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Student pregnancy rate at MISD drops

Officials say 27 percent decrease is significant, but work is not over

By Meredith Moriak
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The number of students seeking pregnancy services from Midland ISD has decreased by 27 percent during the past two school years.

Though administrators and community volunteers who serve on the School Health Advisory Council are pleased to see a decrease in the number of pregnant students, all agree there is still work to be done.

"The decrease is positive, but we need to remain focused and keep working. This is still an issue," said MISD Health Services Coordinator Tracey Dees during Wednesday's SHAC meeting.

This school year, 123 pregnant females have worked with MISD Pregnancy Services Coordinator Pat Snyder. An additional 25 students who are not pregnant have received Medicaid and gynecological services through Snyder's department, bringing the total pregnancy services caseload to 148 students this year, according to pregnancy-related data released by Snyder on Wednesday.

During the 2010-11 school year, Snyder's total caseload of 205 students prompted MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren to speak with the community about the pregnancies, which occurred at an "alarming rate." He asked the School Health Advisory Council to explore ways to increase sex education in schools, and the board of trustees ultimately approved the abstinence-plus "It's Your Game ... Keep It Real" sex

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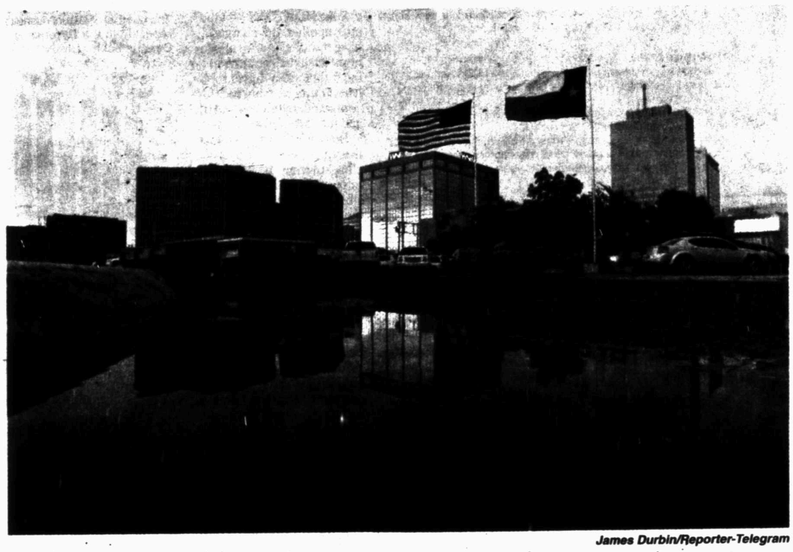

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A sunset is reflected in a rain puddle at the corner of West Missouri Avenue and South Carrizo Street on Tuesday.

Residential property values on the rise

By Stewart Doreen
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The news is the same from the Midland Central Appraisal District.

The assessed values of properties across the city is up, according to Jerry Bundick, MCAD's chief appraiser.

That includes residential properties that, according to Bundick, rose by an average of 12 percent.

"It's getting to be old news for us," Bundick said. "That is the economy."

Supply and demand is cited as the reason for the increase, and property valuations are based on area sales data, according to the appraisal district.

The valuation process is one part of the process that determines how much property owners pay in taxes. A second part comes when taxing entities set tax rates later this year.

With valuations increasing, one thought is that tax rates will drop by an equal amount for government to bring in the same amount of revenue. Should government entities choose to set an "effective rate" then the taxpayer is not negatively impacted.

What sometimes happens is that a government entity lowers the tax rate above the effective rate, so its leaders can say they are lowering the tax rate but are still bringing in more money than during the previous year.

Bundick said about 60,000 real property valuations have been mailed out (mineral owners' notices were scheduled to be sent out Wednesday as well). Included is an estimate of what

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House bill includes $48M for UTPB building

From staff reports

A bill package including $48 million in tuition revenue bonds for the construction of an engineering building at UT Permian Basin's Midland campus will be voted on by the Texas House of Representatives in the coming days.

UTPB was allotted $30 million for the construction of an engineering building at the UTPB Midland campus in SB16, passed unanimously by the Texas Senate on April 23.

On Wednesday, Rep. Tom Craddick lobbied for additional funding for UTPB and increased the amount to $48 million, Craddick's office confirmed.

Tuition revenue bonds are backed by tuition and fees and issued by institutions of higher education. They are used to finance educational space such as classroom facilities, but cannot be used to support auxiliary space such as dormitories.

The last major authorization of TRB bonds occurred in 2006 during the 79th Legislative session when $1.8 billion was approved for 47 higher education institutions. UTPB received $99 million for the construction of the Midland campus Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center and Odessa campus Science and Technology building.

Since then, the Legislature has authorized $168 million in TRB funds; there wasn't any authorizations during the 82nd legislative session, according to a report by the Legislative Budget Board.

"It's been seven years, and there's been no additional funding provided for construction, though there's been a lot of growth in higher education in Texas," UTPB President David Watts previously told the Reporter-Telegram. "The only thing we can do is continue to present the university's needs and when the Legislature feels the time is right and they're comfortable with the funding sources, they'll approve the tuition revenue bonds."

Engineering programs at UTPB are

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J. Ross Lacy announces run for City Council District 4 seat

■ Lacy: 'It's time to inject a bit of youthful leadership onto the council'

By Joseph Basco
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A District 4 resident on Wednesday announced his intent to run for the City Council in the November election, the first to do so in the district.

J. Ross Lacy, 30, is the president and co-founder of the Midland County Young Republicans and serves on the city of Midland Airport Planning and Development Board.

In addition to those positions, Lacy is also the chief financial officer of Lacy Oil Corp., a member of First Baptist Church,

J. Ross Lacy: The 30-year-old president and co-founder of the Midland County Young Republicans announced his intention to run for City Council District 4, a seat currently held by Michael Trost.

vice chairman of the Texas Young Republican Federation and the parliamentarian for the Midland County Republican Party.

Born and raised in Midland, Lacy graduated from Lee High School and graduated summa cum laude with a BBA in finance from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Lacy is the grandson of Juandelle Lacy Roberts and nephew of Midland County Republican Women President Rhonda Lacy. He said his politically involved family, which has been in Midland for 45 years, prepared him for this race.

"It's time to inject a bit of youthful leadership onto the (City) Council to offer a different perspective, to give the young professionals and the young families that are moving to this region — because of our boom — a voice," Lacy said. "Currently, I don't feel that they are represented on the council and their voice and opinions go to the wayside."

Lacy said the council has done a fantastic job, but it has been maintaining the status quo and hasn't done much other than the T-Bar Ranch water pipeline project.

"We're playing catch-up every day that goes by," Lacy said.

Acknowledging he is the underdog, Lacy said he pledged to run a clean campaign that will entail going door-to-door, meeting with District 4 citizens to find long-term solutions for Midland's top three issues: water, housing and infrastructure.

Regarding water, Lacy wants to sit down with experts to find a long-term solution beyond drilling residential water wells. Solutions such as desalination, xeriscaping and continual conservation are possibilities, he said.

For housing, Lacy said he wants more affordable housing for teachers, police officers and firefighters because they are fleeing from Midland's high housing prices. He approved of the city's consideration to increasing the maximum

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Last year, an estimated
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IRS commissioner ousted over tea party targeting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hurrying to check a growing controversy, President Barack Obama ousted the acting commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service late Wednesday amid an outcry over revelations that the agency had improperly targeted tea party groups for scrutiny when they filed for tax-exempt status.

Obama said Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew had asked for and accepted Steven T. Miller's resignation. Obama made no public criticism of Miller but spoke of inexcusable "misconduct" by IRS employees and said new leadership at the agency was critical.

"Americans are right to be angry about it, and I am angry about it," Obama said in a televised statement from the White House. "I will not tolerate this kind of behavior in any agency but especially in the IRS, given the power that it has and the reach that it has into all of our lives."

Key figure

The approximate number of letters members of Congress sent to the IRS over the past two years asking about potential harassment of conservative groups:

8 letters of inquiry

Miller's ouster came five days after an IRS supervisor publicly revealed that agents had improperly targeted groups with "tea party" or "patriots" in their applications for tax exempt status.

It came a day after an inspector general's report blamed ineffective management in Washington for allowing it to happen for more than 18 months.

The report said tea party groups were asked inappropriate questions about their donors, their political affiliations and their positions on political issues, resulting in delays averaging nearly two years for applications to be processed.

Miller's departure hardly ends the matter. Three congressional committees are investigating, and the FBI is looking into potential civil rights violations at the IRS, Attorney General Eric Holder said Wednesday.

Other potential crimes include making false statements to authorities and violating the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal employees from engaging in some partisan political activities, Holder said.

Miller, a 25-year IRS veteran, took over the agency in November when the five-year term of Commissioner Douglas Shulman ended. Shulman was appointed by President George W. Bush.

Obama has yet to nominate a permanent successor. A new acting commissioner was not announced Wednesday evening. In an email to employees, Miller said, "This has been an incredibly difficult time for the IRS given the events of the past few days, and there is a strong and immediate need to restore public trust in the nation's tax agency. I believe the service will benefit from having a new acting commissioner in place during this challenging period."

At the time when tea party groups were targeted, Miller was a deputy commissioner who oversaw the division that dealt with tax-exempt organizations.

The report by the Treasury inspector general for tax administration does not indicate that Miller knew conservative groups were being targeted until after the practice ended. But documents show that Miller repeatedly failed to tell Congress that tea party groups were being targeted, even after he had been briefed on the matter.

The IRS said Miller was first informed on May, 3, 2012, that applications for tax-exempt status by tea party groups were inappropriately singled out for extra, sometimes burdensome scrutiny.

At least twice after the briefing, Miller wrote letters to members of Congress to explain the process of reviewing applications for tax-exempt status without revealing that tea party groups had been targeted.

In all, members of Congress sent at least eight letters to the IRS over the past two years, asking about complaints from conservative groups that they were being harassed by the IRS.

House panel set to OK cut in food stamp program

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A House committee rebuffed Democratic efforts Wednesday to keep the $80 billion-a-year food stamp program whole, as debate on the farm bill turned into a theological discourse on helping the poor.

The House bill would cut about $2.5 billion a year — or a little more than 3 percent — from the food stamp program, which is used by 1 in 7 Americans.

The committee rejected an amendment by Democrats to strike the cuts 27-17, keeping them in the bill.

The legislation would achieve the cuts partly by eliminating an eligibility category that mandates automatic food stamp benefits when people sign up for certain other programs. It would also save dollars by targeting states that give people who don't have heating bills very small amounts of heating assistance so they can automatically qualify for higher food stamp benefits.

Republicans argued that the cut is small relative to the size of the program, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, and that people who qualify for the aid could still sign up for it, they just wouldn't be automatically enrolled. They defended the cuts after Rep. Juan Vargas, D-Calif., quoted the Book of Matthew in opposing them: "When I was hungry you gave me food. When I was thirsty, you gave me drink."

Several Republicans talked about their Christianity and said the Bible encourages people to help each other but doesn't dictate what the federal government should do. "We should be doing this as individuals, helping the poor," said Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Calif.

Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., offered the amendment to do away with the cuts. He said taking the hunger assistance away from people will just make the poor "more vulnerable and more miserable."

"Christians, Jews, Muslims, whatever — we're failing our brothers and sisters here," McGovern said.

The cuts are part of massive legislation that costs almost $100 billion annually over five years and would set policy for farm subsidies, rural programs and the food aid. The House panel started work on the legislation Wednesday, one day after the Senate Agriculture Committee approved its version.

Last year more than 47 million people used the SNAP program with the cost more than doubling since 2008. The rolls rose rapidly because of the economic downturn, rising food prices and expanded eligibility under President Barack Obama's 2009 economic stimulus law.

Republicans criticized Obama in last year's presidential campaign for his expansion of the program, and many House conservatives have refused to consider a farm bill without cuts to food stamps, which make up about 80 percent of the bill's cost.

The Senate approved much smaller cuts to the program, about $400 million a year. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas, R-Okla., will have to appease all sides as he tries to push the farm bill through for the third year in a row, balancing calls from House conservatives to cut the program with Senate Democrats who are reluctant to touch it.

Comparing Senate, House farm bills

The Senate Agriculture Committee approved a farm bill Tuesday and the House Agriculture Committee considers its version Wednesday. A look at some similarities and differences between the Senate and House versions of the legislation:

Overall cost

Both five-year bills would cost almost $100 billion annually, with almost $80 billion of that annual total going to domestic food aid.

The **Senate** bill would save about $2.4 billion yearly from current spending.

The **House** bill would save almost $4 billion, including about $600 million saved in each bill because of across-the-board spending cuts that kicked in earlier this year.

Food stamps

Food stamps, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, have for decades been part of the farm bill in an effort to garner urban lawmakers' votes for rural programs.

The **Senate** farm bill would cut about $400 million from the $80 billion annual total by targeting states that give people who don't have heating bills very small amounts of heating assistance so they can automatically qualify for higher food stamp benefits.

The **House** bill would cut $2 billion yearly by making similar changes and eliminating "broad-based categorical eligibility," or automatic food stamp benefits when people are signed up for certain other programs.

Direct payments

Direct payments, which cost the government around $5 billion annually, would be phased out in both bills, with the savings split between other subsidy programs and deficit reduction. Those subsidies have been controversial because they are paid out every year regardless of crop prices or crop yield. The Senate bill would eliminate the program immediately, while the House bill would phase it out over the next two years for cotton farmers who rely on the program.

Crop insurance

Both bills would increase subsidies for federally subsidized crop insurance and create a new crop insurance program that covers smaller revenue losses on planted crops. This revenue protection program favors Midwestern corn and soybean farmers and would be more generous in the Senate bill.

Price protection

Both bills would raise "target prices" for some crops. Certain subsidies kick in if prices drop to those targets, meaning farmers will only receive them if prices are low. While many of these programs haven't been used for the last several years because crop prices have been at unprecedented highs, these subsidies exist as a safety net. Both the House and Senate bills would raise target prices for rice and peanuts, since those also often depend on direct payments that would be eliminated.

The **House** bill would raise those target prices higher than the Senate bill would, making it easier for the subsidies to kick in.

Food aid

Neither bill includes an Obama administration proposal to shift the way food aid is sent abroad. Much of the food aid program now includes U.S.-grown food overseas, but the Obama budget last month proposed shifting the aid to more flexible accounts, which would allow cash purchases abroad or from U.S. farmers, saying such a move would be more efficient. Both House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas, R-Okla., and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., have sided with farm groups against the proposal.

Associated Press

Military sexual abuse cases put Pentagon under fire

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One after another, the charges have tumbled out — allegations of sexual assaults in the military that have triggered outrage, from local commanders to Capitol Hill and the Oval Office.

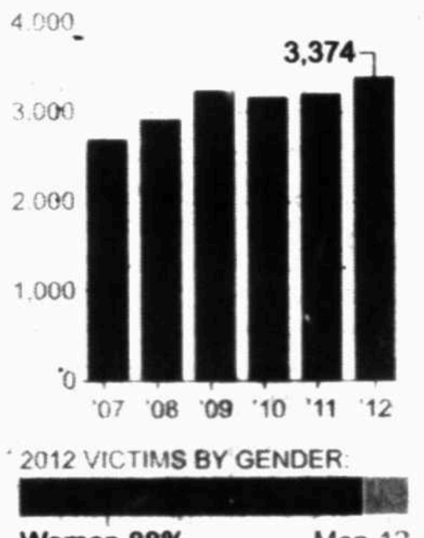
But for a Pentagon under fire, there seem to be few clear solutions beyond improved training and possible adjustments in how the military prosecutes such crimes. Changing the culture of a male-dominated, change-resistant military that for years has tolerated sexism and sexist behavior is proving to be a challenging task.

"Members of the Hill, people in the department and the American people have the right to be outraged," Pentagon press secretary George Little said Wednesday, adding that the military "must hold ourselves to a higher standard."

As new sexual assault allegations emerged this week involving an Army soldier who was assigned to prevent such crimes — the second military member involved in similar accusations — the Pentagon said Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is working on a written directive to spell out steps aimed at resolving the escalating problem.

Military sex assaults

The number of sexual assaults reported to the Defense Department rose in 2012:



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But President Barack Obama, fuming at a news conference last week, warned that he wanted swift and sure action, not "just more speeches or awareness programs or training." Sexual offenders need to be "prosecuted, stripped of their position, court-martialed, fired, dishonorably discharged. Period," he said.

A Pentagon report last week estimated that as many as 26,000 military members may have been sexually assaulted last year, based on survey results, out of 1.4 million in the services.

Recent DoD directives to help prevent sex assault

■ **ONGOING/FUTURE:** The Pentagon is developing policy for responding to victims that will include training and certification standards for special victim investigators.

■ **MARCH 2013:** The Pentagon published a revised "sexual assault program" policy that enhances procedures and standardizes sexual assault prevention efforts.

■ **JANUARY 2013:** The Pentagon published a new policy on sexual assault investigation standards. It requires that all sexual assault investigations be conducted by independent and professional military criminal investigative groups.

■ **JANUARY 2013:** Air Force launched a pilot "special victim counsel" program to provide sexual assault victims with legal representation during all phases of investigation, prosecution and victim recovery.

■ **FALL 2012:** The military services launched a wide range of enhanced interactive training programs for military members that emphasize the importance of bystander intervention. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office also expanded outreach with experts from advocacy, legal, educational and other groups to gain feedback and share best practices.

■ **APRIL 2012:** Sexual assault questions were added to the Pentagon "command climate surveys," in which service members evaluate the conditions they work under and their commanders. Policy implemented to conduct assessments within 120 days for new commanders and annually after that.

■ **DECEMBER 2011:** Expedited transfer policy was implemented for victims making transfer requests.

■ **SEPTEMBER 2011:** Sexual assault forensic exam kit is revised to improve victim care and align evidence collection with national standards.

■ **APRIL 2011:** Pentagon launches "safe helpline" to give victims 24/7 global access to crisis support staff.

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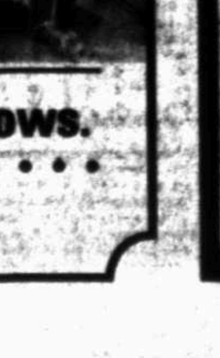

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Shrinks and critics face off over psychiatric manual

Associated Press

CHICAGO — In the new psychiatric manual of mental disorders, grief soon after a loved one's death can be considered major depression. Extreme childhood temper tantrums get a fancy name. And certain "senior moments" are called "mild neurocognitive disorder."

Those changes are just some of the reasons prominent critics say the American Psychiatric Association is out of control, turning common human problems into mental illnesses in a trend they say will just make the "pop-a-pill" culture worse.

At issue is the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, widely known as the DSM-5. The DSM has long been considered the authoritative source for diagnosing mental problems.

The psychiatric association formally introduces the nearly 1,000-page revised version this weekend in San Francisco. It's the manual's first major update in nearly 20 years, and a backlash has taken shape in recent weeks:

■ Two new books by mental health experts, "Saving Normal" and "The Book of Woe," say the world's most widely used psychiatric guide has lost credibility.

■ A British psychologists' group is criticizing the DSM-5, calling for a "paradigm shift" away from viewing mental problems as a disease. An organization of German therapists also attacked the new guide.

■ Even the head of the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health complained that the book lacks scientific validity.

This week, the NIMH director, Dr. Thomas Insel, tried to patch things up as he and the psychiatrists group issued a joint statement saying they have similar goals for improving the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.

The manual's release comes at a time of increased scrutiny of health care costs and concern about drug company influence over doctors. Critics point to a landscape in which TV ads describe symptoms for mental disorders and promote certain drugs to treat them.

Dr. Allen Frances writes in "Saving Normal" that the new version adds new diagnoses "that would turn everyday anxiety, eccentricity, forgetting and bad eating habits into mental disorders."

Previous revisions were also loudly criticized, but the latest one comes at a time of soaring diagnoses of illnesses listed in the manual — including autism, attention deficit disorder and bipolar disorder — and billions of dollars spent each year on psychiatric drugs.

The group's 34,000 members are psychiatrists — medical doctors who specialize in treating mental illness. Unlike psychologists and other therapists without medical degrees, they can prescribe medication. While there has long been rivalry between the two groups, the DSM-5 revisions have stoked the tensions.

The most contentious changes include:

■ Diagnosing as major depression the extreme sadness, weight loss, fatigue and trouble sleeping some people experience after a loved one's death. Major depression is typically treated with antidepressants.

■ Calling frequent, extreme temper tantrums "disruptive mood dysregulation disorder," a new diagnosis. The psychiatric association says the label is meant to apply to youngsters who in the past might have been misdiagnosed as having bipolar disorder. Critics say it turns normal tantrums into mental illness.

■ Diagnosing mental decline that goes a bit beyond normal aging as "mild neurocognitive disorder." Affected people may find it takes more effort to pay bills or manage their medications. Critics of the term say it will stigmatize "senior moments."

■ Calling excessive thoughts or feelings about pain or other discomfort "somatic symptom disorder," something that could affect the healthy, as well as cancer patients. Critics say the term turns normal reactions to a disease into mental illness.

■ Adding binge eating as a new category for overeating that occurs at least once a week for at least three months. It could apply to people who sometimes gulp down a pint of ice cream when they're alone and then feel guilty about it.

■ Removing Asperger's syndrome as a separate diagnosis and putting it under the umbrella term "autism spectrum disorder."

GOP, Dems challenge subpoenas to AP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans and Democrats on Wednesday challenged Attorney General Eric Holder over the Justice Department's handling of the investigation of national security leaks and its failure to talk to The Associated Press before issuing subpoenas for the news service's telephone records.

In exchanges that often turned testy, Holder defended the inquiry while pointing out that he had removed himself from any decision on subpoenas. The attorney general explained that he had been interviewed about what he knew of national security developments that prompted the probe.

The investigation follows congressional demands into whether Obama administration officials leaked secret information to the media last year to enhance the president's national security credentials in an election year.

"It's an ongoing matter and an ongoing matter in which I know nothing," Holder told the House Judiciary Committee.

The Justice Department secretly obtained two months of telephone records of reporters and editors for the AP, seizing the records for more than 20 separate telephone lines assigned to the AP and its journalists in April and May 2012.

Holder defended the move to collect AP phone records in an effort to hunt down the sources of information for a May 7, 2012, AP story that disclosed details of a CIA operation in Yemen to stop an airliner bombing plot around the anniversary of the killing of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

The attorney general called the story the result of "a very serious leak, a very grave leak." Earlier this week in a statement, AP President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Pruitt called the gathering of phone records a "massive and unprecedented intrusion" into how news organizations gather the news.

Under questioning, Holder said he recused himself from the investigation though he couldn't provide the panel with the exact date nor did he do so formally in writing.

He said he was unable to answer questions on the subpoenas and why the Justice Department failed to negotiate with the AP before the subpoenas, a standard practice.

"The telephone records would not disappear if the AP had been notified," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif. "How could it ever be the case?"

The frustration extended to Republicans and Democrats.

"There doesn't appear to be any acceptance of responsibility for things that have gone wrong," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., told Holder. He suggested that administration officials travel to the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and take a photo of the famous sign, "The buck stops here."

It was the Justice Department's No. 2 official, Deputy Attorney General James Cole, who made the decision to seek news media phone records, Holder said.

Last year, Holder appointed two U.S. attorneys to lead a Justice inquiry into who leaked information about U.S. involvement in cyber-attacks on Iran and an al-Qaida plot to place an explosive device aboard a U.S.-bound flight.

Holder had resisted calls for a special counsel, telling lawmakers that the two attorneys, Ron Machen and Rod Rosenstein, are experienced, independent and thorough.

Holder was grilled on several scandals rocking the administration, including the targeting of conservative groups by the Internal Revenue Service and any missteps in sharing intelligence information before the bombings in Boston.

Holder said the FBI's criminal investigation of the Internal Revenue Service could include potential civil rights violations, false statements and potential violations of the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal employees from engaging in some partisan political activities.

Recent leak cases and First Amendment battles

WASHINGTON — Government information leaks and collisions with the media date back decades and decades. Think back to the Pentagon Papers.

In the early 1970s, the Justice Department went to court to prevent further publication in The New York Times of portions of a top-secret study, dubbed the Pentagon Papers, which was packed with damaging details about America's conduct of the Vietnam War. It led to a landmark First Amendment case before the Supreme Court, which sided with the media. It also drew the ire of President Richard Nixon and resulted in a break-in at the psychiatrist's office of Daniel Ellsberg, the leaker of the papers.

Fast-forward to the disclosure this week of the secret seizure by the Justice Department of two months of phone records for more than 20 telephone lines used by reporters and editors at The Associated Press. Investigators are trying to find out who may have leaked information contained in an AP story last year about a CIA operation in Yemen that stopped an al-Qaida plot to detonate a bomb on a U.S.-bound airplane. The seizure of phone records has been described by media advocacy and civil liberties groups as sweeping and broad, triggering serious concerns that this type of hunt for leakers could cast a chill on journalists and whistleblowers who want to reveal government wrongdoing.

The Justice Department has been under scrutiny before in its media leak investigations. Its own inspector general's office concluded in a January 2010 report that the FBI did not comply with the federal regulation and department policy "that requires attorney general approval and a balancing of First Amendment interests ... before issuing subpoenas for the production of reporters' telephone toll billing records." Here are the details of some other recent cases where the government sought to probe leaks of sensitive or classified information.

CIA: James Risen

Prosecutors want Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter James Risen, a reporter for The New York Times, to testify at the trial of Jeffrey Sterling, an ex-CIA officer from Missouri. The government alleges Sterling was a key source in Risen's 2006 book "State of War," which details a botched CIA effort during the Clinton administration, dubbed Operation Merlin, to thwart Iran's nuclear ambitions by secretly giving the Iranians intentionally flawed blueprints through a Russian intermediary.

Risen's lawyers have argued that the First Amendment should shield him from having to testify about his sources. The judge disagreed and said he must testify, though she limited the scope of his testimony to four topics. The government has asked an appeals panel in Richmond, Va., to reverse the ruling that limited the testimony. The government says the First Amendment doesn't shield journalists from disclosing their sources during criminal prosecutions. The case is still pending.

CIA: John Kiriakou

Former CIA officer John Kiriakou of Arlington, Va., was arrested in 2012 and charged with leaking classified details about terror operations. Kiriakou, who was involved in the capture of al-Qaida terrorist Abu Zubaydah, was sentenced earlier this year to more than two years in prison for leaking a covert officer's identity to a freelance writer.

Prosecutors had said in court papers that authorities became alarmed after discovering that detainees at Guantanamo Bay possessed photographs of CIA and FBI personnel who had interrogated them. The investigation eventually led to Kiriakou. Prosecutors said he leaked the name of a covert operative to a journalist, who later disclosed it to an investigator working for the lawyer of a Guantanamo detainee.

A lawyer for Kiriakou portrayed him as an anti-torture whistleblower because the name he revealed was an individual involved in the CIA's rendition program, which she said engaged in torture.

NSA: Thomas Drake

Former National Security Agency official Thomas Drake, who admitted to giving inside information to The Baltimore Sun about a major government electronic espionage program, was given a year's probation and community service in July 2011. He had been indicted on 10 felony counts under an espionage statute, but the felony case against Drake was dropped after the government balked at putting key classified documents and information into evidence. In a plea deal, Drake admitted to exceeding his authorized access in his use of an NSA computer system.

CIA: Judith Miller

Former New York Times reporter Judith Miller went to jail in 2005 for 85 days rather than testify to a federal grand jury in the investigation into the identity of a Bush administration official who revealed the name of CIA agent Valerie Plame. Miller later testified after her source — I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby Jr. — Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, waived Miller's pledge of confidentiality. Libby was eventually convicted and sentenced for lying and obstructing the investigation into the leak of Plame's name.

President George W. Bush later commuted Libby's sentence, sparing him from a 2 1/2-year prison term. Bush left intact a $250,000 fine and two years of probation for Libby.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Heart of America Carnival, 5-11 p.m., Midland Park Mall. Tickets: $1 each and each ride requires two to six tickets. Armbands: $25 per day and include admission to all rides.

■ 47th annual Jazz Party Collaboration at the DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. Tickets: $200 include today, reserved seating at Friday through May 19, the hospitality suite and the 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday Patron's Brunch. General admission tickets: $50. Reservations: Call 552-8982.

This date in Midland history

On May 16, 1987, Alysheba, owned by Dorothy and Pam Scharbauer, followed up its Kentucky Derby win with another victory over Bet Twice at the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md.

Online teasers

■ The final round of the Reporter-Telegram's cutest dog contest is under way. We started with more than 125 dogs from around the Basin and are now down to the final 25. Our readers can vote for their favorite dog once each day. The top three dogs will be selected to be featured on our May 26 West Texas Living section. MyWestTexas.com/cutedogs

■ Make sure you check out MyWestTexas.com to see photo galleries from the city's little league baseball tournament, the Texas Police Memorial service and the introduction ceremony of the new Midland High coach. A collection of recent editorial cartoons also will be available online.

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. today. This month's featured book "Sammy: The Classroom Guinea Pig."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Young Professionals of Midland (YPM) will host "Meet the Basin" at the Commemorative Air Force Commemorative Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The free event is designed for those new to the Permian Basin as it is a one-stop shop to learn what there is to do in the community, how to get involved and where to go for shopping and services.

The event will feature more than 50 vendors including nonprofits, insurance agents, real estate agents, entertainment and other services.

YPM also will host kickoff party at The Blue Door at 5:30 p.m. today. To learn more about the Young Professionals of Midland, visit www.YPMidland.org or like us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/YPMidland.

■ Lee High School band's final concert of the school year is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 21 at the school auditorium. Seniors will be honored and awards will be presented.

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ **Tall City 14:**

Closing today: "Croods" 3-D and "Olympus Has Fallen"

Midnight showing today: "Star Trek"

Opening Friday: "Star Trek: Into Darkness "

■ **Big Sky Drive-In:**

Closing today: "GI Joe"

Opening today: "Star Trek: Into Darkness"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

Water tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Tuesday's total: 14,158,000 gallons (CRMWD 10,296,000, Paul Davis fields 3,862,000).

May 7: 15,366,000 gallons

Note: The average delivery from the CRMWD in April was 12,864,600. The current average for May is 14,351,071.

Cat adoption special

Midland Animal Services is holding a two-for-one adoption special for cats at its shelter located at 1200 N. Fairgrounds Road.

The city will waive the normal adoption fee of $35 for the second cat in order to encourage the adoption of two.

For more information, call Midland Animal Services at 685-7420.

Reporter–Telegram on the radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Lottery

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Pick 3 night: 8-7-7
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All or Nothing (morning): 1-4-5-12-13-14-15-18-19-22-23-24
All or Nothing (day): 1-4-9-10-13-14-17-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing (evening): 2-7-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-18-21-22
All or Nothing (night): 1-2-4-5-9-12-14-16-18-20-21-22

Today in history

Today is Thursday, May 16, the 136th day of 2013. There are 229 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

Leah Suzuki/San Francisco Chronicle

A Google I/O 2013 attendee tries out a pair of Google Glass at a booth during the event at Moscone West on Wednesday in San Francisco.

GOOGLE CONFERENCE

Products dig deeper into people's lives

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — For Google CEO Larry Page, happiness is a warm computer.

"Technology should do the hard work so people can get on doing the things that make them happiest in life," Page told a crowd of 6,000 software developers and entrepreneurs who flocked to San Francisco on Wednesday for the opening day of Google's annual showcase for its latest breakthroughs.

In the latest display of its technological prowess and sweeping ambition, Google is rolling out another wave of products and services that will test how much more people want computers to control their lives and enhance their perceptions of reality.

This year's event mostly consisted of upgrades to existing Google services that have already become daily habits for millions of people — one of Page's main goals. The new features assume most people want more help managing their lives from Google's brainy engineers and the sprawling data centers that house its millions of computers around the world.

Investors are increasingly becoming convinced that Google's tentacles are going to grasp more moneymaking opportunities as its dominant search engine and ancillary services become more pervasive on the mobile devices.

Google already has an enviable perch on the smartphones and tablets that have become people's constant companions. Its Android software has been activated on 900 million devices worldwide. In the first quarter of this year, Android devices held a 74 percent share of the global smartphone market followed by the Apple's iPhone at 18 percent, according to the research firm IDC. Android also led the tablet market with a 56.5 percent share versus 40 percent for Apple's iPad during the first quarter, according to another research firm, Gartner Inc.

Google's products and services have also made major inroads among users of the iPhone and iPad, despite Apple's recent efforts to cast aside some of Google's products.

In a show of Wall Street's faith, Google's stock surged past $900 for the first time Wednesday to propel the company's market value beyond $300 billion for the first time.

Google shares gained $28.79, or more than 3 percent, to close at $915.89. The latest milestone came less than three months after Google shares surpassed $800 for the first time. The stock has increased 55 percent since Page, Google's co-founder, succeeded his mentor, Eric Schmidt, as CEO two years ago.

In contrast, investors have become exasperated with rival Apple's lack of breakthrough products since its visionary CEO Steve Jobs died in October 2011.

Google unveils map redesign, new services

SAN FRANCISCO — The map wars have begun. Google unveiled a new Google Maps on Wednesday, by far the biggest redesign since it introduced Maps eight years ago.

In the tech industry, maps have become essential, primarily because of the explosion of mobile devices, on which maps are a critical application. Maps are also seen as the gateway to commerce, both online and in the real world.

"The future of search starts with maps. That's where all the commerce is going to be done, and that's what everyone's fighting out," said John Malloy, a partner at BlueRun Ventures, which invested in Waze, a crowd-sourced mapping service that Facebook has shown interest in acquiring. "To monetize mobile traffic, maps are a critical ingredient."

Google's revision of its map service comes less than a year after Apple removed Google Maps from the iPhone and replaced it with its own version, which has had problems with accuracy. Facebook and Microsoft also think maps are so important that they need their own services.

When users who are logged into Google visit Maps, they will see the places they frequently visit highlighted, like restaurants, museums and their home. Google learns the places they go by drawing information from all of Google's services — including search and Maps history, Google Plus posts and information in users' Gmail inboxes.

When users visit a new city, Google will recommend places to go based on their preferences and those of people with similar tastes. The maps change in real time, so if you click on a museum, the small roads and landmarks needed to navigate to that museum appear.

"We can build a unique map for every place and every click," said Bernhard Seefeld, the product management director for Google Maps.

N.Y. Times News Service

Officials: 'Multiple fatalities' in North Texas tornado

Associated Press

GRANBURY — Officials report a tornado caused "multiple fatalities" as it tore through two neighborhoods of a North Texas town.

The tornado hit the scenic Brazos River courthouse town of Granbury about 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Hood County sheriff's Lt. Kathy Jiveden reported the multiple fatalities, but she had no estimate of dead or injured.

She said crews "are going house to house" looking for those trapped, injured or dead in the rubble of demolished homes in the DeCordova Ranch and Rancho Brazos Estates neighborhoods. Those areas are in the southern part of the town of about 8,000 residents near Lake Granbury.

A tornado slammed into a North Texas lakefront town Wednesday night, demolishing homes and injuring an undetermined number of people, officials said.

The tornado in Granbury was part of a system of severe thunderstorms that spawned several tornadoes across North Texas, dropping large hail in some areas. The National Weather Service said a tornado watch would remain in effect for more than 30 counties until early Thursday morning.

The extent of the damage and injuries was not immediately clear in Granbury, about 35 miles southwest of Fort Worth. However, police reported the hardest hit area was the Rancho Brazos subdivision and adjoining areas along Lake Granbury.

At Stumpy's Lakeside Grill in Lake Granbury, the storm took diners and workers by surprise. Some people rushed inside from the patio and ducked under tables as the wind gusts and hail started, but nobody was injured, said Eric Martinez, a cook.

Then they looked across the lake and saw several homeowners' boat docks "just get torn apart," he said.

"The boat docks just flew off, and they're actually gone," Martinez said, adding that the boards and other debris landed in some yards.

The restaurant didn't appear to sustain any damage, but cars in the parking lot had dents from the large hail, he said.

TXDOT seat belt campaign to focus on pickup safety

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Texas Department of Transportation will kick off the 12th annual "Click It or Ticket" seat belt awareness campaign today during a press conference at the Odessa Police Department.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of legislation that required manufacturers to install seat belts in all vehicles.

The campaign will focus on pickups because seat belt use among pickup drivers and passengers lags behind the rest of the state, according to a press release.

Pickups will be on display to show the changes in vehicle safety over the last 45 years.

Law enforcement officers will be out to ticket drivers and passengers during the enforcement period — May 20 to June 2 — for not wearing their seat belts or not properly buckling up children.

This year's campaign could result in an increased number of citations because many drivers and passengers still are unaware of safety belt requirements enacted in 2009, according to Jeff Salzgebar, media representative for TXDOT.

All backseat passengers are required to buckle up and children younger than 8 must ride in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches, Salzgebar said.

Fines can range from $25 to $250 per person.

Student

From 1A

education curriculum for seventh- and eighth-grade students.

"We've continued to get positive comments from the teachers and the students about the curriculum," Dees said.

While the numbers show fewer students have gotten pregnant during the past two years, SHAC members do not believe it can be attributed only to the success of IYGKIR. They think community-wide awareness about teen pregnancy that occurred in 2011 also played a role.

"While this is a substantial drop in the number of pregnancies, we still have other issues to address, like repeat pregnancies," Dees said, noting six of this year's pregnancies are the mother's second child.

Though the majority of pregnancies — 76 percent — continue to be to Hispanic women, Snyder said it was positive to note that most of the births are to 11th- and 12th-grade students.

"We're seeing a delaying with the age groups. This is the highest amount of seniors I've had in 14 years, and the 11th grade is coming up," Snyder said, noting that in some years the numbers are much higher at the junior high and freshmen schools. "At least they're waiting until later in their academic career until they make these choices."

Pregnancy rates for MISD

By campus

Midland High	33
Lee High	42
Coleman High	37
Early College High School	4
Midland Freshman	2
Lee Freshman	4
Goddard Junior High	1

By age

13 years	1
14 years	1
15 years	12
16 years	38
17 years	52
18 years	17
19 years	2

By grade

7th	1
9th	11
10th	30
11th	39
12th	42

By ethnicity

Hispanic	97
White	16
Black	8
Asian	1
German	1

Pregnancy services offered

2012-13	148
2011-12	154
2010-11	205

From staff reports

With 14 of last year's 154 pregnancies confirmed in the last two weeks of school, Snyder warned SHAC members that the 123 pregnancy number for 2012-13 may get a bit higher before May 31.

UTPB

From 1A

relatively new; mechanical engineering was added in fall 2009 and petroleum engineering in fall 2011. The ME department currently has 149 majors and petroleum engineering 119, according to Reporter-Telegram archives.

By establishing an engineering building on the Midland campus, UTPB would grow its program and continue training West Texas natives to work in the industry.

"The building is absolutely essential for our forward progress and to provide qualified personnel for the area," Watts said of a 80,000-square-foot building that would be located on the Midland campus, northwest of the CEED building on State Highway 191.

"There's a high demand for engineers of all varieties in the Permian Basin," Watts said.

Property

From 1A

the tax bill could look like using last year's tax rates. Jurisdictions will set their rates in the fall (before the Oct. 1 statements are mailed out).

"What we don't do is set the tax rate," Bundick said.

Bundick said newer areas, such as Grasslands Estates, experienced larger valuation growth than older areas of Midland.

He said that every year there are property owners who are not happy about their valuation.

He said anyone can participate in the protest process. He said the deadline is June 6, and taxpayers are encouraged to contact MCAD if they have any concerns (about value, exemptions, etc.).

Bundick said there is a 10 percent increase limit on "assessed value," something put into place by the Texas Legislature. The cap does not apply to new additions to a home, he said.

Bundick also reminds taxpayers to check the status of a home when it comes to possible exemptions that might be available.

This year, the district began allowing taxpayers to go online and submit a protest. If the process requires, there is an Appraisal Review Board — which is made up of local residents — that helps settle disputes, he said.

The Midland Central Appraisal District is located at 4631 Andrews Highway. It's open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call 699-4991.

Council

From 1A

apartment unit per acre density. He also liked the possibility of using the Midland Development Corp. more to give tax incentives for builders.

And for infrastructure, Lacy did not have any specific solutions, but was aware of short-term problems such as the pending traffic load coming to Tradewinds Boulevard and long-term problems such as funding after the boom ends.

As someone who has gone through two economic booms, Lacy said it will happen again. To prepare for it, he said he will not be afraid to go to Austin every week to lobby for more funding for road repair.

"It's time that someone sits on the council and spearheads us moving forward to actually solving problems around here instead of talking," Lacy said.

The current District 4 councilman, Michael Trost, said he doesn't have a problem with Lacy running and hasn't decided if he will run for the position again.

Lacy, knowing that he announced his intent before Trost has decided, said it was not personal, just politics, and that he made up his mind early this year to run.

"The timing is right," Lacy said.

LA is worst city for dog attacks on mail carriers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service says Los Angeles was the worst city in America for dog attacks on letter carriers last year, and it urged pet owners to help reduce the attacks.

The agency on Wednesday released its city rankings ahead of National Dog Bite Prevention Week, which starts Monday.

The Postal Service said nearly 5,900 postal workers were attacked last year, a tiny portion of the 4.7 million Americans bitten by dogs annually.

Los Angeles was the worst with 69 attacks, followed by San Antonio with 42 and Chicago with 41. The city with the least attacks was Wichita, Kan., with 20.

If letter carriers feel threatened by a dog, they can skip delivery to the house and ask the customer to retrieve any mail at the post office instead.

Dog attacks

The number of dog attacks against letter carriers in select cities last year, according to the Postal Service:

Los Angeles	69
San Antonio	42
Seattle	42
Chicago	41
San Francisco	38
Philadelphia	34
Detroit	33
St. Louis	32
Baltimore	29
Sacramento, Calif.	29
Houston	27
Minneapolis	27
Cleveland	26
Dayton, Ohio	26
Buffalo, N.Y.	24
Brooklyn, N.Y.	24
Denver	23
Dallas	21
Tacoma, Wash.	21
Wichita, Kan.	20

Associated Press

NH city sues parking meter 'Robin Hood' group

Associated Press

KEENE, N.H. — The city of Keene, N.H., has sued a group that feeds change into parking meters that are about to expire, saying members are harassing enforcement officers.

The group calls itself "Robin Hood of Keene." Members walk city streets with rolls and dimes of quarters to feed the meters. WMUR-TV reported the city accuses the group of interfering with officers' work. It asks them to stay at least 50 feet away. The group records its time outside and posts videos online, sometimes showing members following the officers. The city said one officer suffered stress, anxiety and heart palpitations from the group's actions.

Group member Garret Ean says he's not trying to cause any medical problems. He said he tries to keep a good demeanor with all the parking meter enforcers.

AROUNDTHENATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PHOENIX

Jurors find Jodi Arias eligible for death penalty

Jurors in Jodi Arias' trial on Wednesday found the former waitress should be eligible for the death penalty after they convicted her last week of murdering her one-time boyfriend.

The decision came after a day of testimony in the "aggravation" phase of the trial, during which prosecutor Juan Martinez hoped to prove the June 2008 killing was committed in an especially cruel and heinous manner.

Family members of victim Travis Alexander sobbed in the front row as Martinez took the jury through the killing one more time.

He described how blood gushed from Alexander's chest, hands and throat as the motivational speaker and businessman stood at the sink in his master bathroom and looked into the mirror with Arias behind him.

"The last thing he saw before he lapsed into unconsciousness ... was that blade coming to his throat," Martinez said. "And the last thing he felt before he left this earth was pain."

The trial now moves into the final phase, in which prosecutors will call Alexander's family and other witnesses in an effort to convince the panel Arias should face the ultimate punishment. Arias' attorneys also will call witnesses, likely members of her family, in an attempt to gain sympathy from jurors so they give her life in prison.

The aggravation phase played out in quick fashion, with only one prosecution witness and none for the defense.

The most dramatic moments occurred when Martinez displayed photos of the bloody crime scene for the jury and paused in silence for two minutes to describe how long he said it took for Alexander to die at Arias' hands on June 4, 2008.

Arias, wearing a silky, cream-colored blouse, appeared to fight back tears most of the morning. She spent the weekend on suicide watch before being transferred back to an all-female jail where she will remain until sentencing.

LOS ANGELES

Buildings emptied after devices found

A police bomb squad detonated 17 homemade explosive devices found in an apartment on Wednesday after officers spotted an explosive liquid in a man's car during a routine traffic stop, authorities said.

Robert Wilson, 29, was booked on felony possession of a destructive device, police Sgt. Rudy Lopez said. Authorities said there were no signs he planned to use the devices. They believe he acted alone and had no apparent link to terrorism.

Wilson was described as a "hobbyist, lone wolf, tweaker" on probation for a weapons violation, said Los Angeles police Deputy Chief Michael Downing, who heads the department's counter-terrorism and special operations bureau. A small amount of methamphetamine was also found in his apartment.

WASHINGTON

Airlines' on-time rating falls below 80 percent

The government says that fewer flights arrived on time and more were canceled in March than a year ago, but fewer passengers lodged formal complaints against the airlines.

The Transportation Department said Wednesday that 79.8 percent of flights arrived within 14 minutes of schedule in March. That's down from 82.2 percent in March 2012.

Hawaiian Airlines and Virgin America had the best on-time ratings at better than 87 percent, while regional carrier ExpressJet and JetBlue Airways had the worst at 72 percent. ExpressJet also had the highest rate of canceled flights.

Among the five biggest carriers, Delta Air Lines was best at arriving on time, followed by US Airways, American, United and Southwest.

At major airports you were most likely to be on-time if your flight ended in Phoenix, Salt Lake City or Portland, Ore. Just as in March 2012, the worst big airport for on-time arrivals was Newark, N.J.

The Transportation Department said that it got 943 complaints about airline service from consumers, down 16 percent from March 2012.

Over the first three months of the year, however, complaints were up 17 percent from a year earlier.

The rate of lost, delayed or damaged bags was about the same — three bags out of every 1,000 passengers — and there was a slight increase in passengers who were involuntarily bumped off a flight. Airlines routinely oversell flights because some passengers don't show up.

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OPINION

GOP's Hispanic voting problem is perception

■ The percentage of Hispanic voters went down in 2012, but Republicans still march back up the political hill

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The U.S. Census Bureau released its November voting data and one thing is clear: The so-called Latino Sleeping Giant is still snoozing — fewer than half of all eligible Hispanics turned out to vote in 2012.

After nearly a year of breathless reports about how Latinos were going to trip over themselves to get to the polls and vote against Mitt Romney's hard-line immigration stance — remember Time magazine's Spanish-language cover "Yo Decido"? — the reality is less dramatic.

Yes, 11.2 million Latinos turned out to vote in 2012. But these headlines tell a different story: "As Hispanic Vote Lags, Millions of Votes Left on the Table," "'Record' Hispanic Voter Turnout In 2012 a Misnomer, Census Numbers Show," and "Gains in Hispanic vote fall short of projections."

Last year I took heat for suggesting that the Latino vote wouldn't live up to the hype. But the numbers don't lie.

According to the Census Bureau, the percentage of Latinos casting ballots went down to 48 percent from 49.9 percent in 2008.

Paul Taylor and Mark Hugo Lopez summarized it for the Pew Research Center: "Hispanics continue to punch below their weight. Much was made right after the November election about the clout of the Hispanic vote (by, among others, the Pew Research Center). But the new Census Bureau data show that Hispanics' turnout rate — just 48 percent — was far below that of whites (64.1 percent) or blacks (66.2 percent)."

Taylor and Lopez noted that because of population growth, the number of Latinos who voted for president did increase, but the number who were eligible but chose not to vote increased even more — by 2.3 million — from 9.8 million in 2008 to 12.1 million in 2012.

The reason you don't hear much about these sobering numbers from the Hispanic advocacy organizations — as opposed to how they react with any statistic even remotely suggesting an impending Latino supremacy — is obvious. After all, immigration reform is only in play because Republicans are scared witless that unfavorable Latino voting power will sink their party in upcoming elections.

But how true can this be when fewer Latino voters bothered to vote in a contest featuring an incumbent Democrat and a Hispanically tone-deaf Republican candidate who could never quite get past "self-deportation" than in 2008, when Barack Obama and John McCain — a longtime supporter of immigration reform — were running?

Yes, Republicans have a Hispanic problem, but it may be less a voting-power dilemma than it is a perception issue.

One big misperception is that Latino voters care foremost about politicians' stand on immigration, a notion that has been disproved time and again. And even though it is a topic of importance to them, Latinos do not speak with one voice on immigration, as a recent study by the Pew Research Center for People and the Press reaffirms.

When asked whether those living in the U.S. illegally should be allowed to stay legally, 9 percent of Latinos said "no" and another 6 percent didn't know. Asked about giving those in the U.S. illegally a way to obtain legal status, 29 percent of Latino respondents said it would be "like rewarding them for doing something wrong" and another 10 percent weren't sure. Yes, these are minority opinions, but they point to a diversity of thought Latinos are rarely credited with.

Another perception is that Republicans hate Hispanics.

Many Latinos see the Republican Party as a mix of a few opportunistic politicians trying to make inroads to win their votes and many xenophobes who believe not only that most Hispanics are living here illegally but that they're intellectually inferior.

It's hard to assume otherwise after the controversy over the Heritage Foundation's estimates on the cost of legalizing the 11 million immigrants living here illegally.

At the same time as some conservative leaders were rushing to register their disapproval with the report — which accounted for costs, but not benefits, of legalization — others were quiet after news outlets reported that one of the co-authors of the study had written a Harvard Ph.D. dissertation contending that Hispanics have low IQs that will likely never reach parity with whites and will produce more low-IQ children and grandchildren.

Shout this from the rooftops: Perception, not voting power, is the Republican Party's biggest Hispanic challenge.

OUR VIEW

Council's challenge to get in front of traffic problem will not be easy

Jose Ortiz, the city's engineering director, was presented with a very rigorous task by the City Council at the last planning session retreat. He was asked to come up with short-term, mid-term and long-term goals that would help alleviate Midland's significant increase in traffic.

Ortiz presented that plan to the council on Tuesday, noting that the city has seen an above-normal increase in traffic for the past four years. Last year, there was a 12.3 percent increase.

"A 5 percent increase in any city is a substantial increase," he said.

This is not news to the average Midland driver. The traffic increase is severely noticeable even without studies and statistics.

The City Council's directive for short-term and long-term goals is another sign that the problem is significant enough to attack it from all angles.

Some council members expressed concerns with the emphasis on traffic studies and said they wanted to see implementable short-term solutions for the next three to nine months.

We have always felt that any effective plan must deal with every phase of the process, and no phase is more important than another.

In this case, the council thought the information gleaned from the presentation came up short on short-term solutions. We have a problem now and can't wait until a year from now to implement a strong traffic plan.

The city still has a lot of work to do before implementing a strategic traffic plan. But the good news is that the council appears to be in dogged pursuit of finding the key solutions that will take us forward. We realize the status quo is not acceptable, and the path forward must have clear goals with anticipated results.

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'President passerby' falls asleep

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President Passerby needs urgently to become a participant in his presidency. Late Monday came the breathtaking news of a full-frontal assault on the First Amendment by his administration: word that the Justice Department had gone on a fishing expedition through months of phone records of Associated Press reporters.

And yet President Obama reacted much as he did to the equally astonishing revelation on Friday that the IRS had targeted conservative groups based on their ideology. He responded as though he were just some bloke on a bar stool, getting his information from the evening news.

In the phone-snooping case, Obama didn't even stir from his stool. Instead, he had his press secretary, former Time magazine journalist Jay Carney, go before an incensed press corps Tuesday afternoon and explain why the president will not be involving himself in his Justice Department's trampling of press freedoms.

"Other than press reports, we have no knowledge of any attempt by the Justice Department to seek phone records of the Associated Press," Carney announced.

And now that Obama has learned about this extraordinary abuse of power, he's not doing a thing about it. "We are not involved at the White House in any decisions made in connection with ongoing criminal investigations," Carney argued.

Reuters correspondent Jeff Mason asked how Obama felt about "being compared to Richard Nixon on this."

The press secretary laughed. "People who make those kinds of comparisons need to check their history," he said.

Carney had a point there. Nixon was a control freak. Obama seems to be the opposite: He wants no control over the actions of his administration. As the president distances himself from the actions of "independent" figures within his administration, he's creating a power vacuum in which lower officials behave as though anything goes. Certainly, a president can't know what everybody in his administration is up to, but he can take responsibility, he can fire people and he can call a stop to foolish actions such as wholesale snooping into reporters' phone calls.

At the start of Tuesday's briefing, the AP's Jim Kuhnhenn pointed out that in all the controversies of the moment — the Benghazi "talking points," the IRS targeting and the journalists' phone records — "you have placed the burden of responsibility someplace else. ... But it is the president's administration."

President Passerby, however, was not joining the fray. Carney repeated Obama's assertion that the IRS' actions would be outrageous only "if" they are true. Never mind that the IRS has already admitted the violations and apologized.

The press secretary said repeatedly that "we have to wait" for a formal report by the agency's inspector general before the most powerful man in the world could take action. By contrast, Carney didn't think it necessary to wait to assert that nobody in the White House knew about the IRS activities until "a few weeks ago." (They apparently didn't tell the boss about the matter until Friday.) Tuesday night, Obama issued a statement saying he had seen the I.G. report and directed Treasury Secretary Jack Lew "to hold those responsible for these failures accountable."

The response to the deep-dive into AP phone records also got the President Passerby response: "He cannot comment specifically on an ongoing criminal investigation or actions that investigators at the Department of Justice may or may not have taken."

It didn't matter to Carney that the Justice Department had already admitted the actions in a letter to the AP. "But we know it happened, just as the IRS admitted what it had done," Fox News' Wendell Goler protested.

"Again, it would be inappropriate to comment," said Carney, one of the 42 times he used the words "appropriate" or "inappropriate" in his hourlong briefing. One of the few things Carney thought it appropriate to say was that Obama thinks the press should be "unfettered."

NPR's Ari Shapiro asked Carney to square Obama's belief in an unfettered press with the fact that he has prosecuted twice as many leakers as all previous administrations combined.

Carney said Obama's love of press freedom "is backed up by his support for a media shield law." This would be the shield law that died in Congress in 2010 because of Obama's objections.

Alexis Simendinger, from RealClearPolitics, challenged Carney to harmonize the refusal to meddle in an "ongoing investigation" with Obama's comments on the Trayvon Martin case last year, when a Justice Department investigation was ongoing.

"Come on," Carney replied with scorn, repeating the excuse that "we have no knowledge" of the phone snooping "beyond the press reports that we've read."

And that's just the problem.

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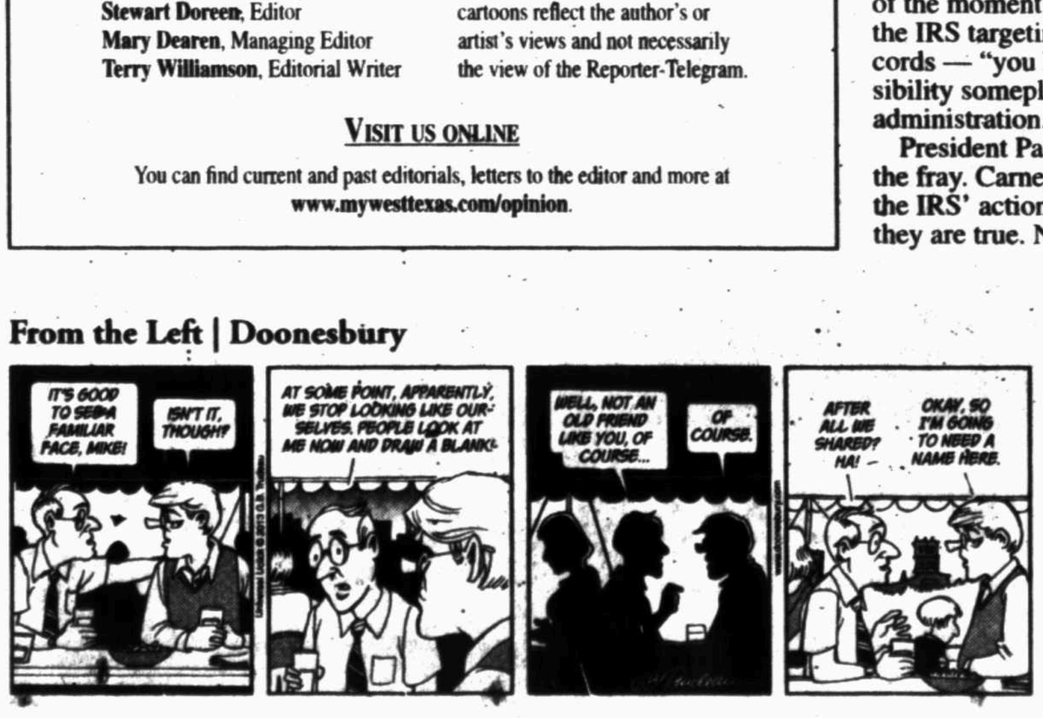

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Eurozone recession is now longest in currency bloc

Associated Press

PARIS — The eurozone is now in its longest ever recession — a stubborn slump that has surpassed even the calamity that hit the region in the financial crisis of 2008-2009.

The European Union statistics office said Wednesday that nine of the 17 EU countries that use the euro are in recession, with France a notable addition to the list. Overall, the eurozone's economy contracted for the sixth straight quarter, shrinking by 0.2 percent in the January-March period from the previous three months.

Though the contraction is an improvement on the previous quarter's 0.6 percent decline, it's another unwelcome report for the single-currency bloc as it grapples with a debt crisis that has prompted governments to slash spending and raise taxes.

"The eurozone is facing a double blow from necessary restructuring of its domestic economy and somewhat disappointing growth in world trade, in particular demand from emerging markets," said Marie Diron, senior economic adviser to Ernst & Young.

This recession is not nearly as deep as the one in 2008-9, which ran for five quarters, but it is now the longest in the 14-year history of the euro. A recession is typically defined as two straight quarters of negative growth.

Austerity measures have inflicted severe economic pain and produced social unrest across the eurozone, where the average unemployment rate is a record 12.1 percent and higher in some places. In Spain, it's 26.7 percent and in Greece 27.2 percent.

Wednesday's report also brought bad news for the wider 27-country EU, which includes non-euro members such as Britain and Poland. The EU too is now in recession after shrinking by a quarterly rate of 0.1 percent in the first quarter, following a 0.5 percent drop in the previous period.

With a population of more than half a billion people, the EU is the world's largest export market. If it remains stuck in reverse, companies in the U.S. and Asia will be hit. Last month, U.S.-based Ford Motor Co. lost $462 million in Europe and called the outlook there "uncertain." McDonald's saw its sales in Europe, the hamburger chain's biggest market outside the U.S., fall 1.1 percent of in the first quarter.

Other major economies have faltered this year but none are in recession. The annualized contraction in the eurozone, based on this quarter's figures, of around 0.9 percent contrasts with the equivalent expansion of the U.S. of 2.5 percent. Meanwhile, China, the world's No. 2 economy, is growing around 8 percent a year.

For many analysts, that discrepancy highlights Europe's flawed economic approach since the end of the financial crisis. Instead of keeping the spending taps on — as the U.S. has largely done — the region concentrated on austerity even though companies and consumers weren't able to plug the gap left by the retrenching state.

Associated Press

In this handout photo provided by the FSB, acronym for Russian Federal Security Service, wigs and spying gadgets carried by a man claimed by FSB to be Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, when he was detained, are shown in the FSB offices in Moscow on Tuesday.

Russia says alleged spying case was 2nd this year

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Russian security services operative — his features bathed in shadows — went on state television Wednesday to claim that the U.S. diplomat who was ordered out of the country was the second American expelled this year over spying allegations.

The anonymous operative said the CIA had failed to halt this "disturbing activity" despite Moscow asking it to do so.

The TV report came one day after Russia ordered Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy, to leave the country after the Federal Security Service claimed to have caught him red-handed trying to recruit a Russian agent in Moscow. The agency, known by the initials FSB, alleged that Fogle worked for the CIA.

State TV channels showed a man identified as an FSB agent saying that another American was told to leave in January in "another case of recruitment." The anonymous speaker, whose identity as an FSB operative could not be confirmed by The Associated Press, did not give the name of the expelled American.

Various Russian TV networks gave different names for the American, and the FSB refused to clarify the name to The Associated Press. State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell declined to comment.

The purported FSB agent said that in the January case his agency had decided not to publicize the expulsion, unlike the Fogle case, which has been top news in the Russian media for two days. He said the FSB asked its U.S. counterparts after the January case to halt this "disturbing activity."

The attention given to the Fogle case contrasts with recent moves by Washington and Moscow to develop closer cooperation on counterterrorism in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15.

The bombing suspects — Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his elder brother, Tamerlan, who was killed in a manhunt — have roots in the Russian republic of Chechnya.

Tamerlan spent six months last year in Dagestan, now the center of an Islamic insurgency; U.S. investigators have been working with the Russians to try to determine whether he had established any contacts with militants in Dagestan.

Russian officials have played the contrast with both annoyance and magnanimity.

"To put it mildly, it is surprising that this extremely crude, clumsy attempt at recruitment took place in a situation where both President Obama and President Putin have clearly stated the importance of more active cooperation and contacts between the special services of the two countries," Putin's foreign affairs aide Yuri Ushakov was quoted as saying Wednesday by Russian news agencies.

Wigs? A map? Strange stuff in alleged US spy kit

MOSCOW — A couple of wigs, sunglasses and a compass? Really?

Some of the items Russian authorities say they seized from a U.S. diplomat who they accuse of spying look like they came from Austin Powers' arsenal rather than James Bond's. But while the old-fashioned items might seem clownish or reminiscent of Cold War intrigues, they could in some ways be more useful than many modern gadgets, experts say.

Here is a look at the items that Russia's Federal Security Service, the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, proudly displayed as trophies after grabbing the American:

Wigs
A blond one and another equally fluffy dark one, the wigs offer a quick and efficient disguise. But there is one small problem: While they might help you get lost in a marijuana-loving crowd in Amsterdam, they would instantly draw attention to you on the streets of Moscow, where most men sport crew cuts. That said, Ayers noted that even a bad wig can make it tough to follow someone via CCTV cameras.

Sunglasses
Another tried but true way to quickly change appearance. One of the three pairs, the one in dark plastic, appears to have transparent or only slightly tinted lenses. An attempt at a professorial look?

Piles of cash
A generous advance to encourage a would-be agent. The currency is euros, which most Russians these days prefer as an illicit cash reward or a bribe.

Recruitment letter
Contains detailed instructions for a would-be agent about secure communications and future meetings. Also promises a $100,000 advance and a $1 million annual reward for "long-term cooperation." The mention of dollars as the currency of payment in the letter curiously differs from the euros in the actual cash.

Map of Moscow
A conservative means of finding your way in the age of Google maps. But think about it: using a digital map application on your cellphone could make you more vulnerable to anyone shadowing you.

Compass
The essential complement to the map.

Flashlight
A must for those who love to lurk in dark corners. It also could help protect you from falling into a pit on one of those badly paved and poorly lit Moscow streets.

Cellphone
An old but reliable Nokia model that boasts good battery life. Equipped with a hands-free cord. Ayers cautioned that the user would need to remove the battery when they wanted to avoid being tracked.

Sim cards
There are two, each belonging to a different Russian mobile phone operator. SIM cards are exchangeable identity chips used in cellphones, and they can be obtained anonymously in Russia.

Pocket knife, pepper gas
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Notebook
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RFID shield
A protective sleeve that prevents anyone from reading private information from credit cards and other items.

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CANNES

DiCaprio, Spielberg open a stormy Cannes

The Cannes Film Festival got off to a blockbuster, if stormy start, as Baz Luhrmann's "The Great Gatsby" opened on a soggy French Riviera.

Amid heavy rain, dancing flappers flocked down the Cannes red carpet Wednesday night, bringing a touch of the Jazz Age to the Croisette. "Gatsby" stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan and Tobey Maguire helped give the festival's opening day a strong dose of star power.

At the opening ceremony, DiCaprio, joined by his "Gatsby" co-star, Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan, declared the 66th Cannes officially begun.

Over the next 12 days, dozens of the world's most artistically ambitious films will premiere on Cannes' global stage. But Wednesday was a day for blockbusters — both the big-budget "Gatsby" and Hollywood's most accomplished director of spectacle: Steven Spielberg.

Every year, the Cannes jury president is psychoanalyzed to help predict the Palme d'Or winner. This year is no different, with onlookers guessing that Spielberg will either gravitate toward the kind of warm-hearted films he's best known for, or seek to deliberately contradict that assumption with a more audacious choice.

The international jury also includes Romanian director Cristian Mungiu, Scottish filmmaker Lynne Ramsay, Japanese director Naomi Kawase, French actor Daniel Auteuil and Bollywood star Vidya Balan.

"I'm going to have to look at the Sidney Lumet film '12 Angry Men,' again as a tutorial to prepare myself for the final day of deliberation," Spielberg said with a smile.

GHANA

Students in Ghana launch mini-satellite

KOFORIDUA — Their project might not sound like much: The college students on Wednesday launched a tiny model of a satellite the size of a soda can on a big yellow balloon.

It went aloft to a height of 165 meters and then came back down attached to a parachute.

Yet in this developing West African country, ambitious organizers — who recently launched the Ghana Space Science and Technology Center — see the test as a sign of bigger things to come.

"We hope that this practical demonstration of what can be done by students like them will generate more enthusiasm, fire up their imagination to come up with more creative things, and show that it's possible that they'll one day be able to launch their own real satellite into orbit," said Prosper Kofi Ashilevi, director of the space center that marked its one-year anniversary earlier this month.

The effort has drawn some skepticism, acknowledged Samuel H. Donkor, the president of All Nations University.

"They think it is a pipe dream, a waste of money," said Donkor, who has directed $50,000 to the program.

Experts said Ghana is probably a good five years or more from developing its own operational satellites, which could one day be used to confront everything from natural disasters to the smuggling of natural resources.

NORTH KOREA

American starts life at 'special prison'

An American citizen sentenced to 15 years of hard labor for what Pyongyang has described as hostile acts against the state has started life at a "special prison," state media said Wednesday.

Kenneth Bae entered the prison Tuesday, the official Korean Central News Agency said in a short dispatch, but no other new details were provided about the American arrested in November who Pyongyang accuses of trying to establish an anti-Pyongyang base in the North. Two South Korean experts on North Korean law said they didn't know what a "special prison" was.

A North Korean academic, using information provided by the government, told The Associated Press earlier this week that Bae had told his family in a phone call that he couldn't appeal his April 30 sentence and that they should urge Washington to push for his amnesty. There has been no statement from Bae, however, a Washington man who friends say was based in a Chinese border city and traveled frequently to North Korea both as a tour operator and to feed orphans.

North Korea has recently released several statements about Bae, and outside analysts have said Pyongyang is likely using him as bait to win diplomatic concessions in a standoff over its nuclear weapons program. North Korea denies this.

The statements come at a time of somewhat easing tensions on the Korean Peninsula and small signs of an interest in diplomacy. March and April saw a stream of near-daily warlike rhetoric from the North aimed at Washington and Seoul following new U.N. sanctions over Pyongyang's February nuclear test. Seoul vowed a tough response if attacked.

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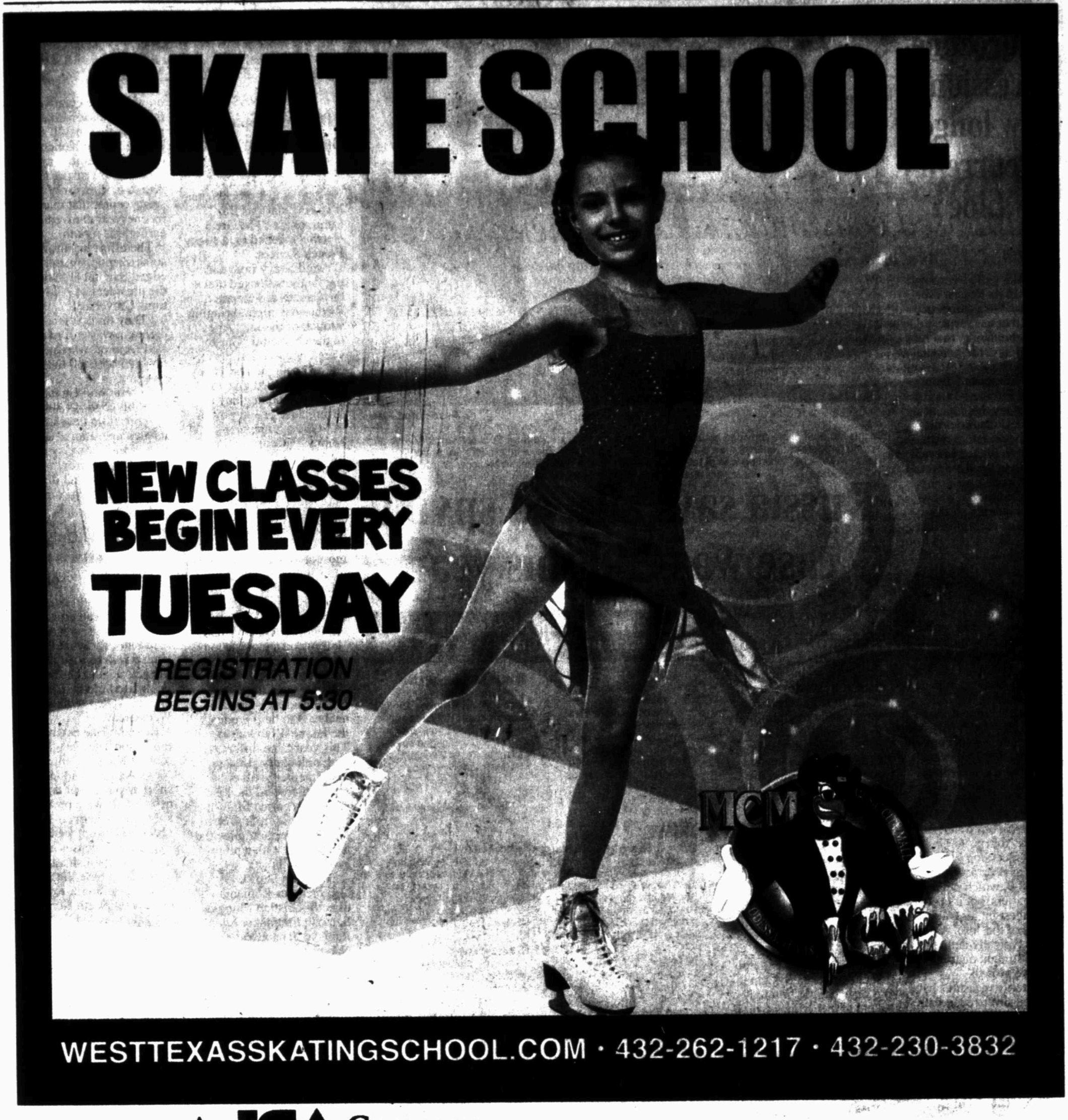

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Texas House defeats term limits referendum

Proposed constitutional amendment previously sailed through Senate

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A proposed constitutional amendment that would have let voters decide whether to limit statewide officeholders to two consecutive terms ran into a buzz saw in the Texas House late Wednesday, with lawmakers voting overwhelming to defeat it despite none voicing opposition from the floor.

The proposal sailed through the Senate in March with a 27-4 vote in what some observers said was a dig at Rick Perry, the longest-serving governor in Texas history. And it drew no debate in the lower chamber, with only supporters rising to sing its praises.

But the final House vote was unequivocal: 61 in favor, 88 opposed.

That means Texas won't join 36 other states that have term limits on their governors and other elected officials. Many of those opposed suggested after the vote that the electorate can already impose term limits by voting out elected officials.

Perry took over in 2000 when then-Gov. George W. Bush left for the White House. He is now America's longest sitting governor and, despite an unsuccessful run for the presidency in 2011, has not said whether he plans to seek a fourth full term next year.

The governor also didn't comment on the proposed constitutional amendment.

It would have placed on a November ballot a referendum letting voters decide if statewide officeholders should be limited to two consecutive terms. It wouldn't have applied to state senators and representatives — who are elected by voters in their districts and not across the state — but could potentially have affected the governor, the attorney general, judges and all other statewide officeholders.

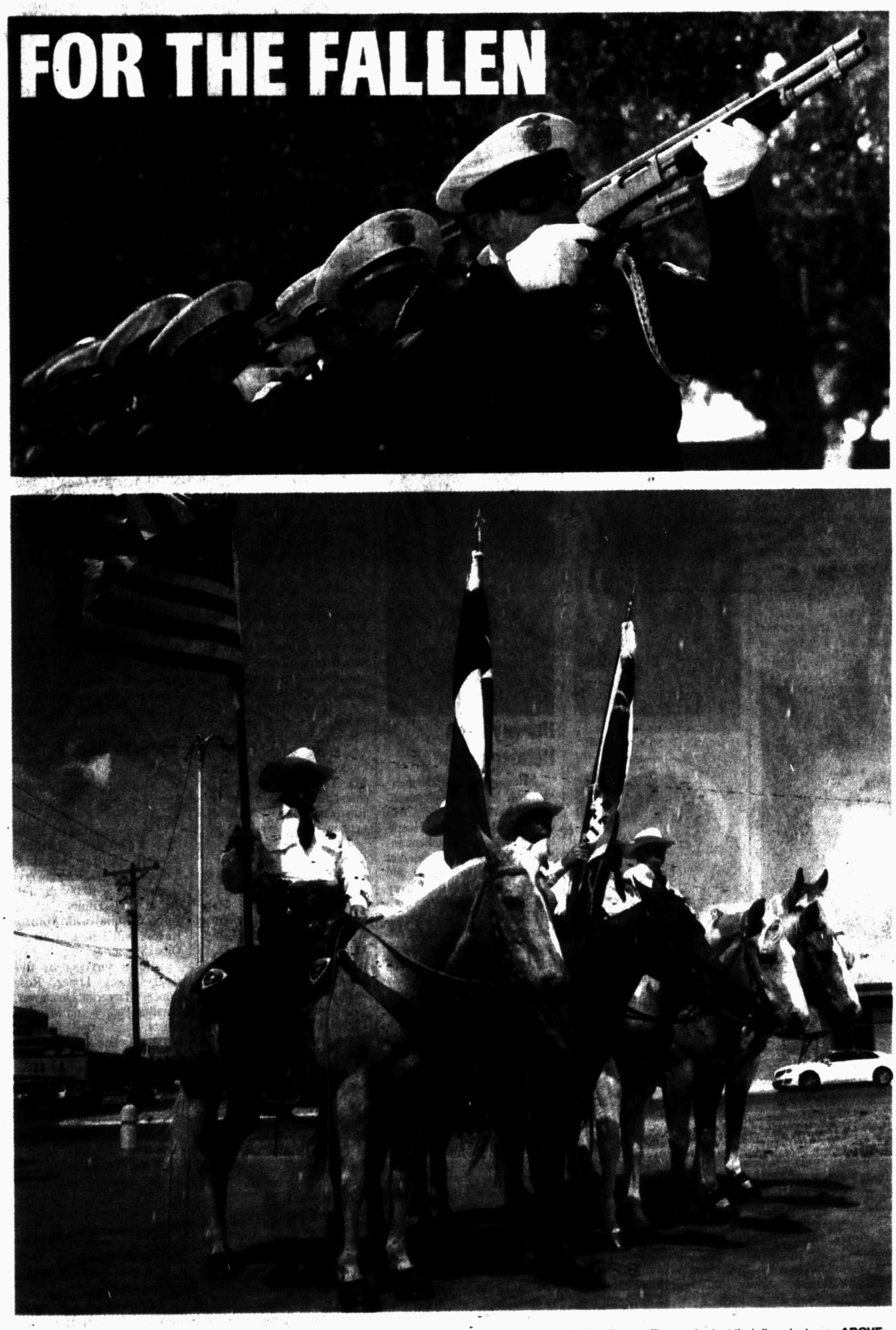
Past term-limit legislation has been met with similar opposition. A 2011 proposal died without making it to a House vote.

This year's proposal was sponsored by Republican Sen. Kevin Eltife, who ran for Senate after local term limits prevented him from seeking re-election as mayor of Tyler. Its House sponsor, San Antonio Republican Rep. Lyle Larson, said the amendment was not meant to criticize any current elected official.

He said it would not have impacted any candidate on the 2014 ballot, but could potentially have limited Perry and others to two additional terms in future electoral cycles.

"A lot of folks looked at the governor's office and they thought we already had term limits in place until the current governor," Larson said. "This is not a referendum on Rick Perry. ... It's more about straightening out something that will bring an infusion of new blood, new ideas."

Rep. Chris Paddie, R-Marshall, said polling conducted while drafting the measure suggested that 80 percent of Texans support term limits. Larson responded, "There's a lot of frustration out there with current officeholders sitting for a long time."



TOP: Members of Midland Police Honor Guard fire a 21-gun volley salute Wednesday during the memorial for Texas officers who lost their lives last year. **ABOVE:** Members of Midland County Mounted Patrol stand at attention.

Photos by Tim Fischer | Reporter-Telegram

Forbes names Midland 'best small city' for jobs

From staff reports

The list of accolades being bestowed on Midland during booming economic times continues to grow.

Midland has been named the best small city for jobs in 2013 by Forbes Magazine.

Midland, which ranked second in the same survey in 2012, swapped places with last year's No. 1: Odessa. In 2012, Midland saw an employment growth of 8.8 percent, up from a 6.3 increase over the previous year.

The survey ranked 398 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) based on employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics from November 2001 through January 2013 based on recent growth trends, mid-term growth, long-term growth and the region's momentum. The small cities' list included 241 MSAs that have fewer than 150,000 jobs.

With the lowest unemployment rate in the nation, these honors have become the norm.

Earlier this month, Beyond.com, a career management website, rated Midland as No. 10 in the top 50 metro areas where the odds are in job seekers' favor. No other Texas cities made the top 10. Odessa placed 46th.

In November, the Bureau of Economic Analysis reported Midland placed second for per capita income in metropolitan areas across the nation and fourth in retail hourly wages for mid-sized metros.

In February, Midland ranked first in Texas and 14th in the nation in concentration of high-income households, according to the U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey.

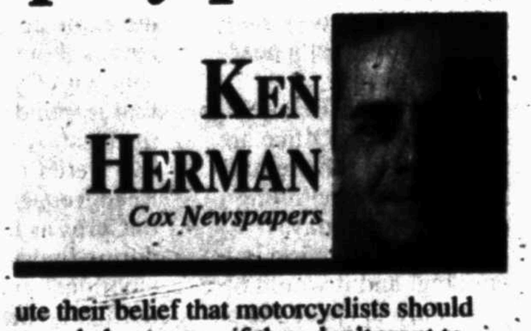
In March CNN, Money and Fortune magazines included Midland among the top-nine fastest growing boomtowns — Midland was fourth, Andrews third and Odessa eighth.

Other cities to make the top 10 of Beyond.com's list are Bloomington, Ill.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Greenville, N.C.; Manchester, N.H.; Roanoke, Va.; Des Moines, Iowa; Trenton, N.J.; and Charlotte, N.C.

Other Texas cities on the list are Dallas, 21; Abilene, 30; Austin, 33; and Sherman, 50.

When pastors play politics, there can be repercussions

■ Ministers walk a fine line when preaching politics. When is that line crossed? It's a taxing question



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I favor separation of church and state. But I preach against separation of church and politics.

There's nothing wrong with believers voting their beliefs. In fact, they should. And I'm OK with them voting to inflict their beliefs on others, within constitutional limits. All of us — believers and non — try to do that. Murder is illegal because most all of us believe it should be, regardless of how we came to that belief.

And some amongst us try to put in statute their belief that motorcyclists should wear helmets even if they don't want to.

In general, this is how democracy works. It produces winners and losers.

I don't want laws telling me how or if I should pray. But I have no fear of religion-driven votes. When our system is operating properly, the courts protect us from overreach. And we've been blessed with transformational leaders whose church-based politics benefited us all. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. comes to mind.

But there's an indelible, yet hard to pinpoint, line that should be inviolate. For me, it's where you start spending government money to advance your politics.

I believe Steve Washburn, senior pastor at Pflugerville's First Baptist Church, came very close to the line — no more than a hair either way — in a letter to congregants before last Saturday's school board election in his community. The letter shows he understood how close he was coming to jeopardizing his church's tax exemption.

It is that tax-free status that concerns me when pastors get to politicking. In my mind, tax-free means government-subsidized. Washburn's letter instructed congregants on how to vote in the Pflugerville Independent School District board election.

"In any election, there is only one question we need to answer: 'For which candidates does GOD want me to vote?'" he wrote. "As followers of Jesus, we vote for HIS priorities, not our priorities. That means we are always, first and foremost — 'Christian Moral Values Voters.' We

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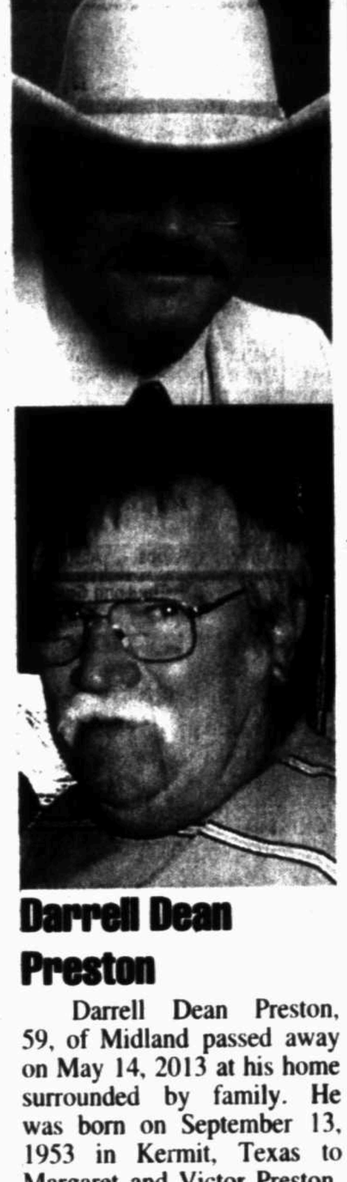

Darrell Dean Preston

Darrell Dean Preston, 59, of Midland passed away on May 14, 2013 at his home surrounded by family. He was born on September 13, 1953 in Kermit, Texas to Margaret and Victor Preston. Darrell graduated from Kermit High in 1972. In high school Darrell excelled at football and baseball. After high school Darrell had an extensive oilfield career from drilling rigs to consulting and production. After his oilfield career, Darrell began to mechanic on air planes at Basin Aviation. Darrell enjoyed working on small engines of all types, including boats, planes and lawn mowers. He was an avid outdoors man. Darrell loved hunting but fishing was his true passion. He is preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Victor Preston; aunt, Maxine Preston and one nephew, Sammy Preston.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory are his brother, Gary Preston and wife Shirley of Odessa; nephew, Michael Preston and wife Sharra of Odessa. He is also survived by his children; Ken Allen Preston and wife Bethany of New Braunfels and their sons, Brendan J. Valencia and Phoenix Augustus Preston; his daughter, Heather Darrelle Preston and husband Carl Blackburn of Midland; their daughter, Emery Leslie Blackburn; daughter, Amber Nicole Preston of Midland; daughter, Brandi D'Ann Frederick and husband Kevin of Midland and their son, Colton Scott Frederick; son, Brandon Taylor and wife Jennifer of San Diego, CA and their children: Alexis, Mason and Kaitlyn Taylor; son Joe Taylor and girlfriend Ashley Bingham of Copperas Cove; girlfriend, Cathie Jo Taylor of Copperas Cove; close friend, Rosemary Thorp and her son Matt Thorp both of Odessa. He also leaves behind his ex-wife and mother of his children, Leanna Williams Trost and her husband Michael and their son, Chandler Trost, also numerous other family and countless friends.

Darrell's family would like to say a special thanks to Carol Frederick, Bert McGuffin and all of Darrell's friends in Robert Lee for helping care for our father. They also would like to thank all of the staff at Hospice of Midland.

Service will be held at 7:00pm to 8:30pm, Thursday, May 16, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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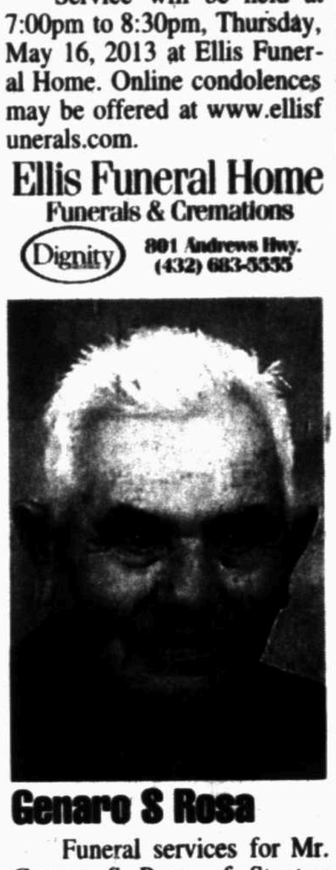

Genaro S Rosa

Funeral services for Mr. Genaro S Rosa of Stanton have been set for 10 AM Friday May 17, 2013 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Monsignor Droll officiating, interment will follow at St Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

A rosary will be recited Thursday at 7:30 PM at the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Genaro was born March 2, 1925 in Garceno, Texas and passed away at his residence in Stanton.

He was a farmer for many years in Martin County.

He is preceded in death by his son Roel Rosa.

Survivors include his loving wife Francisca Rosa of Stanton. Four Daughters Maria Susana Hernandez and RosaLinda Rodriguez both of Big Spring and Thelma Yanez and Frances Hernandez both of Stanton. One son Genaro Rosa Jr of Odessa, Tx. Three brothers Gumecindo Rosa and Candido Rosa both of Garceno Tx. and Gilberto Rosa of Odom, Tx.16 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren, and 5 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

María V. Montemayor

María V. Montemayor, 84, was called into eternal rest by the Lord on Monday, May 13, 2013, in Laredo, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Jose Rangel Vásquez and Julia Canales Vásquez, her brother: Jorge Canales, sister: Anita Vásquez and great-grandson: Timothy Allen Joseph Wilburn.

Mrs. Montemayor is survived by her husband: RET Texas Ranger Pedro Gonzalez Montemayor, children: Rosalinda (Jesús) Rodríguez, Irma (+Robert) Overton, Pedro (Norma A.) Montemayor Jr., Magdalena (Joe) Bermea and Hilda Montemayor, sister: Eduviges (+Esteban) de la Fuente, 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 1 great great-grandson, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will be receiving guests at Fred Dickey Funeral and Cremations Services on Friday, May 17, 2013, from 5pm to 9pm. A vigil service will commence at 6:30pm. Funeral Services will be on Saturday, May 18, 2013, from the funeral home via cortège to Holy Family Catholic Church where a funeral mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. Interment will follow immediately at the Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Henry J. Vásquez, Jeffrey Vásquez, Ryan J. Overton, Pedro Montemayor III, Joseph Bermea, Joel Bermea, Mark W. Johnson Jr. and Ferris Strambler. Honorary pallbearers will be: Pedro G. Montemayor, Pedro Montemayor Jr., Nathan Vásquez, Adrian J. Vásquez, Jesús Rodríguez and Joe Bermea.

Funeral service arrangements are under the care of Fred Dickey Funeral Home and Cremation Services 4502 Thomas Ave. Laredo, TX 78041. For more information please call (956) 723-3611.

For your convenience you may leave your condolences and sign the guestbook on our website at www.freddickey.com.

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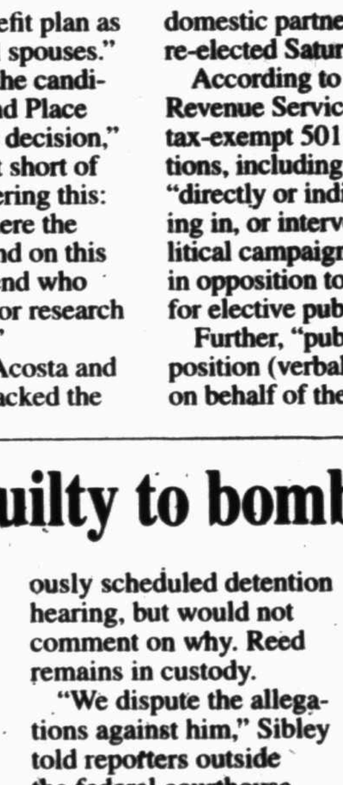
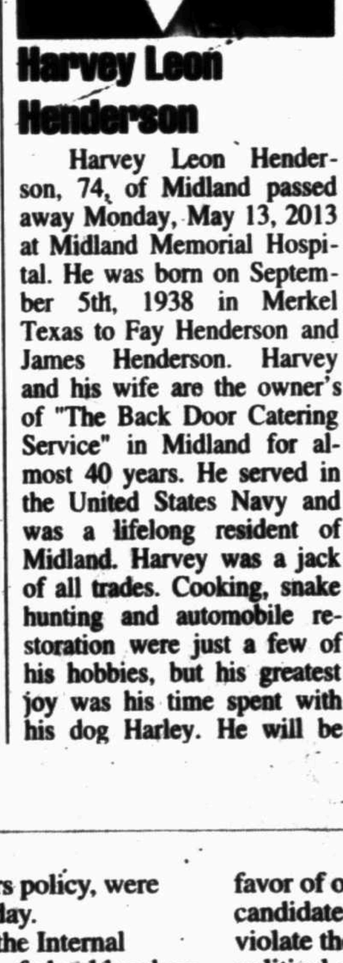


AnnaLeah and Mary Karth

On May 4, 2013, two sisters were in a car accident in Georgia enroute from North Carolina to Texas. AnnaLeah Karth (born May 15, 1995) died at the scene of the accident. Mary Lydia Karth (born August 6, 1999) died a few days later on May 8, 2013, due to injuries sustained in the accident. The sisters had lived with their parents, Jerry and Marianne Karth, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, since October 2012. Prior to that, they had lived in Midland, Texas, from 2007-2012. Both teenagers were born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and lived there until they moved to Texas in 2007. They are survived by: their parents, Jerry and Marianne (Waldron) Karth; seven siblings--Isaac Karth (Richardson, Texas), Peter and Danelle (Bessette) Karth (Midland, Texas), Samuel and Naomi (Cole) Karth (Warsaw, Indiana), John and Rebekah (Karth) Black (recently moved to Lafayette, Indiana from Arlington, Texas), Susanna Karth (Arlington, Texas), Levi Karth (Midland, Texas), and Caleb Karth (Rocky Mount, North Carolina); nephew and niece, Marcus and Vanessa Karth (Midland, Texas); grandmother, Gladys (Wilkinson) Karth (Waupaca, Wisconsin); as well as many aunt, uncles, and cousins across the country. Two funeral services will be held. The first will be on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Midland, Texas. The second will be on Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, followed by a luncheon at the church and interment at Highland View Cemetery, Big Rapids, Michigan. We take comfort in knowing that AnnaLeah and Mary had the gift of faith in Jesus as their Savior and Lord. "The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



Harvey Leon Henderson

Harvey Leon Henderson, 74, of Midland passed away Monday, May 13, 2013 at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 5th, 1938 in Merkel Texas to Fay Henderson and James Henderson. Harvey and his wife are the owner's of "The Back Door Catering Service" in Midland for almost 40 years. He served in the United States Navy and was a lifelong resident of Midland. Harvey was a jack of all trades. Cooking, snake hunting and automobile restoration were just a few of his hobbies, but his greatest joy was his time spent with his dog Harley. He will be deeply missed by all.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Fay Henderson.

He is survived by his father, James Henderson; his wife of 45 years, Elvira (Vera) Henderson; two nephews as his sons, Celestion (Tino) Pena and Elborio (Libby) Pena, Marleri and three grandchildren all of Midland.

Viewing will be held at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland on Thursday, May 16th, 2013 from 6-8pm with a Rosary at 7:00pm. Services are scheduled for Friday, May 17th, 2013 at 10:00am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to your choice of charity. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Lonnie Charles Dixon

Lonnie Dixon was born in Ennis,Texas on March 23, 1948 to Lula Mae Hudson and the late T J Dixon. He departed this life Monday, May 13, 2013.

They later moved to Midland. His mother later married Raymond Shaw. Raymond Shaw faithfully raised Lonnie to adulthood.

Lonnie married Evelyn Dixon and to that union was born one son, Lonnie Dixon Jr. He was employed by Texaco Oil Company over 25 years. He also was employed by Midland Independent School system and Midland Boys' and Girls' Club.

He loved sports and young people. He coached young men early in life football, basketball, and baseball. Lonnie was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church and was an ordained deacon. He worked diligently with the youth in this church. Later he moved his membership to Macedonia Baptist Church.

Prior family deaths include grandmother- Hattie Mae Turner, Stepfather- Raymond Lee Shaw Sr, brother- Raymond Lee Shaw Jr, nephew- Dale Shaw.

He leaves to morn his death, son- Lonnie Dixon Jr (Debra) of Dallas,Tx, Mother- Lula Mae Shaw of Midland,Tx, 4 sisters- Mary Dixon, Erma Dean Foremar (Chuck), Rosie Jones (Billy), Shirley Johnson (Rodney). 1 brother- Roy Lee Shaw, all of Midland 7 nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

Viewing will be today 11am to 5 pm at the funeral home. Funeral Services will be Friday at the Antioch Baptist Church, burial will be in Serenity Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Blake Hogue

Blake Edward Hogue, 22 of Odessa passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

Survived by his father and stepmother, Bobby Hogue and Sarah Graves; one brother; two sisters; grandmother, Frances Trotter; great grandmother, Pearl Shifflett; aunt Donna Kay Reese; one niece; six nephews; 1 dog, numerous cousins and good friends.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Odessa. Family visitation will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sunset. Funeral services will be Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel at Sunset.

Charles E. Jones, Jr.

Charles E. Jones, Jr. passed away on May 10, 2013 in Odessa, Texas.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 16, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church of Odessa. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Charles is survived by his daughters Barbara, Margaret, and Catherine and their families, six grandchildren, sister, Rosemary Ann Smith, and a future granddaughter-in-law.

Larry Joe McGowan

Larry Joe McGowan, 62 of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

A memorial mass for Larry will be Friday, May 17 at 4:00pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 Years, Delia McGowan; Sons, John McGowan, Dylan W. McGowan, and Larry Joe McGowan; daughters, January McGowan and Samantha Sallie McGowan, Texas; his brother Grady McGowan; and two sisters, Jearlene Jones and Bertha Brewer. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Thomas Lopez

Thomas Lopez, 64, of Waxahachie, formerly of Big Spring, passed away on April 27, 2013.

Vigil services will be held at 7:00p.m. Thursday, May 16, 2013 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:00a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by five sisters: Lucy Lopez, Rosa Lopez, Margarita Dutchover, Catalina Padron and Manuela Arista and one brother: Enrique Lopez and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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vote for the candidates who best represent and defend the Lord's moral values as He reveals them in Scripture."

Washburn told congregants "our primary concern" was the school board's OK of health insurance for domestic partners, a provision, he wrote, that "allows employees of PISD to include immoral sexual partners (heterosexual and homosexual) in their medical insurance benefit plan as though they were legal spouses."

"We are to vote for the candidates in Place No. 3 and Place No. 5 who oppose this decision," he wrote, stopping just short of naming names but offering this: "If you are unclear where the various candidates stand on this issue, please call a friend who may be more familiar or research your decision on-line."

Incumbents Mario Acosta and Carol Fletcher, who backed the domestic partners policy, were re-elected Saturday.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, federal law bars tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organizations, including churches, from "directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office."

Further, "public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity."

I told Washburn about my concerns.

"Your position is certainly shared by many," he said, "but I'm not concerned about that. What I'm doing is speaking to moral issues at my congregation.

"I'm a pastor, not a politician. I speak to moral issues as defined by the Lord in Scripture," Washburn said. "When politicians cross the line between church and state and add moral issues, am I then to be silent? Do politicians, by their involvement, define what I can address and what I cannot?"

No, but the tax code does.

If Washburn, as spiritual leader of a tax-exempt religious organization, wants to back certain candidates — which he arguably did in this case — he is free to seek an end to his church's tax-exempt status.

Ex-EMT in pleads not guilty to bomb-making materials possession charges

By Nomaan Merchant and Danny Robbins
Associated Press

WACO — A first responder who helped evacuate people ahead of a deadly explosion at a Texas fertilizer plant pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a charge he possessed bomb-making materials.

Bryce Reed was arrested last week and indicted Tuesday on a charge of possessing an unregistered firearm. Authorities have not announced any link between Reed and the April 17 blast in West that killed 14 people.

Federal investigators allege Reed had materials for a pipe bomb that he gave to someone else. An agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives wrote in a court filing that other investigators told him Reed admitted to having the bomb parts.

Reed's attorney, Jonathan Sibley, said that he agreed with prosecutors to postpone a previously scheduled detention hearing, but would not comment on why. Reed remains in custody.

"We dispute the allegations against him," Sibley told reporters outside the federal courthouse in Waco, about 15 miles south of West.

He also called on federal authorities either to present evidence connecting Reed to the explosion or to say he wasn't connected. The McLennan County Sheriff's Office said Friday that no evidence suggesting a link has been found so far.

"If they have something, let's hear it," Sibley said. "If they don't, let's hear it."

ATF and the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office are scheduled to release findings of their monthlong investigation today.

"The investigation is ongoing, and it would be premature to speculate at this time," ATF spokeswoman Franceska Perot said Wednesday.

Another hearing in Reed's case has not been scheduled.

Reed became a well-known media figure after the explosion, talking at length about his relationship with Cyrus Reed, a first responder killed in the blast. Although the two weren't related, Bryce Reed frequently referred to Cyrus as his "brother" during interviews and an emotional video played during the memorial for dead first responders at Baylor University.

"My brother and all those who lay with him are heroes now and forever," Bryce Reed said.

However, Cyrus Reed's family members have since said they believe that Bryce Reed wasn't as close to Cyrus as he let on and may have been using the similarity in their names to increase his public profile.

In brief comments to The Associated Press on Tuesday, Cyrus Reed's mother, Lucy Reed, said the family met Bryce for the first time at the April 25 memorial.

"No comment except Bryce is not my son," she said.

Graves in small cemetery look real but truth lies elsewhere

By Dane Schiller
Houston Chronicle

In life, Johnny Mack Chappell was a rough-and-tumble football coach who had friends in high and low places, and loved to party with just about anybody.

Now, 16-years after his death from a heart attack on Christmas Eve at the age of 42, he's helping keep away some of the very people he might have liked to know.

Chappell's name is chiseled into one of three tombstones in Houston that stand beneath a shade tree in a neatly mowed, fenced and padlocked lot near the municipal courthouse.

But neither he nor the people named on the other two headstones are buried there. And they never have been.

The graves are part of a small fake cemetery established about a year ago by the owners of the lot in an attempt to deter vagrants from trashing the property, said a person at the offices of the owner.

The fakery has grown intricate: A plastic flower decorates the front of one of the headstones; long, narrow mounds of grass-covered dirt add to the appearance of recently dug graves; there is not a spot of trash.

"He would get a kick out of that," Johnny's older brother, Wayne Chappell, said Tuesday when told about the fake graves. "What he'd probably do is go find the hobos and bring them back to drink by it."

According to Harris County records, the property is owned by a company belonging to Albert Bel Fay Jr., the son of a prominent Houstonian who was a U.S. ambassador, oilman, Republican Party leader, and friend to former President George H.W. Bush.

Fay did not return calls for comment Tuesday.

The other two headstones contain the names of Dee Brown Hancock, 1922-1973, and Sandra Ruth Howen, 1939-1986.

No one seems to know where the trio of headstones came from.

The peculiar cemetery was first brought to the attention of Ron Bass, a researcher for a major oil company, who is privately working on a book on interesting, sometimes funky aspects of Houston.

"I learned it was new," Bass said of the cemetery. "I learned there was a guy buried there that was also buried somewhere else, and the other two, nobody had ever heard of. The people died years and years ago, yet had three identical headstones — and three freshly buried bodies. Where did they come from?"

Wayne Chappell said he has no problem with the fact that a headstone bearing his brother's name is now serving as a scarecrow for vagrants.

His brother was a leader on the Reagan High School football team, president of his class, and "had a whole lot of friends," from an array of backgrounds, the older Chappell said.

He said his brother, whose football career was hindered by an injury, briefly played fullback for the University of Texas at Austin behind the legendary Earl Campbell, who went on to win the Heisman Trophy and play almost his entire professional career with the Houston Oilers.

Chappell, who went by "John" after high school, lost his scholarship at UT because of rowdiness in the athletic dorm, his brother said.

Wayne Chappell said he had no idea why there was a second headstone bearing his brother's name or where it came from, but speculated that a friend might have ordered it at the time of his death without the family's knowledge.

"A lot of those grew up and were fairly wealthy," Chappell said of his brother's school friends. "It could be that somebody wanted to do it, and never contacted me."

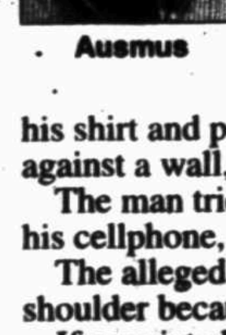
Carl Haynie, of Houston's Woodlawn Garden of Memories, said the cemetery's records show Johnny Chappell's remains are where they should be — in lot 177 on the far north side of the cemetery, which has nearly 30,000 occupied graves.

"Johnny Mack is right here," said Haynie, who smiled at the notion of headstones and graves being used to keep away vagrants. "I have never heard of anyone having a throw-down cemetery."

MPD: Man allegedly puts 70-year-old in headlock

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly assaulting a 70-year-old man in late April, according to his arrest affidavit.


Ausmus

Steven Allen Ausmus, 52, is being held on a third-degree felony charge of injuring an elderly person with intent to sustain bodily injury. Ausmus also is facing two Class B misdemeanor charges of interfering with an emergency phone call. Bond information was unavailable for the felony charge.

The 70-year-old man reported the assault on April 29. He said Ausmus got belligerent with him, grabbed and ripped his shirt and put him in a headlock before throwing him against a wall, according to the report.

The man tried calling 911 but Ausmus twice grabbed his cellphone, according to the report.

The alleged victim said he had pain in his neck and shoulder because of the incident, according to the report.

If convicted, Ausmus could face up to 10 years in prison for the felony charge.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tabitha R. Brown, 30, of Richmond, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Steven C. Garcia, 28, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on charges of violation of probation, burglary of a habitation and burglary of a building.

Victor H. Olivares, 27, of Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 400 grams.

Sesario C. Perez, 35, of San Angelo, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Leonardo R. Rodriguez, 46, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Ashley N. Salinas, 21, of Edinburg, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Jimmy G. Stephens, 32, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Joe L. Tucker, 44, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Alfred L. Williams Jr., 21, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing and criminal mischief.

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Channel	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout (N)		Grey's A. "Perfect Storm" (SF) (N)		Scandal "White Hat's Back On" (SF) (N)		KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel Connie Britton, Chris Pine		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Big Bang Theory	Elementary "The Woman and Heroine" (SF) (N)				CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman (N)		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Wizard"	Rules of Engage.	The Vampire Diaries "Graduation" (SF) (N)		B. & Beast "Never Turn Back" (SF) (N)		Cops	Sein. "The Pitch"	Rules of Engage.	'70s "Join Together"	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Winner Announced" (SF) 2/2 from May 15 (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Dollars & Sense	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Thurman Scrivner
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	NBC News Special (N)		The Office "Finale" (F) (N)		Hannibal "Fromage" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Adam Sandler, Phil Jackson		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytrippers	Parks and Wildlife	Frontline "Never Forget to Lie"		Antiques Roadshow "Seattle (Hour One)"		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	White Collar		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) Between Str...		Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind				★★★ Chasing Amy Ben Affleck.				The Long Good...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) Journey 2: The Mysterious Island				Game of Thrones		Veep	The Orgasm		Vice	Family
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PLEX			96			(:20) ★ Big Spender Casper Van Dien.				★★★ Tender Mercies			(:35) ★★★ Silverado Kevin Kline.				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★★ The Woman in Black			(:05) ★★ Scream 4 Neve Campbell.				Gigolos	The Borgias		Gigolos
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) Citizen Ruth		The Mechanic Jason Statham.			(:35) The Samaritan			(:10) 4:44: Last Day on Earth			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 "Birthday Girl"		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Freaksho	Freakshow	Freaksho	Freaksho	Freaksho	Small To	Small To	Small To	Small To	Small To	★★ Drumline	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		★ Lottery Ticket ('10, Com) Bow Wow.				★★ The Cookout ('04, Com) Ja Rule.				(:05) Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Tabatha Takes Over		Tabatha Takes Over		Tabatha Takes Over		Take Over (N)		Tabatha Takes Over		Queens	Medic.
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		Greed "Shipwrecked"		American Greed		Mad Money		Greed "Shipwrecked"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Back Oil	Back Oil	Back Oil	Back Oil	H. Blood	H. Blood	To Be Announced		H. Blood	H. Blood	To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Austin	Dog Blog	★★ Sky High			(:15) Ferb	Jessie	GoodLuck	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
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FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) Charlie & the Chocola...			★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory					The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Sweet Genius		Chopped		Chopped		Giving "Sub-prise" (N)		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	SW Outdoors	WPT Poker Borgata Open	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ The Green Hornet ('11, Act) Seth Rogen.					Anger M.	2½Men	2½Men	Biased	Biased	Biased	Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	BradyB.	BradyB.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Income Property		Rehab	Rehab	HouseH	House	RentBuy	House	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp "Devoured"		Swamp People		Swamp People		Only in America		How Sex Changed		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) The Rebound Catherine Zeta-Jones.		★★ The Switch (2010, Comedy/Drama) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Bateman.				★★ The Ex (2006, Comedy) Amanda Peet, Jason Bateman, Zach Braff.				★★ The Switch Jason Bateman.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Live!	F1 36	Cycling		IIHF Hockey	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Drake	Big T. (N)	WendVinn	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	DEA "Deadly Chase"		Impact Wrestling				★★★ Underworld ('03, Fant) Scott Speedman, Kate Beckinsale.					
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★★ Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country					★★★ Star Trek: First Contact Patrick Stewart.					Star Trek II: The...	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Statue"	Seinfeld "The Susie"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Men at Work (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Men at Work	Conan
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TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Cops and Robbers"		Castle "Cuffed"		Castle "Kill Shot"		Castle "Heartbreak Hotel"		CSI: NY		CSI: NY "Dead Reckoning"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Kill Ari, Part II" Pt. 2 of 2		NCIS "Under Covers"		NCIS "Light Sleeper"		NCIS "Jack Knife"		Psych "Dead Air"		CSI: Crime Scene "Genetic Disorder"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

Feds look to limit drinks to 1 for drivers

By Brian Rogers and Todd Ackerman
Houston Chronicle

A federal advisory board stunned law enforcement officials and restaurant trade groups this week with a recommendation that could criminalize driving after having two drinks.

Among other proposals to stem the tide of alcohol-related traffic fatalities released this week, the National Transportation Safety Board proposed lowering the legal blood alcohol level from .08 to .05.

The recommendation drew criticism that police resources would be squandered trying to catch and prosecute everyday behavior turned illegal by legislation.

"It's a ludicrous recommendation," said Sarah Longwell, a spokeswoman for the American Beverage Institute. "The reason we haven't been able to solve the drunk-driving problem in this country is because groups like the NTSB insist on targeting moderate and responsible social drinkers instead of the hard-core drunk-driving population that causes the majority of drunk-driving fatalities."

The advocacy group found an unlikely ally in one of the state's most ardent traffic crimes prosecutor, Assistant Montgomery County District Attorney Warren Diepraam. "I think the American Beverage Institute has it correct," Diepraam said. "The number of people involved in fatal crashes who are under .08 is insignificant."

Although the recommendation is based on "sound science" and matches a past recommendation from the American Medical Association, he said it would it would mean more training for police officers and more blood alcohol tests.

"It's just not practical in our state," he said.

Two drinks, too many

A .05 blood-alcohol level would limit most people to a single drink, with food, before driving, said Amitava Dasgupta, a toxicologist at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

He said a second glass of wine, beer or shot of liquor would raise most people's level above .05, though he acknowledged a lot depends on a person's genetic makeup, drinking habits, gender and weight.

"The old rule was that you're OK to drive after having one drink per hour or two per two hours as long as you don't exceed two," Dasgupta said. "But if the legal limit is lowered to .05, most people should limit themselves to one drink to be on the safe side."

Dasgupta said a .05 drinking level would be a "tough sell." But he supports the change because of alcohol-related driving wrecks.

The toxicologist said there are many studies on how alcohol affects motor functions, but none show driving impairment at blood-alcohol concentrations below .05. The U.S. is one of only six countries with an .08 legal limit, he said. Most countries have a limit of .05.

Dr. Brent King, chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the UT Houston medical school, said he supports the proposal because he has seen how many wrecks are caused by alcohol. A legal limit of .05 could be a huge deterrent, he said.

Texas lawmakers, however, have no plans to implement the recommendation.

"It's not necessary," said Sen. John Whitmire, a Houston Democrat who chairs the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. "The people that are not honoring .08 will damn sure not honor .05. We need to focus on education and responsible drinking at the .08 level before we think about an adjustment."

Even Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Texas, which successfully lobbied to change the limit from .10 to .08 in 1999, said pushing to lower the rate is not on its radar.

"My job is to focus on our legislative priorities, and changing the BAC is not one of them," said Bill Lewis, legislative director for MADD of Texas.

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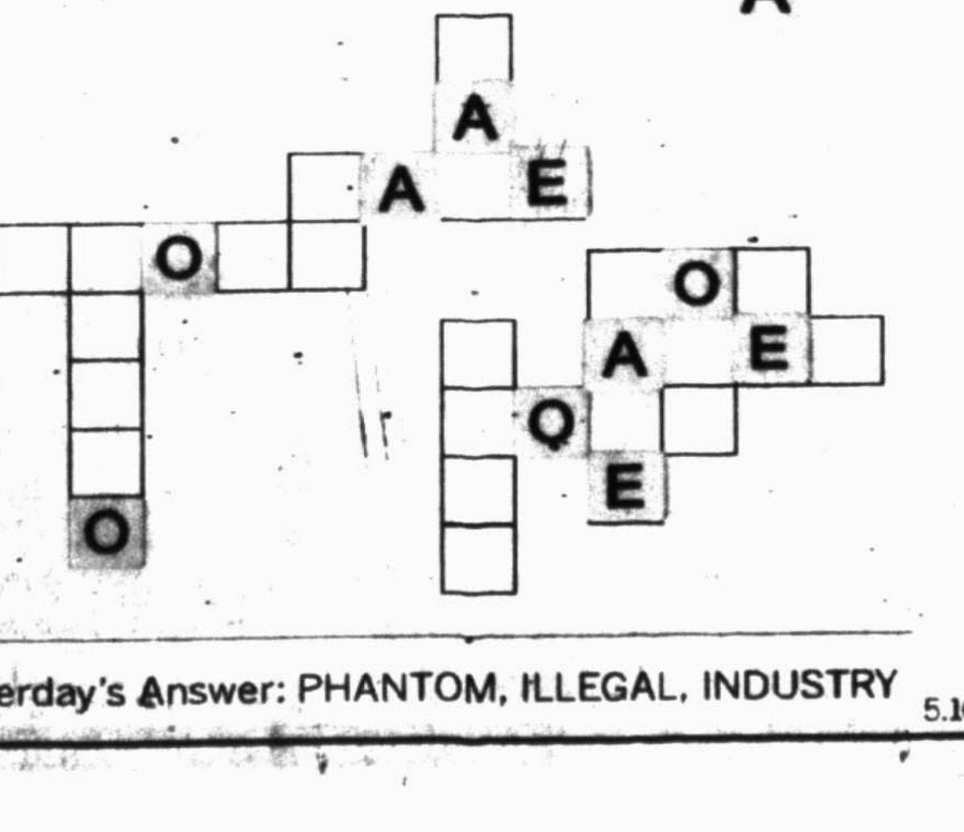

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AMARILLO

American Airlines jet makes emergency landing

An American Airlines aircraft made an emergency landing in Amarillo after the pilot reported an electrical smell in the cockpit.

A spokesman for the Fort Worth-based airline said none of the 112 passengers and five crew members was hurt in the incident Tuesday morning.

Matt Miller said Wednesday that the pilot of Flight 1099 from Dallas-Fort Worth to Albuquerque, N.M., declared an emergency as a precaution after noticing an electrical odor. The pilot landed the jet safely at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport.

Miller said the jet has been taken out of service while authorities try to determine what caused the odor. He had no information on whether there was smoke in the cockpit.

The passengers were put on another jet Tuesday afternoon and flown to Albuquerque.

AUSTIN

Volunteer firefighter memorial needs room

A memorial to Texas volunteer firefighters who died in the line of duty has run out of room to add names.

The State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas seeks to expand the memorial built in 1896 that shows a firefighter holding a baby.

The April 17 fertilizer plant explosion in West left 14 people dead. Most of the victims were volunteer firefighters and other emergency responders.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday that the association is working with the State Preservation Board to put new names on pieces of granite. The board has final say over changes to the memorial on the Texas Capitol grounds.

Association executive director Chris Barron says his group would need to come up with the funding.

New names were last added in 2011.

KANSAS

Silent Dallas woman who wandered Hutchinson now jailed

HUTCHINSON — A Texas woman aimlessly roaming Hutchinson the last few weeks, refusing to talk and rebuffing offers of help, now has shelter at the county jail.

Police Sgt. Eric Buller said police have identified the woman as 52-year-old Theresa Thomas, of Dallas. He said she apparently arrived in the south-central Kansas city about a month ago on a bus, only communicates with an occasional note and has been "walking around like she was lost."

Thomas was arrested Monday on a municipal trespassing charge after parking herself and her two suitcases on private property outside a Burger King after she had been asked not to return to the property.

"She's taken a vow of silence," Buller told The Hutchinson News. She writes notes or simply holds up her hand and refuses to communicate with police.

Buller said the woman has turned down offers of help, shelter and financial assistance. Police have also been receiving daily calls from people concerned about the woman.

"Unless she voluntarily goes with us, there's nothing we can do," Buller said. "We can only forcibly take her if she's suicidal or homicidal, and she's been neither of those."

Police said they didn't know where the woman has been sleeping, though she's been seen changing clothes in an alley and washing up in a public restroom.

Shara Gonzales, director of a shelter called New Beginnings, said her organization has also tried to get Thomas to come into the shelter, but she has refused.

"We've tried to see if she needs anything," she said. "It does appear she has a source of income, and her luggage is new, but I don't know any more than that."

Thomas made an appearance via a jail video camera before Municipal Judge Tad Dower after her arrest. Dower said she wouldn't answer any questions. He entered a not guilty plea for her.

Thomas remained jailed on $500 bond Wednesday. A pretrial hearing is set for June 5.

"In a bigger city, no one would pay any attention," Gonzales said. "Kudos for our community being concerned about her — there's just nothing we can do."

WACO

Man drowns trying to unload boat at lake

Police say a Central Texas man has drowned while trying to unload his boat at Lake Waco.

Waco police on Wednesday identified the victim as 65-year-old Clyde Ives, of Gatesville.

Police found no signs of foul play at the boat ramp where the accident happened Tuesday. Authorities believe Ives was unloading his boat when it floated away. Ives wasn't wearing a life jacket when he tried to swim to the boat.

His body was recovered about 100 yards from the dock. The boat was about 50 yards away.

FORT WORTH

Inmate indicted in murder-for-hire plot of judge

A prison inmate has been indicted on a charge that he tried to hire someone to kill a North Texas federal judge.

Authorities said a federal grand jury in Fort Worth indicted Phillip Monroe Ballard on Wednesday.

Ballard was in federal custody in Fort Worth last fall when he was charged with soliciting the murder of the judge set to preside over his trial on tax-related charges.

Authorities said he told another inmate that he'd pay $100,000 to a hit man and contacted an undercover FBI agent posing as a hit man several times to discuss the plan and arrange payments.

If convicted, the 71-year-old Ballard faces up to 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

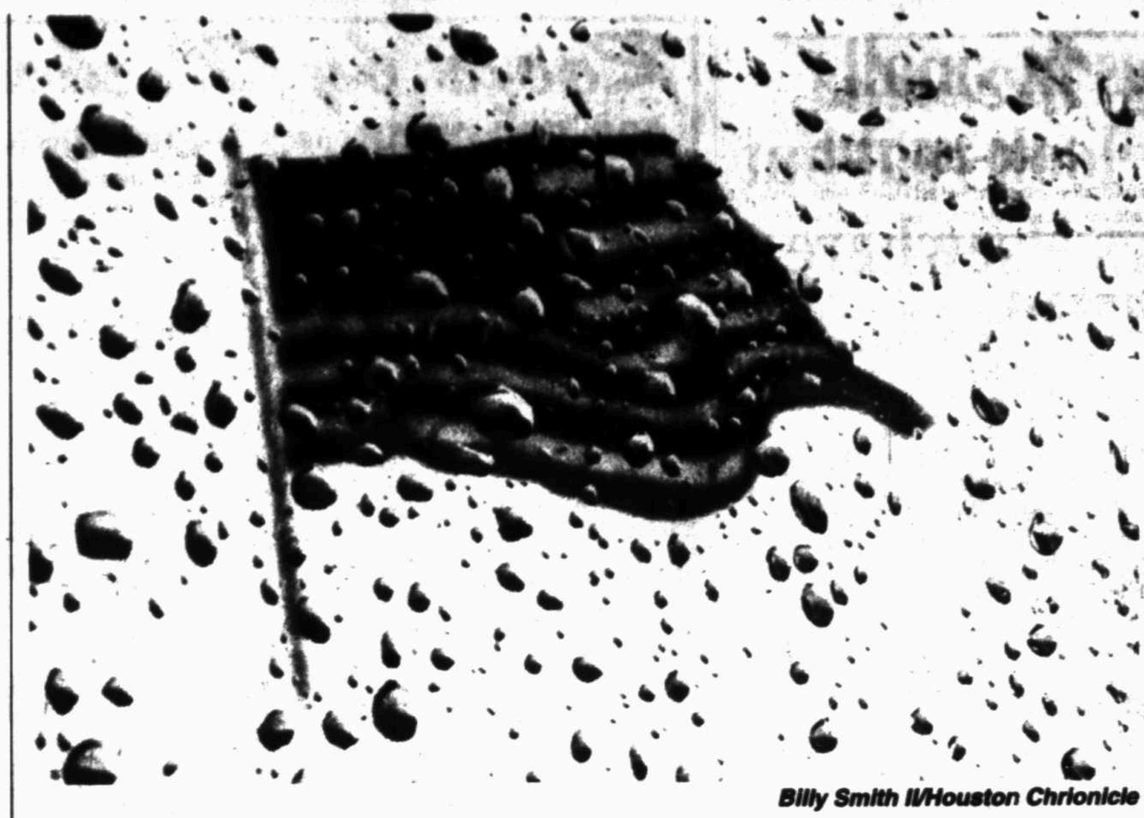
AUSTIN

Lawmakers advance limits on medicating children

New limits on the use of psychotropic drugs on children in foster care are advancing in the Texas Legislature.

In a 30-1 vote Wednesday, the Senate approved a bill that would require more training for foster parents, notification of biological parents and court monitoring. It would also require a medical evaluation every three months.

The state has adopted several changes since a 2004 report found 42 percent of children in foster care were prescribed psychotropic drugs. But a 2011 federal study found foster children were still medicated at a higher rate than other children.



Texas rain

The American flag is reflected on a rain drop coated windshield at a car dealership on 59 south in Houston on Wednesday.

Billy Smith II/Houston Chronicle

State executes man for fatal shooting of officer

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A Houston man condemned for the slaying of a police officer shot while trying to handcuff him during a car theft arrest 14 years ago was put to death Wednesday evening.

Williams

Jeffrey Demond Williams, 37, received lethal injection just over an hour after his last-day appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court failed.

Asked to make a final statement, Williams spoke quickly and angrily, beginning with "You clown police," and accused them of "killing innocent kids, murdering young kids."

"Y'all are getting away with murder all the time," he continued. "When I kill one or pop one, y'all want to kill me."

He ended his brief tirade by saying: "God has a plan for everything. ... I love everyone that loves me, I ain't got no love for anyone that don't love me."

He briefly picked up his head as the lethal drug took effect, then took several deep breaths and began gently snoring.

Williams was pronounced dead at 6:36 p.m. CDT, 26 minutes after lethal drug began, making him the sixth Texas inmate executed this year.

Williams' lawyers had appealed to the nation's highest court to block the punishment after lower courts rejected their arguments that Williams was failed by his previous attorneys.

Williams was convicted of fatally shooting 39-year-old Houston officer Troy Blando while Blando was handcuffing him on May 19, 1999. Williams shot Blando with a gun he had tucked under his shirt. Blando was watching a motel where car thefts were suspected when he saw Williams drive up in a Lexus that was reported stolen in a carjacking nine days earlier.

Prosecutors said that after shooting Blando, Williams fled the scene but only made it about a block before he was captured. Blando's cuffs were hanging from one of his wrists.

"I have no sympathy for him," Ray Hunt, president of the Houston Police Officers Union, said after standing outside the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit with a couple dozen officers and supporters, several on roaring motorcycles, while the execution was carried out inside.

"Continuing to the very end ridiculing the police just shows what kind of thug he is."

In their appeal, Williams' attorneys contended his execution should be postponed so that the courts can further review their claims that he received substandard legal help at his trial that influenced the jury's decision to sentence him to death. They also said he received "grossly deficient" counsel early on in the appeals process because his attorneys then didn't address the poor job his trial attorneys had done.

Attorneys for the state opposed any delay, contending Williams' arguments were rejected by the courts, including the Supreme Court, in earlier appeals.

Williams' fingerprints were found on the Lexus and also on Blando's vehicle, evidence showed. When arrested, Williams was carrying the 9 mm pistol determined to be the murder weapon.

At his trial, his lawyers tried to show Williams was unintelligent, had emotional problems and didn't deserve to die.

Evidence showed Williams gave investigators five taped confessions the day he was arrested. Williams said he fired in self-defense, feared Blando could have been a carjacker and didn't know Blando was an officer. In another confession, he acknowledged knowing he was shooting a policeman.

More teens choose smartphone over driver's license

By Dug Begley
Houston Chronicle

Given the choice between a smartphone and a set of wheels, more young people are choosing Androids over Audis.

Between 2001 and 2010, Texas added only 2,578 drivers age 16 to 21 while the age group grew by more than 238,000 statewide, dropping the percentage with a license from 62.4 percent to 55.9 percent.

Young adults who drive are doing so less often, researchers said, following a decadelong trend of higher gas prices and fewer young adult drivers.

Young people and transportation experts cite a variety of reasons why obtaining a driver's license, once a rite of passage for any youngster, is becoming less important.

"Their status symbol, and maybe their focal point of choice, is their phone and the device they carry," said Russell Henk, program director for the Teens in the Driver's Seat program, a safety campaign created by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. "A car, 10 to 20 years ago, was the way to get together. Not anymore."

The economy, and the need to lower costs by reducing gas consumption, is part of the reason for the drop, which officials say has yielded safety benefits.

"That has been a clear reason why we have seen a decrease in fatal crashes for that age group," Henk said.

Fatalities for young drivers dropped dramatically between 2007 and 2010, including a 47 percent drop in fatalities for 16- and-17-year-olds, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association. Preliminary data for 2012, however, shows road fatalities among young people might be on the rise.

Some suggest environmental consciousness is persuading young adults to ditch their gas-guzzling cars when possible, or to bike or walk to get some exercise. Classes are being taught via webcast, goods can be bought without driving and friends can connect online from their respective homes. Even the workday commute can be erased.

"We live in a world where productivity is valued over placement," said Taylor Kilroy, a University of Houston Law Center student and head of the school's Energy and Environmental Law Society. "If an employee can produce the same quality work from home, why not allow them to work instead of being stuck in traffic?"

Trend since 1970s?

Some studies date the gradual decline in driving among young people to the 1970s.

Henk, who has tracked teen driving behavior for the past seven years, said young women in particular seem to be taking their time before they get a license. He noted his daughter just got her license, although she's been eligible for 16 months. Part of the reason, Henk speculated, is his daughter doesn't view driving as a liberating experience.

"Letting us drive her around, it lets her safely focus her energy on texting or whatever she's got going on," he said.

The same is true for Nicole Ballenger, 18, a self-described texting junkie from Houston. Ballenger said even though she's had a license for almost a year, she prefers to let her mother drive so she can concentrate on her phone.

"Driving in Houston is stressful," she said. "I'm too relaxed."

Michael Sivak, a researcher at the University of Michigan, said the percentage of young drivers has dropped in many other countries, including Canada, Sweden, Norway and Japan.

The trend has accelerated as tech products have proliferated. When researchers for Zipcar, a car-sharing service, asked those born between 1980 and 2000 what contraption they couldn't live without, more chose their phone or their computer over their car.

Jose Mendoza, 17, a junior at Carnegie Vanguard High School who lives in southeast Houston, is waiting to acquire his driver's license until he has the money for a car. Getting the money means getting a job, which he is trying to do while improving his grades. His mom shuttles him from place to place, or he picks up rides from friends. "I pay them for the gas, or I pay my mom for the gas," he said.

Mendoza said that even when he gets his license, he will limit driving to getting to work or other useful destinations. Gas is too expensive for him to go joyriding far from his home south of Hobby Airport. He'll still take the school bus.

"It's free," Mendoza laughed.

Easing behind wheel

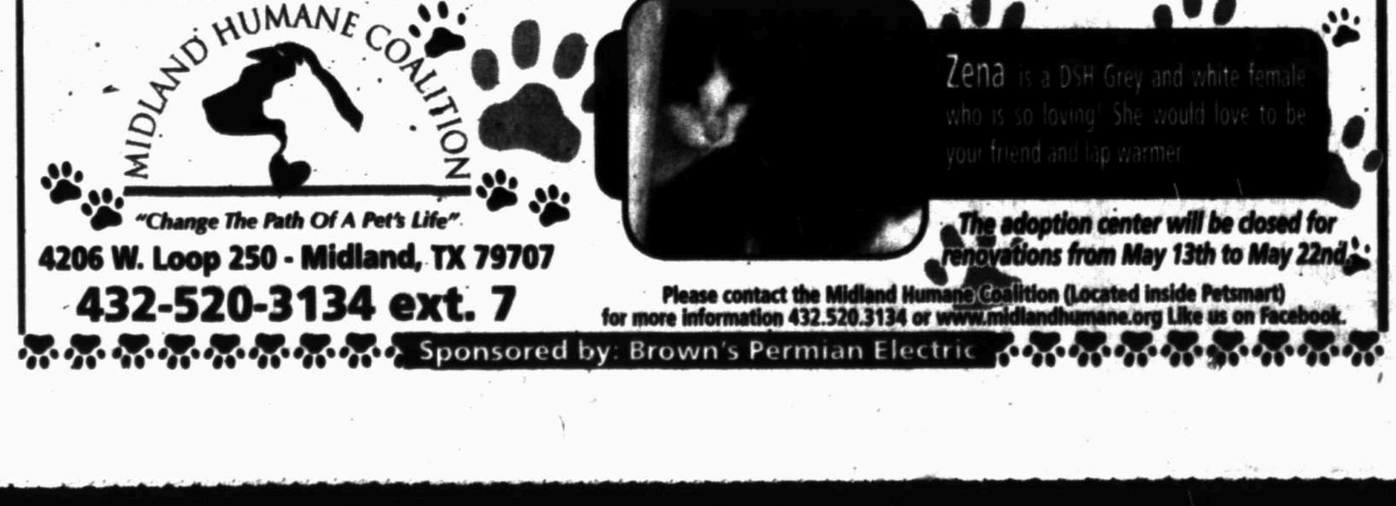
The extra time to learn to drive does give safety officials time to develop better drivers.

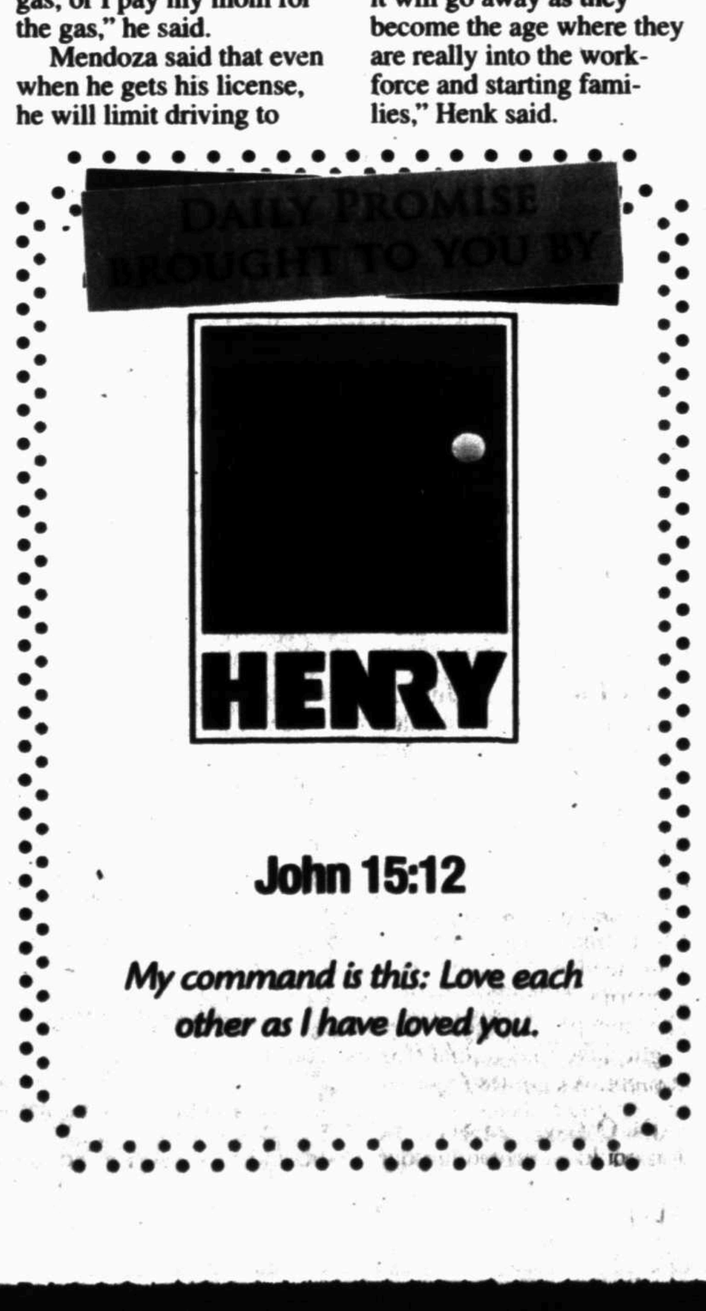
"I think the awareness of vehicle crashes has increased in the last five to 10 years," Henk said.

In that time, nearly every state in the country has developed some sort of graduated driver's license program that eases teens into driving. Texas introduced graduated driver's licensing in 2002.

While experts expect youth driving to remain down from the days when a car was a teenage rite of passage, they don't expect young people to give up driving, or to remain car-free for long.

"My guess would be it will go away as they become the age where they are really into the workforce and starting families," Henk said.





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FRIDAY: Sunny High: 100 Low: 70

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 97 Low: 67

Local forecast

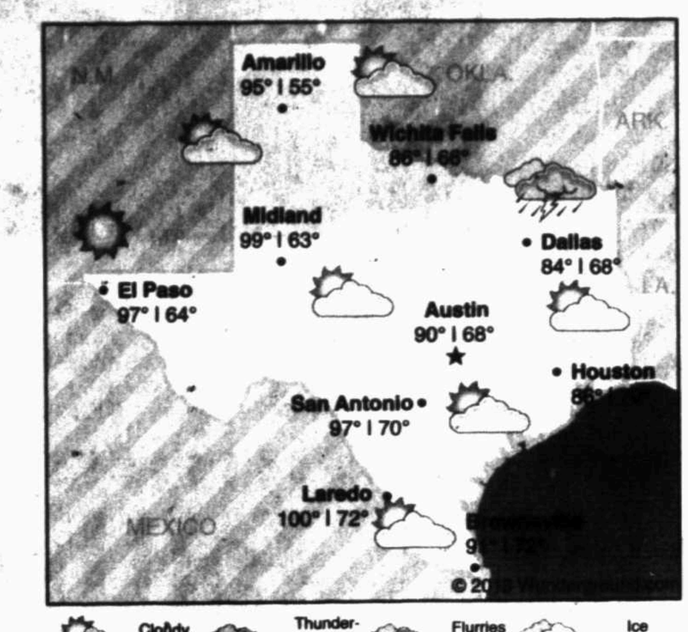
Triple-digit temperatures return to the forecast as the National Weather Services is predicting 100-degree high temperatures for today and Friday. The hot conditions will continue for the next week with highs in the mid- to upper 90s. There's also no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Wednesday reached 95, while the low dropped to 60. The record high for May 15 is 103 set in 1996 and 2003. The record low is 40 set in 1967.

Weather why

Q: Once a tornado does touch the ground, how fast can it travel?

A: Most tornadoes travel fairly slowly, at about 20 miles per hour or so, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "But some have been clocked at 60 to 70 miles per hour. You have to realize that the winds inside the tornado are much faster than the rate at which the storm moves on the ground," McRoberts said. "Winds inside a tornado can reach 300 miles per hour, which is why they cause so much destruction and death. In any year, there are about 100,000 thunderstorms in the United States, and these produce about 1,000 tornadoes every year."



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.01 in.
Year total	1.54 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.15 in.

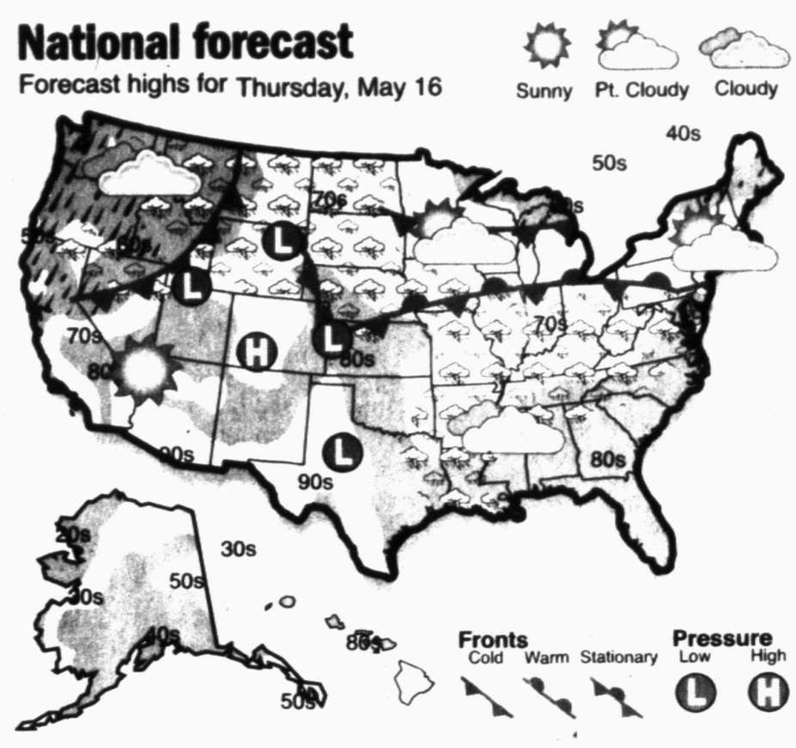
Wednesday's temperatures

High	95
Low	60
Normal high	87
Normal low	59
Sunrise	6:51 a.m.
Sunset	8:40 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, May 16

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy



Woman needs courage to end man's plan for future together

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is disributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorcee with college-age children. I love my children, and I thought I loved my ex. However, after my divorce I wonder if I'm capable of loving anyone other than my children again.

Two years after the divorce I started a relationship with a man who is 10 years older. He had recently ended a long-term dating/living together relationship. I wasn't particularly drawn to him, but he was very persistent. We finally, jokingly, agreed to be "exclusively casual" and began dating. My children don't dislike him; they are indifferent to him.

We have been dating for six years. I do not love him. He, however, professes to adore me and wants us to spend our lives together. I do NOT want this to go on any longer. I have some serious health issues and I'm not interested in having him as my caretaker. He has already made plans for us to be together for this. I don't want him doing this for me.

He's a good man. He deserves someone who wants the devotion he is so willing to give. How do I tell him to move on? I'm financially stable. He's not after my money; he's very comfortable on his own. I need to force him to go find a woman who needs or wants him. Many of his friends think I take advantage of his feelings. I don't want to be in this position any longer. Any advice you could offer would be a gift. — DRAGGING MY FEET IN TEXAS

DEAR DRAGGING YOUR FEET: The longer you put this off, the harder it will be, and if you don't open your mouth you are going to find yourself in exactly the position you say you don't want to be. The magic words are:

"'John,' I have enjoyed your friendship, but I'm not in love with you. I had hoped that as time passed I would fall in love with you, but it hasn't happened and now I realize it isn't going to. I want to deal with my health issues on my own. I don't want you to be my caretaker. What I DO want is to end our relationship so you can find a woman who will love you the way you deserve to be loved. Sadly, that's not me — but I wish you well and ... goodbye."

Do not expect him to welcome this dose of reality, but those are the words that will set you — and him — free.

DEAR ABBY: I am a veteran and while I have spent this past year in school, I can't seem to connect with any of the younger students there. It's disheartening, to be honest, and I feel it's part of the reason I can't enjoy school at my age (23) after all my experiences in combat.

I can't decide whether to drop out and join a private security company, or tough it out and deal with these kids who don't take education seriously. I miss work at the same time. Any thoughts? — TORN IN MILFORD, CONN.

DEAR TORN: The students you describe are at a very different level of maturity than you — and I don't mean chronologically. After having experienced combat, you have a different perspective on what's important in life than someone who hasn't been tested.

You have EARNED the right to a college degree, so please don't waste the opportunity. If you complete your education, you will have more career options than if you quit now. If you feel you want to go into security work after graduation, that option will still be open. Others may not be.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Improve your odds

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NORTH
♠ A 10 9 6
♡ A J 3
◇ A Q 6
♣ Q 9 4

WEST
♠ 7 4
♡ 7 6 5 2
◇ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 6 2

EAST
♠ 5 2
♡ 9 8 4
◇ K 9
♣ A K J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 8 3
♡ K Q 10
◇ 5 4 2
♣ 8 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
INT	3♠	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♣

There is more than one way to take a finesse, as we have often claimed. That kernel will produce a game bonus on this deal.

As the cards lie, three no-trump is a simple contract. Indeed, after a neutral least East can be endplayed for an overtrick. But there is no question that four spades is the right contract to reach.

Give South the king of diamonds and East the king of spades and 10 tricks at spades are easy while three no-trump will probably be defeated.

West led the six of clubs, won with the 10, and East continued with two more rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the third club high. Obviously, the contract depends on losing no more than one diamond trick, and the only way to avoid that is with a diamond finesse, but how you take that finesse is crucial to the outcome.

If you draw trumps and finesse the queen of diamonds, East wins and exits with a diamond, and in the fullness of time you will have to surrender another trick in the suit. However, suppose that, after drawing trumps you cash the ace of diamonds and three rounds of hearts, ending in dummy. Now lead a diamond and, if West follows low, insert the queen.

If West holds the king, you are home. But when East has the king of diamonds and the cards lie as in the diagram, the defenders are helpless. Since East does not have another diamond, the forced club return allows you to ruff in one hand while discarding a losing diamond from the other. The loser has vanished!

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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 Thursday, May 16, 2013:

This year you see life from a renewed perspective. At times there could be some negativity around you, but you will do your best to find a more positive path or more suitable alternatives. Your personal life becomes a higher priority. Your needs will change because of a transformation that takes place in your daily life. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Just go out and be yourself. If you are attached, the two of you make a shift this year and head down a new path. Both of you will enjoy the excitement that follows. LEO serves as an anchor for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Don't worry if you wake up grumpy, because your mood will change quickly. Whether someone brought you doughnuts or a different type of treat, you have reason to smile. Creativity and good vibes work well with your spontaneous nature. Tonight: Continue being spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You are anchored, and you know what you want. Someone might try to nudge you off that position, as it could come off as stubbornness. When you see the futility of continuing as you have been, others will notice. Be willing to try a suggestion. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Keep a conversation moving, and don't allow negativity to flow in. If you feel tired or drained, consider a checkup with the doctor. Once you relax, someone will share more of his or her thoughts. What you learn could surprise you. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Put 100 percent into whatever you do. You see what others don't. They appreciate your insights, depending on how they are delivered. A little diplomacy goes a long way. Try to stabilize a situation. A boss might make an unusual demand. Tonight: Run errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ A conversation is important, but don't make it a bigger deal than need be. In fact, a touch of lightness and concern will produce better, more positive results. The unexpected could play into your plans. You might hear news that forces you to regroup. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ A conversation could be affecting your mood, and therefore your plans. Could you be making more of a comment than what was meant? Talk to an older friend or loved one. This person's insight will help you find the answer. Tonight: Do for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ A meeting could alter your plans. Your ability to get past an immediate issue will help you to function on a higher level once again. You could hear some unexpected, good news from a close loved one. Verify the details before taking any action. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might be limiting yourself with self-imposed restrictions. Take today and live in the moment by listening to what others are really thinking, feeling or saying. This detachment will help you determine how to break down your own barriers. Tonight: Could be late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Get past a momentary sense of insecurity. You might discover that a bright new perspective will greet you as a result, which makes interactions fun, lively and worthwhile. A loved one could act in a way that forces you to give him or her attention. Tonight: Why stop?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Work with an individual directly, and you'll receive the results you want. Though your friends might mean well, they don't always have the best sense of direction. Don't ask for advice; however, if someone offers some, remember to be polite. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others seek you out, because they enjoy your perspective. Enjoy all of the activity, and know that you are valued. Touch base with a child or loved one. Sometimes you get so busy that you forget to make time for a phone call or a caring gesture. Tonight: Hang out with a good friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to turn a situation around, but you'll need to work within established boundaries. Use caution with any financial investments, as plans are likely to backfire right now. Avoid any careless spending, and be sure to count your change. Tonight: At a favorite place.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Megan Fox (1986), actor Pierce Brosnan (1953), singer Janet Jackson (1966)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Big head
4 Fancy dance
8 Bad hair day feature
13 Hauler's unit
14 Beatnik's dough
16 French name meaning "born again"
17 Day off from sch.
18 Where Cal Ripken's consecutive game record was set
20 Brief mea culpa
22 Candidate list
23 Repair quote: Abbr.
24 Color named for a bird
27 Showy lily
28 "Godmother of Punk" Smith
32 Back in time
33 Bitter
39 Ray or Flay
40 "Calm down!"
43 Ristorante menu word
44 Pitch add-on
45 ___ Khan: Rita Hayworth's husband
46 Peaceful scene
48 Newspaper section
50 Taxing period, usually
57 Scary snake
60 Copy room supplies
61 Plucked strings, in Padua
62 Immature 20-something, say
65 Vampire's altar ego
66 Sap
67 Actress Dickinson
68 Profitable rock
69 Sweet, or, read another way, a hint to five long puzzle answers
70 Hyphenated IDs
71 Cadillac luxury sedan

DOWN

1 Personal creed
2 Reliable
3 Like many magazines, nowadays
4 "EastEnders" airer
5 Sheikdom in a jazz standard
6 WWII Air Force general Curtis ___
7 Minestrone server
8 Grill on a stove
9 Blues-rocker Chris
10 Brief words?
11 Heart of a London puzzle?
12 Joie de vivre
15 Wooded valley
19 Lon of Cambodia
21 NYC's ___ Hammarskjöld Plaza
25 Guffaw
26 "My best soldiers": MacArthur
29 Loge
30 Knows the difference between
31 Not reliable
32 Beneficial berry
34 Picnic discard
35 Peaked
36 Turn blue, perhaps
37 Physicist's particle
38 Chewed-over material
41 Soapstone, mostly
42 Place for stragglers
47 Rte. for many a red-eye
49 Handwoven rug
51 Vile
52 Former member of the Irish band Clannad
53 Old Dodge compacts
54 What dispensaries dispense
55 Sean who played a hobbit
56 Has status
57 ELO relative?
58 Paretsky who writes V.I. Warshawski detective novels
59 Think ahead
63 Trunk cover
64 Blokes

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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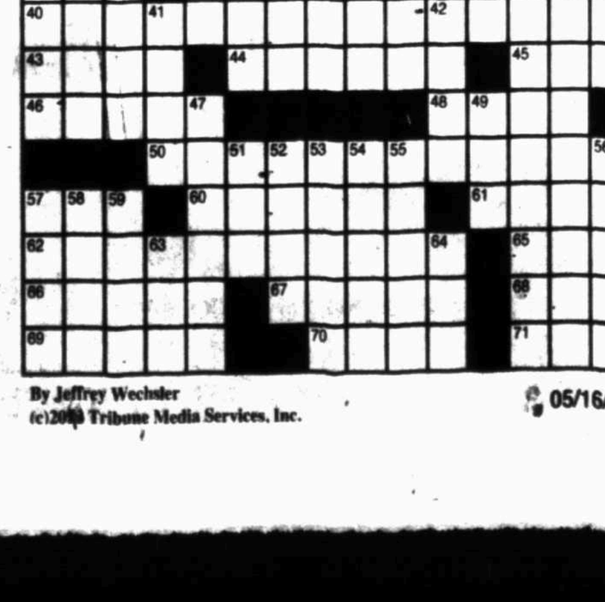

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Conjunto music legend Lydia Mendoza honored with US stamp

By Hector Saldana
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Lydia Mendoza's heartbreaking voice and 12-string guitar could, in the words of Flaco Jimenez, sound "like the stars falling from the sky."

Many consider Mendoza the greatest Mexican-American female singer of the 20th century. "Mal Hombre," recorded in 1934, launched her career.

A new stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service commemorates the legendary singer. The image shows Mendoza in her prime, fingering a chord on her beloved guitar.

The Lydia Mendoza Forever Stamp is the first of the new Music Icons series, which also will include Johnny Cash and Ray Charles. It was dedicated at a special ceremony on Wednesday, marking the start of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center's Tejano Conjunto Festival en San Antonio.

Festival organizer Juan Tejeda calls Mendoza a true icon, a strikingly beautiful folk artist who ranks with Lead Belly, Odetta and Sister Rosetta Tharp.

Mendoza, who died in San Antonio in December 2007 at age 91, made her mark in the male-dominated conjunto world.

"She's the first iconic Tejana," Tejeda said.

The Houston-born artist's first recordings were made in San Antonio.

"Her early recordings, two or three, are very bluesy and all in Spanish," Tejeda said.

Artifacts from Mendoza's career, including a guitar, photographs and a timeline, are on display at the Guadalupe Theater.

"We're so proud of her," said Patty Ortiz, Guadalupe executive director. "She shifted the conjunto paradigm."

Mendoza's stripped-down sound was similar to that of early blues, folk and gypsy artists. Her style was bold and direct.

"She was about the story," said Grammy-winning accordionist Joel Guzman, who was 8 when he performed with Mendoza in Pharr in 1964.

At first, he was on his dad's shoulder, and "the next minute I was on the stage."

Guzman still recalls the sensation of Mendoza's jeweled skirt brushing against his cheek and the smell of her perfume.

"She turned around and her dress scratched my face. I'll never forget that," he said. "It was life-changing. It was a reckoning. She was an icon. She was somebody special."

Guzman described her music as "a folk sound."

"She wasn't trio music," he said. "She was her own orchestra. She was way ahead of her time. I feel she was a bridge" to the modern era.

Guzman's mother-in-law was close to the singer. He heard the stories. Mendoza had to be tough, fierce in a way that Beyonce couldn't imagine.

"She had to be like a macho woman. She had to be hard and powerful. She had to take over when she walked in and didn't take (expletive) from nobody," Guzman said.

But she was also "la cancionera de los pobres," the songstress of the poor.

Musicologist Deborah Vargas, an associate professor at the University of California at Riverside, interviewed Mendoza for the Smithsonian Institution in the late '90s. She calls the commemorative stamp "really meaningful."

"There were multiple layers of challenges for a Mexican-American woman doing what she did," said Vargas, who wrote the biographical text for the stamp.

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The U.S. Postal Service unveiled the Lydia Mendoza commemorative stamp on Wednesday at the Guadalupe Theatre in San Antonio. From left are Rita Vidaurri, Marie Therese Dominguez, vice president of Government Relations and Public Policy United States Postal Service, Patty Ortiz, Eva Ybarra and Jesse Borrego. Mendoza "La Alondra de la Frontera" is best known for her solo performances and recorded more than 1,000 songs in a career that spanned seven decades.

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Chaps lead after day two of national tourney

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — When Midland College golfers Stephen Gage and Blake Brorman each birdied the first hole to start Wednesday's second-round play of the NJCAA Division I Golf Tournament, MC coach Delnor Poss said that set the tone for the entire day.

Thanks in part to that strong start, Midland College took over sole possession of first place at the national tournament after shooting a 4-under 284 on Wednesday at the Rawls Course.

After the strong second-round performance, the Chaparrals have a two-day total of 575 and are three strokes ahead of McLennan Community College. Wallace State (Ala.) and Iowa Western are each tied for third with a 584 total. Odessa College, the co-leader with Midland College after Tuesday's first round, slipped to sixth place with a 588 total after shooting a 297 on Wednesday.

"It was an awesome day, an outstanding performance," Poss said. "The key was consistency again. Anytime you play in a national tournament and you don't count a 73, that's almost unbelievable."

Top three after second round

- 1. Midland College 291-284—575
- 2. McLennan Community College 294-284—578
- 3. (tie) Iowa Western 295-289—584; Wallace State (Ala.) 298-286—584

The Chaps were led by sophomore Sean Lawrie, who shot a 3-under 69, while fellow sophomore and Lubbock native Gage, shot a 2-under 70 for the day.

Poss said Gage had an excellent start to the day as he birdied two of the first four holes and finished with 11 pars, three birdies and an eagle.

"When you have a No. 5 player do that, you have to feel good about it," Poss said.

Poss said Lawrie had an unusual day with eight pars, seven birdies, two bogeys and a double-bogey on par-5 No. 11, which prevented him from having an even better round.

Lawrie and fellow sophomore David Ryan are in a tie for fifth in the individual standings with 143 totals. Ryan followed his 71 on Tuesday with a 72 on Wednesday thanks to 14 pars, two birdies and two bogeys. Poss said the Englishman once again played with some pain because of a lower back injury.

"I was proud of his dedication and determination," said Poss of Ryan.

Also for MC, sophomore Blake Broman had another solid day with a 73 and his 144 total places him in a tie for ninth individually. Freshman Russ Lara also shot a 73 and has a two-round total of 148.

Please see **TOURNEY**/4C

Lawrie

Gage

CHAMP RETURNS HOME

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Former Midland High basketball star Charles Tatum speaks to members of his team after he was named the new Midland High boys basketball coach Wednesday at the MHS gym.

Former MHS standout comes back as coach

By Jordan Mason
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In a way, Charles Tatum never left Midland High.

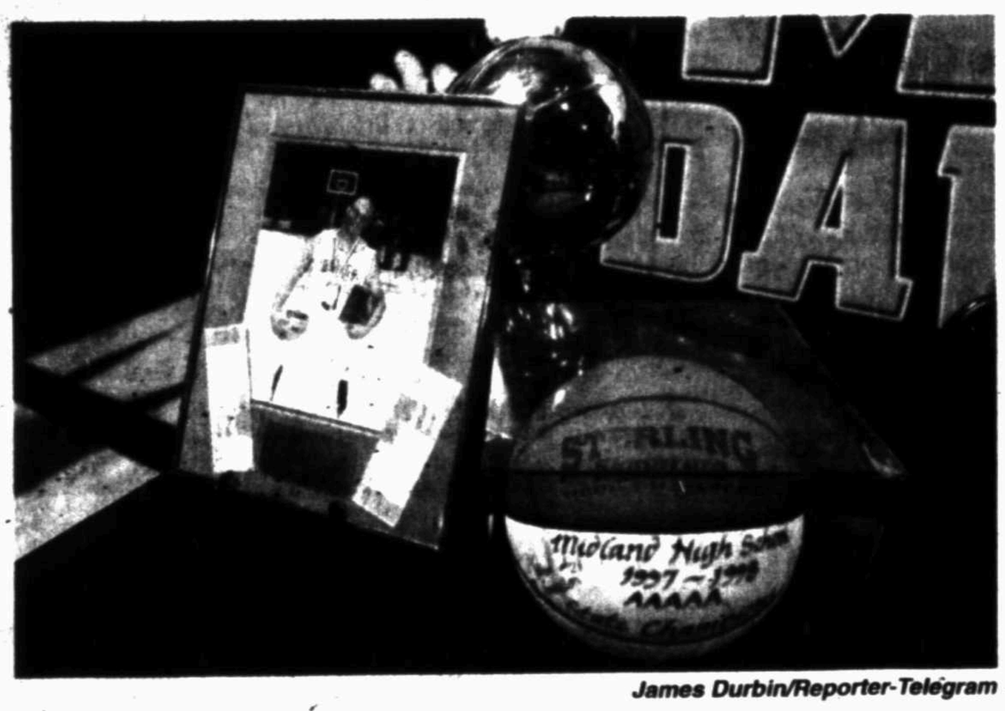
A picture of the 1998 state champion Bulldogs hangs above the door to the boys locker at Midland High gym and features a teenage Tatum, medal hanging proudly around his neck, flashing his signature big smile in the front row.

But Wednesday, Midland High was excited to welcome back the real Tatum, as the former Bulldog was announced as the new boys basketball coach at Midland High gym.

And after watching his alma mater win just 14 games the past two seasons while he coached at Trinity, Tatum was equally excited to be tabbed to lead the program back to prominence.

"It was tough just because you're invested in the community, so you know the kids, you know their abilities, you know what kind of athletes we've had over the years, so it was kind of difficult to see how far we'd fallen," Tatum said. "But that's one of the things; in sports you're going to have hills and valleys, and I think this is the perfect opportunity to come in and to kind of level off West Texas basketball."

Tatum plans to do that by restoring many of the same principles of his coach at Midland High, the legendary Jack Stephenson, primarily by emphasizing development as low as the junior high level.



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Former Bulldogs standout Charles Tatum was MVP of the 1998 State Championship winning team. Tatum is now the new head coach of the Midland High boys team.

"When I was in the eighth grade, I can't remember three games that (Stephenson) didn't attend, and that was really special," Tatum said. "You see the coach, you identify with that coach, and then you go see his games, you like how he plays, you just develop a love for the program.

"And you just (say), 'I want to be a Bulldog.' I remember saying that when I was in the eighth grade."

Stephenson, who noted his objective was to make the game fun, said he believes Tatum has the bright personality to have the same effect on young players.

"I emailed him and said, 'Anything

Please see **TATUM**/2C

Mental toughness big for Chaps in Region V title run

By Oscar LeRoy
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At the beginning of the baseball season, Midland College coach David Coleman knew his team had potential to be really good, but he didn't know how the Chaparrals would handle the expectations.

He said he told the team that the mental part of the game was something the Chaps needed to address. And while he had seen the Chaps display that mental toughness at times this season, it really became stronger in a four-day stretch at the NJCAA Region V Tournament in Grand Prairie.

The Chaparrals won their first Region V title in the program's 13-year history program after going undefeated in the competitive tournament, including a resounding 8-2 victory over perennial region power Grayson County College in Tuesday's championship.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the way they handled the pressure points and potential anxiety that comes with a game," Coleman said. "Nobody succumbed to the pressure of the game. I saw a group of guys that were determined to win. There were no selfish agendas or guys trying to play out a season. They had a trust for each other and trusted that the other guy would pick them up. That toughness showed up at the right time, and I'm glad it did."

Midland College (47-13), which moved up to No. 8 in the latest NJCAA Division I baseball poll, will make its first appearance in the Juco World Series May 25-June 1 in Grand Junction, Colo. The Chaps, who represent the Southwestern District, are scheduled to play their first game at 1 p.m. (CDT) Saturday, May 25 against the winner of the Northern District.

The Chaps, who have yet to lose more than two games in a row, played well all season long, but the confidence factor seemed to build once they wrapped up the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title.

Coleman said he's not sure how much of winning the league title played is in the back of his players' minds, but he added that it must have given them tangible evidence that they were a good team. He saw an example of how much they wanted to win in the final game of the regular season at Western Texas College, when they rolled to a 13-3 victory which wrapped up the outright WJCAC title.

Another key for the Chaps during their regional tournament run was the work of their pitching, often overshadowed by the

Please see **CHAPS**/4C

Verlander, Darvish set for pitching showdown in Texas

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Justin Verlander says it's May. Yu Darvish says it's not the first great opposing pitcher he's faced, and won't be his last.

True on all counts. These showdowns don't come along every day, though. And this one — the AL's strikeout king against his potential heir — is as enticing as they come.

The hard-throwing right-handers from Detroit and Texas will meet tonight in a billing that really hasn't been matched in Arlington since Nolan Ryan and Roger Clemens faced off at old Arlington Stadium in 1989 — five years before Rangers Ballpark opened.

Inside

- Cruz hits 3-run homer to lead Rangers past A's.
- Astros avoid a season sweep against the Detroit Tigers with ninth-inning heroics.

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"That's pretty good," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "I would say that would be pretty interesting, I would think."

You would think. But you wouldn't be Verlander, the staff ace for Detroit. Or Darvish, the Rangers' second-year star. Or Texas manager Ron Washington.

"In May, getting excited, I try not to," Washington said. "It's great for the fans. If it doesn't go in our favor, it doesn't end our season. If Verlander has his stuff, it will be a long night. If Darvish has his stuff, it will be a long night. By long night, I mean runs will be at a premium, and it will be the first one to make a mistake."

That's pretty much the way it was on April 30, 1989, when Ryan and the Rangers beat Clemens and the Boston Red Sox 2-1. Both went eight innings. Clemens gave up six hits with six strikeouts. Ryan limited the Red Sox to three hits and fanned 11.

Ryan is now the CEO in Texas, and figures to be watching from his usual seat in the first row near home plate.

"It's a nice matchup," Leyland said. "It's good for baseball."

Darvish is baseball's strikeout leader with 80 and on pace for 300, which hasn't been reached since Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling did it as Arizona teammates in 2002. Verlander has been the AL's strikeout leader three of the past four seasons.

Verlander doesn't push 100 mph on the radar gun quite as much as he used to, but always seems to find the velocity he needs in big moments.

Darvish can hit 95 mph and beyond, but the Japanese star is known more for varying speeds on his fastball and an array of pitches that had him within an out of a perfect game in his first start of the season at Houston.

Please see **SHOWDOWN**/4C

MCS track coach McKinney resigns

By Len Hayward
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Less than a week after leading the Midland Christian boys track team to a third consecutive state title and helping the girls squad to its first, Mustangs track coach Chris McKinney announced his resignation Wednesday.

McKinney has coached at some capacity at Midland Christian since 1999, and in 2006 he became just the head track coach while working at a full-time job. This time, he's leaving the track job to focus more on his job in the oil and gas business and his family.

"When I left Midland Christian in 2006, I didn't have a time frame for how long I'd be able to do it," McKinney said on Wednesday. "With a full-time job, and the company I worked for was sold out before Jan. 1, I have a couple of investments taking up a lot of my time."

McKinney

McKinney has been the head track coach since 2002, and during that time the Mustang boys squad has won six overall state titles. This past weekend, the boys and girls programs won titles in the same year for the first time.

McKinney said he kept his decision pretty close to him over the past few months and that he informed athletic director Greg McClendon and superintendent Eddie Lee on Wednesday morning.

"You know, he'd been with me for 14 years, and he's been an incredible part of our athletic program," McClendon said. "I had an idea it was coming."

McClendon said they are still working on who will replace McKinney, adding it likely will be someone currently on the staff at the school.

McClendon said one of things that helped make McKinney's program work was McKinney kept athletes interested in track while also pursuing other sports. And McClendon said that the work on the track translated to success in other sports, as well.

"He took a pretty small program and built it into a state powerhouse," McClendon said. "There's no secret that our philosophy at this school is track is the key ingredient in making every one of our athletic program's better."

McKinney said he will back off coaching for a little while but will still be around because he has a daughter who is an eighth-grader at Midland Chrisitan and will be at her events.

He said he's proud to leave the program in good shape, adding that he knows that more success will come for it in the future.

"It's not the end of their run, and if anything, I'm glad to leave it on a not like that," McKinney said. "They are going to be fine, and they will have a shot to win it again next year."

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YOUTHSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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MIDLAND MAGIC ELITE TAKE TOURNEY The Midland Magic Elite boys basketball team won the spring San Angelo Hoop Fest. The team finished 4-0 at the tournament. Back row from left to right, Mazelle Justice, Donald Eckman, Nathan Rogers; middle row from left to right, Adevonte Johnson, Brandon Sanchez, Coby McLaughlin; front row from left to right, Dedrick Thomas, coach Gwan Turner, Jordan Sansom.

Courtesy photo

WT ELITE WIN IN SAN ANTONIO The West Texas Elite boys basketball team won the 14U Great American Shootout in San Antonio this past weekend. The team is made up of seventh and eighth graders from Midland and Odessa and won all five games in the tournament in San Antonio. Back row from left to right, Oswaldo Terrazas, Javorian Brothers, Herbert Anderson, Courtney McMaryion, Chy Arnold, Cole Bordener; front row from left to right, Quan Rivers, Kobe Robinson, Jalen Childress, Isaac Hernandez, Kobe Wilson. Coaches, Carlos Wilson and Eric Gomez.

BB/SB PAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

Region I
Class 5A
(*if necessary)
Regional Quarterfinals

Southlake Carroll (W4, 30-4) vs. Midland High (W2, 29-7), Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 10:30 a.m. Saturday
***Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2**

Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 31-6) vs. Grapevine (W6, 27-8)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. today, Marcus HS
Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grapevine HS
Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday, Grapevine HS*

Arlington Martin (W3, 30-6) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (R4, 27-7)
Game 1: 7 p.m. today, Coppell HS
Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Horner Field, Dallas
Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday, Horner Field Dallas

Colleyville Heritage (R6, 24-14) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (F6, 16-18)
Game 1: 7 p.m. today, QuikTrip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Coppell HS
Game 3: Noon Saturday, QuikTrip Park, Grande Prairie

Class 4A
Regional Quarterfinals

Wolfforth Frenship (W4, 30-4) vs. Canyon Randall (R3, 26-11), Wayland Baptist Univ., Plainview
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2*

Cleburne (W8) vs. Trophy Club Nelson (F5, 18-8), FW Arlington Heights HS
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. today
Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday*

Amarillo High (W3, 26-9-1) vs. Canyon (T3, 30-5), Wilder Park, Canyon
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

Birdville (R6) vs. Wichita Falls Rider (W5, 26-6)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. today, Birdville HS
Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hoskins Field, Wichita Falls
Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday, Mineral Wells HS*

Class 3A
Regional Quarterfinals

Abilene Wylie (W4, 16-14) vs. Lubbock Cooper (W2), Christensen Stadium
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 3*

Liberty Hill (W8) vs. Kennedale (W6), Waco ISD Complex
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Andrews (R2) vs. Sweetwater (R4, 19-15), Hays Field, Lubbock
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Alvarado (W7) vs. Stephenville (T7)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephenville HS
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Alvarado HS
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Class 2A
Regional Quarterfinals

Tulia (T2) vs. Idalou (R3), Wayland Baptist University, Plainview
Game 1: 4 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 6 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Holliday (W8) vs. Bangs (W6), Moffett Field, Snyder
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Childress (W3) vs. Bushland (W1), Pirate Field, Woodrow
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Wall (R6) vs. Henrietta (R8), Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Game 2: Noon Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes follow Game 2*

Class-A
Regional Quarterfinals

Sundown (W4, 22-1) vs. Ira (R3, 14-1)
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Moffett Field, Snyder
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, O'Banion Field, Lubbock
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Stamford (W8) vs. Seymour (T8, 21-10), Graham HS
Game 1: 6 p.m. today
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Forsan (W3) vs. Fort Hancock (W1), Crane HS
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 9:30 a.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

New Deal (T5, 13-14) vs. Anson (R8, 19-4), Ralls HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Softball

Region I
Class 5A
Regional Semifinals

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 36-4) vs. Lewisville (F5, 25-12)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, ACU's Wells Field, Abilene
Game 2: 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m., ACU's Wells Field, Abilene
***Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2**

Keller (R4, 29-4-1) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (W5, 26-9-1)
Game 1: 7:15 p.m. today, Colleyville Heritage HS
Game 2: 7:15 p.m. Friday, Colleyville Heritage HS
*Game 3: 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Colleyville Heritage HS

Class 4A
Regional Semifinals

Wolfforth Frenship (W4, 30-8) vs. Birdville (25-10)
Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Friday, ACU's Wells Field, Abilene
Game 2: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, ACU's Wells Field, Abilene
*Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

El Paso Chapin (W1, 33-6) vs. Aledo (W7, 26-3)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Odessa
Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2*

Class 3A
Regional Semifinals

Andrews (W2, 31-8) vs. Kennedale (W6, 22-10)
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde HS
Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Clyde HS
***Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2**

Lubbock Cooper (R2, 26-7) vs. Burkburnett (W5)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Cates Field, Snyder
Game 2: 8 p.m. Friday, Cates Field, Snyder
*Game 3: 5 p.m. Saturday, Cates Field, Snyder

Class 2A
Regional Semifinals

Coahoma (T4) vs. Comanche (R7)
Game 1: 9 p.m. Friday, Clyde HS
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Clyde HS
***Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2**

Lamesa (R4) vs. Hawley (W7)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Cates Field, Snyder
Game 2: 8 p.m. Friday, Snyder
***Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday, Cates Field, Snyder**

Class A
Regional Semifinals

Albany (W4) vs. Windthorst (20-7)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Graham HS
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Graham HS
*Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Haskell (R4) vs. Petrolia (W7, 19-4)
Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday, Graham HS
Game 2: 5 p.m. Saturday, Graham HS
*Game 3: 7 p.m. Saturday, Graham HS

Boxell leaves Greenwood for Brock job

By Jordan Mason
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After leading Greenwood to its deepest playoff run in nine years, boys basketball coach Zach Boxell wasn't looking to leave anytime soon.

But a position like the head coaching job at Brock — a Class 2A power located closer to Boxell's family — doesn't come open often, either. On Wednesday, Boxell announced his resignation from Greenwood to lead the boys program at Brock.

"We really weren't looking to leave. We were happy here," Boxell said. "Brock came open, and I checked into it, and it's one of those deals (where) we feel like it's a good family move."

Boxell led Greenwood to a 20-15 record and a second-place finish in District 4-3A before the Rangers got hot and reached

Boxell

their first regional tournament since 2004 in his only season at the helm.

Boxell said leaving after one of the most exciting seasons in school history was definitely hard despite what he feels the move means for him and his family.

"In just one year's time I really grew close to those kids," Boxell said. "That's one of the things that you hate to do as a coach. I hope they go on and have a better year next year."

Greenwood Athletic Director Shad Hanna said he hated to see Boxell leave but understood what an opportunity Brock was after the Eagles were state runner-ups this past season.

But Hanna was confident that the Rangers' recent success will lure a capable replacement to Greenwood.

"We're going to go after another quality coach just like we did last time," said Hanna, who added Greenwood will look to have a replacement as soon as possible.

But Boxell said he'll never forget his short time at Greenwood, and after advancing past the area round for the first time since 2008 last season, the Rangers likely won't, as well.

"It's definitely going to be a great memory as far as coming here, the guys working hard and buying in," Boxell said. "I have nothing but great memories from Greenwood, and that's the stuff that makes it hard because there were no negatives at Greenwood."

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Tatum

From 1C

I can do to help. Just let me know,'" Stephenson said, "He emailed me back and said, 'You know, I'm going to need an assistant, so send me your resume.'"

But what Tatum emphasized most Wednesday, and what sold him to Executive Director of MISD Athletics Todd Howey, was his vow to mold players off the court, as well.

"I'm not coming here just to coach basketball," Tatum said. "We as high school coaches are obligated to invest in these kids' future. So, I want to know about these kids in and out. I want to know what are their dreams outside of basketball because I'm going to do everything in my power to help them get there."

Howey was sold on that pitch to the point that he only had two interviewees for the job — Tatum and Big Spring coach Cliff Thompson. Howey said he called Tatum in for a second interview, and that was all he and his committee needed to hear.

"It's going to be more than just the basketball kids he's affecting and reaching. He's going to make our football team better, our baseball team better, our track teams better because he's that type of guy," Howey said. "He's going to permeate that type of support for the program and get kids to get out and get after it."

Even Wednesday, his players were ready for the challenge they know Tatum will bring.

"He's going to have pride just like we do, so there's going to be less shortcuts," junior Mazelle Justice said. "This is his home, just like it's ours, so he's going to represent it as hard as we should."

And after two years of watching Midland High from afar, including a TCAF state championship season in his first at Trinity, Tatum was just as happy to be leading the Bulldogs going forward.

"I know what my plans are to get in and start developing as low as I can get," Tatum said, "seventh, eighth grade, start getting these kids excited about the game and just putting the love for Midland High basketball back into these kids."

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Iran beats US in Grand Central exhibition

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Iran's wrestling team visited the United States for the first time in a decade and found a virtual home meet.

The fans waving Iranian flags and stomping on the temporary bleachers were treated to a show of dominance by the wrestling power Wednesday in the exhibition at Grand Central Terminal. Iran beat the Americans 6-1.

"It's typical Iranian. Wherever we go, they do the same thing," two-time world champion Mehdi Taghavi Kermani said through a translator after winning his match at 145½ pounds.

The fans' chanting and horn-blowing echoed off the intricate patterns on the ceiling high above and through the curtains separating Vanderbilt Hall from the commuters rushing home to the suburbs. The event dubbed "The Rumble on the Rails" marked the fourth straight year a New York City landmark was transformed into a wrestling meet to raise money for charity, with the last two in Times Square.

But this one took on added significance beyond supporting wrestling nonprofit Beat the Streets. In February, the International Olympic Committee recommended that the sport be dropped starting with the 2020 Games.

So there were the United States, Iran and Russia all together Wednesday, hoping the IOC takes to heart the symbolism of the three nations peacefully sharing a wrestling mat. The Americans swept five freestyle matches from the Russians later in the day.

Wrestling is now one of eight sports seeking to fill one spot in the 2020 Olympics. The IOC board will meet May 29 in Russia to recommend a short list, with the final decision in September.

"This is what we're trying to do right now," said Kyle Dake, 22, who could be an American star at the 2020 Olympics. "This is how we're going to save Olympic wrestling."

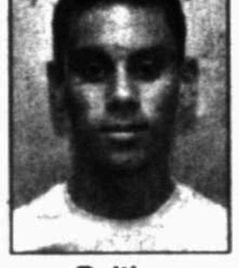
COLLEGESIGNING

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BALTIER INKS WITH LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN

College: Lubbock Christian University
High School: Midland High
Sport: Soccer

Baltier on why he signed with LCU: "I like the feeling I get with the coaches and the team. I went on a visit, and went and trained with the team and felt like I could be myself around them. It was a good fit for me. The team really liked me. They got to know me and I got to know them a lot. I got to know the coach, and the coach was really nice and he it just seemed he wanted the best for me."


Baltier

Midland High coach Warren Cottle on Baltier: "He's an incredible kid, a good kid. He's a good hard worker, and he's a positive influence on the team, and he showed that in the way we played and the way we trained. We are putting him in good hands with that program, and I think he's going to excel."

LCU coach Matt Barnes on Baltier: "I believe that Ethan possesses all the skills, motivation and talent to play a major role in our transition to the NCAA. Ethan will be an impact player in our program and I'm very excited to have the opportunity to coach him over the next four years."

Notes: Baltier was was a second team all-district selection in 2012, and was a first team selection in 2013. Baltier also earned academic all-state honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. ... Baltier said he interest in Southern Connecitcut in New Haven, Conn., and also East Texas Baptist.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Judy Rankin Invitational
Midland Country Club
Wednesday's Results
Championship Flight

1. L. Gassesr-M. Barker 157; 2. T. Youngs-S. Roberts 170; 3. S. Espy-B. Sikes 173; 4. P. Bettis-T. Albright 175; 5. L. Guelker-C. Guelker 176; 6. (tie) D. Burnett-T. Lawrence 180; J. Jones-C. Crossland 180; 8. A. Cox-K. Hamilton 181; 9. B. Hester-L. Baze 182; 10. K. Hooper-J. Bates 192

President's Flight

1. J. Melton-S. Sneigireff 178; 2. L. Ferrell-G. Hamilton 181; 3. B. Wright-S. McGowan 184; 4. K. Burnett-J. Gertney 185; 5. C. Greene-S. Reed 186

First Flight

1. M. Lange-D. Braun 185; 2. (tie) S. Collier-J. Wright 187; K. Willoughby-L. Pennington 187; 4. J. McIlvain-M. Westbrook 188; 5. M. Morris-J. Moss 190

Second Flight

1. J. Stark-J. Hilliard 188; 2. K. Thompson-S. Taylor 189; 3. J. Townsend-G. Rutledge 192; 4. (tie) S. Ohlenberg-L. Robinson 196; L. Defoor-R. Landon 196; M. Gilbreath-J. Hilger 196; S. Wells-J. Darby 196

Third Flight

1. S. Lands-J. Hunnicutt 191; 2. S. Brown-E. Parmelly 195; 3. R. Cain-B. Ellwanger 198; 4. P. Ares-D. Harris 199; 5. D. Winborn-C. Whitsitt 202

Fourth Flight

1. (tie) L. Jones-G. Bailey 204; G. Piette-B. Bowling 204; 3. C. Foster-J. Willis 205; 4. (tie) K. King-L. Veazey 207; G. Smith-N. Bondy 207

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SPORTSSCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Miami 4, Chicago 1

Monday, May 6: Chicago 93, Miami 86
Wednesday, May 8: Miami 115, Chicago 78
Friday, May 10: Miami 104, Chicago 94
Monday, May 13: Miami 88, Chicago 65
Wednesday: Miami 94, Chicago 91

Indiana 3, New York 1

Sunday, May 5: Indiana 102, New York 95
Tuesday, May 7: New York 105, Indiana 79
Saturday, May 11: Indiana 82, New York 71
Tuesday, May 14: Indiana 93, New York 82
Today: Indiana at New York, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 18: New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, May 20: Indiana at New York, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
San Antonio 3, Golden State 2

Monday, May 6: San Antonio 129, Golden State 127, 2OT
Wednesday, May 8: Golden St. 100, San Antonio 91
Friday, May 10: San Antonio 102, Golden State 92
Sunday, May 12: Golden State 97, San Antonio 87, OT
Tuesday, May 14: San Antonio 109, Golden State 91
Thursday, May 16: San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 19: Golden State at San Antonio, TBA

Memphis 4, Oklahoma City 1

Sunday, May 5: Oklahoma City 93, Memphis 91
Tuesday, May 7: Memphis 99, Oklahoma City 93
Saturday, May 11: Memphis 87, Oklahoma City 81
Monday, May 13: Memphis 103, Oklahoma City 97, OT
Wednesday: Memphis 88, Oklahoma City 84

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
HEAT 94, BULLS 91

CHICAGO (91): Butler 7-15 3-3 19, Boozer 10-19 6-11 26, Noah 1-5 1-2 3, Robinson 6-15 5-6 21, Belinelli 1-3 0-0 3, Hamilton 6-12 2-2 15, Gibson 1-4 0-0 2, Mohammed 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-75 17-24 91.

MIAMI (94): James 5-14 12-15 23, Haslem 5-6 0-0 10, Bosh 4-8 2-4 12, Chalmers 3-9 0-0 6, Wade 7-13 4-4 18, Battier 2-7 3-5 9, Allen 2-6 0-1 5, Andersen 2-2 2-2 6, Cole 2-5 1-2 5. Totals 32-70 24-33 94.

Chicago	21	32	24	14	—	91
Miami	30	17	22	25	—	94

3-Point Goals—Chicago 8-19 (Robinson 4-7, Butler 2-6, Belinelli 1-2, Hamilton 1-4), Miami 6-21 (Bosh 2-3, Battier 2-7, James 1-3, Allen 1-4, Cole 0-1, Chalmers 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 49 (Boozer 14), Miami 47 (Bosh, James 7). Assists—Chicago 14 (Robinson 6), Miami 20 (James 8). Total Fouls—Chicago 21, Miami 24. Technicals—Boozer, Noah, Chicago defensive three second. A—20,025 (19,600).

GRIZZLIES 88, THUNDER 84

MEMPHIS (88): Prince 3-13 2-2 8, Randolph 8-17 12-16 28, Gasol 5-13 0-0 10, Conley 5-18 3-3 13, Allen 4-6 3-3 11, Bayless 2-9 3-3 8, Arthur 1-2 0-0 2, Pondexter 2-2 0-0 6, Dooling 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 30-81 25-29 88.

OKLAHOMA CITY (84): Durant 5-21 11-15 21, Ibaka 8-17 0-1 17, Perkins 1-4 0-0 2, Jackson 7-15 1-1 16, Sefolosha 2-5 0-0 5, Martin 3-6 4-4 10, Fisher 3-11 0-0 9, Collison 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 31-84 16-21 84.

Memphis	18	32	14	24	—	88
Oklahoma City	23	15	24	22	—	84

3-Point Goals—Memphis 3-14 (Pondexter 2-2, Bayless 1-4, Dooling 0-1, Allen 0-1, Prince 0-2, Conley 0-4), Oklahoma City 6-25 (Fisher 3-11, Sefolosha 1-2, Ibaka 1-2, Jackson 1-5, Martin 0-1, Durant 0-4). Fouled Out—Ibaka. Rebounds—Memphis 58 (Randolph 14), Oklahoma City 55 (Jackson 9). Assists—Memphis 18 (Conley 11), Oklahoma City 19 (Durant 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 17, Oklahoma City 25. Technicals—Allen, Memphis defensive three second. A—18,203 (18,203).

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa 0

Tuesday, May 14: Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 1
Friday, May 17: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 24: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 26: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 28: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, TBD

Boston vs. N.Y. Rangers

Today: N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19: N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21: Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 23: Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 25: N.Y. Rangers at Boston, TBD
x-Monday, May 27: Boston at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 29: N.Y. Rangers at Boston, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 1 Detroit 0

Wednesday: Chicago 4, Detroit 1
Saturday, May 18: Detroit at Chicago, Noon
Monday, May 20: Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 23: Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 25: Detroit at Chicago, TBD
x-Monday, May 27: Chicago at Detroit, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 29: Detroit at Chicago, TBD

Los Angeles 1, San Jose 0

Tuesday, May 14: Los Angeles 2, San Jose 0
Today: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 18: Los Angeles at San Jose, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21: Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 23: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 26: Los Angeles at San Jose, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 28: San Jose at Los Angeles, TBD

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARIES
BLACKHAWKS 4, RED WINGS 1

Detroit	1	0	0	—	1
Chicago	1	0	3	—	4

First Period—1, Chicago, Hossa 4 (Toews, Sharp), 9:03 (pp). 2, Detroit, Brunner 3 (Nyquist, Ericsson), 10:57.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—3, Chicago, Oduya 2 (Sharp, Kane), 8:02. 4, Chicago, Kruger 2 (Carcillo, Leddy), 11:23. 5, Chicago, Sharp 6 (Hjalmarsson), 19:11 (en).
Shots on Goal—Detroit 7-5-9—21. Chicago 6-17-19—42.
Goalies—Detroit, Howard. Chicago, Crawford. A—21,494 (19,717). T—2:27.

Soccer

Europa League
FINAL
Wednesday

Benfica (Portugal) 1, Chelsea (England) 2 in Amsterdam

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	15	.625	—
Baltimore	23	17	.575	2
Boston	23	17	.575	2
Tampa Bay	20	19	.513	4 1/2
Toronto	17	24	.415	8 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	22	16	.579	—
Cleveland	22	17	.564	1/2
Kansas City	19	17	.528	2
Minnesota	18	19	.486	3 1/2
Chicago	17	21	.447	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	26	14	.650	—
Oakland	20	22	.476	7
Seattle	19	21	.475	7
Los Angeles	15	24	.385	10 1/2
Houston	11	30	.268	15 1/2

Wednesday's Scores

San Diego 8, Baltimore 4
Cleveland 10, Philadelphia 4
Houston 7, Detroit 5
Chicago White Sox 9, Minnesota 4
Texas 6, Oakland 2
Seattle 12, N.Y. Yankees 2
Toronto 11, San Francisco 3
Boston 9, Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Seattle (Harang 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-2), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-2), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 4-3) at Texas (Darvish 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Williams 2-1), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	18	.550	—
Washington	21	18	.538	1/2
Philadelphia	19	22	.463	3 1/2
New York	14	23	.378	6 1/2
Miami	11	29	.275	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	26	13	.667	—
Cincinnati	24	16	.600	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	23	17	.575	3 1/2
Chicago	17	23	.425	9 1/2
Milwaukee	16	22	.421	9 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	23	17	.575	—
Arizona	23	18	.561	1/2
Colorado	21	19	.525	2
San Diego	18	21	.462	4 1/2
Los Angeles	16	22	.421	6

Wednesday's Scores

San Diego 8, Baltimore 4
Cleveland 10, Philadelphia 4
Arizona 5, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 1
Toronto 11, San Francisco 3
Cincinnati 4, Miami 0
Chicago Cubs 6, Colorado 3
St. Louis 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets (Niese 2-4) at St. Louis (Wainwright 5-2), 12:45 p.m.
Milwaukee (Burgos 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 4-0) at Miami (Fernandez 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 2-2) at Colorado (Chacin 3-2), 7:40 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 1-5) at San Diego (Volquez 3-3), 9:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 6, ATHLETICS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	3	1	0	0	Crisp cf	3	0	0	1
Andrus ss	4	1	0	0	Jaso c	1	0	0	0
Brkmn dh	4	1	2	2	DNorrs c	1	0	0	1
Beltre 3b	4	1	1	1	Lowrie ss	3	0	1	0
N.Cruz rf	4	1	1	3	Cespds dh	4	0	1	0
Morlnd 1b	3	0	0	0	Moss rf	4	0	0	0
DvMrp lf	3	0	1	0	Dnldsn 3b	3	1	1	0
Chirins c	4	0	1	0	S.Smith lf	4	0	1	0
LMartn cf	4	1	1	0	Barton 1b	2	0	0	0
					Freimn ph-1b	2	0	0	0
					Sogard 2b	2	1	1	0
					Rosales ph-2b	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	7	6	**Totals**	30	2	5	2

Texas .... 002 040 000 — 6
Oakland .... 000 001 100 — 2

E—Lowrie (7). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Texas 7, Oakland 7. 2B—Chirinos (2), Sogard (3). HR—N.Cruz (10). SB—Andrus 2 (10), L.Martin (1). CS—Dav.Murphy (2). SF—Crisp, D.Norris.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Ogando W,4-2	6	4	2	2	1	3
Kirkman	2 1-3	1	0	0	2	3
Scheppers	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Straily L,1-2	4 1-3	4	5	4	4	2
J.Chavez	3 2-3	3	1	1	1	3
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	1

Ogando pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP—by Ogando (Jaso), by Straily (Kinsler, Andrus). WP—Straily, J.Chavez.
T—2:53. A—20,414 (35,067).

ASTROS 7, TIGERS 5

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn cf-lf	3	0	1	0	Infante 2b	4	0	1	0
Elmore 2b	4	1	2	0	TrHntr rf	3	0	0	0
C.Pena dh	4	1	1	1	MiCarr 3b	5	0	1	0
Carter 1b	3	1	0	0	Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0
JMrtnz lf	3	1	1	3	VMrtnz dh	4	1	0	0
BBarns pr-cf	0	1	0	0	JhPerlt ss	2	1	1	0
Corprn c	3	1	2	2	Tuiassp lf	3	1	3	1
Crowe pr-rf	0	1	0	0	D.Kelly ph	1	0	0	0
Pareds rf	3	0	1	0	B.Pena c	3	1	1	1
JCastro c	0	0	0	0	AGarci cf	3	1	1	3
Dmngz 3b	3	0	0	1	Dirks ph	1	0	0	0
MGnzlz ss	4	0	0	0					
Totals	30	7	8	7	**Totals**	33	5	8	5

Houston .... 010 400 002 — 7
Detroit .... 040 001 000 — 5

E—Ma.Gonzalez (4). DP—Houston 2, Detroit 1. LOB—Houston 2, Detroit 7. 2B—Elmore (1), Corporan (2), Paredes (4). HR—J.Martinez (3), Corporan (3), A.Garcia (1). CS—Grossman (4), Paredes 2 (2). S—Paredes. SF—Dominguez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel	5 2-3	7	5	4	2	3
Blackley	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
E.Gonzalez	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
W.Wright	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ambriz W,1-2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Veras S,5-7	1	0	0	0	2	0
Detroit						
Scherzer	7	5	5	5	3	7
Smyly	2-3	2	0	0	0	2
Alburquerque L,0-1	1-3	0	1	1	1	1
Coke	1	1	1	1	0	0

Alburquerque pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
HBP—by Veras (Tor.Hunter). WP—Alburquerque. Balk—Scherzer.
T—3:03. A—40,315 (41,255).

MARINERS 12, YANKEES 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
MSndrs cf	4	1	2	1	Gardnr cf	3	0	1	0
EnChvz cf	1	0	0	0	BFrncs lf	1	0	0	0
Ackley 2b	3	2	1	0	Cano 2b	3	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	2	2	3	J.Nix 2b-ss	1	0	0	0
Andino 3b	1	0	0	0	V.Wells dh-2b	3	1	1	1
KMorls dh	5	1	2	1	Grndrs lf-cf	4	0	1	0
Morse rf	4	2	2	1	Overay 1b	3	0	2	0
Smoak 1b	4	1	2	0	AuRmn c	1	0	0	0
Ibanez lf	5	2	2	6	DAdms 3b	4	0	1	0
JMontr c	5	0	2	0	ISuzuki rf	4	0	0	0
Ryan ss	5	1	1	0	CStwrt c-1b	4	1	1	1
					AlGnzlz ss-p	3	0	1	0
Totals	41	12	16	12	**Totals**	34	2	8	2

Seattle .... 700 023 000 — 12
New York .... 100 010 000 — 2

E—I.Suzuki (1). DP—Seattle 1, New York 2. LOB—Seattle 9, New York 6. 2B—M.Saunders 2 (4), Overbay (10). HR—Seager (5), Ibanez 2 (6), V.Wells (10), C.Stewart (3). SB—Gardner (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Iwakuma W,5-1	7	8	2	2	0	4
O.Perez	1	0	0	0	1	2
Wilhelmsen	1	0	0	0	0	1
New York						
P.Hughes L,2-3	2-3	6	7	7	2	0
Claiborne	2 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
B.Marshall	5 2-3	9	5	5	5	1
Alb.Gonzalez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

WP—B.Marshall.
T—2:48. A—34,081 (50,291).

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHITE SOX 9, TWINS 4

Chicago .... 002 120 220 — 9 14 0
Minnesota .... 110 002 000 — 4 11 0

Axelrod, Lindstrom (6), Thornton (6), N.Jones (8), Omogrosso (9) and Gimenez; Pelfrey, Swarzak (5), Duensing (7), Roenicke (7), Perkins (9) and Doumit. W—Axelrod 1-3. L—Pelfrey 3-4. HRs—Chicago, A.Dunn 2 (9), Viciedo (4). Minnesota, E.Escobar (2).

RED SOX 9, RAYS 2

Boston .... 008 000 010 — 9 10 0
Tampa Bay .... 002 000 000 — 2 9 0

Lester, Uehara (8), De La Torre (9) and Saltalamacchia; Price, J.Wright (3), C.Ramos (4), Farnsworth (7), Lueke (9) and J.Molina, Lobaton. W—Lester 6-0. L—Price 1-4. HRs—Boston, Drew (3), Middlebrooks (7).

INTERLEAGUE
PADRES 8, ORIOLES 4

San Diego .... 020 201 201 — 8 17 0
Baltimore .... 010 100 101 — 4 11 1

Marquis, Thayer (6), Thatcher (7), Bass (7), Street (9) and Jo.Baker; F.Garcia, McFarland (4), Tom.Hunter (6), Patton (8), Strop (9) and Wieters. W—Marquis 5-2. L—F.Garcia 0-2. HRs—San Diego, Blanks (2), Amarista (3). Baltimore, Hardy (7), Wieters (6).

INDIANS 10, PHILLIES 4

Cleveland .... 002 122 030 — 10 11 0
Philadelphia .... 001 020 001 — 4 8 0

Kluber, Allen (7), Hagadone (8), Albers (9) and C.Santana; Hamels, Durbin (6), Horst (6), Aumont (7), Valdes (8) and Ruiz. W—Kluber 3-2. L—Hamels 1-6. HRs—Cleveland, Aviles (3), Swisher (6), Kipnis (6).

BLUE JAYS 11, GIANTS 3

San Francisco .... 100 000 020 — 3 10 2
Toronto .... 532 001 00x — 11 11 1

Vogelsong, Gaudin (3), Mijares (6), J.Lopez (8) and Quiroz; R.Ortiz, Storey (8) and Arencibia. W—R.Ortiz 1-1. L—Vogelsong 1-4. HRs—Toronto, Lind (3), Arencibia (10).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DIAMONDBACKS 5, BRAVES 3

Atlanta .... 001 020 000 — 3 11 0
Arizona .... 100 040 00x — 5 10 2

T.Hudson, Gearrin (6), Varvaro (8) and McCann; Kennedy, Mat.Reynolds (6), Ziegler (7), D.Hernandez (8), Bell (9) and M.Montero. W—Kennedy 2-3. L—T.Hudson 4-3. Sv—Bell (6).

PIRATES 3, BREWERS 1

Milwaukee .... 000 000 100 — 1 6 1
Pittsburgh .... 000 002 01x — 3 4 0

Gallardo, Badenhop (7), Mic.Gonzalez (8), Axford (8) and Lucroy, W.Rodriguez, Melancon (8), Grilli (9) and R.Martin. W—W.Rodriguez 4-2. L—Gallardo 3-3. Sv—Grilli (16). HRs—Milwaukee, Weeks (3).

REDS 4, MARLINS 0

Cincinnati .... 100 201 000 — 4 11 0
Miami .... 000 000 000 — 0 11 0

Leake, S.Marshall (7), LeCure (8), Chapman (9) and Mesoraco; Sanabia, Webb (7), Qualls (8), M.Dunn (9) and Brantly. W—Leake 3-2. L—Sanabia 2-6. HRs—Cincinnati, Choo 2 (9).

CUBS 6, ROCKIES 3

Colorado .... 010 001 001 — 3 7 0
Chicago .... 120 000 30x — 6 9 1

Garland, Outman (6), W.Lopez (7), Belisle (8) and Torrealba; Samardzija, Russell (9), Gregg (9) and D.Navarro. W—Samardzija 2-5. L—Garland 3-4. HRs—Colorado, Brignac (1). Chicago, DeJesus (5), Samardzija (1).

CARDINALS 4, METS 2

New York .... 000 000 200 — 2 7 2
St. Louis .... 000 200 11x — 4 6 0

Marcum, Rice (7), Hawkins (8) and Buck; S.Miller, Choate (6), Maness (7), Rosenthal (8), Mujica (9) and T.Cruz, Y.Molina. W—Maness 3-0. L—Marcum 0-4. Sv—Mujica (11). HRs—New York, Ankiel (1).

GOLF

PGA TOUR

BYRON NELSON CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Irving.
Schedule: Today-Sunday.
Course: TPC Four Seasons Resort (7,166 yards, par 70).
Purse: $6.7 million. Winner's share: $1,206,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., Noon-1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday, Noon-1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: Jason Dufner won the second of his two 2012 titles, holing a 25-foot birdie putt for a one-stroke victory over Dicky Pride.
Last week: Tiger Woods won The Players Championship for his fourth victory of the year and 78th PGA Tour title. David Lingmerth, Kevin Streelman and Jeff Maggert tied for second, two strokes back.
Notes: Keegan Bradley won the 2011 tournament for his first PGA Tour title. ... Jordan Spieth, the 19-year-old Texan who tied for second in the Puerto Rico Open, received a sponsor exemption and also will play next week in Fort Worth in the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial. ... South African stars Louis Oosthuizen and Charl Schwartzel are in the field. ... Byron Nelson died in 2006 at 94. He won a record 11 consecutive events in 1945.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR

MOBILE BAY LPGA CLASSIC

Site: Mobile, Ala.
Schedule: Today-Sunday.
Course: Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Magnolia Grove, The Crossings (6,521 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.2 million. Winner's share: $180,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 4-6 p.m.).
Last year: Stacy Lewis won the second of her four 2012 LPGA Tour titles, holding off teen Lexi Thompson by a stroke. Lewis shot 68-67-67-69 to finish at 17 under.
Last event: Cristie Kerr won the Kingsmill Championship on May 5, beating Suzann Pettersen with a par on the second hole of a playoff. Kerr has 16 LPGA Tour victories.
Notes: The second-ranked Lewis has two victories this year, winning consecutive events in Singapore and Phoenix. ... Top-ranked Inbee Park, a three-time winner this year, is skipping the tournament. ... The Pure Silk-Bahamas LPGA Classic is next week, followed by the ShopRite LPGA Classic in New Jersey.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

EUROPEAN TOUR

MADEIRA ISLANDS OPEN

Site: Santo da Serra, Madeira Islands.
Schedule: Today-Sunday.
Course: Santo da Serra Golf Club (6,826 yards, par 72).
Purse: $780,600. Winner's share: $130,100.
Television: None.
Last year: Ricardo Santos became the first Portuguese-born player to win a European Tour event in his home country. He closed with a 9-under 63 for a four-stroke victory.
Last event: Brett Rumford won the China Open on May 5 to become the first Australian in 41 years to win consecutive European Tour titles. Rumford beat Finland's Mikko Ilonen by four strokes a week after winning the Ballantine's Championship in South Korea.
Notes: Madeira is a Portuguese archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean about 400 miles west of Morocco. ... Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed the Santo da Serra course.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

WEB.COM TOUR

BMW CHARITY PRO-AM

Site: Greer, S.C.
Schedule: Today-Sunday.
Courses: Thornblade Club (7,024 yards, par 71); Greenville Country Club, Chanticleer Course (6,664 yards, par 72); The Reserve at Lake Keowee (7,112 yards, par 72).
Purse: $650,000. Winner's share: $117,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 2-4 p.m.).
Last year: Nick Flanagan won the event for the second time in six years, beating fellow Australian Cameron Percy with a par on the third hole of a playoff.
Last event: Brendon Todd won the rain-shortened Stadion Classic on May 5 at the University of Georgia. The former Georgia star became the third straight Bulldogs player to win the event, following Russell Henley in 2011 and Hudson Swafford in 2012.
Notes: The final round will be played at Thornblade Club. ... Edward Loar, the Louisiana Open winner, leads the money list with $199,583. ... The Mexico Championship is next week, followed by the Mid-Atlantic Championship in Potomac, Md.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

TENNIS

Internazionali BNL d'Italia Results
Wednesday
At Foro Italico
Rome
Purse: Men, $4.17 million (WT1000); Women, $2.37 million (Premier)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round

Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (8), France, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (15), Switzerland, walkover.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 7-5, 6-3.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Andy Murray (3), Britain, 6-3, 6-7 (5), retired.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Kei Nishikori (16), Japan, 6-4, 6-1.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-1, 6-1.
Rafael Nadal (5), Spain, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-1, 6-3.

Women
Second Round

Li Na (5), China, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-3, 6-1.
Roberta Vinci (13), Italy, def. Nastassja Burnett, Italy, 6-1, 6-4.
Dominika Cibulkova (14), Slovakia, def. Melanie Oudin, United States, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.
Maria Kirilenko (12), Russia, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-3, 6-1.
Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-2, 6-0.
Sara Errani (7), Italy, def. Christina McHale, United States, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.
Sam Stosur (9), Australia, def. Peng Shuai, China, 7-6 (5), 6-0.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-4, 6-4.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Garbine Muguruza, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Sloane Stephens (16), United States, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-3, 6-1.
Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Thomas Berdych and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Daniele Bracciali and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Paolo Lorenzi and Potito Starace, Italy, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, and Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, 6-3, 2-6, 10-8.

Second Round

Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky, United States, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Leander Paes (8), India, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3).
Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (2), Spain, def. Julien Benneteau, France, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 10-8.
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Daniel Nestor (3), Canada, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, and Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-4, 6-3.

Women
First Round

Lisa Raymond, United States, and Laura Robson, Britain, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, and Flavia Pennetta, Italy, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 10-7.

Second Round

Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Catalina Castano and Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 10-7.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Sania Mirza (6), India, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, and Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-4.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 59-65 degrees; 11.28' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, spinnerbaits, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 58-63 degrees; 12.63' low. Black bass are slow to fair to good on topwater frogs, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 17.68' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 59-64 degrees; 11.71' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 57-64 degrees; 21.27' low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks, Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 58-63 degrees; 18.42' low. Black bass are fair to good on Yellow Magics, spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 59-64 degrees; 36.77' low. Black bass are good on Zell Pops, Rat-L-Traps, jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 59-65 degrees; 10.33' low. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, Stanley Ribbits, medium running crankbaits, drop shot rigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 64.18' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 9.04' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 58-63 degrees; 19.47' low. Black bass are fair to good on live shiners, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 53-62 degrees; 30.67' low. No report available.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: 43.38' low. No report available.

MACKENZIE: 93.16' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 99.82' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 55.67' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 72-76 degrees; 61.04' low. Black bass are very good on Yamamoto Senkos, minnows, and watermelon soft plastics and topwaters. Striped bass are good on Sassy Shad, swimbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on bloodbait and punchbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 72-76 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water clear; 68-72 degrees; 7.89' low. Black bass are good trolling Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on shad in 20 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch and live shad.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 69-73 degrees; 11.83' low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on RJA crankbaits and flukes in the evenings in 3-5 feet, and on spinnerbaits around docks early. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on minnows and watermelon jigs off lighted docks at night in 5-15 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and watermelon tube jigs over brush piles in 5-10 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 71-75 degrees; 27.40' low. Black bass are good on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, watermelon topwaters, and green pumpkin Whacky Sticks with chartreuse tails along lake points in 8-12 feet at first light. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and Rat-L-Traps, and drifting live bait on the surface in 20-30 feet near the Lighthouse. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps and jigging Pirk Minnows and Tiny Traps over rock piles in 20-30 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and watermelon tube jigs over brush piles in 12 feet. Channel catfish are good on live bait and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish and minnows.

CANYON LAKE: Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 9.80' low. Black bass are fair on tomato red JDC grubs, watermelon red Whacky Sticks, and Texas rigged watermelon red finesse worms along bluff ledges in 8-16 feet. Striped bass are fair on silver spoons and 1-oz. Pirk Minnows in 30 feet. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are good on root beer/green JDC curl tailed grubs and craws and smoke/red tubes on ball jigheads in 10 feet on main lake points and ledges. Crappie are good on pink tube jigs and live minnows upriver around submerged brush piles over break lines. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with live bait.

COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 69-73 degrees; 14.82' low. Black bass are good on watermelon Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and soft plastic worms and lizards. Hybrid striper are good on live shad near the park and the store. Crappie are good on minnows at night. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water stained. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin spinnerbaits and soft plastics in 8-16 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp over baited holes.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 6.70' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on stinkbait, nightcrawlers, and frozen shrimp.

GRANGER: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 0.37' high. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps around shallow main lake roadbeds. Crappie are fair on marabou jigs in 4-12 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad and prepared bait in 4-15 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait upriver.

LBJ: Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 0.42' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, watermelon Curb's Erratic jigs, and weightless green pumpkin Texas rigged Whacky Sticks along break lines of flats in 6-10 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs over brush piles in 15 feet. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water lightly stained; 70-74 degrees; 0.84' low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and minnows in Liberty Hill Park. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair but small on minnows at Crappie Point. Channel catfish are good on minnows and stinkbait in baited areas. Blue catfish are good on juglines baited with shad and goldfish. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

PROCTOR: Water lightly stained; 70-74 degrees; 4.05' low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits off points. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on live shad and jigging spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared bait in the upper end of the lake. Yellow catfish are slow.

HOUNDSWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 8, Frisco 4

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco,
Dr Pepper Ballpark, 7 p.m.
Frisco

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RECORDS
Midland 18-20, Frisco 20-18

Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Midland 6, Frisco 2	Midland 8, Frisco 4		Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Texas at TCU, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

CYCLING
Tour of California, stage 5, Santa Barbara to Avila Beach, Calif., 3:30 p.m., NBC Sports

EXTREME SPORTS
X Games, at Barcelona, Spain, 11 a.m., ESPN
X Games, at Barcelona, Spain (same-day tape), 6 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Volvo World Match Play Championship, first round matches, at Kavarna, Bulgaria, 6 a.m., TGC
Web.com Tour, BMW Charity Pro-Am, first round, at Greer, S.C., Greenville, S.C., and Sunset, S.C., 11:30 a.m., TGC
PGA Tour, Byron Nelson Championship, first round, at Irving, 2 p.m., TGC
LPGA, Mobile Bay Classic, first round, at Mobile, Ala. (same-day tape), 5:30 p.m., TGC

HOCKEY
IIHF World Championship, quarterfinals, teams TBD, at Helsinki, 5 a.m., NBC Sports Network
IIHF World Championship, quarterfinals, teams TBD, at Stockholm, 7:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network
IIHF World Championship, quarterfinals, teams TBD, at Helsinki, 10 a.m., NBC Sports Network
IIHF World Championship, quarterfinals, teams TBD, at Stockholm, 1 p.m., NBC Sports Network

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Regional coverage, San Francisco at Colorado (8:30 p.m. start), 7 p.m., MLB Network

NBA
Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 5, Indiana at New York, 7 p.m., TNT
Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 6, San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 1, N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, San Jose at Los Angeles, 9 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
NJCAA National Tournament, Rawls Course, Lubbock

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Trevor Bauer to Columbus (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned RHP Philip Humber outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent RHP Joba Chamberlain to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) and LHP Cesar Cabral to Tampa (FSL) for rehab assignments. Selected the contract of INF David Adams from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Designated 3B Chris Nelson for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned OF Michael Taylor to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated OF Coco Crisp from the 15-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Richmond on a minor league contract and assigned him to extended spring training.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent RHP Dustin McGowan to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated RHP Zack Greinke from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Josh Beckett on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 14.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Carlos Zambrano on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed INF John McDonald on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Jordy Mercer from Indianapolis (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Released RHP Fautino De Los Santos.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released OF Chris Colton.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed INF Juan M. Richardson and RHP Jake Cowan. Released OF Eldred Barnett, RHP Wes Alsup and RHP Justin Erasmus.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released RHP Derek McGowan and C Mike Thomas.

Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS — Signed INF Mike Richard, RHP Mike Ness and C Elvin Millan.
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Ryan Flannery.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed OF Dany Deschamps and INF Maxime Lefevre.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed C Billy Alvino.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF Dominique Samyn. Released C George Carroll.

BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association

WASHINGTON MYSTICS — Signed F Jessica Moore.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Announced the retirement of LB Rolando McClain.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed LB Kiki Alonso.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed P Jordan Gay.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed C Tyler Horn. Released RB George Winn and OT Dann O'Neill.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed FB Braden Wilson.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Promoted Jason Jenkins to vice president of communications. Signed QB Aaron Corp. Waived LS Patrick Scales.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed Gs Jeff Baca and Travis Bond and P Jeff Locke.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DB Duron Harmon. Released DL Kyle Love.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed KR Josh Cribbs to a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Agreed to terms with DT Akeem Spence.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed RB Chris Thompson and WR Lance Lewis.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Carl Fitzgerald and P Billy Pavlopoulas.

LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League

EDMONTON RUSH — Signed general manager and coach Derek Keenan to a two-year contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

MLS — Reduced the two-game suspension of San Jose F Marvin Chavez to one game. Suspended Vancouver D Johnny Leveron, Chivas D Mario De Luna, Colorado F Edson Buddle and Real Salt Lake D Kwame Watson-Siriboe one game and fined them undisclosed amounts for their actions in recent games.
D.C. UNITED — Announced the retirement of D Robbie Russell.
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Terminated the contract of D Hanyer Mosquera.

COLLEGE

CHARLOTTE — Announced men's basketball G Braxton Ogbueze has transferred from Florida.
CLEVELAND STATE—Named Tim Bilbrey strength and conditioning coach.
EMORY & HENRY — Named David Willson men's basketball coach.
PENN STATE — Announced G Jermaine Marshall is leaving the men's basketball team.
RUTGERS — Named Julie Hermann athletic director.
SAM HOUSTON STATE — Named Mike Collins assistant football coach.
SHENANDOAH — Named Chad Brashears men's part-time assistant basketball coach.
TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN — Named Hannah Burleson women's assistant basketball coach.
TCU — Suspended DE Devonte Fields two games for an unspecified violation of university and team policy.

CYCLING

Giro d'Italia Results
Wednesday
At Vajont, Italy
11th Stage
113 miles from Tarvisio to Valjont

1. Ramunas Navardauskas, Lithuania, Garmin Sharp, 4 hours, 23 minutes, 14 seconds.
2. Daniel Oss, Italy, BMC, 1 minute, 8 seconds behind.
3. Stefano Pirazzi, Italy, Bardiani Valvole-CSF Inox, 2:59.
4. Salvatore Puccio, Italy, Sky Procycling, 3:07.
5. Paul Martens, Germany, Blanco Pro Cycling, same time.
6. Danilo Di Luca, Italy, Vini Fantini-Selle Italia, same time.
7. Egoi Martinez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time.
8. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, 3:10.
9. Evgeny Petrov, Russia, Team Saxo-Tinkoff, 3:11.
10. Jackson Rodriguez, Venezuela, Androni Giocattoli-Venezuela, 3:25.

Also

29. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, 5:41.
31. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, same time.
32. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, same time.
113. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin Sharp, 13:35.
116. Taylor Phinney, United States, BMC, same time.
131. Tom Danielson, United States, Garmin Sharp, same time.
132. Peter Stetina, United States, Garmin Sharp, same time.
168. Danny Pate, United States, Sky Procycling, same time.

Overall Standings
(After 11 stages)

1. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, 43:26:27.
2. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC :41.
3. Rigoberto Uran, Sky Procycling, 2:04.
4. Bradley Wiggins, Sky Procycling, 2:05.
5. Robert Gesink, Blanco Pro Cycling, 2:12.
6. Michele Scarponi, Lampre-Merida, 2:13.
7. Mauro Santambrogio, Vini Fantini-Selle Italia, 2:55.
8. Przemyslaw Niemiec, Lampre-Merida, 3:35.
9. Benat Intxausti, Spain, Movistar, 4:05.
10. Domenico Pozzovivo, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 4:17.

Also

40. Tom Danielson, United States, Garmin Sharp, 34:11.
67. Peter Stetina, United States, Garmin Sharp, 57:47.
134. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin Sharp, 1:41:27.
165. Taylor Phinney, United States, BMC, 1:56:38.
169. Danny Pate, United States, Sky Procycling, 1:58:21.

Tour of California Results
Wednesday
At Santa Barbara, Calif.
Stage 4
A 83.6-mile road race

1. Tyler Farrar (Garmin-Sharp), United States, 3 hours, 14 minutes, 9 seconds.
2. Ken Hanson (Optum/Kelly Benefit), United States, same time.
3. Gianni Meersman (Omega Pharma-Quick Step), Belgium, s.t.
4. Kris Boeckmans (Vacansoleil-DCM), Belgium, s.t.
5. Peter Sagan (Cannondale), Slovakia, s.t.
6. Michael Matthews (Orica-GreenEdge), Australia, s.t.
7. Thor Hushovd (BMC), Norway, s.t.
8. Sylvain Chavanel (Omega Pharma-Quick Step), France, s.t.
9. Jeremy Vennell (Bissell), New Zealand, s.t.
10. Jasper Stuyven (Bontrager), Belgium, s.t.

Overall Standings
(After 4 Stages)

1. Janier Acevedo (Jamis-Hagens Berman), Colombia, 17 hours, 13 minutes, 59 seconds.
2. Tejay van Garderen (BMC), United States, 12 seconds behind.
3. Philip Deignan (UnitedHealthcare), Ireland, 27 seconds behind.
4. Mathias Frank (BMC), Switzerland, 45 seconds behind.
5. Michael Rogers (Saxo-Tinkoff), Australia, 55 seconds behind.
6. Francisco Mancebo (5-Hour Energy/Kenda), Spain, 1 minute, 3 seconds behind.
7. Chad Haga (Optum/Kelly Benefit), United States, 1:13 behind.
8. Matthew Busche (RadioShack Leopard), United States, 1:15 behind.
9. Lawson Craddock (Bontrager), United States, 1:32 behind.
10. Cameron Meyer (Orica-GreenEdge), Australia, 1:40 behind.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday

At Crocus City Hall, Myakinino, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title; Alexander Povetkin vs. Andrzej Wawrzyk, 12, for Povetkin's WBA World heavyweight title.

Saturday

At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. (SHO), Devon Alexander vs. Lee Purdy, 12, for Alexander's IBF welterweight title; Lamont Peterson vs. Lucas Martin Matthysse, 12, welterweights; Thomas Williams Jr. vs. Otis Griffin, 10, light heavyweights; Anthony Peterson vs. Dominic Salcido, 10, lightweights; Shawn Porter vs. Phil Lo Greco, 10, welterweights.

Orb draws rail as 1-1 favorite in Preakness

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Preakness draw was over, and trainer Shug McGaughey listed a variety of reasons why he was OK with having Kentucky Derby winner Orb starting Saturday's race from the rail.

Then someone asked him, "If you had your choice, where would you want to be?"

Without hesitation, McGaughey responded, "The outside."

Despite getting the inside post in Wednesday's draw, Orb was made an even-money favorite to win the Preakness and keep alive his bid to become horse racing's first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

"I saw it bounced around in the papers that we would be 4-5," McGaughey said. "I am a little surprised that with him being even money, with the next shot was 5-1. That's a pretty good spread. We'll see what the public does. Like I always say, I wish every horse I run would be the favorite."

The brown colt is looking for his sixth straight victory as part of the smallest Preakness field since 2007. Govenor Charlie, trained by Bob Baffert, added his name to the list Wednesday for the 1 3/16th-mile race.

Starting from the inside won't help, but McGaughey reasoned it's a lot better than getting the No. 1 post at Churchill Downs for the Derby.

"It's not nearly the problem it would be in the Derby," he said. "The Derby is kind of catty-cornered. You got to shove your way out of there or you get shut off down in there. It's pretty straightforward here. There are only nine horses. There's not going to be that kind of jockeying into the first turn. We'll just hold our position and see how the race plays out."

Still, the last horse to win the Preakness from the inside post was Tabasco Cat in 1994. That was the lone winner from the rail in the last 52 runnings of the race. Starting from the rail is a disadvantage because, if a horse does not get out in front from that spot, it can easily get pushed to the back of the field by the other competitors.

"He'll get a clean break and he'll be able to sit where he wants to sit," McGaughey said. "If he's good enough he'll be able to make that run, and hopefully he gets there."

Orb won the Derby by 2 1/2 lengths.

TOURNEY

From 1C

"Naturally, the guys are excited," Poss said. "At one point we were 8-under par, but we had some trouble with some holes down the stretch. But the guys were still able to keep it together. Like I've told them all spring long, that they were capable of putting together a good tournament."

The Chaps are expected to tee off at around 2:17 p.m. today along with familiar regional foe McLennan as well as Iowa Western in the third round of the four-round tournament.

NJCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
at Rawls Course, Lubbock
Wednesday's second round results

Team standings — 1. **Midland College 291-284—575**; 2. McLennan Community College 294-284—578; 3. (tie) Iowa Western 295-289—584; Wallace State (Ala.) 298-286—584; 5. Johnson County (Kan.) CC 296-289—585; 6. Odessa College 291-297—588; 7. Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC 295-298—593; 8. (tie) Central Alabama 299-296—595; Darton (Ga.) CC 300-295—595; 10. Brevard (Fla.) CC 299-297—596; 11. (tie) Western Texas College 307-290—597; Meridian (Miss.) CC 307-290—597; 13. (tie) Dodge City (Kan.) CC 307-291—598; Hutchinson (Kan.) CC 302-296—598; 15. New Mexico Junior College 303-296—599; 16. (tie) USC Lancaster CC 297-303—600; Indian Hills (Iowa) CC 304-296—600; 18. Garden City (Kan.) CC 302-299—601; 19. Eastern Arizona College 306-299—605; 20. Wake Tech (N.C.) CC 303-303—606; 21. Faulkner State (Ala.) 307-300—607; 22. North Idaho College 309-299—608; 23. Pima (Ariz.) Community College 309-304—613; 24. Trinidad State (Colo) 317-300—617

Individual standings (top 10) — 1. (tie) Alex Forrstal, Johnson County, 69-71—140; Asksel Olsen, Wallace State, 70-70—140; 3. (tie) Andrew Johnson, McLennan 71-71—142; Jose Pelayo, Iowa Western, 72-70—142; 5. (tie) Tanner Alder, Eastern Arziona, 71-72—143; **Sean Lawrie, Midland College, 74-69—143**; Duane Russell, Dodge City, 73-70—143; David Ryan, Midland College, 71-72—143; 9. (tie) **Blake Brorman, Midland College, 71-73—144**; Ben Cotton, Hutchinson CC, 73-71—144; T.J. Morgan, Meridian CC, 76-68—144; Robert Reuter, Scottsdale CC, 70-74—144; William White, Indian Hills CC, 74-70—144

Midland College (575) — David Ryan 71-72—143, Blake Brorman 71-73—144, Sean Lawrie 74-69—143, Russell Lara 75-73—148, Stephen Gage 77-70—147

Odessa College (588) — Logan Philley 70-75—145, Kyle Gertner 73-72—145, Micah Rodgers 73-76—149, Beau Hanson 75-75—150, Cody Taylor 77-75—152

CHAPS

From 1C

potent MC offense, which leads the nation in runs scored.

The Chaps not only got complete-game performances from sophomores Jason Zgardowski (a two-hit, 7-0 win over Temple College) and Jeremy Filipek (against Grayson), but Coleman only had to use three other pitchers in the tournament — starters Thomas McIlraith (a 2-1 winner over Weatherford College) and Cody Brown, and reliever Jared Robinson (save against Weatherford, winner in 7-6 victory over Howard College), who had two appearances.

Coleman said he didn't expect to use just five pitchers the entire tournament and it sort of made him dishonest in a pre-tournament speech to his relievers.

"I had told some of the guys out of the bullpen that one of them might have to come up big, but as it turned out I didn't need to go to the bullpen as much," Coleman said. "Zgardowksi was never really challenged and threw 101 pitches. And Filipek, even though he was gassed after 8 1/3 innings, was able to finish. I actually had one of the best mound visits with Jeremy in the ninth. I told him, 'Jeremy this is why you came to Midland. We are going to dogpile you. Now hurry up because I'm getting hungry.'"

Coleman added that while he doesn't want to single anybody out, he said he was especially happy for Zgardowski and Filipek in the tournament because they had been two-year players at MC who were able to throw complete games.

Coleman said the team will likely depart for Grand Junction on Tuesday in order to break the trip up, practice in Albuquerque, N.M., and then get in practice time in Colorado.

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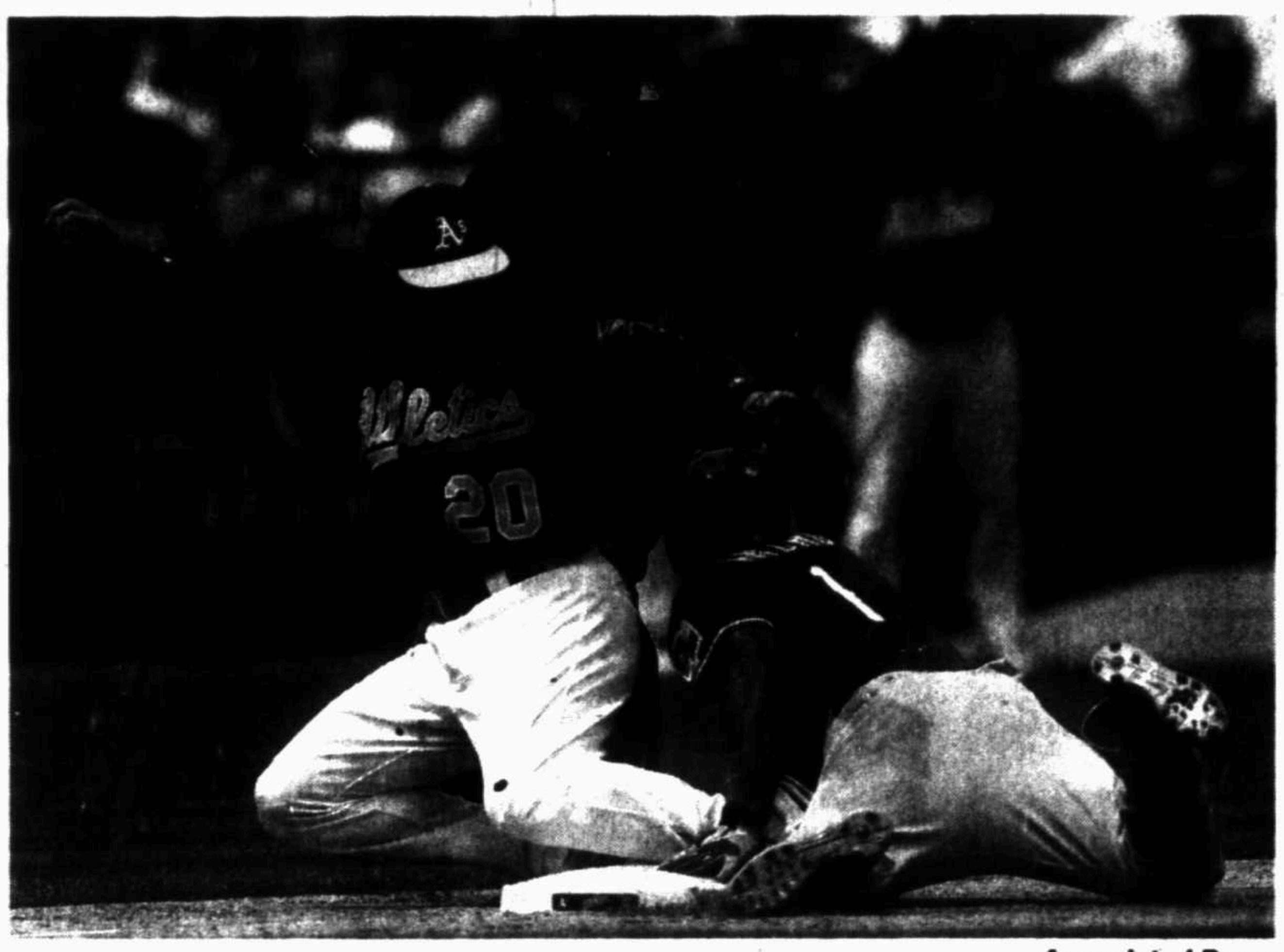

Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus, right, slides beneath the tag of Oakland Athletics third baseman Josh Donaldson to safely steal third base during the fifth inning Wednesday in Oakland, Calif.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RANGERS 6
ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Nelson Cruz hit a three-run homer, leading Alexi Ogando and the Texas Rangers over Oakland.

Ogando (4-2) didn't allow a hit until Eric Sogard's leadoff double in the sixth inning.

Lance Berkman hit a two-run single and Adrian Beltre added an RBI single a day after hitting a 10th-inning home run as the Rangers won their first series in Oakland since Sept. 20-22, 2011.

ASTROS 7
TIGERS 5

DETROIT — Brandon Barnes caught Miguel Cabrera's bases-loaded drive against the wall in right-center field for the final out, and the Houston Astros avoided a season sweep against the Detroit Tigers.

Carlos Corporan hit a tiebreaking double in the top of the ninth for the Astros, who lost their first six meetings with the Tigers by a combined 50-12.

MARINERS 12
YANKEES 2

NEW YORK — Raul Ibanez again treated Yankee Stadium as his personal playground, hitting a grand slam and two-run homer Wednesday night to help the Seattle Mariners rout New York 12-2.

Ibanez's slam came during a seven-run first inning. Yankees backup shortstop Alberto Gonzalez got the final out in the ninth inning in his first professional pitching appearance.

RED SOX 9
RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jon Lester stayed unbeaten, Stephen Drew hit his second career grand slam and the Boston Red Sox roughed up AL Cy Young winner David Price and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Price (1-4) departed from the marquee pitching matchup because of left triceps tightness during Boston's eight-run third inning, which Drew finished with his towering homer off Jamey Wright.

WHITE SOX 9
TWINS 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Adam Dunn homered twice, doubled and drove in five runs, powering the Chicago White Sox past Minnesota.

Dunn hit a pair of two-run shots for his 35th career multihomer game. He's hit three home runs in the last two games and has nine this year.

National League

REDS 4
MARLINS 0

MIAMI — Shin-Soo Choo hit two homers and four pitchers combined on an 11-hit shutout Wednesday night to help the Cincinnati Reds extend their winning streak to a season-best five games by beating Miami 4-0.

Choo hit solo homers in the fourth and sixth inning, giving him nine this season. The multihomer game was his second in eight days and ninth of his career.

PIRATES 3
BREWERS 1

PITTSBURGH — Wandy Rodriguez allowed one run over seven strong innings and Neil Walker hit a two-run single as the Pirates beat the Brewers.

Rodriguez (4-2) gave up six hits, walking one and striking out five. Jason Grilli worked the ninth for his National League-leading 16th save as the Pirates moved six games above .500 for the first time this season.

DIAMONDBACKS 5
BRAVES 3

PHOENIX — Paul Goldschmidt hit three doubles, Eric Chavez drove in three runs and the Diamondbacks beat Tim Hudson and the Braves.

Cody Ross added an RBI double as the Diamondbacks won the final two games of the series after a 10-1 loss in the opener.

CUBS 6
ROCKIES 3

CHICAGO — Jeff Samardzija hit a two-run home run and pitched eight strong innings for his first win since opening day and the Cubs beat the Rockies.

David DeJesus led off the first inning with a home run and Anthony Rizzo had two hits for the Cubs, who won back-to-back series for the first time this season.

Reid Brignac hit a pinch-hit homer for the Rockies, who finished a 2-4 road trip.

CARDINALS 4
METS 2

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Shelby Miller followed up his nearly perfect one-hitter with 5 2-3 scoreless innings and the Cardinals scored the go-ahead run in the seventh on a wild pitch in a victory over the Mets.

Rick Ankiel's two-run homer off rookie Seth Maness (3-0) tied it in the top of the seventh and was his first against the team that converted the former left-handed pitcher to an outfielder in 2005.

Interleague

PADRES 8
ORIOLES 4

BALTIMORE — Alexi Amarista homered and doubled twice as the San Diego Padres matched their season-high with 17 hits, beating Baltimore for a two-game sweep.

Everth Cabrera had four hits and a walk, and Jedd Gyorko had three singles for the Padres, who are 13-6 after a 5-15 start.

BLUE JAYS 11
GIANTS 3

TORONTO — J.P. Arencibia and Adam Lind each hit two-run home runs, Ramon Ortiz won for the first time since 2011 and the Toronto Blue Jays won their season-high fourth straight game, beating the San Francisco Giants.

INDIANS 10
PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA — Jason Kipnis hit a three-run homer, Nick Swisher and Mike Aviles also went deep to back Corey Kluber, and the Indians beat the Phillies.

Tuesday's late game

RANGERS 6
ATHLETICS 5, 10 INNINGS

OAKLAND, Calif. — Adrian Beltre hit a tiebreaking home run in the 10th inning, Mitch Moreland followed with his second of the game and Joe Nathan made sure Texas held off Oakland.

Nathan gave up a run in the bottom of the 10th but escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam to snap Texas' four-game losing streak to the Athletics.

Big 4th inning helps push 'Hounds to win

RockHounds	8
RoughRiders	4

From staff reports

FRISCO — After losing three straight, the Midland RockHounds have now strung together consecutive wins after an 8-4 victory against the Frisco RoughRiders on Wednesday at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Midland got a great performance from starting pitcher Sean Murphy and a strong showing up and down the lineup to build an 8-0 lead after four innings.

After scoring two in the second for an early advantage, the RockHounds busted the game open with six runs in the fourth, which began with back-to-back singles by Josh Whitaker and Dusty Coleman, who had an RBI single in the second.

Beau Taylor later drove both of them in on a two-run single to right before D'Arby Myers, 2 for 4 with two RBI in the game, also drove in two runs with a double to left three batters later.

Anthony Aliotti followed Myers with a two-run RBI single to right on his only hit of the night, which made it 8-0 and chased Frisco starter Kevin Pucetas.

Midland coasted to the win from there, riding the momentum of Murphy on the mound, who allowed just two hits and walked two while striking out five in six shutout innings.

The RockHounds will wrap up their series against Frisco, and an eight-game road trip, at 7 p.m. today.

TL standings

First Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	21	16	.568	—
Arkansas	21	17	.553	½
Tulsa	16	22	.421	5½
Northwest Arkansas	13	24	.351	8

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	23	16	.590	—
Frisco	20	19	.513	3
San Antonio	20	19	.513	3
Midland	19	20	.487	4

Wednesday's Scores
Arkansas 5, Northwest Arkansas 1
Midland 8, Frisco 4
Springfield 5, Tulsa 3
Corpus Christi 10, San Antonio 8

Today's Games
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 8, ROUGHRIDERS 4

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker lf	5	1	3	0	Rodriguez 3b	3	0	1	0
Myers cf	4	1	2	2	Herrera 2b	5	0	0	0
Aliotti 1b	4	0	1	2	Nicholas 1b	2	0	0	0
Goebbert dh	5	1	3	0	Hoying cf	5	0	0	0
Whitaker rf	3	2	2	0	Telis c	4	0	1	0
a-Laden. ph-rf	1	0	0	0	Alberto ss	3	1	0	0
Coleman ss	4	1	2	1	Chiang rf	3	1	0	0
Head 3b	4	0	0	0	Straus. dh	4	0	0	0
Taylor c	4	1	1	2	Martinez lf	4	2	4	4
Perez 2b	4	1	0	0					
Totals	38	8	14	3	Totals	33	4	6	4

E — Coleman (12). DP — Frisco 3. LOB — Midland 10, Frisco 9. 2B — Whitaker (1), Myers (8), Oberacker (13). HR — Martinez (3). SB — Martinez (5).

Midland	020	600	000	—8
Frisco	000	000	301	—4

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Murphy W, 1-1	6.0	2	0	0	2	5
Fisher	0.2	1	3	3	4	1
Newby	1.1	1	0	0	0	0
Smyth	1.0	2	1	1	0	2
Frisco						
Pucetas L, 4-4	3.1	9	8	8	4	1
Klein	2.0	3	0	0	1	3
Rowen	2.2	2	0	0	0	1
Font	1.0	0	0	0	1	2

WP — Klein. HBP — Klein (Whitaker), Murphy (Nicholas)

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SHOWDOWN

From 1C

"I saw him pitch last year a couple times," Verlander said. "I know he's striking out the world this year, but other than that, I haven't seen too much."

By their standards, both starters are coming off subpar games.

Darvish gave up two home runs and fell behind 3-1 in a rematch with the light-hitting Astros, but improved to 6-1 when the Rangers rallied and won 8-7 despite a leaky Texas bullpen. He "only" had eight strikeouts in seven innings after getting 14 for the second time this season in his previous start. He's had at least 10 strikeouts four times.

Verlander had his worst outing of the year in a 7-6 loss to Cleveland, giving up six hits and four runs — three earned — in just five innings. He walked a season-high five and struck out seven.

Still, Verlander (4-3) has the edge over Darvish in ERA, 1.93 to 2.73.

"When I made the decision to come to the big leagues, I knew that I was going to be facing a lot of great pitchers," Darvish said through an interpreter. "I wasn't just thinking Verlander but there are many other great pitchers as well."

And Verlander isn't just thinking Darvish, or big matchup, especially this early.

"You don't need to get too amped up, especially for a game in May, and try to do too much," Verlander said. "That's the wrong way to approach it."

Washington sees the same approach from his prized ace-in-the-making.

"Because he's a competitor, he knows who's on the other side," Washington said. "But to stick your chest out and say, 'I relish that,' it's a game in May. He wants to win it as bad as Verlander wants to win it, but it's certainly not a championship or World Series matchup. It's just a ballgame that's on the schedule."

But it is at least a little special.

NBA owners reject Sacramento Kings move

Sports Writer

DALLAS — The Kings are staying in Sacramento, and Seattle will have to wait for another NBA franchise.

As for the ownership question that has kept the Kings in limbo for years, Commissioner David Stern wants it settled now.

League owners voted Wednesday to follow the recommendation of their relocation committee and reject an aggressive bid to move the Kings, and Stern promptly announced that he hoped to have a deal in place in 48 hours with a group that wants to buy the team from the Maloof brothers.

"And now we think that because the Maloofs have overall been very good for Sacramento and the Kings and the NBA, that they will be motivated to do something fast so that the franchise can get cracking," Stern said.

The 22-8 vote by the Board of Governors rejected a deal that would have sold a 65 percent controlling interest at a total franchise valuation of $625 million to a Seattle group led by investor Chris Hansen, who boosted the offer twice after the NBA showed an unwillingness to relocate.

Now the Maloofs will try to complete a deal at Hansen's original price of $525 million — still topping the NBA record of $450 million — with a group put together by Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, a former All-Star guard, and fronted by TIBCO software chairman Vivek Ranadive. The plan includes a new downtown arena.

"The committee decided — didn't have any preconceived notions — but looking at both evenly they said that the edge went to the incumbent, so that's the way it came out," Stern said.

The vote ended an emotional saga that has dragged on for nearly three years. Hansen wanted to move the franchise and rename it the SuperSonics, who left Seattle for Oklahoma City in 2008 and were renamed the Thunder.

Hansen said in a statement posted on his website that he hoped to pursue a minority ownership role with the Maloofs, but Ranadive said his partners "haven't really considered" the Maloofs maintaining a stake in the franchise.

NBAPLAYOFFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HEAT 94
BULLS 91

MIAMI — The Miami Heat are headed back to the Eastern Conference finals.

LeBron James scored 23 points, Dwyane Wade added 18 and the Heat rallied from an 11-point second-half deficit to beat the Chicago Bulls 94-91 on Wednesday night and close out their second-round series in five games.

Chris Bosh scored 12 points and Udonis Haslem added 10 for Miami, which ran out to a 22-4 lead, then was outscored by a whopping 29 points over the next 27 minutes before recovering. The Heat outscored the Bulls 25-14 in the fourth.

Carlos Boozer finished with 26 points and 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who were without Derrick Rose for the 99th straight game. Nate Robinson and Jimmy Butler missed potential tying 3-pointers on the final possession of the season for Chicago, which dropped the last four games of the series.

GRIZZLIES 88
THUNDER 84

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Memphis Grizzlies advanced to the Western Conference finals for the first time in franchise history by beating the Oklahoma City Thunder 88-84 on Wednesday night.

Zach Randolph had 28 points and 14 rebounds, Mike Conley added 13 points and 11 assists for Memphis, the fifth seed.

Kevin Durant missed a 16-foot jumper from the left wing to tie it with 6 seconds left, finishing off a miserable shooting night for the three-time NBA scoring champion.

Durant ended up with 21 points on 5-for-21 shooting, the third-worst performance of his playoff career. The Thunder, who made it to the NBA Finals last season, were eliminated in five games. The top seed in the West went 2-6 after All-Star Russell Westbrook guard went out with a knee injury that required surgery.

Ivanovic header gives Chelsea 2-1 win over Benfica

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Branislav Ivanovic scored on a looping header from Juan Mata's corner kick in the third minute of stoppage time, and Chelsea beat Benfica 2-1 Wednesday night to win the Europa League following its Champions League title last year.

Fernando Torres put Chelsea ahead in the 60th minute, but Oscar Cardozo tied the score when he converted a penalty kick eight minutes later after a hand ball by Cesar Azpilcueta.

Chelsea earned the stoppage-time corner kick when Ramires knocked the ball off Jardel and over the end line.

Suspended for last year's Champions League final for yellow-card accumulation, Ivanonic rose between Jardel and Andre Almeida and from 8 yards headed the ball over goalkeeper Artur, who failed to move. The goal came at 2:13 of three minutes of stoppage time, and Ivanovic slid to the nearest corner flag, punched it and was mobbed by teammates.

"It's been an amazing time for all of us involved," said Frank Lampard who wore the Chelsea captain's armband in John Terry's absence. "Talk about ups and downs in the last two years! But this is a big up."

Manager Rafa Benitez led the Blues to the only major title they had not won. Benitez already has said he will leave at the end of the season, and Jose Mourinho appears likely to replace him for a second stint as Chelsea manager.

"That was a great performance in the second half, against a very good team," Benitez said. "I'm really pleased for the players and everyone involved."

Playing its 68th match of the season, Chelsea won despite missing Terry and midfielder Eden Hazard, both injured in Sunday's 2-1 Premier League victory over Aston Villa. Terry was suspended for last year's Champions League final, won on penalty kicks over Bayern Munich.

"It's a great feeling. This team deserved this because we have had a very difficult season and a lot of games," Ivanovic said. "In the end, today was a very hard game and Benfica played very well. ... We deserve that trophy."

Associated Press

Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic sits on a goal bar after his team's victory at the Europa League final soccer match between Benfica and Chelsea at Amsterdam Arena in Amsterdam on Wednesday.

ALL ON THE INSIDE

AP file photo

Jason Dufner waits his turn on the 18th fairway during the second round of The Players Championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass on May 10 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Dufner is the defending champion of the Byron Nelson Classic, which starts today in Irving.

Defending champ Dufner still shows little emotion

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Jason Dufner outwardly showed little emotion last year when he won the Byron Nelson Championship in the midst of his incredible stretch of golf.

The same goes for Dufner when things aren't going as well, such as this season.

"I don't show it, but obviously it's going on inside. I played a lot of rounds this year with frustration and anger on my mind," Dufner said Wednesday. "I've got a good way of hiding the good and the bad. But there has been more anger and frustration this year than there was last year, for sure."

His victory at the Nelson, after which there was no overwhelming outburst of excitement, capped a four-week span in which Dufner got his first two PGA Tour victories and also got married. He followed that with a runner-up finish at Colonial, a fourth-place finish at the U.S. Open and made 21 consecutive cuts to end the season.

"I don't reflect on it very much at all," he said. "Nothing is staying the same in golf. You're either getting better or you're getting worse. At this moment in time, I'm a little bit worse than I was last year."

Heading into today's opening round of the Nelson, Dufner hasn't had a top-10 finish this season and has already missed two cuts — twice as many as last year. He is coming off his worst round of the season, a closing 80 at The Players Championship with three double bogeys while never hitting a ball in the water.

The last person to win consecutive Nelsons was Tom Watson, who won three in a row from 1978-80. The only other back-to-back winners are Jack Nicklaus and Sam Snead.

A week after The Players, the Nelson field includes only six of the top 25 players in the world ranking, led No. 7 Louis Oosthuizen — who missed the cut last year in his only previous Nelson appearance.

"I would rather come in a bit more in form than coming in top-ranked player (in the field)," said Oosthuizen, the 2010 British Open champ who tied for 19th last week but hasn't made consecutive cuts in his seven PGA Tour events this year.

While Dufner might not reflect on that impressive stretch last season, the TPC Four Seasons conjures good memories and those couple of months did give him a good perspective on his potential level of play.

His return to North Texas also could revive the viral sensation of "Dufnering."

When Dufner made an appearance two months ago to promote the Nelson, there was a picture tweeted of the sleepy-eyed golfer sitting on the floor and slouched against a wall in a school classroom with kids.

Fellow golfers and others mimicked the shot with their own poses posted on Twitter. The hashtag (hash)dufnering emerged, and there are still people posting their own version.

"I was just sitting and somebody decided to take a picture and put it on the Internet. ... The guys on Tour had a go at it with me and then it went viral," he said.

Dufner said it's "extremely weird" to him to see people having their dogs and cats "Dufnering," but said the response has been good. He has seen many of the posts, and there is one that stands out.

"One guy did it up in, I think it was a C-130, where they transport tanks for the military. They had the back hatch down and he was sitting on the edge and they were up 20, 30,000 feet in the air," he said. "That was a unique spot to do it.'

14-year-old to play 2nd PGA Tour event post Masters

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Guan Tianlang is one of five amateur players being honored this week for the Byron Nelson International Junior Golf Awards.

While the other four award recipients will be watching the Byron Nelson Championship, the 14-year-old Guan — already the youngest player to make a cut on the PGA Tour — is playing in the tournament.

This is the second PGA Tour event for the eighth-grader from China since making the cut last month at the Masters. He also made the cut at New Orleans, where he first spoke with Nelson officials about playing this week.

Guan

"Always a challenge, every tournament, because this is another big event ... this is only my third start and everything is still new to me," Guan said Wednesday, a day before the Nelson's opening round. "I have to play my best and make some good score."

The youngster's impressive performance at Augusta has led to invitations to play in other events. He hopes to again be playing in the weekend rounds.

"For this week, I want to enjoy the experience, great experience here," Guan said. "And hope to, yeah, make the cut. And if I make the cut hope to play better and better."

There are two sponsor exemptions playing in this year's Nelson: Guan and 19-year-old Jordan Spieth, the Dallas native playing at TPC Four Seasons for the third time.

Spieth is playing as a pro this time, having made six of nine cuts and already won nearly $700,000 this season. As an amateur at the Nelson, he tied for 16th as a 16-year-old in 2010, then played on the same day as his high school graduation two years ago when he tied for 32nd. He played one season at the University of Texas before turning pro.

"I think it's incredible what he's doing," Spieth said about Guan. "He played beyond his years, the composure. I watched him at the Masters and honestly going into it, I thought it would be a little too much for him, and he surprised the whole world. Then to follow it up with a made cut in his second event."

Greed, not fear, behind Notre Dame's decision to not play Michigan

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

Brady Hoke was talking the way football coaches do, the way university presidents can't. Imagine, if you will, the snickering in academia if Michigan president Mary Sue Coleman, a biochemist by trade, accused her counterparts at Notre Dame of chickening out on a science fair.

Might as well go all the way and tell them their pocket protectors are two pens shy of a full load.

But when you're the football coach at Michigan, you can say pretty much anything you want to say — as long as you beat Ohio State more often than not, that is. So when Hoke suggested the other day — perhaps only half-jokingly — that Notre Dame was chickening out by abandoning its football rivalry with the Wolverines, a lot of Michigan faithful could only smile and nod in agreement.

"They're still going to play Michigan State, they're going to play Purdue, but they don't want to play Michigan," Hoke said. "I don't know how they made that decision."

Well, Brady, nobody really knows how Notre Dame makes any of its decisions. But dropping a rivalry against the university that played the Irish in ND's first-ever football game in 1887 would seem to be a mistake at first blush. The university pretty much does what it wants when it comes to football, without even bothering with a hint of white smoke coming from the stadium to signal what was done.

Still, it seemed pretty clear that with major commitments to meet as a new, though limited, member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Notre Dame's dance card was increasingly full and something had to go besides traditional games against Boston College and Pittsburgh. It sure wasn't going to be the annual tilt with Southern California that is so important to Notre Dame's recruiting.

Turns out, the Michigan contract was the easiest one to cut. Nothing more than a business decision, as most everything is in big time athletics these days.

Maybe it was just the way the Irish went about it that got Hoke talking.

One arrogant football powerhouse dismissing another arrogant football powerhouse. No thank yous for past games, or promises of future rewards.

Just a letter from Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick handed to Michigan athletic director Dave Brandon about an hour before last year's game in South Bend. Brandon was so focused on the game he didn't even read it until the next morning, when the Wolverines were headed home.

"Because I am providing you with this notice prior to the commencement of this year's football game on September, 22, 2012," Swarbrick wrote, "there is no liability to Notre Dame for cancelling those games."

With that, Notre Dame got itself off the hook, financially. A bit sneaky, sure. But college football is a business, no matter what the cabal behind the bowl system formerly-known-as-the-BCS wants you to believe. And there is no one that does football business better than Notre Dame, which even in its leanest years was always on Saturday afternoons on NBC under a lucrative contract other schools could only dream about.

The Irish are headed to the ACC with a sweetheart deal no other school could get, either. But it comes with a catch: ND must play at least five football games against ACC opponents each year, even as it retains its status as an independent.

The Notre Dame schedule is still loaded with big games because it is Notre Dame and that's what the alumni expect. But when you're so powerful you can pick and choose, there's no reason not to pick and choose.

"The math is pretty simple for us," Swarbrick said Wednesday at the ACC spring meetings.

It's not just Notre Dame, of course, that's messing with tradition. Conference realignments have either diminished or eliminated some rivalries, including the matchup between Texas and Texas A&M that stretched 118 years until last season. The frenetic search for every last dollar in the college arms race has forever altered football and basketball, and not necessarily for the better.

There is nothing pure about college football anymore; little left to separate it from the pro game except the players don't get paid. It's a business, and the best businesses are the ones that generate the most cash.

But the idea that Notre Dame is afraid to play Michigan is absurd, as Hoke himself surely realizes. Almost as absurd as saying the termination of the series is in revenge for Michigan canceling it in the first place in 1910 after, accusing the Irish of using ineligible players. Save for a couple of wartime games, the series didn't resume until 1978, so it's not as if the two teams have been battling each year since Michigan won the inaugural game in 1887 by an 8-0 score.

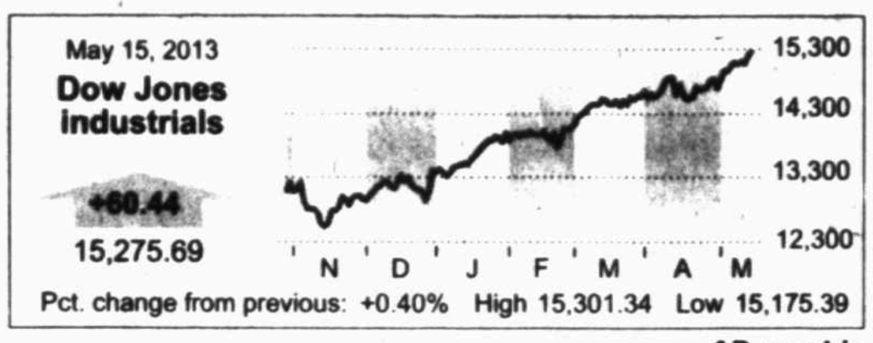
Yes, college football would be a better sport if Michigan and Notre Dame continued to square off every year. And, yes, Michigan probably had its feelings hurt by being summarily brushed aside by the Irish with little explanation.

But, no, Notre Dame didn't chicken out of a game with Michigan. If anything, what the Irish did was sell out to the highest bidder.

Unfortunately, this isn't 1887 anymore. And that's the way college football works these days.

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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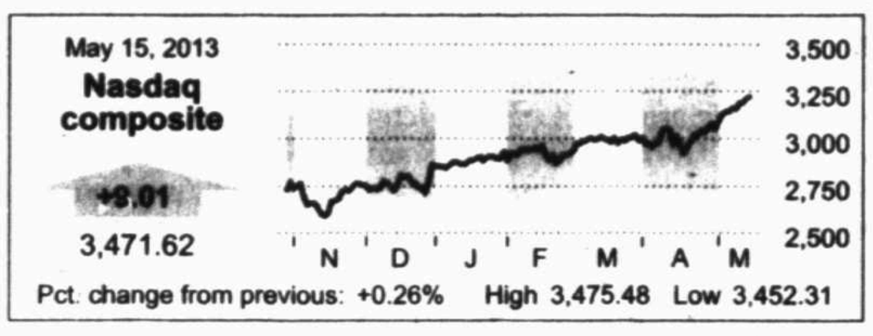

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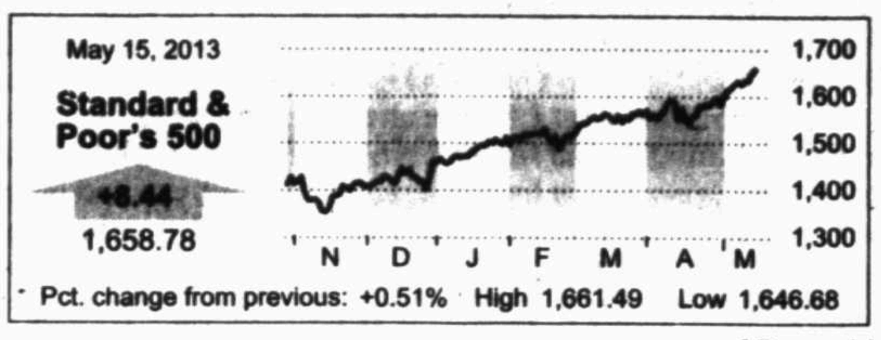

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday: $94.30
Previous: $94.21

POSTED
Wednesday: $91.00
Previous: $90.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Wednesday: $88.50
Previous: $88.00

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday: $4.070
Previous: $4.025

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1361856	13.44	+.10
S&P500ETF	1069898	166.12	+.89
iShJapn	630450	12.10	+.11
FordM	563239	14.67	+.40
iShEMkts	537374	43.39	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DaqoNE rs	6.44	+.91	+16.5
DirDGldBr	106.67	+12.79	+13.6
MarinSft n	10.62	+1.25	+13.3
ConsGph	44.35	+5.10	+13.0
CSVS3xInSlv	54.47	+5.47	+11.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DxGldBll rs	9.31	-1.49	-13.8
CS VS3xSlv	9.13	-1.13	-11.0
RioAltoM g	3.15	-.36	-10.3
CompSci	44.71	-4.78	-9.7
FMajSilv g	10.24	-1.01	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,678
Declined	1,394
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,172
New Highs	536
New Lows	27
Volume	3,580,664,930

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	53976	6.49	-.50
NA Pall g	40369	1.01	-.06
AlldNevG	38147	7.82	-1.04
NovaGld g	36819	2.25	-.12
CFCda g	33422	15.60	-.60

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ever-Glory	2.89	+.63	+27.9
OverhillF	4.96	+.60	+13.8
eMagin	3.90	+.47	+13.7
Flanign	8.70	+.80	+10.1
Arrhythm	2.50	+.22	+9.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DGSE	3.98	-.57	-12.6
AlldNevG	7.82	-1.04	-11.7
TwoHrb wt	2.25	-.25	-10.0
IndiaGC rs	2.25	-.25	-10.0
MAG Slv g	6.45	-.63	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	158
Declined	256
Unchanged	33
Total issues	447
New Highs	27
New Lows	24
Volume	93,456,028

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	1102458	3.53	+.08
Zynga	556946	3.48	+.14
Microsoft	438862	33.85	+.32
Cisco	423673	21.21	-.06
Intel	320341	24.20	+.36

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MayflwBcp	17.75	+7.08	+66.4
CmstkHldg	3.28	+.77	+30.7
GeneticT h	3.00	+.54	+22.0
YRC Wwde	19.22	+3.40	+21.5
ApricusBio	3.00	+.48	+19.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ExOne n	41.15	-7.45	-15.3
ChiAutL rs	3.13	-.47	-13.1
ChHousLd	2.32	-.26	-10.1
Questcor	38.39	-4.01	-9.5
Willdan	2.31	-.24	-9.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,385
Declined	1,076
Unchanged	119
Total issues	2,580
New Highs	302
New Lows	17
Volume	1,772,890,869

Energy regulator dodges ethics reform, will keep agency name

By Jeannie Kever
Houston Chronicle

For the second session in a row, efforts to revamp the state agency in charge of regulating oil and gas producers have died in the Texas Legislature.

That means the Texas Railroad Commission won't get a new name — it hasn't had anything to do with railroads since 2005 — and recommended ethics changes won't go into effect.

Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, who sponsored the House version of the bill and chairs the 12-member Sunset Advisory Commission, on Wednesday blamed lobbying by the three-member Railroad Commission and their supporters.

"The aggressive lobbying of Railroad Commissioners was successful in convincing members (of the House) that the Railroad Commission wants no change on their ethics or otherwise," he said.

The Senate approved a bill based on recommendations from the Sunset Advisory Commission, but Bonnen's companion bill never made it out of the House Energy Resources Committee.

A spokeswoman for the Railroad Commission did not return telephone and email messages Wednesday.

The Sunset Advisory Commission regularly reviews state agencies and recommends changes, which are then sent to the Legislature for action. The Railroad Commission first came up for review two years ago, but the bill failed to pass then, too.

Agencies that don't pass Sunset review are generally reauthorized for at least an additional two years in a schedule bill — that's what happened with the Railroad Commission after the 2011 session — but Bonnen said Wednesday he doesn't know what will happen next.

"There are no guarantees it will go in the safety-net bill," he said.

Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, said this year's failure was a surprise.

"Along with passing the budget, reauthorizing state agencies is one of the fundamental things the Legislature is supposed to do," he said. "They had already failed to do it last session. You would think they would have worked out the problems."

Although reauthorization through the Sunset process can be controversial, it's unusual for an agency not to make it through on the first try.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of Public Citizen Texas, said this is the first time in 30 years he can remember an agency failing Sunset review twice.

He suggested the issue is a reflection of the power of the oil and gas industry.

"The oil and gas industry really runs Texas," Smith said.

The Railroad Commission has adopted some changes suggested by the Sunset Commission, and Railroad Commissioners have said they agree with some of the others.

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>
> **Rep. Dennis Bonnen**, R-Angleton

That included renaming the agency to better reflect its mission.

The Railroad Commission regulates oil and gas drilling and production, as well as coal and uranium mining and pipeline safety.

Its role has drawn more scrutiny as shale drilling accelerates across the state, with environmentalists and community activists worried that inadequate oversight could put residents at risk.

Exploration and production companies also want to be sure the agency can respond quickly to their needs.

The Sunset Commission suggested the agency be renamed the Texas Energy Resources Commission; members of the Railroad Commission preferred Texas Energy Commission.

Even the name change proved controversial, as some legislators wanted to keep the old name.

But that paled in comparison to the battle over the ethics reforms.

The Sunset Commission recommended requiring Railroad Commissioners to resign before running for another office and limiting when, and from whom, they could collect campaign contributions. That was considered important because they draw contributions so heavily from the oil and gas industry, which they regulate.

Most other state agencies use the State Office of Administrative Hearings to settle disputes, but the railroad commissioners are the final arbiters for disagreements involving oil and gas issues.

The three commissioners protested the proposed ethics recommendations, and several members of the Energy Resources Committee appeared to agree, peppering Bonnen with questions during a four-hour hearing in late March.

Committee member Tom Craddick, R-Midland, is the father of Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick. He did not return a telephone call from the Chronicle on Wednesday.

Bonnen had urged that the restrictions stay in place throughout the lengthy hearings.

"I think we have a real problem with Railroad Commissioners raising funds from people with cases before them," he said Wednesday. "I think the people of Texas want transparency."

Oil back above $94

The price of oil rose back above $94 Wednesday after dropping earlier on disappointing economic reports from Europe and the U.S.

Benchmark oil for June delivery was up 9 cents to finish at $94.30 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell as low as $92.13 in the morning before rising in tandem with U.S. stock markets.

Recently the stock market and, to a lesser degree, the oil market have shrugged off reports of sluggish economic growth, because it suggests that the Federal Reserve will keep pumping money into financial markets.

New figures released Wednesday showed the eurozone's economy continued to contract in the first quarter, keeping it in recession for a sixth consecutive quarter. And a report in the U.S. showed factories cut back sharply on production in April, suggesting economic growth may be slowing this spring.

That dreary economic news initially overshadowed the latest data from the Energy Department showing that oil supplies declined unexpectedly last week.

Crude supplies declined by 600,000 barrels, or 0.2 percent, to 394.9 million barrels, in the week ended May 10. Analysts expected an increase of 300,000 barrels. Still, demand for gasoline and distillates such as diesel remain below year-ago levels.

Gold prices drop

Gold for June delivery fell $28.30 to settle at $1,396.20 an ounce, a decline of 2 percent.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $42.24 Down 0.22

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $81.04 Down 1.47

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $36.68 Up 0.65

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $29.48 Up 0.61

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.90 Down 0.49

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.65 Down 0.13

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.20 Up 0.77

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $7.50 Up 0.50

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	28	37.53	+.30	+11.3
Abraxas	...	...	2.38	-.01	+8.7
ActivsBliz	.19f	14	14.90	-.24	+40.3
AdamsEx	.67e	...	12.26	+.04	+15.8
AMD	...	...	4.38	+.12	+82.5
AlonUSA	.24f	7	17.80	+.03	-1.6
AmIntlGrp	...	36	45.58	-.50	+29.1
Amgen	1.88	18	107.42	-.52	+24.6
Anadarko	.36	64	88.17	-.60	+18.7
Apache	.80f	18	81.89	-1.14	+4.3
ApolloInv	.80	11	8.67	-.20	+3.7
Apple Inc	12.20f	10	428.85	-15.01	-19.4
ApldMatl	.40f	...	14.80	+.01	+29.4
ArmourRsd	.84m	8	5.85	-.04	-9.6
ATMOS	1.40	17	44.52	+.10	+26.8
AutoData	1.74	24	71.74	+.93	+26.0
BP PLC	2.16	6	42.98	-.13	+3.2
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	17.02	-.02	+11.4
BakrHu	.60	17	46.01	-.57	+12.6
BkofAm	.04	31	13.44	+.10	+15.8
BariPVix rs	...	...	18.35	+.15	-42.3
BarrickG	.80	6	19.44	-1.06	-44.5
BasicEnSv	...	30	14.01	-.02	+22.8
BerkHa A	...	19	168940.00	-327.00	+26.0
BerryPet	.32	14	44.67	-.30	+33.1
BlkHillsCp	1.52	18	49.34	+.21	+35.8
BostonSci	...	...	9.10	+.40	+58.8
BrMySq	1.40	47	44.34	+2.13	+37.5
BrownFA s	1.02a	28	73.01	-.06	+18.7
BrownFB s	1.02a	27	72.99	+1.04	+15.4
CVS Care	.90	19	60.35	+.28	+24.8
Cameron	...	20	63.26	-.20	+12.0
Caterpillar	2.08	12	87.00	-.55	-2.9
Celestic g	...	21	8.93	+.23	+9.6
Cemex	.32t	...	12.41	+.38	+30.8
CntryLink	2.16m	27	37.85	+.11	-3.2
ChesEng	.35	...	20.66	-.10	+24.3
Chevron	4.00f	9	123.01	-.99	+13.8
Chicos	.22	18	19.58	+.26	+6.1
Cimarex	.56f	18	69.86	-1.09	+21.0
Cisco	.68f	12	21.21	-.06	+7.9
Citigroup	.04	15	51.34	+1.25	+29.8
ClayEng	...	...	42.24	-.22	+5.6
CocaCola s	1.12	23	42.92	+.40	+18.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPal	2.72f	25	124.55	+1.20	+19.1
ConAgra	1.00	25	36.16	+.47	+22.6
ConchoRes	...	20	81.04	-1.47	+.6
ConocoPhil	2.64	10	62.42	-.64	+7.6
CrackerB	2.00	18	87.04	+.76	+35.4
CrosTim	2.03e	13	29.26	-.07	+8.7
DCP Mid	2.80f	40	50.23	+.36	+20.3
DTE	2.62f	18	71.39	+.71	+18.9
Dataram rs	...	...	3.86	-.27	+94.9
Dawson	...	26	36.68	+.65	+39.0
DeltaAir	.24	17	18.96	+.71	+59.7
DevonE	.88f	...	58.76	-.69	+12.9
Disney	.75f	20	67.67	+.20	+35.9
DowChm	1.28	43	35.34	+.41	+9.3
EMC Cp	...	19	23.02	+.02	-9.0
EOG Res	.75	50	134.69	-1.98	+11.5
EmpDist	1.00	17	22.83	+.29	+12.0
Energen	.58	17	50.86	-.48	+12.8
EngyTsfr	3.58	11	50.16	+.05	+16.8
EnPro	...	25	50.01	+.12	+22.3
EntPrPt	2.68f	22	61.59	+.20	+23.0
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.52	+.19	+24.0
ExterranH	...	...	29.16	+.11	+33.0
ExxonMbl	2.52f	9	91.24	+.13	+5.4
Facebook n	...	...	26.60	-.47	-.1
FordM	.40	11	14.67	+.40	+13.3
ForestOil	...	16	5.20	+.09	-22.3
FMCG	1.25	10	31.76	+.19	-7.1
FrozenFd h	...	...	1.69	+.14	+89.9
GATX	1.24	22	53.85	+.18	+24.4
GabMultT	.80	...	9.74	+.06	+24.1
GAInv	2.00e	...	32.79	+.12	+17.9
GenElec	.76	17	23.24	+.23	+10.7
GenMotors	...	11	32.31	+.76	+12.1
GileadSci s	...	32	56.36	+.11	+53.5
GtPlainEn	.87	16	24.41	+.32	+20.2
Groupon	...	...	6.86	-.03	+41.2
HalconRes	...	...	6.62	+.19	-4.3
Hallibrtn	.50f	16	44.13	-.07	+27.2
Heinz	2.06	24	72.47	+.05	+25.6
HewlettP	.58f	...	20.97	-.55	+47.2
iShGold	...	...	13.54	-.31	-16.8
iShJapn	.19e	...	12.10	+.11	+24.1
iShSilver	...	...	21.76	-.81	-25.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.74e	...	43.39	+.01	-2.2
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	63.05	+.27	+10.9
iShR2K	1.70e	...	98.20	+.20	+16.5
IntegrysE	2.72	13	61.34	+1.05	+17.5
Intel	.90	12	24.20	+.36	+17.4
InterDig	.40a	8	47.19	...	+14.8
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	51.09	+.86	+17.0
JohnJn	2.64f	24	87.64	+.67	+25.0
KimbClk	3.24	23	104.62	-.44	+23.9
KindME	5.20f	51	89.17	+.63	+11.8
KindMM	5.20t	...	87.02	+.62	+15.3
Kinross g	.16	...	5.28	-.06	-45.7
LegacyRes	2.30f	23	26.90	-.49	+13.0
Lubys	...	32	7.27	-.07	+8.7
MEMC	...	...	6.33	+.44	+97.2
MGIC	...	...	6.20	+.09	+133.1
MktVGold	.46e	...	27.40	-1.31	-40.9
McDnlds	3.08	19	101.95	+.75	+15.6
Merck	1.72	22	46.73	+.08	+14.1
MeritMed	...	30	10.08	-.09	-27.5
MexcoEn	...	...	5.65	-.13	-12.2
MicronT	...	...	10.87	+.22	+71.5
Microsoft	.92	17	33.85	+.32	+26.7
Molycorp	...	...	6.76	-.23	-28.4
MorgStan	.20	41	24.86	+.59	+30.0
Nabors	.16	...	16.01	+.08	+10.8
NBGreece	...	...	1.69	+.15	-5.6
NatGrid	3.17e	...	64.25	-.20	+11.9
NOilVarco	.52	12	68.19	+.15	-.2
NokiaCp	...	...	3.75	+.11	-5.1
NvMAd	.80a	...	14.51	-.06	-4.6
NvPMI	.88	...	14.53	-.07	-2.6
NuvPi	.86	...	14.32	-.04	-4.3
NSTFI3	.63a	...	14.60	+.06	-.1
NTXQI	.70	...	15.58	...	-1.6
OcciPet	2.56	17	90.93	-.10	+18.7
Oracle	.24	16	33.99	+.32	+2.0
ParTech	...	...	3.99	+.14	-18.6
ParkDrl	...	37	4.44	-.04	-3.5
PattUTI	.20	13	22.21	-.40	+19.2
Penney	...	...	18.97	+.35	-3.8
PennaRE	.72f	...	21.50	+.13	+21.9
Prmian	.83e	14	12.58	-.30	+2.6
Pfizer	.96	16	29.56	+.16	+17.9
PioNtrl	.08	...	138.83	-1.12	+30.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PlainsAA s	2.30f	18	58.28	-.41	+28.8
PwShs QQQ	.86e	...	73.67	+.15	+13.1
Praxair	2.40	21	115.12	+.84	+5.2
PrmEgy	...	6	29.66	-1.74	+29.0
PrUVxST rs	...	...	5.86	+.08	-72.0
ProctGam	2.41f	20	80.68	+1.21	+18.8
RangeRs	.16	...	75.73	-.23	+20.5
RegionsFn	.12f	11	9.14	+.14	+28.2
RschMotn	...	15	15.00	-.25	+26.4
RiteAid	...	...	2.55	+.02	+87.5
Rowan	...	24	34.74	-.15	+11.1
RoyDShllA	3.60f	8	67.56	-1.29	-2.0
SpdrDJIA	3.41e	...	152.78	+.65	+17.0
SpdrGold	...	...	134.63	-3.18	-16.9
S&P500ETF	3.18e	...	166.12	+.89	+16.6
SabnR	3.70e	15	53.58	-.63	+34.7
SanderFm	.68	27	64.98	+.21	+36.7
SandRdge	...	...	5.28	+.09	-16.9
Sapient	...	24	11.19	+.03	+6.0
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	75.68	-1.18	+9.2
Schwab	.24	28	18.98	+.23	+32.2
SigmaAld	.86	22	82.94	+1.46	+12.7
SiriusXM	.05e	7	3.53	+.08	+22.1
Smucker	2.08	22	104.01	...	+20.6
SwstAirl	.16f	28	14.34	+.36	+40.0
SprintNex	...	...	7.25	-.01	+27.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SPDR Fncl	.27e	...	19.82	+.18	+20.9
StdPac	...	6	9.49	-.32	+29.1
SunocoLog	2.29f	14	62.94	+.25	+26.6
SunPwr h	...	40	20.65	+1.62	+267.4
TelefEsp	...	...	14.36	+.10	+6.4
Tesoro	.80	10	58.15	+1.44	+32.0
3M Co	2.54	18	111.50	+.91	+20.1
Torchmark	.68	12	65.37	+.48	+26.9
TriContl	.69e	...	18.62	+.09	+16.0
TylerTech	...	62	67.17	+1.34	+38.7
UBWV	1.24	17	26.61	+.37	+9.3
Vale SA	.78e	...	15.88	-.45	-24.2
ValeroE	.80b	9	39.81	+.80	+16.7
VangEmg	1.05e	...	44.05	-.04	-1.1
VulcanM	.04	...	54.93	+.20	+5.5
Walgrn	1.10	22	50.03	+.44	+35.2
WellsFargo	1.20f	11	39.30	+.54	+15.0
WstnRefin	.48	6	31.18	+1.00	+10.6
WhitingPet	...	13	45.99	-.30	+6.0
WmsCos	1.36f	40	36.74	+.11	+12.2
WTJpHedg	.55e	...	51.75	+.70	+40.3
XcelEngy	1.08	15	30.33	+.30	+13.6
Xerox	.23f	9	9.00	+.08	+32.0
Yahoo	...	8	27.34	+.70	+37.4
Zynga	...	...	3.48	+.14	+47.5

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
15,219.55	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	15,275.69	+60.44	+.40	+16.57	+21.25
6,466.71	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	6,519.88	+54.10	+.84	+22.86	+27.83
537.86	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	516.29	+3.46	+.67	+13.95	+10.49
9,518.56	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	9,551.42	+35.56	+.37	+13.12	+25.80
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,430.85	-3.39	-.14	+3.19	+8.29
3,468.67	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,471.62	+9.01	+.26	+14.97	+20.79
1,651.10	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,658.78	+8.44	+.51	+16.31	+25.21
17,436.51	13,248.92	Wilshire 5000	17,514.74	+84.01	+.48	+16.80	+25.89
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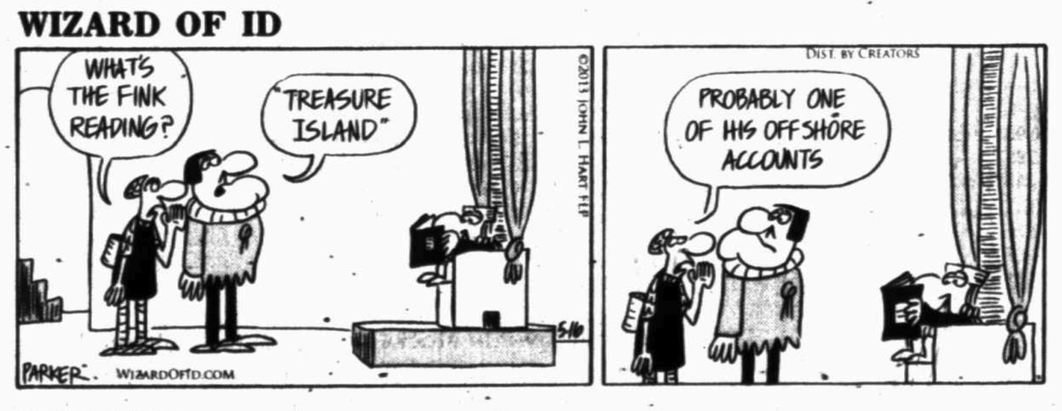

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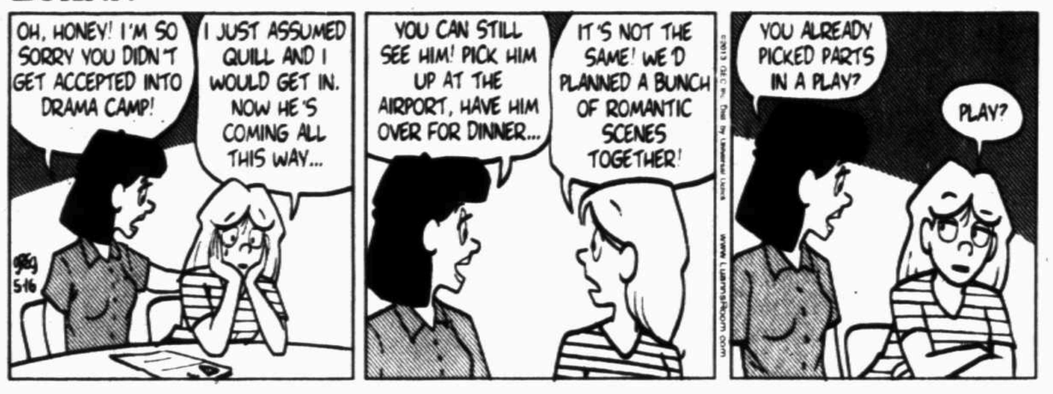

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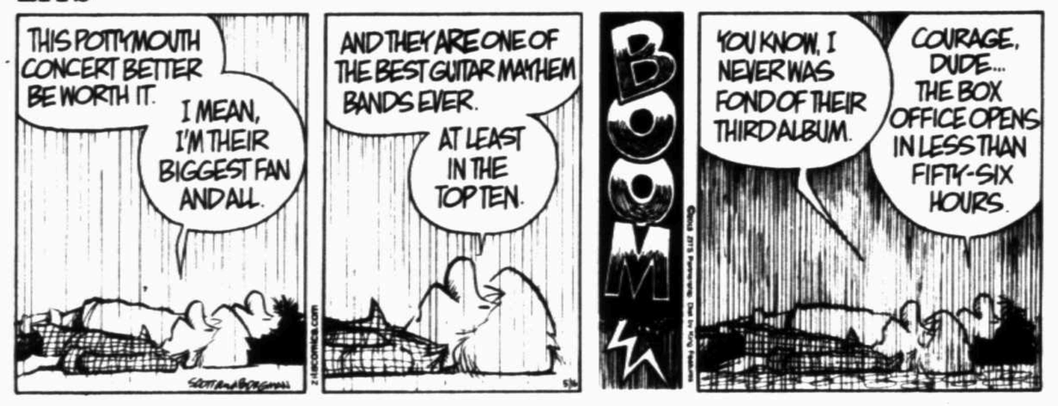

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"Since you all have bad head colds and you can't taste anything anyway, we're having some really ancient leftovers."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I MADE BREAKFAST. MOM'S SICK."

"WAS SHE SICK BEFORE, OR AFTER, SHE ATE WHAT YOU COOKED?"

LOCKHORNS

"SPOILER ALERT! THESE ARE LEFTOVERS."

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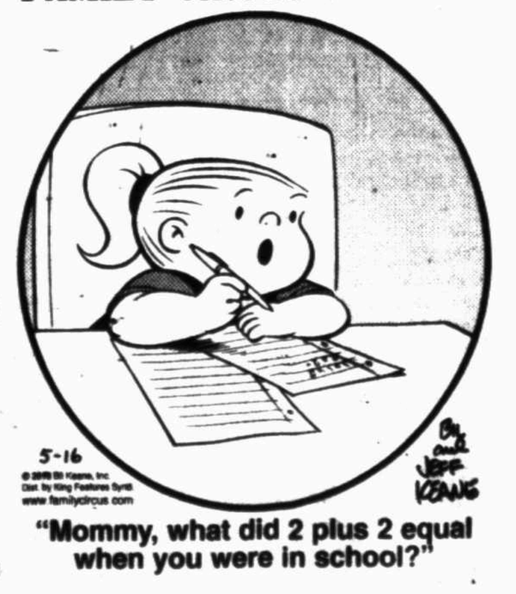


"Mommy, what did 2 plus 2 equal when you were in school?"

Kurt Busch strives to stay calm

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kurt Busch started from the pole at Darlington Raceway and led 69 laps before his car began to fade. When it did, it triggered some of that salty language Busch is notorious for using on his in-car radio.

But the worst of it was still tame by Busch's standards — something he's been working on this year.

"Everything has been nice this year. Even though we've had some moments, like a dispute with Tony Stewart, it seemed to blow over," Busch said. "I'm just looking for a level line of emotions."

Emotions have often gotten the best of Busch, and it was this time last year when things started to unravel for the 2004 NASCAR champion.

NASCAR fined him $50,000 for reckless driving on pit road at Darlington and a post-race altercation with Ryan Newman's crew members. It sent him into the All-Star Race in a surly mood, and he quickly grew impatient with reporters attempting to talk to him about the NASCAR penalties and Newman's accusation that Busch had a "chemical imbalance."

"This is good for our sport. This is WWE-type action," Busch snapped. "This is fun. This is entertainment, right guys?"

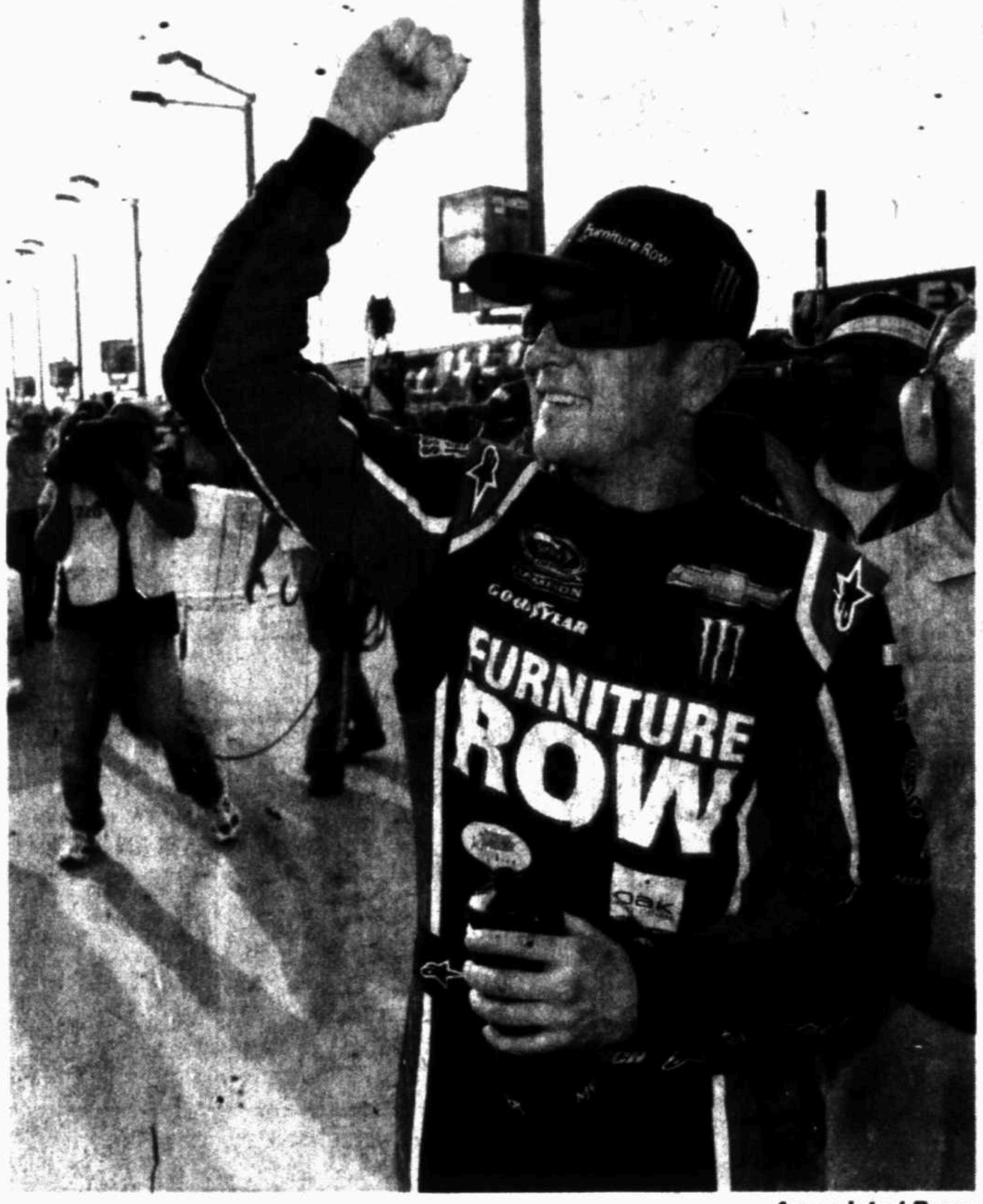
Three weeks later, Busch was suspended for one race for verbally abusing a reporter following the Nationwide Series race at Dover.

He's not had the same kind of problems this year. As he heads into Saturday night's All-Star race, Busch is fairly drama-free.

That incident with Stewart he considers the only speed bump of the season occurred after the race at Richmond, when Stewart angrily banged into Busch's car on the cool-down laps because contact between the two on the final restart knocked Stewart out of the groove.

They exchanged words back in the garage, with Busch insisting the closing laps "were a free-for-all" and he did nothing wrong.

So the focus now has to be on his racing, which has been decent this year with Furniture Row Racing. Although he doesn't have the finishes to show for it, he's been running near the front and in position to pull off some big finishes of late.



Associated Press

Driver Kurt Busch celebrates May 10 after learning he won the pole and broke the track record with a speed of 181.918 mph during qualifying for the NASCAR Sprint Cup series race at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C.

"We keep gaining traction each week," Busch said. "We've been all over the map for results, but at the end of the day, there's been a solid, linear line of progression with speed, with team communication and just finding little things on the car to make it faster. It's always a matter of tying it together for a full race."

Busch has two top-five finishes, three top-10s, has led 108 laps and is 18th in the Sprint Cup standings. He might have won Talladega two weeks ago if not for a late accident that sent his car airborne.

Busch just wants his No. 78 team to be in position more often to run for wins.

"We want to find more," he said. "It's good that we have these chances, but we want to have more."

RACING TO WIN: Martin Truex Jr. has won the fan vote before to advance into the Sprint All-Star Race, and as Saturday night's event nears, he's among the top-five vote-getters.

Only Truex has no intention of relying on ballots to race for $1 million at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

His goal is to win the Sprint Showdown, the qualifying race before the All-Star race. The top two finishers of the Showdown and fan vote winner all move on to the All-Star race.

F1 drivers skeptical about penalty points proposals

Associated Press

Formula One is still in preliminary discussions over whether to implement a new penalty system that would in essence punish drivers for each infringement until they total too many points and get hit with a race ban.

Motor sport's governing body, FIA, has not presented an official format describing how the system would work. Drivers, however, already have some opinions on the issue.

"I don't like it. I don't know, maybe I'm a little bit too old fashioned," three-time defending champion Sebastian Vettel said during the Spanish Grand Prix recently. "I think from a driver's point of view, we've been pushing for penalties, and right now we are probably in a situation where we have more penalties than we would like, so it's a little bit of a vicious circle."

Last season, French driver Romain Grosjean was given a one-race ban for causing a crash at the Spa GP that sent Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton and Sergio Perez off the track at the first corner. The Lotus driver was involved in several crashes by driving too aggressively into the first corner, earning him a reputation as a reckless driver.

Grosjean, who has contained his aggression this season, is wary about the plan coming into fruition.

"For the time being, it's only been a supposition. We'll have to see how it's put into place and what the possibilities are," Grosjean said. "You can't lose points for driving too fast in the pit lane or things like that. So the catalog (of rules), if it were to happen, would need to be properly established."

Drivers remain somewhat in the dark about the proposals. A race ban could happen, for example, if a driver accumulated 12 penalty points.

"Until they come up with a proper system and we understand how it's going to work, it's hard to really know if it's going to be a good or bad thing," Toro Rosso driver Daniel Ricciardo said. "In some respects, it would be nice to know what a penalty is. Instead of: 'Will I get a drive-through? Will I get a 10-place grid penalty for doing something wrong?'"

There were other incidents of dangerous driving last season with Hamilton and Felipe Massa right on the limit when they drove against each other. But defining what is punishable confuses drivers.

"I think you have the potential of (penalty) points for some things that are not entirely in our hands and at the end of the day the consequence could be very big," Vettel said. "I don't know if that's the idea. If you want to adapt a system that everybody uses on the road, there might be some logic behind it, but at the end of the day we are not driving on the road, we are racing."

Ricciardo said he fears the system could lead to excessive scrutiny.

"Sometimes you have to say: 'It's a pure racing incident' and not investigate all the time," he said. "It's going to be very complex because then you've got things like an unsafe pit release (which has) got nothing to do with the driver."

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

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To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

Minor League Baseball scorekeepers needed
What: Baseball Info Solutions needs scorekeepers for Midland RockHounds games
Qualifications: Demonstrate knowledge of baseball and baseball scorekeeping, computer proficiency and the ability to learn and use the provided software, and regular ability to attend nSight and weekend games in person
For more info: Contact Don Masi at milb.scorers@yahoo.com or phone 210-471-1676 for information and website. All inquiries will be answered.

Basketball

Elite Hoops Training
When: May
Cost: 1 hr. session $55 per person (private lesson); 1 hr. session $40 per person (2 persons); 1 hr. session $30 per person (3-5 persons)
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant, venzanteddie@yahoo.com or 432-254-6894

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

West Texas Varsity Team Camp
When: June 21-23
Where: San Angelo
For: Boys and girls varsity and junior varsity players
Deadline: June 14
Cost: $275
For more info: Contact Chris Cardenas, cardenas_chris@yahoo.com

7th Annual WT High School Summer Shootout
When: July 6-7
Where: San Angelo
For: Boys and girls varsity and junior varsity players
Cost: $225, 3-game guarantee
Deadline: July 1
For more info: Contact Chris Cardenas, cardenas_chris@yahoo.com

Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp
When: June 10-13
For: Incoming grades 1st through 9th
When: 1st-3rd grades, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Rusk Elementary; 4th-6th grades, Noon-2:30 p.m., Lee HS gym; 7th-9th grades, 3-5:30 p.m., Lee HS Gym
Cost: $75 pre-registration; $80 on-side registration
For more info: Call Coach Packer at 689-1643

Tall City Classic Basketball Tournament
When: June 14-16
For: Boys and girls 3rd grade through varsity; Men's division
Deadline: June 3
Cost: Men's division, $150 per team; Youth division, $150; $125 per team for groups bringing two teams; $100 per team bringing 3 or more teams
For more info: Contact Earl Davis at 349-8052

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Texas Tech Golf Camps
When: June 6-9
Where: The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Cost: $650 for overnight campers; $500 for day campers
For more info: Go to texastechsportscamps.com/golf/index.php

Big Spring Country Club Parent-Child
When: June 1-2
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Format: 2-person scramble
For more info: Call 267-5354

James Bird Memorial Golf Tournament
When: June 1-2
Where: Big Lake Golf Course
Cost: $300 per team
For more info: Call 325-884-2633 or 325-650-5080; email biglake-golf@hotmail.com

Crossroads of West Texas Classic
When: June 21-23
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Cost: $200 per team
For more info: Call 267-5354 or the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641

Ice Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: MCM Ice, Odessa
When: May through August
What: Hockey 101 Skills and Drill every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m., for beginners to advanced. Power skating every Saturday, 13 year olds, 8:30-10 a.m., 14 year olds, 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Cost: $15 per class, helmet required
For more info: Contact jaxyouthhockey@hotmail.com or call 661-3453

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile
For more info: Call 685-7355

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday-Monday, Wednesday through Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday, The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 8-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; TBD Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season, no experience necessary
For: Participants 16 years and older, need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes, watch
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

21st Annual Nasty Boys Juneteenth Softball Tournament
When: June 14-16
Where: Washington Park
For more info: Contact Tank at 296-1962; Gerald at 296-9887 or Jarvis at 296-2206

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors.
Where: Lee High School tennis courts
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Special Event Feb. 16-17; Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

WTTA/USPTA Junior Circuit
For: Boys and girls singles players, ages 10-18
When: June 22, July 20, Sept. 18, Oct. 10
Register: By the Thursday before each event
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Contact Lance or Kathy at 694-6321

Midland Tennis Club
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club for all ages, all levels. Tournaments are free for members. Non-members may play by paying a tournament fee.
When: May 25-26; June 15-16; July 13-14; Aug. 17-18; Sept. 14-15; Sept. 21-22; Nov. 16-17
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: $65 Adults, $30 Youths, $140 Families
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Volleyball

Midland High Volleyball Camp
When: June 3-5
Where: Midland High School large gym
For: Incoming 4th-9th graders
Cost: 4th-6th grades, $50; 7th-9th grades, $60
For more info: Contact Amanda Lopez at 689-1133 or amlopez@midlandisd.net

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

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Lost & Found

FOUND DOG small brown male part Daschund part ? In Grassland Estates West area. Call 432-254-7202

Found Dog Sunday. Cowden Park area. Long haired Chihuahua, Tan, Definably inside lap dog, 432-697-8567.

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432-853-1273
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@ 7:30pm,
Midland Lodge #623
2nd & 4th Thurs.
7:30pm
Centennial Lodge #1448
1st & 3rd Sat.
8:30am
Did you know Red Skelton was a Master Mason?

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Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale Date is Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 11 a.m.
Aztec Storage Center
1131 E. 52nd Street
Odessa, TX 79762

#57 Kordell Nails — Household Goods

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"Solving Midland-Odessa's Transportation Challenges"
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
MIDLAND-ODESSA TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (MOTOR)

MOTOT, a federal, state and locally recognized organization that addresses the region's transportation planning priorities, will conduct its regularly scheduled Policy Board Public Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013, at the following time and location:

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

MOTOR will also conduct a **Public Meeting** on this date beginning at **5:15 p.m.**, to receive comments from the public concerning the proposed amendment to the 2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is a long-range transportation planning document that coordinates the planing and construction of federally and state funded transportation projects in the Cities of Odessa and Midland, as well as Ector and Midland Counties.

Each attendee will have the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions by participating in the public comment portion of the meeting or by written comments. Such comments and suggested solutions will assist MOTOR staff with the planning and environmental decisions associated with this plan. The draft MPT Amendment will be available for public review beginning Tuesday, May 21, 2013 through Monday, June 3, 2013, at the following locations:

City of Midland-City Secretary's Office
300 North Loraine Street
Midland, Texas 79701

Midland County Public Library
301 West Missouri St.
Midland, Texas 79701

Midland-Odessa Transportation
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

City of Odessa-City Secretary's Office
411 W. 8th Street
Odessa, Texas 79761.

Ector County Public Library
321 W. 5th Street
Odessa, Texas 79761

TxDOT-Odessa District Office
3901 E. Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761

MOTOR MPO Website: www.motormpo.com

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Verbal and written comments from the public may be submitted either in person at the MOTOR MPO Office, 9601 Wright Drive, Midland, Texas 79706, by website www.motormpo.com, or by mail:

Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)
P.O. Box 60916
Midland, Texas 79711

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact MOTOR Offices at 432-617-0129, Ext. 1006. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs.

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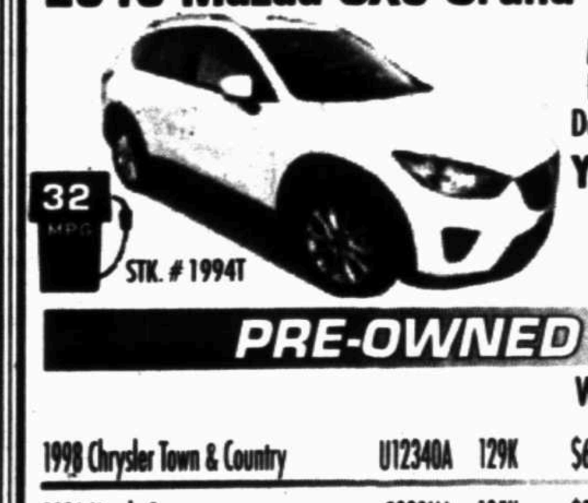

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Fast growing Oil Field Service company. Seeking Field Techs/Service Hands. good benefits, competive pay. Previous Oilfield Experience a plus. Class A Or B CDL a plus. Pay depending upon experience. 903-841-0993 or fax resume 903-236-8802

I&E Technician
WTG Jameson Gas Plant FT
I&E Tech needed to work at WTG Jameson Gas Plant in Silver, Texas. Experience with 480V 3ph electrical services and abilify to troubleshoot, calibrate and install electrical and pneumatic process control devices required. Please fax resume to 325- 453-2109.

SKILLED LABOR

Journeyman Electrician
Confidential FT
Journeyman Electrician for residential and commercial service work. $24 plus an hour DOE with benefits. M- 28 , Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Journeyman Plumber
Confidential FT
Journeyman Plumber needed for new commercial. Join our growing company. Please call Superior Plumbing 432-687-5905, M-39721.

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Multiple Positions
JW Williams, a URS Flint Company, is now hiring for 6G Code Welders, Assembly Hands, and Forklift Operators. We offer full benefits. Please apply in person at 12808 West County Rd. 91 Midland, TX 79707.

Plant Operator
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Midland, TX 79701
Now Accepting Resumes For Plant Operator @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NW of Stanton, TX. Excellent Salary, Paid Vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401k. Please Send Resume To: Plant Supervisor 11703 E. FM 846 Coahoma, TX 79511 or Fax (432) 399-4290 or Email carcher@wtggas.com.

Plumber Helpers
Carroll Plumbing FT
Plumber Helpers needed, self motivated. EXPERIENC preferred. To apply come by 1207 S. Garfield Call 432-687-4507.

PUMP TECHNICIAN
QUINN'S PUMP INC. FT
Seeking a Warehouse/Shop Supervisor. Experience in a machine shop environment is necessary. Ability to train and develop new personnel as needed, while maintaining high standards of quality, efficiency and safety. Quinn's offers a great benefit package along with paid vacation and 401K. Salary DOE. If you are interested in the position, please stop by our office @ 3611 East Hwy. 158, Midland, TX, to apply or contact Bobby Hale. Serious inquiries only!

Welders
M & D Welding FT
Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus & Drivers License a must. Salary DOE. Please call for application at 432-520-3853 or 432-638-8266.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**

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Drivers
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Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Please call 1-800-321-5558.

Drivers
VACUUM TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED "IMMEDIATELY" (Odessa/ Pecos) HIRING NOW!!!!! CDL DRIVERS Tankers Endorsement needed for vacuum trucks! Great Weekly Pay! 90-100 hrs a week. Great equipment, Medical Benefits, Get to go home after every shift. Shifts are 12 hrs. 7-7. Must have 2 years experience, live in Midland/Odessa or surrounding areas. Please come by 3404 W. Illinois Ste. 204 or call Beverly @ (432) 262-3403

HELPERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking Helper for Route Delivery for the Midland, TX. area. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage. Please call 1-800-321-5558.

Pickup Trucks

CHEVY 2005 Silverado Crew Cab 2500 Heavy Duty. 52K miles, bedliner, toolbox and grillguard. Silver outside, charcoal inside. New Alpine CD Player/Radio. Asking $17,500 OBO. Call 432-386-7105

CHEVY 2007 Avalanche LT 4X4, leather, Navigation. B&B Auto 683-6222 or 559-4977

FORD 2004 F150 Super Crew XLT V8. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

FORD 2007 F-150/V6 STX, 74k miles, white, running boards & towing packing, excellent condition, $13,300, 432-889-3907.

FORD 2012 F-350, 4 wheel drive welding truck, $55,000, 832-799-8468.

NISSAN 2004 Titan, crew cab, 4x4, lift kit. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

NISSAN 2009 Titan, 4 door, 5.6L SE. Great condition. Call Jacob for details 432-312-0521.

4WD & SUV

1986 FORD Bronco II 4x4, V6 5 speed manual, low miles, 76,600 miles. Red. Very good condition. $3,500. 432-687-4454 432-352-7933

2006 LEXUS GX 470, fully loaded, low mileage, price $23,500. 432-553-4496

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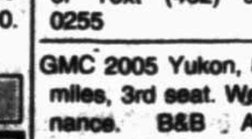
CADILLAC 2007 Escalade, loaded. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

FORD 2004 Expedition, 3rd row seat, warranty. We Finance. B&B Auto 683-6222.



GMC 2004 YUKON 2WD 4.8L Auto, 98K miles, White with Gray Cloth, Very Nice, $11,500, Midland, Call or Text (432) 557-0255

GMC 2005 Yukon, 86k miles, 3rd seat. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

GMC 2011 Yukon Denali excellent condition, sand color, garaged, loaded, 26k miles, $43,900, 432-269-8603.

HUMMER 2006 H3 156k miles, premium sound system, moon roof and other options. $8,500. 432-638-3238

JEEP 1974 CJ-5 Renegade, 304 V8, $2,900, 432-978-8371 or 423-262-1969

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*KAWASAKI 2005 Vulcan 750, 6991 miles, good condition, dressed up, $3500. *Harley FLHT 2007 Electra Glide Standard 12,642 miles, good condition, accessories $12,500. Call 432-230-4824

YAMAHA 2009 FZ-6, 8,290 miles, Cee Bailey. windshield, Shad trunk, $5,400. Call 432683-7607 after 5:00pm.

RVs

'08 MONTANA 5th Wheel 38', 3 slides, 3 year transferable warranty, tires, batteries, brakes and bearings replaced. March 2012. 1 Owner, no smoker, no pets, Very clean! flat screen TV, Sony surrond sound, Lots of storage in/out. Washer and dryer closet. Lots of extras. $26,000 817-793-3662

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2006 HOLIDAY Rambler Savoy 29'. 1 large slide out. Great condition, $13,000. 432-889-8935.

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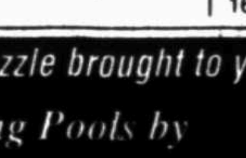
RVs

2008 CAMPER TRAILER 20ft, no slide-outs, excellent condition, loaded $10,000. 817-694-2264.

38' PREMIER by Hyline 2010 5th Wheel. 3 slide outs, washer/dryer, microwave, and many extras. $28,500 obo. 817-694-8268.

RVs



2008 KZ Spree with 2 slides, model 260. 29' Sleeps 5 Call 806-441-7007

RVs

2013 PASSPORT 3180 RE, only used twice, extras added, EZ hitch. $23,400. 432-268-5938

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RVs

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RVs

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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FREE NON-WORKING riding lawn mower, 432-553-2173.

FREE WOODEN PALLETS!
Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

Furniture

SOFA AND love seat. Brick red and floral, very good condition, $600. Please call 432-697-0122.

Furniture

DREXEL HERITAGE Heirloom Edition queen size four poster bed. $900. Please call to see 697-6317

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WOODEN COMBO bunk beds with desk and drawers, $150. Ed, 432-352-8938.

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Miscellaneous for Sale

4 SPACES at Resthaven - Garden of Hope. Lot 118 - Sp. 1 & 2, Lot 119 - Sp. 1 & 2. Valued at $2395 ea. Make reasonable offer. Possibly divide. Call 432-528-2169

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HALTON VENT hood system complete, new, designed for pizza ovens. $1,500. 432-425-8582

RESTHAVEN CEMETERY Garden of Memories, 2 spaces on lot 202, 1 space on lot 192. (Transfer fee Negotiable).$2400 each. 806-791-4749.

Miscellaneous for Sale

RIDING LAWN mower, 20 horsepower, 46" cut, automatic transmission. All in good condition. May take a trade in, $875, 432-631-0561.

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TEXAS RANGER tickets. Great seats lower box 3rd base line. 2 for the 29th & 2 for the 30th. $150 for all 4. OBO 432-634-4940

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Musical Instruments

UPRIGHT PIANO in good condition. You must transport. $500. Please call 432-520-2133

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15-20 Coin operated video games for sale. Varying degrees of condition but all working or repairable. 432-661-3999

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Animals & Pets

Pets

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FOUR WINDS 2002, 36ft RV, non-smoker owners, 22k + miles, Ford V12 gasoline engine, 2 slides, sleeps 6, towing package, under covered storage in Lubbock, $29,000, 806-777-0527, 806-781-9145.

GEORGETOWN XL 2005, 36' V10 Ford, 21,000 miles, 2 slide outs, Queen bed, Shower/Tub, refrigerator/freezer, microwave convection oven, Fireplace, 2 TV's, satalite dish, Generator, 2 air conditioners, non smoker, non pet, Asking $49,500 575-623-9352

RVs

ROADKING 2012 36ft travel trailer. 2 slide outs, washer/dryer, 2 A/C's, roll-out awning, loaded. Non smoking, No pets. Must sell! $21,500 432-260-7985.

ROADKING 2012 travel trailer, 37ft, bumper pull, 3 electric slides, tri axle, lots of options, 2 AC's, washer/dryer, electric awning, 2 TV's, $29,500, 806-206-4984.

SANDPIPER 2009 Immaculate 38' 5th wheel camper, extra spacious with 3 slides (2 super slides in LR) electric sofa air bed, fireplace, table & chairs, California king in MB, exterior TV mount & hook-up, Email saleinfo@yahoo.com for pix and info.

RVs

SPRINTER 5TH wheel. 38', fiberglass, sleeps 12, 3 slide outs, 2 bedroom, 2 air's, W/D. Loaded. $38,000. 432-934-5147.

WILLOWCREEK 2012 Travel trailer. 32', 2 slideouts, double a/c, W/D, electric awning, loaded, $21,000 OBO. Call 817-501-8361.

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Houses for Rent Unfurnished

3BR/2BA HOUSE for Rent Midland - Available 5-19-13 $2,500 month, $2,500 deposit. Built by Lance Friday in 2010 with granite, crown molding, R/O System etc. Upgraded fridge included. 1 year lease minimum. No smoking or pets. Call 775-772-9322.

5104 A RAINBOW, nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, yard maintained, no pets, no smoking, $2100 monthly, 620-9222, 694-2074.

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Residential Sales

Condos/ Townhouses

Town Home - 1303 Godfrey, 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 story, Large court yard, $215,000. For sale by owner, 432-553-2743

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

105 E. 22nd, Colorado City, Large brick 3-2-4, could be 4 bedroom, workshop, new windows & hvac unit 2011, water well, sprinkler system. 325-242-0826

3310 CAMARIE. Darling, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace. New roof, New carpet, New paint. 1700 sq.ft., 432-528-6088, 638-7428.

4706 Preston Dr. Midland, Tx. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, gameroom, screen in back porch. Approximately 2,200 sq.ft., $210,000. Owner finance Please call anytime after 4:00pm on weekdays or noon on weekends 432-559-4143.

APPROXIMATELY 2000sf, 4 bedroom 3 bath, brick home. $180,000 For more information call 432-208-2132 432-208-2135

BACK ON the market. 4406 Gulf. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Central air/heat, 2 car garage. $150,000 to qualified buyers. Call Roger Owner/agent at 432-638-6443.

BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom, 2 bath: 4301 Ferncliff, $175,000. Open house every Sat-Sun, 2-4 until sold. 683-2243.

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Homes for Sale

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HOUSE FOR sale. 1307 Godfrey St. Open House Saturday and Sunday 2-4pm.

HOUSE FOR SALE 304 Hickory. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Cent A/H, $149,900 obo. Financing available Call Martha, 830-556-2280. Se Habla Espanol

OZONA, TX. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Hill top views, cent A/H, $238,500. 325-392-3278 or 325-277-2947.

STANTON 5th St. Fabulous redo, 3/2, Well! $149,750. UP Group. 432-889-2934.

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TOWN HOME - 1303 Godfrey, 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 story, Large court yard, $195,000. For sale by owner, 432-553-2743

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Residential Sales

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FSBO-BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT Home on Lake Brownwood. 1,900 sq ft 3/2/2 brick with amazing view. 135ft of waterfront. Over 1 acre of land full of shade trees. Large covered deck facing water. See it to believe it! $243,000. 325-998-4356

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SAN ANGELO RIVER FRONT. Fabulous 3/2/2/2 $325,000. UP Group. 325-245-7155.

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Oil & Gas Leases

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2200 Acre Hunting Lease, Menard, TX deer, turkey, dove ,exotics, and hogs. Year round access, 3500 square foot hunting lodge, 5BR, 2BA, central air & heat, 2 fire places, fully furnished. 14 hunters at $3600 a gun or $50,400. 325-396-2255

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Lots & Land

Oil & Gas Leases

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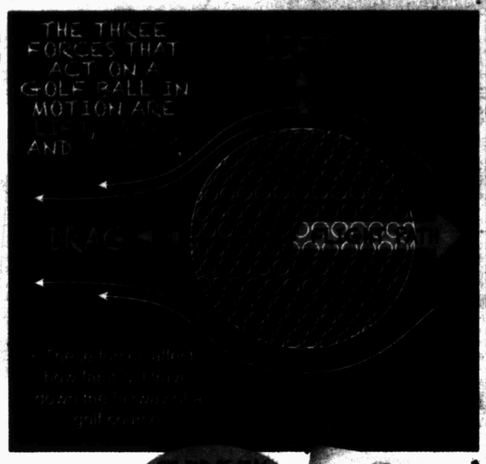

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Wave your hand through the air. You can feel the drag of the air.

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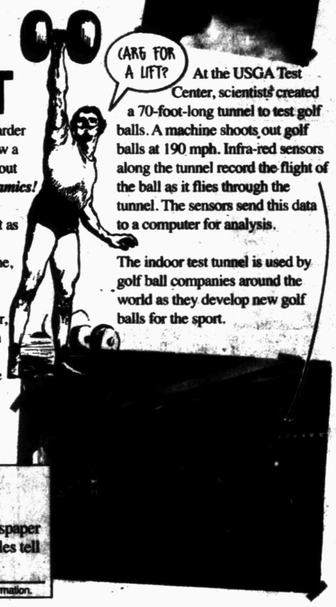

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STEM Connection:

Bernoulli's Principle explains how objects generate aerodynamic lift. Lift is partly responsible for getting golf balls to travel as far as they do.

Extra! Extra!

STEM in the News

Collect STEM related articles from the newspaper to place in a time capsule. What do the articles tell us about current technology?

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WHAT A DRAG!

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Weekly Writing Corner

What If....

If pigs could fly,....it would be really annoying because they would fly around snorting all the time. Plus, it would be harder to acquire bacon because you would have to try and catch something that flies.
Evan Witt, 6th grade, Hillander

If pigs could fly, when it snowed there would be bacon flavored ice cream. Well, it wouldn't be very good because there would be a whole pig in it. I would rather have chocolate ice cream. Pigs flying would be cool though! People would say "It's a bird, no, it's a plane, no, it's a.....pig?" You don't hear that one every day, now do you??
Madi Lane, 4th grade, St. Ann's

If pigs could fly, I would catch one. I would train my pig to do tricks while I was on him. His name would be oinkers. He would b able to do flips, turns, and other awesome tricks, too! He would be the best pet ever!
Mackenzie Moon, 6th grade, Hillander

If a pig could fly, the pig should have rainbow wings. The pig will flap his wings and go. I think it will be hard to fly because pigs are heavy animals. If pigs could fly, they would be even heavier because they wouldn't be walking or running to get exercise, they would be only flying. If pigs really did fly, I bet everybody in the world would want one. I would definitely want a pig that could fly.
Macy Flowers, 4th grade, St. Ann's

If pigs could fly, I would have one as a pet. I would name him Snikers. He would have wings and a saddle so I could fly in the sky. He would say, "Wee, wee, wee, wee!!!" as he soared through the sky....but, only if kids could fly.
Kensley Vanderburg, 6th grade, Hillander

If pigs could fly, I'd want a fat pig to go short distances. I guess I would have to name him Bacon. I would name him Bacon because if he is bad at flying I get some bacon! There is only one problem; I would get slapped if Bacon had wings. Hopefully, Bacon doesn't have wings. I wish I could have a flying pig
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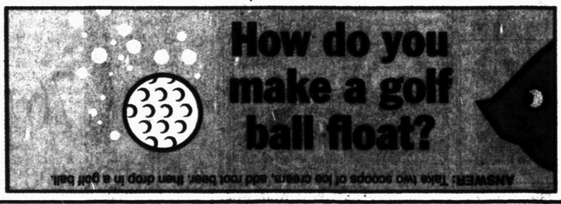

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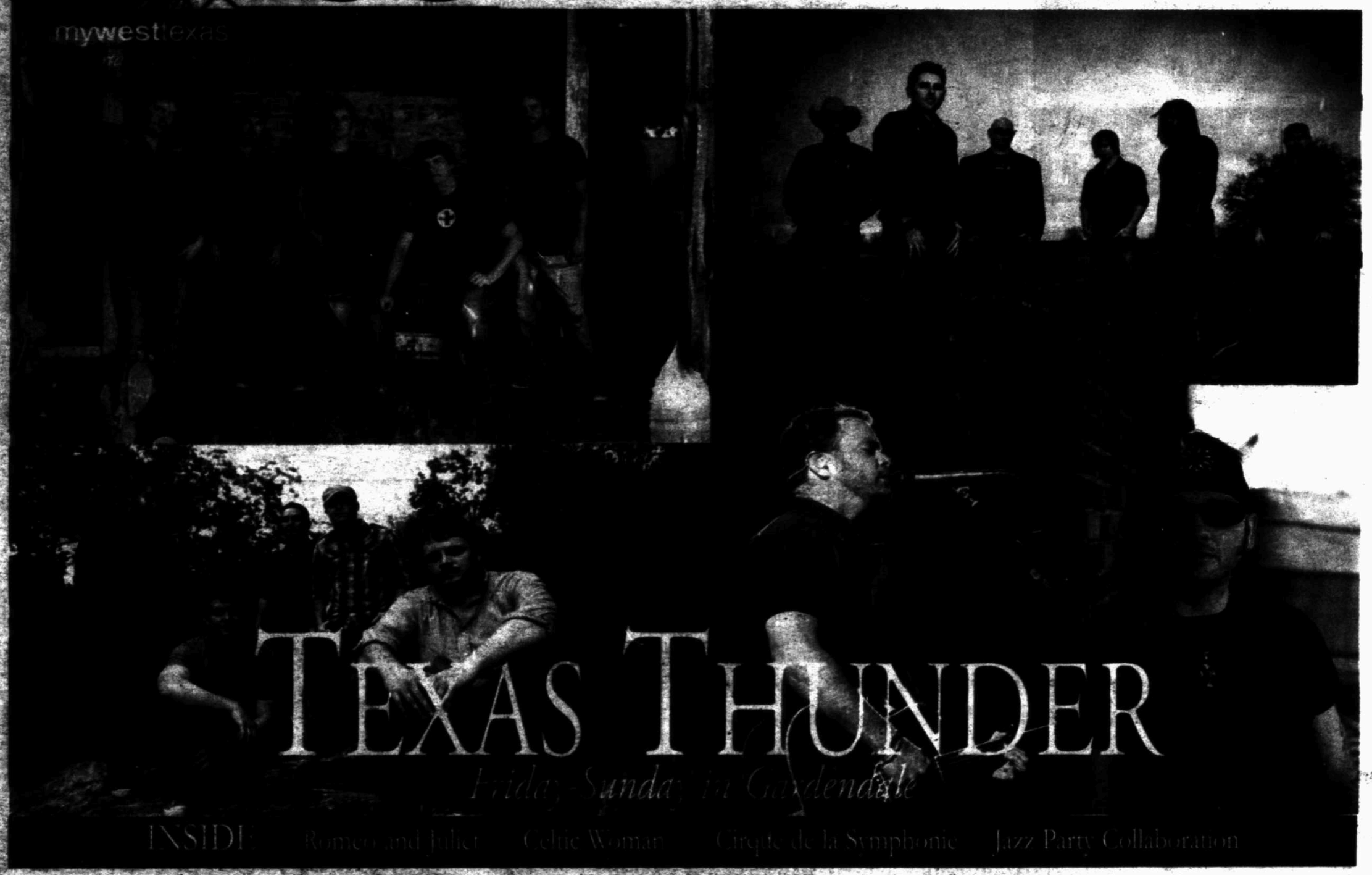

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- William Clark Green is among the Texas musicians performing at Gardendale.
- No Justice plays Rockin Rodeo.
- The Highwaymen Live Tribute Show takes over Odessa's Ector Theatre.
- The 47th annual Jazz Party Collaboration here today through Sunday.
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When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: Senior Citizen's Center, 1225 N. Adams St., Odessa
Info: Live country band
Admission: $5 members, $6 non-members
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Friday

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE'S PRODUCTION OF "WEDDING SECRETS"
When: Through June 1
Where: Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Tickets: Call 570-4111
Info: Recommended for those age 12 and up due to subject matter and language.

TRIBUTE SHOW: THE HIGHWAYMEN LIVE
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas Ave., Odessa
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When: No games Monday and Thursday. Games all other days
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour

OPENING FRIDAY

"INTO THE WOODS" THIS WEEKEND @ PERMIAN PLAYHOUSE, ODESSA
Cinderella, Prince Charming, Jack (in the Beanstalk), the giant, the baker and his wife, Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel are among the Brothers Grimm fairy tale characters whose lives take an unexpected turn in Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods," opening Friday at the Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St. The Kaleidoscope Company production is on stage at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday through May 26. Tickets are $14 for adults, $12 for seniors and students and $7 for ages 12 and younger. They may be purchased online at www.permianplayhouse.com, or at the box office.

Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

Saturday

MIDLAND DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
When: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: 501 W. Texas Ave.

AUDITIONS FOR THE OPERA FOR TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP
When: 9 a.m.
Where: St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Info: Must complete an application. Go to www.midlandoperatheater.org.

MOSC POPS IV: CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

DYNASTY OF FAITH
Where: Horseshoe
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When: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa
Info: Auditions for the Playhouse's teen performance group. All area teens entering grades 7-12 in the fall are welcome to audition. Those auditioning must perform a one-minute monologue of their choosing and must demonstrate a talent, i.e., singing, dancing, juggling, etc., or perform a second monologue in a style different from the first, such as drama, comedy, etc.
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Monday

CELTIC WOMAN
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

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Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
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In the limelight

Wedding Secrets

By Graham Dixon

A wedding is a familiar setting for farce. A supposedly happy event that is meant to bring out the best in participants may actually provoke the worst, and so it creates situations that are ripe for the satirical pen. "Wedding Secrets," the 2012 McLaren Memorial Playwriting Competition Winner, playing through June 1 at Midland Community Theatre, is a variable but ultimately very enjoyable show with the usual twists and turns found in this dramatic form.

The play features typical farcical preoccupations — impotence, misunderstanding, love of food, raunchy desires, excessive drinking. The star turn comes from Mike Harrell as Joey — the bizarre uncle-who-lives-in-the-basement who acts out a range of characters from gigolos to raunchy Catholic priests and everything in between. Harrell obviously knows the world of farce very well, and he is comfortable within its exaggerated movements and asides.

Marvin LeMaster shows that his success in "Boeing-Boeing" was no fluke, and he reprises a long-suffering character type who reveals unexpected depths of extreme strangeness. The drinking scene with Joey includes facial expressions, physical antics and suggestive zaniness that is wonderfully funny. Shannon Murphy plays the tempestuous teenager Samantha excellently, while James Schreier somehow manages to keep a straight face as his character plumbs the depths of romantic clumsiness.

In the character of the Husband — actually called Robert, but he is essentially playing a part that is centuries old — Daryl Bales delivers some classy one-liners with good timing. The wedding couple themselves are less certain, as little chemistry exists between the two characters. As Betty, Diane Browne plays the scheming mother who does not want to relinquish control of her son. At times both the writing and the performance of this character were a little too over-the-top.

Pam Keel presents a good performance as the unlucky-in-love Grace. Her scene with Joey manages to be both sweet and absurd. Here is a couple made in heaven, if that heaven is constructed from the decidedly whacky material of farcical love.

"Wedding Secrets" uses music very effectively — from the dulcet strains of Frank Sinatra to Elvis and on to Michael Jackson, it is used to comment on the absurdity of the situation while making humorous commentary upon some of the themes.

If there is one feature that McLaren winners tend to share it is the need for some stiff editing. The writing in "Wedding Secrets," one of the better competition successes of recent years, ranges from occasionally cringing cliché to the outright hilarious. Act I is a little too long at about 70 minutes, and some of the exchanges could be shortened to make it tighter and more enjoyable.

Sometimes the writing is a little strange. Grace is peculiarly vulgar and explicit within minutes of the play starting, but is shown to be something of a prude later on. Some of the attempts at sentimentality are simply clichés. Contradictions are what make a character interesting, but they are unsatisfyingly bemusing if they appear totally random and ill-considered. In the specific context of this play such clumsiness is made more inexplicable by the sheer brilliance of the writing in other sections, such as the biting satire in the teenage-wedding ceremony.

Paradoxically, playwright Joe Starzyk is much more comfortable tackling a difficult type of writing — cutting R-rated satire — than he is with the G-rated, sit-com like platitudes. He should have confidence in his own abilities, and stick with the former.

All-in-all "Wedding Secrets" will have its audiences laughing, especially with Mike Harrell's delightfully preening and eccentric Joey.

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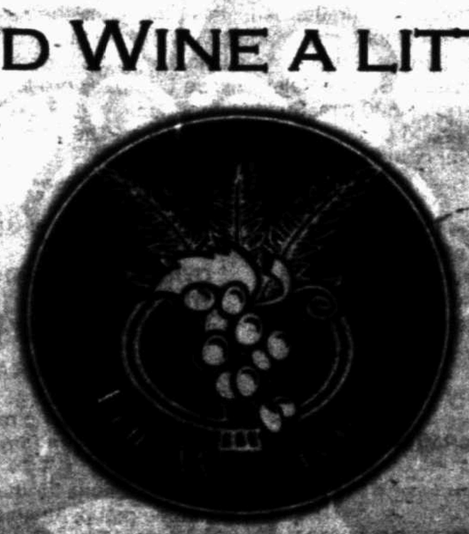

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ROMEO AND JULIET

Shakespeare's tragic romance takes Globe stage

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Love and loss will fill the Globe Theatre Saturday when Shakespeare's well-known tale of doomed young lovers takes the stage.

"He loves easy, and he loves hard," Matt Rist said of his character, Romeo Montague. "My being 23, I see a little bit of myself in Romeo (who is 20). I feel like I'm still maturing as a person. I really do connect with the lightheartedness and child-like innocence. When I first see Juliet, I truly believe what I am saying — I've never seen anything like her before. I think the audience will be delighted by the innocent approach of Romeo and Juliet in the first half."

Eunice Nino steps back in time to play Juliet.

"I am 24 playing 14," said Nino. "I have to remember what I was like back then. She and I were brought up quite similarly. Even though in this day and age my mom sheltered me a lot, I ended up marrying the first boy I fell in love with, my high school sweetheart. I remember how I felt then and how exciting it was to meet him. I look really young, too, so I still act like a teenager sometimes."

At 14, Juliet Capulet has just come of age to marry in 16th century Verona. A relationship between Juliet and Romeo is forbidden by the long-standing feud between her family and his.

"I think she is brilliant," Nino said. "She is so much smarter than I am. She is the deepest character in this show. She is very young and has to mature very quickly. She goes from being a child to a young woman."

Written early in Shakespeare's career, "Romeo and Juliet" belongs to a tradition of tragic romances stretching back to antiquity. The plot is based on an Italian tale, translated into verse as "The Tragical History of Romeus and Juliet" by Arthur Brooke in 1562 and retold in prose in "Palace of Pleasure" by William Painter in 1567.

Shakespeare borrowed heavily from both but, to expand the plot, developed supporting characters. It was among The Bard's most popular plays during his lifetime and, along with "Hamlet," is one of his most frequently performed plays. This production has been presented to school children this week. The only public performance is Saturday.

"I think what's great about theater is that we create a world on stage and inside the theater that is completely apart from our busy 21st century, instant-gratification world around us," said Rist. "So for these two hours we bring these kids in — hopefully no cellphones in the audience — and turn everything off around them. And they get a chance like people in Shakespeare's time to experience live theater. Church and theater are probably the last two sacred places in this world — the only places where it's not appropriate to use your cellphone. I think movie theaters have lost that."

ALL THE DETAILS:

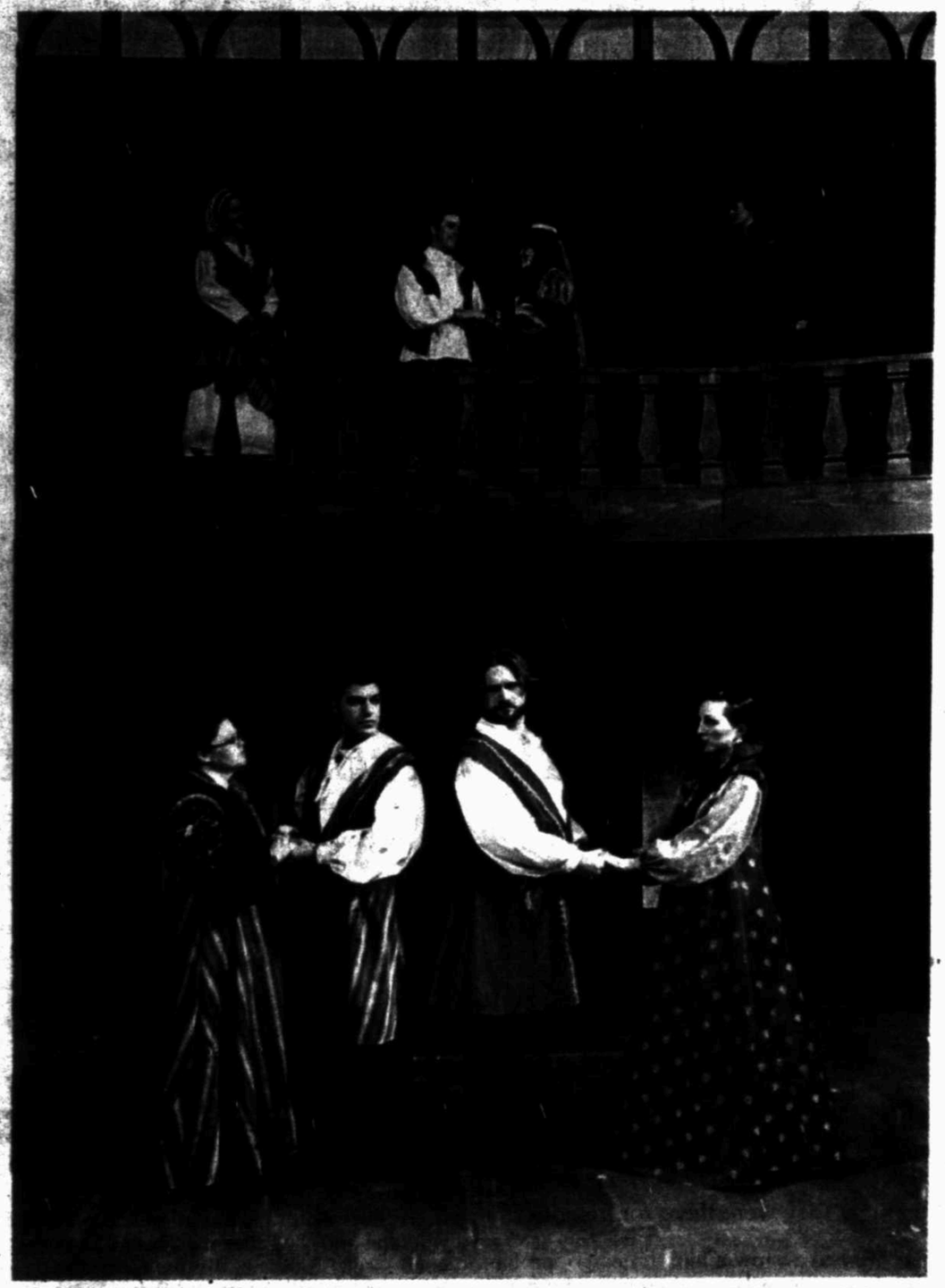
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S "ROMEO AND JULIET"

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Where: The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa

Tickets: $12. Purchase by calling 580-3177 or online at globesw.org.

Info: Romeo and Juliet attempt to escape the feud between their families — the Montagues and the Capulets — in 16th century Verona. Director for the Globe Theatre production is Alexander Mancha. Technical designer is Jonathon Horne. Costumes are by Ann Wilson.



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The Montague family, left, and the Capulet family, right, during rehearsal for Romeo and Juliet at the Globe Theatre in Odessa.

TEXAS THUNDER

ALL THE DETAILS

TEXAS THUNDER
When: Friday-Sunday
Where: Gardendale
Weekend passes: $65 with camping starting at $110. A limited number of single-day tickets are $35. Purchase in Odessa at Graham Central Station and in Midland at Rockin' Rodeo and Arriba. For more information or to purchase tickets and camping, visit www.texasthunderfest.com or call 855-362-0535.
Info: Net funds raised go to West.
Friday: Bri Bagwell, Curtis Grimes, Micky and the Motorcars, Charlie Robison, Aaron Watson and Josh Abbott Band.
Saturday: Kimberly Dunn, Johnny Cooper, Brandon Rhyder, Whiskey Myers, Turnpike Troubadours, Wade Bowen and Randy Rogers Band.
Sunday: Jake Kellen, Kyle Bennett, William Clark Green, Brian Milson, Stoney LaRue and Casey Donahew Band.

William Clark Green to join other Texas musicians at festival

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

William Clark Green remembers his first fans. Well, they weren't actually his. They were someone else's. He just thought they were there for his music.

"We had a show a long time ago, probably four years ago," said Green, who performs this weekend at the Texas Thunder Festival at Gardendale. "We opened up for Casey Donahew, and there were these five kids in front of the stage — 18-year-old kids — and they were rocking out. We were kind of like, 'Yeah, we've got fans.' I said, 'This is our last song. Thank you very much for listening to us.'"

One of the fans then asked for a specific song.

"That's a Casey Donahew song," Green replied.

"You're not Casey Donahew?"

"No. I'm William Clark Green."

"He's not Casey Donahew," the 18-year-old said to the others.

"And all five of them turned and walked off," Green said. He laughed and added, "That was an interesting moment."

His fans won't be walking off Sunday when he and the other members of his band — Jay Saldana, drums; Cameron Moreland, bass guitar; and Steve Marcus, guitar — perform his songs including those from their latest album, "Rose Queen," which was produced in Nashville by Rachel Loy and released this spring.

"It took a year to complete," said Green, who has two independent releases to his credit — "Dangerous Man" in 2008 and "Misunderstood" in 2011. "We started in April and finished in April. We worked on it every day. A lot of mixing. A lot of listening. We gave it everything we had. I wrote every song and co-wrote four of the songs."

Those attending this weekend's event can expect "a loud energy-driven show," said Green, adding, "it's going to be a lot of fun."

A 2010 graduate of Texas Tech, Green now lives in Eastland.

"East Texas is home," Green said. "It always will be."

He learned to play the guitar in the seventh grade when he took free lessons at a church in College Station.

"I started writing immediately," said Green, the only musician in a family of music lovers. "Writing was always my focus. When I got to college, I started playing in a band every Monday night. I played at the Recovery Room for three years, progressed and moved to the Blue Light."

The Blue Light is located in Lubbock's Depot district. Both Texas country artists Josh Abbott and Wade Bowen got their starts there as well. Green landed the Tuesday night spot, which Abbott and Bowen had held previously. Abbott recorded a song, "Catch Me When I Fall," with Green on his "Misunderstood" album.

"Josh has been a really good friend of ours, and I was very happy to have a single with him on our record," Green said in a story that ran in the Reporter-Telegram in 2012.

When young musicians ask him what it takes to have a career in music, Green tells them, "Blind faith and absolute hard work."

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No Justice

BEST BETS:

NO JUSTICE TODAY @ ROCKIN RODEO
No Justice has long been a staple in the Oklahoma/Texas music scene. The decade-old band has released five acclaimed records and has generated two No. 1 hits and eight Top 10 singles on the Texas Music Chart. In December, No Justice released its fifth album, "America's Son," on Smith Music Group. The album debuted on the Billboard chart the first week of its release.

THE HIGHWAYMEN LIVE TRIBUTE SHOW FRIDAY @ ECTOR THEATRE, ODESSA
This 90-minute country music tribute show is full of upbeat, honky-tonk hits like "Ring of Fire," "Dukes of Hazzard" and "On the Road Again" and features Michael Moore as Willie Nelson, Philip Bauer as Johnny Cash and Bob Gill as Waylon Jennings. Curtain is at 8 p.m. at Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas Ave. Admission is $25. All seats are reserved. Call 580-0898 for reservations.

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Jacob Garcia, Jino Jordon, Dene Redmon, Mildred Rubio @ Music City Mall
The Highwaymen tribute @ Ector Theatre
No Dry County, Chris Brazeal Band @ Lone Star Bar
Leigh Cates @ Riley's
TC Fambro & the Copperheads @ Redneck's

Friday and Saturday
Cory Dutton @ The Bar
Star 69 @ Your Place

Saturday
Gardendale: Randy Rogers Band, Wade Bowen, Turnpike Troubadours, Whiskey Myers, Brandon Rhyder, Johnny Cooper, Kimberly Dunn @ Texas Thunder
Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra Pops IV: Cirque de la Symphonie @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Mike Leonard, Mary Mitchell, Cozetta Baker, Ty Miller, Andres Gaylan @ Music City Mall
Mike McClure Band, Erick Willis @ Lone Star Bar

Sunday
Gardendale: Casey Donahew Band, Stoney LaRue, Brian Milson, William Clark Green, Kyle Bennett (solo), Jake Kellen @ Texas Thunder
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Tom Jean Jerry Band, All Stars, Mary Mitchell, Tucker Binkley, Ernesto Calderon & Mike Williams @ Music City Mall

Monday
Celtic Woman @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Tuesday
Broken Jaw Philosophy, Kilter, Strikes at One @ Blue Max

Wednesday
Cory Yeager Band, Kenny Lee Young @ Shack in the Back
The Texas KGB @ Escape Lounge
The Rocketz @ Blue Max

JAZZ PARTY

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Jazz musicians come together for annual collaboration

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Wedding bells will be ringing this weekend at the Double Tree by Hilton Midland Plaza during the 47th Annual Jazz Party Collaboration.

"An oil man from Houston is bringing 10 people out here and getting married at the Jazz Party," said Margaret Gillham, a longtime supporter of the jazz parties and member of the West Texas Jazz Society. "They are getting married Saturday after the brunch. And he has a good friend who is a magician from Las Vegas. He may be doing some magic tricks."

For some, the event itself is magical.

"So few opportunities come along to see musicians of this quality get together and play," said Melissa Burnett, West Texas Jazz Society member. "This is not a by-the-book concert. This is a by-the-seat-of-your pants have a good time. It really is. And you get to see that jazz creation, which is so important to the music itself.

"I used to go to the Mount Hood Jazz Festival in Portland. It's jazz acts. Each band comes on or a star brings his own band. At jazz parties like this one, they actually mix it up — the stars are on stage with stars. Guys who haven't played together sometimes in years are up there mixing it up. And then you throw in the younger talent and who knows what you will get. But it's always good."

This year's performers include Johnny Varro, Ehud Asherie and Brian Piper on piano; Joel Forbes, Frank Tate and Mark Neuenschwander on bass; Ed Metz Jr., Chuck Riggs and Chuck Redd on drums; Harry Allen, Houston Person, Scott Robinson and Ken Peplowski on reeds; Randy Reinhart, Randy Sandke and Ed Polcer on trumpet; John Allred and Bill Allred on trombone; Bucky Pizzarelli and Eddie Erickson on guitar; Rebecca Kilgore and Eddie Erickson, vocals; and Chuck Redd, vibes.

Asherie and Neuenschwander are both new to the annual event, which rotates annually between Midland and Odessa and has for decades brought world-class musicians to the area.

Dave Leonig with National Public Radio will be attending the event.

"They're coming here to do a documentary about the jazz party from its inception starting with Odessa Jazz Party — it's the longest-running jazz party in the United States now," said Gillham. "(Leonig is) from Oregon, and he loves jazz. He knows the musicians. He will do a documentary about the party and the history of the party. Also the Midland Jazz Classic and the West Texas collaboration. He will interview people who have attended for years, and he will interview all the musicians."

ALL THE DETAILS

47TH ANNUAL JAZZ PARTY COLLABORATION

When: Today through May 19

Where: Today's 8 to 10 p.m. performance is at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Members of the West Texas Jazz Society and jazz party-patrons are free. Admission for non-members is $35.

Performances: from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday are at the Double Tree by Hilton Midland Plaza.

Tickets: $200 for jazz party patrons include Thursday's session, reserved seating at Friday through Sunday sessions, the hospitality suite and the 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday Patron's Brunch.

Reservations: Call 552-8962.

General admission tickets: $50.

Info: Dancing is encouraged at all performances. Presented by the West Texas Jazz Society, the event is sponsored in part by the Arts Council of Midland, the Rea Charitable Trust, the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities.

Cirque de la Symphonie to join symphony orchestra

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

For Christine Van Loo, a seven-time consecutive National Champion, Female Olympic Athlete of the Year and Athlete of the Decade in acrobatic gymnastics, performing in Cirque de la Symphonie is her life's calling.

"It's thrilling," she said in a telephone interview before Saturday's performance at the Wagner Noël with the Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra. "It's very fun. I feel powerful, empowered, creative and expressive. It's the epitome of my life. I love it. It feels free."

During a performance, the Cirque de la Symphonie performers fly over the heads of the orchestra members, among them and over the audience.

"We have been doing it for about eight years and are the only cirque company in the world that works exclusively with symphonies," said Bill Allen, executive director and producer of CDLS, who was also a part of the telephone interview.

When asked if there were any bloopers that came to her mind when she thought about her performances, Van Loo, an aerialist who performs with silks, rope, lira and trapeze, began laughing.

"Sasha (Russian aerial artist Alexander Streltsov) and I had just finished our routine. It went perfectly. It was the finale after the show, and we took our bow. Running off the stage, the spotlight caught me in the eye, and I fell flat on my face on the stage. Then I rolled off the stage."

Other performers followed her lead.

"That's the sign of a true professional," Allen said. "You know those moments are going to happen, and it's how you respond.

"The show must go on. The professional puts a big smile out to the audience, and he goes on. Like a performer being up in the air and doing a split, and the costume actually splits with him."

Van Loo began laughing again and said, "Sasha. He had a pair of white pants with the zipper in the back. The zipper totally broke. Most people didn't notice, but it did happen."

"We have had a couple of costume malfunctions," Allen said. "We had an aerialist hanging upside down and the top part popped. She did a couple of moves and found a way to fasten herself back together. Things happen. The sign of a true professional is how they respond.

"The things that can't go wrong — we do a lot of aerial acts. The technical end of it we treat very seriously. How we rig and the cables and the equipment. We don't have safety nets or safety clips. When somebody is flying out over the audience, they are holding on. There is nothing attached. No room for error in some areas. We have never had a safety issue in the history of the company.

"People like Christine are completely essential to our program. We only have 15 feet of stage space to work with. It's not a place to cut your teeth. Our artists are consummate professionals. The best in the world for what they do."

ALL THE DETAILS

MOSC POPS IV: CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE

When: 8 p.m. Saturday

Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center 1310 N. Farm-to-Market 1788

Tickets: $20 to $40 plus convenience charges, may be purchased through etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. Tickets, with no additional convenience charges, may be purchased in person at the theater's box office between noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Info: The performance also features Russian aerialist Alexander Streltsov; Vladimir Tsarkov, a mime and juggler; and Elena Tsarkova, the "Lady in White," a graduate of the Moscow Circus School and first-place winner of the National Russian Circus Festival. Each performance is choreographed to classical masterpieces and adds a stunning visual element to the concert experience.

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"The Great Gatsby"

"THE GREAT GATSBY" — If any piece of classic American literature should be depicted on film with wildly decadent and boldly inventive style, it's "The Great Gatsby." After all, who was the character of Jay Gatsby himself if not a spinner of grandiose tales and a peddler of lavish dreams? And Baz Luhrmann would seem like the ideal director to bring F. Scott Fitzgerald's story to the screen yet again, to breathe new life into these revered words, having shaken up cultural institutions previously with films like "William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet" and "Moulin Rouge!" But in Luhrmann's previous films, there still existed a fundamental understanding of the point of the stories he was telling; beneath their gorgeous trappings, they still reflected the heart and the purpose of the works from which they were drawn. His "Great Gatsby" is all about the glitter but it has no soul — and the fact that he's directed it in 3-D only magnifies the feeling of artificiality. His camera rushes and swoops and twirls through one elaborately staged bacchanal after another but instead of creating a feeling of vibrancy, the result is repetitive and ultimately numbing. Rather than creating a sense of immersion and tangibility, the 3-D holds you at arm's length, rendering the expensive, obsessive details as shiny and hollow when they should have been exquisite. Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire and Carey Mulligan star. PG-13 for some violent images, sexual content, smoking, partying and brief language. 141 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"PEEPLES" — The people of "Peeples" make a better impression than most collections of oddballs in the weary mold of comedies centered on meeting the prospective in-laws. They still overstay their welcome, though. With a long, boring buildup that finally pays off with scattered laughs in the second half, "Peeples" also manages to leave a better impression than the "Tyler Perry Presents" tag on the posters might imply. This is broad comedy, but nowhere near as broad — or boorish and shrill — as producer Perry's own family adventures (for disclosure's sake, there are screechy relations here, but Perry's Madea fortunately isn't among them). Craig Robinson moves up from caustic supporting player on "The Office" to show himself an engaging romantic lead in the chubby, lovable, gregarious Jack Black school, while Kerry Washington lightens up from heavier drama as the love of his life, a daddy's girl whose daddy — a stern federal judge played by David Alan Grier — naturally doesn't approve. Screenwriter and first-time director Tina Gordon Chism (her previous scripts include "Drumline") crafts a predictable "Meet the Parents" riff, though she fills it out with a pleasant supporting cast of kooks who, while not always interesting, at least are not off-putting. PG-13 for sexual content, drug material and language. 95 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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"THE BIG WEDDING" — Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton are a long-divorced couple pretending they're still together so as to not offend their adoptive son's conservative biological mom, coming from Columbia for his wedding. Susan Sarandon, who lives with De Niro's randy coot, is not happy about the ruse. A sedated ensemble farce, with Ben Barnes, Topher Grace, Katherine Heigl, Amanda Seyfried — and Robin Williams as the priest overseeing the ceremony. 1 hr. 29 R (sex, nudity, profanity, adult themes). 2 stars

"THE CROODS" — DreamWorks' latest animated blockbuster is a visually dazzling, if a little empty-headed, 3-D feast for the eyes. Nicolas Cage stars as the patriarch of a prehistoric caveman family who are forced to go on a road trip when their cave is destroyed. Emma Stone plays his adventurous daughter and Ryan Reynolds her love interest, a more evolved man who introduces the family to fire, cooking and tool-making. The flick is breezy, diverting and fun, tough it lacks the inspired wit that made "Shrek" a classic. 1 hr. 38 PG (some scary action) 2 1/2 stars.

"42" — Inspirational, old-fashioned Hollywood account of Jackie Robinson's historic demolition of the color barrier in Major League Baseball, and his relationship with Branch Rickey, the Brooklyn Dodgers exec who gave Robinson a uniform. Chadwick Boseman and Harrison Ford star. 2 hrs. 08 PG-13 (profanity, racial epithets, adult themes) 3 stars.

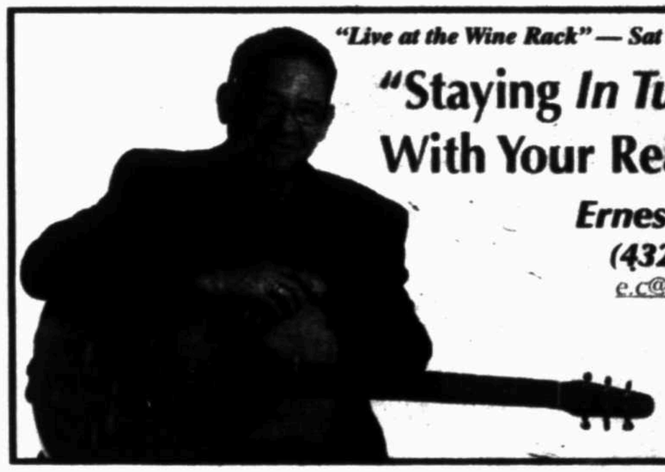
"IRON MAN 3" Robert Downey, Jr. climbs back into the alloy-plated suit — actually, a bunch of 'em — and has to reckon with a nemesis who wreaks havoc on his home, and his homelife. With Gwyneth Paltrow as live-in girlfriend Pepper Potts, and Ben Kingsley as a bin Laden-like villain. Guy Pearce, Rebecca Hall and Don Cheadle also show up in this overlong, overblown sequel. 2 hrs. 10 PG-13 (violence, adukit themes) 2 1/2 stars

"MUD" — Matthew McConaughey has the title role, as a mysterious fugitive discovered by two boys on an island in the Arkansas Delta, in Jeff Nichols' scary, surprising, magical and downright remarkable film. An instant American classic. 2 hrs. 10 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes). 4 stars

"OBLIVION" — Tom Cruise stars as a maintenance man stuck on post-apocalyptic Earth with only his drones, his Jetsons-meets-Zaha Hadid house, and his leggy British girlfriend (Andrea Riseborpugh). Everybody else has left. Everbody but a ragtag band of rebels, led by a cigar-chomping Morgan Freeman. Olga Kurylenko also stars, as a NASA pilot who shows up and turns Cruise's hero into a love-addled mess. Polished-to-a-sheen sci-fi. 2 hrs. 06 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes). 2 1/2 stars.

"OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN" — The White House is under siege, but luckily a lone Secret Service agent — a brooding, burly Gerard Butler — is on the loose, sneaking around 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. with a headset and some handguns. "Die Hard on the Potomac," enjoyably tacky, cartoonishly violent. 1 hr. 59 R (violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

"PAIN & GAIN" — Mark Wahlberg and Dwayne Johnson star as Florida lugheads on a doomed crime spree in this comedy which turns wrenchingly grisly. 2 hrs. 09 R (graphic violence, nudity, sex, profanity, drugs, adult themes. 2 stars.



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DVDIVA'S
pick of the week

Creepy ghost story 'Mama' wins DVD pick of the week

By Nancy Adamson
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"Mama"

Pick of the week:

"Mama" (PG-13) Two young girls left to fend for themselves in a remote snow-bound cabin are rescued after five years. They tell therapists who are working to reacclimate them to society that they were cared for by a mysterious appendage named "Mama" during the ordeal. Based on a short film by Andrés Muschietti — who got to write and direct the feature-length film under the tutelage of Guillermo del Toro — the film is effectively creepy despite its familiar themes and its PG-13 rating. I have long ranted that most horror movies cannot be worth their salt without an R rating. I stand corrected. Although this is more of a ghost story than horror film, the difference is moot. I was never shaking-in-my-boots scared but I checked the lock on the door more than once while watching. B+

"Jack Reacher" (R) A former military police investigator is called on by a former sniper who has been accused of a mass murder. Director Christopher McQuarrie — who hasn't directed a film since 2000's "Way of the Gun" — is more known for his writing skills on films including "The Usual Suspects" and "Valkyrie." He has crafted a fine action film — including the genius casting of documentary filmmaker Werner Herzog as one of the Russian bad guys — but it has some flaws that prevent it from winning "Pick of the Week." At 130 minutes, it is way too long. It also never satisfactorily explains why the title character is such a drifter. If it can have a 10-minute expository scene of Reacher scarfing down a meal with an attorney then surely there can be a bit more background on the guy. B+

"Mighty Fine" (R) Story set in 1974, told from the perspective of a tween whose father with anger management issues moves the family from Brooklyn to New Orleans and their attempts to adapt to their new surroundings. Loosely based on the experiences of director Debbie Goodstein — in her feature film debut — this coming-of-age story is fraught with budget constraints that hinder the story and a weird accent by star Andie McDowell that piques interest but not necessarily in a good way. Then there's the odd reason why they don't mention Elvis Presley by name when the family attends a concert. The character obviously was supposed to be the King but the impersonator's face isn't shown and he is referred to only with pronouns. I can understand not using any of his music if filmmakers couldn't procure or afford rights but to not use his name was off-putting. As for McDowell, it's only by watching that you will both cringe and comically anticipate the Slavic accent she is attempting. B-

"The Oranges" (R) Neighbors who also are best friends are torn apart when the daughter of one of the couples has an affair with the much older patriarch from the other family. I know love is blind and knows no boundaries and blah, blah, blah but couldn't one of the participants in this tawdry affair at least have tried to put up a fight or realized the consequences. I can bet everyone who sees the film knows what's going to happen the first time they kiss. But despite its weak plot, the acting is divine. The entire cast — notably Hugh Laurie and Catherine Keener — delivers believable performances. B-

"Parked" (not rated) Character acter extraordinaire Colm Meany stars in this film of a down-on-his luck Irishman who lives in his car and is hoping to get disability payments. This looked to be a totally fscinating movie from the description and reviews I read online. But when I tried to watch it, the dialogue was indecipherable. I don't think it was intentional; the rest of the sound is fine. Almost more than fine. It absolutely drowns out anything the characters say. Had I done a little research before I rented the DVD, I would have seen message boards filled with complaints about the sound. I hope to both see and hear this film again someday, perhaps when and if it appears on one of the premium movie channels. Until then, my rating is solely based on what I didn't hear. F

"Part-Time Fabulous" (not rated) An actress meets a man while on vacation who subsequently moves in with her. After a few months of bliss, it is learned she suffers from clinical depression, making their relationship, as well as her ability to function in society, questionable. What "Silver Linings Playbook" did for bipolar disorder, this film attempts to do for CD. Where it succeeds is using interview footage of actual sufferers of the disorder conveying some of their darkest moments. However, the fiction end of things doesn't fare as well. B-

"Safe Haven" (PG-13) A woman (Julianne Hough) on the lam from an obsessed Boston detective winds up in a tiny town in North Carolina, where she develops a mutual attraction with a widower (Josh Duhamel). While most of the major league critics railed against this film for being too sentimental, I guess I have a line on what too sentimental is. And for me, this film doesn't even come close to crossing that line. Sure, it's somewhat predictable — though the reason for Hough's character being on the run is closely guarded for the first two acts — and it uses all the romantic drama clichés in the book. But director Lasse Hallstrom ("What's Eating Gilbert Grape," "Chocolat," "Cider House Rules" and the wonderful "Hachi: A Dog's Tale" from 2009) is one of the world's best at reigning in the sentimentality while still causing his audiences to weep uncontrollably. Here, he takes Nicolas Sparks' book — his second undertaking of a Sparks novel, the first was "Dear John" — and does let the story get too mushy in parts. But mostly, he crafts a beautiful love story with a thriller angle. B

"Steel Magnolias" (not rated) Queen Latifah leads a mostly African-American cast in this Lifetime Network remake of the story of a close-knit group of friends and the sufferings of a young diabetic. While not a line-for-line remake — it has been updated from the classic 1989 film to include references to Facebook and other modern conveniences — it is too close to the original to justify retelling. And it isn't really a retelling because it isn't nearly as endearing, funny or sad as the original. Phylicia Rashad's take on Clairee — played by Olympia Dukakis in the original — comes the closest to capturing the warmth and magnificence of her predecessor but the rest is not up to snuff. C+

Celtic Woman comes to Wagner Noël

By Alan Sculley

Celtic Woman doesn't have a new CD or DVD to tour behind this year. So what will the Irish-rooted vocal group have to offer? Essentially, nothing but their best.

"It's a beautiful show," Celtic Woman singer Lisa Lambe said in a recent phone interview. "And it's a show that's a celebration of the best of Celtic Woman. I suppose it's almost like the greatest hits down through the years and songs that people will know very well, songs I think they'll want to sing along with, or at least I hope they will. Songs like 'Orinoco Flow,' 'You Raise Me Up,' 'She Moved Through the Fair,' and then we have some beautiful classics that I don't think any Celtic Woman concert or performance can be complete without, songs like 'Danny Boy,' which for me are some of the highlights and the moments that I enjoy best when I'm performing the show."

Judging from the continuing success of Celtic Woman, the group, which is backed by a full band and choir in concert, has created an elaborate live show that appeals to a large audience.

Originally, Celtic Woman was created for a one-off television special filmed in Ireland, and musical director David Downes and producer Sharon Bowne essentially recruited four singers — Orla Fallon, Chloë Agnew, Lisa Kelly and Méav Ni Mhaolchatha, along with fiddle player Máiréad Nesbitt — to perform that single concert.

Instead, PBS picked up the film of that performance, and it became a popular fundraising program for PBS in spring and summer 2005. This helped pave the way for the release of the show as a concert DVD that sold more than a million copies. Meanwhile the group's self-titled first studio album topped "Billboard" magazine's world music chart for a record-setting 81 weeks.

By then it was clear that Celtic Woman had a big future, and the organizers had hit on a musical formula with wide appeal by mixing together traditional Irish songs, a little light classical, pop standards (the repertoire has included Bobby Darin's "By The Sea," the Josh Groban hit "You Raise Me Up" and Enya's "Orinoco Flow") and even a few tunes from musicals and movies (such as "Somewhere Over The Rainbow").

The group has gone on to release three more studio albums, 2007's "A New Journey," 2010's "Songs from the Heart" and 2012's "Believe" (each of which was accompanied by a live DVD).

The success has been sustained as the lineup has seen Kelly, Fallon and Mhaolchatha leave, and singers Alex Sharpe, Lynn Hilary and Hayley Westenra arrive and then depart. Today's lineup features vocalists Agnew, Lambe (who joined in 2011) and Susan McFadden (who joined in 2012), as well as Nesbitt.

Lambe (pronounced "Lamb") said she will have two solo performances during this year's show. One will be a traditional Irish song, "Dulaman," which tells the tale of a young woman who is torn between two suitors. The other is the Simon & Garfunkel classic, "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

"I think what's great about Celtic Woman is David (Downes), our musical director, who's just a genius in so many ways, he chooses songs that you think, 'How will this ever sound like it's never been sung before, a song like 'Bridge Over Troubled Water,' a great anthem, an incredibly famous song?'" Lambe said. "And he did this incredible version for us, and it was just one of my favorite moments."

Lambe's association with Downes predates the beginning of Celtic Woman. She began her career in theater, landing roles in such productions as "Improbable Frequency," "Sweeney Todd," "The Wireman" and "The Shaughraun." It was during that latter production that Lambe met Downes, who served as its musical director, as well as Nesbitt, who was also cast in the play.

"Máiréad Nesbitt and I shared a dressing room for this whole process," Lambe said. "About that time she had been saying 'I'm going to join this wonderful new thing. It's called 'Celtic Woman,' and David's involved.' So I really feel it's such a wonderful thing to be a part of now because I just remember her in the dressing room telling me about the process (as) it was starting. Obviously having worked with David, we had made a great connection, and we stayed friends in the years when we didn't see very much (of each other) and he was very busy with Celtic Woman.

"Then out of blue, I suppose, just came a day when we met and we talked about the prospect of me coming aboard," Lambe said. "And I was thrilled because I kind felt like it was in my head really, having known of it since kind of the early days, and then being a fan of it through its early years. I'm a huge lover of music.

"I knew that I could bring so much of myself to the stage and bring the theater with me as well, bring my love of storytelling into the music. So it just seemed like the perfect thing to do, and I'm so thrilled, so thrilled, to be a part of it."

ALL THE DETAILS

CELTIC WOMAN
When: 7:30 p.m. Monday
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market 1788
Tickets: $39-$99 plus fees online at Etix or by calling 800-514-3849. No additional fees in person at the box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

Barbecue/Burgers

Basin Burger House
607 N. Colorado
687-5696
www.basinburgerhouse.com

Numerous choices of burgers, sandwiches and salads. Appetizers such as Philly cheesesteak sliders, cakes, tempura onion rings, fried green tomatoes, spicy BBQ wings and cobb bites which are wheels of corn slathered in cilantro lime butter. Unique atmosphere with old photographs from Midland's earlier days; land maps are creatively used as wall paper. Kid's menu as well as creative milkshake flavors and dessert.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
4 spoons.

Bob's Better Burger (drive-in)
3417 Thomason Drive
694-1561

Serving burgers, fries, milkshakes for more than 50 years. Menu is posted in front of the kitchen where customers stand outside and place orders through a window. Menu includes small and large burgers with additions such as cheese, jalapenos, chili and bacon. Corn dogs, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries and onion rings are available. Kid's menu. Cash only.
Entree price range:$
Hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday
4 spoons

Brooks Bar-B-Q (SD)
501 E. Texas Ave.
685-5079

Known for "fat burgers" and barbecue plates, also serves entrees such as chicken fried steak, fried shrimp, hamburger steaks and more. Sandwiches include grilled or fried chicken or fish, patty melt, BLT, chopped beef and sliced beef. Save room for a slice of homemade pie or another dessert.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday
4 spoons

Burgers Fries and Cherry Pies (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
617-2327

More than 20 combinations of burgers and toppings. Choose ground beef or a grilled chicken breast. Sizes are 1/3 or 1/2 pound burgers on white, wheat or jalapeno cheddar homemade sourdough buns. All types of fries are on the menu including border fries (picante, guacamole, jalapenos and cheese), chili cheese fries, cheese fries, feta fries and frontier fries (hickory, barbecue sauce, picante sauce and cheese).
Average Price: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday
2 spoons

Dickey's Barbecue Pit (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
689-4500, catering 212-3351
www.dickeys.com

The menu says, "Cooked slow, served fast." Quick, friendly service and traditional barbecue selections of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, all the sides. Also stuffed baked potatoes, chicken Caesar salad, sandwiches and platters. Kid's menu and family packs. Don't forget your yellow drink cup with your favorite drink. Catering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
4 spoons

Dixie Burger (OAC)
1300 Rankin Highway
email: dixieburger@gmail.com
686-0116

A chef brings his influence to a burger joint with delicious results. Great burgers and barbecue combo (smoked pork or beef sandwich with homemade Dixie BBQ sauce) and steak combo (thinly-sliced sirloin steak with onions and cheese served on white or wheat). Also featured are "classic meals" such as Frito pie, chili and chili cheese dogs, corn dogs and hot dogs. Daily specials include the "black and blue," sirloin steak grilled to your liking topped with bleu cheese and grilled onions on a toasted bun with horseradish mayonnaise, lettuce and tomatoes. Delicious desserts are available, too.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday
2 spoons

Fuddruckers (OAC)
4511 N. Midkiff Rd.
689-0448

Located inside Midland Park Mall, Fuddruckers

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offers different sizes of hamburgers and a variety of toppings. The menu also includes chicken sandwiches, salads, hot dogs and more. For customers wanting healthier options, the restaurant serves buffalo, ostrich, turkey and veggie burgers. Desserts include freshly-baked cookies and brownies as well as ice cream and shakes.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday - Saturday
3 spoons

Johnny's Bar B-Q & Diner (cafeteria)
316 N. Big Spring
683-4581

Bar B-Q and all the fixings. Look for the neon pig sign. Sandwich specials include side and a drink for $6.49. Barbecue offerings include brisket, ribs, sausage, jalapeno sausage, turkey, ham and chopped barbecue. Plate meals with one, two or three meats and two sides and Texas toast. Half portion children's plates are available or try one of the value packs to feed the whole family. Park on side of building.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday –Thursday; 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

KD's Bar-B-Q (OAC)
3113 Garden City Highway
683-4013

KD's Bar-B-Q serves a variety of barbecued meats and sides. Customers choose their meat from the grill. Choices include turkey, brisket, ham, chopped beef, several types of sausage, pork chops, chicken, pork tenderloin and ribs. Sides include potato salad, coleslaw, corn and roasted jalapenos.
Entree price range: meat priced per pound; sandwiches $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday.
5 spoons

Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030
and 4317 W. Illinois Ave. 689-9702

Barbecue specialties including ribs, brisket, sausage and chicken. Other entrees include rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates the large dining room. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Tank's Bar-B-Que and Catering (Carry out)
401 East Scharbauer Drive
684-0006

Carry out restaurant, offering barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage and turkey by the pound or plate. Call in your order before you arrive or walk up to the window. Friday, try the fried catfish. Traditional side dishes, beans, potato salad, onion rings and fries are served. Claims to have one of the best burgers in town. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Texas Burger (OAC)
3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177
and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838

Texas Burger has three locations in Odessa, one in Andrews and two in Midland. Menu includes a variety of burgers and sandwiches as well as chicken strip, steak finger or shrimp dinner plates or baskets. Corn dogs, hot dogs, frito pie and a number of salads also are listed on the menu. Prices are reasonable and the kid's menu offers several options. The restaurant also features desserts with ice cream and frozen custard.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

Deli/Sandwich

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as outdoor seating.
Average meal price $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday.
4 spoons

Jason's Deli (OAC)
4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B
682-2200

Inviting salad bar with fresh fruit, various salads and the large selection of healthy sandwiches. All of the foods are free of artificial trans fats. Vegetarian and heart healthy items are noted on menu. Soups and salads. Kid's menu and free soft serve ice cream with meal. Catering, call in, or order online. Delivery available. Trays of food available for events.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily
4 spoons

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100, 687-0880
and 4415 W. Wadley Ave., 694-1800
www.mcalistersdeli.com

Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
4 spoons

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened or grilled chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of the famous curly fries. Menu also includes tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

Smiling Moose Deli (OAC)
3322 North Loop 250 West
www.smilingmoosedeli.com
697-3354

Open early to serve breakfast including bagel sandwiches, breakfast burritos and a wide selection of coffee drinks. Lunch sandwiches, delicious wraps, salads, soups and homemade breads can be selected from the menu or made to order. Gluten-free menu and gluten-free hoagie rolls available. Extensive catering menu including continental-style breakfast, box breakfast, sides, coffee, juice and just about anything from regular menu is available. Check website for coupon deals.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Breakfast served all day.
4 spoons

Swensen's (OAC)
900 W. Loop 250 N.
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations, an immaculate dining room, fast, friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches — grilled, cold, warm, pita and burgers. Salads include a crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.
4 spoons

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
1100 E. Illinois Ave.
682-3200

Chicago-inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Homestyle fries and chips. Drive through window.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Tony's Bakery (OAC)
1108 N. Big Spring St.
570-4166

Family-owned bakery where everything is made from scratch. Breakfast items include pull-apart bread, assorted Kolaches and meat empanadas. Pastries available all day. Several varieties of delicious large sandwiches to feed a group must be ordered a day ahead. They are worth the wait. Cookies, cakes in all shapes and sizes made to order for occasions. Run by when you need a quick dessert and purchase items out of the bakery cases.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-3 p.m Tuesday-Wednesday; 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Wings

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar (SD)
5107 W. Wadley Ave.
694-9400

This sports bar and restaurant has nine big-screens and 35 smaller televisions mounted to the walls, giving customers a view of the game from any seat on the floor or in the bar. Traditional or boneless chicken wings may be ordered choice of 14 sauces. Other menu items include burgers, sandwiches, wraps, flatbreads, appetizers and more. Smoking is allowed.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily
3 spoons

Wing Stop (OAC)
3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105
(Corner of Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue)
694-WING (9464)
www.wingstop.com

Nine wing flavors, including Original Hot, Cajun, Atomic, Mild, Teriyaki, Lemon Pepper, Hawaiian, Garlic Parmesan and Hickory Smoked BBQ. Wings are cooked-to-order, usually ready in seven minutes. Choose from homemade side dishes including fresh-cut seasoned fries, bourbon baked beans, potato salad, creamy cole slaw, vegetable sticks, rolls and assorted dipping sauces. Boneless and regular wings available. Catering for any event. Take out or dine in.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday.
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what'scoming

THE ADDAMS FAMILY
When: 7:30 p.m. May 23
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

LYLE LOVETT AND ROBERT EARL KEEN
When: May 29
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $43-$73 plus fees online at Etix or by calling 800-514-3849. No additional fees in person at the box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

JUANES
When: 7 p.m. June 2
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

SPANKI THE FIFTY SHADES PARODY
When: 7:30 p.m. June 4
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $27.62 to $42.50 plus fees

PETER FRAMPTON & ROBERT CRAY
When: 8 p.m. June 8
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $50 to $223 plus fees

THE HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR
When: 8 p.m. June 12
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: The Turtles, Gary Puckett, Chuck Negron of Three Dog Night, Mark Lindsey of Paul Revere and the Raiders and Gary Lewis and the Playboys
Tickets: $35-$60 plus fees

TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND
When: 7:30 p.m. June 13
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $37.50-$67.50 plus fees

FOUR FUNNY FEMALES COMEDY TOUR
When: 8 p.m. June 15
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $35-$60 individual, $29.75-$51 group 10 to 20 tickets plus fees

CHEAP TRICK
When: 7:30 p.m. June 19
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $45-$273 plus fees

FORT GRIFFIN FANDANGO
When: June 20-22 and 27-29
Where: Albany
Tickets: Call 325-762-3838.
Info: 75th anniversary production

PERMIAN BASIN GUN SHOW
When: June 22-23
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

HOPEFEST
When: July 19-20
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
When: June 25
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

TALL CITY BLUES FEST
When: July 26-27
Where: Downtown

COWBOY FAST DRAW
When: July 26-27
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

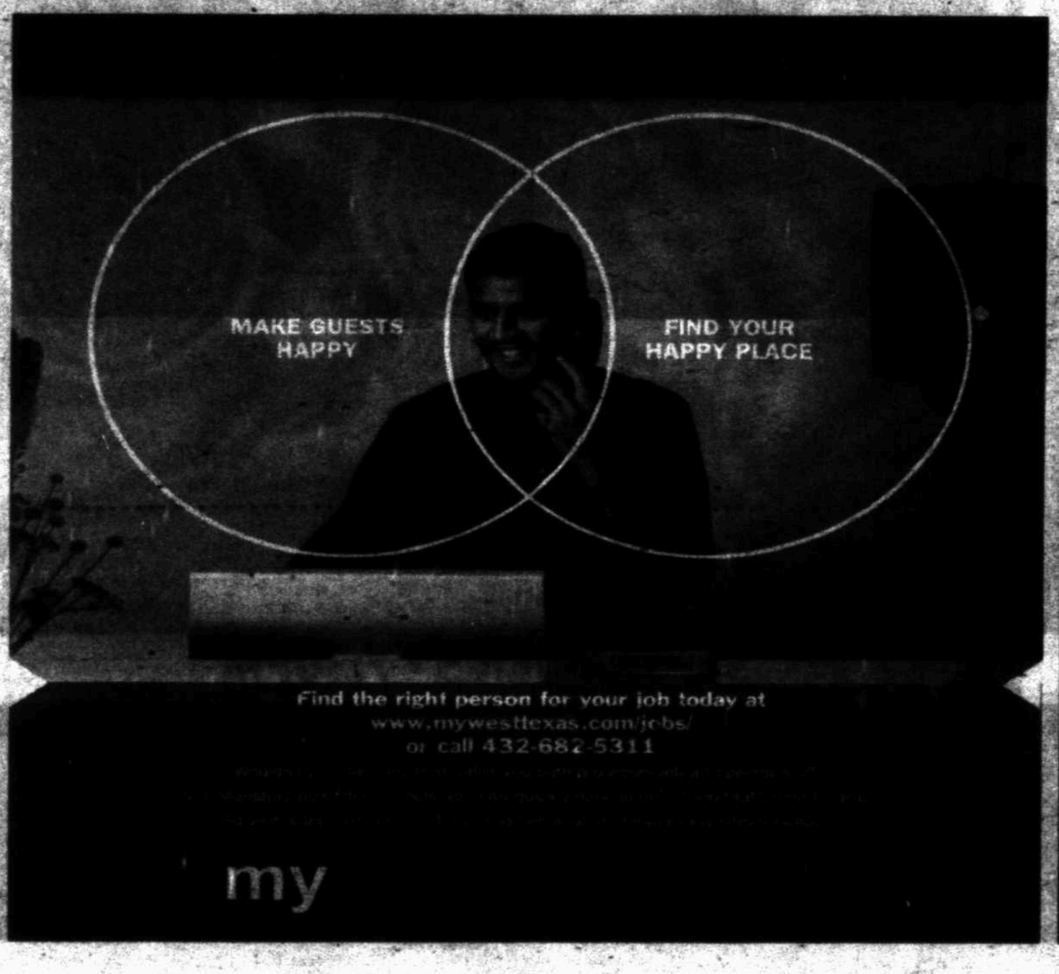
RINGLING BROS CIRCUS
When: July 26-28
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

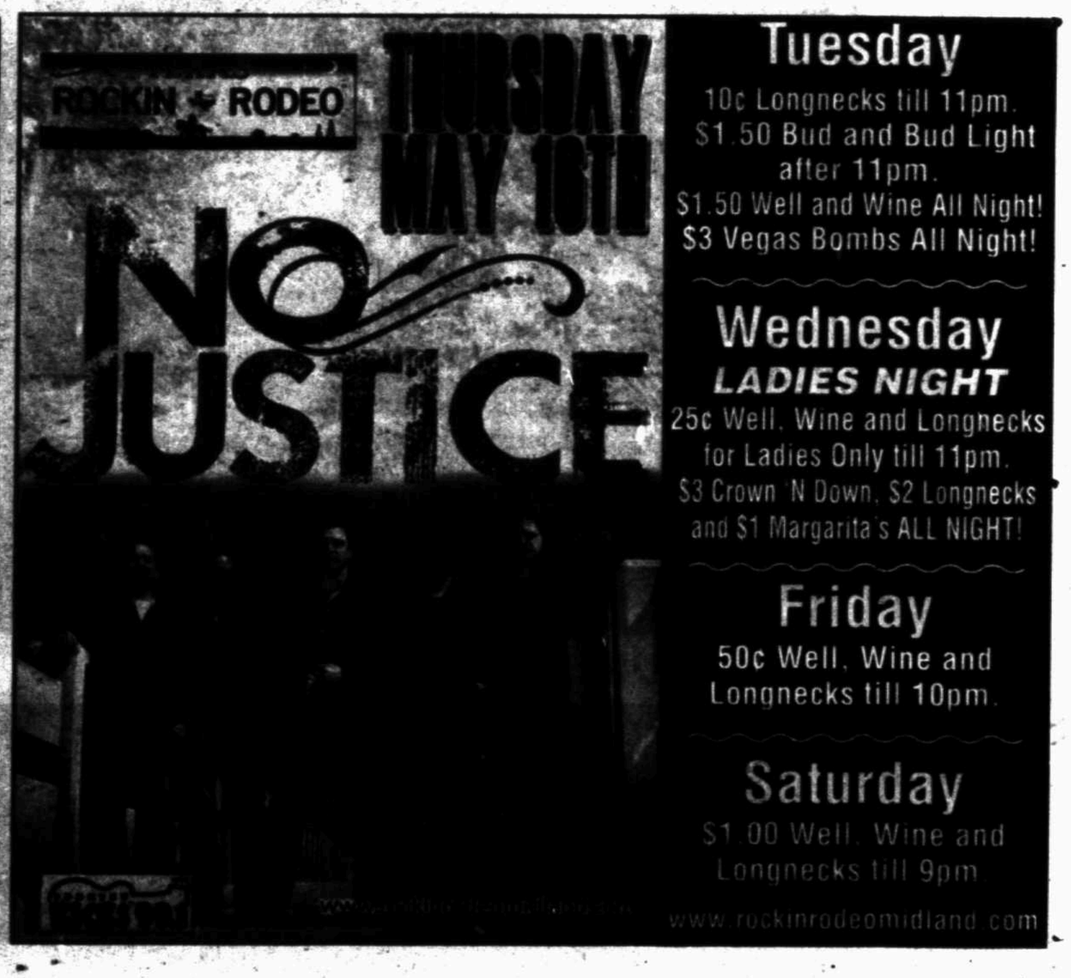
CEREBRAL REBELUTION ART SHOW
When: Aug. 4
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

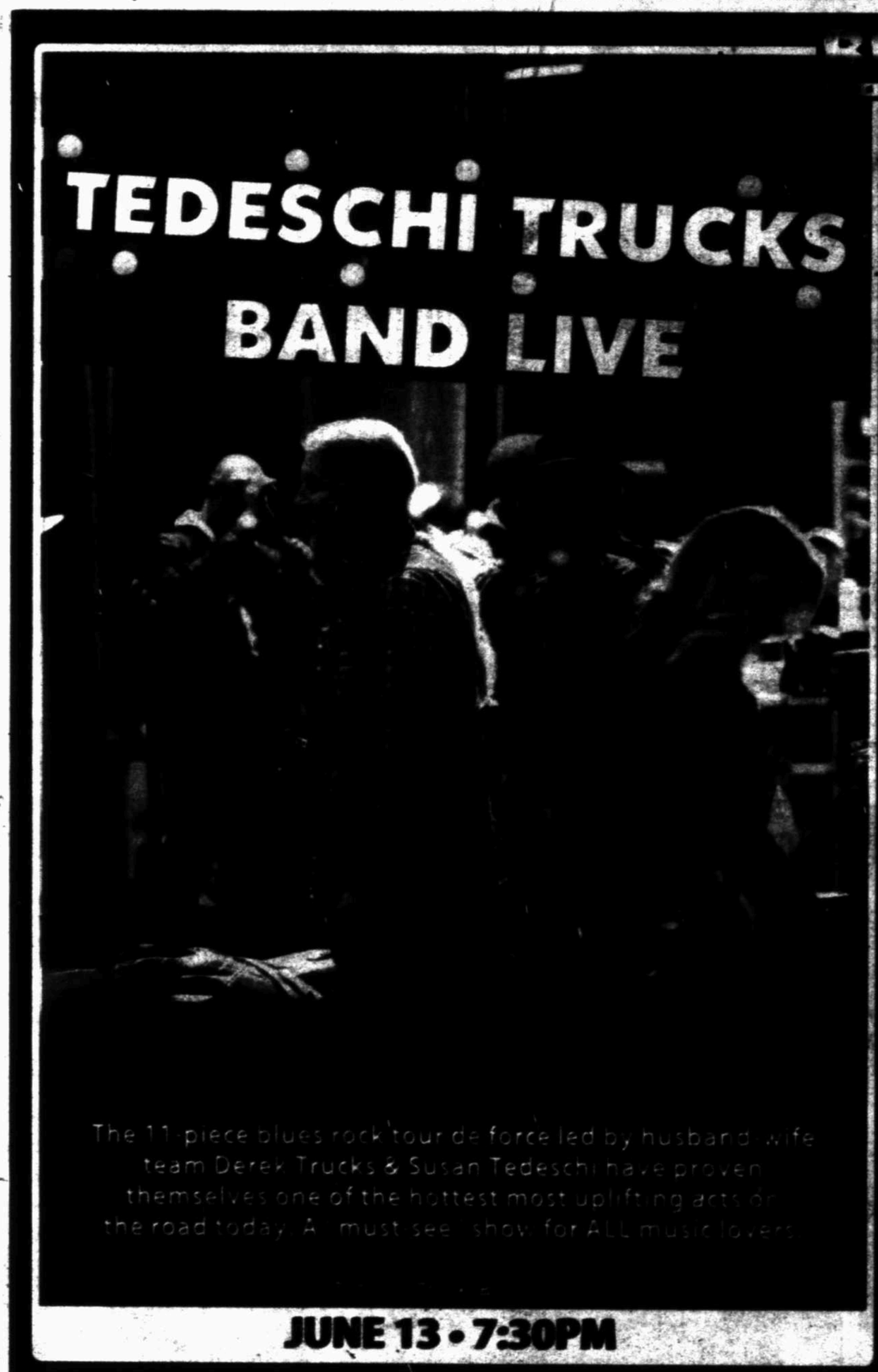
CHICAGO
When: 8 p.m. Aug. 13
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $50 to $90 plus fees

LORETTA LYNN
When: 8 p.m. Aug. 22
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $40-$75 plus fees

JOE SATRIANI
When: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $37.50 to $298 plus fees



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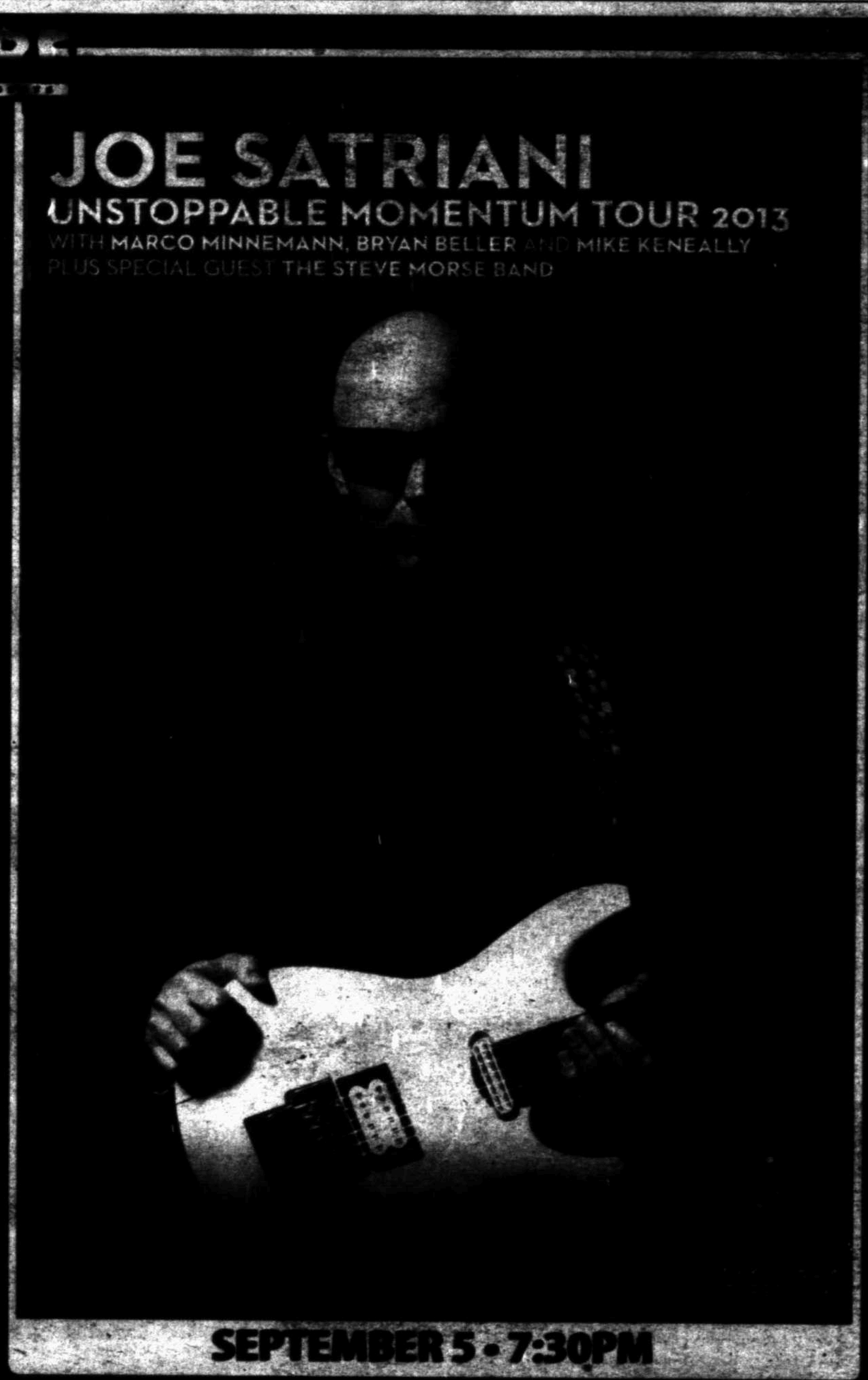
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