, they are pushing a little bit," Midland High co-head coach Jim Bragg said. "Maybe they're not so relaxed and we are more relaxed. We weren't as quick as what we usually are in the middle, and I don't know what it was. We had some chances even after they go up two, but we just didn't get them in."

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HSSOCCERPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BOYS
CLASS 5A
Regional Quarterfinals
El Paso Bel Air (R1) 2, Arlington Sam Houston 1
Plano (W8, 17-3-7) 2, Richland 1, SO (4-1)
El Paso Americas (W1, 18-5-1) 4, El Paso Socorro 2
Mansfield (W5, 18-5-4) 3, Lewisville Hebron 2
Region I-5A Tournament
Grande Communications Stadium
Friday
Semifinals
El Paso Bel Air (R1) vs. Plano (W8, 17-3-7), 4 p.m.
El Paso Americas (W1, 18-5-1) vs. Mansfield (W5, 18-5-4), 6 p.m.
Saturday
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

GIRLS
CLASS 5A
Regional Quarterfinals
El Paso Montwood (R2, 20-6-1) 2, Fort Worth Paschal 1, SO
Plano West (T8, 18-3-4) 3, Flower Mound 1
Arlington High (R4, 18-4-5) 3, Midland High 0
Flower Mound Marcus (R8, 24-2-1) 2, Southlake Carroll 1, SO
Region I-5A Tournament
Grande Communications Stadium
Friday
Semifinals
El Paso Montwood (R2, 20-6-1) vs. Plano West (T8, 18-3-4), Noon
Arlington High (R4, 18-4-5) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R7, 24-2-1), 2 p.m.
Saturday
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

OC names new men's basketball coach

From staff reports

ODESSA — Odessa College has announced that Tra Arnold, former men's basketball coach at Blinn College in Brenham, has formally accepted the head coach's position with the OC Wranglers.

Arnold replaces Dennis Helms, who was fired last month after leading the Wranglers to a 24-8 overall record and a fourth-place finish in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with an 8-6 mark and a Region V Tournament semifinal appearance during the 2011-12 season.

Arnold had been head coach at Blinn since August 2009, and this past season he led the Buccaneers to a 27-6 record, which broke the school record for wins in a season. Blinn also made it to the Region XIV Tournament semifinals and championship game for the first time in school history.

Arnold had been at Blinn since 2005, when he started as an assistant coach.

The new Wranglers head coach played at College of Southern Idaho and then finished his career at Biola University in California, where he received his bachelor of science degree in kinesiology in 2005. He also received his master of education degree in kinesiology from Prairie View A&M University in 2009.

Reports: Parcells unlikely to coach Saints

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Bill Parcells is unlikely to become the New Orleans Saints' interim coach, according to multiple reports.

Parcells prefers to remain retired and not replace his protege and friend, Sean Payton, who will serve a season-long suspension for his role in New Orleans' bounty system, the reports said.

Saints spokesman Greg Bensel declined Tuesday to confirm Parcells has been ruled out as a possible Payton replacement, saying the team "has nothing to report" concerning the search for an interim coach.

Parcells' agent, Jimmy Sexton, also declined comment.

If the Saints decide to select a replacement from their existing staff, the leading candidates are: assistant head coach Joe Vitt, who will serve a six-game suspension; offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael Jr.; offensive line coach Aaron Kromer; new defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo.

Brees: Saints will thrive in wake of bounty debacle

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Drew Brees is sticking up for the Saints and said they'll continue to thrive despite coach Sean Payton's season-long suspension for his role in New Orleans' bounty system.

Speaking at a news conference to promote his charity golf tournament, the 2010 Super Bowl MVP said there's a difference between pay-for-performance and pay-for-injury.

Brees also declined to say whether he'd show up for offseason workouts that begin Monday. He'd much rather have a long-term extension than the franchise tag he's been slapped with.

Brees was asked if he felt he had been a target of a bounty program during his career.

"I know this, that when a guy has an opportunity to take a shot at the quarterback, he's going to take it," Brees said. "I'm not saying that he's trying to end your career, that he's trying give you a concussion or what have you, but between the knees and the neck, they're trying to take you out every time. I know that for a fact, every defensive player that's trying to hit you. That's just football. We play a violent game."

Then, he added: "I am not condoning by any means any kind of a bounty structure, and I will clarify that there is a difference between pay-for-performance and pay-for-injury, and I'd say what we've been accused of in regards to pay-for-injury is not the case."

Brees was asked his reaction to hearing a recording that purports to capture disgraced former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams telling players to "put a lick" on 49ers receiver Kyle Williams to see if he had lingering effects from a concussion.

"I think that was hard for everybody to hear," said Brees, who tried to shift the talk back to his golf tournament.

Brees said the Saints are disappointed that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell rejected on Monday an appeal of Payton's season-long suspension for his role in the bounty program.

"You talk about not having your head coach for an entire season, that's a big hit," said Brees, who declined to say who'd he like to see hired as interim coach.

But Brees said he believes the Saints will remain strong. He pointed to last year, when Payton was injured in a sideline collision and had to coach several games from the press box. While he was used to having Payton call in the plays, all of a sudden he had to get used to offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael Jr. calling them in.

HSGOLFROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCA TEAMS QUALIFY FOR STATE

CARROLTON — Midland Classical Academy is sending both its boys and girls golf teams to the TAPPS 3A State Tournament after the MCA girls won the TAPPS 1-3A tournament while the MCA boys captured fourth.

The state tournament takes place April 23-24 at Clear Creek Fort Hood.

The MCA girls shot a 434 and finished one stroke ahead of Brook Hill. The Lady Knights were led by Angela Johns, who shot a 100 and finished second in the medalist standings to an unidentified player from Fort Worth Temple. Anna Bunsen shot a 107 to finish fourth in the medalists standings, while Madison Sheets shot a 109 to finish sixth individually.

The MCA boys shot a 360 to finish fourth and 56 strokes behind first place Prince of Peace Academy.

Daniel Snell shot an 86 to lead the Knights and finish sixth individually.

TAPPS 3A Regional Golf Tournament at Indian Creek, Carrollton

Girls

Team Standings — 1. Midland Classical Academy 434; 2. Brook Hill 435; 3. McKinney Christian 472; 4. Canyon Creek 524

MCA Individuals — Madison Sheets 109; Angela Johns 100; Brianna Rico 118; Anna Bunsen 107; Avary Hydan 132

Boys

Team Standings — 1. Prince of Peace Academy 354; 2. Brook Hill 327; 3. Shelton 364; 4. Midland Classical Academy 360

MCA Individuals — Daniel Snell 83; Benjamin Snell 91; Timothy Snell 107; Hamilton Hasst 105; Rett Taylor 101

STANTON SQUADS HEADED TO REGIONAL TOURNEY

BIG SPRING — The Stanton boys and girls golf teams each qualified for next week's Region I-2A Tournament by finishing second in the District 3-2A tournament on Monday.

On the boys side, the Buffaloes finished at 724 as a team which was one stroke ahead of Denver City. Stanton was led by Levi Bryand and K.J. Glaspie, who finished third and fourth in the medalist standings, respectively.

Forsan's Mike Pappajohn finished tied for fifth and earned one of the two spots in the regional tournament for an individual.

The Stanton girls finished second with a two-round score of 880, and just 42 strokes behind winner Denver City.

Stanton's Kendra Graham finished second overall with a 94-89—184.

The Region I-2A tournaments are scheduled for April 16-17 with the boys tournament at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links in Odessa and the girls at Nueva Vista Golf Club.

DISTRICT 3-2A
FINAL RESULTS
District 3-2A Golf Tournament
Comanche Trail Golf Course
Monday's Results
Girls

Team standings — 1. Denver City 417-411—828; 2. Stanton 436-444—880; 3. Lubbock Roosevelt 499-501—1,000

Medalist standings — 1. Paige Evans, Denver City 89-90—179; 2. Kendra Graham, Stanton 94-90—184; 3. Breanna Sanna, Denver City 101-107—208; 4. Lynette Quiroga, Stanton 98-117—215; 5. Mackenzie Kimball, Colorado City 112-104—216

Area team results

Stanton — Kendra Graham 94-89—184, Lynette Quiroga 98-117—215, Eva Klassen 120-DNP; Jacee Luxton 128-126—254; Madison Graves 123-122—245

Area individual medalists results

Skyler Church, Stanton 118-115—234; Kara Stevenson, Stanton 135-129—264; Amber Peterson, Stanton 128-131—259; Hanna Minchew, Forsan 127-125—252

Boys

Team standings — 1. Colorado City 1,360-327—687; 2. Stanton 1,373-351—724; 3. Denver City 853-372—725; 4. Coahoma I 378-365—743; 5. Forsan 377-369—745; 6. Lubbock Roosevelt 394-376—770; 7. Stanton II 432-390—813; 8. Coahoma II 439-424—863; 9. Colorado City II 459-425—884

Medalist standings — 1. Tyler Hammond, Colorado City 82-75—157; 2. Bailey Spencer, Colorado City 85-80—165; 3. Levi Bryand, Stanton 84-83—168; 4. K.J. Glaspie, Stanton 87-85—172; 5. (tie) Cory Williams, Stanton 83-91—174; Mike Pappajohn, Forsan 90-84—174

Area team results

Stanton I (373-351—724) — Levi Bryand 84-83—168; Taylor Spinks 103-94—198; Drew Smallgrove 99-99—198; K.J. Glaspie 87-85—172; Darron Weaver 113-96—209

Stanton II (432-390—813) — Aaron Montez 102-100—202; Seth Gonzalez 119-99—218; Kyle Inman 90-94—184; Nathan Swiger 113-96—211

Forsan (377-369—745) — Mike Pappajohn 90-84—174; Cooper Davidson 88-92—181; John Bayman 92-91—184; Cody Moore 108-100—208; Dalton Ogle 108-105—213

Coahoma I (378-365—743) — Nieman McCullough 89-77—177; TJ. White 101-102—203; Morgan Luce 97-89—186; Kaleb McAdams 91-95—186; Alex Hill DNP-93

Coahoma II (439-424—863) — Colton VerStieg 94-93—187; Zack King 124-110—234; Dustin Fontana 123-119—242; Aaron Acevedo 98-DNP; Tanner Ruiz DNP-102

BOYSTOURRESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DISTRICT 3-5A BOY'S GOLF TOUR
Final Round
Diamondback Golf Club
Abilene
Tuesday
Diamondback Golf Club, Abilene
(x-qualified for Region I-5A Championships)

Team standings — 1. x-Odessa Permian I, 322-316-313-312—1,243; 2. x-Midland High I, 311-314-316-313—1,253; 3. Abilene High I, 318-322-320-308—1,268; 4. Odessa Permian II, 322-312-337-335—1,306; 5. Lee I, 330-333-339-339—1,318; 6. Abilene Cooper, 321-330-333-336—1,320; 7. San Angelo Central I, 332-334-313-345—1,322; 8. Midland High II, 331-376-344-333—1,378; 9. Lee II, 347-354-343-343—1,387; 10. Odessa High I, 346-357-354-344—1,401; 11. Odessa High II, 361-376-352-360—1,449; 12. San Angelo Central II, 373-379-392-376—1,521; 13. Abilene High II, 388-387-374-378—1,528.

Top 10 Individuals

1. x-Cory Churchman, Abilene Cooper I, 74-73-71-76—294; 2. Jarazen Digby, Permian I, 70-75-83-73—301; 3. x-Brian Lang, Abilene High I, 76-75-77-73—305 (won on fourth hole of playoff for regional berth); 4. Jakob Olague; Abilene High I; 76-75-74-74—303; 5. Micah Rodgers, Permian I, 75-77-79-79—309; 6. (tie) Cal Arnott, San Angelo Central I, 77-84-72-77—310; Lucas McCubbin, Midland High I, 78-79-78-85—320; 8. (tie) Ty McDaniel, Permian I, 78-83-79-77—317; Stewart Engle, Abilene High I, 80-78-79-80—317; Chandler Smith, Midland High I, 80-78-79-80—317.

Team Results

Odessa Permian I (1,243) — Jarazen Digby, 70-75-83-73—301; Micah Rodgers, 75-77-79-79—309; Kelby Bridges, 82-81-76-83—322; Ty McDaniel, 78-83-79-77—317; Eli Malondez, 79-87-80-86—334.

Midland High I (1,253) — Lucas McCubbin, 76-78-78-80—310; Zane Crowder, 75-87-83-74—319; Chandler Smith, 80-78-79-80—317; Alex Lyons, 88-77-78-78—321; Chris Terebesoy, 80-81-85-85—331.

Abilene High I (1,268) — x-Brian Lang, 76-79-77-73—305; Stewart Engle, 80-78-79-80—317; Jakob Olague, 78-79-74-74—305; Eddie Teague, 84-98-80-82—354; Wren Atherton, 82-88-82-81—341.

Odessa Permian II (1,306) — Allen Bisten, 78-79-87-87—331; Andrew Morales, 86-73-81-87—331; Anthony Marin, 83-82-86-73—324; Michael Rosero, 77-79-85-92—331; Avery McCrury, NS-81-87-89-NS.

Lee I (1,318) — Jeremy Sanchez, 87-80-91-83—341; Blake Roberson, 78-88-78-82—318; Cade Casino, 85-87-82-83—337; Alex Martinez, 82-84-85-87—337; Nathan Salola, 85-86-83-80—334.

Abilene Cooper (1,320) — Cory Churchman, 74-73-71-76-294; Dakota Fortune, 82-89-78-79—328; Kolin Hendrix, 81-85-80-82—328; Jesse Keisling, 84-83-84-89—340; Brandon Herbst, 88-89-105-85—373.

San Angelo Central I (1,322) — Cal Arnott, 77-84-72-77—310; Nathan Pomroy, 84-77-78-86—325; David Reyes, 88-79-84—336; Hunter Beckbeck, 87-84-86-96—355; Kody Carter, 83-89-86-94—352.

Midland High II (1,378) — Ben Taylor, 84-95-87-87—353; Jake Gilmore, 84-91-84-83—342; Kyle Logan, 84-94-93-84—355; Alex Martinez, 79-95-87-79—340.

Midland Lee II (1,385) — Kyle Wanta, 91-92-92-90—355; Aaron Jacobs, 87-92-91-87—357; Carson Good, 82-88-89-77—334; Blake Loyd, 89-89-80-88—346; Brandon Chavez, 89-87-109-93—378.

Odessa High (1,401) — Austin Almond, 78-98-84-85—333; Jacob Munoz, 90-84-86-84—358; Matthew Sparks, 89-88-86-94—357; Victor Delgado, 89-94-100-91—374; Kenneth Burnette, 84-89-92-105—370.

Odessa High II (1,459) — John Crawford, 86-89-90-89—354; Byron Ramirez, 85-93-89-86—374; Brandon Grant, 87-100-92-94—373; Aaron Castillo, 103-94-108-92—387; Zach Gonzales, NS-98-90-95-NS.

San Angelo Central II (1,521) — Trey Corder, 89-92-93-91—365; Conner Gochenauer, 94-85-97-101—378; Graham Goodnight, 95-100-99-89—383; Carson Collins, 98-105-103-110-411.

Abilene High II (1,528) — Kevin Coburn, 91-90-93-93—367; Angel Ramirez, 94-104-91-98—385; Garrett Drennan, 87-94-94-98—373; Grayson Gabriel, 111-99-90-102-402; Kobi Dobbins, 107-104-100-100-411.

Other Medalists

Abilene High — Cole Baggett, 126-NS-NS-NS-NS; Conner Bailey, 124-NS-NS-NS-NS; Bradley Truitt, NS-121-118-119-NS.

Abilene Cooper — Sam Membrillo, 85-97-96-82—360; Jacob Gongora, 79-95-81-87—342; Brandon Neff, 89-87-90-87—353.

Lee — Jase Rejon, NS-97-NS-NS-NS; Trey Cumbest, 92-NS-94-89-NS; Max Ivie, 89-91-88-95—357; Chase White, 90-92-95-99—376.

Midland High — Jonathan Bartlett, 93-90-88-NS-NS; Guy Eastman, NS-92-NS-NS-NS; J.P. Ortiz, 102-105-NS-NS-NS; Grant Jimenez, 92-107-NS-NS; Mcher's Benitz, NS-101-NS-NS-NS.

Odessa High — Blake Estep, 95-NS-103-109-NS; Matthew Munoz, 102-109-101-NS—312.

Odessa Permian — Jax Bowling, 84-91-89-95—349; Alex Gutierrez, 94-NS-NS-NS-NS; Austin Bingham, 97-NS-NS-NS-NS; Dustin Courtney, 85-NS-92-91-NS; Dustin Payne, NS-95-NS-NS-NS; Brooks McCoy, NS-92-NS-NS-NS.

GIRLSGOLFNOTES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DISTRICT 3-5A GIRLS GOLF TOUR

What: Final Round
When: Today
Where: Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Notes: Lee's Libby Thomas takes a slim one-stroke lead into today's final round in Odessa to lock up what would be her second straight District 3-5A medalist title. Even if Thomas can't hang onto the lead, she is 16 strokes ahead of the nearest competitor for one of the regional tournament spots for individuals. Thomas shot a 83 last week on her home course at Green Tree Country Club, and it was her first round over 80 in the three rounds of the tournament. ... Midland High's Madeline Coffman shot an 87 last week at Green Tree and is sitting at 255 for the tournament with a chance to gain one of the individual regional spots. Coffman is six strokes behind Odessa High's Alyssa Carter and Abilene High's Mackenzie Curnutt, who are both at 249. ... Odessa Permian leads the team standings by 36 strokes heading into one of their home courses today.

Next: Top two teams and top two individuals in top 10 advance to Region I-5A Tournament, April 18-19, Lubbock

Results after Round 3

Team Standings — 1. Odessa Permian I, 348-332-309—1,008; 2. San Angelo Central I, 350-349-346-1,044; 3. Abilene Cooper I, 349-355-355—1,061; 4. Abilene High, 341-379-356—1,076; 5. Odessa High, 372-345-361—1,078; 6. Midland Lee I, 365-358-359—1,082; 7. Midland High I, 380-369-365—1,112; 8. Odessa Permian II, 375-360-383—1,118; 9. San Angelo Central II, 421-402-402—1,225; 10. Abilene Cooper II, 421-421-385—1,227; 11. Midland High II, 432-417-401—1,250; 12. Midland Lee II, 439-441-469—1,339.

Medalist standings — 1. Libby Thomas, Lee I, 79-71-83—233; 2. Randi Hanfeld, Permian I, 80-77-77—234; 3. Kamryn Cummings, Central I, 84-81-76—241; 4. (tie) Jacklyn Grimaldo, Central I, 82-85-81—248; Maceo Lane, Permian I, 83-85-80—248; 6. (tie) Alyssa Carter, Odessa High, 85-81-83—249; Mackenzie Curnutt, Abilene High, 79-85-84—249; 8. Lauren Langford, Abilene High, 83-87-83—253; 9. Madeline Coffman, Midland High I, 85-83-87—255; 10. Charlee Ann Freeman, Cooper I, 76-90-92—258.

Lee and IBHS scores

Lee I (1,082) — Libby Thomas, 79-71-83—233; Talyn Stanford, 86-93-97—276; Leah Schwage, 89-100-89—278; Sara Pitts, 87-99-93—279; Cassie Stitz, 101-104-102—307.

Lee II (1,208) — Brooke Robinson, 116-109-NS-NS; Morgan Walker, 95-130-117—342; Grace Baker, 117-124-119—359; Nicole Pitchford, 126-109-117—352; S. Martinez, 111-121-117—349.

Lee medalist — Emily White, 109-96-NS-NS.

Midland High I (1,112) — Rachel Ryan, 95-109-99—292; Madeline Coffman, 85-83-87—255; Kathryn McGowan, 97-99-101—297; Erica Frazier, 117-94-95—306; Hannah Cowley, 103-104-99—298.

Midland High II (1,250) — Melissa Chiles, 110-84-89—283; Kim Molina, 112-115-109—336; Adrianne Coats, 112-113-114—339; Erin Roys, 111-129-109—349; Dorian Crawford, 98-100-107—305.

Midland High medalist — Jordyn Hendrix, 118-NS-108-NS; Marisa Gonzales, 118-110-109—337.

Dallas QB Romo a father for 1st time

Associated Press

DALLAS— Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo has become a father for the first time.

According to the Cowboys' website Tuesday, Romo's wife, former Miss Missouri Candice Crawford Romo, delivered an 8-pound, 8-ounce son late Monday afternoon at a Dallas hospital. The website reports the child has been named Hawkins Crawford Romo.

The Cowboys begin official team activities and minicamps next month.

Bobby Petrino fired at Arkansas after 4 seasons

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas fired coach Bobby Petrino on Tuesday, saying he engaged in reckless behavior that included hiring his mistress and then intentionally misleading his bosses about everything from their relationship to her presence at the motorcycle accident that ultimately cost him his job.

"He made the decision to mislead the public, (and it) adversely affected the university and the football program," athletic director Jeff Long said at an evening news conference, choking up at one point as he discussed telling players the news. There was a "pattern of misleading and manipulative behavior to deceive me."

It was a stunning fall for Petrino, who had built Arkansas into a Southeastern Conference and national power over four seasons, including a 21-5 record the past two years. But Long made it clear that the success on the field was overshadowed by a laundry list of deceptive acts.

Petrino

The 51-year-old Petrino was injured in an April 1 motorcycle accident. He was put on paid leave last week after admitting he lied about the presence of the 25-year-old employee, Jessica Dorrell, who had been riding with him.

Long said his investigation, which took less than a week, found that Petrino had even given Dorrell $20,000 at one point, though he wouldn't disclose what it was for. He also said Petrino was fired "with cause" — meaning he will not receive a multimillion-dollar buyout — and there were no discussions about ways to keep Petrino at Arkansas.

Petrino finishes his tenure at Arkansas with a 34-17 record in four seasons, leading the Razorbacks to a No. 5 final ranking last season and a Cotton Bowl win over Kansas State.

The accident left him with four broken ribs, a cracked vertebra in his neck and numerous abrasions on his face. The avid motorcycle rider said the sun and wind caused him to lose control on the windy two-lane highway, about 20 miles southeast of Fayetteville.

What the married father of four failed to mention, both at a news conference and to Long, was the presence of a Dorrell, a former Arkansas volleyball player and Razorback Foundation fundraiser who Petrino had hired to a football-department position just days before the accident.

That revelation was made public when the state police released the accident report. Petrino informed Long of Dorrell's presence 20 minutes before the police released the report to the public, also admitting to what he called a previous inappropriate relationship with Dorrell.

Long placed Petrino on paid leave later that night, saying he was disappointed in Petrino and promising to review the coach's conduct. He said his review found that the relationship between the two had lasted a "significant" amount of time.

As the review continued, the state police released the audio of the 911 call reporting Petrino's accident. It revealed Petrino didn't want to call police following the crash, and a subsequent police report showed he asked police if he was required to give the name of the passenger during the accident.

Petrino was forthcoming about Dorrell's name and presence with police, but only after misleading both Long and the public during his news conference. That led to the school releasing a statement from Petrino's family the day after the accident that said "no other individuals" were involved.

GUILLEN

From 1C

immigrants, among others, spoke without a script and made no disclaimers. He said he'll do whatever he can to repair relations with Cuban-Americans angered by his praise of the Cuban dictator, remarks he said he didn't mean.

Guillen, who is Venezuelan, told Time magazine he loves Castro and respects the retired Cuban leader for staying in power so long. In response, at least two Miami politicians said Guillen should lose his job. Callers on Spanish-language radio in Miami agreed and 100 demonstrators picketed Marlins Park toting signs like "NO APOLOGIES FIRE HIM NOW."

"He is full with hypocrisy," said Luis Martinez, who has lived in Miami since the late 1950s. "I don't accept any kind of pardon from him. They should get him out."

The team didn't consider firing Guillen or asking him to resign five games into his tenure, Marlins president David Samson said.

Guillen was hired to help usher in a new baseball era for the Marlins, saddled in recent years with mediocre teams and worse attendance. The team was to rely on South Florida's large Cuban-American population to help rebuild its fan base with the $634 million ballpark that opened last week.

At the hourlong news conference Tuesday morning, there was little evidence of Guillen's roguish charm or quick wit, which have made him a favorite with fans and reporters since he became a major league manager in 2004. Speaking somberly, he took full responsibility for his comments, but said they were misinterpreted by Time's reporter.

"It was a personal mistake of the thing I had in my mind and what I said," Guillen said in Spanish. "What I wanted to say in Spanish, I said in English in a wrong way."

Guillen said he doesn't love or admire Castro.

"I was saying I cannot believe somebody who hurt so many people over the years is still alive," he said.

Time said Tuesday it stands by its story.

Guillen said the uproar he created has left him sad, embarrassed and feeling stupid. He said he accepted the team's punishment.

"When you're a sportsman, you shouldn't be involved with politics," he said.

"I'm going to be a Miami guy for the rest of my life. I want to walk in the street with my head up and feel not this bad, the way I feel now."

Cuban-born Atlanta Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez, a former manager of the Marlins, said he watched some of the news conference and could tell it was difficult for Guillen.

"He came out and faced the music," Gonzalez said. "It's going to take awhile, but hopefully he can win those people back somehow."

Guillen has gotten in trouble before on issues ranging from sexual orientation to illegal immigration. Just last week, he boasted about getting drunk after games.

Mavericks gets much-needed win, top Kings

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki and Rodrigue Beaubouis each had 15 points to lead six Dallas players in double figures, and the Mavericks beat the struggling Sacramento Kings 110-100 on Tuesday night before hitting the road.

After a 12-3 run early in the second quarter that Beaubouis started with a three-point play, the Mavericks never trailed again. Sacramento tied the score a few minutes after that, but Beaubouis made two free throws to put them ahead to stay in a much-needed victory.

Delonte West and Jason Terry each had 13 points, and Brendan Haywood 11 for Dallas. Shawn Marion had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

The Mavericks (32-26), who had lost three of their previous four games, are seventh in the Western Conference standings. They are a half-game behind sixth-place Houston and only a half-game ahead of Denver.

Mavericks	**110**
Kings	100

The Mavericks play six of their last eight games on the road, with a four-game trip in five days starting Thursday at Golden State. They play at home again next Wednesday against the Rockets.

DeMarcus Cousins had 25 points and 18 rebounds for Sacramento (19-39), which has lost five in a row and 10 of 12.

Marcus Thornton, Isaiah Thomas and Tyreke Evans each had 16 points for the Kings. Jimmer Fredette had 13.

Surprisingly, it was the first game the Mavericks won this season when Lamar Odom didn't play.

Dallas was 0-7 in games Odom missed before Tuesday, a day after the team said they had parted ways with the NBA's reigning Sixth Man of the Year. His averages of 6.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 20.5 minutes in his underwhelming 50-game stint were career lows.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said the end came after a heated halftime exchange with Odom after the forward's uninspired four minutes at Memphis on Saturday night.

"I just asked him, does he want to go for it or not. Is he in or is he out? I think he thought we were playing poker. I just didn't get a commitment. And that was the end," Cuban said before the game against the Kings in his first public comments about Odom's departure.

When asked if that was the first time he noticed Odom having such a demeanor, Cuban responded, "No, but the first 17 times, I decided to try to help him and turn it into a positive."

Odom is still on the roster, but the Mavericks said he would be listed as inactive for the rest of their games and is no longer with the team.

Soon after missing a layup and then getting called for traveling when he tried to grab the rebound and shoot again, Carter had a powerful one-handed slam over 7-foot Hassan Whiteside. Carter went along the baseline for the dunk late in the third quarter for an 81-75 Dallas lead.

Sacramento had an 8-0 run to get within 92-87 in the fourth quarter before West stole the ball from Cousins and got fouled. West hit both free throws and it never got closer.

The early 12-3 run over a 2 1/2-minute span came when Dallas had none of its starters on the floor

Beaubouis' had his three-point play before Vince Carter's 3-pointer put Dallas up 31-29.

Thornton made a 3-pointer for the Kings before Yi Jianlian had consecutive long jumpers that sandwiched a blocked shot by Carter before one of the highlight play of the night.

Carter had a steal and pushed the ball ahead to Terry, who threw the ball up in the air over his shoulder to a flying Brandan Wright for a powerful dunk.

Feliz wins starting debut as Rangers beat Mariners

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — This time, Neftali Feliz watched new closer Joe Nathan finish the job.

Pitching for the first time since blowing a save in Game 6 of the World Series, Feliz threw seven crisp innings in his first major league start to lead the Texas Rangers to a 1-0 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Feliz, who outdueled hometown product Blake Beavan in his first trip to the mound where always dreamed of pitching, smiled widely as he accepted congratulations after Nathan's perfect ninth.

It was a much different scene than the last time Feliz was on the mound in a meaningful game. The right-hander buried his head in his hands in St. Louis after allowing a two-run triple that tied Game 6 when the Rangers were a strike away from winning the championship. The Cardinals won the World Series in seven games.

"It's a dream come true for me," Feliz said. "I was hoping for the moment to become a starter in the major leagues and finally it happened. And I thank the Rangers for making that happen. And here I am."

Rangers	**1**
Mariners	0

The Rangers could celebrate thanks to David Murphy, who had three of their seven hits and drove in the only run with an infield single in the second inning.

"Murphy swung the bat extremely well and the pitching and defense held it up," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Feliz didn't have a strikeout after the fifth inning, and relied heavily on off-speed pitches instead of the 100-mph heat he used to get 72 saves over two seasons.

Seattle had two runners on with two out in the seventh, but Feliz (1-0) got out of it when Miguel Olivo hit a comebacker to the mound. Feliz bobbled the weak grounder and recovered just in time to beat Olivo's headfirst slide at first.

Mike Adams and Nathan took over from there, closing out the four-hitter.

"I know we have a good bullpen," Feliz said.

Jones returns with homer as Braves beat Astros

Associated Press

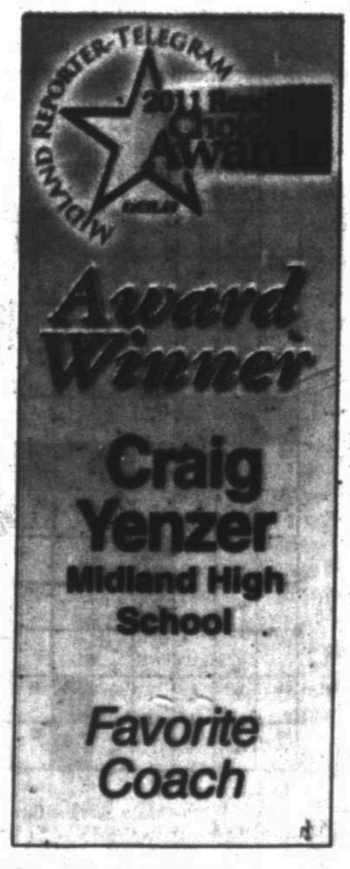
HOUSTON — Chipper Jones came off the disabled list and began his final season in the majors with a single and a two-run homer to help the Atlanta Braves get their first win of the season, 6-4 over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

The nearly 40-year-old Jones didn't look a bit rusty in his return after missing Atlanta's first four games following surgery on March 26 to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee. The switch-hitter, who plans to retire at the end of this season, singled in his first at-bat and hit a left-handed homer — the 455th of his career — in the third inning to put the Braves up 3-1.

Braves	**6**
Astros	4

Rookie Tyler Pastornicky added a solo shot for the Braves, sending his first major-league homer into the Crawford Boxes in left field to push Atlanta's lead to 4-1 in the fourth inning.

Kyle Weiland (0-1), who joined the Astros in an off-season trade from Boston, allowed eight hits and four runs in five innings.



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THURSDAY Mostly sunny high 86 low 60

FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 86 low 59

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 83 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 62 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 86, a low around 59 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph with a 20 percent chance of showers.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 86 and a low around 59.

The high on Tuesday reached 85 while the low dropped to 60. The record high for April 10 is 95 set in 1948. The record low is 30 set in 1952.

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In the Northeast and southern Appalachians, chilly winds and showers will prevail today. A surface storm off the New England coast, combined with a dip in the jet stream, will create a strong flow of chilly air. While lower temperatures will work to suppress new wildfires, any blazes in progress can be fanned by the stiff winds. Gusty winds and higher temperatures will return this weekend.

Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.01 in.
Total for year	1.31 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.09 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	85
Low	60
Normal high	78
Normal low	47

Sunrise ... 7:24 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:16 p.m.

Comments on hair color make wild child feel blue

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: What's the best thing to do when someone insults me for being myself? My hair has been bright blue for the last two semesters of college. I like it. I'm young, and my family is letting me express my "wild" side while I'm in school.

Six months ago I went to meet my ex-boyfriend's mother, and the first thing she said to me was, "You're one of my son's phases, right? Boys don't actually bring girls with blue hair home to Mama." Abby, it was with my ex's encouragement that I dyed my hair this bright color.

My family, my church and most of my teachers think it's OK. Is there a social stigma attached to exotically dyed hair? And what's the best way to react when someone insults me for just being myself? — NICE PERSON IN WALLAND, TENN.

DEAR NICE PERSON: Whether there's a stigma attached to looking different depends on who is doing the looking. Some people — your ex-boyfriend's mother, for instance — find it off-putting. Did you tell her that it was with her son's encouragement that you dyed your hair blue? It would have been interesting to see her reaction. It would also be interesting to know what shade his current girlfriend's hair is.

When others comment about the unusual color of your hair, instead of treating it as an insult, smile and say, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 26 years. I love him, but he's a terrible listener. He's not that way with everyone. When we're out socializing, he's a good conversationalist and a polite listener. It's when we are home that he never lets me finish a sentence. When we're alone, I can't express a complete opinion or thought without being interrupted halfway through a word or sentence. He just cuts me off and starts talking on the subject.

I'm an intelligent woman with valid opinions, but he would rather hear the sound of his own voice than mine. How do I get him to let me speak and not interrupt? -- SILENCED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SILENCED: Is your husband controlling in other aspects of your relationship? If not, the problem may be that you have been together so long he thinks he knows where your sentences are going, so he responds before you complete your entire thought. One way to handle this would be to tell your husband how patronized it makes you feel when he does it. Another would be to interrupt HIM by saying, "Excuse me! I wasn't finished talking." Or, "You finished my sentence, but that wasn't what I was going to say. What I meant was ..."

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Beth," and I are very close, but a constant source of contention is her boyfriend, "Brody." Beth and Brody have broken up several times, and each time it happens, she fills me in on every horrible thing he has ever done.

They always seem to get back together, and then Beth expects me to like him despite everything I know. Does the fact that she forgives and forgets mean that I have to do the same? -- TOO MUCH INFO IN OHIO

DEAR TOO MUCH INFO: No, it doesn't. But you should be civil, even if you're not warm and friendly. Then cross your fingers and hope your sister recognizes less drama is healthier and the relationship ends soon.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Count it!

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 10 9 8 4
♡ J 8 6
◇ Void
♣ K Q 10 5 2

WEST
♠ J 7 2
♡ 10
◇ A J 10 9 7 3 2
♣ J 4

EAST
♠ A Q 6 3
♡ K Q 7 5 3 2
◇ 4
♣ 9 7

SOUTH
♠ 5
♡ A 9 4
◇ K Q 8 6 5
♣ A 8 6 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1♡	2◇	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ♡

Even seemingly complicated hands can become simple if you get a count of the distribution. Here's a case in point.

Since East-West were playing negative doubles, West passed the two-diamond overcall in the hope that East would reopen with a double. That was not to be, and North-South wended their way to five clubs, which West doubled on the reasonable assumption that bad breaks would spell declarer's defeat.

The opening lead of the 10 of hearts was covered by the knave and queen and won with the ace, eliminating one of declarer's losers in that suit.

Declarer drew trumps in two rounds, ending in hand, and led a spade to the eight and queen. East shifted to the four of diamonds and declarer's queen was covered by the ace and ruffed in dummy. Declarer came to hand with a spade ruff, cashed the queen of diamonds, discarding a spade from the table, noting East's heart discard, and led the nine of hearts, on which West sluffed a diamond. The count of the hand was now complete. East had started with six hearts, two clubs and one diamond and, therefore, four spades.

East captured the nine of hearts with the king and exited with a heart to dummy's eight.

Since declarer had only one trump left in hand and the opening bid marked East for the ace of spades, there was only one hope for the contract — West's remaining spade had to be the jack! South led the king of spades from dummy to pin the jack. If East ducked, declarer would discard; if East covered, declarer would ruff. Either way, dummy would score the rest of the tricks.

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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, April 11, 2012:

You have changed in a profound way. This transformation will start to appear in different areas of your life, even as superficially as how you look or project yourself. Others will adjust, though you might lose a friend or two who cannot accept the new you. If you are single, you attract quite an assortment of characters. Whomever you choose to be with will make you quite happy, at least for now. If you are attached, the two of you act like new lovers. Optimism surrounds your relationship. CAPRICORN can be demanding.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your take-charge attitude saves the day. Your intuition plays a significant role in your decision-making process. The unexpected forces you to regroup more than once. By now, the unexpected is expected. Tonight: You could go to the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Talk directly with a partner instead of leaving a message. Your high energy makes all the difference in how you interact with others. You could carry on until the wee hours. Tonight: Keep your insights and opinions to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Defer to others, as ultimately you will have less on your plate. A brainstorming session later in the day brings you insight and direction. You know you can work with this person, so allow a natural bonding to occur. A friend acts in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Continue a talk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Others step forward and share a problem. Listen to news and know that more information of the same nature could be forthcoming. Do more listening than talking. A boss or someone you look up to acts in a most unpredictable manner. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your creativity and energy, when funneled properly, could make a big difference. Use your abilities to the max, and consider an opportunity once more. You might see it a lot differently this time. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might suffer from sleep deprivation this morning. This will pass, and quickly at that. Your imagination and creativity will soar by the afternoon. At this point, take on what you want. Trust your instincts. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your sense of direction could define the morning. Use that period to the max, when the Force is with you. By the afternoon, some quiet work or yoga will help you gain an even bigger perspective. Tonight: Make it early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Understand what is happening behind the scenes. How you see a situation could change dramatically. Be sensitive to someone who frequently makes you nervous. Find out what is going on with this person. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Use the morning to the max. By the afternoon, your interest could change; you might become a little flighty. Let go and do what you want. Extremes are likely to play into what happens. Your energy will surge as a result of this change of pace. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You move slowly into a new venture, relationship and/or commitment. Wondering what lies ahead is normal. If you do not take a risk, you will end up with nothing. It's an excellent idea to debate the pros and cons, but know that eventually a decision will be necessary. Tonight: Act like the world is your oyster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Meetings in the morning seem to give you a sense of direction. Still, your follow-through could be flawed, which is unusual. The bottom line might be that you need some time off. Why not go with an offer rather than fight City Hall? Tonight: What would be best for you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Say what you want. Do what you want. Trust in your abilities to move a project forward. You have the ability to hit a home run if you so choose. Listen to associates, but follow through on what you think might be best. Tonight: Where the action is.

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BORN TODAY

Dancer Joel Grey (1932), film director Vincent Gallo (1961), singer Joss Stone (1987)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Great, in slang
4 Take as one's own
9 Scenic view
14 Fifth in NYC, e.g.
15 Indian prince
16 Indian, e.g.
17 [Quoted verbatim]
18 Porterhouse relatives
20 Trading center
22 Without __: pro bono
23 Chop
24 Hannibal Smith underling
28 Dined
29 Polish place
30 MetLife, for one
32 Org. concerned with the word spelled by the starts of 18-, 24-, 36-, 54- and 59-Across
33 Muslim leader
35 Popular dolls
36 Any of five Wolverine films
40 Jeer
43 Geraint's lady
44 Cookbook abbr.
47 Elite athlete
51 Urban skyline standout
53 Actress Peeples
54 Some online shoppers
56 Receive
57 Talker on a perch
58 Aid companion
59 Pot holder, perhaps
64 Reason for gaping
65 Immunity agent
66 Porter's "__ the Top"
67 Dastard
68 Halos
69 Board game with an exclamation point in its name
70 Mil. spud duties

DOWN
1 Long-grained Asian rice
2 One skilled in plane talk
3 Fiats
4 Legal hangings?
5 Little bit
6 Pancho's peeper
7 Jet age 2011-'12 TV drama
8 Hoover led it for 37 yrs.
9 Political pollsters' targets
10 Winter glaze
11 Mollusk named for its pair of long earlike appendages
12 Rest
13 Responds
19 Espied
21 Catch some rays
25 Injure severely
26 Marceau, notably
27 Verve
31 Don Ho's instrument
34 Sra.'s French counterpart
36 Crosses (out)
37 A student's GPA blemish
38 Caesar's "I saw"
39 "__ it my way"
40 Kind of rap
41 Former Romanian president
42 Utter nonsense
44 Secure behind one's head, as long hair
45 Make a mess of
46 Really bugs
48 Synagogue
49 "Rock-__ Baby"
50 Actor Quaid and pitcher Johnson
52 Pharm. watchdog
55 Internet giant with an exclamation point in its name
60 According to
61 "__ Song": #1 country hit for Taylor Swift
62 Hockey great
63 Opener on a ring

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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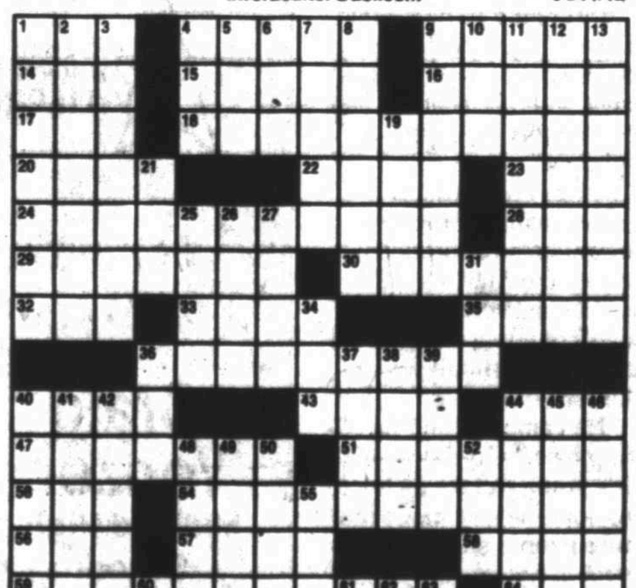

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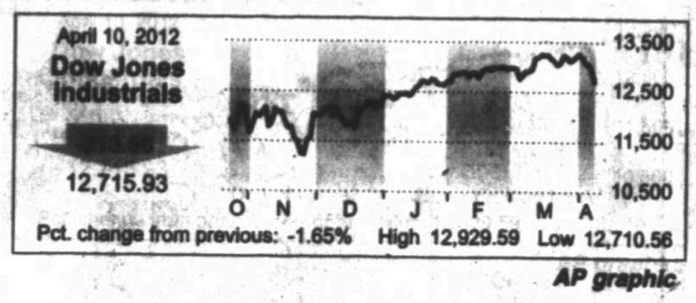

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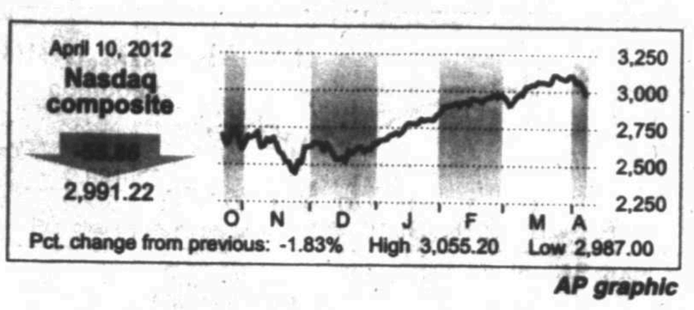

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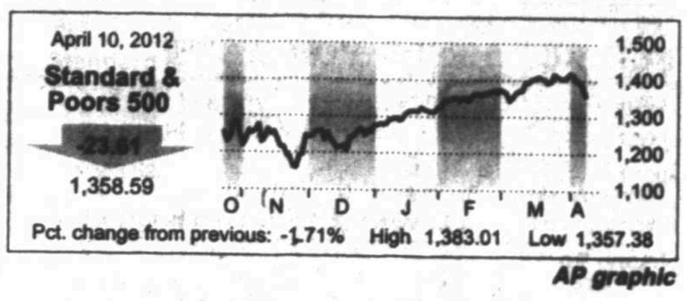

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Tuesday: $101.02
Previous: $102.46

POSTED
Tuesday: $97.50
Previous: $99.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Tuesday: $90.45
Previous: $92.20

NATURAL GAS
Tuesday: $2.031
Previous: $2.107

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($5 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioAm	3878852	8.54	-.39	iP SXR1K	22.38	+6.53	+41.2
S&P500ETF	2200850	135.90	-2.32	CSVlnvNG	119.95	+24.49	+25.7
SPDR Fncl	1131883	14.97	-.33	NBGrce rs	2.56	+.41	+18.9
iShEMkts	793860	41.30	-.82	iP SESPX	22.39	+3.40	+17.9
iShR2K	789958	78.35	-1.89	PrUvxST rs	21.42	+2.98	+16.2

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
CSVLgNGa	18.20	-2.45	-11.9	Advanced	462
FaSPSBTdlr	13.09	-1.68	-11.4	Declined	2,606
SunTr wtA	4.53	-.55	-10.9	Unchanged	85
AradAmDv	9.35	-1.12	-10.7	Total issues	3,153
ETSh1mMlx	131.36	-15.37	-10.5	New Highs	28
				New Lows	70
				Volume	4,579,415,493

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinnerEn	71614	14.97	-1.30	Augusta g	2.50	+.22	+9.6
Vringo	59837	3.25	-.11	EV MAMu	16.56	+.92	+5.9
NovaGld g	36754	6.79	+.26	Newsun g	3.53	+.18	+5.4
NwGold g	33615	9.66	+.21	CT Ptrs	6.50	+.33	+5.3
Rentech	32130	2.00	-.10	Cover-All	2.18	+.11	+5.1

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
Quepasa	3.37	-.38	-10.1	Advanced	161
HstnAEn	3.67	-.39	-9.6	Declined	309
SondeR grs	2.15	-.22	-9.3	Unchanged	28
NTS Rlty	3.30	-.33	-9.1	Total issues	498
MGTCap rs	2.40	-.22	-8.4	New Highs	5
				New Lows	15
				Volume	95,553,332

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SiriusXM	746327	2.22	-.11	NewLeadH	2.50	+1.10	+78.6
PwShs QQQ	672894	66.13	-1.08	X-Rite	5.54	+1.54	+38.5
Microsoft	512525	30.47	-.63	B Comm	8.60	+1.39	+19.3
Cisco	420481	19.55	-.41	MSB Fin	6.84	+1.04	+17.9
Oracle	403991	28.35	-.68	SmtHeat rs	7.20	+1.01	+16.3

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
Data IO	2.88	-.82	-22.2	Advanced	445
ViroPharm	22.44	-6.17	-21.6	Declined	2,070
GlobToAdv	7.00	-1.75	-20.0	Unchanged	102
CarverB rs	5.01	-1.09	-17.9	Total issues	2,617
Cyclacel pf	2.50	-.49	-16.4	New Highs	24
				New Lows	88
				Volume	1,870,369,069

Best Buy CEO Dunn resigns amid internal investigation

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Best Buy CEO Brian Dunn abruptly resigned on Tuesday after the embattled consumer electronics chain launched an internal investigation into his "personal conduct."

Best Buy released a statement late Tuesday saying that it is conducting the probe after earlier only saying the departure was a "mutual decision." The chain would not give any specifics on the circumstances surrounding the investigation of Dunn, a 28-year Best Buy veteran who had been CEO since 2009.

"Certain issues were brought to the board's attention regarding Dunn's personal conduct, unrelated to the company's operations or financial controls, and an audit committee investigation was initiated," according to a company statement issued late Tuesday. "Prior to the completion of the investigation, Mr. Dunn chose to resign."

Dunn, who started his career at Best Buy as a sales clerk in the 1980s, could not be reached for comment about the investigation. But earlier on Tuesday, the 50-year-old said in a statement that he was leaving Best Buy poised "for a strong future."

Best Buy Co. hasn't disclosed the terms of Dunn's severance package. But Dunn's annual compensation for fiscal 2010, the latest figures available, was worth about $5 million — half of what it was in the prior fiscal year.

The resignation adds to Best Buy's mounting problems. Up until a few years ago, the nation's largest consumer electronics retailer was the place Americans went to grab TVs and cameras. But the chain has suffered in the economic downturn and has been widely criticized for not being quick to respond to growing competition and the changing shopping habits of Americans.

While industry watchers had been calling for changes at Best Buy, news of the investigation didn't sit well with Wall Street. On the news of the probe, Best Buy's shares fell almost 6 percent, or $1.33, to close at $21:32, after initially climbing higher on news of Dunn's departure. Best Buy's shares have lost more than half of their value since April 2006, when they were trading at $56.66 per share.

"It's good news that he's gone," said Brian Sozzi, chief equities analyst at NBG Productions, an independent research firm. "But this adds another layer of uncertainty."

Best Buy said Tuesday that board member Mike Mikan, 39, will serve as interim CEO while the company searches for Dunn's permanent replacement. A new CEO will face a big challenge trying to usher Best Buy into a new era.

Sales of TVs, digital cameras and video game consoles — once the bread-and-butter of Best Buy — have weakened, while sales of lower margin items like tablet computers, smartphones and e-readers have increased. Adding to that, people increasingly use the stores of big-box retailers like Best Buy as showrooms to browse for products and then go online to Amazon.com and other sites to buy items at lower prices.

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Best Buy CEO Brian Dunn speaks at a Google conference in San Francisco in 2010. Dunn has resigned from the electronics retailer after an internal investigation into his "personal conduct." Dunn had been with Best Buy for 28 years and had been CEO since 2009. He started his career as a sales clerk in the1980s.

Best Buy, based in Minneapolis, was expected to benefit from the liquidation of the company's main competitor Circuit City, which was overcome by growing competition in 2009. But instead, the company has continued to struggle even in the absence of its rival.

Best Buy's revenue at stores opened at least a year — a key measure because it excludes results from stores that open and close within the year — has declined in three of the past four years. In the most recent fiscal year ended March 3, the figure fell 1.7 percent. That's on top of a 1.8 percent decline in the prior fiscal year.

The chain also lost $1.23 billion, or $3.36 per share, in the most recent fiscal year. That compares with a profit of $1.28 billion, or $3.08 per share, in the prior year

"Best Buy's operational strategy has been way off the mark and late to address the fundamental industry upheaval," Sozzi, the analyst at NBG Productions, said. "Big-box stores can't be fixed. They have to be reinvented."

Best Buy, which has 1,400 U.S. stores, has been trying to revamp its business. In the past few years, the company has cut its square footage by 15 percent in about 43 stores. It did that by either subletting the space to other merchants or giving it back to the landlords.

Oil hits $101

Oil closed at a two-month low on more troubling signs for the world economy.

Benchmark U.S. crude dropped by $1.44 to $101.02 per barrel in New York on Tuesday while Brent crude lost $2.79 to $119.88 per barrel in London. Natural gas fell to a 10-year low. Global stock markets also declined, along with the prices of most industrial metals.

There was fresh concern about economic strength in China and the U.S. China said that European demand for its manufactured goods is declining — one more sign of a slowdown in the world's second-biggest economy. A U.S. government report indicated that wholesalers are restocking shelves at a slower pace. That will likely hurt first-quarter economic growth.

After months of focusing on the West's nuclear dispute with Iran, oil traders are more worried about the impact of high oil prices on the economy, analysts say. The concern appears warranted. Small business owners in the U.S. said in a survey released Tuesday that they're increasingly worried about high fuel prices.

This all follows last week's disappointing U.S. jobs news. The government said that employers added only 120,000 jobs in March — half as much as the previous three months.

Oil is now the closest it's been to $100 since Feb. 13. The price has dropped $6 per barrel, or 5.6 percent, in the last two weeks.

Dollar rises

Rising borrowing costs in Spain are pushing the dollar higher against the euro.

The dollar hit a one-month low against the Japanese yen after the Bank of Japan said it would leave its key interest rate unchanged.

The euro fell to $1.3076 late Tuesday from $1.3116 late Monday.

The dollar fell to 80.79 Japanese yen late Tuesday from 81.66 yen. It fell as low as 80.79 yen Tuesday, its lowest point since March 7.

In other trading, the British pound fell to $1.5858 from $1.5902. The dollar rose to 0.9190 Swiss franc from 0.9164 Swiss franc and rose to 1.0039 Canadian dollar from 99.65 Canadian cents.

The June contract for gold rose $16.80, or 1 percent, to $1,660.70.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $15.46 Down 0.65

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $72.99 Down 2.39

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $96.29 Down 1.55

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.99 Down 1.33

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.01 Down 0.79

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.78 Down 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $12.81 Up 0.03

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	46	30.13	-.51	-.4
Abraxas	...	14	2.79	-.14	-15.5
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.65	-.17	+10.5
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.98	-.14	+26.9
Alcoa	.12	13	9.32	-.28	+7.7
AlonUSA	.16	13	8.66	-.29	-.6
AlphaNRs	...	...	14.27	+.21	-30.2
AmIntlGrp	...	3	31.24	-.75	+34.7
Amgen	1.44	16	66.19	+.83	+3.1
Anadarko	.36	...	74.63	-1.20	-2.2
Apache	.60f	8	93.50	-1.08	+3.2
Apple Inc	10.60	18	628.44	-7.79	+55.2
ApolloInvt	.36f	10	11.75	-.11	+9.7
ArenaPhm	...	...	2.57	-.25	+53.5
ATMOS	1.38	14	31.61	-.16	-7.0
AutoData	1.58	20	53.92	-.65	-.2
BP PLC	1.92f	6	42.30	-.96	-1.0
BabcoCInv	1.20	...	16.36	-.09	-9.1
BakrHu	.60	11	40.28	-.30	-17.2
BcoSantSA	.82e	...	6.51	-.20	-13.4
BkofAm	.04	...	8.54	-.39	+53.6
Bar iPVix	...	...	20.50	+1.52	-42.3
BasicEnSv	...	13	15.46	-.65	-21.5
BerkHa A	...	20	116196.00	-1506.00	+3.0
BerryPet	.32	...	44.20	-1.07	+5.2
BestBuy	.64	...	21.32	-1.33	-8.8
BillsWtSp	1.48f	36	32.26	-.89	-3.9
BrityStg	1.36	16	32.47	-.87	-7.9
BrowsFA	1.40	20	65.33	-.72	+1.3
BrylnsFB	1.40	21	82.09	-1.14	+2.0
CVS Care	.65	17	43.53	-.41	+6.7
Cameron	...	23	50.02	-1.13	+1.7
Caterpillar	1.84	14	100.43	-3.14	+10.8
Celestic g	...	8	8.80	-.14	+20.1
Cemex	.32t	...	6.82	-.43	+31.6
CntryLink	2.90	23	37.93	-.42	+2.0
ChseEng	.35	6	20.69	-.76	-7.2
Chevron	3.24	8	101.65	-2.04	-4.7
Chicos	.21f	18	14.55	-.43	+30.6
Cimarex	.48f	11	69.19	-1.25	+11.8
Cisco	.32f	15	19.55	-.41	+8.5
Citigrp rs	.04	9	32.86	-1.11	+24.0
CityEng	...	9	72.99	-2.39	-3.8
CocaCola	2.04f	20	72.02	-.85	+2.9
ConAgra	.96	15	25.85	-.20	-2.1
ConchoRes	...	19	96.29	-1.55	+3.7
ConocPhil	2.64	8	73.69	-1.36	+1.1
Corning	.30	8	13.39	-.09	+3.2
CrackerB	1.00	16	54.80	-.63	+8.7
CSVS2xVxS	...	...	9.67	+1.22	-69.7
CrosTim	2.92e	13	38.65	-.74	-20.9
DCP Mid	2.60f	36	44.29	-1.01	-6.7
DTE	2.35	13	53.83	-.65	-1.1
Dataram h	...	...	.88	+.08	+8.6
Dawson	...	...	30.99	-1.33	-21.6
Dell Inc	...	9	16.25	+.03	+11.1
DevonE	.80	6	68.94	-1.35	+11.2
DirSCBear	...	...	20.72	+1.36	-21.8
DirFnBear	...	...	23.73	+1.37	-36.5
DirxSCBull	...	...	52.59	-3.99	+17.3
Disney	.60f	16	40.99	-1.12	+9.3
DowChm	1.00	15	31.76	-.79	+10.2
DukeEngy	1.00	16	20.37	-.24	-7.4
EMC Cp	...	28	28.25	-.40	+31.1
EOG Res	.60f	25	104.00	-3.64	+5.6
EmpDist	1.00	15	19.63	-.15	-6.9
Energen	.56f	12	47.99	-.92	-4.0
EngyTsfr	3.58	42	45.73	-.66	-.3
EnPro	...	17	38.14	-.76	+18.7
EnPrPt	2.48f	21	49.26	-.96	+6.3
Ericsson	.37e	...	9.56	-.12	-5.6
EstcmanK	...	...	12.27	+.11	+35.9
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	82.17	-1.71	-3.1
FordM	.20	7	11.79	-.43	+9.8
ForestOil s	...	14	11.35	-.12	-16.2
FMCG	1.25f	8	36.63	-.88	-.4
FrosstNd	...	...	1.18	+.02	-8.5
GATX	1.20f	18	39.60	-.75	-8.0
GabBluRT	.60m	...	6.90	-.10	+12.1
GAInv	.50a	...	28.04	-.48	+12.6
GenElec	.68	15	18.74	-.49	+4.6
Goltsmith	...	...	4.42	-.07	+38.1
Goodrich	1.16	20	125.25	+.15	+1.3
GtPlainEn	.86	16	19.54	-.37	+10.3
Halcon R rs	...	...	9.24	-.21	-1.6
Halliblrtn	.36	10	31.99	-.39	-7.3
Heinz	1.92	17	53.57	-.41	-0.7
HewlettP	.48	8	23.27	+.13	-9.7
Hittachi	...	...	62.45	-1.16	+19.8
iShBraz	1.50e	...	61.85	-1.23	+7.8
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.65	-.12	+5.9
iShChina25	.77e	...	35.75	-.60	+2.5
iShEMkts	.81e	...	41.30	-.82	+8.8
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	51.66	-1.13	+4.3
iShR2K	1.10e	...	78.35	-1.89	+6.2
IntegrysE	2.72	18	51.31	-.76	-5.3
Intel	.84	11	27.45	-.31	+13.2
InterDig	.40	17	33.60	-.70	-22.9
ItauUnibH	.84e	...	17.35	-.51	-6.5
JPMorgCh	1.20f	10	42.96	-.93	+29.2
JohnJn	2.28	18	64.20	-.72	-2.1
KimbClk	2.96f	18	73.53	-.50	...
KindME	4.64	...	80.43	-1.79	-5.3
KindMM	4.64t	...	72.27	-1.83	-8.0
LVSands	1.00	30	58.40	-2.22	+36.7
LegacyRes	2.20f	16	28.01	-.79	-.8
Lubys	...	28	6.07	-.40	+34.6
MGM Rsts	...	2	13.07	-.44	+25.3
MktVGold	.15e	...	47.04	+.56	-8.5
McDnlds	2.80	19	97.67	-1.21	-2.7
Merck	1.68	19	38.45	-.28	+2.0
MerrillLed s	...	19	11.61	-.35	-13.2
MexcoEn	...	56	7.78	-.07	+11.1
MicronT	...	...	7.15	-.20	+13.7
Microsoft	.80	11	30.47	-.63	+17.4
MorgStan	.20	15	17.31	-.67	+14.4
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NTXQI	.82	...	16.03	-.06	-1.9
OcciPet	2.10f	11	86.61	-1.77	-6.4
Oracle	.24	15	28.35	-.68	+10.5
PatTech	...	16	4.82	-.23	+22.8
ParkDrl	...	...	5.40	-.15	-34.7
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PenRE	.60	...	14.19	-.36	+35.1
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PioNtrl	.08	15	105.12	-2.36	+17.5
PlainsAA	4.10f	16	77.32	-1.80	+5.3
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PrUSh&P	...	...	16.14	+.53	-16.4
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PulteGrp	...	...	7.69	-.54	+21.9
RangeRs	.16	78	56.79	+.30	-8.3
RegionsFn	.04	36	6.08	-.14	+41.4
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RschMotn	...	4	12.93	-.09	-10.8
Rowan	...	29	31.29	-.92	+3.2
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SpdrDJIA	3.51e	...	127.01	-2.11	+4.2
S&P500ETF	2.64e	...	135.90	-2.32	+8.3
SabnR	4.10e	15	60.01	-1.23	-4.8
SanderFn	.88	...	50.24	-.74	+.2
SandRidge	...	54	7.08	-.34	-13.2
Sapient	.36e	23	11.97	-.06	-5.0
Schlmbrg	1.10f	18	67.26	-.33	-1.5
SigmaAld	.80f	19	70.33	-1.14	+12.6
SiriusXM	...	17	2.22	-.11	+22.0
Smucker	1.92	20	80.31	-.48	+2.7
SprintNex	...	...	2.66	-.09	+13.7
SP Consum	.62e	...	43.51	-1.09	+11.5
SP Engy	1.10e	...	68.24	-1.37	-1.3
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	14.97	-.33	+15.2
SP Inds	.75e	...	35.63	-.74	+5.6
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Trchmrk s	.60f	10	47.98	-.39	+10.6
TriContl	.43e	...	15.48	-.20	+8.8
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UBWV	1.24	17	27.05	-.46	-4.3
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ValeroE	.60	6	23.60	-1.11	+12.1
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Walgrn	.90	11	32.21	-.35	-2.6
WellsFargo	.68f	12	32.92	-.50	+19.4
WstnRefin	.16	10	18.48	-1.68	+39.1
WhitngPet	...	11	51.17	-1.28	+9.6
WmsCos	1.04f	20	30.56	-.44	+13.4
XcelEngy	1.04	15	26.06	-.39	-5.7
Xerox	.17	8	7.79	-.07	-2.9

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,297.11	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,715.93	-213.66	-1.65	+4.08	+3.69
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,088.13	-108.86	-2.09	+1.39	-2.89
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	449.84	-5.96	-1.31	-3.19	+10.34
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,841.92	-150.46	-1.88	+4.88	-6.20
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,327.52	-39.02	-1.65	+2.16	-1.96
3,134.17	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,991.22	-55.66	-1.83	+14.82	+8.98
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,359.59	-23.61	-1.71	+8.00	+3.98
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,295.78	-268.80	-1.85	+8.01	+2.15
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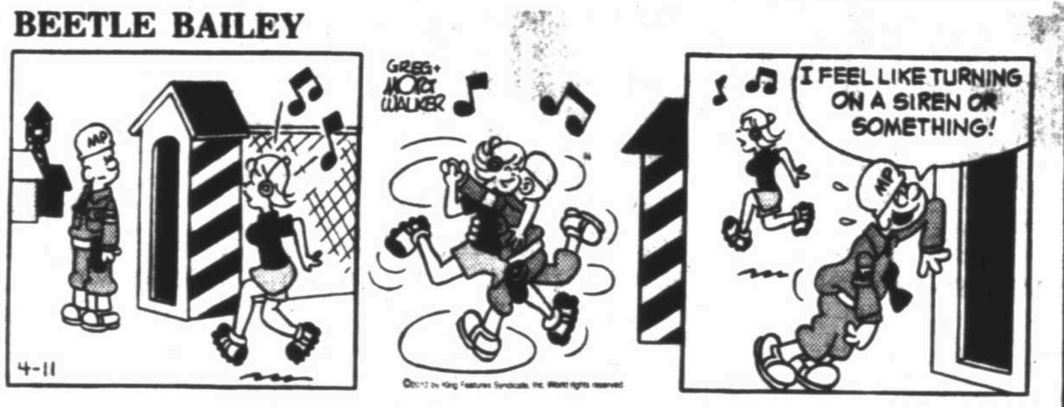

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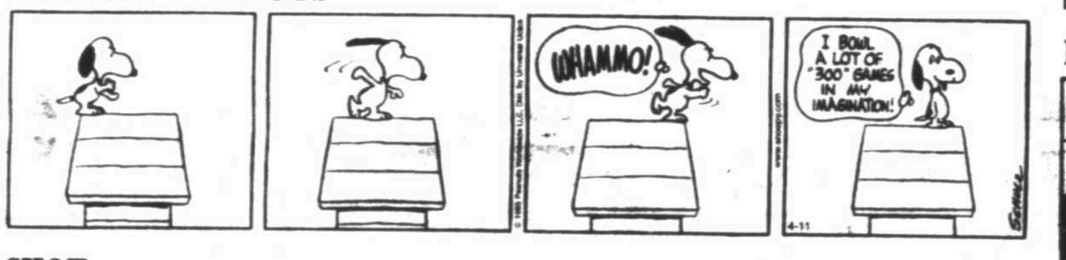

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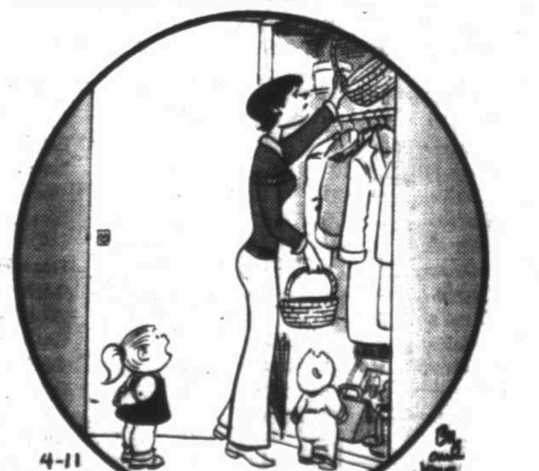

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FOUND Jack Russell terrier near Greet House, north side of Midland 432-210-7097

FOUND MALE GOLDEN RETRIEVER. FOUND 4/7/12 on Thomason Dr. Call 432-210-8211.

FOUND MALE Schnauzer off Midland Dr & Wadley. Call to identify 432-978-7099.

FOUND STERLING silver bracelet, DOB 11/28/07 at Midland Mall. 432-756-2870.

FOUND WHITE boxer. Greentree area. Has pink collar. 432-889-0097 or 517-5024.

LOST SUN CONURE. Small 10 inch parrot, orange, yellow, green. His name is Joe. Lost in 1400 block of Douglas Ave, Thursday 4/5. REWARD. Please call 432-528-7936.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Notice of Public Auction

City of Midland will hold a Public Vehicle Auction at Action Wrecker Service Inc., on Saturday, April 14,2012. All vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder. Full Payment is due at the time of purchase. Buyer has five days to remove vehicles from impound lot. Gates will open at 8:00 AM. Auction begins at 10:00 AM for more information visit www.actionwrecker.com or contact Action Wrecker Service Inc., 1109 S. Midland Drive Midland, Tx. (432)697-6697

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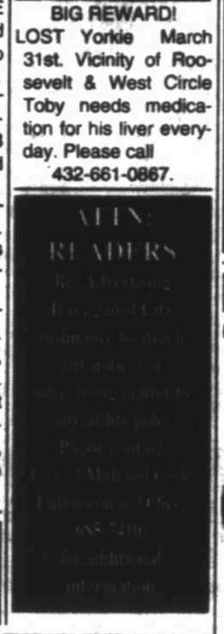

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Communications 1600 W. Wall 432-557-6041 Stated Meetings Acacia Lodge #1414 1st & 3rd Tues. @ 7:30pm, Midland Lodge #623 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30pm Centennial Lodge #1448 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30am Did you know James Bowie was a Master Mason?

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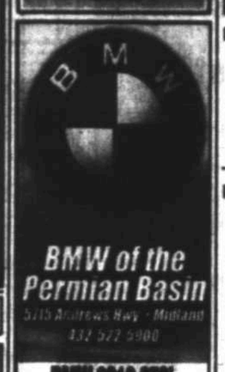

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Burlington Res. O&G Co-Mid, 3300 N. A Street, Building 6, Midland, TX 79705, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend the injection permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg-San Andres formations, Waddell, W.N. Well No. 817. The wells listed above are currently injecting and Burlington Res. O&G Co.-Mid is amending the injection intervals. The well is located 15 miles NW from Crane, Texas, in the Waddell Field in Crane County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 3100'-3496'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone (512) 463-6792)

FOR SALE by owner 1991 Mercedes red convertible, 62K miles. See at 1501 W. Illinois. Bill Jackson 432-557-3366.

INFINITY 2001 QX4 silver ext., black leather int $7800 new satellite radio added with CD player, excellent mileage, this car may be viewed at H&S Motors 1200 N. Loop 250 W. Call Shelly at 432-699-1650, 432-556-6225

LEXUS 2011 ES 350 $30k OBO, 42k miles, excellent condition. See ad on AutoTrader for more details: http://www.autotrader.com/fyc/vdp.jsp?ct=p&car_id=318220238&dealer_id=67097391&atc_id=AT-12f7a7ce. Call 432-288-2501

NISSAN 2006 Maxima, 65K miles, loaded, heated seat, GPS navigation, Moon roof, Pearl White. $13,500. 432-352-7889.

NISSAN 2008 ALTIMA Coupe, navigation, touch screen radio, new rims, 58k mi, $17,500 OBO, 432-664-4573, 432-634-8681. Text for more information.

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2005 FORD F250 Super Duty Crew cab King Ranch 4WD, 6 3/4' bed, 6.0L Turbo Diesel, 70K, white over bronze. $23,000. Call 432-664-9048.

CHEVROLET 2001 Silverado 1500, extended cab Z71, red, with gray cloth, 5.3 vortec, 100k miles, grill guard, headache rack and tool box. $10,250 Call 432-697-0010.

CHEVROLET 2006 1500 Silverado, 4 door crew, V8, automatic transmission, excellent condition, has new tires and lots of extras. 42,000 miles. $18,250. Call 432-689-0898

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Elizabeth hardin, Deceased, were issued on April 3, 2012, in Cause No. P-16,999, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Thornton Hardie III, Independent Executor, whose address is 3904 Marquette St., Dallas, Texas 75225.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH

In the matter of the establishment of a branch of AimBank. Notice is hereby given that AimBank, whose main office and domicile is located at 337 Phelps Avenue, in Littlefield, Lamb County, Texas 79339, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Texas Department of Banking to establish a new branch to be located at 3200 Andrews Highway, Suite 100, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79701.

Any person wishing to comment on the application may file his or her comments, in writing, with the Regional Director (RMS) of the Division of Risk Management Supervision, of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Dallas Regional Office at 1601 Bryan Street, 38th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201-3430, not later than April 26, 2012. The non-confidential portions of the application on file in the regional office and are available for inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

Any person wishing to comment on the application, either for or against, may file written comments with the Texas Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78705-4294 on or before the 14th day after the date of this publication. Such comments will be made a part of the record before and considered by the banking commissioner. Any person wishing to formally protest and oppose the branch application and participate in the application process may do so by filing a written notice of protest with the Texas Department of Banking on or before the 14th calendar day after the date of this publication accompanied by a protest filing fee of $2,500. The protest fee may be reduced or waived by the banking commissioner upon a showing of substantial hardship.

This notice is published pursuant to Part 303.7(c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Title 7, Section 15.42 of the Texas Administrative Code.

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Immediate opening for customer service rep. in Midland. Must be able to work M-F 8am-7p Sat. 9am-2pm. Bilingual a plus. Computer skills required. Candidates must be energetic, organized and independent. Pleasant personality and professional appearance are a must. We offer comprehensive benefits such as health insurance & 401K. Must have at least one year experience in customer service. Apply in person at: 407 Andrews Hwy.

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Looking for an educator to tutor a home school child for 1 week. Monday - Thursday from 9am -2pm. Fax resume to 432-520-1511.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

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Wanted experienced, honest, hard working contract fieldman to oversee long term, approximately two years, production and workover project with minimal supervision. Could work into full time position depending upon job performance. Some drilling experience would also be a plus. Will be responsible for implementing workover program, new well completions, and repair of existing producers and injection wells. Will be responsible for monitoring daily cost. Need to be able to carry out work prognosis, and know when adjustments need to be made. Very good pay and good people just trying to accomplish a goal without egos getting in the way. Need to be able to work with pumpers. Work area is one hour south of Odessa. To make the situation work will need to be able to communicate details over the phone and email reports in the evenings. Age not a factor, the more experience the better References, resume of work experience, and desired pay need to be furnished when replying. M- 30 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

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- Proficiency in MS Office Suite
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Fax: (432) 686-3960 mwaters@inhome-care.org

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Company Confidential PT
Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor needed to work 10hrs per week. Pay DOE. To apply fax resume: 432-520-1511.

Medical Assistant
West Texas Orthopedics PT
Opportunity for Medical Assistant at busy orthopedic clinic in Midland. Experience desired, but not necessary. Mornings only. Send resume' to PO Box 5556 Midland, Texas 79704 or fax to 432.686.0664.

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Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have job openings in our Personalization and Production Departments. Those who apply must be willing to work nights. Candidates will need to pass a background check and drug test. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

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Requirements:
- Bachelor degree in Chemistry or other Natural Sciences preferred
- Other degree OK with relevant experience.
- Preferred 3 years of experience in a safety and environmental role
- Working knowledge of federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.
- Working knowledge of behavior based safety including general principles, audit process, root cause analysis, incentives, and accountability.
- Solid leadership, management, motivational and administrative skills.
- Solid interpersonal, verbal and written communications skills.
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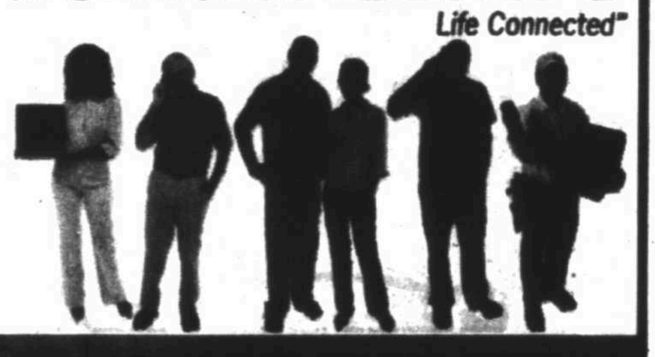

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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The Transwestern Pipeline Project
Transwestern Pipeline filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on March 21, 2012, requesting authorization to abandon by sale an approximate 59.5 mile segment of the existing 24-inch diameter pipeline of its West Texas Lateral in Lea County, New Mexico, and Loving, and Winkler Counties, Texas. The project was assigned Docket No. CP12-94-000 by the FERC. Transwestern Pipeline is subject to the FERC's jurisdiction since its pipeline facilities are used in the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce. Transwestern has requested the FERC to issue an Order granting the proposed abandonment by June 1, 2012. Upon receipt of FERC authorization, Transwestern will physically isolate, and then sell this pipeline segment to an affiliate, Lone Star NGL Pipeline LP which will convert this pipeline segment for use as a natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline. The remaining 30-inch diameter pipeline portion of the West Texas Lateral will continue to be used by Transwestern Pipeline for the transportation of natural gas.

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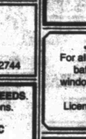

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