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Warren, MISD maneuver to avoid layoffs

Superintendent says district could dip into $29 million fund balance

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Contract renewals will be postponed at Midland Independent School District until the last week of March in hopes of hearing more from state lawmakers by that point on what to expect.

In an e-mail sent to faculty and staff this week, Superintendent Ryder Warren said the school board meeting where he will make recommendations concerning contracts has been moved from March 8 to March 29. At this point, there is no reason to believe any faculty or staff will be let go as a result of the state budget shortfall, Warren said Tuesday.

Warren

"I will be making general recommendations for professional contracts, as we do every year, during our March board meeting," Warren wrote, in the e-mail. "I am not planning for and I do not foresee any layoffs/reductions in force for us, so I do feel comfortable making this decision."

Instead of cuts to staff and faculty, Warren said he continues to think they can save funds by not replacing faculty and staff who leave through normal attrition each year. He also doesn't anticipate having to ask anyone to retire early, he said.

"I do not want to have to tell anyone they don't have a job," Warren said. "We have between 10 to 12 percent (of faculty and staff) leave us normally, then we're going to look at deficiencies within the district."

Warren said, as was communicated to teachers in his e-mail, that they'll assess programs and departments within the district and make cuts there. Specifics on what those changes will look like will be announced in the spring, he said.

Todd Howey, MISD executive director of athletics, said when it comes to their programs, they're scrutinizing schedules and already have put a purchasing procedure in place along with reducing what's bought for athletes, among other things. He said they're not talking about

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JUST A DRILL

Roger Primera/MRT contributor

WAY UP HIGH Firefighters use chainsaws to practice essential fire control techniques on a hospital-owned residential building Tuesday that is scheduled to be demolished.

Midland firefighters destroy building during training

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

The Midland Fire Department was able to do some training at a building the hospital is set to demolish Tuesday.

MFD practiced proper ventilation and fire control strategies by cutting holes in the roof and walls of the structures to direct air and smoke exhaust.

"These are basic firefighting skills and techniques, and it is always good to practice when we get the chance," said MFD Captain Aaron Cox. "Not many people let us cut holes in their roof."

Midland Memorial Hospital provided two buildings on the corner of West Tennessee Avenue and North N Street for the firefighters to train. One resembled a residential structure,

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Fort Stockton Holdings, city wait for hearing

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The question of whether Clayton Williams' Fort Stockton Holdings will be permitted to transport water likely won't be decided without a court battle, officials said Tuesday.

"This is going to be a long, drawn out ordeal," Pecos County Judge Joe Shuster said. "It won't be over next month in April when they have the hearings."

Fort Stockton City Council members rejected a settlement offer this week worth more than $5 million that was offered by Fort Stockton Holdings in exchange for the city's support when the issue goes before the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District in April.

Mayor Ruben Falcon said it was a tough decision for the council but the citizens of Fort Stockton overwhelmingly wanted them to continue fighting the company's efforts despite the offer. Fort Stockton Holdings has proposed pumping about 41 million gallons per day from its property in

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United Way tops $3M for 10th year

■ 2010 donations beat last year's total by about $100,000.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

More than $3.15 million was raised by the United Way of Midland during its 2010 efforts, making it the 10th consecutive year the campaign topped the $3 million mark. .

The donations that came in at about $100,000 more than 2009 totals were the latest example of Midlanders stepping up in their characteristic West Texas way to take care of the community, board members said.

"The 2010 campaign was your success and I thank all of you," said Steve Gray, resource development vice chairman, speaking at the organization's annual meeting that was held Tuesday at the Midland Center.

The $3,155,522 contributed will go toward area programs that work to promote education, self-sufficiency and health. Having received 49 applications for the upcoming funding period, Alice Freidline, Community Investment Director, said volunteers will begin this month assessing programs and making site visits. The

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ANNUAL MEETING Cynthia Benson, executive director of United Way, talks about some of the Community Impact Initiatives they completed during the annual meeting Tuesday.

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Gas wastewater from drilling still a problem

David B. Caruso
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pennsylvania's natural gas drillers are still flushing vast quantities of contaminated wastewater into rivers that supply drinking water, despite major progress by the industry over the past year in curtailing the practice.

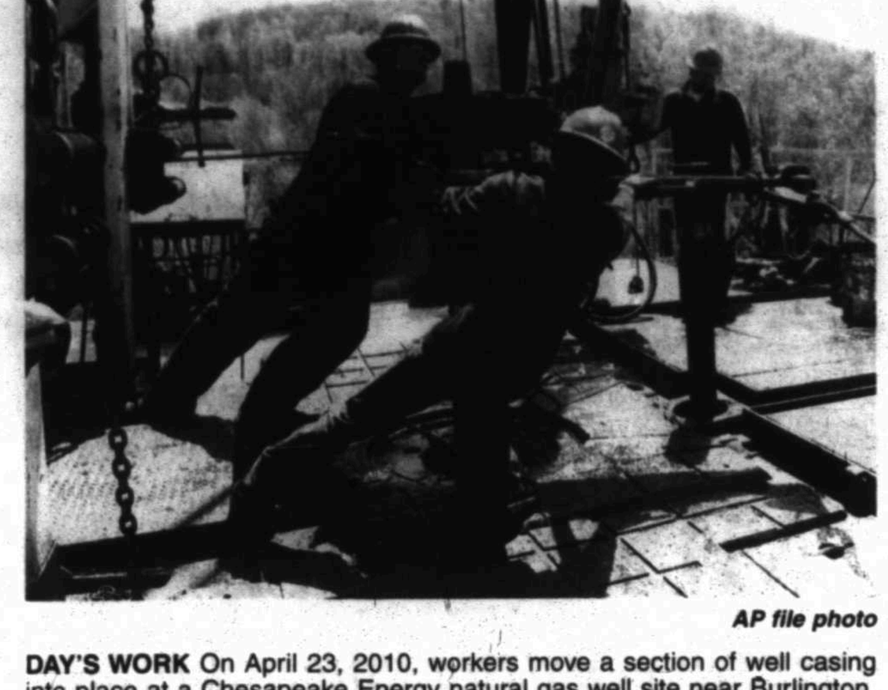
Under pressure from environmentalists and state officials, energy companies that have been drilling thousands of gas wells in the state's countryside spent part of 2010 overhauling the way they handle the chemically tainted and sometimes radioactive water that gushes from the ground after a drilling technique known as high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

Until the second half of last year, Pennsylvania had been the only state to allow most of this wastewater to be discharged into rivers after only partial treatment. Other states required most or all of the brine to be disposed of by injecting it deep underground.

In recent months, though, the industry has boasted big gains in the amount of well wastewater that is reused, rather than trucked to treatment plants that empty into rivers and streams.

New figures released by Pennsylvania regulators this week confirm many of those claims, showing that for the first time, a majority of well wastewater is now being recycled. But drilling in the vast, gas-rich rock formation known as the Marcellus Shale is growing so explosively that some of those gains are being erased by operators that still send their waste to plants that discharge into rivers.

Of the 10.6 million barrels of wastewater that gushed from the wells in the final six months of 2010, at least 65 percent was recycled, a dramatic increase from previous years, when little or no recycling took place. But the records also show that at least 2.8 million barrels of well wastewater were sent to treatment plants that discharge into rivers and streams.



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DAY'S WORK On April 23, 2010, workers move a section of well casing into place at a Chesapeake Energy natural gas well site near Burlington, Pa. Pennsylvania's natural gas drillers are still flushing vast quantities of contaminated wastewater into rivers that supply drinking water, despite major progress by the industry over the past year in curtailing the practice.

By comparison, some 3.6 million barrels were sent to those same plants during the 12-month period that ended on June 30. That means that even with the recycling effort ramping up tremendously, more tainted wastewater is being dumped into rivers now than was the case a year ago.

A total of 1,386 new gas wells were drilled in the state last year, up from 768 a year earlier. Thousands more well permits have been approved.

Kathryn Klaber, president and executive director of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, a group that represents gas drillers, said in a statement that huge improvements in the recycling rate should be viewed as a success story.

"Pennsylvania is at the forefront of developing and implementing industry-leading water recycling and reuse technologies aimed at further reducing our environmental footprint. These commonsense advancements are a win-win for the environment, (and) local communities as well as our industry," she said.

Over the past year, most of the biggest drillers in Pennsylvania have moved toward systems in which water is recycled in new well projects. A variety of recycling methods exist, but most involve doing some light treatment of the wastewater, mixing it with fresh water and then reusing it in the fracturing process. Companies benefit because it cuts down on the amount of fresh water they need.

Even as it has made changes, the industry has argued that its original practice of sending most wastewater through partial treatment, and then into rivers, posed no danger to the environment or drinking water.

The drilling boom in the Marcellus Shale and other parts of the U.S. has been made possible by innovations in fracking, in which millions of gallons of water laced with sand and chemicals are injected into wells at such high pressure that the rocks split open, unlocking the gas. Some of the water comes gushing back up, polluted with metals like barium and strontium, and sometimes tainted with high levels of radium or benzene.

Pennsylvania has a few plants that specialize in treating wastewater from the oil, coal and gas business, and operators of these facilities say that they are adept at removing many of the worrisome contaminants.

They are unable, however, to remove the salty dissolved solids and chlorides that the wastewater picks up as it travels through the shale beds. There have been concerns about the salt levels rising in some Pennsylvania rivers that supply drinking water.

A smaller amount of wastewater, about 14 percent in the latest state data, also is being sent to municipal sewage plants that lack the ability to remove contaminants as efficiently as some of the treatment facilities that specialize in oil and gas industry waste.

Some environmentalists have also questioned what happens to all the water that is injected into gas wells but never comes back up. Industry experts have argued that the water is contained in rock formations so deep, there is no potential for it to escape and contaminate local groundwater. But opponents of drilling frequently cite examples where residential water wells have suddenly turned foul in areas where new wells had been dug.

Army's new fitness tests add taste of battlefield

Susanna M. Schafer
Associated Press

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Sit-ups don't make a soldier, the Army has decided. So its 30-year-old fitness requirements are getting a battlefield-inspired makeover.

Soon, every soldier will have to run on a balance beam with two 30-pound canisters of ammunition, drag a sled weighted with 180 pounds of sandbags and vault over obstacles while carrying a rifle. Those were just some of the tests the Army unveiled Tuesday as it moves toward making its physical training look more like combat.

Right now, soldiers have to complete sit-ups, push-ups and a two-mile run twice a year within times that vary by age and gender. Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, the general in charge of the Army's initial military training, said he has been working to change that test for years.

Hertling said the current test "does not adequately measure components of strength, endurance or mobility" or predict how well a soldier would do under fire.

A new annual "combat readiness" test includes running 400 meters — about a quarter of a mile — with a rifle, moving through an obstacle course in full combat gear, and crawling and vaulting over obstacles while aiming a rifle. Soldiers also will have to run on a balance beam while carrying 30-pound ammo boxes and do an agility sprint around a course field of cones.

Soldiers also will have to drag sleds weighted with sandbags to test their ability to pull a fallen comrade from the battlefield. The combat test might be given before deployments, as well as annually, but that has not been decided.

The Army will keep elements of its old assessment in a "physical readiness" test, which adds such things as a 60-yard shuttle run and a standing long jump to one minute of push-ups and a 1.5-mile timed run. This might be given every six months, said Frank Palkoska, head of the Army's Fitness School at Fort Jackson.

Hertling said trials of the new program are starting this month at eight bases and the plan could be adopted Army-wide after reviews later this year.

Soldiers who ran the proposed "combat readiness" portion of the test Tuesday told reporters the exercises were tough, even for combat veterans.

Wearing a battle helmet and carrying a rifle, Staff Sgt. Timothy Shoenfelt teetered as he trod the balance beam, holding ammo tins in each hand. His pace slowed a bit as he dragged the green sled behind him, then held his M-4 steady as he strode sideways through the "point-move-aim" portion of the test.

"My quads are on fire!" the 31-year-old from Indiana, Pa., said afterward. "It really made me breathe hard and challenged a lot of muscle groups."

The tests will be given to all soldiers and officers, including Army Reserves and National Guard, even those recalled soldiers who are now over 60, officials said. Specific gender and age standards are still being worked out, Palkoska said.

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GOP looks to cut IRS budget despite returns

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Every dollar the Internal Revenue Service spends for audits, liens and seizing property from tax cheats brings in more than $10, a rate of return so good the Obama administration wants to boost the agency's budget.

House Republicans, seeing the heavy hand of a too-big government, beg to differ. They've already voted to cut the IRS budget by $600 million this year and want bigger cuts in 2012.

The IRS has dramatically increased its pursuit of tax cheats in the past decade: Audits are up, property liens are up and asset seizures are way up. President Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress see stepped up enforcement as a good way to narrow the nation's staggering budget deficit without raising tax rates or cutting popular spending programs.

"It makes little sense to cut the agency that collects revenue," said Rep. Jose Serrano, of New York, the top Democrat on the House subcommittee that oversees the IRS budget.

> "It makes little sense to cut the agency that collects revenue."
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> —REP. JOSE SERRANO
> D-N.Y.

IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman told the committee Tuesday that the $600 million cut in this year's budget would result in the IRS collecting $4 billion less through tax enforcement programs. The Democrat-controlled Senate is unlikely to pass a budget cut that big. But given the political climate on Capitol Hill, Obama's plan to increase IRS spending is unlikely to pass, either.

Obama has already increased the IRS budget by 10 percent since he took office, to nearly $12.5 billion. The president's budget proposal for 2012 would increase IRS spending by an additional 9 percent — adding 5,100 employees.

Republicans, however, view the IRS as an ideal target in their promise to reduce government spending, in part because the agency will play a big role in implementing Obama's new health care law. If the law survives court challenges, the IRS will administer tax credits for businesses that provide health insurance to employees, as well as credits to help individuals pay for coverage. The agency also is tasked with enforcing the mandate that most Americans buy health insurance, starting in 2014.

Obama's 2012 budget proposal for the IRS includes $473 million and 1,269 new positions to start implementing the health care law.

"At a time when we have to tighten the belt from a budgetary standpoint, we're seeing massive new responsibilities laid at the doorstep of the IRS and it's making it more difficult for them to meet their charges of enforcement as well as customer service to the taxpayer," said Rep. Charles Boustany, R-La., chairman of the House Ways and Means oversight subcommittee.

Republicans want to deprive the agency of money to enforce the new law, but the budget cuts go deeper than health care, reflecting GOP concerns about an agency that touches nearly every business and adult in the nation — as well as many that operate abroad.

"We're hearing from small businesses a repeat of the horror stories from more than 10 years ago," said Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on select revenue measures. "I think you will see House Republicans have a real discussion about the role of the IRS in this country as we are trying to grow the economy and create jobs."

In the late 1990s, Congress held hearings so taxpayers could relate horror stories about dealing with IRS tax collectors. The hearings resulted in a 1998 law that reorganized the IRS and largely reined it in, guaranteeing taxpayers rights and due process when the IRS files property liens, seizes bank accounts or garnishes wages.

The law led to a steep drop in enforcement actions against delinquent taxpayers. From 1997 to 2000, the number of levies, or asset seizures, fell from 3.7 million to 220,000, and the number of liens was nearly cut in half.

But enforcement numbers have rebounded, with the agency collecting $57.6 billion last year through enforcement actions — on an enforcement budget of $5.5 billion. In 2010, the agency used 3.6 million levies to seize assets, and filed nearly 1.1 million property liens.

NATION BRIEFS
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WASHINGTON

Government shutdown averted; House passes cuts

The U.S. House of Representatives passed emergency short-term legislation Tuesday to cut federal spending by $4 billion and avert a government shutdown. Senate Democrats agreed to follow suit, handing Republicans an early victory in their drive to rein in government spending.

The bill that cleared the House on a bipartisan vote of 335-91 eliminates the threat of a shutdown on March 4, when existing spending authority expires. At the same time, it creates a compressed two-week time frame for the White House and lawmakers to engage in what looms as a highly contentious negotiation on a follow-up bill to set spending levels through the Sept. 30 end of the current budget year.

The Senate set a vote on the short-term measure for today, the final step before it goes to President Barack Obama for his signature.

WASHINGTON

US launches new missile defense program for Europe

The United States is sending a special radar-equipped warship to the Mediterranean Sea next week, the first step in the development of a broad anti-ballistic missile system to protect Europe against a potential Iranian nuclear threat, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

The move marks the first of the Obama administration's four-phase plan to put land- and sea-based radars and interceptors in several European locations during the next decade.

Endorsed by NATO during a summit in Lisbon last year, the missile shield has triggered opposition from Russia and set off lengthy negotiations over the future expanded ability to shoot down ballistic missiles in the region.

WISCONSIN

Governor proposes deep cuts for schools

MADISON — After focusing for weeks on his proposal to strip public employees of collective bargaining rights, Gov. Scott Walker on Tuesday presented his full budget — a plan that cuts $1 billion in aid to public schools and local government but avoids any tax or fee increases, furloughs or widespread layoffs.

Walker said the cuts could be paid for in large part by forcing government employees to pay more for their pension and health care benefits. And the governor whose cost-cutting ideas have stirred a national debate over public-sector unions gave no indication he would soften his demand to reduce their power at the negotiating table.

Schools and local governments targeted for cuts would not be allowed to make it up with higher property taxes.

"This is a reform budget," Walker told lawmakers inside the Assembly chamber as protesters on the floor below screamed, banged on drums and blew horns. "It is about getting Wisconsin working again. And to make that happen, we need a balanced budget that works — and an environment where the private sector can create 250,000 jobs over the next four years."

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board will make its final allocations in May, she said.

Shan Moon, board president for 2010, said coming off the economic slump of 2009, individuals and companies were more willing to contribute this year.

"People were able to give more because they felt more confident about the economy," he said.

And while Gray said they didn't quite meet their $3.3 million goal, they knew it was "lofty" going in and were pleased with the results of the campaign.

"We were really excited just to beat last year's goal," he said.

Compared with other United Ways in the region, the $3 million or more consistently contributed in Midland is typically at least $1 million more than seen elsewhere.

Jeff Whitsell, resource development director at United Way of Odessa, said they'll close their campaign out at the end of the month but anticipate reporting between $1.7 and $1.8 million in contributions.

Staff at the United Ways of the Concho Valley (San Angelo) and Abilene reported raising about $2 million during 2010.

Even with $3.15 million, Freidline said there's always more need than they're able to provide.

In 2010, the organization allocated about $2.5 million to 50 programs. That total was supplemented with funds from United Way of Midland's reserves, which Executive Director Cynthia Benson said won't be possible every year.

The difference between the total raised and the amount they're able to allocate happens because some money is set aside for grants that are given throughout the year. Other funds go toward overhead costs at United Way and a small percentage of the dollars pledged are never contributed.

From here, Jayne Krawietz, 2011 board president, said the United Way of Midland already is looking ahead by completing a strategic planning process and preparing for the 2011 campaign.

"Midland has always stepped up to the plate when it comes to giving," she said.

Benson said they'll continue to focus their efforts toward programs that target the root cause of issues in the community, such as the high school dropout rate, in hopes of helping to create true systemic change.

"The United Way of Midland is looking at the big picture," she said. "In all of our work the focus is on improving lives of individuals and families right here in Midland, Texas."

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

Awards

- **Rising Star (company with most improved campaign):** Concoco Phillips
- **Eagle Spirit Award (company with greatest percentage of employees donating $1,000 or more):** Lynch, Chappell & Alsup, P.C. and Summit Petroleum (second consecutive year)
- **Deane H. Stoltz Pioneer Spirit Award (company with greatest number of employees donating $1,000 or more):** Midland Memorial Hospital (eighth consecutive year)
- **Paul C. Rea Live United Award (company whose employees are involved in each aspect of United Way):** Energen Resources

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1996	$2,810,206
1997	$3,056,000
1998	$2,900,442
1999	$2,780,480
2000	$3,021,926
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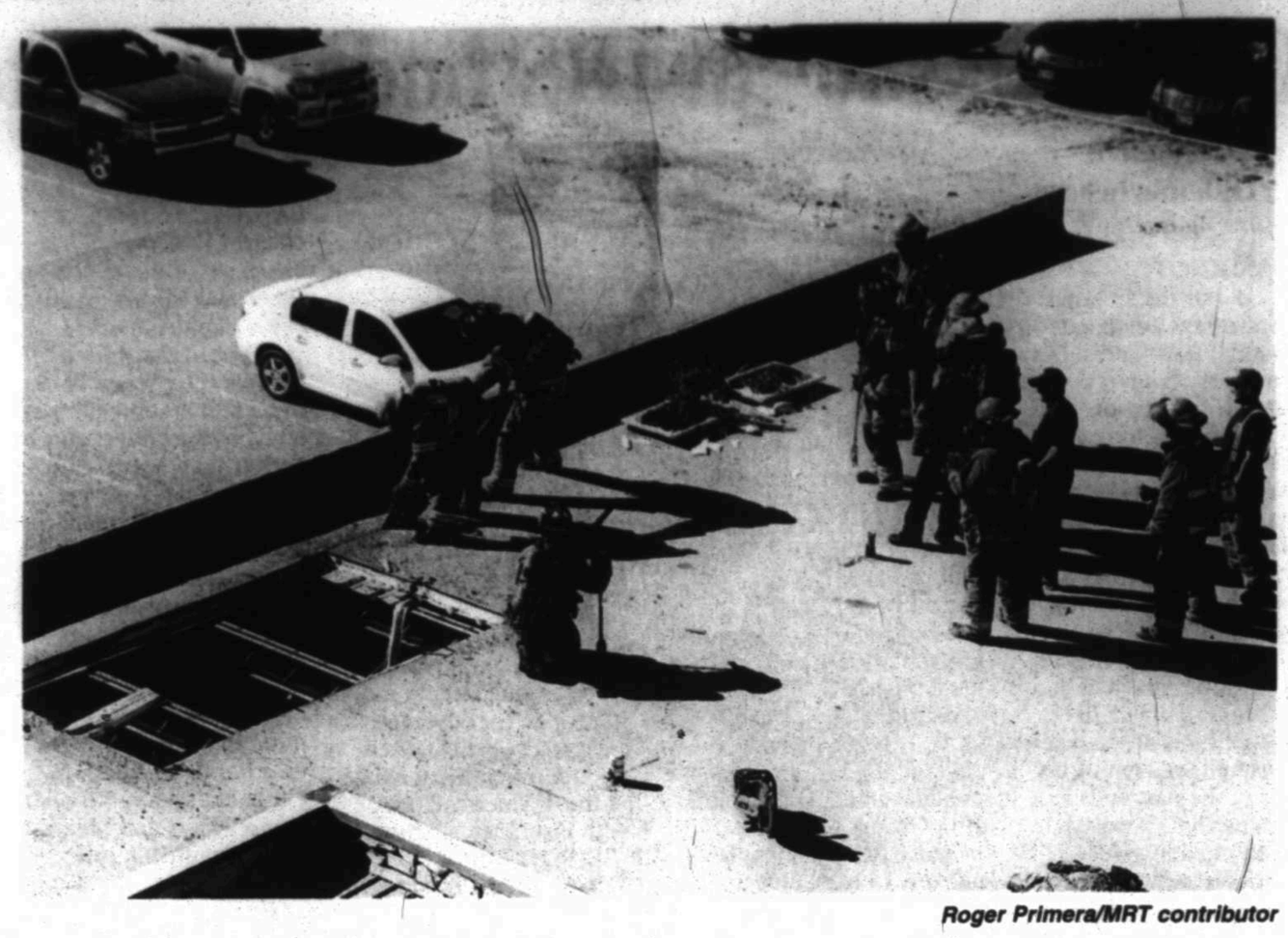

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PRACTICE DRILL Midland firefighters practice ventilation techniques by cutting through a two roofed commercial building Tuesday on Midland Memorial Hospital property.

TRAIN

From 1A

while the other provided firefighters the ability to train on a commercial building that had two roofs they had to cut through.

Cox also said it was good for the newer firefighters to get this type of training before being called to use the techniques in a live fire situation.

Tuesday's training was a two-part program: The first consisted of an hour lecture and the second was live training. All of the city's fire companies participated and rotated through training throughout the day.

Firefighters took turns using demolition equipment, including a chainsaw, to make pathways for the hot air and poisonous gases.

"(These techniques) will help prevent back drafts and will increase the likelihood of finding victims because it greatly increases visibility," Cox said.

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GAME PLAN Firefighters train on a hospital-owned residential building.

HEARING

From 1A

Fort Stockton to the Midland Freshwater District No. 1, which is located near Midland International Airport.

"The public was very loud and clear that they did not want us to settle with Fort Stockton Holdings," Falcon said. "They wanted us to see this fight all the way through."

The city's attorneys will work on the necessary documents to oppose the company when it makes its requests before the Groundwater Conservation District. From there, city and other officials said, the decision by the board could be challenged in court.

Fort Stockton Holdings' Vice President Brock Thompson released a statement saying the company was disappointed in the decision.

"We are disappointed that the City Council chose not to accept our proposal to protect the city's water supply and assist with their infrastructure needs. We will continue to work with the city as we move forward in the production permit application process," he said.

José Cuevas Jr., chairman of the water district's board, said they certainly would have liked to not have opposition but that they're still moving forward.

"If it ends up in a courtroom, the judge will make the final ruling," Cuevas said.

Darren Hodges, Fort Stockton city councilman, said the city uses an average of three to four million gallons of water per day, and the water Williams is proposing to pump is located about a mile from the city wells. The deal offered was appealing, he said, but not when compared with the profit Fort Stockton Holdings stands to make if it's able to transport the full 41 million gallons.

"It was an attractive deal," Hodges said. "I didn't think it was quite good enough."

Still, he said, with about six weeks remaining before the Groundwater Conservation District's hearing, their stance could shift if something unforeseen happens.

"It appears that for the time being we'll continue to oppose the permit," he said. "Things could change."

Because while the city did accept an offer from Pecos County, Hodges said the clause requiring them to oppose Fort Stockton Holdings that was initially in the deal has been removed. The city does have to allow the county access to its water studies and related information.

Shuster said they wanted the city and county to have a united front and are glad that is the case at this point.

"The citizens of both Fort Stockton and Pecos County agreed with the decision that was made," Shuster said. "It just tells them (the Groundwater Conservation District) that we're united in our belief and we're going to go forward and continue the fight."

The county's offer to city officials is estimated in value at more than $2.4 million, Shuster said. The city will not be charged for money owed from previous years for water and its EMS fees charged by the county will be capped for the next four years at $200,000, among other concessions. Typically the EMS fees run about $600,000 for the city annually, Shuster said.

"We have a fund balance that we're drawing from," Shuster said, explaining how they were able to make the offer.

Fort Stockton Holdings had offered the city a $2 million donation to cover the city's costs for conducting its water study and to use for improvements to the city's water utility infrastructure. Additionally, if permits were obtained to move the water, the company would've donated $3 million to develop Rooney Park and Comanche Springs plus providing $300,000 annually to maintain the improvements, according to a summary provided by an attorney for Fort Stockton Holdings.

The company also would have agreed to test the water quality and aquifer level and to put the city's ability to fill its historic and existing use water permits before its own rights to fill any permits they're granted.

"Everyone looks for a win-win situation and unfortunately it is what it is and in April they'll decide one way or another," Cuevas said.

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MISD

From 1A

eliminating any sports.

"I've been told to be prepared, and I've sat down and looked at our budget and scrutinized all of our schedules for next year ... the tournaments we go to and how many times we get the kids out of class. We are looking very closely at our schedules to see where we are going, and it's primarily at the sub-varsity level," Howey said.

If attrition and program cuts don't do enough to cover the funding gap — which in initial bills released from the Senate and the House were between $19 million and $33 million for MISD — Warren said they could draw from the district's local fund balance.

"Everybody was a little nervous and they're going to continue to be. I wanted to put that out just so they understand what our plans are," Warren said. "We're going to have to make cuts, we know that."

This month, Warren said there's about $29 million in the local fund balance, though that likely will increase because of budget reductions already in place for this year. If money is taken from the balance to cover a shortfall, he said he would be comfortable withdrawing between $4 million and $6 million.

"We use our fund balance monthly to pay our bills until tax money comes in," he said. "I don't want to draw it down so much that we would actually have to borrow money to pay our monthly bills. Using it up to a point is acceptable."

Terrill Littlejohn, a Lamar Elementary teacher and at large director for the Texas Classroom Teacher's Association, said Warren's e-mail was a great reassurance.

"He wants teachers to keep their jobs and sign their contracts," he said. "Throughout the school year he has met with every school campus and the faculty, he has stated it, but with everything else coming out in the news teachers were starting to get nervous."

School board members said they were in support of moving the monthly meeting because the more they know from Austin, the better they'll be able to make informed decisions. Like Warren, they said maintaining staff positions is the priority.

"Of course we don't want anyone to lose their job," said board trustee Karen Fullen.

Fullen said unlike some districts, MISD's classrooms are full and there aren't extra staff members to let go. With growth that has occurred this year, she said they already have had to obtain waivers to surpass the state classroom ratio maximum.

"Losing teachers, that's not an option," she said. "We don't want to put 35 kids in a classroom. We're not happy with that and that's what would happen if we start cutting our teachers."

Trustee James Fuller said saving positions is the top goal of the board and that Warren has done a good job in approaching the budget process.

"He's very sensitive to the impact any scenario might have on the district," he said.

Board Secretary Karen Nicholson agreed and said she's also encouraging people, which includes teachers, to contact their representatives because the local school board only has so much control.

"It's really out of our hands," she said. "We just have to wait and see."

After 2011-12, Warren said budgets for the 2012-13 school year will depend on what the financial situation is then. If it ever comes to the point staff reductions are necessary, he said they would not just be among teachers.

"In 2012-2013, if we do have to reduce our work force, nothing's off the table," he said. "You can't just cut at campuses. You'd have to cut at this building (administration), you'd have to cut at support services, nobody would be overlooked if we had to do that."

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Will smoking cuts add to health care costs?

By Emily Ramshaw
Texas Tribune

Finding ways to cut health care costs is all the rage under the Pink Dome — and curbing smoking is a proven way to do it. But both the House and Senate budget proposals slash tobacco cessation programs by more than 80 percent, or $20 million over the biennium.

Health care advocates say such cuts would devastate programs that deter children from smoking and eliminate regional efforts that have curbed tobacco use among adults. And they argue that the money, which comes from a multi-billion-dollar lawsuit settled with big tobacco companies in the late 1990s, is supposed to be used for anti-smoking education.

The move to use smoking cessation funds to help balance the budget comes as several lawmakers work to ban smoking in most public places. According to the advocacy group Smoke-Free Texas, that would save Texas more than $400 million every two years — including $250 million in health care savings. They also estimate that nearly 33,000 Texans would kick the habit.

When Texas settled a roughly $17 billion lawsuit with big tobacco companies in the late 1990s, lawmakers chose to set aside $200 million for tobacco prevention. For years the state has used the interest — more than $10 million a year — to fund anti-smoking efforts, including phone hotlines for tobacco cessation counseling and programs to target convenience stores selling to underage kids.

The programs have paid off, supporters say. In the Houston-Beaumont area, the Department of State Health Services has reported a 41 percent drop in smoking among high school students, a 32 percent drop among middle school students and a nearly 19 percent drop in smoking among adults.

"Under the current legislative budget proposals," said DSHS spokeswoman Christine Mann, "we couldn't continue doing what we do today for tobacco prevention."

Already, the state spends just 2 percent of the amount recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on smoking cessation — and tobacco costs Texas an estimated $11 billion in annual medical costs, health advocates say. Without the smoking cessation funds, and with tobacco companies continuing to pour billions of dollars into national advertising campaigns, they say Texas' smoking-related medical bills will spike.

"There has already been a return on the investment," said Joel Romo, an advocate for the American Heart Association in Texas. "For us, this is really going against the word of the agreement that was made."

But former state Sen. Bill Ratliff, who was one of the Legislature's key budget writers when the tobacco settlement was signed, said there was no such agreement. He said that when Attorney General Dan Morales proposed a settlement with the tobacco companies in the late 1990s that would've dedicated the money specifically to anti-smoking education, lawmakers intervened. After tense negotiations, they decided the Legislature could appropriate the money as it saw fit, but that as the budget allowed, money would be dedicated to tobacco cessation. "There was no commitment to that effect. We didn't want to be told where to dedicate it," Ratliff said.

LOTTERY RESULTS

Cash Five:
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Pick 3 Day:
3-3-4
Pick 3 Night:
7-4-5
Daily 4 Day:
7-2-1-2
Daily 4 Night:
4-8-1-2
Mega Millions
1-12-19-20-47 MB: 25
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NEW MEXICO BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SANTA FE

House approves end to student social promotion

Third-graders lacking basic reading skills will be held back rather than moving to the next grade under a proposal approved by the House on Tuesday.

The legislation is part of Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's plan for improving public schools.

Supporters of the measure say students who can't read by the third grade are likely to struggle in later grades and will be at a high risk of dropping out of school.

Under current law, parents can overrule a school that wants to retain a student rather than promoting them to the next grade. The legislation will eliminate a parental veto when students reach the third grade — ending a practice known as "social promotion."

CARLSBAD

Fire in southern region burns more than 3,400 acres

Fire crews have contained a fire that burned in a remote area of southern New Mexico.

The Dog Canyon fire 50 miles southwest of Carlsbad burned 3,418 acres before it was declared contained Monday night.

Crews were continuing mop-up operations and securing fire lines.

The fire had been burning since last Thursday in grass and pinon-juniper.

Officials say it was human-caused, but they are continuing to investigate the exact cause.

No structures were threatened.

FARMINGTON

Mulching machine runs over man while he slept

Authorities in Farmington say a man hired to clear an overgrown lot ran over a sleeping man with a mulching machine. Farmington police say the man who was run over was sleeping under a tree Monday in a densely wooded vacant lot behind some businesses.

The Farmington Daily Times says machine operator Chasen Kelley told detectives he stopped the wood mulching machine when he saw clothing and other debris flying out of the machine.

Kelley says he got off the mulching machine and found the body of 59-year-old Freddie Simpson.

Police say it remains unclear why Simpson was in the area.

SANTA FE

Senate OKs Sunday liquor sales change

Restaurants and bars could sell alcoholic beverages earlier on Sundays under a bill that has passed the Senate.

If the legislation is enacted, liquor sales on Sunday could start at 10 a.m. rather than noon.

Supporters said the change will allow restaurants to serve drinks with a Sunday brunch and help bars that want to sell alcohol when televised sporting events start before noon in New Mexico.

Opponents said the legislation runs contrary to the state's effort to crack down on drunken driving.

The legislation will not change when liquor can be sold on Sunday for off-premise consumption, such as by package liquor stores or grocery stores.

Congressman tops 'Jeopardy' computer

By Carrie Schumaker and Wayne Parry
Associated Press

Rep. Rush Holt: Bested the "Jeopardy"-winning computer Watson on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — Turns out it really does take a rocket scientist to beat Watson, the "Jeopardy"-winning computer.

U.S. Rep. Rush Holt, of New Jersey and a five-time champion during the trivia show's original run 35 years ago, topped the IBM computer Monday night in a "Jeopardy"-style match of congressmen vs. machine held at a Washington hotel.

Though Holt isn't the first human to beat Watson, the victory adds to the 62-year-old Democrat's already-impressive résumé: a former State Department arms control expert and ex-leader of the federal Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

"I wonder if Watson wasn't having a low-voltage night, because I certainly didn't expect to score higher than the computer," he told the Associated Press in an interview Tuesday.

He built a lead in categories including "Presidential Rhyme Time," in which the correct response to "Herbert's military strategy" was "Hoover's maneuvers." The congressman also correctly identified hippophobia as the fear of horses.

Watson beat him to the buzzer with "love" when prompted on what Ambrose Bierce described as "a temporary insanity curable by marriage."

Holt played the first round along with Rep. Bill Cassidy, a Louisiana Republican. At the end of the round, Holt had earned $8,600 to Watson's $6,200.

But the computer ultimately triumphed in later rounds against the other representatives: Nan Hayworth, a New York Republican; Jim Himes, a Connecticut Democrat, and Jared Polis, a Colorado Democrat. Watson amassed a combined $40,300 to the humans' $30,000.

Watson, designed specifically to excel at the type of answers-and-questions format used on "Jeopardy," took 25 IBM scientists four years to create.

Humans have beat Watson before, including sparring matches with various players held in the fall to prepare for a televised match with top human "Jeopardy" champs Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter; and during rehearsals, when Jennings won at least once.

Holt received a round of applause Tuesday at a hearing of the House Natural Resources Committee for besting the computer. He thanked the crowd and gave a shout-out to "neuron-based thinking, instead of semi-conductor thinking."

Holt said it was fun to beat the heralded computer. But he also said it's important that Americans realize how crucial math and science education is to the nation's future.

"I jumped at the chance to do this, not only because it would be fun, but as a way to highlight our national need to invest in research and science education," he told the AP. "It's something I've been talking about for decades."

The match shows "that so many people are interested not so much in Watson but what the possibilities here are," said IBM spokeswoman Lia P. Davis.

"That said, Watson still won the match," she said. "So I think we can all be proud of that. It demonstrates that humans are very smart and computers are very smart."

Holt has a doctorate in physics from New York University and was elected to Congress in 1998.

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Wisconsin is about breaking up the union racket

■ Public sector unions relying on power of the state for their well-being, and Democrats are invested heavily in the power of unions.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

When the Wisconsin General Assembly voted to pass Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill, the Democratic legislators made themselves indistinguishable from the protestors surrounding the assembly floor.

They wore the same pro-union orange T-shirts. They behaved in the same sophomoric way, breaking out in a noisy, finger-pointing demonstration. They chanted the same ubiquitous word: "Shame!" They might as well have brought guitars onto the floor for a Woody Guthrie sing-along and hooted "Walker = Hitler" signs.

In Wisconsin, it's less that Democrats act to protect a special interest than that they *are* a special interest. A commonsensical notion has existed among state governments: the public-sector unions and the Democratic Party. By seeking to break up this powerful, self-dealing nexus, Walker is "assaulting," in President Barack Obama's formulation, a partisan political machine dependent on the state for its functioning.

The fight in Wisconsin has focused on collective bargaining rights, but that is not the main event. As Daniel DiSalvo of the City College of New York notes in a Weekly Standard article, 24 states either don't allow collective bargaining for public workers or permit it for only a segment of workers. Even if Walker prevails, Wisconsin will allow more wide-ranging collective bargaining than these states.

Not to mention the federal government. Obama may lecture Walker about union rights, but he can go straight to Congress with a highly political proposal to freeze the pay of federal workers because they can't collectively bargain for wages or benefits.

No, the most important measure at stake in Wisconsin is the governor's proposal for the state to stop deducting union dues from the paychecks of state workers. This practice essentially wields the taxing power of the government on behalf of the institutional interests of the unions. It makes the government an arm of the public-sector unions. It is a priceless favor.

Wisconsin doesn't collect dues for Elks lodges or the NRA. What makes these organizations different from public-sector unions is that people freely choose to join them and freely choose to pay their dues. They are truly voluntary organizations that don't rely on the power of the state for their well-being. Walker wants to give members of public-sector unions a measure of this same autonomy.

Perhaps some of these members aren't liberal Democrats, so they don't want to pay dues — roughly $1,000 annually in the case of teachers — which will overwhelmingly go to funding and organizing for Democratic candidates. Perhaps some of them, regardless of their politics, want to spend that money on their families or other pressing needs. Walker will allow them to exercise a choice now closed to them. In most of 21st-century America, that surely sounds like common sense; for the unions, it sounds like a dire threat.

When Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels ended collective bargaining and the automatic collection of dues in 2005, the number of members paying dues plummeted by roughly 90 percent. In 2007, New York City's Transit Authority briefly stopped automatically collecting dues for the Transport Workers Union, and dues fell off by more than a third. Without these dues, the ability of public-sector unions to influence elections — what they care about most — drastically diminishes.

This is why Wisconsin Senate Democrats preferred to flee the state rather than stay and vote on a proposal that would curtail their fundraising and organizational base. They can dress up their opposition in the rhetoric of workers' "rights," but even if all collective bargaining were stripped from all Wisconsin public workers, they'd still have extensive civil-service protections. For Democrats, the issue is whether they can continue to rely on state government to grease an essential cog in their political machine.

Public-sector unions are a creature of government, and the Democrats are the party of government. The two of them have identical interests and worldviews, and both want to leverage government to swell their campaign coffers. How to characterize this? The word "shame" comes to mind.

OUR VIEW

Legislators make Texas' budget process painful to watch

It appears Texas legislators are finding it more difficult to solve the state's tax shortfall problem than once thought. And to do it without raising taxes seems like an impossible task without severely cutting state services and education.

Most Texans felt that there was way too much fat in the state budget. The theory was that every state agency, even education, could hold up to a little trimming.

Well, in order to erase this $15 billion to $30 billion shortfall, it appears that it's going to require more than simple fat-cutting measures. It's going to take massive gut cutting moves.

Of course, the "we're raising taxes" phrase has crossed no one's lips in Austin as of yet. Campaign promises are campaign promises, and the "tax" word is the quickest way to get fired in politics these days. In other words, state legislators are still looking for the miracle pill to solve all the state's woes.

Oh, there is some magic to perform, but mostly we see our lawmakers grasping at every straw that floats down the river. For instance, one plan called to trim the state's tab for public education by nearly $10 billion by knocking off 48 days from the school year.

Gambling issues are back. It seems the state always runs to the gambling parlors for advice when the state coffers are in a downturn. Every major gambling bill that has been passed in Texas has come when the state is having financial woes. We also have worries about the current speaker's ties to the gambling industry.

And despite the pleas of the tea party movement, there is now serious talk about dipping into the state's rainy day fund. Even if all the state's surplus funds were used, it wouldn't make the state's debt go away. Currently, there is $9.4 billion in the rainy day fund. Budget writers in the Senate have voiced a willingness to use at least some of that fund money.

Of course, we could go back to the old property tax crutch for funding our schools, but we see that as the least likely option on the table. First, Republicans would have to admit that switching funding for education through a business tax has been a failure. Also, most homeowners rightfully would see such a move as raising taxes, and no one in Austin wants to be a party to that kind of behavior.

So, for now, a lot of misspent ideas are being tossed out for public consumption without any real answers that can be swallowed when the rubber hits the road. This is truly a painful process to watch.

Today is a day to celebrate Texas

"Lesser mortals are pitied for their misfortune in not being born Texan."

— Queen Elizabeth II in May 1991

We couldn't agree more.

And on this day, we hope those born Texan and those others who claim "Texan" status take the opportunity to toast the great state in observance of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico in 1836.

The annual "Toast to Texas" will take place at 2 p.m. today at the Haley Memorial Library. A short program will precede the toast beginning at 1:30 p.m.

We thank the Aaron Estes Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Midland County Historical Society and the Haley Memorial Library for hosting the event year after year and celebrating our great state's beginnings. The observance is open to all who wish to participate. No admission is charged.

The GOP myth: Comfortably rich teachers

■ People making less than $100,000 are paying a higher percentage of their income in taxes.

ELEANOR CLIFT
DOUGLAS COHN
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Teachers in Wisconsin earn $35,000 to start, and the average pay is $50,000, not exorbitant and barely enough for a family to eke out a middle-class existence. Yet teachers are being portrayed as a new class of the comfortable rich, insulated by tenure from job loss, retiring early with fat pensions and assuming little or no financial responsibility for their health care.

Most of us know teachers, and they don't fit this caricature. Yet, newly empowered Republican governors, led by Wisconsin's Scott Walker, are framing the budget gap they face in their states as the result of public union workers receiving overly generous wages and fringe benefits. Union workers, bowing to a new fiscal reality, have agreed to cutbacks, but Walker and other Republican governors want a bigger concession, which is an end to collective bargaining.

Republicans argue that it isn't fair for unions to deduct union dues from the wages of public workers and then use that money for political organizing. The politicians that are elected, so the argument goes, are then beholden to the public unions that contributed to their campaigns.

What Republicans fail to mention is that this is another form of lobbying and that the corporate interests that generally back Republican candidates also receive benefits in return for their campaign contributions. This is how a representative democracy works, and to take away the tool of collective bargaining for public unions is to vastly diminish their power, which is the GOP's goal.

Another favorite line of attack voiced by conservatives is that 47 percent of Americans don't pay federal income tax, which somehow lessens their stake in the country. The fact is that those taxpayers don't make enough money to kick in more to Uncle Sam. They're already taking a big bite out of their paycheck for the payroll tax for Social Security, for state and local taxes, for sales taxes and for a fuel use tax. The average person making less than $100,000 pays a higher percent of their income than the folks sitting in the top 2 percent of earners. Just ask billionaire Warren Buffett, who says that in our broken tax structure, his secretary pays a greater percentage of her income than he does on his vast wealth.

When you put all the taxes together and add them up, people making $50,000 are paying half their income in taxes. Thirty years ago, that wasn't true; 50 years ago, it wasn't even close to true. Inflation has taken its toll. When a $5 item reaches $15, sales taxes rise accordingly. We've kidded ourselves, starting with President Reagan and then President George W. Bush, that cutting federal taxes meant that taxes were meaningfully lowered for most Americans. They were a lot lower for the top earners at the higher end that benefited disproportionately, while middle-income Americans suffered from what can be called tax creep. The feds took less, but every other entity took more.

If collective bargaining is the mighty club that Republicans claim, why don't teachers earn more money? They are among our most valued public employees, after soldiers and police, and singling them out as if they are somehow unworthy of what they earn seems unworthy of our elected officials. Today's teachers are operating under a social contract that was struck in a different time, when those entering the profession accepted lower wages than they would earn in the private sector in exchange for more secure pension and health care benefits, or so they thought. Now that those contracts are up for grabs, the least we owe public workers is a seat at the table to bargain collectively over their future.

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NEWS BRIEFS
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WASHINGTON

Pentagon is cautious on military moves in Libya

Top Pentagon officials strongly suggested Tuesday that American military intervention in Libya is unlikely, even as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told a congressional panel that the Obama administration was looking at "every single lever it can use" to push Moammar Gadhafi out of power.

At a Pentagon news conference, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he had ordered two Navy amphibious warships into the Mediterranean Sea, along with an extra 400 Marines, in case they are needed to evacuate civilians or provide humanitarian relief. And while he did not rule out other options such as providing air cover for Libyan rebels, he made clear that he has little enthusiasm for direct military intervention.

Gates noted that the U.N. Security Council sanctions resolution passed last week provided no authorization to use armed force in Libya, nor is there agreement among NATO allies to take military action.

LIBYA

Gadhafi forces retake towns near Libyan capital

TRIPOLI — Moammar Gadhafi's forces battled poorly armed rebels Tuesday for control of towns near the capital trying to create a buffer zone around his seat of power. The increasingly violent clashes threatened to transform the 15-day popular rebellion in Libya into a drawn-out civil war.

Gadhafi's son, Seif al-Islam, warned Western forces not to take military action against Libya and said the country is prepared to defend itself against foreign intervention.

"If they attack us, we are ready," he told Sky News, adding that the Gadhafis are ready to implement reforms.

Facing an unprecedented challenge to his 41-year rule, Gadhafi's regime has launched the bloodiest crackdown in a wave of uprising against authoritarian rulers in the Middle East. Gadhafi has already lost control of the eastern half of the country but still holds Tripoli and other nearby cities.

NEW ZEALAND

Quake toll rises to 159; many still missing

CHRISTCHURCH — The bodies of some victims of New Zealand's devastating earthquake may never be recovered because they were pulverized by the buildings that collapsed around them, police said Wednesday.

Police Superintendent Dave Cliff said four more bodies had been pulled from rubble by recovery teams in the shattered city of Christchurch overnight Tuesday, taking the total death toll to 159.

Many more people remain missing, and Cliff has said the final tally is likely to be around 240.

Lawyer: Fake Utah drilling bids were 'sabotage'

By Chi-Chi Zhang
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Tim DeChristopher, ex-wilderness guide, looked like trouble.

He stood out among the bidders at an oil-and-gas lease auction. He didn't bring with him any experts, diagrams or maps. Dressed shabbily, all he had was a backpack.

As his fellow environmentalists protested outside, he began bidding. When it was all over, he owed $1.7 million on more than a dozen leases near Utah's Arches and Canyonlands national parks.

He had no way of paying, no doubt that he would get in trouble and no qualms about any of it.

To Hollywood stars and activists, the 29-year-old DeChristopher has become a folk hero, standing up against a federal agency they say violated environmental laws in holding the auction. Prosecutors on Tuesday called him a saboteur.

DeChristopher is accused of placing fake bids on the leases to run up prices. He has pleaded not guilty but doesn't dispute the facts of the case and has said he expects to be convicted.

In opening statements in federal court, Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Romney said the trial isn't about "Big Oil" or federal government. He said DeChristopher knowingly placed millions of dollars in bids at the 2008 auction without any intention of paying.

Defense attorneys passed on making an opening statement.

The first to testify was Daniel Love, a special agent at the Bureau of Land Management, which ran the auction.

Dressed in plainclothes, Love was among the officers sent to the auction to prevent any disturbances. A group of environmentalists had amassed outside. He said he wondered whether someone might protest inside the room.

"My biggest concern was that someone would cross the line from a lawful disruption to an illegal disruption," he said.

Love said he quickly noticed DeChristopher, mainly for how his attire was different from the other bidders. During the auction, DeChristopher kept looking at the door at the back of the room.

When DeChristopher bid, Love became less concerned. When he won one with a $500 bid, DeChristopher looked shocked.

Then, DeChristopher won another, this time for $25,000. He slumped in his chair, and hung his head — hardly the look of an oil man or businessman who had just corralled bids on potentially lucrative oil-and-gas leases.

That was when he realized he couldn't pay the bids, Love said DeChristopher later told him.

"At this point, he was in it to win it. There was no regard for ceiling price," Love said.

DeChristopher said he had initially planned to create a disruption inside the room, but backed off because there were too many law enforcement agents, according to Love.

DeChristopher believed the bidding tactic was working because he saw other bidders leaving the auction, Love said.

Love estimated that DeChristopher's bidding inflated the price by $300,000 total on about 20 of 131 parcels up for auction that day. DeChristopher ended up with 14 other parcels among his bids.

DeChristopher later said he knew what he did was wrong and that he was prepared to accept the punishment, Love said.

A University of Utah economics student at the time, DeChristopher had offered to cover the bill with an Internet fundraising campaign, but the government refused to accept any of the money after the fact.

A federal judge later blocked many of the leases from being issued.

DeChristopher is charged with interfering with and making false representations at a government auction. He faces up to 10 years in prison and $750,000 in fines if he's convicted.

Federal prosecutors say DeChristopher is the only person ever charged with failing to make good on bids at a lease auction of public lands in Utah.

Prosecutors have offered DeChristopher plea deals over the past two years, but he opted to go to trial. He plans to testify.

Fashion provocateur Galliano sacked

Associated Press

PARIS — John Galliano, long a top fashion-world provocateur on and off the runway, went too far this time.

The storied French label Christian Dior said Tuesday it was firing the zany British bad boy after video showing him spouting "I love Hitler" in a drunken rant went viral online — sending shock waves through the start of Paris Fashion Week.

The ouster followed a barrage of accusations and revelations about Galliano's outbursts that spelled major career trouble for the talented and moneymaking couturier.

The allegations of bigotry had put Dior, which battles crosstown rival Chanel for the title of world's top fashion house, in the hot seat: Oscar-winning actress Natalie Portman, the new advertising face of the Miss Dior Cherie perfume line, who is Jewish, expressed fury over the remarks.

"Knowing John's provocativity for provocation on the runway and in life, to hear such accusations wasn't surprising," said Dana Thomas, a fashion guru and author of "Deluxe: How Luxury Lost its Luster," an exposé of the luxury industry.

"But the videos that went viral yesterday were too damning to deny," she said. "I'm sure (Dior CEO Sidney) Toledano was deeply hurt because he's Jewish."

"It's an insolence that's unforgivable," she added.

Fashionistas almost uniformly said Dior would pull through the controversy, and some even suggested the episode gave it a chance to clean its slate after Galliano's 15-year reign as its mastermind of creation.

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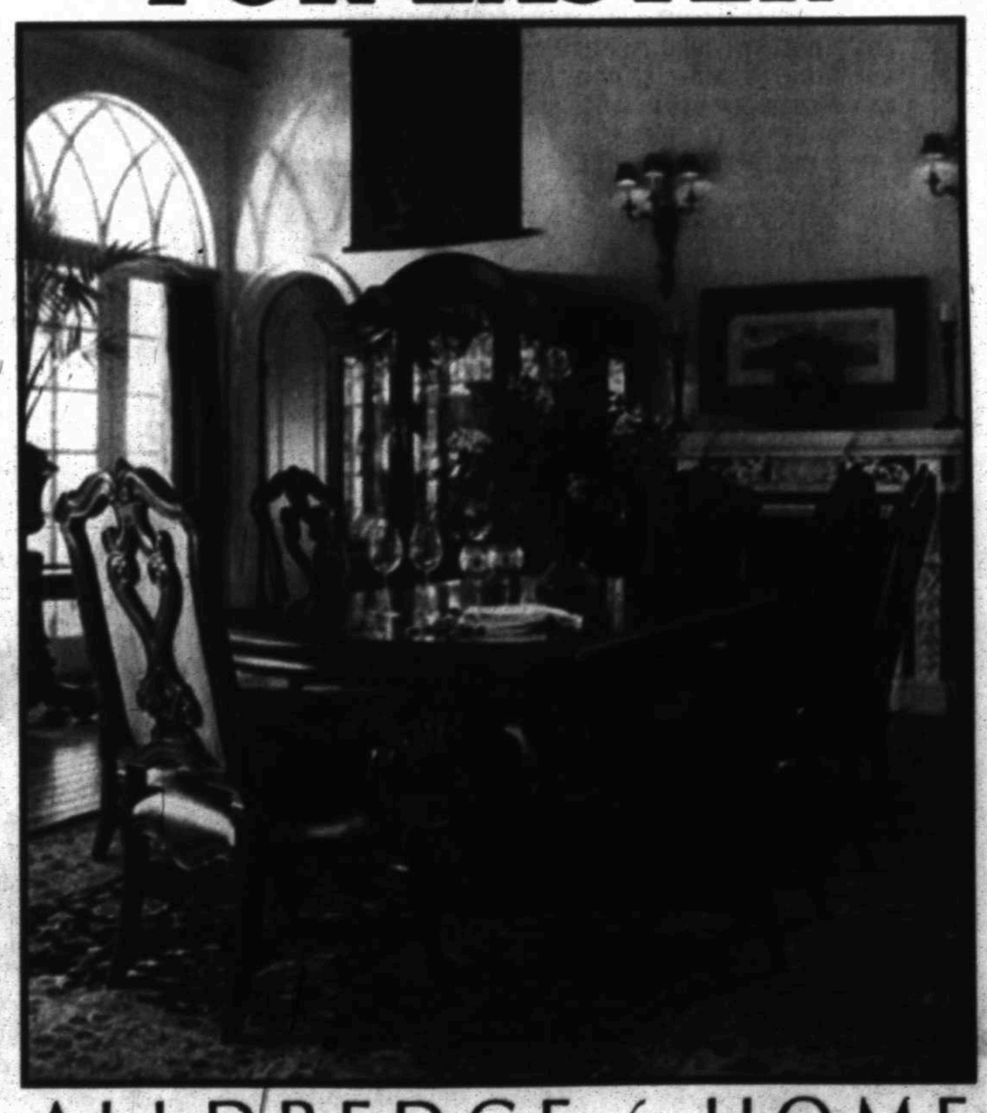

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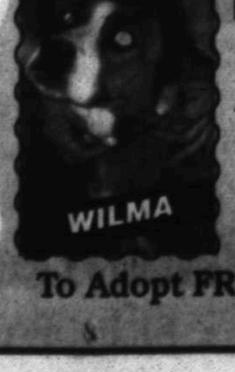

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Big Brothers Big Sisters keeps funding local

Nonprofit starts scholarship fund with private donations

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

While many organizations statewide are struggling to cut budgets in order to meet government funding projections, Big Brothers Big Sisters is among those who aren't as concerned.

"Our board has always been very fiscally conservative regarding government support and has opted not to regularly pursue those funds because of their instability," said Kay Crites, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. "They did not want to put the vital services we provide at risk by becoming dependent on funds that might be cut at any time."

The House of Representatives passed last week a bill that would cut $37 million in federal funding for programs that help Big Brothers Big Sisters match and support mentors with children facing adversity, according to statements from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Nationwide, Big Brothers Big Sisters anticipates the cut would mean leaving kids on waiting lists, among other things.

Locally, Crites said the board won't be affected. They have accepted about $10,000 in state funding that goes toward children who have a parent who's incarcerated. She said the grant was one being applied for by Big Brothers Big Sisters across the state last year and it was agreed the chapters would join together to request the funds since they would go toward a group of kids with such a high need.

"There is a danger of it being cut, which will impact our agency to a small degree — nothing fatal," she said.

By keeping the focus on local funding, Crites said they're better able to direct the stability of their program. In 2010, the board was even able to raise enough in additional funds that the nonprofit is launching a scholarship program this semester.

Open to high school seniors and college students who have been involved either as a little or as a teen mentor, the scholarships are meant to help students realize their goal of pursuing higher education, Crites said.

"The purpose of our organization is to help children succeed," Crites said. "Obviously education is an important part of that."

The scholarships were something the board had wanted to pursue as one of its long-term goals as it thought encouraging education through such an incentive would be a plus, said Carl Milam, board president.

"Encouraging education through the creation of scholarships for students who have been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters has been a long-time goal for the organization's board of directors," Milam said.

Four $500 awards are being provided that, while not enough to send a child to school is meant to help alleviate the costs and support them in their endeavor.

A committee made up of board members will assess applications, which are due by April 1.

Crites, who writes a column about nonprofits for the Reporter-Telegram, said they rely on long-time supporters and others in the community to support

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Sylvia Sypia serves a free helping of buttermilk pancakes Tuesday to Lori McClain, left, and Norma Arrendondo for their donations to Children's Miracle Network during IHOP's annual free pancake day to benefit the network of children's hospitals.

Mitchell County begins cleanup after wildfires destroy homes

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The American Red Cross has set up an emergency support team in Colorado City to help the 16 homeowners and families who have lost everything at the hands of ravishing grassfires since Sunday.

"It's pretty devastating," James Parks, director of Emergency Services, said as he described the area Tuesday afternoon — 72 hours after the more than a dozen homes were destroyed.

"They've lost everything that they've had. We're trying to access the damage and continue to provide services for them," he said in a phone interview.

Parks said there are spots in town and out in Mitchell County that are still smoldering and the smell of fire is lingering strongly in the air.

"It's a tight community. Everyone is helping each other," he said.

Sixteen homes in Colorado City have been destroyed by wildfires which sparked Sunday after high wind gusts topped out at 53 mph across the Tall City. Another five homes were destroyed in Midland, Odessa and Kermit, authorities said.

The Red Cross has been on the scene providing disaster relief to meet immediate emergency needs and expect to remain in Mitchell County until Friday or Saturday with aid.

Parks estimates that the disaster there alone could cost up to $15,000, adding that the event will hit the Red Cross financially.

With more fires expected to spark up as the spring season approaches and tornadoes anticipated across Texas, the organization said it is in

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Midland Victims Coalition program to center around stalking

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

With four bills so far being proposed to the Texas Legislature this session focusing solely on the topic of stalking, those with the Midland Victims Coalition have themed their annual celebration and awareness program around the issue.

The free event is open to everyone and helps to mark Victims' Rights Week. It will be held April 12 at 4 p.m. at the Midland County Annex.

Speakers include Matt Espenshade with the local FBI office and Melissa Nay, a victim of stalking who will share her story.

Two Senate bills and two House bills have been filed with the Legislature dealing with the prosecution related to the offense of stalking and protective orders for stalking victims.

It's a crime many with crime victims services in Midland said is becoming more frequent and harder for law enforcement to prosecute. One of the bills, Senate Bill 82, proposes to change the wording of the current statute on stalking and provide a stricter law against offenders.

The new law would help give those in law enforcement a better opportunity to help victims and offer more choices, especially at a time when authorities believe stalking is getting more vicious and violent.

Lydia Frescaz with Survivors of Homicide knows the dangers stalking can bring. Her daughter Angela, she said, was stalked by her husband. When Frescaz called police, she said she was told that nothing could be done until her son-in-law committed a crime against her daughter.

Her daughter was then shot and killed by her stalker.

"It's so frustrating. Here you are trying to tell them, and they tell you that nothing can be done until action is done. But why did it have to be an action like this?" she said. "If something was done before, maybe this couldn't have happened."

She's hoping that others in the community who are or have been victims of stalking will participate next month in the program and hear from the speakers.

Cecily Shull with Safe Place said the coalition is looking to sponsor a training session before the event that will be free and open to law enforcement.

Last year was the first time the organization hosted the training program and because of its success, Shull said they would like to make it an annual event if at all possible.

Still, she believes the celebration and event on April 12 will shine some light on the topic of stalking and help local victims who participate in it.

She also believes that by being proactive and discussing the topic with law enforcement, officials will be able to shine a light on the signs of stalking to stop stalkers before a serious crime is committed.

"It's frightening and frustrating to a victim," she said. "Stalking could lead to and be a precursor to more violent crimes. Why not step in early and try to prevent a more violent assault from happening?"

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Be careful when eating your Big Mac in another person's Lincoln

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring Storyteller

Levita Joiner is one of the most popular women in the Panhandle community of Perryton. She moves quickly from family to volunteer activity to work. She wears tennis shoes a lot because she's always on the run. She constantly makes calls from her car telephone.

The other day, Levita was going to meet a friend at 1 o'clock in front of the Ellis movie theater in Perryton. The movie theater offers "happy hour" from 1-6 p.m. During that time, 32-ounce drinks cost only 50 cents. People haul them away by the box load.

On this particular day, Levita brought a Big Mac and fries with her while she waited for her friend. The friend usually drove a van, but the van was in the shop, so the friend was driving her grandmother's white Lincoln.

Levita popped into the theater and bought a 32-ounce drink to go with her Big Mac and fries. When she left the theater, Levita saw the white Lincoln parked in front of the theater. She jumped in the front seat on the passenger side to wait for her friend.

McDonald's put onions on Levita's Big Mac. She does not like onions, so she carefully spread a napkin over her lap and began removing the onions from the hamburger.

She started to eat.

About midway through the meal, an older lady came walking down the sidewalk with a stricken look on her face. She was looking directly at Levita.

Levita knew in an instant what had happened.

The lady asked in an agitated manner, "What are you doing in my car?"

In her haste to explain what had happened, Levita, excited, spilled the napkins with the onions. As she emerged quickly from the car, the 32-ounce drink turned over and began to soak into the car's fine interior carpeting.

Levita tried to tell the lady how sorry she was, that her friend told her she was going to be in a white Lincoln and would meet her at the theater at 1 o'clock, etc. The more she talked, the more excited she got. Levita does not get into trouble very often.

The older woman drove away looking disgusted.

After a while the sheriff called Levita and told her the woman had pressed charges. "There was some vandalism because the car smelled like onions, and of course the carpet was damaged."

"I'll be glad to pay to have the mess cleaned up," cried Levita, beginning to get concerned.

The county attorney called and wanted to get some details on the case.

News spreads quickly in Perryton. Levita received phone calls. Callers asked if she had been arrested.

Levita, feeling terrible, went to the high school football game that night. People in the stands shouted to her, "Hey, Levita. I've got some hamburgers. Let's go pick out a car and sit down and eat them."

The sheriff and county attorney later told her it was all a joke, that the lady had not filed charges. Levita is waiting to get back at her buddies.

Obituaries

Sarah Mason

Sarah Mason, 83, of Midland, passed away on February 25, 2011, at a local nursing home. A Memorial will be held at the American Legion, 501 Veteran's Airpark Lane, Midland, TX on Thursday, March 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sarah was born on September 20, 1927 in Hamilton, AL. She spent most of her career tending bar, or as a bar manager, in Midland. Everyone knew her and loved her.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Clyde Dodd; one sister, Lucille Biggs; and one great grandson, Charles Bush.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Bush and husband, Bill, of Sinton, TX and their children, Kim Walker and husband, James, of Sinton, TX, Jimmy Bush and wife, Karen, of Paris, TX, Patty Stapp and husband, Rusty, of Pleasanton, CA, and Connie Moose and husband, Dale, of Victoria, TX; daughter, Karen White and husband, Larry, of Midland, TX and their children, Stacey Blythe of Midland, TX, Robert Hendricks and his wife, Kristen, of Lakeway, TX; son, Keith Mason of Baytown, TX and his children, Brett Mason and Michael Mason both of Baytown, TX; one sister, Jimmie Lee Brewer of Petaluma, CA.; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Sarah's long time friend, Barbara Ferguson. A special thanks to all the nurses and staff at Senior Care Nursing Home and Home Hospice of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the charity of your choice.

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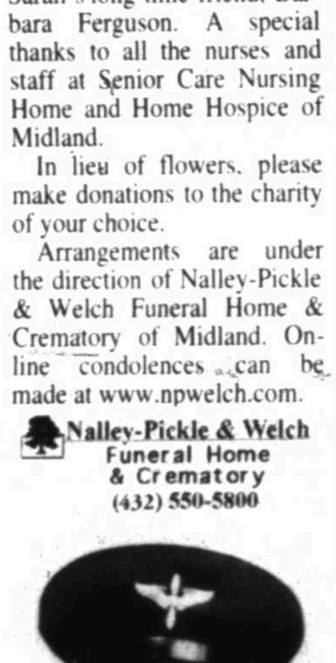

Aaron C. "George" Cummins

Aaron C. "George" Cummins went home to be with the Lord on February 26, 2011. Memorial services will be Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

He was born in Grandfalls, TX on March 4, 1923. Even as a small child, he was always drawn to airplanes and flying. Immediately after graduating from high school, he volunteered to join the Army Air Corps and ultimately trained as a bomber pilot, flying forty bombing missions in the Pacific, striking Guam, Enewetok, Bonin and Iwo Jima. George left the Air Force after WWII, but rejoined to fight in the Korean and Vietnam wars as a member of a Strategic Air Command Unit, performing air reconnaissance missions at stations and sites all over the world. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters.

He married his wife, June Brumley, in 1954. She preceded him in death in August 1997. They had one daughter, Caren McCourt, who resides in Midland.

George retired from the Air Force in 1969, but continued to fly. He and June traveled all over the United States for many years after. He moved to Midland in 1998 and was a joy to his daughter, his family and all his many friends, who will miss him. He had a joyful spirit and a rollicking sense of humor. His wry bon mots were a source of lots of chuckles. When anyone asked him what he did during his many years of service, the answer would always come back "nothing." Like so many who defended us during the Cold War, George did his job, never asking for thanks from anyone.

He is survived by daughter, Caren; nephews, Eugene Cummins, Craig Cummins and wife Bonnie, Eugene Cummins, Jr and wife Serena; niece, Patsy Ruth Cummins; and numerous other loving relatives. He was the baby of the family and the last of six brothers and two sisters to leave us.

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Alvaro Carrasco Garcia

Alvaro Carrasco Garcia, age 67, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2011, in Odessa, TX.

He was born in Vado de Piedra, Chihuahua, Mexico on November 18, 1943. He loved nature and rocks, arrowheads, and coin collecting. He also loved to go fishing with his son, deer hunting, and hiking. He attended Odessa College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in History and a minor in Spanish. He did some teaching before he went to work for AMOCO. He also worked in social services Catholic Charities, MHMR, and Clover House. He served 6 years in the Navy and a year in the West Pacific Tonkin Gulf on the U.S.S. Bausell DD-845. He assisted with various gunfire support operations in North and South Vietnam. He married Maria Elena Garcia in 1975 and recently celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.

He has two beautiful granddaughters, Alejandra and Marina Garcia, whom he enjoyed playing with. He also has a daughter, (mi Reyna), Maritza Garcia of Odessa, TX, and a handsome son, Rene' and beautiful daughter in-law Sandra Garcia of Midland, TX. He is also survived by eight siblings.

Followed in death: parents, Luciano and Tecla C.Garcia, Benita G. Chacon, and Adan C. Garcia.

Our father was a caring, selfless person, who never met a stranger, and always thought of others. He believed there was good in everyone, and truly paid it forward, he is an inspiration to our family, and to everyone who knew him.

The family request, in lieu of flowers, for donations to be made to: Catholic Charities, in memory of Alvaro C. Garcia, 2500 Andrews Hwy., Odessa, TX 79761, or Cancer Society, 811 Central Dr., Odessa, TX 79761.

Visitation with the family will be 6 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 201, with Rosary following at 7:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2011 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, with Father Michael Rodriguiz officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

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James Arthur "Jim" Freeman

James Arthur Freeman, (a.k.a., Jim, Jimmy Freeman), of Blue Ridge, Texas, (previously Midland, Texas), died at home and went to be with his Savior on March 1, 2011 after a battle with cancer.

James was born in Mountain Park, Oklahoma on April 1, 1926 to his loving parents, Ira and Zollie (Smith) Freeman.

When he was 8 years old, he moved to Blanchard, Oklahoma, where he attended school until leaving high school early to join the U.S. Navy. He was stationed in San Diego for basic training, Woodby Island, Washington for additional training, several locations in Brazil and finally Pensacola, Florida. Jim ultimately achieved the rank of Petty Officer Third Class and was assigned to Squadron BPV 45 in the Atlantic, where he served as a Radioman and Tail Gunner on a PBY-5A anti-submarine warfare airplane.

While in the Navy, he met the love of his life, Sybil Leatrice Lowery, and they were married in Brewton, Alabama on December 28, 1945. He graduated from W. S. Neal High School in Brewton in 1947, received a degree in Advanced Radio from the Alabama School of Trades in Gadsden, Alabama in 1950, and subsequently earned his first class license in Radio Engineering. From 1950 through 1956, he worked at a number of locations as a Radio Engineer and Chief Radio Engineer, including Valdosta, Georgia (WGOV), Monroe, Louisiana (KNOE) and Midland, Texas (KCRS). He lived in Midland, Texas from 1952 until moving to Blue Ridge in November, 2002.

While in Midland, Jim owned a television repair business from the early 1950's until 1989. From 1989 until his retirement in 1999, Jim worked for the Midland Independent School District as a bus driver for grade school and special needs children (he voluntarily took a course and learned sign language to better communicate with his passengers). He was well known for his love of family and children.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Sybil Leatrice Freeman; four children (and their spouses), Sherrye and Mike Richardson of Blue Ridge, Drew Freeman of Blue Ridge, Keith and Quita Freeman of Houston, David and Pam Freeman of Midland; six grandchildren, Michele Richardson, Brian Richardson, Aimee Barlow, Matt Freeman, Ira Freeman and Jade Freeman; eleven great grandchildren, Cole, Jake, Elizabeth and Olivia Vest, Jaci Jo Richardson, Avery and Wilson Barlow, Sarah and Sidney Freeman, Bede and Zollie Freeman; one sister, Ira Lee Foster; 26 nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by three brothers and three sisters, Lawrence Freeman, Leon Freeman, Dorothy Harris, Curtis Freeman, Wilma Dean Brooks and June Hodges.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Fielder-Baker Funeral Home in Blue Ridge, Texas (972-752-5123) on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Blue Ridge, 316 Hwy 78 North, Blue Ridge, Texas at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2011, with burial to follow at the Blue Ridge Cemetery. The funeral will be officiated by Parish Cundiff. Pallbearers will be Drew Freeman, Brian Richardson, Darren Barlow, Cole Vest, Jake Vest and Jack Harris. Honorary Pallbearers are Matt Freeman, Ira Freeman, Mike Richardson and Larry Brooks.

Mary Lou Simonek

Mary Lou Simonek, 75, passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2011, in Haltom City. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Stanton, with Rev. Bob Porterfield, pastor of West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery of Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Mary Lou was born on August 18, 1935, in Colorado City, Texas, and married Louis Simonek on February 3, 1952 in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death on December 7, 2006.

Mary Lou was a stay-at-mom and raised 5 children. She cleaned houses and worked as a waitress to help supplement family finances. After the children were raised and had moved out of the home, she began working as a secretary for Midland Glass and Mirror. Upon retirement, Mary Lou built a green house, and grew plants as a hobby.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Gloria Ann and Rickey Whitaker of Haltom City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kim Simonek of Lewisville and Kenneth Wayne Simonek of Dallas; a daughter-in-law, Jill Franklin of Austin; three sister-in-laws, Lydia Fisher of Lubbock, Porky Corich of Odessa, and Millie and Bob Basset of Lubbock; one brother-in-law, Jerry and Sharon Simonek of Waco; eight grandchildren, Gena, Michelle, Elizabeth, Emily, Janis, Jason, Nathan, and Nicky; and 22 great grandchildren.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Sonny; and her twin sons, Ronald and Donald.

The family suggests memorials be made to Professional Hospice, 345 Westpark Way, Suite 101, Euless, Texas 76040.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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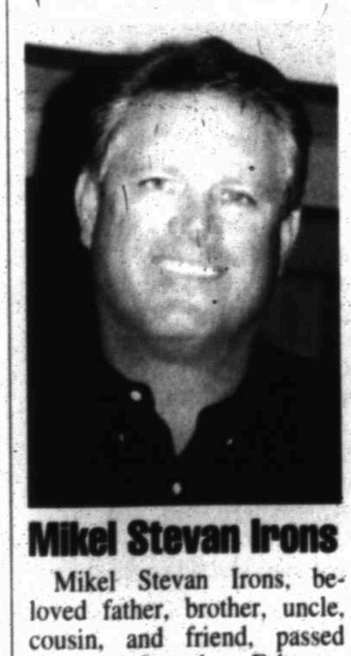

Mikel Stevan Irons

Mikel Stevan Irons, beloved father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at home in Midland, TX, at the age of 60. He was born August 11, 1950, in Big Spring, TX, to the late Jack Irons and Jennie Kate Brazil Irons.

Mike graduated from Big Spring High School in 1968 where his talent for football was quickly recognized by legendary coach Spike Dykes. He was recruited by many universities across the state and was awarded athletic scholarships to Tyler Junior College, University of Houston and Angelo State University. Before graduating from Angelo State University, Mike entered the National Football League as a free agent. He played Center for the St. Louis Cardinals, Washington Redskins, and Green Bay Packers, where he was coached by Dan Devine. After playing in the NFL, Mike returned to Angelo State to finish his degree.

Upon graduation, Mike began his career in banking and finance, eventually serving at First National Bank of Midland and Home Savings and Loan. He served his community for 20 years in the banking industry before joining ICA Energy, Inc., as President.

Mike lived his life to the fullest, with kindness, integrity, generosity, and a great sense of humor. As an avid outdoorsman, Mike loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed sharing this passion with his many friends and family. His smile was contagious, his laughter infectious and his spirit always compassionate. He will be truly missed by his community, co-workers, business partners, and loved ones.

He leaves behind two beautiful, talented daughters, Kate Irons Dorff and her husband John Dorff of Dallas, and Abbye Irons of Midland; his brothers, Jack Ed Irons, and wife, Marilyn, of Dallas, and Richard "Dick" Irons, and wife Cathy, of Austin; and nieces and nephews, Craig Irons, Lindsey Irons, Michelle Rawlings, Coye Irons, Grant Irons and Hailey Irons Newlin.

Mike was blessed with many friends, who will serve as honorary pallbearers for the funeral service, including Al Boudreaux, Scot Northern, Guy Talbot, Joey Baker, Ernie Meyer, Tim Leach, Terry Fields, Cliff Wilderspin, Craig McMillan, Mike McMillan, Ron McMillan, John Dorff, Tim Everett, Steve McCoy, David Wood, Lee Fisher, Steve Lindgren, Red McKellar, Bobby Keith, Brett Smith and Reggie McCaslin.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Midland. The service will be officiated by Bishop Jim Dorff and Dr. Randal Everett. Mike's family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, located at 3800 N. Big Spring in Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mike's honor to Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas, Midland Chapter, 407 N. Big Spring ST, Midland, Texas 79701.

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

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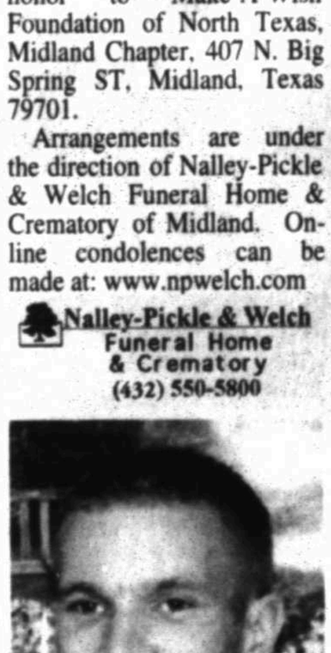

Scott Alan Stone

Alan and Sarah Stone celebrated the arrival of Scott Alan Stone on August 11, 1983. He was taken tragically from this world to continue his journey with the Lord on February 27, 2011.

Scott was the light of our lives and his loving nature will surely be missed.

Scott's persistence and ambition for success was apparent in all aspects of his life. Through each and every obstacle, Scott's high expectations of himself were truly illuminated by his constant perseverance to achieve his goals. These beautiful traits were built throughout his childhood. Scott's sense of humor carried him through the good times and the bad times. He enjoyed spending time helping those around him. His priceless smile touched the hearts of all who crossed his path. Scott was involved in a wide range of activities, which included Little League championships three years in a row, magician skills, being a proud Boy Scout, and building box cars with his Dad. His lifelong love of the outdoors was derived by his favorite pastimes as a child spent fishing, camping and hiking along the Red River with his family. Scott also attended Kids College with Roxanne, the "Roving Reporter" as she interviewed the "Mad Magician", who always entertained all by giving the best performances.

Scott enjoyed his close relationship with his mother and his big heart was shown by writing romantic poetry that very few had a chance to know. Taking after his older brother with the art of drawing, Scott loved to draw.

Scott was a true leader in all that he did. With family and friends, he was always a protector and provider. At work, Scott loved challenges and excelled in solving problems of any kind. From mechanical to technical, Scott's abilities were apparent. Scott was promoted to driller at the young age of nineteen, less than two years after entering the oil field industry.

Scott was preceded in death by his father, Chester Alan Stone; uncle, Steve Stone; and cousins, Tawnya and Matthew Harwell; aunt, Debra Sanders; uncle Calvin Sanders.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his mother, Sarah Stone; sisters, Brandi and Roxanne Stone; brother, Chad Stone; maternal grandparents, Delbert and Audrey Murphy; paternal grandparents, Dale and Lena Stone of Pearland, TX, and Sue Delgado of Baytown, TX; nephews, Blake McCord and Kaden Stone Atchison; nieces, Skylar Stone and Taryn Luckey all of Midland, TX; aunts and uncles, Liz Aldridge; Marshall and Alicia Murphy; Gary Murphy; Grady and Lila McGowan; Brenda Harwell and Larry Jackson, and Judy Sutton. Also numerous cousins and many close friends.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Stonegate Fellowship, with Andy Spell officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Condolences may be offered online at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Sharon Holman Massey

Sharon Holman Massey passed away to be with our Lord, Sunday, February 27, 2011. Sharon was born November 11, 1954 in Weatherford, TX.

Sharon was a devoted wife, mother, and me-ma. She was a ray of light on a cloudy day, and could bring a smile to the saddest face. She was loved by everyone she ever met. She loved to dance, enjoyed the outdoors, and was a "people person" all of her life. She always put everyone else before herself and never hesitated to lend a hand. She will be missed dearly by all those whose heart she touched.

Sharon is survived by daughter, Brandi Stone; grandson, Blake McCord; granddaughters, Skylar Sharen Stone and Taryn Luckey; brother, Joel Mark Holman and family from Garland TX; and husband, Benton Massey and the Midland Massey family.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Thursday March 3, 2011 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Condolences may be left at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Billie Wayne Tierce

Billie Wayne Tierce went to be with his maker on Saturday, February 26, 2011.

Bill was born December 29, 1927 in Bowie, TX to Willard and Leona Tierce. Bill grew up in Iraan and McCamey, TX, graduating from McCamey High School in 1946. He attended and earned a B.S. degree in Geology from Sul Ross State College in 1950.

He then entered the Air Force during the Korean War

where he contructed photo maps over Europe and Asia. Bill was discharged from the Air Force in 1954 and entered the University of Texas in Austin.

He went to work for the U.S. Postal Service in 1956 and continued until his retirement in 1992. He was a resident of Ft. Stockton from 1956 to 2006, until he moved to Midland, TX where he resided until his death.

He is survived by his sister, Janet Smith and her husband, Gary of Lawton, Ok and his brother, Charles Tierce and wife, Nancy of Midland, TX. His nieces, Tracy Coggan, Christy Dupriest of Midland, and Niki Marcino of Philadelphia, PA; and a nephew, Charles Smith of Pasadena, TX.

Graveside services will be held in Ruidosa, NM at 10:00a.m.

Noel Romario Jenkins

Noel Romario Jenkins was born July 15, 1968 in Cincinnati, OH to parents, Vernice and Freddie. He passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2011.

He graduated from Western Hills High School and then attended the University of Cincinnati, where he received his Bachelors Degree and was a member of IOATA Fraternity Inc.

He was a people person, and more importantly, he loved God. He became licensed and ordained by Reverend Gerald Baits. Noel was always preaching and teaching God's word. He arrived in Midland in 2008 and became very involved in the ministry and community.

Noel will be missed and he leaves to cherish his memories; mother, Minister Vernice Appling; stepfather, Deacon James Appling; two sons, Noel Christopher Jenkins and Romario Jenkins; six sisters, Melinda (Jim), Melanie, Elyse, Tammy, Lillian, Tonya; fiancee, Teresa Reyes; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Death Notices

Anne Lucchi

Anne Lucchi passed away on Feb. 28, at the age of 83.

Survived by her husband, Harold Lucchi; her daughters, Greta Murray and Gina Allen; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; and two brothers.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 4, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Jessie Bell

Jessie Bell, 83, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, Feb. 28, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, at the funeral home.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Carter and Robin Bell; and four grandchildren.

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

Refugio Aranda, Sr.

Refugio Aranda, Sr., 69, of Midland, passed away on Monday, Feb. 28.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 3, at San Miguel Archangel Catholic Church. A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

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

Curtis Moore

Graveside services for Curtis Moore, 58, of Midland will be Wed., March 2, at the Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Julius Jones officiating.

He died Feb. 24, at his residence. He was born Dec. 15, 1952, in Bastrop, LA to Ervin Lee Moore, Sr. and Bessie Moore Rogers.

Survivors include his mother and father; four brothers; and four sisters.

Interment in Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Arrangements by Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Ronald "Ronnie" Erwin Suggs

Ronald "Ronnie" Erwin Suggs, 67, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Feb. 25.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

He is survived by his wife, Jynette Suggs; three sons, David Suggs McKenzie, Kevin Suggs, and Gary Suggs.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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

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	Channels	G	S	R	C	W	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Middle	Better With You (N)	Modern Fam- ily (N)	(:31) Mr. Sunshine	Off the Map "It's a Lie!" (N)		News	(:35) Night- line (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News at 6	Entertain- ment Night	Survivor: Redemption Island (N)		Criminal Minds "Valhalla" (N) (DVS)		Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior (N)		CBS 7 News at 10	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	America's Next Top Model "Ask Wei" (N)		Shedding for the Wedding (N)		Married... With	Married... With	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	South Park.	South Park
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol "Top 10 Girls Compete" The semifinalists perform		Traffic Light (N)		The Simp- sons	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Everybody- Raymond	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Persona"
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Faye Hardin	Rico Cortes	Update News	House Call	Light of the Southwest Authors: musicians. (N)				Uri Harel	Dr. Brad Young	Jim Staley	Biblical Israel
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News (N)	Be a Mil- lionaire	Minute to Win It	Minute to Win It	Minute to Win It "Show Us the Blueprint" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Pop"		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Late Night
	KBPT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		American Masters Musicians play the Troubadour. (N)		Great Performances Standards. show tunes and jazz. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	15	Llena de Amor (N) (SS)		Eva Luna (N) (SS)		Triunfo del Amor (N) (SS)		La Rosa de Guadalupe (N) (SS)		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Univision	La Verdad Oculta (N) (SS)
	MyTV	16	16		16		Earl	Smarter	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		My News	Access H.	Earl	Family Guy	Curb	Entourage
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:05) "Last Dance"		** "Nijinsky" (1980) Alan Bates.						(:05) *** "An Angel at My Table" (1990) Kerry Fox.			Ransom
	HBO	300	68	14	14		"Diary of a Wimpy Kid"		"Thurgood" (2011) Laurence Fishburne.				Big Love		Real Time/Bill Maher		** "The Waltman"	
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	"The Last Samurai"		"Secrets of the Tribe" (2009)			Adjustment	** "Observe and Report" (2009)			Funny, Die	"The Sunset Limited"	
	HBOS	304	70	16	102		*** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001)				** "The Box" (2009) Cameron Diaz.				** "The Soloist" (2009) Jamie Foxx.			
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	"Ghosts-Girlfriend"		(:15) ** "Head of State" (2003) Chris Rock.				** "Edge of Darkness" (2010) Mel Gibson. 'R'				Co-Ed-4	Bev.Cop II
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		Ninja	* "The Final Destination" (2009)			** "Terminator Salvation" (2009)				Hot Line "Seductive Tales"			Ninja
	PLEX			96			Wagon Tr'n	Have Gun	(:06) Gunsmoke		** "Thomasine & Bushrod" (1974)		(:40) *** "Vengeance Valley"				"Gambler Rtrns."	
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) *** "A Single Man" (2009) Colin Firth.				NASCAR	Californ.	Shameless (TV)		NASCAR		"Extreme Movie" (2008) (TV) 'R'	
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(4:55) "The Score" 'R'		"Assassin In Love" (2007) PG-13'			** "Birds of America" (2008) 'R'			"Waka" (2010) Bipu Phillips. 'R'			Adopted
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter "Tent City"		Dog the Bounty Hunter (N)		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:01) Dog the Bounty Hunter "Tent City"	
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) "True Grit" (1969)		*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.							** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995)		
	BET	58	26		40		106 & Park: Top 10 Live		*** "The Great Debaters" (2007) Denzel Washington, Forest Whitaker.						The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams Show	
	BRAV	65	63		41		Real Housewives		Bethenny Ever After		Top Chef "For the Gulf"		Top Chef (N)			(:16) Top Chef		Top Chef
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report (N)		Marijuana USA		Cigarette Wars (N)		Cigarette Wars		Mad Money		Cigarette Wars	
	CNN	43	24	51	20	56	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	American Chopper		Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings (N)		Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons
	DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Good Luck	Good Luck	"Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure"			Suite/Deck	Fish Hooks	Fish Hooks	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				SportsCenter		NFL Live	NBA
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball			
	FAM	53	54	34	42	33	** "Legally Blonde" (2001) Luke Wilson				** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003, Comedy)				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Chopped		Restaurant: Impossible		Diners	Diners	Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase		College Basketball Oklahoma at Texas Tech. (Live)			Sports Stories	Auto Racing		XTERRA Adventures	The Final Score	Auto Racing	
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	Two Men		*** "The Incredible Hulk" (2008, Action) Edward Norton.				Justified (N)		Justified		Lights Out	
	HALL	54	49	58		34	The Boss	The Boss	Little House		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
	HGTV	63	50	25	48	44	Hunters	House	House	Property	House	First Place	Hunters	Holmes Inspection	Income	House	House	First Place
	HIST	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Ancient Aliens		Underwater Universe Deadly ocean zones.				UFO Hunters		(:01) Ancient Aliens	
	LIFE	28	25	25	28	48	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Reba	Reba "Pilot"	Gangsta Girls Tough girl gangs.		The Secret Life of a Serial Killer		How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Frasier "Decoys"	Frasier
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show		The Ed Show (N)		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Anubis	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	3 Sheets	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ultimate Fight Night	
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	57	Face Off		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Face Off (N)		Ghost Hunters		Face Off	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Are We There Yet?	Are We There Yet?	House of Payne	House of Payne	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)	
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) "Four Daughters"		**** "East of Eden" (1955) James Dean.				**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven.					
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado: Edición		Aurora (SS)		Heredero-Monte		La Reina del Sur (SS)		Noticiero	La Reina del Sur (SS)	Decisiones	
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding: Buried Alive Laura and Margaret.		Hoarding: Buried Alive Deborah and Mary.		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive "Nowhere Near Normal"		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive "Nowhere Near Normal"	
	TNT	24	23	40	28	59	Bones "Judas on a Pole"		Bones "The Headless Witch in the Woods"		Bones Liquefied remains in a tanning bed.		Bones Brennan's incarcer- ated adversary.		Southland "Failure Drill"		CSI: NY A Marine is killed during Fleet Week.	
	TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Retired at	Cleveland	Retired at	Raymond	Raymond
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS An assassin targets a key witness.		NCIS "Model Behavior" Murdered model.		NCIS Tony and Ziva become trapped.		NCIS "Deception" A com- mander is abducted.		Fairly Legal An inventor threatens suicide.		Royal Pains Hank suspects a misdiagnosis.	
	VS.	38	39				NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Toronto Maple Leafs.					Hockey	To Be Announced		NHL Overtime		To Be Announced	
	WGN-A	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

OPD probes attempted kidnapping

From staff reports

The Odessa Police Department is investigating a report of an attempted kidnapping that happened Tuesday morning on the 1100 block of North Sam Houston. A 15-year-old Odessa High School student reported to school officials that a man attempted to kidnap her as she was walking to school at about 8:15 a.m., said an Odessa police department spokesperson.

She told police that while she was walking to school a white male driving a white pickup grabbed her and tried to force her into his vehicle. The victim reported she was able to escape his grasp and ran to the school, where she reported it to a counselor. The victim was not injured.

The suspect is described as a white male, mid-20s to early 30s, approximately 6 feet tall, 200 lbs with blond hair. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and gray shirt. The clothing is described as work-style clothing.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to notify the Odessa Police Department at 432-333-3641 or Crime Stoppers at 432-333-TIPS.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Violation of probation:
Joseph L. Armendarez, 28, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Theft:
Dokembai O. Barnes, 18, of Odessa, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of theft.

Engaging in organized crime:
Zachary A. Carter, 18, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of engaging in organized crime.

Violation of probation:
Mario J. Gutierrez, 44, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Engaging in organized crime:
Shelby S. Hashop, 18, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of engaging in organized crime.

Possession of a controlled substance:
Abigail B. Lozano, 18, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Indecency with a child:
Jeremy P. Paz, 30, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Theft:
Medric C. Snyder, 46, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Online:
Midland crime map
http://www.mywesttexas.com/midlandcrime

Odessa police charge man for sexual assault

From staff reports

Odessa police arrested a 21-year-old man after authorities said he allegedly raped a woman over the weekend in the parking lot of an east Odessa establishment, OPD officials said Tuesday.

Andrew Kwaku Amoyaw was arrested and charged with sexual assault after police found him in his vehicle a few blocks from the crime scene.

Authorities said the female victim, age 29, was leaving the establishment around 1:39 a.m. when she became separated from a friend. As she was looking for her friend, Amoyaw allegedly approached her offering his help.

She is said to have been waiting in his vehicle when he allegedly began to sexually assault her. Police said the victim managed to escape and was taken to Medical Center Hospital.

A description of Amoyaw and his car was broadcasted by police, and he was found nearby.

He's being held at the Ector County jail on a bond of $50,000.

Man flips van, arrested for warrants

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested for outstanding warrants after police and firefighters responded to his vehicle accident Tuesday.

Ramon Lopez was driving on Interstate 20's service road near Loop 250 when he veered off the road, because he told police he was staring at the fire damage from the nearby fields, police spokesperson Tasa Watts said.

Watts said he was heading southbound and overcorrected, causing his white Dodge van to flip and roll. He suffered minor injuries and was not taken to the hospital.

He was, however, arrested for six unrelated warrants.

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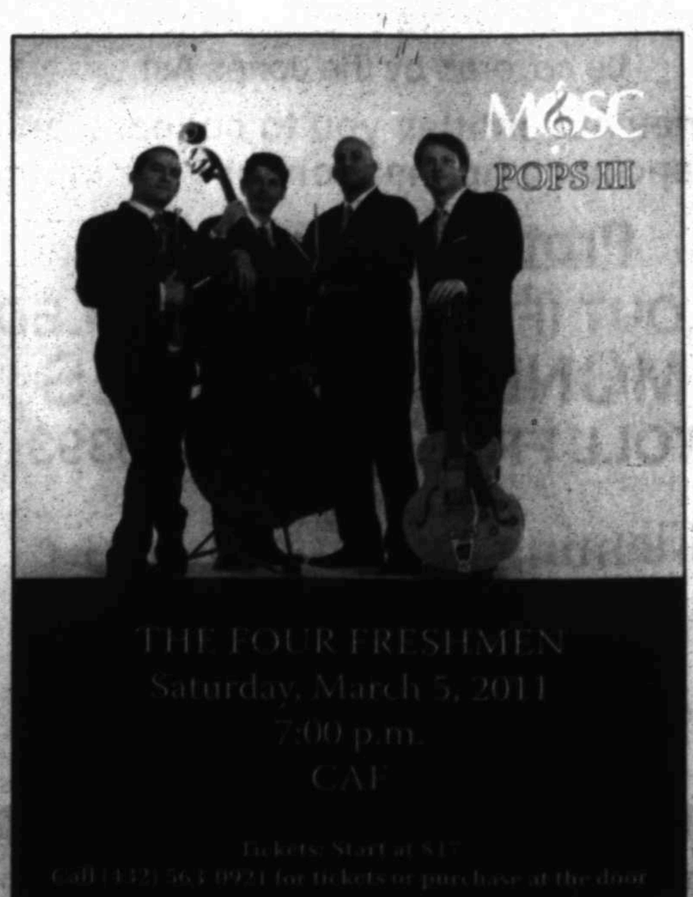
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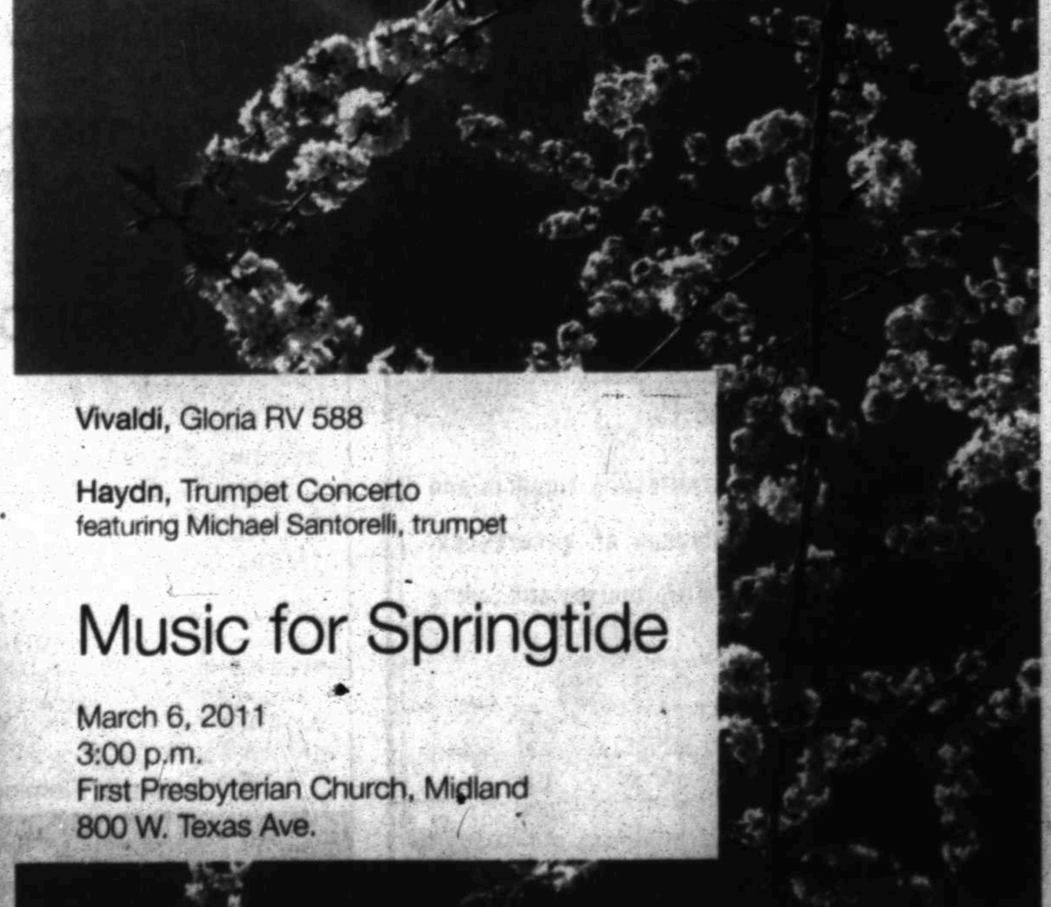
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Unrestrained frankness enlivens committee hearing

■ Back-and-forth between state senator and commission chair isn't your typical confirmation.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — First, you need to understand this about legislative committee hearings: Sure, there are testy moments, but, generally, words like "with all due respect" are included in sufficient quantity to keep things civil.

That's why it was so special Monday in the Texas Senate Nominations Committee when two very confident men with a 20-year history tangled with enough intensity to get the chairman to tell them to tone it down.

At the witness table was Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley, who, in his role as chairman of the Forensic Science Commission, faces Senate confirmation. As you might recall, Bradley's panel is investigating the arson science used to convict and execute Cameron Todd Willingham in the Corsicana fire death of his three daughters in 1991.

The case has become quite the controversy, and the New York-based Innocence Project, with an admirable record in winning exonerations for the wrongfully convicted, is challenging the science used in the case.

So, naturally, the Innocence Project's board chair was at Bradley's confirmation hearing. And, because that chair is state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, he also got to grill Bradley.

Ellis is not on the nominations committee, but, as is legislative custom, was allowed to participate. That's how he wound up on the dais looking down at Bradley, who, characteristically, was undeterred.

"You come here as an advocate for Mr. Willingham and a point of view on how you want that case to conclude, independent of allowing the commission to reach its own conclusion," Bradley told Ellis.

Ellis asked about Bradley's potential conflict as both a prosecutor and chairman of a commission that looks into allegations that faulty forensic science was used to get convictions.

"Or do you think you're so unique that you wouldn't have a conflict? ... After all, you are John Bradley, God's gift to us." (See the video at statesman.com/opinion.)

"Well," Bradley replied, "setting aside your sarcasm ... which, by the way, I think is evidence of your bias."

During that, Ellis interrupted with, "I usually set aside yours, too. I think I've been very restrained and will continue to be."

That's when Chairman Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, jumped in with, "OK, let's try to keep it a little more civil, please."

And they did, sort of, in between allegations about who was a more flawed man.

"My concern about you Mr. Bradley ... is you seem to have a chip on your shoulder when dealing with me and oftentimes other members of the Legislature," Ellis said.

"I thank you for expressing your concern," replied Bradley. "I don't share it. I advocate in an aggressive way. You and I have known each other for a long time. We've argued the same issues for a couple of decades."

Bradley and Ellis have been going at it, with varying intensity, for about 20 years, back to Bradley's days as Senate Criminal Justice Committee general counsel.

Groups like the Innocence Project, Bradley said, seem more interested in headlines and fundraisers. Advocacy groups, he said, sometimes "choose the rule of law they want to apply to get the outcome they want, rather than follow what the law says."

Ellis noted that many Texas exonerations have come about as a result of advocacy groups, including "maybe a few from that New York advocacy group that I chair the board of."

All of this came after Ellis asked Bradley why he once called Willingham "a guilty monster," and about allegations that he is a bully. "The (monster) comment was attempting to set the record straight in terms of advocacy groups trying to portray that he was an innocent lamb," said Bradley, who opted not to respond to the bully allegations.

Moments later, they lobbed countercharges about open meetings violations. Bradley acknowledged Forensic Science Commission subcommittees, prior to a policy change, had held closed-door meetings.

"I certainly would never suggest that the Legislature is never completely and fully open," Bradley said, "but having worked with the Legislature for 20 years, I certainly know a few things happen behind closed doors."

Then maybe you should seek charges against scofflaw lawmakers, Ellis suggested.

"I'll tell you what," Bradley said, "you watch my back and I'll watch yours."

"I'm glad I've got my bulletproof suit on," said Ellis.

Outside the hearing room — before the 4-2 committee vote recommending Senate confirmation of Bradley — each spoke with journalists.

Sen. Ellis, what's with the "God's gift to us" comment?

"Well, Bradley is a — he's an interesting human being."

Mr. Bradley, any regrets about the "monster" comment?

"My mom regrets that."

"We're like brothers who occasionally disagree," Bradley said of he and Ellis.

And you think your pseudo-brother is not impartial on the matter at hand?

"I think Sen. Ellis is an excellent senator."

And what about the "God's gift" comment?

"Thank you all very much."

FUNDING

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the scholarships and programs. They're also supported by United Way, among others.

"We have longtime supporters whose children have not been bigs or littles who just believe in what we do," she said.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

Application forms for the scholarships may be obtained by contacting Big Brothers Big Sisters at 687-0195 or by e-mailing kcrites@bbbsmidland.org.

FIRES

From 1B

need of monetary donations and volunteers to replenish their efforts and provide assistance in disaster areas.

March is recognized as Red Cross Month, and Parks said officials want to reach out to those in the community and to train volunteers to assist in the 26 counties the local chapter serves.

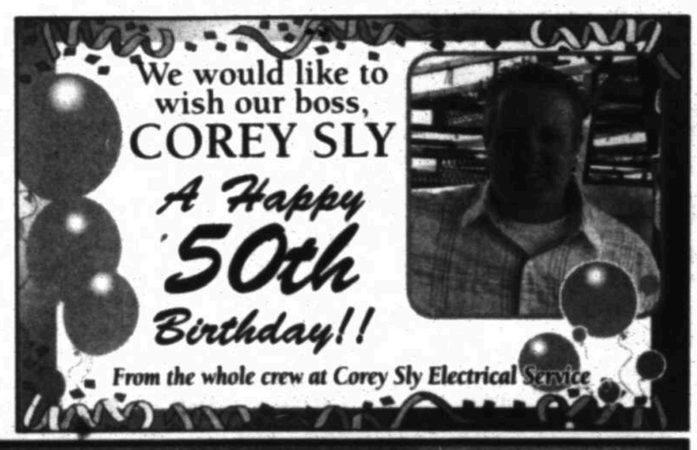
Volunteers must take six basic disaster training sessions

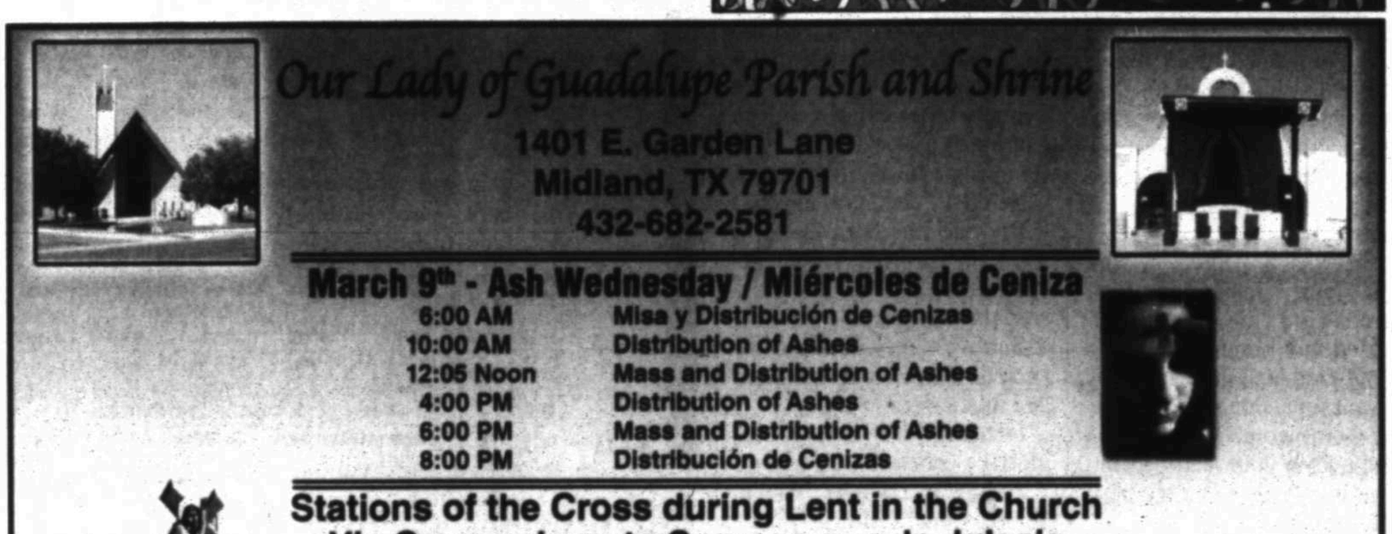
And the need is great now with the lack of rain and windy conditions making up the weather forecast each day.

"I don't think the wildfire season is over," Parks said. "It only takes a little flicker of a flame to cause a devastation like Mitchell County is dealing with right now."

Those wanting to make a donation or to sign up to become a volunteer, can contact the staff at 432-563-2267.

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.





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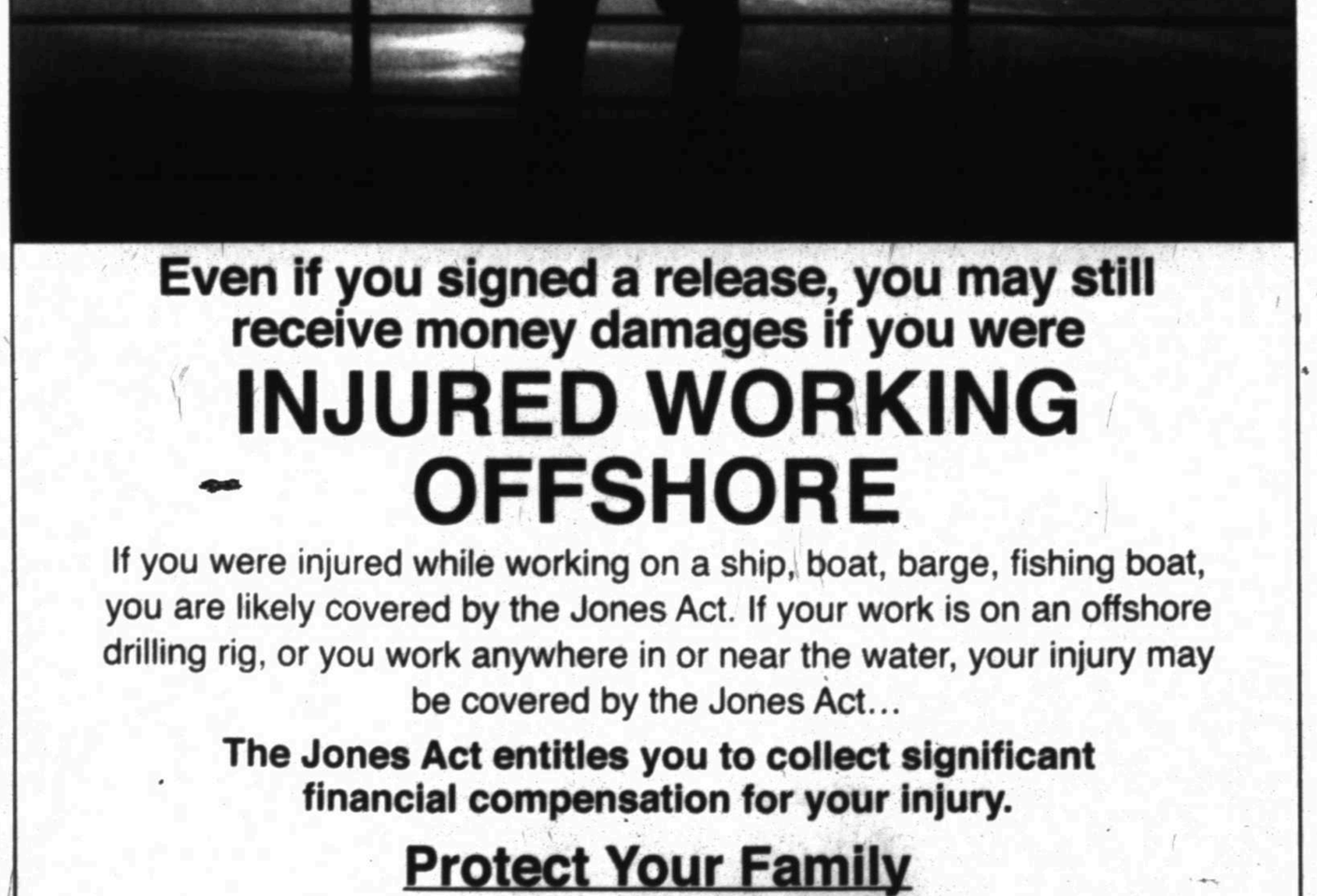

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THURSDAY Mostly sunny high 85 low 44

FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 82 low 36

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 83 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 43 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 85, a low around 44 and southwest winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 82 and a low around 36.

The high on Tuesday reached 75 while the low dropped to 28. The record high for March 1 is 89 set in 2006. The record low is 14 set in 1962.

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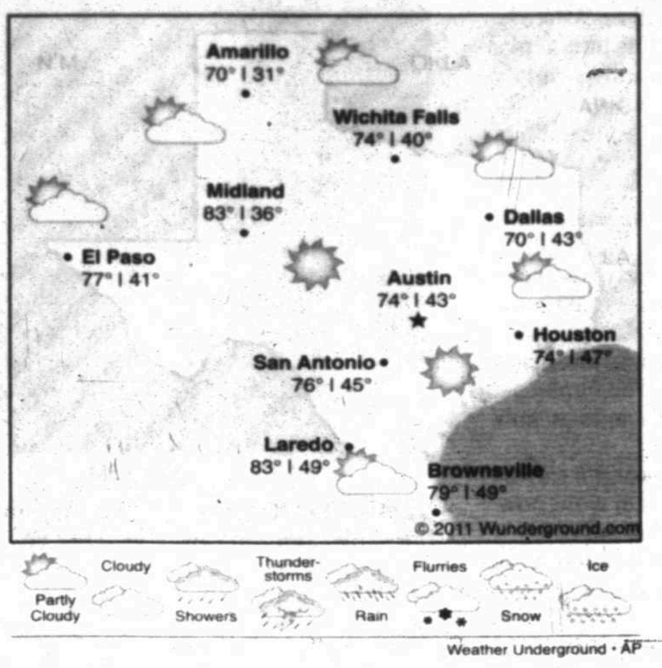
A weak cold front will press through the Northeast and the Middle Atlantic States today, bringing gusty winds and scattered snow showers to northern New England. South of the front, conditions will be mild, with highs in the 50s and 60s across the Middle Atlantic.

High pressure across the Southeast will produce sunshine and pleasant conditions in most areas. A weak front draped across South Florida will produce scattered showers in some places.

Cold air will filter into the northern Plains as high pressure builds in from Canada. Another area of high pressure will promote dry weather from the Four Corners region through the southern Plains. Temperatures in these places will remain near or slightly above normal for this time of year.



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Precipitation

Rainfall Monday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.00 in.
Total for year	0.07 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.13 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	75
Low	28
Normal high	67
Normal low	37

Sunrise ... 7:15 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:47 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, March 2

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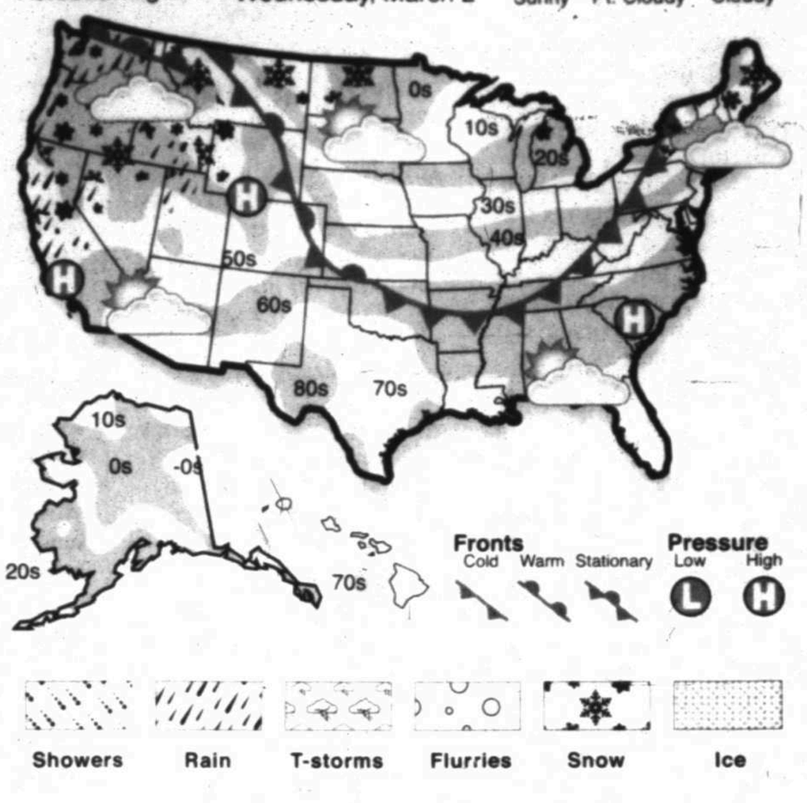

Neighbors' nightly water show is making waves

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I moved into our first home two years ago. A few months after that, our lives got even better with the addition of our son.

After living here for a while, we noticed that the neighbors behind us have a large window in their shower, and they tend to take a lot of nighttime showers. (I'm sure you can see where this is heading.) For a long time, we chose to ignore it, but my motherly instincts are getting the better of me now. I can't help thinking of the day when my son is old enough to realize what he's seeing.

My husband and I have been debating whether to tell our neighbors we can see them showering. Sometimes they get pretty carried away in there. Should I tell them we can see everything? And if so, how do I go about it without causing them to be embarrassed, ashamed or angry? — GETTING AN EYEFUL IN OHIO

DEAR GETTING AN EYEFUL: Another shower letter! Write your neighbors a polite note telling them there is a clear view into their shower when their lights are on at night. Explain that before your son was born this was not of concern to you, but now that you have a small child, you would appreciate it if they would work with you on a solution to this problem. They may not be aware they've been putting on an X-rated show.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked in the same office for more than a decade. Last year I returned to school in an effort to finally get into a field where I can earn more money. I will graduate next spring and, hopefully, will begin a new career.

I need your advice about how to approach my boss when the time comes. This is a very small office and, while I wouldn't call us friends, we probably have a closer relationship than most people in a larger office would have. Any thoughts on the best way to approach this? — GIVING NOTICE ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR GIVING NOTICE: Because you have been in school for the length of time you have, your announcement will probably not come as much of a surprise to your employer. However, before you give notice, be sure you have another job in place. When you do speak to your employer, thank him or her for your job. Explain that you are ready to start in your new field and offer to spend a few weeks training your replacement to make any transition easier.

DEAR ABBY: My husband recently had major surgery. I wanted to call a few close friends and family members beforehand to let them know. When I told my husband, we had an argument. He felt they would feel obligated to respond. I felt it would be nice for both of us to have support and that they would want to know. As it turned out, I made some calls and we did receive some much-needed support. Was I wrong to do this? (My husband wants your opinion on the matter.) — GRATEFUL FOR HELPING HANDS IN COLORADO

DEAR GRATEFUL: The prospect of major surgery can be frightening — both for the patient and the spouse. Your husband may have preferred to downplay it because he was afraid broadcasting it was displaying weakness. You obviously found the prospect traumatic and didn't want to be alone at that time. Was it wrong to ask for help? I don't think so. My advice to your husband is to lighten up and get well soon.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Watch Those Rubrics

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 6 5
A 10 8 5
7 6 4
♣ K Q

WEST
♠ 4 3 2
J 7 6
Q 3
♣ J 10 9 3 2

EAST
♠ K J 10
Q 9 4
K 10 9 8
♣ 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8
K 3 2
A J 5 2
♣ A 5 4

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

One of the first things you are taught when learning how to defend a bridge hand is the maxim "Second hand low." As with most others, it is correct more often than not, but it is not engraved in stone, as Alan Siebert of Little Rock, Ark., demonstrated on this deal from a National Pairs Championship a few years ago.

The auction was a straightforward power sequence. After South's no-trump opener, North checked for a 4-4 major fit and, when none was located, settled in three no-trump.

West led the jack of clubs, won in dummy. A spade was led to the ace and a spade was returned to the queen and king. East reverted to a club to dummy's king and, when thrown on lead with another spade, exited with his last club to declarer's ace and a diamond was discarded from the table.

It was time to start on hearts, so South led the deuce, intending to insert dummy's 10 when Siebert followed low and then scored three heart tricks later. But Siebert inserted the jack! Suddenly, the contract could no longer be made. If declarer ducked in dummy, Siebert would cash two club tricks to set the hand. If he rose with the ace, he could collect only two heart tricks without letting Siebert on lead for the same result.

As they say in the Old Country: "If you drink the water you die, and if you don't drink the water you die."

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Sierra Nevada resort
6 Like some checking accounts
11 Scand. land
14 Observe Yom Kippur
15 Neptune's realm
16 When repeated, a Latin dance
17 Feature of the answers to starred clues
19 Children's author/illustrator Asquith
20 Icky stuff
21 Common flashlight power source
22 Endure
23 *Poker holdings
25 Actor Dillon et al.
26 Hwys.
27 Chinese discipline
28 Cut's partner
31 *Subdued
34 First N.L. 500 home run club member
35 Indictment
37 "__ pales in Heaven the morning star": Lowell
38 *Prepared to jog
40 Less refined
42 Degree requirements, at times
43 Convert to leather, as a hide
44 Minor cost component
45 *Stained
51 Ship of Greek myth
52 European toast
53 Fit
54 Living in Fla., maybe
55 Feature of the answers to starred clues
57 Morse unit
58 Racket
59 More repulsive
60 Many IRA payees
61 Landlord
62 Really dumb

DOWN

1 Zesty flavors
2 Leaning
3 __ society
4 Cocktail preparation phrase
5 Sushi fish
6 Tally symbol
7 Large wedding band
8 Strikes one as
9 Viscount's superior
10 One-third of ninety?
11 *Pocketed the cue ball
12 Obligatory joke response
13 Park Avenue resident, e.g.
18 ER tests
22 Secular
24 Imagines
25 Young food court loiterer
27 Afternoon service
28 Gift shop items on a rotating stand
29 Where to see a caboose
30 *Fortes
31 USC or NYU
32 Prov. on James Bay
33 Amer. currency
36 IV units
39 __ perpetua: Idaho's motto
41 "__ My Heart": 1962 #1 R&B hit for Ray Charles
43 Going rate?
45 Coil of yarn
46 Western chasers
47 Ply
48 "¿__ usted español?"
49 Paula's "American Idol" replacement
50 Steel plow developer
52 Winter forecast
55 John Lennon Museum founder
56 VII x VIII

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

B	L	A	S	T		H	U	S	H		A	R	M	S
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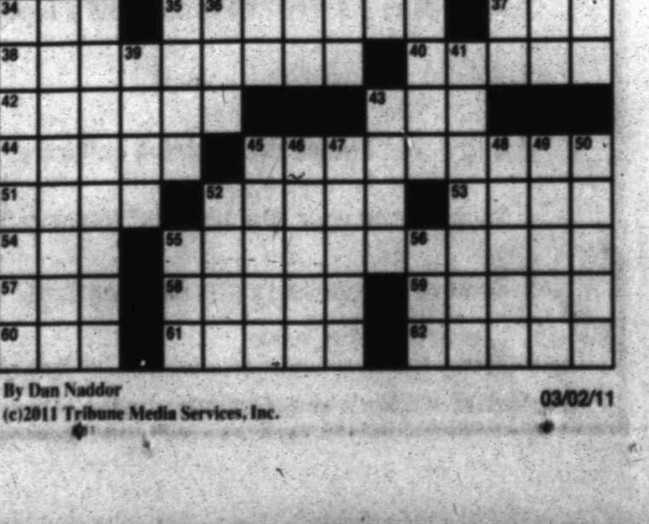

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 2, 2011:

This year, you walk through doors while simultaneously realizing the importance of key partnerships or associations in your life. Many times you could assume a low-key role, but then change your mind and head in a totally different direction. Honor who you are. Also make it OK to vanish or assume a low profile. If you are single, you could meet someone very interesting. This person might not be the easiest to relate to. If you are attached, the two of you might start acting like newlyweds if you just dote on each other a little more. The bond becomes tighter. AQUARIUS makes an excellent healer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Keep roaming through possibilities with others. Being open can only solidify an idea, whereas a problem could present itself and you won't see it if you don't test it out. Someone from a distance makes a stern appraisal of a situation. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Make sure you handle different segments of a problem. Dealing with one facet is not the answer. Note fatigue. Think about a visit to the doctor, or perhaps establish better sleep, exercise and eating patterns, as boring as it might seem. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines, detach and observe singles you out as an astute intellect when dealing with people. Sometimes it might be smarter not to let on about your perceptions. A child or loved one is closed down. Tonight: Ever playful, act on an idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Revel in the moment. Understand where a partner or associate is coming from. Instinctively, you might want to pull back and rethink a situation because of feeling vulnerable. Curb a tendency to cover emotional issues with intellectual logic. Tonight: Think about taxes, if you haven't already.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others want to assume a greater role and might not relate to your ideas. Establish new boundaries. Others will listen when they get that you are for real. Cut some of the charm! Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Stay focused on the task at hand. You might want to rethink a decision you made recently, especially if it causes you discomfort. You are coming from a solid point of view. Examine the costs of this stance. Tonight: Do tonight what you didn't do during the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your innate skills come forth. You might be more negative than you realize, creating a somber perspective. Let in the feedback of others; open up to trusting. Get past a present bout of pessimism. Tonight: Add spice to your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Listen to your sixth sense with a family member or real estate issue. You might not be in the mood to act on any issue right now, which could be smart. Gather more information and decide what is happening. Tonight: Close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Expressing your ideas naturally is excellent, though someone might misunderstand your words. You will know when this happens immediately because there will be a chill or coldness emanating from that person. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Thoughts about money pre-occupy and color a decision. You might feel negative about your job or role in the community. Realize what is happening here, but refuse to make any speedy decisions today. Check in on an older friend or relative. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You bloom in the present atmosphere. Someone you seek information from could seem to be withholding something. He or she simply might not be in the mood to talk or elaborate. Deal with a legal matter quickly. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Say less and listen more than normal. A partner might be holding back but comes through anyway. You will know what ails this person if you stop and reflect. Joint projects in general could be touchy. Tonight: Your last chance for some extra R and R. You will need it!

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Singer Jon Bon Jovi (1962), author Theodor Geisel (1904), singer Chris Martin (1977)

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Gun-trafficking suspects were under surveillance

Authorities say a weapon recently used to kill a U.S. agent in Mexico was bought by a Texas man under surveillance in November over suspected gun trafficking for a violent Mexican drug cartel.

Federal complaints filed against three Dallas-area men were released Tuesday, when a federal judge delayed their hearing at the request of defense attorneys. The suspects will appear in court Friday.

Authorities say the three suspects met in November with an undercover agent who was to take the guns to Laredo. Law officers seized the 40 weapons before they crossed the border, but authorities later learned another gun purchased in October by one of the Texas men was used in the fatal Feb. 15 attack on a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent.

AUSTIN

Voter ID bill before House committee

A House panel is debating legislation that would require most voters to present a photo ID before casting a ballot.

The bill, being heard Tuesday in a special House committee, already HAS cleared the Senate and is on the fast track for approval in the Legislature. Democrats and civil rights groups said the legislation would erect new voting hurdles for minorities and the poor. Republicans say it's needed to combat voter fraud.

The bill exempts people over 70. A version up for consideration Tuesday would allow disabled Texans who don't have an ID to cast a ballot without one. Otherwise, voters who show up without an ID could cast a provisional ballot. The bill must clear both chambers and be signed by Gov. Rick Perry before becoming law.

AUSTIN

Committee OKs bill that would protect nurses

A Senate committee approved legislation to strengthen protection for nurses who report abuse by doctors.

The bill filed by state Sen. Jane Nelson protects nurses from being fired, discriminated against or punished. Nurses would be immune from criminal prosecution under the bill.

The bill now goes to the full Senate. If enacted, doctors would be fined up to $25,000 if convicted of retaliation.

Lawmakers saw a need for the law after a West Texas nurse was prosecuted after reporting a doctor for allegedly practicing bad medicine. Anne Mitchell was charged in Winkler County with "misuse of official information" and threatened with 10 years in prison. Despite Mitchell's acquittal, the case stirred outrage from medical communities nationwide.

Nelson said patients are best served when nurses can advocate on their behalf.

LAREDO

Iguana meat seized at border

Longing for some lizard?

Two ice chests on a bus from Mexico bound for Texas have yielded nearly 58 pounds of alleged iguana meat mixed with corn dough and apparently meant for tamales.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Tuesday announced the seizure by agriculture specialists at the Laredo Port of Entry.

Luggage was being examined at the Lincoln-Juarez International Bridge when the undeclared food items, worth nearly $1,600, were discovered.

A female passenger was questioned and processed for return to Mexico.

The case has been turned over to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agents for further investigation.

LAREDO

Man who faked being lawyer gets prison

A Dallas-area man who faked being an attorney and represented an immigration client before a judge in South Texas is going to federal prison.

Prosecutors in Laredo on Tuesday announced 28-year-old Dale Allen Richardson Jr., of Plano, must serve more than five years in prison.

Richardson in October was convicted of obstructing justice and making false statements in court. He went before a U.S. magistrate and unlawfully represented a person charged with illegally entering the U.S.

Another judge Monday sentenced Richardson to 65 months for obstruction, plus 60 months for the false statements. The sentences will run currently. He was fined $3,000 and must pay more than $25,000 in restitution to his duped clients.

Family gets most of its food in the backyard

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

PROSPER — As the weather warms and the brown landscape turns green, Stephanie Weyenberg's thoughts turn to planting for her family's early spring garden.

Gardening is more than just a hobby: She and her husband, Matt, grow most of the fruit and vegetables they eat.

They also rely on a half dozen chickens roaming their backyard, for eggs and to entertain their kids, ages 11, 9 and 6. The family gets beef, chicken and raw milk from farms.

"At some point it snowballed into, 'Oh wow, now we're grinding our own wheat and have a garden and try to eat from that," said Weyenberg, 37, who homeschools her children.

Inspired to turn away from processed foods after their two younger children had stomach troubles, the Weyenbergs started with small changes. Those led to a move about three years ago from a big house with a tiny yard to a smaller home on an acre lot farther out in the countryside, in Prosper, about 45 miles north of Dallas.

Matt Weyenberg, a doctor at a family medical practice called Village Health Partners in Plano, said his family's experiences serve as a way for him to talk to patients about healthy eating. He said he'll tell them: "You don't have to go crazy like we are at my house and grind your own wheat and have chickens and a big garden, but try to eat less processed foods, try to get more organic food, locally grown, whole grains, and fruits and vegetables."

"There's hardly a day goes by that I don't — all of us — don't see patients who could literally get off several of their medications potentially if they just ate better," said Matt Weyenberg, 36. "Some people are very receptive to that. Of course some people aren't. They don't feel like they are at a place where they can."

The Weyenbergs might have taken gardening a step further than many, but a growing number of American households are doing some vegetable gardening, according to the National Gardening Association — up from about 27 million households in 2005 to about 31 million households last year. The nonprofit group said the main reasons are to have better-tasting and higher quality food, and to save money on groceries.

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VEGGIELICIOUS Stephanie Weyenberg, left, looks over her winter garden Dec. 3 with her children Garrett, 6, back, Abby, 9, center, and Anna, 11, right, in the backyard of their home in Prosper. After a series of lifestyle changes over the last couple of years, the Weyenberg family now grows most of the fruit and vegetables they eat and rely on chickens roaming their backyard for eggs.

That might involve just putting some tomato plants out on a city patio, or it might be as involved as what the Weyenbergs are doing, said Susan Littlefield, horticulture editor for the gardening association.

Brett L. Markham, author of "Mini Farming: Self-Sufficiency on 1/4 Acre" (Skyhorse, 2010), said he raises chickens and has fruit trees and a garden, producing about 80 percent of the food his family eats. They began backyard farming on a half-acre lot in New Ipswich, N.H., after developing an interest in organic foods about eight years ago.

"I do have a sense that my situation is becoming less and less unique. A lot of people are trying to grow something, no matter how small," Markham said.

He said that often people who contact him say they developed an interest in backyard farming because of economic concerns, but other reasons include wanting to feel a connection to the soil.

"It's a lot easier than people think it is," he said. "People look at the stuff involved and initially they get intimidated. You can build into having full self-sufficiency."

The Weyenbergs occasionally supplement their garden by buying from farmer's markets, Stephanie said.

And they still make the occasional trip to the grocery store, estimating they get about 25 percent of their food there. For instance, Stephanie said, when they make tortilla soup, they pick up chips and sour cream from the store. And every now and then, they get some ice cream as well.

"I don't want it to ever be so 'rule our lives' that my kids have no idea what chips taste like: the forbidden fruit that they're going to run right out and gorge on," she said.

Both Weyenbergs said the key is making the changes one step at a time.

"The way that we're living now seems so extreme, and I never in a million years would have imagined us being here," said Stephanie.

For her early spring garden this year, Weyenberg is planning spinach, lettuce and beets. Throughout the year, she also grows onions, a couple varieties of beans, tomatoes, squash, blackberries and Swiss chard. That's besides the fruit trees bearing apples, plums, pears and peaches, and the herb garden that includes basil, thyme and sage.

The backyard operation isn't as time consuming as it might seem, she said. The chickens, for instance, are hardly any work and also eat bugs and fertilize the yard. An automated irrigation system saves a lot of time. And after several hours of work at the beginning of the season to clean and plant the beds, Weyenberg estimates that she probably only spends about an hour a week in the garden.

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Buffaloes a step closer to reaching regional tourney

By Shawn Shroyer
Sports Writer

Following Stanton's victory against Bushland last Friday, Buffaloes coach Kenny Van Curen realized he still had time to scout his next opponent. Stanton was to play the winner of Muleshoe and Colorado City, who were playing nearby.

For better or worse, Van Curen couldn't help but notice how similar Muleshoe was to Stanton's District 3-2A mate Colorado City. The reason Buffaloes fans may find that troubling is Colorado City swept the season series with Stanton and lost 61-46 to Muleshoe. On the other hand, being familiar with Colorado City, Stanton knows what to expect from Muleshoe and the Buffaloes haven't had an easy ride to today's 6 p.m. meeting with the Mules at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. The Buffaloes return to the same site where they knocked off No. 18 Bushland, 49-47.

"Bushland pressed us the whole game and they were so dang tall," Van Curen said. "We had to play really well to beat them. But with Muleshoe, they remind me more of a Colorado City-type to me with the same type of athletes — quick, fast, athletic kids."

Today's game goes beyond match ups alone, though, and it goes back to last season.

After a first-round bye, Stanton lost in the area round on a buzzer-beater to Olton. From that point on, the Buffaloes' goal has been to reach the regional tournament this season. So it's

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CLASS 2A REGIONAL QUARTERS
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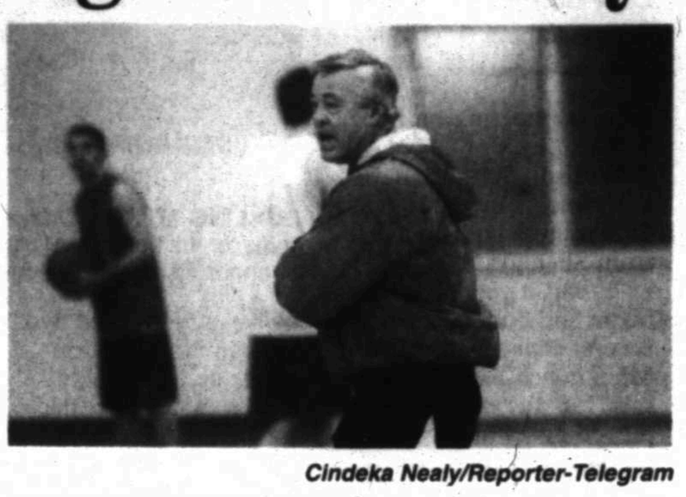

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GETTING BETTER PREPARED Stanton basketball coach Kenny Van Curen talks to his team during a practice last month at Stanton High School. The Buffaloes play Muleshoe at 6 p.m. today at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock

Bryan Terry/The Oklahoman

FLYING TO THE HOOP Oklahoma State's Reger Dowell (5) goes to the basket between Baylor's Anthony Jones (41) and A.J. Walton (22) on Tuesday in Stillwater, Okla.

Cowboys hurt Baylor's NCAA hopes

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Every point gets LaceDarius Dunn closer to the Big 12's career scoring record and every win pushes Baylor toward the bigger goal of returning to the NCAA tournament.

With a series of swats, Oklahoma State's Markel Brown put a hold on both of those aspirations.

Marshall Moses had 16 points and 10 rebounds, Brown added 10 points and a career-high five blocks and the Cowboys dented Baylor's NCAA tournament hopes by beating the Bears 71-60 on Tuesday night.

Cowboys	**71**
Bears	60

"Markel is a freak athlete and sometimes he makes recovers on shots that other guys just can't," Moses said. "When a guy is beat, a lot of times that's a basket, especially guarding a guy like LaceDarius Dunn who's about to be the all-time leading scorer in the Big 12.

"But Markel is a gifted guy, and he mixes with that the heart and desire to want to get stops."

Brown blocked three of Dunn's shots during a critical four-minute span in the second half. The first would have put the Bears ahead in the final eight minutes, the second kept the Bears from tying it at 54 and the last one set up Keiton Page's 3-pointer that put Oklahoma State ahead 59-52

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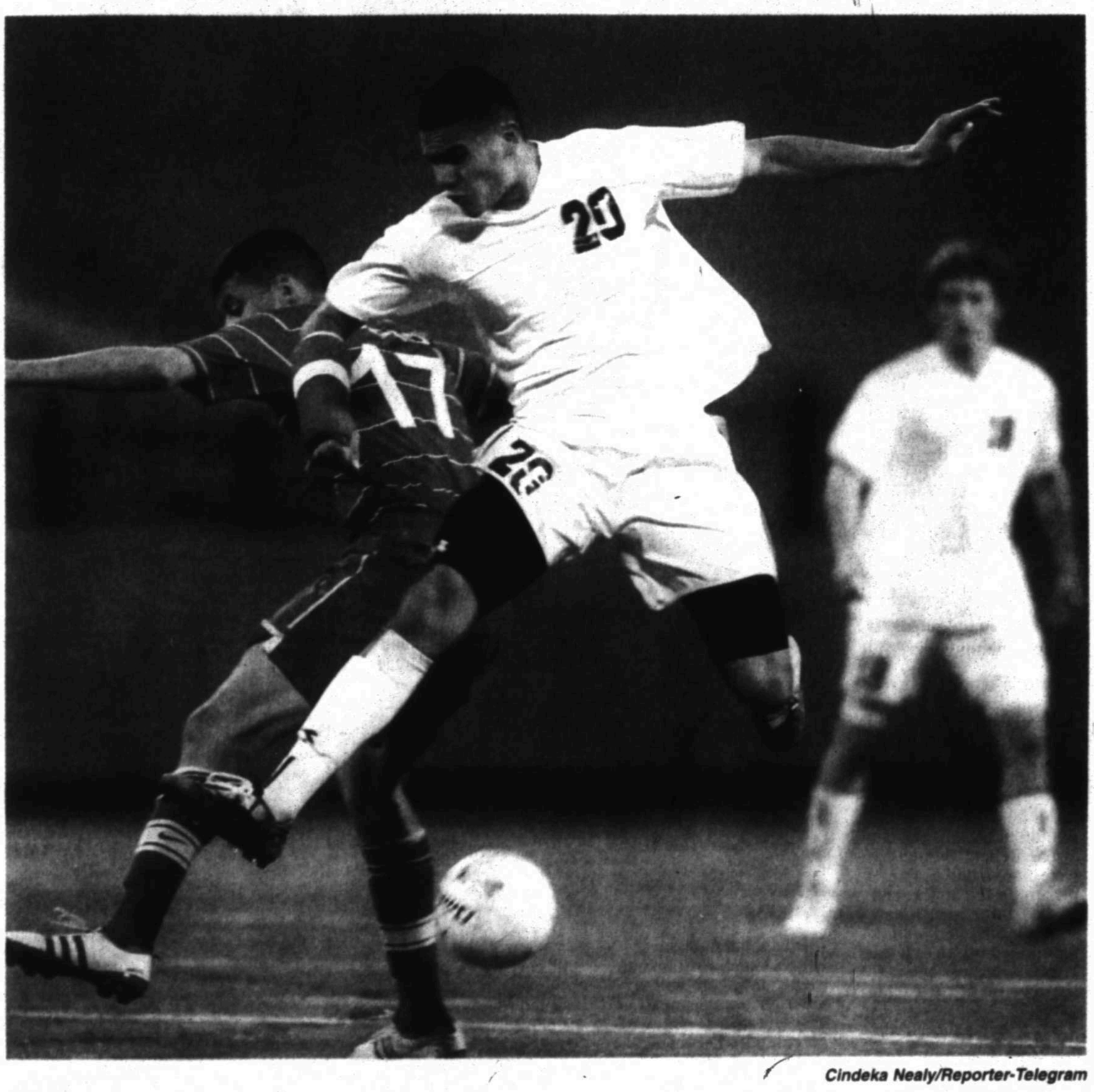

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NICE MOVE Lee's Jakab Marquez (20) jumps in to steal the ball from Odessa High's Alejandro Sanchez (17) Tuesday during their game at Grande Communications Stadium.

Johnston did his job as Rebels beat Odessa High

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

As the fifth shooter for Lee in its shootout lineup, Trent Johnston was confident he could do the job. But he was hoping it didn't have to come down to him.

But it did and the junior found the back of the net during a shootout against rival Odessa High to give the Rebels a key 2-1 District 3-5A victory Tuesday night at Grande Communications Stadium.

It was the second big goal for Johnston in the contest, as his equalizing goal in the 61st minute tied the game and gave the Rebels a chance to get out of the game with some points.

"I told Derek (Sanchez), our fourth shooter, that I've got the team if it gets to me, but don't let it get to me," Johnston said after the game. "Shootouts are something we practice, we work on it and I executed it."

Rebels	**2**
Bronchos	1 (SO)

Johnston's goal ended what was another thrilling contest between the 3-5A two rivals. Lee improved to 8-8-2 overall and 3-1-2-1 with 14 points in District 3-5A and trail first-place Odessa Permian by one point. Odessa High is now 5-11-1 and 2-2-1-2 with 10 points.

Odessa High was coming in as one of the hottest teams in the district with two regulation wins and a shootout win in its last three games, and Lee was coming in struggling after a loss to San Angelo Central and a shootout loss to Abilene High. Plus Lee was without top scorer and midfielder Keagan Davis, and also

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STOLEN AWAY

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Odessa Permian's Paige Strahan has the ball stolen by Midland High's Cheyenne Kinsey (3) during the game on Tuesday night at Ratliff Stadium. See MHS soccer stories on PAGE 2C.

Lee GK George superb as Lady Rebels win in shootout

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Lady Rebels	**1**
Lady Bronchos	0 (SO)

Lee goalkeeper Kaitlin George quietly kept holding out hope that one of her teammates would score and take some pressure off her during the shootout that followed regulation in Tuesday's Odessa High-Lee girls soccer game.

George

But as shooters from each team kept missing or being stopped by George and her Odessa High counterpart Erika Marquez, George's nerves started to increase.

George, though, held her composure after giving up a goal on the eighth shooter, and then helped force two Odessa High shots wide on the next two shooters. Then Lee's Jessi Gonzalez scored the game-winner as the 10th shooter as Lee squeaked out a 1-0 shootout win against Odessa High at Grande Communications Stadium.

"We practice (shootouts) a lot, and I just felt like it was one of my strongest things when I had to go out there," said George, who is a junior. "I am good with one-on-ones and I knew I had to stay focused. I was really nervous, and hoping that one of our players would score."

Lee improved to 9-4-5 overall and 3-3-1-0 for 11 points in District 3-5A, while Odessa High fell to 8-9-2 and 0-5-1-1 in 3-5A

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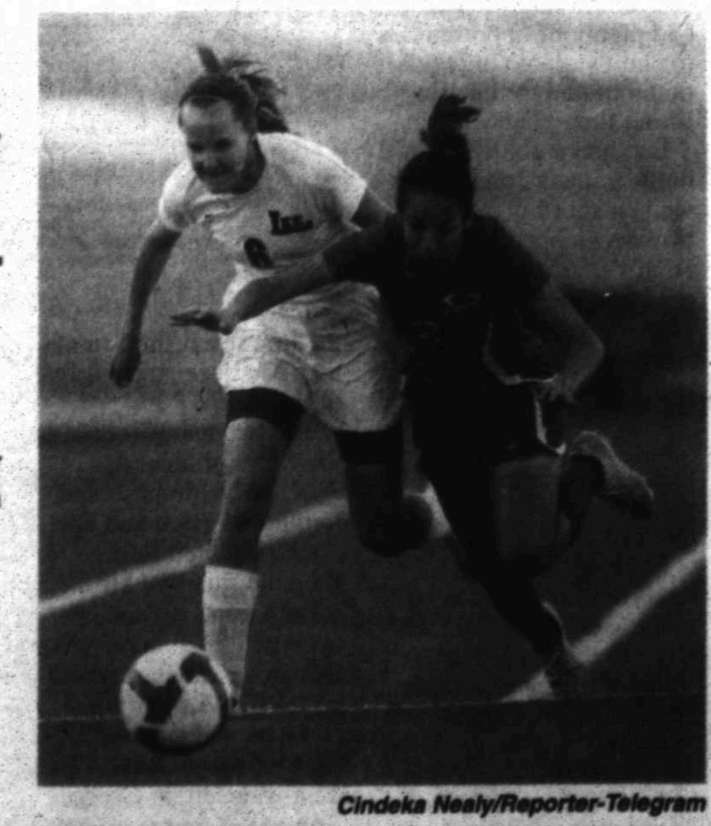

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GOING ALL OUT Lee's Tori Rackow (6) and Odessa High's Brittney Deutsch (2) chase down the ball Tuesday during their game at Grande Communications Stadium.

Scribner keeps Lady Dawgs rolling

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Midland High girls soccer team eked out a 1-0 victory over Odessa Permian in a District 3-5A soccer match played Tuesday night at Ratliff Stadium.

It was the second tight match played between these two teams this year. Midland High also won the first meeting on Feb. 5, 1-0.

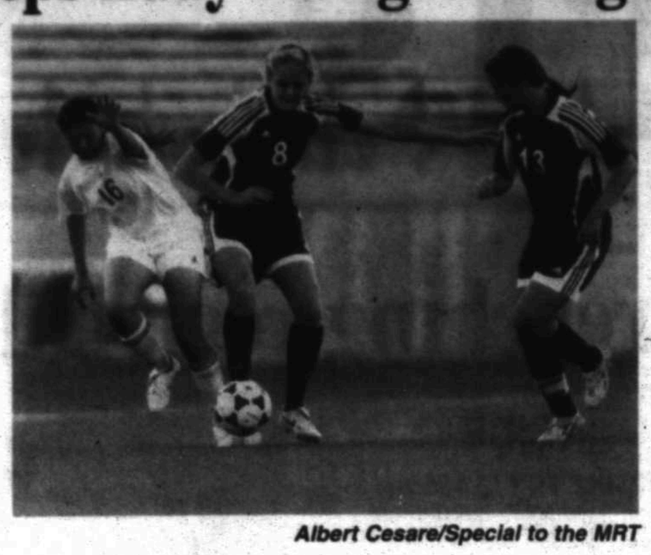
Lady Dawgs	**1**
Lady Panthers	0

Madison Scribner scored the game's only goal in the 13th minute with an assist from Shannon Byrd.

"It was a good, classic battle and both teams had several chances to finish," MHS coach Kent Rivas said. "It was really evenly-played match. I was pleased with the effort. We've only allowed two goals in the last seven games in district play."

With the victory, the Lady Bulldogs (14-5-1, 6-0-1) now have 20 points in district play, while Permian (10-6-1, 4-3-0) remains with 12 points.

Midland High next hosts San Angelo Central at noon Saturday.



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DUALING IT OUT Odessa Permian's Briana Anaya (16) fights for the ball with Midland High's Molly Barham (8) while Shannon Byrd (13) watches Tuesday at Ratliff Stadium.

Short-handed Bulldogs fall to Permian

From staff report

ODESSA — The Midland High boys soccer team had to play about 60 minutes with a man down because of an ejection and Odessa Permian walked away with a 2-0 victory in a District 3-5A soccer game played at Ratliff Stadium on Tuesday night.

MHS coach Warren Cottle said midfielder Sammy Ibarra was ejected in the 20th minute for attacking a Permian player. Ibarra will have to sit out the next match as well because of the penalty.

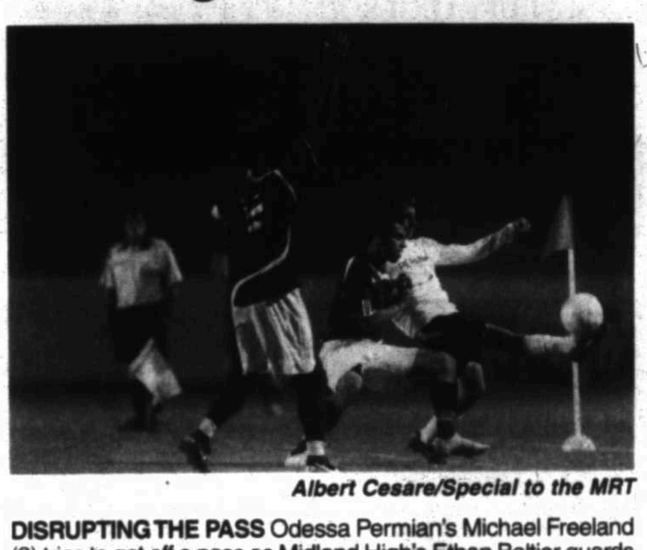
Still, despite having to play a man down for the rest of the game, Cottle said he was proud of the way his team hung in there and even had some scoring opportunities.

"When you're playing with one guy down, you're playing high risk and high pressure," Cottle said. "But I was proud the way this group of guys continued to fight and not fall apart. When you're playing 10 against their 11 and hold them to only two goals, that's pretty impressive. I can't wait to get these guys on the field again."

Permian scored a goal on a free kick, following the red card. The Panthers (7-9-1, 4-0-1-2, 15 points) scored their second goal on a counter at the 65th minute.

Panthers	**2**
Bulldogs	0

Midland High (7-6-4, 3-4-0-0, 9 points) next hosts San Angelo Central at 2 p.m. Saturday.



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DISRUPTING THE PASS Odessa Permian's Michael Freeland (3) tries to get off a pass as Midland High's Ethan Baltier guards him during Monday night's game at Ratliff Stadium.

REBELS

From 1C

freshman Juan Baeza was making his second start in goal.

After a scoreless first half, the Bronchos' recent luck seemed to be on their side as Trey Kerr's long pass from about 55 yards out in the 52nd minute turned into a goal as Baeza misjudged the ball and it found the back of the net.

The Rebels, though, were undaunted as they picked up the attack, and in the 61st minute Johnston blasted a ball that rebounded off an Odessa High player just outside the 18-yard box to tie the game.

Both teams produced scoring chances in the final 20 minutes but to no avail, as the game went to a shootout.

"The coaches tell us when we are called on we've got to do our part," Johnson said. "That was all I was doing. I saw an opportunity and I hit it. In all honesty, I didn't think it was going to dip."

Colyn Moore and Juan Valdivia scored on back-to-back shots to give Lee a 2-1 lead, but Odessa High's Caleb Bustamante evened the score with a low right shot against Lee shootout keeper and regular defender Dustin Beal.

OHS keeper David Sierra stopped the next two Lee shots, while Odessa High's next two opporunities went right and high.

That left the game up to Johnston as the fifth shooter and he delivered. Johnston chipped the ball over top of Sierra and the ball crossed the goal line to end the game. It was Lee's second shootout win of the season.

"We went into the game thinking we've been under some adversity and we wanted to try and keep it as close as we could," Hicks said. "A shootout is not exactly what we wanted because we wanted a win. But a shootout was a second option.

"It's about getting points and we got two, and we've outscored Odessa High 5-1 in two games, and that's what you've got to look at."

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Boys 3-5A Soccer standings

Team	W	L	District SOW	District SOL	District Pts.	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Odessa Permian	4	0	1	2	15	7	9	1
Lee	3	1	2	1	14	8	8	2
Odessa High	2	2	1	2	10	5	11	1
San Angelo Central	2	2	1	1	9	9	6	1
Midland High	3	4	0	0	9	7	6	4
Abilene High	1	3	2	0	7	6	10	0
Abilene Cooper	0	3	2	1	5	6	7	0

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

Tuesday's Scores

Odessa Permian 2, Midland High 0; Lee 2, Odessa High 1, SO (3-2); Abilene Cooper was open.

Today's Game

Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Odessa High; Lee is open. All games at 2 p.m.

LADY REBELS

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play with only one goal in regulation to its credit in seven district contests.

Much like the rest of the season the Lady Rebels had plenty of opportunities to end the game in regulation, but had trouble finishing their chances.

Lee had a golden chance in the game's 16th minute when a shot by Tori Rackow was stopped by Odessa High's Marquez. Those type of opportunities kept presenting themselves to Lee through the first half, and then again in the second half as Lee outshot the Lady Bronchos 9-2 and had six corner kicks compared to Odessa High's three.

But even with those opportunities, and one or two mixed in for the Lady Bronchos, neither team found the back of the net for a scoreless regulation.

The scoring drought continued in the shootout, as both George and Marquez kept stopping shots or forcing them wide. George stopped three of the first seven shots, and then Marquez stopped five of the seven.

The two teams scored on the eighth shooter as America Valdivia scored for Odessa High and Tori Rackow scored for Lee to keep the shootout alive.

Both teams missed opportunities at the ninth shooter as Marquez recorded her sixth save of the shootout, and Odessa High's Chasidy Rayos' shot went wide left on George.

Marquez was then called in to shoot at No. 10 and her shot went wide left after she was able to get past George. Then Gonzalez buried the game winner in the left side of the net.

"Kaitlin George was outstanding, and she's as good a girl keeper as I've seen in shootouts," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "I think the girls know we came out and competed because it's our first shootout. It's knowing going forward in the future we can win a shootout."

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Girls 3-5A Soccer standings

Team	W	L	District SOW	District SOL	District Pts.	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Midland High	6	0	1	0	20	14	5	1
San Angelo Central	4	0	0	2	14	8	3	3
Odessa Permian	4	2	0	0	12	10	5	1
Lee	4	3	1	0	11	9	4	5
Abilene Cooper	1	3	2	0	7	5	7	1
Odessa High	0	5	1	1	3	8	8	2
Abilene High	0	5	0	1	1	2	8	6

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

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 1, Odessa Permian 0; Lee 1, Odessa High 0 (SO, 1-0); Abilene Cooper was open.

Today's Game

Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Odessa High; Lee is open. All games at noon.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF BASKETBALL

CLASS 2A REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
MULESHOE VS. STANTON

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Records: Muleshoe 19-10; Stanton 25-5
Last game: Muleshoe 61, Colorado City 46; Stanton 49, No. 18 Bushland 47
Notes & Quotes: How far away Stanton's struggles at the end of District 3-2A play seem now. Stanton coach Kenny Van Curen said he gave the team a couple days off after the season to recharge, but forward Grayson Gray said the fact the Buffaloes didn't have a first-round bye helped keep them fresh. "At the beginning of the season we were real fired up and toward the end, I don't know what happened to us," Gray said. "We just got down on ourselves and now we're starting to get back up." ... Although the Buffaloes finished third in 3-2A, they're the last team standing from their district after beating Bushland on Friday. Van Curen agreed with Gray that the bye may not be as advantageous as one might think. "I'm glad we didn't have the bye," Van Curen said. "I don't know how many bye teams are left to be honest with you, but I think at least four in just our region are already done." ... In Stanton's 49-47 victory against Bushland last week, Tyler Fulton and Trace Sidle each scored 12 while Grayson Gray and Nathan Koonce each added 10. ... The biggest difference in the Buffaloes' play of late has been their defense. "We've played tremendous defense," Van Curen said. "Our help side defense against Bushland was tremendous. They could not drive the lane on us. The kids gave good help, cut off the lane and made Bushland work for their shots. We held them to 47 points and I thought that was a big accomplishment."
Next game: Winner vs. Wall-Eastland winner, Class 2A Regional Semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

CLASS A, DIVISION II REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
NO. 10 IRA VS. GARDEN CITY

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Post HS
Records: Ira 25-4; Garden City 15-7
Last game: Ira 70, Valentine 35; Garden City 76, Dell City 42
Notes & Quotes: If Garden City is to reach the Class A, Division II regional tournament, it will have to get past a team that's been there often lately. In Ira, Garden City faces a team that's trying for its fourth straight trip to the regional tournament and is led by 6-foot-6 post Kylor Fine. "They have tremendous tradition and a strong group of seniors," Garden City coach Koby Abney said. "Their post, Kylor Fine, being 6-6 presents size issues you don't usually see at the Class A level. They don't do anything stupid. You have to earn a win with the way you play." ... While Ira is coming off a decisive 70-35 victory against Valentine, Garden City was equally as impressive in a 76-42 victory against Dell City. After going into the second quarter with a 12-8 lead, the Bearkats went on to outscore Dell City by 30 points the rest of the way. Brett Chudej led all scorers with 19 and Josh Colunga added 17 points for the Bearkats. "We played a good level of intensity," Abney said. "We handled their press easily and took advantage of the size we had inside. In transition, we did a good job of getting the ball inside. We're getting better. I don't know if you're every totally happy with execution as a coach, but we did better than we did against Dell City." ... Garden City posts Aaron Long, Chudej and Hayden Halfmann will be tasked with guarding Fine. Abney said Long was the team's best post defender and he would start out on Fine. But with Long, Chudej and Halfmann all at least 6-2, they as a unit could cause problems for Ira. "We pose them some issues as well," Abney said. "Nobody else they have is nearly that tall, but we have three players over 6-foot. We're going to have some mismatches and I'm sure they think they have some mismatches." ... It's worth noting every team from Garden City's district to make the playoffs are still alive. District 12-A winner Bronte will face third-place Sterling City at 7 p.m. today in San Angelo.
Next game: Winner vs. Baird-Lipan winner, Class A, Division II Regional Semifinals, 7 p.m., Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

Compiled by Shawn Shroyer

BUFFALOES

From 1C

fitting Stanton is just a game away from its goal after Bushland missed what would have been a game-winning 3-pointer last week.

"It's awesome. It's unreal," Stanton forward Grayson Gray said.

The Buffaloes have been on cloud nine since Friday, but Van Curen knows the desire to reach the regional tournament at Chaparral Center still burns within his team.

"They want it bad," Van Curen said. "When they beat Bushland, that was a happy, happy bunch of kids. They're not satisfied. When you're a senior, you've got to get all you can and I've got a great group of seniors."

As for the match ups, Van Curen said the Buffaloes would have to corral post Cooper Washington, a Texas Tech signee in football, and shooting guards Tyson Turnbow and Nick Hurtado, who are combining for nearly 40 points a game.

Cooper and Turnbow are also averaging 8.6 and 7.0 rebounds a game.

"(Washington) is going to be a load in the paint," Van Curen said. "They provide some problems because if we double down on him, they've got those shooters who can hurt us and they do like to shoot the 3. They like to run in transition. We're looking at several kinds of full-court presses we're going to have to break. The best way to attack Muleshoe is to break the press and get them in the half-court and make them defend."

Van Curen said quick, pressing teams like Muleshoe have bothered Stanton this season.

However, nothing the Mules do will be anything the Buffaloes haven't seen before. Gray said he even noticed similarities between today's opponent and the team Stanton began its playoff run against.

"It's pretty evenly matched," Gray said. "They like to run. They're kind of like Kermit with their fast break. We know what we need to do against a team like that. Several teams have tried to do that against us and we've slowed them down."

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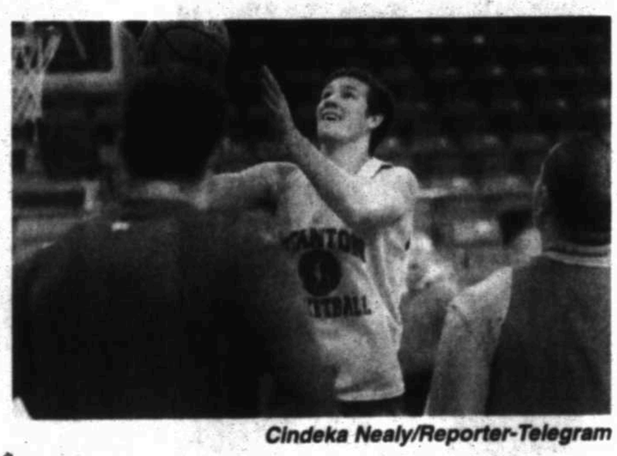

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MAKING PERFECT Stanton's Tyler Fulton lays the ball up during practice last month at Stanton High School.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

Girls

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CLASS 5A
Semifinals
Irving MacArthur (35-2) vs. SA Wagner (32-6), 3:30 p.m. Friday
Georgetown (32-3) vs. Alief Elsik (31-5), 8:30 p.m. Friday
Championship
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m. Saturday

CLASS 4A
Semifinals
Canyon (36-0) vs. Beaumont Ozen (33-4), 7 p.m. Thursday
Dallas Lincoln (29-3) vs. Austin LBJ (27-4), 8:30 p.m. Thursday
Championship
Semifinal winners, 3:30 p.m. Saturday

CLASS 3A
Semifinals
Rockport-Fulton (35-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (24-14), 2 p.m. Thursday
Lucas Lovejoy (28-10) vs. Fairfield (27-10), 3:30 p.m. Thursday
Championship
Semifinal winners, 10 a.m. Saturday

CLASS 2A
Semifinals
Brock (33-5) vs. San Saba (30-8), 8:30 a.m. Friday
Poth (29-3) vs. Winnsboro (32-6), 10 a.m. Friday
Championship
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
Semifinals
Smyer (33-2) vs. Muenster (32-5), 8:30 a.m. Thursday
Martin's Mill (38-3) vs. Falls City (26-3), 10 a.m. Thursday
Championship
Semifinal winners, 8:30 a.m. Saturday

CLASS 1A DIVISION II
Neches (35-4) vs. Lipan (27-9), 2 p.m. Friday
Knippa (30-4) vs. Whitharral (29-7), 7 p.m. Friday
Championship
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m. Saturday

Boys

Class 5A
Area
North Crowley (W4, 30-5) 61, El Paso Americas 41
El Paso Franklin (F1, 26-8) 44, Arlington High 39
Flower Mound Marcus (W8, 34-1) 56, Duncanville 50
Lewisville (T8, 24-10) 71, Richland 67
Lubbock Coronado (R2, 15-15) 49, Arlington Martin 46
Arlington Bowie (R4, 23-11) 61, El Paso Montwood 53
Colleyville Heritage (R6, 28-7) 50, Coppell 45
Cedar Hill (W5, 31-3) 50, Plano West 39
Regional Quarterfinals
North Crowley (30-5) vs. El Paso Franklin (F1, 26-8), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Andrews HS
Flower Mound Marcus (W8, 34-1) vs. Lewisville High (24-10), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Super Pit, Denton
Lubbock Coronado (R2, 15-15) vs. Arlington Bowie (R4, 23-11), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jim Ned HS
Colleyville Heritage (27-7) vs. Cedar Hill (31-3), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Burleson Centennial HS

Class 4A
Area
Denton Ryan (W4, 24-8) 52, El Paso Andress 44
Wolfforth Frenship (R3, 25-9) 65, El Paso Riverside 59
FW Southwest (R6, 24-11) 66, Arlington Seguin 65
FW Arlington Heights (W6, 26-2) 46, Mansfield Summit 35
Amarillo Palo Duro (W3, 26-6) 67, El Paso Parkland 65
The Colony (R4, 20-12) 58, El Paso Bowie 46
FW Trimble Tech (R6, 28-2) 66, Everman 60
Waco Midway (R8, 23-11) 53, Azle 48
Regional Quarterfinals
Denton Ryan (W4, 24-8) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (R3, 25-9), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Kimbrough Arena, Abilene
Fort Worth Southwest (R6, 24-11) vs. Fort Worth Arlington Heights (27-2), 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth
Amarillo Palo Duro (W3, 27-6) vs. The Colony (R4, 20-12), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Burkburnett HS
Fort Worth Trimble Tech (29-3) vs. Waco Midway (23-11), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Waxahachie HS

Class 3A
Area
Seminole (W4, 20-8) 77, Lamesa 44
Lubbock Estacado (W2, 32-1) 79, Monahans 24
Kennedale (W8) 74, Big Spring 43
Burkburnett (W6) 101, Mineral Wells 57
Fabens (W3, 13-15) 64, Perryton 57
Pampa (W1, 17-12) 54, Greenwood 51
Wichita Falls Hirschi (R6) 75, Dedatur 55
Lake Worth (T7) 60, Abilene Wylie 55
Regional Quarterfinals
Seminole (W4, 21-10) vs. Lubbock Estacado (W2, 33-1), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Texan Dome, Levelland
Kennedale vs. Burkburnett (29-3), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jacksboro HS
Fabens (13-15), vs. Pampa (17-12), TBA
Wichita Falls Hirschi (21-12) vs. Lake Worth (T7), 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Bowie HS

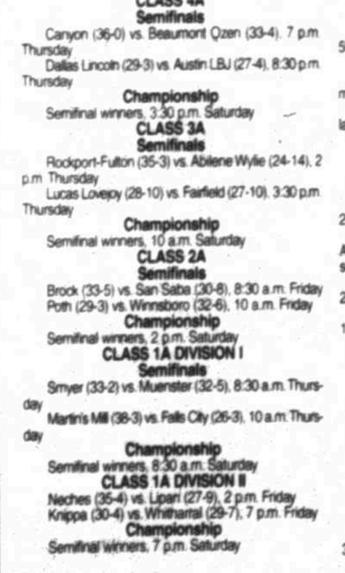
Class 2A
Area
Childress (R1, 30-5) 54, Alpine 50
Idalou (W2, 26-1) 81, Denver City 44
Jim Ned (R5) 60, Harper 57
Hico (W6) 53, Sonora 25
Muleshoe (R2, 18-12) 61, Colorado City 46
Stanton (T3, 24-5) 49, Bushland 47
Wall (W7, 28-3) 83, Clyde 56
Eastland (W5, 29-4) 54, Ingram Moore 43
Regional Quarterfinals
Childress (R1, 30-5) vs. Idalou (W2, 26-1), time TBA, Wednesday, West Texas A&M Events Center
Jim Ned (R5) vs. Hico (W6), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Cisco HS
Muleshoe (R2, 19-10) vs. Stanton (T3, 25-5), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Wall (W7, 28-3) vs. Eastland (W5, 29-4), 8 p.m. Wednesday, Merkel HS

Class A
Division I
Area
Hale Center (W4, 22-7) 70, Boys Ranch 59
Wheeler (R3, 21-6) 60, White Deer 49
Olton (R5, 18-11) 55, Van Horn 37
Tahoka (W6, 24-5) 66, Eldorado 41
Clarendon (W3, 21-5) 51, Canadian 42
Gruver (W1, 21-11) 53, Wellington 37
Iraan (W7, 23-2) 52, Plains 48
Farwell (W5, 28-1) 77, Reagan County 36
Regional Quarterfinals
Hale Center (W4, 22-7) vs. Wheeler (R3, 21-6), TBA
Tahoka (W6, 24-5), vs. Olton (R5, 18-11), TBA
Clarendon vs. Gruver (21-11), TBA
Iraan (23-2) vs. Farwell (28-1), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mustang Arena, Andrews

Division II
Region I
Area
Nazareth (T2, 17-15) 50, McLean 37
Happy (W2, 18-11) 68, Miami 45
Sands (W8, 28-4) 52, Spur 44
Paducah (W6, 23-5) 73, Ropes 56
Kress (R2, 24-6) 65, Follett 62
Texline (W1, 18-11) 78, Fort Elliott 65
Valley (R6, 24-6) 57, Meadow 44
Anton (W5, 26-3) 56, Grady 52
Regional Quarterfinals
Nazareth (T2, 17-15) vs. Happy (W2, 18-11), TBA
Sands (W8, 28-4) vs. Paducah (W6, 23-5), TBA
Kress (R2, 24-6) vs. Texline Texline (W1, 18-11), TBA
Valley (R6, 24-6) vs. Anton (W5, 26-3), TBA

Region II
Area
Bronte (W12) 76, Fort Davis 38
Sterling City (T12) 50, Wink 48
Graford (W16) 60, Aspermont 53
Throckmorton (W14) 68, Gorman 53
Ira (W11) 70, Valentine 35
Garden City (R12, 15-7) 76, Dell City 42
Baird (W15) 45, Woodson 38
Lipan (R16) 64, Crowell 31
Regional Quarterfinals
Bronte (W12, 28-2) vs. Sterling City (T12), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Juneil Center Angelo State University
Graford (W16, 22-10) vs. Throckmorton (W14, 14-4), 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Windthorst
Ira (W11, 25-4) vs. Garden City (R12, 15-7), 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Post HS
Baird (W15) vs. Lipan (R16), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Breckenridge

Midland Softball Association
Adult Slowpitch Softball



Spring League begins April 4

Register at Park & Recreation Office
2701 W. Elizabeth
Mon-Fri 8-5

Entry Deadline: March 11
Entry Fee: $325 per team
$13 Player Fees due at 1st game

All Co-Ed Games will be played on Monday-Wednesday

UMPIRES NEEDED: Call Mario Gonzalez at 889-7625

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TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	G
Colorado	55	33	18	4	70	206	1
Rapid City	57	33	20	4	70	183	1
Bloomington	52	31	16	5	67	149	1
Missouri	53	29	18	6	64	163	1
Quad City	55	30	24	1	61	155	1
Wichita	53	27	20	6	60	203	1
Fort Wayne	52	25	22	5	55	149	1
Dayton	53	25	24	4	54	155	1
Evansville	54	17	29	8	42	152	2

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	G
Allen	52	38	12	2	78	216	1
Texas	52	29	18	5	63	180	1
Tulsa	54	30	22	2	62	196	1
Bossier-Shreve.	53	28	22	3	59	182	1
Mississippi	54	24	25	5	53	164	1
Odessa	**53**	**23**	**24**	**6**	**52**	**186**	**1**
Rio Grande Valley	55	22	27	6	50	164	1
Arizona	54	19	26	9	47	166	2
Laredo	55	20	28	7	47	168	1

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a w one point for an overtime or shootout lo Overtime or shootout losses are only deno in the OL column, not the loss column:

Tuesday's Scores
Wichita 7, Colorado 6, SO
Missouri 3, Dayton 1
Odessa 7, Texas 3
Tulsa 4, Rapid City 2
Laredo 5, Allen 2

Today's Games
Evansville at Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Bossier-Shreveport at Allen, 7:30 p.m.
Mississippi at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pc
Baltimore	2	0	1.00
Detroit	5	0	1.00
Seattle	2	0	1.00
Los Angeles	3	1	.75
Boston	2	1	66
Cleveland	2	1	66
Kansas City	2	1	66
Minnesota	1	2	33
Oakland	1	2	33
Texas	1	2	33
New York	1	3	25
Tampa Bay	1	3	25
Chicago	0	2	00
Toronto	0	4	00

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pc
Colorado	3	0	1.00
Washington	2	0	1.00
Atlanta	2	1	66
Milwaukee	2	1	66
Pittsburgh	3	2	60
San Francisco	3	2	60
Cincinnati	2	2	50
Florida	1	1	50
Philadelphia	2	2	50
St. Louis	1	1	50
Los Angeles	2	3	40
Chicago	1	2	33
New York	1	2	33
Arizona	1	4	20
Houston	0	2	00
San Diego	0	2	00

NOTE: Split-squad games count in standings; games against non-major lea teams do not.

Tuesday's Scores
Boston 5, Minnesota 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Detroit (ss) 6, Toronto 2
Atlanta 3, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Detroit (ss) 6, Philadelphia 2
Baltimore 12, Tampa Bay 6
St. Louis 7, Florida 1
Seattle 5, Texas 4
Cincinnati (ss) 7, Oakland 6
Kansas City 4, San Diego 3
Cleveland 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
Milwaukee 3, Chicago White Sox 1
L.A. Angels 2, Cincinnati (ss) 1
Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco 2
Colorado 7, Arizona 4

Today's Games
Houston (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tam Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Braden Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Boston at Fort Myers, 12:05 p.m.
Florida vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clearw Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria, A 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Cincinnat Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee at Pho 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Oakland at Phoenix, p.m.
Kansas City vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glen Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Texas at Surprise, A 2:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Arizona (ss) at Salt River C munity, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. San Francisco at Sc dale, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

TUESDAY'S LINE SCORES
MARINERS 5, RANGERS 4

Texas	002	000	002	—	4 1
Seattle	011	020	01x	—	5 1

Harrison, Tomko (3), Rhodes (4), C ley (5), Z.Phillips (6), M.Hamburger N.Ramirez (8) and Teagarden, J.F N.Robertson, B.Beavan (3), J.Lueke (5), (6), Cortes (7), F.Castro (8), D.Bautista (9 Olivo, S.Baron. W—J.Lueke. L—C.Eppley D.Bautista. HRs—Seattle, S.Baron A.Kennedy (1).

BRAVES 3, ASTROS 0

Atlanta	001	000	200	—	3
Houston	000	000	000	—	0

Hanson, O'Flaherty (3), Venters S.Marek (5), M.Broadway (6), Asencio (8 Boscan, C.Bethancourt; B.Myers, Lyon Rowland-Smith (4), Melancon (5), Fulchini P.Urckfitz (7), W.Wright (8), G.Chacin (9 Quintero, Esposito. W—Hanson. L— Sv—Asencio.

Remaining Free Agents List
NEW YORK (AP) — The 40 remaini free agents:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE (2) — Julio Lugo, 2b; Millwood, rhp.
BOSTON (1) — Mike Lowell, 1b.
DETROIT (2) — Jeremy Bonderman Bobby Seay, lhp.
LOS ANGELES (1) — Scot Shields, MINNESOTA (1) — Randy Flores, lh NEW YORK (3) — Nick Johnson, dh; Moeller, c; Andy Pettitte, lhp.
OAKLAND (1) — Ben Sheets, rhp.
SEATTLE (1) — Chris Woodward, ss
TAMPA BAY (2) — Rocco Baldell Gabe Kapler, of.
TEXAS (2) — Cristian Guzman Bengie Molina, c.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA (2) — Kris Benson, rhp; Hampton, lhp.
ATLANTA (1) — Troy Glaus, 1b.
CINCINNATI (2) — Mike Lincoln, rhp; Springer, rhp.
COLORADO (1) — Jay Payton, of.
FLORIDA (2) — Jorge Sosa, rhp; Tracy, 3b.
HOUSTON (1) — Brian Moehler, rhp
LOS ANGELES (2) — Brad Ausmu Jeff Weaver, rhp.
MILWAUKEE (3) — David Bush, rhp; Davis, lhp; Trevor Hoffman, rhp.
NEW YORK (3) — Elmer Dessens Kelvim Escobar, rhp; Fernando Tatis, inf
PHILADELPHIA (1) — Mike Sweene
ST. LOUIS (2) — Jason LaRue, c; MacDougall, rhp.
SAN DIEGO (1) — David Eckstein, 2
SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Jose Guille
WASHINGTON (2) — Miguel Batista Kevin Mench, of.

Baseball Calendar
Today — Mandatory reporting date.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew con of unsigned players.
March 15 — Last day to place a play unconditional release waivers and pay 30 termination pay instead of 45 days.
March 29 — Last day to request unc tional release waivers on a player withou ing to pay his full 2011 salary.
March 31 — Opening day, active ro reduced to 25 players.
July 12 — All-Star game, Phoenix.
July 24 — Hall of Fame induction, C erstown, N.Y.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player out securing waivers.
Aug. 15 — Last day to sign selections 2011 amateur draft who have not exha college eligibility.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand players.
Sept. 30 or Oct. 1 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 19 — World Series begins.
November — Free agent period to sig clusively with former teams, first 15 days World Series ends.
Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer arbitration to their former players who be free agents.
Dec. 5-8 — Winter meetings, Dallas
Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents o salary arbitration to accept the offers.
Dec. 11 — Collective bargaining a ment expires.
Dec. 12 — Last day for teams to offer contracts to unsigned players.

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TURNER CONFERENCE

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Colorado	55	33	18	4	70	206	169
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Wichita	53	27	20	6	60	203	191
Fort Wayne	52	25	22	5	55	149	156
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BERRY CONFERENCE

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Mississippi	54	24	25	5	53	164	178
Odessa	**53**	**23**	**24**	**6**	**52**	**186**	**194**
Rio Grande Valley	55	22	27	6	50	164	185
Arizona	54	19	26	9	47	166	211
Laredo	55	20	28	7	47	168	195

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

Tuesday's Scores

Wichita 7, Colorado 6, SO
Missouri 3, Dayton 1
Odessa 7, Texas 3
Tulsa 4, Rapid City 2
Laredo 5, Allen 2

Today's Games

Evansville at Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Bossier-Shreveport at Allen, 7:30 p.m.
Mississippi at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	2	0	1.000
Detroit	5	0	1.000
Seattle	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	3	1	.750
Boston	2	1	.667
Cleveland	2	1	.667
Kansas City	2	1	.667
Minnesota	1	2	.333
Oakland	1	2	.333
Texas	1	2	.333
New York	1	3	.250
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250
Chicago	0	2	.000
Toronto	0	4	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Colorado	3	0	1.000
Washington	2	0	1.000
Atlanta	2	1	.667
Milwaukee	2	1	.667
Pittsburgh	3	2	.600
San Francisco	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	2	2	.500
Florida	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Los Angeles	2	3	.400
Chicago	1	2	.333
New York	1	2	.333
Arizona	1	4	.200
Houston	0	2	.000
San Diego	0	2	.000

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

Tuesday's Scores

Boston 5, Minnesota 0
Washington 5, N.Y Mets 3
Detroit (ss) 6, Toronto 2
Atlanta 3, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 2, N.Y Yankees 0
Detroit (ss) 6, Philadelphia 2
Baltimore 12, Tampa Bay 6
St. Louis 7, Florida 1
Seattle 5, Texas 4
Cincinnati (ss) 7, Oakland 6
Kansas City 4, San Diego 3
Cleveland 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
Milwaukee 3, Chicago White Sox 1
L.A. Angels 2, Cincinnati (ss) 1
Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco 2
Colorado 7, Arizona 4

Today's Games

Houston (ss) vs. N.Y Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Florida vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Arizona (ss) at Salt River Community, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

TUESDAY'S LINE SCORES
MARINERS 5, RANGERS 4

Texas	002	000	002	—	4	10	0
Seattle	011	020	01x	—	5	11	0

Harrison, Tomko (3), Rhodes (4), C.Eppley (5), Z.Phillips (6), M.Hamburger (7), N.Ramirez (8) and Teagarden, J.Felix; N.Robertson, B.Beavan (3), J.Lueke (5), Ring (6), Cortes (7), F.Castro (8), D.Bautista (9) and Olivo. S.Baron. W—J.Lueke. L—C.Eppley. Sv—D.Bautista. HRs—Seattle, S.Baron (1), A.Kennedy (1).

BRAVES 3, ASTROS 0

Atlanta	001	000	200	—	3	8	0
Houston	000	000	000	—	0	3	0

Hanson, O'Flaherty (3), Venters (4), S.Marek (5), M.Broadway (6), Asencio (8) and Boscan. C.Bethancourt; B.Myers, Lyon (3), Rowland-Smith (4), Melancon (5), Fulchino (6), P.Urickfitz (7), W.Wright (8), G.Chacin (9) and Quintero. Esposito. W—Hanson. L—Lyon. Sv—Asencio.

Remaining Free Agents List
NEW YORK (AP) — The 40 remaining free agents:
AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (2) — Julio Lugo, 2b; Kevin Millwood, rhp.
BOSTON (1) — Mike Lowell, 1b.
DETROIT (2) — Jeremy Bonderman, rhp; Bobby Seay, lhp.
LOS ANGELES (1) — Scot Shields, rhp.
MINNESOTA (1) — Randy Flores, lhp.
NEW YORK (3) — Nick Johnson, dh; Chad Moeller, c; Andy Pettitte, lhp.
OAKLAND (1) — Ben Sheets, rhp.
SEATTLE (1) — Chris Woodward, ss.
TAMPA BAY (2) — Rocco Baldelli, dh; Gabe Kapler, of.
TEXAS (2) — Cristian Guzman, inf; Bengie Molina, c.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (2) — Kris Benson, rhp; Mike Hampton; lhp.
ATLANTA (1) — Troy Glaus, 1b.
CINCINNATI (2) — Mike Lincoln, rhp; Russ Springer, rhp.
COLORADO (1) — Jay Payton, of.
FLORIDA (2) — Jorge Sosa, rhp; Chad Tracy, 3b.
HOUSTON (1) — Brian Moehler, rhp.
LOS ANGELES (2) — Brad Ausmus, c; Jeff Weaver, rhp.
MILWAUKEE (3) — David Bush, rhp; Doug Davis, lhp; Trevor Hoffman, rhp.
NEW YORK (3) — Elmer Dessens, rhp; Kelvim Escobar, rhp; Fernando Tatis, inf-of.
PHILADELPHIA (1) — Mike Sweeney, 1b.
ST. LOUIS (2) — Jason LaRue, c; Mike MacDougal, rhp.
SAN DIEGO (1) — David Eckstein, 2b.
SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Jose Guillen, of.
WASHINGTON (2) — Miguel Batista, rhp; Kevin Mench, of.

Baseball Calendar

Today — Mandatory reporting date.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.
March 15 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.
March 29 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2011 salary.
March 31 — Opening day, active rosters reduced to 25 players.
July 12 — All-Star game, Phoenix.
July 24 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Aug. 15 — Last day to sign selections from 2011 amateur draft who have not exhausted college eligibility.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Sept. 30 or Oct. 1 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 19 — World Series begins.
November — Free agent period to sign exclusively with former teams, first 15 days after World Series ends.
Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.
Dec. 5-8 — Winter meetings, Dallas.
Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers.
Dec. 11 — Collective bargaining agreement expires.
Dec. 12 — Last day for teams to offer 2012 contracts to unsigned players.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	15	.741	—
New York	30	28	.517	13
Philadelphia	30	30	.500	14
New Jersey	17	43	.283	27
Toronto	17	44	.279	27 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	17	.717	—
Orlando	39	22	.639	4 1/2
Atlanta	36	24	.600	7
Charlotte	26	33	.441	16 1/2
Washington	15	44	.254	27 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	41	17	.707	—
Indiana	27	32	.458	14 1/2
Milwaukee	23	36	.390	18 1/2
Detroit	22	40	.355	21
Cleveland	11	48	.186	30 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	11	.817	—
Dallas	44	16	.733	5
New Orleans	35	27	.565	15
Memphis	34	28	.548	16
Houston	30	31	.492	19 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	36	22	.621	—
Denver	35	26	.574	2 1/2
Portland	33	26	.559	3 1/2
Utah	32	29	.525	5 1/2
Minnesota	14	47	.230	23 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	43	19	.694	—
Phoenix	31	27	.534	10
Golden State	26	33	.441	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	21	40	.344	21 1/2
Sacramento	15	43	.259	26

Tuesday's Scores

Indiana 109, Golden State 100
Orlando 116, New York 110
Dallas 101, Philadelphia 93
Toronto 96, New Orleans 90
Memphis 109, San Antonio 93
Milwaukee 92, Detroit 90
L.A. Lakers 90, Minnesota 79
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

Today's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 8 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES
MAVERICKS 101, 76ERS 93

DALLAS (101): Stojakovic 2-8 0-0 4, Nowitzki 9-15 4-5 22, Chandler 1-4 0-0 2, Kidd 3-8 4-4 13, Beaubois 3-6 0-0 6, Marion 4-8 2-4 10, Terry 13-18 1-3 30, Haywood 3-4 1-6 7, Barea 3-6 1-2 7, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-77 13-24 101.

PHILADELPHIA (93): Iguodala 6-14 2-4 15, Brand 5-13 2-2 12, Hawes 3-4 1-2 7, Holiday 6-15 1-5 14, Meeks 5-8 2-2 16, Young 5-11 3-6 13, Williams 1-8 2-2 5, Turner 3-5 1-1 7, Speights 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 36-81 14-24 93.

Dallas	23	28	28	22	— 101
Philadelphia	22	22	33	16	— 93

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-18 (Terry 3-5, Kidd 3-7, Nowitzki 0-1, Beaubois 0-2, Stojakovic 0-3), Philadelphia 7-19 (Meeks 4-7, Williams 1-3, Holiday 1-4, Iguodala 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 54 (Kidd, Marion 10), Philadelphia 48 (Iguodala, Young, Holiday 7). Assists—Dallas 26 (Kidd 13), Philadelphia 20 (Holiday 6). Total Fouls—Dallas 16, Philadelphia 22. A—13,509 (20,318).

GRIZZLIES 109, SPURS 93

SAN ANTONIO (93): Jefferson 3-3 0-0 7, Duncan 4-10 1-2 9, Blair 3-5 3-4 9, Hill 2-6 2-3 6, Ginobili 3-8 3-3 9, Neal 5-13 3-4 14, Bonner 1-3 0-0 3, Quinn 2-8 0-0 6, Splitter 3-6 1-1 7, Anderson 2-5 1-2 7. McDyess 4-6 1-2 9, Novak 2-4 2-2 7. Totals 34-77 17-23 93.

MEMPHIS (109): Young 3-7 0-0 6, Randolph 9-19 3-3 21, Gasol 2-3 0-0 4, Conley 7-11 4-4 18, Allen 8-9 4-4 20, Mayo 4-10 1-2 9, Battier 1-3 0-0 2, Arthur 9-19 3-3 21, Williams 1-4 0-0 2. Haddadi 3-3 0-0 6, Vasquez 0-0 0-0, Carney 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 47-89 15-16 109.

San Antonio	30	22	15	26	— 93
Memphis	32	29	22	26	— 109

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 8-26 (Quinn 2-5, Anderson 2-5, Jefferson 1-1, Novak 1-2, Bonner 1-3, Neal 1-4, Duncan 0-1, Hill 0-1, Ginobili 0-4), Memphis 0-5 (Williams 0-1, Carney 0-1, Arthur 0-1, Mayo 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 46 (Duncan 8), Memphis 46 (Randolph 10). Assists—San Antonio 17 (Ginobili 7), Memphis 23 (Conley 9). Total Fouls—San Antonio 20, Memphis 17. Technicals—Gasol 2, Williams. Ejected—Gasol. A—13,480 (18,119).

MAGIC 116, KNICKS 110

NEW YORK (110): Anthony 8-24 8-8 25, Sha.Williams 4-9 0-0 8, Stoudemire 10-17 10-14 30, Billups 4-12 18-20 30, Fields 2-6 1-1 6, Turiaf 1-2 0-2 2, Douglas 1-6 0-0 2, She.Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 2-6 0-0 5, Carter 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 32-86 39-47 110.

ORLANDO (116): Turkoglu 0-4 0-0 0, Bass 2-3 4-4 8, Howard 9-15 12-17 30, Nelson 10-16 4-6 26, J.Richardson 3-8 1-3 8, Redick 3-8 6-6 12, Anderson 5-6 2-2 16, Duhon 0-0 2-4 2, Clark 0-2 4-4 4, Q.Richardson 4-7 1-4 10. Totals 36-69 36-50 116.

New York	21	37	26	26	— 110
Orlando	32	15	32	37	— 116

3-Point Goals—New York 7-30 (Billups 4-9, Walker 1-3, Fields 1-5, Anthony 1-5, Carter 0-2, Sha.Williams 0-3, Douglas 0-3), Orlando 8-18 (Anderson 4-5, Nelson 2-2, Q.Richardson 1-3, J.Richardson 1-5, Clark 0-1, Redick 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 51 (Fields 11), Orlando 58 (Howard 16). Assists—New York 15 (Billups 6), Orlando 15 (Duhon 5). Total Fouls—New York 29, Orlando 27. Technicals—Turiaf, Walker, Q.Richardson, Turkoglu 2, Orlando defensive three second. Ejected—Turkoglu. A—19,131 (18,500).

RAPTORS 96, HORNETS 90

NEW ORLEANS (90): Ariza 3-9 2-2 10, West 7-17 5-6 19, Okafor 0-5 1-2 1, Paul 3-10 1-1 7, Green 2-7 0-0 4, Landry 8-10 1-2 17, Belinelli 5-14 0-0 13, Pondexter 0-0 0-0 0, Jack 7-9 2-2 17, Smith 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-82 12-15 90.

TORONTO (96): J.Johnson 5-6 2-2 13, A.Johnson 3-10 2-3 8, Bargnani 6-16 2-2 14, Calderon 7-10 5-5 22, DeRozan 8-17 1-1 17, Davis 3-4 0-0 6, Weems 6-12 2-2 14, Barbosa 0-2 0-0 0, Bayless 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-79 14-15 96.

New Orleans	20	22	20	28	— 90
Toronto	27	30	15	24	— 96

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 6-13 (Belinelli 3-5, Ariza 2-4, Jack 1-1, West 0-1, Paul 0-2), Toronto 4-10 (Calderon 3-4, J.Johnson 1-1, DeRozan 0-1, Bayless 0-1, Bargnani 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 43 (West 10), Toronto 47 (A.Johnson 10). Assists—New Orleans 17 (Paul 5), Toronto 29 (Calderon 16). Total Fouls—New Orleans 22, Toronto 17. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second 2, Toronto defensive three second. A—14,704 (19,800).

PACERS 109, WARRIORS 100

GOLDEN STATE (100): Wright 2-9 0-0 6, Lee 7-14 5-7 19, Biedrins 0-4 0-0 0, Curry 7-17 2-2 20, Ellis 5-16 3-5 13, Williams 10-14 0-0 25, Amundson 1-2 1-2 3, Law 3-6 0-0 6, Radmanovic 1-4 2-2 4, Udoh 2-3 0-0 4, Lin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-89 13-18 100.

INDIANA (109): Granger 5-11 16-16 27, McRoberts 4-8 0-0 8, Hibbert 5-12 2-2 12, Collison 4-7 5-6 13, Rush 3-7 1-1 8, Stephenson 2-8 0-0 4, George 6-12 0-0 12, Hansbrough 5-10 4-5 14, D.Jones 3-6 3-4 10, Foster 0-2 0-0 0, Price 0-4 1-2 1. Totals 37-87 32-36 109.

Golden State	19	27	25	29	— 100
Indiana	29	14	37	29	— 109

3-Point Goals—Golden State 11-27 (Williams 5-7, Curry 4-8, Wright 2-6, Law 0-1, Radmanovic 0-2, Ellis 0-3), Indiana 3-16 (Granger 1-2, D.Jones 1-2, Rush 1-3, Collison 0-1, McRoberts 0-1, George 0-2, Stephenson 0-2, Price 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 53 (Lee 11), Indiana 57 (Hibbert 9). Assists—Golden State 19 (Curry 7), Indiana 17 (Hibbert, McRoberts 4). Total Fouls—Golden State 26, Indiana 20. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second. A—9,557 (18,165).

LAKERS 90, TIMBERWOLVES 79

L.A. LAKERS (90): Artest 2-10 2-2 6, Gasol 3-10 6-7 12, Bynum 5-10 4-4 14, Fisher 2-9 4-4 9, Bryant 8-18 7-8 24, Odom 5-12 2-2 12, Blake 1-2 0-0 3, Brown 3-7 0-0 8, Walton 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 30-80 25-27 90.

MINNESOTA (79): Beasley 6-18 2-2 14, Love 2-10 9-10 13, Milicic 2-7 0-0 4, Ridnour 4-7 1-2 9, Johnson 8-17 1-2 20, Pekovic 0-0 0-0 0, Ellington 2-4 0-0 4, Flynn 2-3 0-0 5, Hayward 3-6 0-0 6, Tolliver 0-1 0-0 0, Randolph 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 31-78 13-16 79.

L.A. Lakers	18	22	25	25	— 90
Minnesota	21	24	16	18	— 79

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 5-15 (Brown 2-3, Blake 1-1, Fisher 1-2, Bryant 1-4, Odom 0-2, Artest 0-3), Minnesota 4-16 (Johnson 3-7, Flynn 1-2, Ridnour 0-1, Beasley 0-1, Love 0-1, Ellington 0-2, Hayward 0-2). Fouled Out—Johnson. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 58 (Gasol 17), Minnesota 44 (Love 11). Assists—L.A. Lakers 12 (Bryant 3), Minnesota 18 (Ridnour, Flynn 5). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 17, Minnesota 22. A—17,111 (19,356).

BUCKS 92, PISTONS 90

DETROIT (90): Daye 3-8 0-0 6, Wilcox 1-4 0-0 2, Monroe 6-10 1-3 13, Stuckey 8-15 9-10 25, Gordon 4-12 0-0 10, Hamilton 4-17 2-3 10, Bynum 2-7 0-0 4, Maxiell 3-4 2-2 8, Villanueva 5-12 0-2 12, Summers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-89 14-20 90.

MILWAUKEE (92): Delfino 5-12 3-4 16, Brockman 4-6 0-0 8, Sanders 1-6 0-2 2, Jennings 8-19 3-4 21, Salmons 6-12 0-2 14, Barron 2-7 0-0 4, Maggette 3-7 4-8 11, Dooling 5-9 1-1 12, Boykins 1-5 2-2 4. Totals 35-83 13-23 92.

Detroit	22	28	25	15	— 90
Milwaukee	28	23	21	20	— 92

3-Point Goals—Detroit 4-16 (Gordon 2-3, Villanueva 2-4, Bynum 0-1, Stuckey 0-2, Daye 0-3, Hamilton 0-3), Milwaukee 9-23 (Delfino 3-7, Salmons 2-4, Jennings 2-7, Maggette 1-1, Dooling 1-3, Boykins 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 58 (Monroe, Villanueva 9), Milwaukee 59 (Delfino 10). Assists—Detroit 18 (Stuckey 5), Milwaukee 15 (Jennings, Delfino 4). Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Milwaukee 17. Technicals—Milwaukee defensive three second. A—11,364 (18,717).

NBA LEADERS
INCLUDES GAMES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011
SCORING AVERAGE

Players	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	54	510	424	1539	28.5
James, MIA	58	530	388	1520	26.2
Stoudemire, NYK	56	549	343	1450	25.9
Wade, MIA	56	512	359	1430	25.5
Anthony, NYK	53	466	364	1342	25.3
Bryant, LAL	61	548	352	1530	25.1
Ellis, GOL	58	544	266	1445	24.9
Rose, CHI	57	512	303	1414	24.8
Martin, HOU	59	395	451	1372	23.3
Howard, ORL	58	478	390	1346	23.2
Griffin, LAC	61	528	332	1395	22.9
Newitzki, DAL	50	414	261	1142	22.8
Aldridge, POR	59	519	281	1322	22.4
Westbrook, OKC	58	432	394	1278	22.0
Bargnani, TOR	53	441	222	1165	22.0
Love, MIN	60	409	364	1262	21.0
Granger, IND	57	407	264	1198	21.0
Williams, NJN	56	382	317	1171	20.9
Randolph, MEM	56	451	221	1129	20.2
Gay, MEM	54	409	194	1069	19.8
Lopez, NJN	60	438	292	1168	19.5
Jackson, CHA	57	387	228	1106	19.4
West, NOR	59	452	223	1129	19.1
Pierce, BOS	58	377	264	1101	19.0
Scola, HOU	61	479	188	1146	18.8
Gasol, LAL	61	438	267	1143	18.7
Curry, GOL	50	340	152	924	18.5
Bosh, MIA	56	380	261	1027	18.3
Ginobili, SAN	59	330	294	1073	18.2
Jamison, CLE	56	374	171	1010	18.0
Jefferson, UTA	61	461	176	1098	18.0
Deng, CHI	58	381	187	1032	17.8
Young, WAS	57	372	170	1010	17.7
Allen, BOS	58	372	136	1010	17.4
Milsap, UTA	60	417	201	1039	17.3
Parker, SAN	59	408	178	1010	17.1
Billups, NYK	54	250	292	903	16.7
Felton, DEN	57	351	160	950	16.7
Smith, ATL	60	387	183	999	16.7
Matthews, POR	59	336	195	976	16.5
Wright, GOL	58	345	123	955	16.5
Chandler, DEN	54	347	102	889	16.5
Nash, PHX	56	328	197	916	16.4
Paul, NOR	61	325	274	984	16.1
DeRozan, TOR	60	368	225	963	16.1
Terry, DAL	59	364	133	946	16.0
J.Richardson, ORL	59	354	103	945	16.0
Horford, ATL	56	391	114	896	16.0
Blatche, WAS	51	322	164	812	15.9
Brand, PHL	58	359	168	886	15.3

REBOUNDS PER GAME

Players	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Love, MIN	60	282	650	932	15.5
Howard, ORL	58	230	572	802	13.8
Randolph, MEM	56	267	468	735	13.1
Griffin, LAC	61	224	537	761	12.5
Gasol, LAL	61	206	429	635	10.4
Horford, ATL	56	147	402	549	9.8
Chandler, DAL	56	158	373	531	9.5
Humphries, NJN	60	163	401	564	9.4
Jefferson, UTA	61	162	401	563	9.2
Duncan, SAN	59	141	399	540	9.2
Aldridge, POR	59	208	326	534	9.1
Odom, LAL	61	138	409	547	9.0
Brand, PHL	58	185	325	510	8.8
Smith, ATL	60	107	416	523	8.7
Stoudemire, NYK	56	145	336	481	8.6
Scola, HOU	61	124	381	505	8.3
Cousins, SAC	57	150	319	469	8.2
Bosh, MIA	56	95	362	457	8.2
Blatche, WAS	51	128	280	408	8.0
Millsap, UTA	60	126	349	475	7.9
Hickson, CLE	57	141	307	448	7.9
Hibbert, IND	57	134	306	440	7.7
Anthony, NYK	53	85	324	409	7.7
McGee, WAS	56	151	280	431	7.7
West, NOR	59	137	316	453	7.7
James, MIA	58	55	380	435	7.5
Blair, SAN	59	160	268	428	7.3
Ibaka, OKC	58	150	270	420	7.2
Hilario, DEN	55	98	298	396	7.2
Hayes, HOU	53	146	235	381	7.2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Missri St.-W.Plains	28-2	320	1
2.	Coll. of Southrn Idaho	26-4	290	3
3.	**Midland College**	**27-3**	**285**	**4**
4.	**San Jacinto College**	**27-3**	**259**	**2**
5.	Conniors State	26-3	242	5
6.	Coffeyville CC	26-4	232	6
7.	Chipola College	23-5	204	9
8.	Kankakee CC	28-3	197	8
9.	**Trinity Valley CC**	**25-5**	**182**	**11**
10.	Wabash Valley	25-5	173	10
11.	Palm Beach State	25-5	151	12
12.	East Mississippi CC	22-4	135	7
13.	**McLennan CC**	**26-4**	**119**	**13**
14.	ND State Coll. of Sci.	25-5	93	17
15.	**Collin County CC**	**25-5**	**85**	**16**
16.	**Howard College**	**22-6**	**59**	**23**
17.	Seward County CC	24-6	54	21
18.	Pearl River CC	22-5	49	15
19.	Monroe College	27-4	39	22
20.	College of Eastern Utah	23-7	32	14
21.	Northwest Florida State	22-6	26	18
22.	Northeast CC	22-6	23	25
23.	Coll. of Central Florida	24-6	22	24
24.	Atlanta Metropolitan	23-6	19	19
25.	Hutchinson CC	24-6	14	RV

NCAA MEN
Tuesday's Scores
SOUTHWEST

North Texas 72, Ark.-Little Rock 69
Oklahoma St. 71, Baylor 60

EAST

Chestnut Hill 64, Philadelphia 54
Cheyney 77, Mansfield 75
East Stroudsburg 83, Kutztown 70
Goldey Beacom 69, Sciences, Pa. 64
Indiana, Pa. 73, California, Pa. 68
Pitt.-Johnstown 86, Seton Hill 76
Post, Conn. 71, Dominican, N.Y. 68
Slippery Rock 51, Mercyhurst 45

SOUTH

Florida 78, Alabama 51
Montevallo 74, Georgia College 68
Virginia 69, N.C. State 58

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 68, Toledo 56
Kent St. 63, Bowling Green 57
Nebraska 69, Missouri 58
Ohio 80, Akron 55
Purdue 75, Illinois 67
Savannah St. 51, W. Illinois 47

TOURNAMENT
Big South Conference
First Round

Coastal Carolina 83, Gardner-Webb 72
High Point 66, Liberty 60
UNC Asheville 72,
Charleston Southern 63
VMI 78, Winthrop 73
Conference Carolinas Quarterfinals
UNC Pembroke 68, S.C.-Aiken 66
Horizon League First Round
Cleveland St. 73, Ill.-Chicago 61
Detroit 96, Loyola of Chicago 69
Valparaiso 80, Youngstown St. 71
Wright St. 60, Wis.-Green Bay 50
TranSouth Conference Tournament
First Round
Lyon 76, Blue Mountain 71
WHAC Conference Tournament
Championship
Cornerstone 66, Indiana Tech 54
WVIA Conference First Round
Fairmont St. 90, Ohio Valley 77
Wheeling Jesuit 74, Shepherd 59

STANDINGS
Big 12 Conference

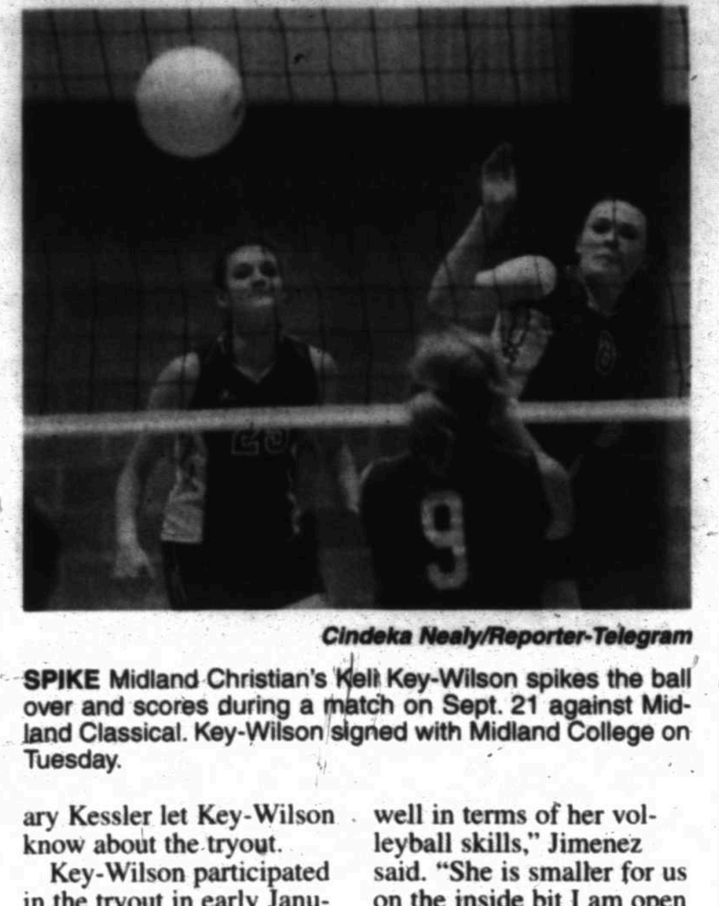
Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Kansas	12	2	.857	27	2	.931
Texas	**12**	**2**	**.857**	**24**	**5**	**.828**
Texas A&M	**9**	**5**	**.643**	**22**	**6**	**.786**
Missouri	8	6	.571	22	7	.759
Kansas St.	8	6	.571	20	9	.690
Baylor	**7**	**7**	**.500**	**18**	**10**	**.643**
Colorado	7	7	.500	18	11	.621
Nebraska	6	8	.429	18	10	.643
Oklahoma St.	5	9	.357	17	11	.607
Oklahoma	4	10	.286	12	16	.429
Texas Tech	**4**	**10**	**.286**	**12**	**17**	**.414**
Iowa St.	2	12	.143	15	14	.517

TEXAS BOXES
OKLAHOMA ST. 71, BAYLOR 60

BAYLOR (18-11): P. Jones 2-8 5-6 10, Morgan 1-1 0-0 2, A. Jones 3-6 1-2 9, Walton 3-10 4-6 12, Dunn 2

MCS' Key-Wilson signs with MC

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor



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SPIKE Midland Christian's Keli Key-Wilson spikes the ball over and scores during a match on Sept. 21 against Midland Classical. Key-Wilson signed with Midland College on Tuesday.

Keli Key-Wilson knew her options were limited when it came to playing volleyball in college.

But when offered a chance to try out for the Midland College volleyball team in January, Key-Wilson jumped at the opportunity and it offered the opening the Midland Christian senior needed to continue her volleyball career past high school.

Key-Wilson officially signed with the Lady Chaparrals on Tuesday at Midland Christian, and for at least the next two years Key-Wilson will be able to continue playing volleyball in her hometown.

"I knew I wanted to play in college," said Key-Wilson, who earned first-team honors on the TAPPS 1-4A All-District team in 2009 and 2010. "But I didn't know if I would be able to because I'm not the tallest player."

Key-Wilson said prior to the start of this year she was planning on attending Midland College for two years, and then transferring to Texas Tech, while playing volleyball was a remote possibility.

Throughout the fall and into this year, Midland Christian coach Jennifer Kessler had been in contact with MC coach Tammie Jimenez about Key-Wilson, and in early January Kessler let Key-Wilson know about the tryout.

Key-Wilson participated in the tryout in early January, and she said about a week later Jimenez offered a chance to play.

Jimenez said what impressed her about Key-Wilson was her all-around athleticism as she was both one of Midland Christian's top hitters in 2010 and also led the team in digs.

Jimenez said that Key-Wilson will most likely play in the back row, but Key-Wilson is athletic enough, even at 5-foot-5, to possibly contribute up front.

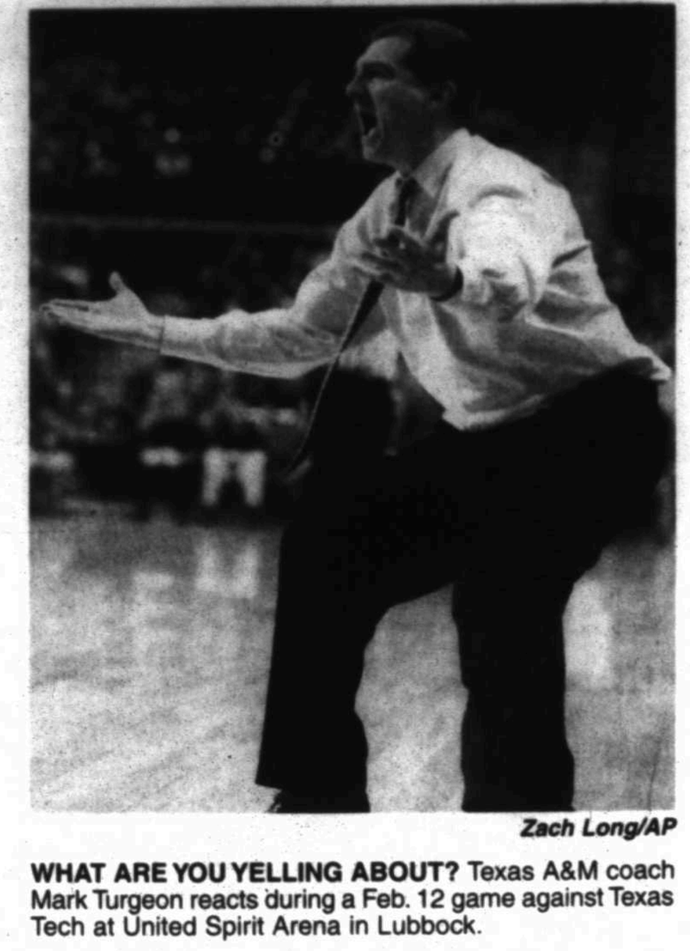
"She has developed very well in terms of her volleyball skills," Jimenez said. "She is smaller for us on the inside bit I am open to her being a utility player. She jumps very well, so there is an opportunity that she may be able to play outside hitter. But she does play defense well."

No matter where Key-Wilson plays, she is just happy to have a chance to play volleyball again.

"I'm so excited," Key-Wilson said. "Volleyball is definitely a passion of mine, and I will be able to continue that passion playing with girls that have that same passion."

Turgeon on familiar turf at KU

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News



Zach Long/AP

WHAT ARE YOU YELLING ABOUT? Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon reacts during a Feb. 12 game against Texas Tech at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Twenty-six miles to the west along Interstate 70, Mark Turgeon is enshrined in the Topeka Sports Hall of Fame after leading Hayden High to two state titles in the early 1980s. At Kansas, Turgeon captained the Jayhawks to the 1986 Final Four.

In the heart of basketball country, Turgeon made his name thanks to the hoops and hardwood of historic Allen Fieldhouse, and asking the one-time undersized guard to whittle it all down to a lone favorite memory is asking too much.

"Just the whole thing was kind of a blast for a guy growing up in Kansas," said Turgeon, before his Texas A&M team departed Aggieland for its marquee game at No. 2 KU tonight. "Especially when no one ever thought you would play there."

That underdog mindset is Turgeon's primary operation mode — it's gotten him this far — and one he quickly employed when taking the A&M job four years ago. To then, Turgeon had served as a head coach in the kinder conferences of Jacksonville State and Wichita State, where nabbing players came easier than his early encounters in the Big 12.

"Probably the biggest thing for me to adjust to was recruiting," said Turgeon, 95-37 at A&M. "It's really cutthroat at this level. I'm not a guy who likes to get sand kicked in his face, so I learned to fight back pretty quick."

By all measures, the 46-year-old Turgeon's A&M tenure has been a success, from reeling in consistently solid recruiting classes to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances under his watch, and another dead ahead. The No. 24 Aggies (22-6, 9-5), coming off a 58-51 loss at Baylor on Saturday, have won five of their last six games.

"'Turg' has done an unbelievable job with this group, just unbelievable," said KU coach Bill Self, whose team is 27-2 and 12-2. "They find ways to win. They're just a good, solid team."

The way Turgeon likes it.

"No one is talking about us right now," Turgeon said of a squad void of any real stars or flash. "We're not a (tournament) one-seed and we're not a bubble team. There's not a lot of talk about A&M, which is probably pretty good. It takes the pressure off the players."

If there's any pressure on Turgeon at this point at a one-time Big 12 pushover, it's to finally match or better the success of a 2007 A&M team that pulled off an upset of KU here in Allen Fieldhouse, and later advanced to the Sweet 16 under then-coach Billy Gillispie. Turgeon is 0-5 against his alma mater while at A&M.

Each of Turgeon's A&M teams has bowed out of the NCAA tournament in the second round, last year in an overtime loss to Purdue. This year's squad was picked to finish sixth in league play, but is currently third behind KU and Texas, with two regular-season games to play.

The Aggies, to this point, are overachievers — much like their coach a quarter century ago in this hoops-wild neck of the prairie.

"To be where we are record-wise right now is quite an accomplishment," Turgeon said. "I'm looking forward to coaching them for three or four more weeks, and seeing what happens."

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Baseball

LEE 9, PLAINVIEW 2

The Rebels scored four runs in the second inning and three more in the fifth to defeat Plainview 9-2 at Ernie Johnson Field on Tuesday.

Daniel Vargas knocked out his third home run of the season while going 3 for 4 with 3 RBI at the plate for Lee (5-2).

Michael Brosig (2-0) picked up his second win of the season and only allowed two earned runs. In an a relief effort Garhett Avery came in for two innings, struck out four batters and walked none.

The Rebels will return to action at 1 p.m. on Thursday in The Tournament of Champions versus Frenship.

LEE 9, PLAINVIEW 2					
Plainview	100	100	—2	9	5
Lee	140	31x	—9	7	1

Bass, Jaramillo (4) and Quintanilla. Michael Brosig, Garhett Avery (5) and Omar Madrid. W — Brosig 2-0. L — Bass. 2B Plainview— Rollins. Bass. Lee: Skyler Estrella, Tyler Reynolds. 3B— Lee: Mick Limon. HR — Lee: Daniel Vargas (3)

Record: 5-2

Next game: Wolfforth Frenship at Lee, 1 p.m. Thursday, Tournament of Champions

Softball

POST 7, COAHOMA 4

COAHOMA — Post scored six runs in the top of the sixth inning to beat Coahoma in the District 3-2A opener on Tuesday.

After Post scored a run in the top of the fourth inning, the Bulldogettes (2-7, 0-1) responded with two runs in the bottom of the fourth and one more run in each of the fifth and sixth innings to take a 3-1 lead into the seventh.

Coahoma out-hit Post 9-7 but also had four errors, while Post had three.

Kayla Clanton suffered the loss despite striking out 16 Lady Antelopes.

Clanton also had two hits, as well as Laurel Nix, Jo Anna Gonzales and Kara Fuentes

POST 7, COAHOMA 4					
Post	.000	100	6—7	7	3
Coahoma	.000	210	1—4	9	4

Cheic Hair and Kelsey Overton. Kayla Clanton and Savannah Neff. W — Hair. L — Clanton. 2B — OHS: Jo Anna Gonzales, Jennifer Castillaw. 3B — PHS: Sydnee Jones.

Records: Coahoma 2-7, 1-0; Post 1-0 in district

Compiled from staff reports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Men

TEXAS

N. TEXAS 72, ARK.-LITTLE ROCK 69: At Little Rock, Ark., Shannon Shorter scored a career-high 24 points and North Texas beat Arkansas-Little Rock 72-69 Tuesday night in the regular season finale for both.

Tristan Thompson added 15 points and Dominique Johnson had 12 for the Mean Green (19-10, 8-8), who edged the Trojans in the standings to earn the West Division No. 4 seed for the conference tournament. North Texas will play Troy on Saturday in the first round.

BIG 12

NEBRASKA 69, NO. 22 MISSOURI 58: At Lincoln, Neb., Lance Jeter scored 16 points and Nebraska used a 17-2 second-half run to pull away from No. 22 Missouri for a 69-58 victory Tuesday night.

It was the last regular-season Big 12 home game for Nebraska (19-10, 7-8), which moves to the Big Ten next season.

TOP 25

NO. 1 OHIO STATE 82, PENN STATE 61: At State College, Pa., Jon Diebler had career highs of 30 points and 10 3-pointers Tuesday night and No. 1 Ohio State routed Penn State 82-61 to clinch at least a share of the Big Ten title.

Diebler went 5 of 6 from behind the arc in the first half as the Buckeyes (28-2, 15-2) built a 15-point lead. The senior's 10 3s set a school record and tied the conference record.

NO. 6 PURDUE 75, ILLINOIS 67: At West Lafayette, Ind., JaJuan Johnson scored 23 points and E'Twaun Moore added 18 to help No. 6 Purdue beat Illinois 75-67 on Tuesday night.

NO. 14 FLORIDA 78, ALABAMA 51: At Gainesville, Fla., Chandler Parsons scored a season-high 19 points and Vernon Macklin also had 19 for Florida.

The Gators clinched at least a share of the Southeastern Conference regular season title and can claim their fifth out right with a win at No. 21 Vanderbilt on Saturday. Florida (23-6, 12-3) also would win the league if Georgia beats Alabama earlier Saturday.

Women

BIG 12

NO. 23 IOWA STATE 72, KANSAS 36: At Ames, Iowa, senior guard Kelsey Bolte scored a game-high 17 points in her final home game and No. 23 Iowa State earned a 72-36 win over Kansas on Tuesday.

Chelsea Poppens added 13 points and seven rebounds as the Cyclones (21-8, 9-6 in Big 12) won their fourth straight.

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Jackalopes score often to rout Brahmas

From staff reports

ODESSA — Jeff Pierce scored two goals and the Odessa Jackalopes outshot Texas by 17 in a 7-3 rout of the Brahmas at the Ector County Coliseum on Tuesday night.

Odessa out-shot Texas 46-29, including 19-9 in the first period. Despite being out-shot in that period, Texas jumped out to a 2-0 lead before the Jacks responded with goals from Pierce and Kenny Corupe.

Jackalopes	**7**
Brahmas	3

Those goals began an onslaught as the Jacks scored the next five unanswered goals.

Pierce and a power-play goal by Kevin Seibel gave Odessa a 4-2 lead after two periods. Then in the third, Odessa added goals from Kevin Jarman, Sebastien Thinel and Darryl Bootland, who scored on a power play.

Todd Robinson had an assist in three of the Jacks' goals.

David McKee was in goal for the Jacks, saving 26 of 29 shots.

LOCAL SPORTS

Witte earns LSC honor

West Texas A&M senior softball player and Lee graduate Kaitlyn Witte was named the Lone Star Conference South Division Hitter of the Week for this week.

Witte hit .643 with nine RBI and scored six runs as the Lady Buffs went 6-0 this past week, winning games against New Mexico Highlands, Central Oklahoma and Texas A&M-International.

UTPB ROUNDUP

UTPB softball gets sweep

ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin softball team pounded out 15 hits, including a grand slam by Tiefa Dueberry, as the Falcons swept the University of the Southwest. UTPB won the first game 6-5 before taking the second 10-2 in six innings.

Hannah Dodson kept the Mustang bats at bay for six innings, but in its last at-bat, the University of the Southwest scored four runs off four hits to tie the game at 5.

UTPB regrouped in the bottom of the seventh as Courtney Cernoch led off the inning with a double to right center before Alisha Carrasco followed with a bunt single, but a throwing error by Dede Perez allowed Cernoch to score and clinch the win for the Falcons.

The second game saw the Falcons score early and often, including three runs in the bottom of the first. After putting up a run in the third, UTPB put up four more in the fourth thanks to a grand slam by Dueberry, her first homer of the year, for an 8-2 advantage. Two more runs in the sixth ended the game early thanks to the eight-run rule.

Freshman Chelsey Morgan had the best day of her collegiate career as she went 5-for-6 with the runs batted in. She was one of three players to pick up two-or-more hits in both games.

Tomie Ellard picked up the win in the circle for the Falcons (9-12)

BAYLOR

From 1C

with 4:05 remaining.

The last two blocks came during a 9-0 spurt by the Cowboys (18-11, 6-9 Big 12) that stretched the lead to 63-52 after Jean-Paul Olukemi's two free throws with 3:04 to play.

Quincy Acy led the Bears (18-11, 7-8) with 13 points and nine rebounds. Dunn, the Big 12's scoring leader, was held to a season-low seven points on 2-for-16 shooting and had a streak of 32 straight games with at least 10 points snapped.

Dunn needed only 12 points to pass the Big 12 career scoring record held by Texas Tech's Andre Emmett. He has made only 11-of-46 shots over the past three games.

Coach Scott Drew said he didn't think Dunn was struggling because the record was on his mind.

"If he is, hopefully he gets it over with quick," Drew said. "I think him being a senior, he'd much rather win the game because he knows what's at stake for each and every game. I attribute that to him being a team player.

"Obviously, he cares more about postseason aspirations because he's going to get the record at some point."

TUESDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 101, 76ERS 93: At Philadelphia, Jason Terry scored 30 points, Jason Kidd had a triple-double, and Dallas won its seventh straight game.

Dirk Nowitzki added 22 points for the Mavericks, who have won a whopping 17 of 18 games to move into second place in the Western Conference.

GRIZZLIES 109, SPURS 93: At Memphis, Tenn., Darrell Arthur and Zach Randolph each scored 21 points and Memphis took advantage of San Antonio's poor ball handling.

MAGIC 116, KNICKS 110: At Orlando, Fla., Dwight Howard had 30 points and 16 rebounds, Jameer Nelson scored 23 of his 26 points in the second half, and the Orlando Magic outlasted the New York Knicks 116-110 on Tuesday night.

LAKERS 90, TIMBERWOLVES 79: At Minneapolis, Pau Gasol, Andrew Bynum and the Lakers' towering front line overwhelmed Kevin Love on the boards in a victory over Minnesota.

PACERS 109, WARRIORS 100: At Indianapolis, Danny Granger scored 27 points, hitting all 16 free throws, and Indiana held off Golden State.

RAPTORS 96, HORNETS 90: At Toronto, Jose Calderon had 22 points and 16 assists, DeMar DeRozan scored 17 points and Toronto beat New Orleans for just its fourth win in 24 games.

BUCKS 92, PISTONS 90: At Milwaukee, Brandon Jennings scored 21 points, making the clinching free throws with 5.9 seconds left and leading Milwaukee over Detroit.

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TUESDAY'S TEXAS NHL ROUNDUP

STARS 3, COYOTES 2: At Glendale, Ariz., Jamie Benn scored a power-play goal for Dallas with 4.8 seconds left after Phoenix tied it late.

The Stars appeared to be in control, ahead 2-0 on goals by Tom Wandell in the first period and Jamie Langenbrunner in the third.

The Coyotes, just like they did against Chicago on Sunday, came roaring back, getting goals by new defenseman Rostislav Klesla and Ray Whitney with less than 4 minutes left.

Benn made sure Dallas didn't come away disappointed, taking advantage of a hooking penalty on Phoenix's Radim Vrbata with 13 seconds left by scoring on a one-timer from Loui Eriksson to give their Stars their third straight win after losing nine of 10.

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Pitchers think this could be another good year

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Dallas Braden is never one to be bashful: The Oakland lefty is certain the Year of the Pitcher can carry on through 2011 and beyond.

And he's not the only one.

From a pair of perfect games only 20 days apart to four other no-hitters and one gem that should have been, all the spectacular performances in the Year of the Pitcher last season hardly could have been expected.

Can baseball fans possibly expect to witness yet another season of extraordinary outings from pitchers across the league? Oh yes, say many players and managers. Make it years, plural, if you ask Braden.

"I think it's the era of the pitcher," said Braden, who threw one of the two perfect games with a Mother's Day masterpiece against the Rays on May 9. "The era of the asterisk is beyond us. Now, the playing field is equal on both sides. It's a lot more about talent than it is about raw tools anymore."

With steroids and performance-enhancing drugs no longer in the forefront, Braden insists pitchers can take the mound without the worry of juiced-up sluggers stepping into the batter's box.

Dusty Baker notices a difference.

"There was a while during expansion when they were saying it was diluted, and then — I don't know if there was a conscientious effort by parents or whatever it was — it seemed like everybody started pitching," the Cincinnati manager said. "And now there's good pitching in quite a few places. Plus, in the post-steroid era here, it's gone back to pitching and speed and defense and fundamental play."

Phillies ace Roy Halladay pitched a perfect game May 29 at Florida only 20 days after Braden did so, then threw a no-no against Baker's Reds in the first round of the playoffs.

And Armando Galarraga, now with Arizona, would have tossed a perfect game for the Tigers against Cleveland last June had umpire Jim Joyce not blown a call at first base.

Braden's perfecto was the first for his franchise since Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter threw one for the Athletics in 1968, the last "Year of the Pitcher."

There were five individual no-hitters that season, when the Cardinals' Bob Gibson led the majors with a 1.12 ERA, Detroit's Denny McLain became a 31-game winner, and Don Drysdale threw six straight shutouts for the Dodgers.

These days, many relievers throw heat.

"I remember saying throughout the season, 'Where is the guy who throws 87 with a sinker who used to come out of the pen?' Even long guys are throwing 97," Colorado Rockies star Todd Helton said.

"The game's kind of gone back to the way it was in the '80s — pitching and defense," new Diamondbacks general manager Kevin Towers said. "Teams now are focusing more on their bullpen and the importance of a bullpen in having a successful franchise. To me, you can't win without (pitching). It's paramount. If you don't have it you're going to have a very difficult time."

Mark Duncan/AP

HOPING TO REPEAT HIS SUCCESS Oakland pitcher and former Midland RockHound Dallas Braden pitches against the Los Angeles Angels on Monday in the first inning of a spring training game in Tempe, Ariz.

NFL labor deadline nears; union wins in court

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With time running out on the NFL's labor contract, one team owner — the New York Giants' John Mara — joined mediated negotiations between the league and players Tuesday, and the union won a key court ruling about TV contract money.

The sides met for six hours Tuesday. NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith and his group left shortly before 8 p.m. — 52 hours before the current collective bargaining agreement expires.

Mara, the first owner to attend the federal mediation; Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay, chairman of the league's competition committee; and Washington Redskins general manager Bruce Allen were among those accompanying NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell for the eighth day of bargaining overseen by George Cohen. He is the director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, a U.S. government agency.

"I don't think you could have a greater sense of urgency," Jeff Pash, the league's lead labor negotiator, said on his way into the meeting. "We all know what the calendar is, and we all know what's at stake for everybody. And that's why we're here. We're going to be here as long as it takes and work as hard as we can work to get something done."

Afterward, in keeping with Cohen's order to stay silent on the mediation, neither the NFL nor the union would discuss whether they fared any better Tuesday than they did during more than 40 hours of meetings spread across seven previous days of mediation. When that round ended Thursday, Cohen said the parties still had "very strong differences" on the "all-important core issues."

Mediation will resume Wednesday, when union president Kevin Mawae is expected to be in Washington. He has yet to sit in on this round of talks.

The CBA runs out at midnight as Thursday becomes Friday on the East Coast, and the owners could lock out the players afterward. The union could also decertify — essentially, declare itself out of the business of representing players. The players would then give up their rights under labor law and take their chances in court under antitrust law.

Whatever happens this week could cause the country's most popular sport to lose regular-season games to a work stoppage for the first time since 1987. Or, perhaps, everything could be resolved by management and labor in an industry with revenues topping $9 billion annually.

Buffalo Bills safety George Wilson — who's not involved in the negotiations but is getting updates from the union as his team's NFLPA representative — doesn't expect a new deal by the deadline.

"Everything I'm telling my guys is: Prepare this Friday for the start of a lockout," Wilson said. "I certainly don't believe a deal will be reached by Thursday midnight. That's what I feel in my heart. I have not received any indication (from the union) that we're close to a deal."

In a ruling Tuesday that could have a significant bearing on the talks, U.S. District Court judge David Doty in Minneapolis sided with the union by overruling a special master's Feb. 1 decision to reject the NFLPA's request that $4 billion in 2011 payments from networks to the league be placed in escrow if there is a lockout.

Doty, who has jurisdiction over NFL labor matters, said there will be a hearing to determine what should happen to that money. The date of the hearing wasn't announced immediately.

The NFL played down the importance of Doty's decision. The union issued a statement calling it "irrefutable evidence that owners had a premeditated plan to lock out players and fans for more than two years."

As he left Tuesday's mediation, Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday called Doty's ruling a "really good reversal."

"I'm sure we'll hear more tonight," Saturday, a member of the NFLPA executive committee, told the Associated Press. "But it sounds very favorable."

Bonds' perjury trial beginning to take shape

By Paul Elias
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' former personal trainer is facing prison and a judge admitted a trove of evidence while the admissibility of still more hangs in the balance after a pivotal hearing in federal court Tuesday, three weeks before the slugger's trial is scheduled to start.

Bonds also renewed his not guilty plea, which was made necessary when prosecutors revised the charges for the third time since the initial indictment was unsealed in November 2007. Bonds is charged with four counts of making false statements to a grand jury and one count of obstruction of justice. There was little doubt what Bonds' plea was going to be Tuesday and that the case was going to trial March 21 after Bonds' legal team and prosecutors last month told U.S. District Judge Susan Illston that there was little chance of a plea agreement.

Likewise, there was no doubt that Bonds' former personal trainer, Greg Anderson, would tell the judge Tuesday that he has no intention of taking the stand as a government witness during the trial. Anderson made a similar pledge in 2009 before Bonds' trial was put on hold until a government appeal was resolved in Bonds' favor.

Bonds

Anderson has previously spent more than a year in prison on contempt charges after refusing to testify before the grand jury investigating Bonds.

The judge said that prosecutors and Bonds' legal team both want Anderson to testify. She said his testimony would spare his former clients, including several retired major league players, from being called to the witness stand to discuss how he supplied them with steroids. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Ned row said he wants to use that evidence to support their position that Bonds was lying when he claimed "he was unwittingly duped by Mr. Anderson" into believing he was taking legal supplements.

"Much of that testimony would be unnecessary" if he testified, Illston told Anderson.

Illston then told Anderson that she planned to find him in contempt of court and will order him jailed during the duration of the trial, which is expected to last at least two weeks. Anderson simply nodded his head when the judge asked if he intended to follow through on his vow of silence.

"He's taking not testifying to the nth degree," said Mark Geragos, Anderson's attorney.

Illston ordered Anderson to return to court March 22, when she plans to order him jailed.

After Anderson left the courtroom, the lawyers got down to highly technical arguments over what evidence will be presented to the jury.

The judge ruled that the jury may hear, among other pieces of evidence:

■ That prosecutors granted Bonds immunity from prosecution as long he testified truthfully about his drug use before the grand jury.

■ Bonds' former personal shopper, Cathy Hoskins, testifying about Bonds' relationship with a Playboy model.

■ Bonds' personal surgeon, Dr. Arthur Ting, and former girlfriend Kim Bell testifying that Bonds mistreated them, including Bell allegedly witnessing violent outbursts.

But the admissibility of other evidence must still be determined.

Bonds attorney Cris Arguedas objected to Bell telling the jury about an incident where Bonds allegedly grabbed her by the throat and threatened her life. Arguedas denied the incident occurred, but argued that even if it did happen, such testimony would unfairly bias the jury against Bonds.

"It's an act of domestic violence," Arguedas said. "It has an incendiary effect on the jury."

Ted Cassman, another Bonds attorney, objected to Bell testifying that she witnessed Bonds' testicles shrink during their time together. He said that such an allegation is difficult to prove scientifically and would bring an unnecessary "circus-like" atmosphere to the trial.

Illston didn't respond in court to the latest objections and will issue a written ruling later.

Each count against Bonds carries a potential sentence of 10 years in prison. However, federal sentencing guidelines for a first offense on these charges generally call for a total sentence of 15 to 21 months.

Lampard penalty kick leads Chelsea over Man. United

By Rob H arris
Associated Press

LONDON — Frank Lampard converted a penalty kick in the 80th minute, giving Chelsea a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over first-place Manchester United on Tuesday night that tightened the Premier League race.

Wayne Rooney scored in his third straight Premier League game for the first time in a year, putting United ahead in the 29th minute with a 25-yard shot that beat goalkeeper Petr Cech.

David Luiz tied in the 54th by volleying in his first goal for Chelsea, and Lampard scored the go-ahead goal, putting his kick just over the outstretched arm of goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar after Yuri Zhirkov was tripped in the penalty area by United defender Chris Smalling. Chelsea has won three straight league games against United.

United captain Nemanja Vidic was ejected in stoppage time when he received his second yellow card for a foul on Ramires. Vidic is suspended for Sunday's game at Liverpool.

United manager Alex Ferguson said Luiz, who already had a yellow card, should have been ejected in the second half by referee Martin Atkinson for fouling Wayne Rooney.

"You want a fair referee — on a strong referee, anyway — and we didn't get that," Ferguson said. "I don't know why he has got the game. I must say, when I saw who the referee was I did fear it. I feared the worst.

"The Luiz foul was 6 yards in front of the referee, maybe 8 if we give him the benefit of the doubt, no obstructions whatsoever. I don't know how he stayed on the pitch."

Manchester United (17-2-9) has 60 points, four more than second-place Arsenal (17-5-5), which has played one fewer game. The Gunners host United on May 1.

Chelsea (14-7-6) moved into fourth place — the final Champions League spot — with 48 points, two back of Manchester City (14-6-8) and one ahead of Tottenham (13-6-8).

"We're still a lot of points behind, but all we could do was win the game," Lampard said. "United are deservedly top of the league, but we've still got some fight in us and we showed that tonight."

United manager Alex Ferguson used the same starting lineup in consecutive games for the first time in 165 matches. Ryan Giggs entered in the 70th minute, a day shy of the 20th anniversary of his league debut for United. The 37-year-old tied Bobby Charlton's club record by making his 606th league appearance.

TUESDAY'S SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP

BRAVES 3, ASTROS 0: At Kissimmee, Fla., Atlanta starter Tommy Hanson and Houston right-hander Brett Myers each tossed two innings of shutout ball.

MARINERS 5, RANGERS 2: At Peoria, Ariz., Milton Bradley drove in a pair of runs and went 3 for 3 with a double, leading Seattle over Texas.

Adam Kennedy and catching prospect Steven Baron homered for the Mariners. Rangers catcher Yorvit Torrealba was a late scratch due to lower back stiffness.

CARDINALS 7, MARLINS 1: At Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals had two aces when they arrived at spring training. Now, both are hurt.

Chris Carpenter left the Cardinals' 7-1 victory over the Florida Marlins in the third inning Tuesday after feeling a twinge in his left hamstring. The injury came one day after fellow All-Star Adam Wainwright had season-ending elbow surgery.

Carpenter was diagnosed with a strained hamstring, but said the problem isn't serious.

The Cardinals' bad luck continued in the next inning when setup man Mitchell Boggs, rushed into the game to replace Carpenter, was escorted off the mound after straining his lower back.

Boggs said his back has been bothering him throughout the spring, but he doesn't think the injury is serious, either.

Matt Holliday and Allen Craig each hit a two-run homer off Marlins starter Chris Volstad.

RED SOX 5, TWINS 0: At Fort Myers, Fla., Minnesota closer Joe Nathan threw a scoreless inning in his first game since an elbow injury wiped out his 2010 season.

Nathan got two flyouts and a groundout in the fourth, walking Jarrod Saltalamacchia. Nathan said after leaving the game that he felt ahead of where he has been at this point in previous spring trainings. The four-time All-Star is coming off ligament replacement surgery.

Red Sox starter Jon Lester threw two shutout innings. Jonathan Papelbon pitched a scoreless inning.

TIGERS (SS) 6, PHILLIES 2: At Clearwater, Fla., Cliff Lee gave up two runs over two innings and struggled with his control in his spring training debut for Philadelphia.

Lee, the biggest prize on the free-agent market this offseason, agreed to a $120 million, five-year contract in December, signing up for his second stint with the Phillies.

TIGERS (SS) 6, BLUE JAYS 2: At Lakeland, Fla., Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run double in his second game back with Detroit.

Cabrera cleared the bases with a drive to left-center that rolled to the fence in a four-run third inning. He was 1 for 4 and scored a run as the designated hitter. He's expected to play first base Wednesday against Houston.

Cabrera was 0 for 2 with a walk Monday against the New York Yankees in his first appearance since his arrest on Feb. 16 on suspicion of driving under the influence and resisting an officer without violence. He is to be arraigned on March 16.

ORIOLES 12, RAYS 6: At Sarasota, Fla., Nick Markakis hit two of Baltimore's five homers in the first two innings off Andy Sonnanstine, and the Orioles opened remodeled Ed Smith Stadium with a win.

Vladimir Guerrero, Adam Jones and Jake Fox also connected off Sonnanstine.

Manny Ramirez and B.J. Upton hit back-to-back homers for Tampa Bay.

NATIONALS 5, METS 3: At Viera, Fla., Bryce Harper singled for his first spring training hit as Washington defeated New York.

Harper, the No. 1 overall pick in last year's amateur draft, entered as a pinch hitter in the fifth and singled to left field off Pedro Beato.

Mets starter Jonathon Niese tossed three scoreless innings.

PIRATES 2, YANKEES 0: At Bradenton, Fla., New York right-hander Phil Hughes made his spring debut with two easy innings. Pirates starter James McDonald also tossed two scoreless innings.

REDS (SS) 7, ATHLETICS 6: At Phoenix, Jonny Gomes and Yonder Alonso each hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning to lead a Cincinnati split squad past Oakland.

Reds starter Mike Leake, vying for the No. 5 starter job, gave up one run in two innings. Gio Gonzalez struck out five of his six batters for the A's.

ANGELS 2, REDS (SS) 1: At Tempe, Ariz., Jered Weaver pitched two innings for Los Angeles, allowing only an RBI single to NL MVP Joey Votto. Cincinnati starter Johnny Cueto gave up two runs and two hits in three innings.

ROYALS 4, PADRES 3: At Surprise, Ariz., Mat Latos, a 14-game winner last season with San Diego, walked four in the first inning as Padres pitchers totaled 10 bases on balls in a loss to Kansas City.

Latos got out of the inning without allowing a run as Mike Aviles was caught stealing and Mitch Maier popped up.

Clint Robinson, who won the 2010 Texas League triple crown, drove in two runs for the Royals with a triple and a double. Lorenzo Cain went 2 for 2 and made a diving catch to start a game-ending double play with two Padres on base.

INDIANS 2, DODGERS 1: At Goodyear, Ariz., Carlos Carrasco pitched two scoreless innings and combined with four relievers on a two-hitter for Cleveland.

BREWERS 3, WHITE SOX 1: At Glendale, Ariz., slowed by a bruised right side, Zack Greinke was erratic in his first spring training start for Milwaukee.

CUBS 3, GIANTS 2: At Scottsdale, Ariz., after Tim Lincecum pitched three hitless innings for San Francisco in his second spring outing, Aramis Ramirez hit a tiebreaking, two-run double for Chicago.

ROCKIES 7, DIAMONDBACKS 4: At Scottsdale, Ariz., Jason Hammel pitched two scoreless innings in his spring debut, Chris Iannetta hit a two-run homer and Colorado beat Arizona for the third straight time.

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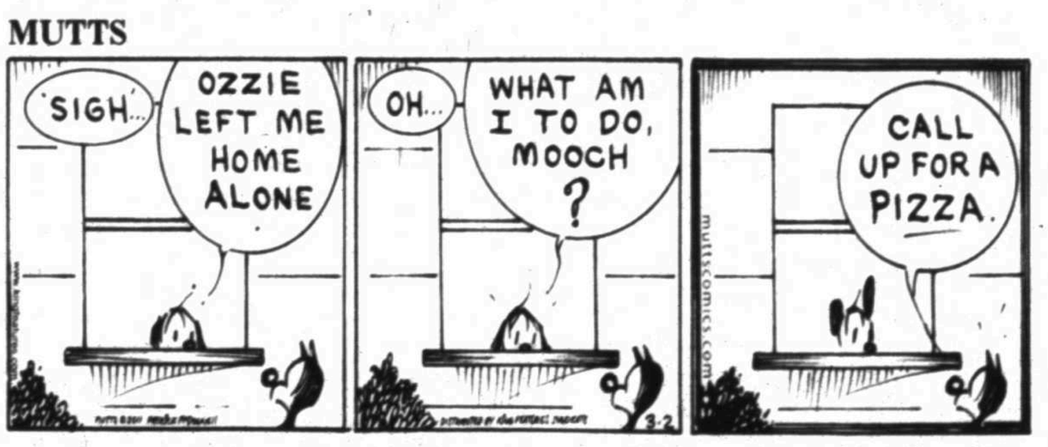

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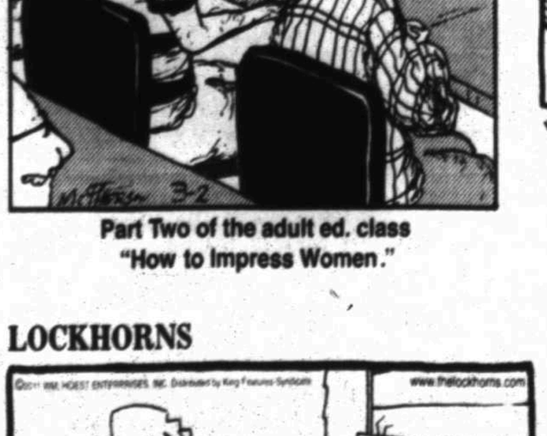

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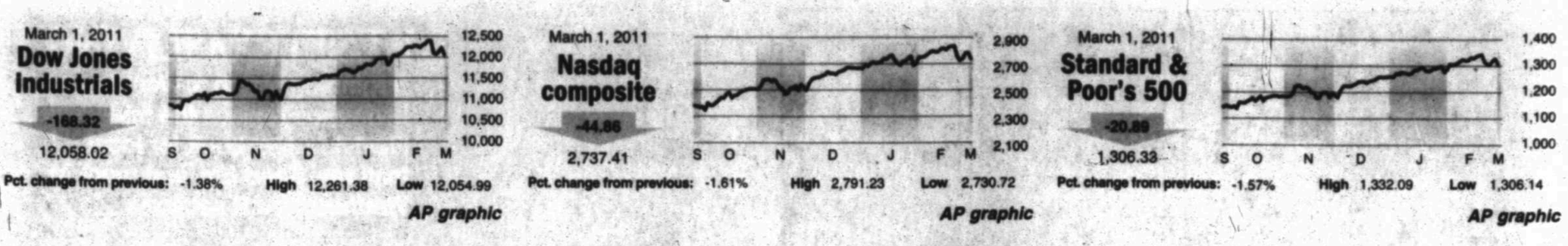

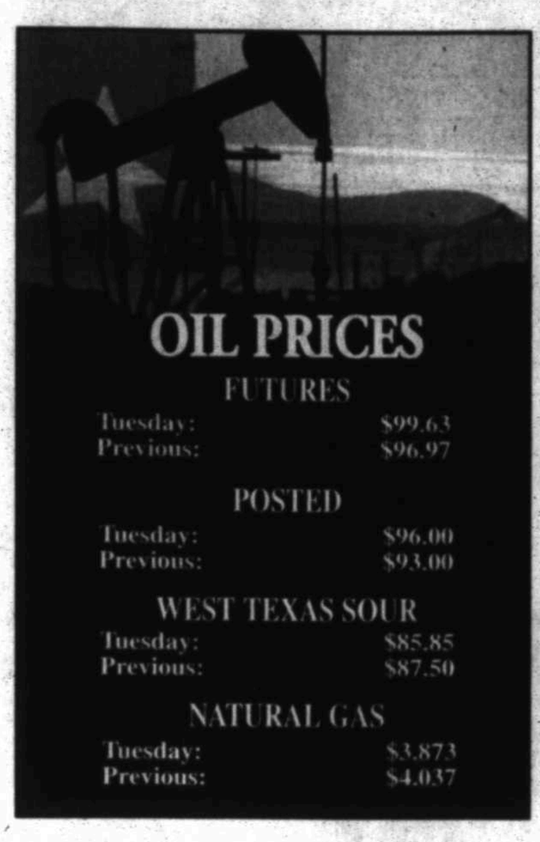

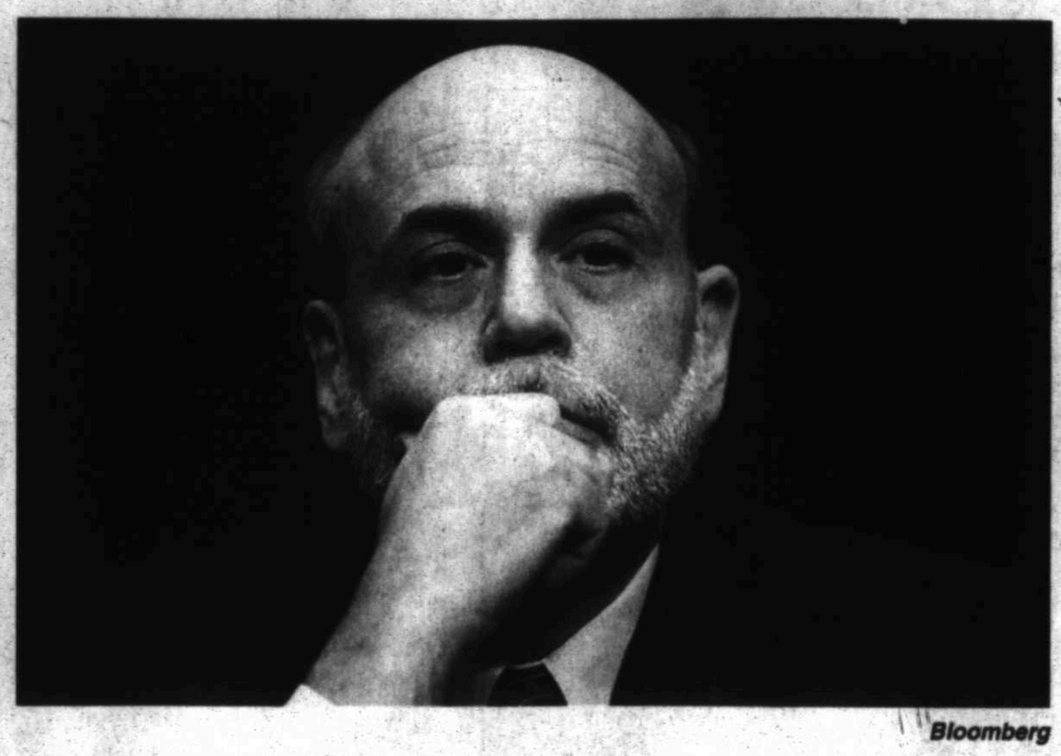

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FACING INFLATION Ben Bernanke, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, listens during a Senate Banking Committee hearing on the central bank's semiannual monetary policy report in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. Bernanke said the surge in oil and other commodity prices probably won't cause a permanent increase in broader inflation and repeated that borrowing costs are likely to stay low.

Bernanke seeks to ease lawmakers' inflation fears

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke boldly predicted to Congress on Tuesday that rising oil prices will cause only a brief and modest rise in consumer inflation.

If he's wrong, as some lawmakers suggested to him, the risks are high: a weaker economy and elevated consumer inflation.

Bernanke's credibility is at stake, too. His duties as Fed chief require a balancing act: leading the economy to stronger growth while making sure inflation doesn't rise too high.

Appearing before the Senate Banking Committee, Bernanke faced sharp questions about whether rising gasoline prices could spread dangerous inflation through the economy. He said he did not think so.

"The most likely outcome is that the recent rise in commodity prices will lead to, at most, a temporary and relatively modest increase in U.S. consumer price inflation," Bernanke said.

Still, persistently higher prices could shake consumer confidence, prompting consumers to reduce spending. And that would weaken the economy, he said.

Gas prices jumped over the weekend to a new nationwide average of $3.37 a gallon. That's 26.7 cents a gallon more than a month ago. Food prices in January rose at the fastest since the fall of 2008.

Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., called the rise in commodity prices "stunning." Toomey said he worries about the effects of those higher prices, combined with the Fed's efforts to boost the economy through a Treasury bond-purchase program. Toomey said they might be "planting the seeds of serious inflation down the road."

Bernanke defended the Fed's $600 billion Treasury bond-buying program. He said it is still needed to energize the economy and reduce unemployment, now at 9 percent. The bond-buying program is intended to lower rates on loans and lift stock prices, spurring more spending and invigorating the economy. The purchases are scheduled to end in June.

Republicans in Congress and some Fed officials say they fear the bond purchases could trigger high inflation and a wave of speculative buying on Wall Street that could lead to new bubbles in the prices of assets like stocks and bonds.

"Once price stability has been lost, it is difficult and very costly to regain," warned Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the panel's top-ranking Republican.

Shelby pointed to the toxic situation in the late 1970s and 1980s when inflation hit double digits. To combat out-of-control prices, Fed Chairman Paul Volcker ratcheted up interest rates. Unemployment soared. And the economy fell into a deep recession.

Bernanke said the rise in oil and global commodities prices was because of stronger demand from fast-growing countries like China, not to the Fed's stimulative policies. But he ran into concerns from Democrats and Republicans on the committee.

One reason the Fed launched the bond-buying program in November was to prevent deflation — a prolonged drop in prices of goods, wages and values of homes and stocks. But Bernanke told lawmakers that the risk of deflation has become "negligible."

Political upheaval in the Middle East has caused oil and gasoline prices to march higher, Bernanke said. Still, the Fed chief said he and a majority of his colleagues say they believe the situation won't cause out-of-control inflation.

Dollar mixed, gold climbs

Trading in the dollar was mixed Tuesday as Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke downplayed the risk of runaway inflation, reinforcing expectations that U.S. interest rates will remain low.

The euro fell to $1.3770 late Tuesday from $1.3800 Monday. The British pound edged lower to $1.6262 from $1.6267, while the dollar rose to 81.95 Japanese yen from 81.77 yen.

In other trading Tuesday, the dollar rose to 97.49 Canadian cents from 97.14 Canadian cents, ticking up from its lowest point in more than three years — of 96.80 Canadian cents.

The dollar also edged up to 0.9303 Swiss franc from 0.9289 Swiss franc.

Gold and silver prices rose as investors parked their money in precious metals investments that are often used as hedges against political and economic instability.

Gold for April delivery rose $21.30 to settle at $1,431.

Oil prices Jump

Oil prices climbed Tuesday as Iran clamped down on anti-government protesters and unrest in the Middle East threatened to keep energy prices high for months to come.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate for April delivery gained $2.66 to settle at $99.63 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude gained $3.62 to settle at $115.42 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

The recent surge in oil has pushed up gasoline prices in the U.S. by nearly 20 cents per gallon in the past week. That's the sharpest increase since September 2008, when Hurricane Ike shut down Gulf Coast refineries, according to the Oil Price Information Service. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina sent prices soaring about 45 cents per gallon in one week.

Americans are now paying roughly $75.6 million more per day to fill up than a week ago.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	5172756	4.57	-.11
S&P500ETF	1944856	130.93	-2.22
BkofAm	1573307	13.93	-.36
SPDR Fncl	1028047	16.49	-.36
FordM	713576	14.66	-.39

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Goldcp wt	4.03	+.88	+27.8
BarcSthD	18.30	+2.47	+15.6
CSVS2xVxS	45.57	+5.84	+14.7
CIBER	5.26	+.59	+12.6
BiPLSpxVM	18.30	+1.70	+10.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TNS Inc	15.63	-3.22	-17.1
ReneSola	9.20	-1.85	-16.7
RosettaStn	13.19	-1.77	-11.8
Technic rs	7.00	-.91	-11.5
Dex One	4.75	-.52	-9.9

DIARY

Advanced	738
Declined	2,334
Unchanged	77
Total issues	3,149
New Highs	191
New Lows	16
Volume	4,842,849,782

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GtPanSilv g	68588	4.52	+.44
SamsO&G	66085	3.77	+.36
KodakO g	57409	7.20	-.37
EndvSilv g	53607	8.28	+.87
GoldStr g	52605	3.10	+.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MineralMgt	3.93	+.45	+12.9
MexcoEn	15.37	+1.74	+12.8
AldNevG	34.10	+3.76	+12.4
EndvSilv g	8.28	+.87	+11.7
GtPanSilv g	4.52	+.44	+10.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aerocntry	19.35	-3.03	-13.5
Quepasa	7.87	-.84	-9.6
TravelCtrs	7.72	-.62	-7.4
Gastar grs	4.61	-.34	-6.9
UQM Tech	2.87	-.19	-6.2

DIARY

Advanced	239
Declined	246
Unchanged	35
Total issues	520
New Highs	23
New Lows	3
Volume	177,424,576

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	807356	56.84	-.93
Cisco	604840	18.56	...
Microsoft	580415	26.16	-.42
Intel	555234	21.39	-.08
SiriusXM	476464	1.75	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sonus	4.04	+1.01	+33.3
ReproXT rs	6.79	+1.29	+28.7
VentrusB n	9.50	+1.60	+20.3
MillIndia	2.34	+.29	+14.1
BassettF	7.70	+.95	+14.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CentEuro	14.33	-8.52	-37.3
Thomas rs	2.06	-.54	-20.8
BeaconP rs	2.73	-.71	-20.6
Iridium un	11.52	-2.52	-17.9
BioanlySys	2.03	-.43	-17.5

DIARY

Advanced	626
Declined	2,036
Unchanged	99
Total issues	2,761
New Highs	95
New Lows	32
Volume	2,180,555,565

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $18.96 Down 0.22

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $102.40 Down 3.68

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $106.53 Up 0.01

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $48.94 Down 0.98

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.37 Down 0.68

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $15.37 Up 1.74

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.00 Down 0.34

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72f	8	28.08	-.30	-4.4
Abraxas	...	...	**5.65**	**-.32**	**+23.6**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	...	**11.37**	**-.13**	**+5.9**
AMD	...	14	9.03	-.19	+10.3
AlcatelLuc	...	...	4.72	-.18	+59.5
Alcoa	.12	68	16.23	-.62	+5.5
AlonUSA	.16	...	10.87	-.21	+81.8
Amgen	...	**11**	**51.91**	**+.58**	**-5.4**
Anadarko	**.36**	**53**	**80.01**	**-1.82**	**+5.1**
Apache	**.60**	**14**	**120.86**	**-3.76**	**+1.4**
ApldMatl	**.28**	**16**	**16.20**	**-.23**	**+15.3**
ATMOS	**1.36**	**17**	**33.86**	**+.04**	**+6.5**
AutoData	1.44	21	49.39	-.61	+6.7
BP PLC	**.42e**	...	**47.60**	**-.57**	**+7.8**
BakrHu	.60	35	69.21	-1.84	+21.1
BkofAm	.04	21	13.93	-.36	+4.4
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	32.45	+2.27	-13.7
BasicEnSv	...	...	18.96	-.22	+15.0
BerkHa A	...	**1812805**	**0.00**	**-3250.00**	**+6.3**
BerryPet	**.30**	**22**	**48.46**	**-3.53**	**+10.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46f**	**17**	**30.58**	**-.24**	**+1.9**
BostonSci	...	...	7.52	+.36	-.7
BrMySq	**1.32f**	**14**	**25.58**	**-.23**	**-3.4**
BrownFA	**1.28a**	**23**	**68.50**	**-.54**	**-1.3**
BrownFB	**1.28a**	**23**	**68.04**	**-1.11**	**-2.3**
CVS Care	.50f	13	33.10	+.04	-4.8
Cameron	...	25	57.74	-1.39	+13.8
Caterpillar	1.76	24	99.86	-3.07	+6.6
Celestic g	...	15	11.86	+.01	+22.3
CntryLink	2.90	12	40.50	-.68	-12.3
ChesEng	.30	11	33.70	-1.91	+30.1
Chevron	**2.88**	**11**	**102.90**	**-.85**	**+12.8**
Chicos	.20f	21	13.65	-.09	+13.5
Chimera	.69e	6	4.20	-.11	+2.2
Cimarex	.40f	17	114.21	-1.92	+29.0
Cisco	...	14	18.56	...	-8.3
Citigrp	...	13	4.57	-.11	-3.4
ClayEng	...	**34**	**102.40**	**-3.66**	**+21.9**
CocaCola	**1.88f**	**13**	**64.91**	**+.99**	**-1.3**
ColgPal	**2.32f**	**16**	**77.84**	**-.86**	**-3.4**
CompPrdS	...	26	27.63	-1.18	-6.5
ConAgra	**.92**	**15**	**22.91**	**-.25**	**+1.5**
ConchoRes	...	...	**106.53**	**+.01**	**+21.5**
ConocPhil	**2.64f**	**12**	**77.53**	**-.04**	**+14.3**
Corning	.20	10	22.03	-1.03	+14.0
CrackerB	.88	12	48.03	-1.81	-12.3
CrosTim	**2.64e**	**17**	**46.35**	**-1.23**	**+16.2**
DCP Mid	2.47f	45	41.80	-.46	+11.8
DTE	2.24	12	46.65	-.43	+2.9
Datasrm h	...	...	2.34	+.04	+49.0
Dawson	...	...	**48.94**	**-.98**	**+53.4**
Dell Inc	...	11	15.40	-.43	+13.7
DeltaPtr h	...	...	1.17	...	+53.9
DevonE	**.64**	**9**	**68.76**	**-2.68**	**+13.1**
DrSCBr rs	...	...	41.09	+2.31	-12.3
DirFnBr rs	...	...	40.93	+2.36	-13.4
DrxFBull s	...	...	30.60	-1.93	+9.9
Disney	**.40f**	**19**	**42.90**	**-.75**	**+14.6**
DowChm	**.60**	**20**	**36.14**	**-1.02**	**+5.9**
EMC Cp	...	30	26.56	-.63	+16.1
EOG Res	**.64f**	...	**107.93**	**-4.38**	**+18.1**
EKodak	...	...	3.22	-.16	-39.9
EmpDist	**1.28**	**18**	**21.43**	**-.20**	**-3.5**
Energen	.54f	15	60.05	-1.05	+24.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	46	54.89	+.06	+5.9
EnPro	...	**46**	**38.54**	**-1.14**	**-7.3**
EntPrPt	2.36f	25	43.32	-.28	+4.1
EricsnTel	.35e	...	12.55	-.29	+8.8
ExterranH	...	...	**22.45**	**-.25**	**-6.3**
ExxonMbl	**1.76**	**14**	**84.80**	**-.73**	**+16.0**
FifthThird	.04	23	13.95	-.65	-5.0
FordM	...	7	14.66	-.39	-12.7
ForestOil	...	21	34.38	-1.11	-9.5
FrozenFd	...	...	**3.90**	**-.20**	**-11.6**
GATX	**1.16f**	**19**	**33.63**	**-.86**	**-4.1**
GabGloM	**.80**	...	**8.76**	**-.01**	**+6.7**
GAInv	**.43e**	...	**28.14**	**-.22**	**+4.9**
GenElec	**.56**	**20**	**20.25**	**-.87**	**+10.7**
GenMot n	...	11	32.95	-.58	-10.6
Golfsmith	...	...	4.23	+.13	+74.8
Goodrich	**1.16**	**19**	**84.13**	**-2.10**	**-4.5**
GtPlainEn	**.83**	**12**	**19.11**	**-.09**	**-1.4**
Halliblrtn	**.36**	**23**	**46.33**	**-.61**	**+13.5**
Heinz	**1.80**	**17**	**49.22**	**-1.00**	**-.5**
HewlettP	.32	11	42.91	-.72	+1.9
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iShSilver	...	...	33.87	+.76	+12.2
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iS Eafe	1.42e	...	60.69	-.86	+4.2
iShR2K	.89e	...	80.62	-1.65	+3.0
IntegrysE	2.72	21	48.64	-.33	+.3
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JDS Uniph	...	...	25.12	+.45	+73.5
JPMorgCh	.20	12	45.60	-1.09	+7.5
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KimbClk	**2.80f**	**14**	**65.47**	**-.43**	**+3.9**
KindME	4.52f	52	72.96	-.69	+3.8
KindMM	4.52f	83	65.09	-.52	-2.7
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Nvidia	...	52	21.65	-1.01	+40.6
OcciPet	**1.84f**	**18**	**100.22**	**-1.75**	**+2.2**
Oracle	.20	24	31.67	-1.24	+1.2
ParTech	...	**25**	**5.42**	**+.06**	**-5.1**
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PioNtrl	.08	19	99.27	-3.07	+14.3
PlainsAA	**3.83f**	**27**	**64.82**	**-.86**	**+3.2**
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Tesoro	...	11	22.99	-.79	+24.0
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TylerTech	...	**31**	**22.20**	**+.08**	**+6.9**
UBWV	**1.20**	**17**	**28.30**	**-.34**	**-3.1**
US NGsFd	...	...	5.18	-.22	-13.6
US OilFd	...	...	40.48	+1.29	+3.6
ValeroE	.20	57	26.98	-1.20	+16.7
VangEmg	.82e	...	45.93	-.48	-4.6
VerizonCm	1.95	27	36.02	-.90	+.7
VulcanM	**1.00**	...	**43.63**	**-2.22**	**-1.6**
Walgrn	**.70**	**19**	**42.72**	**-.82**	**+9.7**
WellsFargo	.20	14	31.65	-.61	+2.1
WstnRefin	...	...	15.76	-.51	+49.0
WhitngPt s	...	29	65.26	-.08	+11.4
WmsCos	.50	23	30.02	-.34	+21.4
XcelEngy	**1.01**	**14**	**23.46**	**-.48**	**-.4**
Xerox	**.17**	**15**	**10.62**	**-.13**	**-7.8**

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5,306.65	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	4,956.59	-128.31	-2.52	-2.94	+19.46
417.12	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	411.57	-4.04	-.97	+1.82	+10.05
8,520.27	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,315.85	-122.70	-1.45	+4.42	+16.53
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838.00	587.66	Russell 2000	807.08	-16.37	-1.99	+2.99	+24.49

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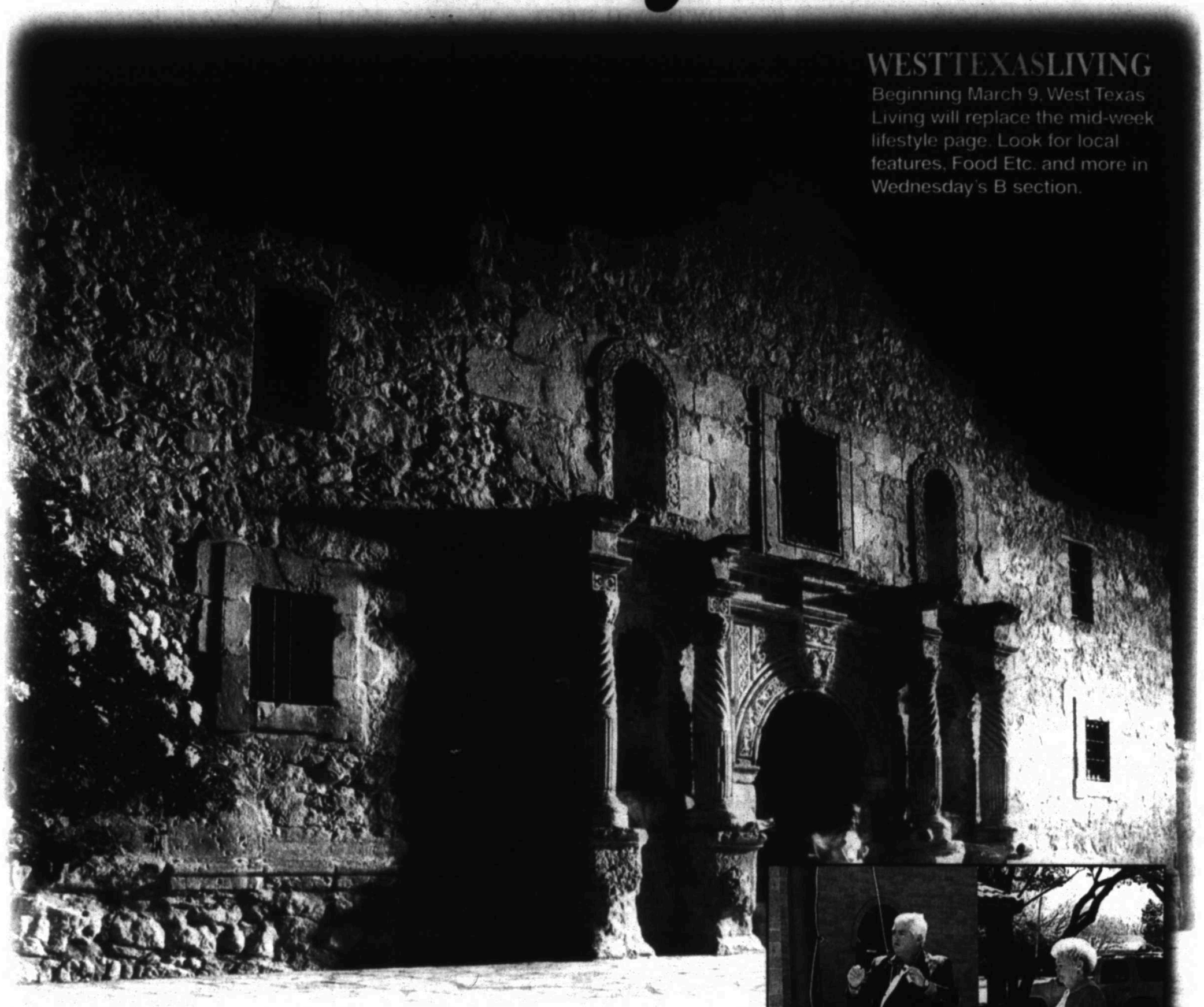

INDEPENDENCE Pat McDaniel, left, and Sue Brannon, in top photo, raise the Texas flag outside of the Haley Library during a celebration of Texas Independence Day in 2009. ABOVE: Men dressed in 19th century apparel fire their rifles outside of the Haley Library for 2009 Texas Independence Day.

Haley Library brings history to life on 175th anniversary of Texas Independence

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Texas Independence Day will become living history today at the Haley Memorial Library and History Center.

The library will give a toast to Texas and raise a ceremonial Texas flag that belongs to the library in an event that is open to the public, according to director Pat McDaniel. A group of re-enacters will fire a volley of black powder muskets and shoot a cannon in remembrance of the state's independence.

This year marks the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The declaration was adopted March 2 during the Convention of 1836 in Washington-on-the-Brazos, which in turn created the Republic of Texas. The Republic remained an independent nation until its annexation by the U.S. in 1845, according to the Texas State Historical Association.

In commemoration of the anniversary, the group will meet inside the library before the toast and re-enact a roll call for individuals to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence. The first 59 people to show up after 1:30 p.m. will be given a card with the name of a signer and will be asked to answer when that individual's name is called, McDaniel said. The events at the library always take place around 2 p.m., according to the director, because that's when the historical signing of the declaration happened.

Though McDaniel said the Haley Library is usually the "lone ranger" in hosting March 2 celebrations in Midland, the event is important to remind Texans of their state's heritage.

"We have a unique history in the state of Texas, and I think it's important to recognize the sacrifices and efforts that were made to gain that stature and become one of the leading economic powers in the Federation today," he said. "Nobody else can claim that they were a free and independent republic."

Midlander Darrell Rhea will lead the re-enactment of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence, playing the part of declaration author George Childress. Rhea said all the re-enacters will wear clothing and use replica artifacts from the time period of the signing.

"It's a way of teaching some history," said Rhea, who has been living in Midland since 1966, "and it actually gives me a chance to dress up for the part and burn a little powder."

The group of re-enacters Rhea works with used to do volley fires at the courthouse before the Haley Library began its observance of the event, he added.

Rhea said he feels he owes many of the freedoms he enjoys to soldiers of the 19th century, such as those of the Texas War of Independence.

"We have reasons to be proud to be from Texas," Rhea said. "It's our home, this is where we live, and we've got to understand that where we are today, there were people 175 years ago that saw opportunities for families and a place to start over for their lives."

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Let the good times roll with recipes for traditional Fat Tuesday fare

FOOD ETC.

Freelance writer Joan Huff may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com. For more Mardi Gras recipes, visit www.mywesttexas.com and click on "Entertainment - food."

'Laissez les bon temps rouler!' This year, Fat Tuesday is March 8 — it always falls the day before Ash Wednesday — and you don't want to be left out of the celebration. If you can't make it to New Orleans to see the floats, catch the beads and eat a piece of king cake, you can have your own celebration here at home.

Make some traditional low-country style recipes for the day and maybe the aroma and flavors of the foods will make you feel like you're in The Big Easy enjoying the fun.

Imagine sitting in the French Quarter at Café du Monde eating beignets and sipping a café au lait. It's the perfect way to start off a morning and, if you make them at home, you can skip waiting in line at the restaurant.

For decorations, use the traditional Mardi Gras colors as each has a specific meaning: Green means faith, gold means power and purple means justice. If you really want to join the party, google a web cam in New Orleans. When you hear all the excitement at the parades, you may find yourself accidentally yelling, "Hey, throw me something mister!"

French Quarter Beignets
From Paula Deen

1 1/2 cups lukewarm water
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 envelope active dry yeast
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup evaporated milk
7 cups bread flour
1/2 cup shortening
Nonstick spray
Oil, for deep-frying
3 cups confectioners' sugar

Mix water, sugar and yeast in a large bowl and let sit for 10 minutes. In another bowl, beat the eggs, salt and evaporated milk together. Mix egg mixture to the yeast mixture. In a separate bowl, measure out the bread flour. Add 3 cups of the flour to the yeast mixture and stir to combine. Add the shortening and continue to stir while adding the remaining flour. Remove dough from the bowl, place onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Spray a large bowl with nonstick spray. Put dough into the bowl and cover with plastic wrap or a towel. Let rise in a warm place for at least 2 hours.

Preheat oil in a deep-fryer to 350 degrees. Add the confectioners' sugar to a paper or plastic bag and set aside. Roll the dough out to about 1/2-inch thickness and cut into 1-inch squares. Deep fry, flipping constantly until they become a golden color. After beignets are fried, drain them and then toss into bag of confectioners' sugar. Hold bag closed, shake to coat evenly.

Café au Lait
From "Coffee Café"

Dark brewed coffee
Steamed milk

Fill the bowl with equal amounts of coffee and milk. Hold the bowl with both hands; sip and enjoy.

Muffaletta Salad
From Rachael Ray

1 cup mixed cracked good quality olives, coarsely chopped
2 cups giardiniera salad (pickled cauliflower, hot peppers and carrots) drained
5 to 6 ribs celery from the heart, chopped
1/2 cup soft sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
1 fresh green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
1/2 pound stick salami, diced
1/2 pound thick cut ham, chopped
1/2 pound provolone, chopped
3 Tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil,
Salt and pepper

Combine olives, giardiniera, celery, sun-dried tomatoes, pepper, onion, salami, ham, and provolone. Dress with vinegar and olive oil, season with salt and pepper and let stand a few minutes before serving.

Shrimp Etouffee
From Allrecipes

1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green onion
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
4 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup celery, diced
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
3 Tablespoons tomato paste
1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 pound cleaned shrimp
Salt to taste
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce to taste
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

In a 2-quart microwave-safe dish, combine margarine, onion, green onion, bell pepper, garlic and celery. Heat in microwave for 8 to 9 minutes. Stir in parsley, tomato paste, soup, shrimp, salt hot pepper sauce and cayenne. Heat on High setting for 5 minutes. Stir and cook for another 5 minutes until mixture thickens. Serve over white rice.

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The mailing address of the Guardian is in Taylor County, Texas, as follows:

Covenant Outreach, LLC
c/o S. Clinton Nix
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DATED February 25, 2011.

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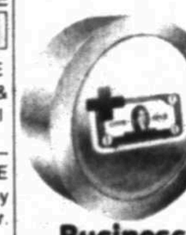

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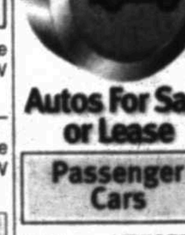

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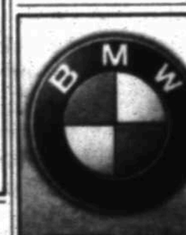

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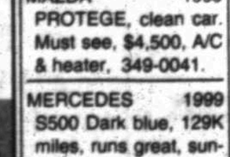

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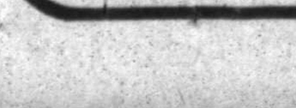

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