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Energy industry gives Midland a boost

Sector's strength pushes economies into record territory

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

An extremely busy Permian Basin oil industry is pushing the Midland and Odessa overall economies into record territory.

"We've been at this a little over a year now," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for the Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank. "It's yet another extraordinary time in terms of the growth rate and what the industry is doing there.

"You don't have to go far to figure out the region is in a period of strong growth that doesn't look to be ending any time soon," he said.

The index measuring the combined economies of Midland and Odessa in March was 10.2 percent above March 2010, which marked the end of the 18-month decline that began in September 2008. Ingham said the two cities comprise the fastest growth metro area in Texas and could rank among the fastest in the nation. The two cities also have the most favorable employment situation as derived by looking at combined employment growth and average unemployment rate. Year-over-year job growth in the combined metro area is 5.7 percent, ahead of the next closest metro area by nearly 3 percentage points, he said.

"Most other Texas metro areas are reflecting sluggish growth, with unemployment stubbornly high and just a tepid

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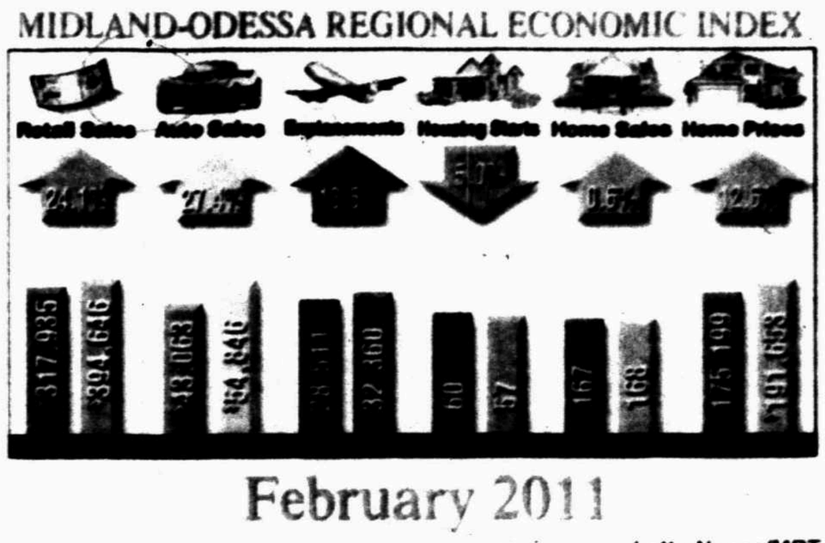

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ABOVE: Roxane Strickling, standing, greets Winnie O'Brien Tuesday afternoon at the George W. Bush Childhood Home Petals and Pearls luncheon.

RIGHT: Guest speaker and author Susan Baker talks with Billy Munn and Don Evans, right, during the Petals and Pearls luncheon. Baker is the wife of former Secretary of State James Baker III.

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3rd man in as many weeks charged with arson

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland teen was charged Tuesday with a second-degree felony of arson.

Andrew Duran Nichols, 17, was being held on a $101,500 bond for allegedly intentionally starting a grass fire April 26. He also was being held on a third-degree felony of possession of a stolen firearm.

Nichols

Fire investigators ruled the fire north of County Road 1130 and Business Loop 20 an act of arson. It took nine units to get the fire under control, Criminal Investigator Beau Estes said in a news release Tuesday.

Sheriff's deputies spotted Nichols nearby, walking away from the fire. After interviewing Nichols, deputies found he was in possession of a stolen firearm, Estes wrote.

During the investigation, fire officials determined that Nichols started the fire with a lighter.

This was the third arson in arrest in as many weeks, as Daniel Lee Owens, 25 and James William Roberson, 27, have been arrested for intentionally causing fires.

Lee was arrested after witnesses told police that the grass fire on April 25 near Farm-to-Market 1788 and Highway 191 was started by fireworks being shot out of a Jeep Cherokee, according to the arrest report.

The lead officer and the battalion chief

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Senators put provision in women's health program bill

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers inserted a provision into a women's health program bill Tuesday in a move designed to ensure that groups like Planned Parenthood do not receive state funding.

Legislation that would renew a program to help poor women now has a provision that would shut it down immediately if a group that provides abortions files and wins a lawsuit to participate in the program. The Senate Health and Human Services Commirree approved the measure 5-1.

Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, said the move was necessary to make sure that no organization that provides abortions will receive any state money to provide any kind of health service.

"The legislature has clearly tried to cut off funding for these

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- State senators approve the bill requiring women to have a sonogram taken before getting an abortion.

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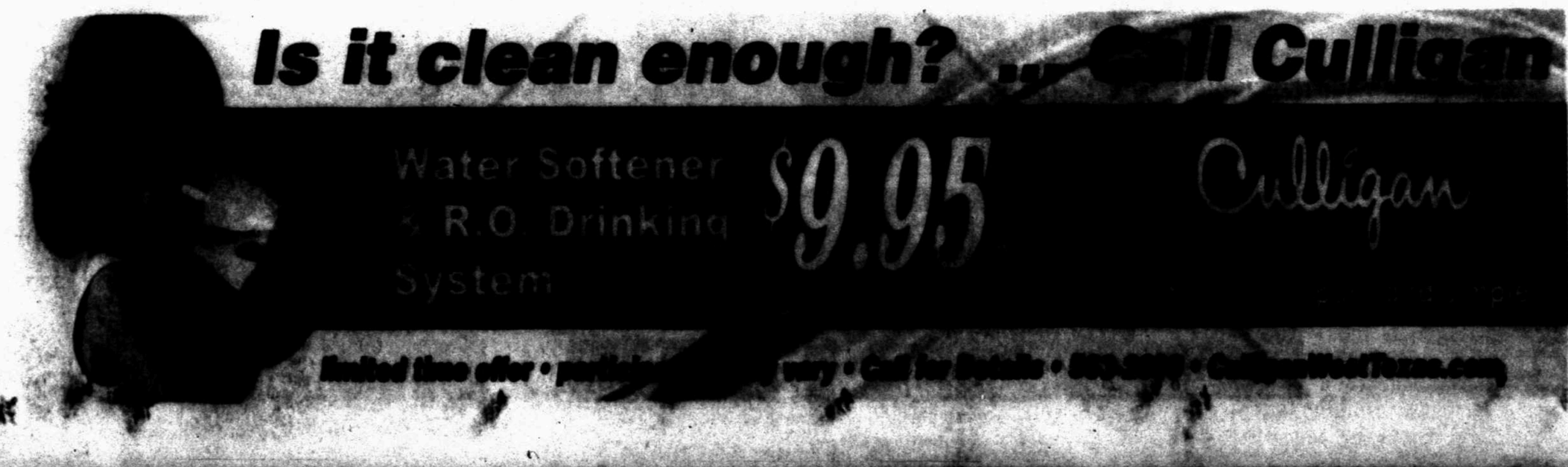

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County names new library director

■ Leaders say he brings forward-thinking to the job.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Courtesy photo

NEW DIRECTOR Midland County named John Trischitti III as new director of Midland County Public Library.

John Trischitti III may not have taken the traditional route to becoming a librarian, but it's the place he said he's meant to serve.

Midland County officials announced Tuesday Trischitti was hired as the new Midland County Public Library director. He will start May 31.

"John brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to our community, and his experience in the library profession will support Midland County Library's mission to serve the community," County Judge Mike Bradford said.

Trischitti, 31, is currently the assistant director at the Hulsey Public Library in Terrell and earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from Wayland Baptist University. Having dabbled in journalism, Trischitti said he also spent some time in retail and even did a stint as a cowboy in Wyoming. Then, when he was volunteering as the president of the Friends of the Library board, the assistant library director in Terrell retired. Trischitti said the director asked him if he'd be interested and things sort of fell into place from there.

"Coming from retail, I've always been customer service oriented. If we're doing what we're supposed to be doing right in libraries, it's about the people," he said. "It was a natural fit for me."

He took the position and returned to school, earning his master's in library science with an emphasis in management from the University of North Texas. He said he doesn't fit the stereotypical "librarian image," but he has a passion for libraries and hopes it will help him take Midland's library into the future.

Trischitti will replace Denise Johnson, who retired in August. Diana Decker has been acting as the liaison between the court and the library since that time, and Human Resources Director Holly Darby oversees the library.

Robin Donnelly, county commissioner for Precinct 2, who has been involved with the library and its advisory board, said Trischitti has experience on a state level with the advancement of libraries and also in creating collections, which he thinks will be a great benefit to Midland. Trischitti serves on the Texas Library Association's Bluebonnet Award Selection Committee and was the recipient of the 2010 'Texas Reads' giving by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

"I'm real excited about his coming and think he'll be a great asset to the library and to the county," Donnelly said.

A native of Lubbock, Trischitti said he's excited about joining the staff in Midland County. His salary is set at $61,709.

"My overlying, ultimate goal is to make it the premier public library at least in West Texas and certainly in the conversation in the state," he said. "We really have the potential to be something special."

Certainly technology will be an issue for all libraries in the coming years, he said. He added that Midland County can work to better serve its Hispanic population and to create a collection that's viable to the whole community.

"You can have a ton of stuff on the shelves, but if it's 20 years old, that's not doing any good," he said. "We need to keep the collection fresh and new and really kind of see what the people want."

As a father of four, Trischitti said he's also passionate about literacy initiatives for children.

"We have to stay relevant for families with young children," he said, adding that creating library enthusiasts among young readers also will help to sustain a stable library patronage for years to come.

Trischitti serves as a deacon in the Church of Christ in Terrell and said their family will look to get involved in a church and in the community when they move to Midland. With both he and his wife Diana having West Texas roots, he said they're glad to be getting closer to home. The couple have kids who are 8, 6, 2 and 4 months, he said.

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Agency denies request for data leak emails

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A state agency has declined to release some documents on the investigation into the accidental online posting of the personal information of 3.5 million Texans, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the state comptroller's office told it that some documents sought as part of its open records request are exempt because of an ongoing investigation by law enforcement.

Comptroller Susan Combs' office said April 11 that it discovered it mistakenly posted the data, including names and Social Security numbers, on a publicly accessible server for months.

Attorney General Greg Abbott is being asked by the comptroller's office to rule on the newspaper's open records request for "all emails and other written communication within the comptroller's office from March 31, 2011, through today pertaining to the exposure of the 3.5 million records."

Hundreds of documents have been released, but nothing dated March 31 through April 5, the newspaper reported.

Ruth Soucy, the comptroller's deputy general counsel for open records, said in a letter Friday that the agency determined that "some of the requested information is protected from disclosure."

Soucy's letter cites sections of the Texas Government Code as applicable exemptions from the state's open record law, which includes information related to litigation, including criminal action, and to certain law enforcement records. The comptroller's office says there is no evidence the information has been misused.

Comptroller's spokesman R.J. DeSilva said Monday that the documents from March 31 to April 5 were "part of the investigation file, and they've been turned over to the attorney general's office."

Combs has publicly apologized, blaming human error for the data release, and has announced free credit monitoring for anyone who's been affected.

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Should activists have targeted Senate rule instead of Straus?

■ Two-thirds rule proving to be tougher on budget than speaker.

JASON EMBRY
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Conservative activists who tried to oust Texas House Speaker Joe Straus before the legislative session because they thought he was too moderate might have picked the wrong fight.

Maybe they should have looked to the east side of the Capitol instead of the west.

There is a moderating force in the Legislature this year, but it isn't Straus. It's the same force that has kept both parties in check for many years: the Senate rule that allows a third of the chamber to block almost any bill from coming to the floor.

That rule has allowed Democrats, with help from a few unhappy Republicans, to stall consideration of the Senate's proposed budget, which the right says is bloated and the left says is insufficient.

It also has kept the Senate's Republican majority from moving forward with legislation to allow licensed adults to have handguns in buildings on college campuses, and it has kept the Senate from voting to give school districts temporary authority to reduce teacher pay and institute furloughs.

I'm not saying that the Senate's "two-thirds rule" should be changed. Thoughtful senators from both parties knew exactly what they were doing early this year when they decided to keep it, and the rule plays a critical role in protecting against legislative excesses and forcing senators to build consensus.

But for those in the grass roots who were looking to weed out bipartisanship and moderation, the two-thirds rule should have been a natural target.

It would have been an uphill climb, because senators take the institution itself seriously and don't like to be told what to do. Republicans also know that the rule will help their party when Democrats someday capture a majority.

Instead, many activists from the tea party and/or the Republican Party focused on the speaker's race, and, on the surface, their efforts failed. Most Republicans stuck with Straus, and he won re-election as speaker convincingly. On the other hand, Straus and his team probably felt the need to show that they weren't the moderates that their detractors painted them to be.

That may be one reason why the House has taken such a hard line on the budget, refusing to spend any of the state's rainy day fund over the next two years, even as it passed spending cuts that would close nursing homes and make historic reductions in education spending.

But the Senate plans to spend billions more, in large part because of the two-thirds rule.

For a variety of reasons, not the least of which are the diversity of their constituencies and the size of their districts, senators are less vulnerable to being defeated by a small but highly motivated group of voters from their own party. It's been years since an incumbent Republican senator lost a primary.

But there are signs that the public is starting to pay closer attention to what the Senate does. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Steve Ogden said last week that outside groups had penetrated the clubby Senate, making it more difficult to pass a budget. It seems almost inevitable that some of the same forces will at some point aim for the two-thirds rule.

In fact, it's somewhat surprising that they haven't already.

STATE BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Senate approves sonogram bill

The Texas Senate has given its final approval to a bill requiring doctors to perform a sonogram before performing an abortion.

The measure requires a doctor to perform the sonogram at least 24 hours in advance, unless the woman lives more than 100 miles away from the closest abortion clinic. It requires the doctor to give the woman the option to see the sonogram and hear the fetal heartbeat.

There are exemptions if the woman is a victim of rape or incest or if the fetus has fatal abnormalities.

Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican, says he hopes the bill will reduce the number of abortions. Critics say the measure is designed to intimidate women.

The bill now goes back to the House, which has already passed its own version.

TYLER

Prison for 3rd man over sex assault of 12-year-old girl

A third East Texas gang member has been sentenced to prison for raping a 12-year-old girl after a September high school football game.

A judge in Tyler on Monday sentenced 19-year-old Glenn Authar Williams to 40 years in prison. Williams in April was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Prosecutor Guy Conine says the victim attended a football game in Tyler and then went with three girls she knew to the home of one of the men. Conine on Tuesday told the Associated Press that the victim did not know the men.

Brandon High, who's 20, and 19-year-old Josh Baker in March pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child. Each was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

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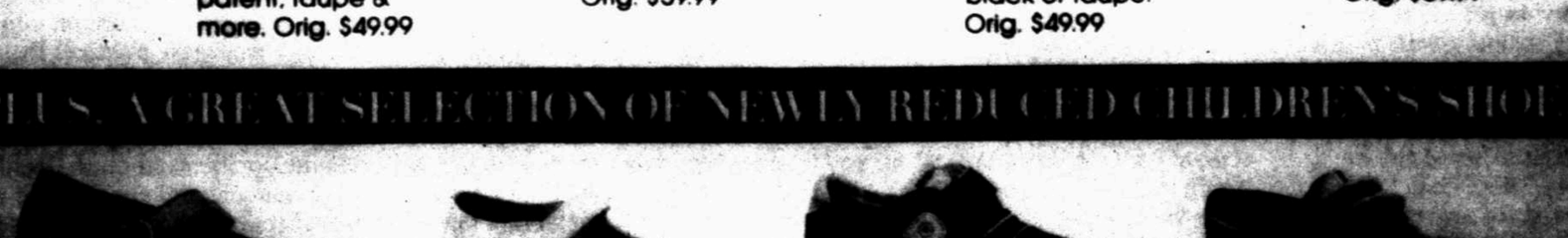

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Lawmaker tied to Leach seeks opinion on contracts

A state lawmaker wants the Texas attorney general to consider whether private money given to public institutions, including large sums tied up in lucrative athletic contracts, should be controlled by legislators.

Rep. Craig Eiland said Tuesday he asked two colleagues to seek the opinion after Texas Tech claimed sovereign immunity in a lawsuit filed by fired football coach Mike Leach.

In a news release, Eiland questioned how a school could claim immunity when private funds supplemented Leach's contract. He didn't immediately comment further.

Eiland has filed a bill that would allow Leach to sue for monetary damages after courts ruled against the former coach.

Eiland says a ruling also could affect a $300 million contract between the University of Texas and ESPN to create the Longhorn Network.

AUSTIN

Bill would give parents relief in truancy cases

The Texas Senate approved a bill that would make it harder for parents to be prosecuted for contributing to a child's truancy.

The unanimous vote Tuesday would end the current practice of charging parents with criminal negligence. Instead, it requires parents be proven to "intentionally" contribute to their child's nonattendance.

This change ensures that parents not only know their children aren't at school, but are actively influencing or causing the absences.

Houston Democrat John Whitmire called his bill a "common sense" approach to dealing with truancy. He argues that in some cases, a single parent is doing everything possible to get their child to school and shouldn't be punished for their child's actions.

AUSTIN

House passes bill to allow guns in parking lots

A proposed law would force companies to allow employees to keep guns in their locked cars.

Employees would be allowed to keep any gun they are legally allowed to possess in their vehicles, even at work.

Under current law, employers may ban workers from bringing guns onto company property.

Republican state Rep. Tim Kleinschmidt said that many companies do not understand the sporting culture in Texas, and why many Texans carry guns in their cars.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jeremy L. Harbour, 25, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies for possession of a controlled substance.

Joe A. Menchaca, 43, of Midland, was arrested Monday by U.S. marshals for violation of parole.

Andres G. Reyes, 51, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Remigio M. Rodriguez, 46, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Frederico Sanchez III, 29, of Midland, was arrested Monday by U.S. marshals on a charge of violation of parole.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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Midland: daily average this week 23.006 million

Midland: daily average last week 23,588,143 million

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Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

I-20 intersection closed

The Midland Police Department will reconstruct a traffic fatality scene today at the intersection of I-20 and Rankin Highway.

The intersection (underneath the overpass) will be closed from 8 a.m. until the early afternoon, and traffic will be detoured. Southbound traffic on Rankin Highway will be sent along the north service road to Cotton Flat Road and northbound traffic either sent down Cotton Flat Road or Lamesa Road.

The accident happened during the early morning hours this past Saturday.

It is advised that motorists avoid this intersection during these hours and find an alternate route.

Water line break

There has been a water line break at the intersections of New York Avenue and South Marienfeld Street and New York Avenue and West Industrial Street, said Tasa Watts, public information officer for the city.

Repairs are expected to be completed by later today.

The water line break should not impact any residents, she said.

Midland has fourth lowest unemployment rate

Midland's 4.6 percent unemployment rate in March is the fourth lowest in the nation, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. The lowest unemployment rate in the nation — 4.1 percent — belongs to Lincoln, Neb.

See the lowest unemployment rates in the nation on Sunday's Your City page.

One warm, dry April

April 2011 will go down as the warmest April on record with an average temperature of 71.5 degrees. It also will be one the four driest Aprils as no rain fell during the month.

See the complete weather report for April on Thursday's Your City page.

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Lottery

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, May 4, the 124th day of 2011. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 4, 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C., to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals. (The Freedom Riders were repeatedly attacked by violent mobs, mostly in Alabama.)

On this date:

In 1916, responding to a demand from President Woodrow Wilson, Germany agreed to limit its submarine warfare. (However, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare the following year.)

In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II. (The outcome of the battle was considered a tactical victory for Japan, but a strategic one for the Allies.)

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

One year ago: A Pakistani-born U.S. citizen was charged with terrorism and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in the botched Times Square bombing. Faisal Shahzad pleaded guilty to plotting to set off the explosive and gave the bomb in an SUV and was sentenced to life in prison.

WOMEN

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entities, only to have it restored by lawsuit," Deuell said. "We do not want this to happen again ... if abortion providers are able to sue and win — they have to win the suit — the program will cease to operate."

The Demonstration Project for Women's Health Care Services is designed to help poor, uninsured women receive health care, to include family planning services.

Ninety percent of the program is funded by the federal government, but Texas law forbids any state money from being spent on abortions. The Legislative Budget Board estimates the health program could result in a net savings of $83 million over the next two years for Texas.

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> — PETER J. DURKIN
> President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast

Opponents said the provision needlessly places the entire program in danger in order to attain an ideological goal of cutting funding for Planned Parenthood, which does not spend any state money on abortions.

"I support the women's health program," said state Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, in voting against the bill.

He said the legislation "cuts out funding for an organization that I think has a track record and a history of providing services without complaints ... and if there is a successful lawsuit, the bill carries the risk the program will cease entirely."

Planned Parenthood said the measure would not stop it from filing suit against the state for the right to provide state-funded health care for low-income women.

"By banning Planned Parenthood from providing health care to more than 40,000 Texas women through the Medicaid Women's Health Program, this Senate bill shreds the health care safety net that saves lives and dollars," said Peter J. Durkin, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast. "Planned Parenthood is prepared to move forward with a lawsuit if that's what it takes to continue to provide cervical cancer screenings and other health care to the women who depend on our health centers."

Parks and Recreation considering new bike trail

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

A walk and bike trail may take shape around the perimeter of the Midland College-Midland Air Park area if the vision of some Parks and Recreation Commission members comes to fruition.

And with a recent community survey conducted by the city of Midland and the Texas Tech Earl Survey Research Center showing "a bare majority" of respondents were satisfied with the number of walking and biking trails, Commissioner David Ham said it's the perfect time for them to be looking at options.

"Basically everybody's happy with Midland except that they want more bike and bike trails," Ham said.

The survey of 1,400 showed Midlanders overwhelmingly were satisfied with the quality of life and quality of services provided in Midland. Eighty-five percent also said they were satisfied or very satisfied with employees being courteous or polite within the city. When it came to bike and bike trails, though, one-third of respondents were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the number of trails.

Commissioner Richard McGrath said they're hoping to establish an roughly 3.7-mile trail around Midland Airpark and the east and north sides of Midland College. He said they're hoping to have different miles of the trail sponsored by private donors to minimize the cost to the city.

It's anticipated it will cost about $55,000 for each mile of crushed granite trail, and commissioners have had interest from three people to sponsor a mile, McGrath said. Eventually, he said the commission would like to develop trails from Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms to C.J. Kelly Park. They envision developing trails along the draws, though he said they understand there are several things that would have to fall into place before that could happen.

"It would be nice to say you can ride from one side of Midland to the other," McGrath said.

Before going ahead with new projects, some commissioners said they want to be sure the city is keeping up with maintenance at its current facilities.

"I'm all for the hike and bike trail, but at some point we have to maintain what we already have," Commissioner Barry Simpson said.

Michael Trost, councilman for district 4, said he agreed. He said the city was not able to fund new projects for the parks department last year, but more funding ... should be available during the coming fiscal year and that doing what's necessary to maintain parks needs to be a priority.

McGrath said they're looking for community input as they work to develop trail plans and that they also will hold "listening meetings" later this year to find out what Midlanders want.

Parks and Recreation Manager Scott Swigert also provided an update on current park renovations.

New playground equipment has been installed at Taylor and Ratliff parks and installation began at Halff Park on Wednesday, he said. City staff are working on other renovations at Taylor Park and then they will move on to Ratliff and Halff parks, he said.

Washington Park also is on the renovation list and will be redone through about $100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, Swigert said. The city anticipates starting construction in late June or early July and having that park completed by October, he said.

Swigert also reported that attendance, revenue and retail sales all are up at the golf course so far this year when compared to the last fiscal year. Revenue through March was at $649,597.94 compared with the $539,524.41 seen through March of 2010.

Weather was one major factor, Swigert said, since rain during 2010 kept attendance down on several days at the course.

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Anyone interested in contributing ideas to a the Hike and Bike Trail subcommittee can email McGrath at rickmac22@gmail.com or call Ham at Peyton's Bikes, 699-1718.

ARSON

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agreed this fire was committed by a suspect who "intentionally (shot) the fireworks from the vehicle, starting a fire on (an area of) open-space/vegetation," the officer wrote in the arrest report.

He continued, "these circumstances were more severe due to the nationally known state of emergency of high fire danger and grass fires in the West Texas area."

Roberson, of Hobbs, N.M., is still being held on a $50,000 bond for allegedly starting the fire that occurred about 2:45 p.m. April 14 at South County Road 1200 and West County Road 150. The fire consumed about 50 acres before firefighters extinguished the blaze.

In the course of responding to that fire, volunteer firefighter Harland Wayne Dizmang, 33, was injured in a traffic accident. Dizmang suffered a concussion when the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department's brush fire unit flipped while making a turn. The water shifted in the tank, causing the driver to lose control.

The Texas Forest Service has reported it has responded to more than 800 fires that have damaged 5,000 structures across 1.4 million acres since Jan. 1.

Texas fires killed two firefighters last month, which only underscore the severity of the fires, said David Hickman, the assistant fire marshal for the Midland Fire Department.

"The conditions speak for themselves. This is the worst we've experienced in the last 80 years," Hickman said recently. "And people starting malicious fires are simply unacceptable. It places firefighters and the public at risk, especially if the fire is unnecessary because the fires are very dynamic and are hard to control."

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ECONOMY

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post-recession recovery," he said.

Crediting the influence of a strong regional oil and gas economy, Ingham observed, "We spend a lot of time talking about how the industry is faring and how it's affecting the overall economy there. ...The reason the industry is doing well is it is providing to the nation a commodity that is in demand.

"The people in the industry don't exist to serve the local economy," he added. "They don't exist for any reason other than to provide a commodity or service in demand and the reason the industry is flourishing, and thus the general economy, is that it provides a commodity consumers clearly want."

Ingham said the combined 133,000 jobs in March is the highest March monthly estimate ever, "so employment has moved into record territory."

Also reaching record territory is what Ingham considers the second key economic indicator — along with jobs — real spending by both households and businesses.

First quarter 2011 sales tax receipts were up 27.7 percent over the first quarter of 2010, he said.

"Again, the numbers in 2011 are not simply higher compared to the recession-impacted periods, they are higher than in any previous period of time and they are adjusted for inflation," Ingham said. "So this critical measure of local and regional economic activity is truly in record territory for 2011."

Not yet returning to its high levels seen in 2007 and 2008 is automotive spending, which is up 34.3 percent in the first quarter compared to the first three months of 2010. Though that figure is below 2007 and 2008, Ingham said, "the trends are certainly moving in the right direction and doing so rapidly."

Construction and real estate remain the least dynamic among the components of the index, with building permit valuations down 26 percent in the first quarter compared to a year ago. Permits for new homes was off a half-percent in the same time period. Ingham pointed out those totals are being compared to high first quarter 2010 totals, which were about 90 percent above the first quarter of 2009.

Midland and Odessa housing sales, he said, continue to be impacted by the same issues impacting other areas around the state and nation — the end of the first-time homebuyers tax credit and tighter mortgage lending. Real estate agents sold 566 homes in the first quarter, up 3.3 percent from 548 in 2010's first three months. However, the average sales price rose 10.9 percent to $191,633 from an average $172,798 in the first quarter of 2010.

"It looks like, to me, the shortage issue is beginning to emerge again," Ingham said. "Prices, were supported during the downturn and beyond but continued 10 percent increases year-over-year says something else is going on."

Market solutions, he added, will take time to ease the shortage and a lack of available housing will continue to push prices higher.

The only threats to continued economic growth, Ingham concluded, is largely political in nature — change to tax policies that would negatively impact the industry or other proposals that would list the sand dune lizard as an endangered species and possibly putting oil-rich areas of the Permian Basin off limits to production.

"For now, however," he said, "industry activity and its multipliers have moved the local and regional economies to the forefront in Texas and across the country and all available evidence suggests that will continue to be the case throughout 2011."

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Bin Laden death not changing GOP hopefuls' plans

By Philip Elliott and Charles Babington
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans hoping to unseat President Barack Obama say they see al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's death as a welcome development but no reason to change political strategy.

While Obama almost surely will get a boost in his poll numbers, advisers for the still-forming field of GOP candidates expect that it will be temporary and that voters will select a president based on how the economy recovers — or doesn't — over the next 18 months.

"This is a major event. I know I woke up the next morning feeling my children are safer, and that's a key issue," said Republican pollster Ed Goeas, who no longer is aligned with a presidential candidate now that Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour has opted out. "The question is whether voters feel safer economically. The focus will return to that fairly quickly. I don't know that this affects the bottom line except in the short term."

A trio of polls released Tuesday reflected an uptick for Obama's overall approval rating in the wake of the bin Laden's death in Pakistan at the hands of Navy SEALs. But that could change quickly. The killing of a terrorist half a world away doesn't change the fact that the unemployment rate remains stubbornly high, gasoline prices are rising and the economic recovery is sluggish. Those are top issues for voters.

Perhaps the biggest political boost for Obama is that bin Laden's death makes it much harder for Republicans to paint the president as unsteady and vacillating on national security.

Republicans generally concluded it would appear churlish to not give Obama credit for the successful raid on bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. So most of the likely GOP presidential candidates and congressional leaders commended the president after bin Laden's death.

But their willingness to credit Obama also may reflect a widespread belief among Republicans that any political benefit for Obama will be fleeting. The election is 18 months away, and leaders of both parties say it will be driven by economic issues such as jobs, gasoline prices and questions of whether middle class Americans feel they are losing ground.

"The public is very much of a what-have-you-done-for-me-lately mindset with presidential approval," said Christopher Gelpi, a Duke University political scientist who studies public opinion and the use of military force. "People experience the economy every day. They experience unemployment every day. ... Bin Laden will be old news by the time (Obama) is running for re-election."

That's why the field of likely 2012 candidates is trying to stay focused on the economy.

"The right thing is we got the bad guy. We're all Americans. This is not a Republican or Democrat thing. This is an American thing," former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said Tuesday, mentioning bin Laden while visiting Nashua, N.H.

But he turned quickly back to his main argument to voters about why they should elect a Republican. "A strong economy," he said.

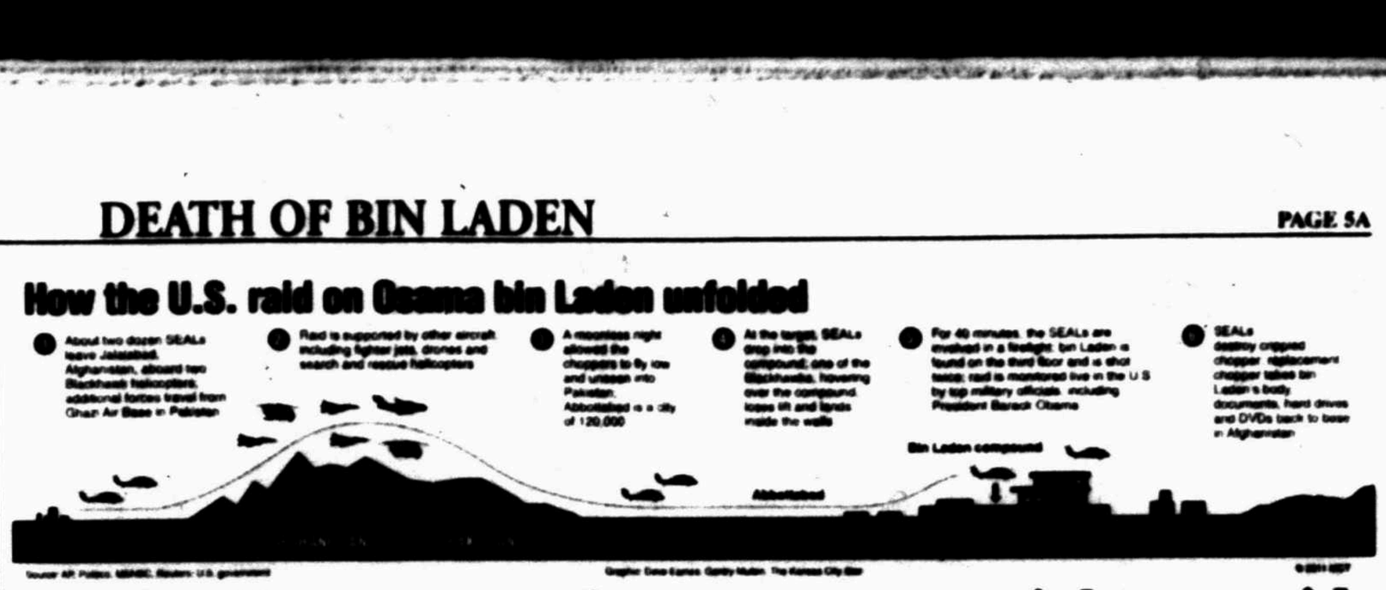
Even though bin Laden's killing dominating the political conversation this week, economic issues were likely to be the focus when several Republican presidential hopefuls meet Thursday in South Carolina for the first presidential debate. Their advisers said they would try to keep the discussion focused on jobs and the economy, and not Obama, who will spend the day in New York City, one of the sites attacked by al-Qaida agents on Sept. 11, 2001.

"The view of him as someone who goes and kills the most hated man in America can't do anything but help him," Republican consultant Michael Goldfarb said.

But, he added, wallets likely were to trump foreign policy.

"If gas is $6 a gallon, he's got a problem that killing everyone in al-Qaida and stringing them up in front of the White House won't be enough to solve," said Goldfarb, who was an adviser to former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin until a few days ago.

Democrats said the successful raid will highlight the lack of national security experience among the likely Republican presidential candidates.



White House struggles to get story right on raid

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Killing Osama bin Laden was a big victory for the U.S., but how exactly the raid went down is another story — and another, and another.

Over two days, the White House has offered contradictory versions of events, including misidentifying which of bin Laden's sons was killed and wrongly saying bin Laden's wife died in gunfire, as it tries to sort through what the president's press secretary called the "fog of combat" and produce an accurate account.

Press Secretary Jay Carney said Tuesday that officials were trying to get information out as quickly as possible about the complex event witnessed by just a handful of people, and the story line was being corrected.

"We provided a great deal of information with great haste in order to inform you. ... And obviously some of the information was, came in piece by piece and is being reviewed and updated and elaborated on," Carney said.

The contradictions and misstatements reflect the fact that even in the case of a highly successful and popular mission, the confusion inherent in a fast-paced, unpredictable military raid conducted under intense pressure in a foreign country does not lend itself immediately to a tidy story line, some experts said.

"People are demanding the equivalent of a movie, they want to know scene by scene the most trivial details. You're in the middle of a combat operation," said Anthony Cordesman, a national security analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"One of the things we all have to be careful about is the idea that you can suddenly rush to transparency and understanding in a matter of minutes or hours on the first day of an event like this."

The circumstances for the Navy SEALs involved hardly lent themselves to careful note-taking. One of their helicopters stalled even before they rushed bin Laden's compound, entering different rooms from different angles, not knowing who they'd find and then, according to the White House, engaging in a firefight. Some of what happened during those 40 minutes in Abbottabad, Pakistan, never may be known.

Nevertheless, the contradictory statements seem certain to raise suspicions about the White House's version of events, given that no independent account from another source is likely to emerge. The only non-U.S. witnesses to survive the raid are in Pakistani custody.

Some of the White House contradictions and corrections that have emerged so far:

■ White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan told reporters Monday that bin Laden's son Khalid was killed in the raid. When the White House released a transcript of Brennan's briefing, it substituted the name of a different son, Hamza. The White House said that was a transcription error.

■ Brennan said bin Laden's wife died while shielding the terrorist leader from U.S. gunfire. Carney said Tuesday that the wife hadn't died and was merely shot in the leg, although another woman did die. But it wasn't clear that either of them was trying to shield bin Laden.

■ Brennan and other officials suggested bin Laden was holding a gun and even firing at U.S. forces. Carney said Tuesday that bin Laden was unarmed.

■ Officials have offered varying accounts of how President Barack Obama and his team in the White House Situation Room were able to monitor the raid. Without providing details on the technology involved, Brennan said that "we were able to monitor in a real-time basis the progress of the operation from its commencement to its time on target to the extraction of the remains and to then the egress off of the target."

CIA Director Leon Panetta told PBS on Tuesday that "Once those teams went into the compound, I can tell you that there was a time period of almost 20 or 25 minutes that we really didn't know just exactly what was going on."

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Death of bin Laden is a victory for America

■ Sure the "face of evil" might have become a symbol, but that symbol "profoundly misjudged our national character."

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The Russians have a proverb, "God hurries not, but misses not." In the case of Osama bin Laden, we may have been in a hurry but still had to wait 10 long years since the day he crushed and incinerated thousands on our soil.

It's hard to know what the condign punishment is for such a savage act of mass murder. Getting shot in the head by U.S. forces who descend on your compound in an operation of ruthless efficiency and then jettison your corpse into the sea has to be close to the mark, though. As President Barack Obama said, simply and unassailably, "Justice has been done."

For all his medieval obscurantism, bin Laden represented a quite contemporary anti-Americanism. He turned up the intensity of critiques of America as a predatory empire popular in precincts of the left. "It wants to occupy our countries," bin Laden said when he first declared war on us, "steal our resources, impose agents on us to rule us and then wants us to agree to all this." He continued, "Wherever we look, we find the U.S. as the leader of terrorism and crime in the world."

Although without staying power. He scorned us for exiting Somalia in the 1990s after "minor battles." "You left the area carrying disappointment, humiliation, defeat and your dead with you." He saw us as both evil and weak and proved wrong on both counts.

The raid against his compound had all the hallmarks of an American operation. Even when pursuing our most infamous enemy, we took every care to know we were attacking the right house containing the right people. For us, innocent life means something. Bin Laden's comrades were reportedly cowards to the end, using a woman as a human shield.

If bin Laden truly believed we'd curl up in a fetal position after Sept. 11, or we'd ever stop hunting him, he profoundly misjudged our national character. Our manhunt for him was relentless and meticulous, building rather than winding down over the years, as we slowly put together the pieces to track down his courier and then him.

The effort stretched across two administrations, with both George W. Bush and Obama making contributions. The much-reviled interrogation program at Guantanamo Bay turned up crucial information, and to his credit, Obama ordered a risky, honest-to-goodness raid of bin Laden's compound for the sake of definitiveness.

Its success was met with spontaneous celebrations recalling the sense of unity we briefly had after 9/11. President Bush eventually regretted saying he wanted bin Laden "dead or alive." In the relief and joy at the terror mastermind's dispatch, though, it seemed Bush had gotten American sentiment about right. There's enough Jacksonianism left in this country that we can relish some old-fashioned score-settling. As one jubilant handmade sign said outside the White House, "Osama bin gotten."

As bin Laden had eluded us through the years, we heard less about him from the upper reaches of the U.S. government and more talk of how he was a merely symbolic figure. But symbols matter, especially when the symbol is someone to whom countless terrorists have pledged their loyalty. When the communists had custody of the Romanovs after the Russian Revolution, Vladimir Lenin favored killing them all lest they become "living banners." Bin Laden constituted the foremost "living banner" of the jihadist war against America.

We'll learn more about what the Pakistanis knew in coming days, but it's suggestive that bin Laden's conspicuously secure, $1 million compound was so close to a prestigious Pakistani military academy and that we hit it without a heads up to the Pakistan government. If we'll go after bin Laden without Pakistan's permission, why not the Quetta headquarters of the Taliban that is fighting an active war against us across the border in Afghanistan?

A superpower should be stalwart with its friends and dangerous to its enemies. We have failed both ends of that test recently. For now, at least, we've again proven ourself dangerous to our enemy, indeed.

OUR VIEW

District should give Williams a permit to pump water

It has been a tedious process that has been contentious from the start, but we hope some questions are settled this week when the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District board begins hearings to consider whether it will grant Williams' Fort Stockton Holdings a production permit to pump up to 15.45 billion gallons of water per year from his land.

Of course, this decision impacts far more than Clayton Williams' right to pump water from his property. If granted permission to transport the water, there are plans to build pipelines and infrastructure at a cost of up to $375 million so the water can be sold from a water district near Midland International Airport. It is hoped this move will help bulk up the future water supply of Midland.

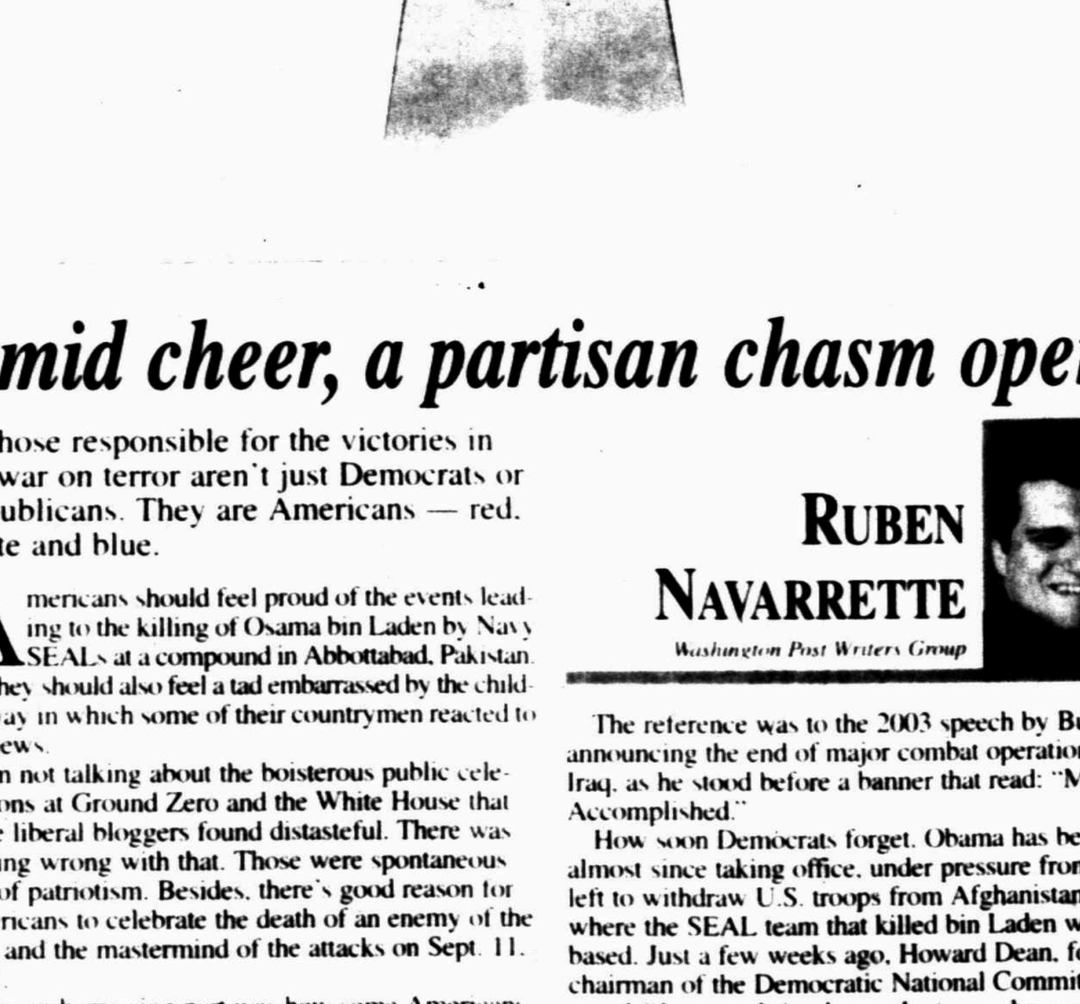
It is our hope that Williams' Fort Stockton Holdings eventually will gain the right to move the water to the Midland water district. **We think Williams has the right to do so, but we do understand the concerns the residents of Fort Stockton** have in this issue. They want to protect their own natural resource at all cost, and there lies the dispute.

Nevertheless, we think Williams' plan stands the test of Texas law and science. First, Texas tradition allows property owners to harvest, ship and sell goods coming from the owned property. Oil is a good example. Property owners share in oil revenue as royalty owners when oil is discovered on their property. We see little difference in this model here with the exception that Williams plans to do the harvesting of the water himself rather than through an investor such as an oil company.

Also, we believe the due diligence has been rendered on the science of the project. Studies indicate water levels may decline but not in a significant amount. More than 70 years of data show even if all permits granted were pumped to full capacity levels, the model estimated 2060 water levels would decline by about 35 feet, which is less than the drop seen in the 1970s when pumping was at its height before permits were required.

This makes us comfortable with the Williams plan, and we see no reason why the interests of Williams, Fort Stockton and Midland can't all be served without creating a problem for any side. This has to be a win-win situation in a day when water resources are becoming scarce.

It is our hope this hearing also will take this stance. This issue eventually could end up in the Texas Supreme Court, but we wish it could be decided among those of us in West Texas. Either way, the matter is much too important not to explore the full merit of the idea. That may mean traveling the full course of the process as tedious as that might be.



Amid cheer, a partisan chasm opens

■ Those responsible for the victories in the war on terror aren't just Democrats or Republicans. They are Americans — red, white and blue.

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Americans should feel proud of the events leading to the killing of Osama bin Laden by Navy SEALs at a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. But they should also feel a tad embarrassed by the childish way in which some of their countrymen reacted to the news.

I'm not talking about the boisterous public celebrations at Ground Zero and the White House that some liberal bloggers found distasteful. There was nothing wrong with that. Those were spontaneous acts of patriotism. Besides, there's good reason for Americans to celebrate the death of an enemy of the state and the mastermind of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The embarrassing part was how some Americans couldn't wait to cast this historic event in partisan terms, either denying credit to the Bush administration and giving it entirely to the Obama administration — or the other way around. Instead of relishing this rare opportunity for everyone to come together and mark the accomplishment of an important goal for the country, many Americans instinctively retreated into camps of red or blue.

This already was painfully obvious to anyone who, in the first 24 hours after President Obama announced bin Laden was dead, spent time on some of the most popular social media websites. Sides were being taken. But it became official when an article was posted by Kasie Hunt and Mike Allen of Politico noting: "The hunt for Osama bin Laden is over, but the quest for credit is just getting started. ... Even in a rare moment of national unity, the political stakes provide a temptation — and even an imperative — for the parties to jostle for maximum advantage."

And it isn't just the political parties that are jostling. Americans from all walks of life are doing the same. In Dallas, someone drew up a sign saying "Obama 1, Bush 0," and left it near the former president's home.

On the left, anti-war liberals who are usually less than enthusiastic about the use of U.S. military power have gone hawkish. They can't help but gloat that President Obama did what President Bush could not do after 9/11: bring Osama bin Laden to justice "dead or alive." In one particularly tasteless jab at the former president, Democratic Rep. Gary Ackerman of New York told CNN that the killing of bin Laden was "the 'Mission Accomplished' moment President Bush only fantasized about."

The reference was to the 2003 speech by Bush announcing the end of major combat operations in Iraq, as he stood before a banner that read: "Mission Accomplished."

How soon Democrats forget. Obama has been, almost since taking office, under pressure from the left to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan, where the SEAL team that killed bin Laden was based. Just a few weeks ago, Howard Dean, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, urged Obama to bring home the troops because it is "not a winnable war." And of course, there was the obligatory reference to the Vietnam War, which Dean said, "showed us we shouldn't prop up corrupt governments, and that's what we've got in Afghanistan."

On the right, Obama's critics were a little better about giving the president the credit he deserves — but with a caveat. Republican lawmakers and conservative commentators would only praise Obama for following Bush's lead in the war on terror. In a statement, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia said: "I commend President Obama who has followed the vigilance of President Bush in bringing bin Laden to justice." In other words, it was a package deal.

Others gave in to partisanship. Former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld gave most of the credit to Bush for breaking down walls and improving communication between the branches of the military and between the Pentagon and the CIA, which Rumsfeld called "the right things to do." He also put in a good word for controversial anti-terror tactics when he told Politico that the intelligence that led to killing bin Laden "may very well have been from the interrogation process" approved by the Bush administration.

This political gamesmanship was predictable. It's also unseemly, unproductive and unwelcome. It's obvious who should get the credit for killing Osama bin Laden: everyone involved. It's both Bush and Obama. Most of all, it's the military leaders and intelligence specialists who served their country under both presidents. These unsung heroes of the war on terror aren't painted in partisan colors. They only come in red, white and blue.

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We asked our Facebook fans to give us their thoughts on the death of Osama bin Laden. Here is what a few of them had to say (comments edited for punctuation and spelling only):

"Justice and closure for those families who have lost loved ones."

– Galen Burnett-Haynes

"One less terrorist to worry about but I'm worried what's next."

– Codi Lin Nugent

"This must have been what it felt like when Adolf Hitler died. I think things will be different from now on. Only time will tell if it is good or bad."

– Terrence Cain

"I need like DNA proof that he is dead. I wouldn't believe even a picture unless it truly was his face. I don't just believe what the president tells me on TV."

– Nicholas Isaacks

"I find it interesting that people are praising Bush for this event and yet many of the same people will not acknowledge that the economic downturn and bank bailouts were because of Bush, too. If our current president inherited the mess and is doing what he can to make things right, then give him credit for this. At least we have a president who is willing to discuss and find other solutions besides shooting first or bombing a whole village to get to one person."

– Heather Francell

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BIN LADEN ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Bin Laden unarmed when SEALs stormed room

Osama bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs burst into his room and shot him to death, the White House said Tuesday, a change in the official account that raised questions about whether the U.S. ever planned to capture the terrorist leader alive.

The Obama administration was still debating whether to release gruesome images of bin Laden's corpse, balancing efforts to demonstrate to the world that he was dead against the risk that the images could provoke further anti-U.S. sentiment. But CIA Director Leon Panetta said a photograph would be released.

"I don't think there was any question that ultimately a photograph would be presented to the public," Panetta said in an interview with "NBC Nightly News." Asked again later by The Associated Press, he said, "I think it will."

PAKISTAN

Bin Laden's neighbors noticed unusual things

ABBOTTABAD — When a woman involved in a polio vaccine drive turned up at Osama bin Laden's hideaway, she remarked to the men behind the high walls about the expensive SUVs parked inside. The men took the vaccine, apparently to administer to the 23 children at the compound, and told her to go away.

The terror chief and his family kept well hidden behind thick walls in this northwestern hill town they shared with thousands of Pakistani soldiers. But glimpses of their life are emerging — along with deep skepticism that authorities didn't know they were there.

Although the house is large, it was unclear how three dozen people could have lived there with any degree of comfort.

Neighbors said they knew little about those inside in the compound but bin Laden apparently depended on two men who would routinely emerge to run errands or to a neighborhood gathering, such as a funeral. There were conflicting details about the men's identities. Several people said they were known as Tariq and Arshad Khan and had identified themselves as cousins from elsewhere in northwestern Pakistan. Others gave different names and believed they were brothers.

As Navy SEALs swept through the compound early Monday, they handcuffed those they encountered with plastic zip ties and pressed on in pursuit of bin Laden. After killing the terror leader, his son and two others, they doubled back to move nine women and 23 children away from the compound, according to U.S. officials.

Those survivors of the raid are now "in safe hands and being looked after in accordance to the law," the Pakistani government said in a statement. "As per policy, they will be handed over to their countries of origin." It did not elaborate.

WASHINGTON

With bin Laden gone, will US stick to war plan?

The demise of Osama bin Laden complicates what was already a tough call for President Barack Obama: how to wind down the nearly decade-old war in Afghanistan. Now the symbolic reason for staying in the fight — to get al-Qaida's leader and avenge 9/11 — has been undercut.

Momentum had been building in Congress and elsewhere for a shift to a narrower, less costly military mission in Afghanistan even before the U.S. raid that killed bin Laden.

This could suit Obama's desire to put Afghanistan behind him by beginning a phased troop pullout this summer along with NATO partners. But it also could put him at sharper odds with his military commanders, who argue for a slower drawdown and a longer-term military commitment that they believe would lessen the chances of Afghanistan again falling apart.

U.S. commanders fear squandering hard-fought battlefield gains, particularly those achieved with the addition last year of an extra 30,000 American troops.

OBL's death: Defining moment for young America?

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press

First there were a few cheers. Then, as news that Osama bin Laden was dead beamed from TV screens around them, the crowd at a campus bar erupted.

For once, Alyssa Pupino thought, she was in the right place at the right time.

"I really don't think I would've felt more American if there was a slice of apple pie sitting right in front of me," says the junior at Ohio State University.

They partied Sunday night at Ohio State and Notre Dame and Stanford and many other campuses, rejoicing in the death of the man who claimed responsibility for the greatest act of mass murder on American soil. Students from George Washington University joined the throng chanting "USA! USA!" outside the White House.

Commentators and others cast bin Laden's death as a defining moment for young Americans who grew up in the shadow of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, nearly a decade ago. On Twitter, someone posted a link to a photo of celebrations at the University of Delaware and called it an "intense sense of closure for people who were frightened little kids in '01."

But it was also, to be truthful, an excuse to party and let loose for a few hours.

Sean Morrow, a senior at Clark University in Massachusetts, watched with fascination as his friends' Facebook pages lit up with photos and status updates from various impromptu gatherings on other campuses.

"It's kind of surreal to watch people celebrating someone's death," says Morrow, a political science major. But he understands it because, for him and many others his age, bin Laden was their boogeyman, "the main negative person of our generation."

Add to that the news broke late at night — and that many college students are finishing up exams and ready to blow off steam — and the stage was set for revelry, he says.

A defining moment? Perhaps, he and others say, because they say they will always remember where they were when they heard the news. But some — even a number of young people themselves — are doubtful it will shape them in the way that, say, the death of JFK molded baby boomers.

"It now becomes part of the narrative of 9/11. But there's little to lead us to believe that this will be the watershed moment for them that we might like it to be," says Alexander Riley, a cultural sociologist at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. "They're treating this news item like they're treating other news items."

And that is with an intensity, in the moment, but also a quickness to move on to the next topic.

Richard Laermer, a publicist in New York who tracks youth trends, calls events like these "bolts from the blue," which resonate until the next hot topic arises.

"Twitter was all about Osama bin Laden until 5 a.m. (Monday) when suddenly the hottest topic was the rap singer Drake, who has a new duet out," says Laermer, author of the book "2011: Trendspotting for the Next Decade."

"I think we like to give them credit for something. I think they swagger and make these great statements," Laermer continues. But in the end, he likened the scene outside the White House more to "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve" than a serious reaction.

Pupino, the Ohio State student, knows what he means. Even she said the celebrations on her campus reminded her of the parties that break out after the football or basketball teams beat a rival like the University of Michigan. Early Monday, dozens of students jumped into a campus lake, as they often do after games.

"But I think a lot of them were sober this time," Pupino says, chuckling. "It was a different type of joy," more like the elation many students felt when President Obama was elected.

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NEW YORK

Scott Pelley taking over for Couric as CBS anchor

CBS' new pick to anchor the evening news, Scott Pelley, said Tuesday that he'll bring his "60 Minutes" sensibility to the job and will do his most important work behind the scenes to try to pull the program out of its years-long ratings slump.

Pelley, who has been at CBS since 1989, was named Tuesday to replace Katie Couric and will start in his new role June 6.

He said he instantly agreed when asked to fill the anchor seat that had been occupied by Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather and Bob Schieffer before Couric took over five years ago this fall. CBS has rarely been out of last place in the ratings over the past decade.

"The opportunity to lead the organization as managing editor of the evening news is something you aspire to, something you never believe you could actually achieve," Pelley said in an interview Tuesday.

CBS hasn't set an exit date for Couric, who is expected to start a daytime talk show at either ABC or CBS. Her contract expires June 4.

WASHINGTON

Americans 45 and older are new voting-age majority

For the first time, Americans 45 and older make up a majority of the voting-age population, giving older Americans wider influence in elections as the U.S. stands divided over curtailing Medicare and other benefits for seniors.

Along with the information about the growing influence of older adults, preliminary census estimates also show a decline in the number of married couples with children, slight growth in household size and a rapid rise in the number of Mexicans.

The findings, based on the latest publicly available government data, offer a preview of trends that will be detailed in the next round of 2010 census results being released this month that focus on age, household relationships and racial subgroups.

As a whole, the numbers point to a rapidly graying nation driven largely by the nation's 78 million baby boomers, who are now between the ages of 46 and 65 and looking ahead to retirement.

Currently, there are roughly 119 million people 45 and older who make up 51 percent of the voting-age population, with Americans 55 and older representing a large bulk of that group. The new majority share is up from 46 percent in 2000 and 42 percent in 1990.

The preliminary figures are based on the Census Bureau's 2009 population estimates as well as the 2009 American Community Survey, which samples 3 million U.S. households. The 2010 census surveyed the entire nation.

Mexicans increased by roughly 50 percent over the last decade to roughly 32 million and now make up close to 66 percent of all Hispanics. They were followed by Puerto Ricans, at more than 4.4 million or 9 percent share; Cubans at 1.7 million or 3.5 percent share; and other Hispanics, at 10.5 million or 22 percent.

HAVANA

Cuba puts peas in the coffee again

Cubans' morning joe will be a little more bitter and a little less potent as the island returns to mixing coffee with roasted peas in a cost-saving move.

The blend is being distributed beginning this month for domestic consumption, the Interior Commerce Ministry said Tuesday in an announcement published by Communist Party newspaper Granma. The change apparently will not affect coffee for export, for sale in pricier stores or in establishments catering to tourists.

Coffee with peas isn't as foamy when it boils, and the end result is a strong-tasting, less caffeinated brew, said Froilan Valido, an unemployed gas bill collector.

MISSOURI

Levee blast eases threat to Illinois town

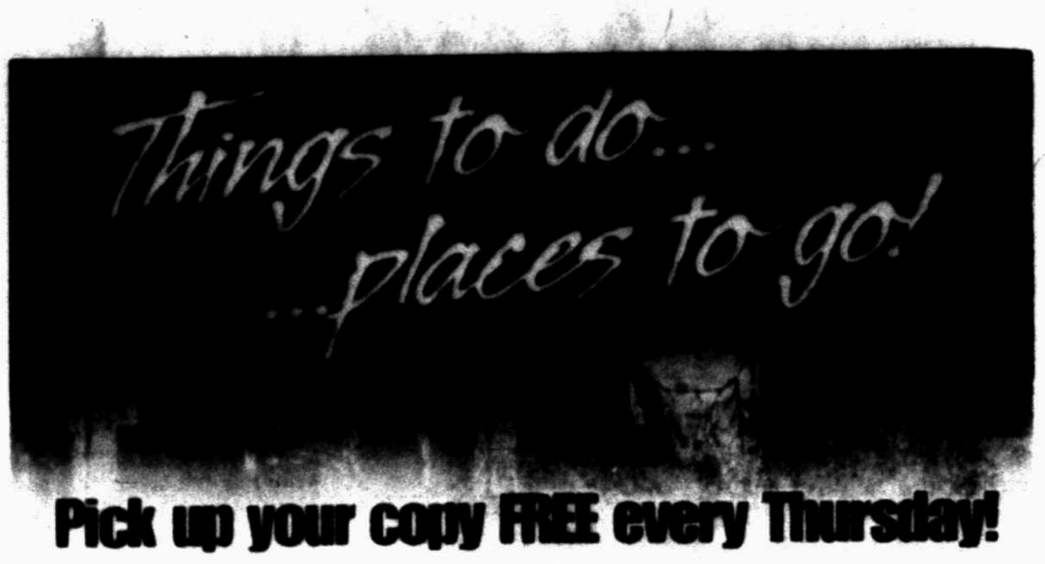
WYATT — The dramatic, late-night demolition of a huge earthen levee sent floodwaters pouring onto thousands of acres of Missouri farmland Tuesday, easing the threat to a tiny Illinois town being menaced by the Mississippi River.

But the blast near Cairo, Ill., did nothing to ease the risk of more trouble down stream, where the mighty river is expected to rise to its highest levels since the 1920s in some parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

"We're making a lot of unfortunate history here in Mississippi in April and May," said Jeff Rent, a spokesman for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. "We had the historic tornados, and now this could be a historic event."

The Army Corps of Engineers was considering making similar use of other "floodways" — enormous basins surrounded by giant levees that can be opened to divert floodwaters.

A series of explosions lit up the night sky Monday over the Mississippi with orange flashes and opened a massive hole in the Birds Point levee.



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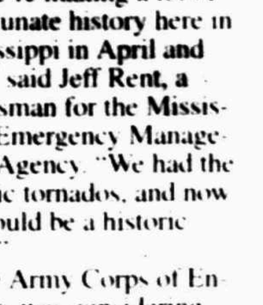

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chicken fried STATE

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Lamesa celebrates designation as birthplace of Texas culinary favorite

By Joan Huff

Attention chicken fried steak lovers: Do you know what West Texas town is credited with creating this favorite dish? Last week was exciting for residents of Lamesa, as their town officially was designated by the Texas State Legislature in House Concurrent Resolution 134 as the "Legendary Home of the Chicken-Fried Steak." Six months ago, former Mayor Kelvin Barkowsky applied for the designation and Tom Craddick helped get it passed.

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According to legend and based on an article by Larry BeSaw first published Jan. 11, 1976, in the Austin American Statesman, "One cold, windy day in Lamesa, Texas, in 1911, a short order cook by the name of James Donald Perkins created perhaps the tastiest dish found in Texas, the chicken-fried steak. Perkins was known to his friends as Jimmy Don and, like many great discoveries, the invention of the chicken-fried steak was an accident. Perkins would say later that he owed it all to his lack of formal education. He could not read well, so when the waitress turned in an order that read, "Chicken, Fried Steak," Perkins misread it to say, "Chicken-Fried Steak." Not realizing what she wanted was an order of chicken and an order of fried steak, Perkins was somewhat puzzled as to what to do so folks wouldn't know he had no idea how to cook this dish. So, he decided he would cook the steak like he would chicken. So, he took a piece of steak, rolled it in flour and milk and fried it. The rest is history."

Perkins decided — and rightly so — the tastiest way to serve his newly created dish was with french fries or mashed potatoes and cream gravy. As people heard about this delicacy, they came from all over the state to try it. Soon, chicken fried steak became a staple of a Texan's diet as its popularity spread throughout the state. Although people may not remember Perkin's name, they continue to enjoy this accident in culinary history. Those from Lamesa feel a restaurant with any class at all has chicken fried steak on the menu.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of chicken fried steak and being named the official birthplace of such a popular meal, Lamesa had its first celebration last weekend. Sandra Adams, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Fred Vera, city manager; Marie Hatchett, city secretary; and Irma Ramirez organized "Lamesa's Original Chicken-Fried Steak Festival." They kicked it off with nothing less than a chicken fried steak dinner in the Lamar Forrest Park Community Center with live music by Ironweed Band.

Saturday morning, there was a 5K run and an entire lineup of entertainment, including a chicken-fried steak cook-off. The winner was Darin Epley of Spike Dykes Ford. Other events included team roping, various choral groups and dancers, a pie eating contest, pet costume contest and classic car show. More than 52 vendors set up booths with merchandise for sale. Saturday evening events included music that started at 4 p.m. and continued until midnight. The weekend ended with Sunday morning worship with the Cowboy Church in the community center.

"This is our first year for the event and it was such a success," Adams said. "We had great weather on Saturday and a huge crowd. It will be held annually the third weekend of April and will continue to grow."

If you want to try chicken-fried steak from its official home, you can find the Texas delicacy on the menu at Pedroza's, 1501 N. Dallas Ave. which is Highway 87, and The Feed Lot, 104 N.E. 14th, behind Pedroza's. Lamesa caterer Dorothy Hunter, 806-332-8065, also is said to make delicious chicken fried steak.

Certified professional midwife Dawn Cockrell, center, delivered Heidi Yarbrough's 13-month-old daughter Olivia, left, and Jennifer Villarreal's 6-month-old daughter Hope, right, and 3-year-old son Evan, left. Yarbrough's 4-year-old daughter Savanna, seated left, was delivered in the hospital, but was present during her sister's delivery at the family's residence.

MOTHER to MOTHER

Midland woman finds calling welcoming new life

Midlander Dawn Cockrell doesn't just talk the talk in her job; she already has walked the walk. Cockrell has given birth to four children — all in her home. After her first daughter was born in 1994, Cockrell decided to look into becoming a midwife herself.

"I was in and out of different medical jobs; I was already a clinical thinker anyway," she said. "I was ready to change the world, one baby at a time."

Cockrell was 16 when she witnessed her mother giving birth in a hospital to her younger sister. The experience, which she described as dramatic, caused her to not want children; but when she became pregnant four years after marrying her husband, Cockrell decided to have a home birth.

"We had no clue what we were getting into — my midwife just put books in my hands and I started learning and learning," she said. "It was a difficult delivery, but my midwife believed in me and said I could do it."

Cockrell's daughter, Summer, was only 6 weeks old when Cockrell attended her first birth as a midwifery student.

"I was nursing as the mom was pushing, in a sling with an apron over it," she said. A few months later, she began teaching natural childbirth and joined a midwifery school. She enrolled in the Association of Texas Midwives training program in 1998, and apprenticed at birth centers around West Texas, all while raising a family. She became a nationally certified professional midwife in November 2001. A midwife-to-be with no other responsibilities could finish the entire Association of Texas Midwives training program in 2 1/2 years, she said.

Cockrell opened her practice, West Texas Birth Services, the same year she earned her certification. She serves all of West Texas and the eastern portion of New Mexico and operates under the Texas Department of State Health Services. Though expecting mothers and fathers will make prenatal visits to her clinic in Odessa, she prefers to deliver babies in the home.

"I realized after two years of owning a birth center that almost all of my moms after their care at the birth center went from wanting that birth center birth to asking for everything at the home," she said. "I preferred home every time."

Last weekend Cockrell sat in the home of her friend, Jennifer Villarreal, smiling as Villarreal's 6-month-old daughter tried to crawl in the living room. Heidi Yarbrough carefully monitored her 13-month-old wandering about the room. Both babies were delivered by Cockrell.

"I pay my electric bill doing something I love doing, and I can see myself doing it at 90 years old saying, 'Wheel me up; I can see her crowning!'" Cockrell said. "I'd love to be a granny midwife."

Cockrell said her deliveries in Midland or Odessa, which usually can be covered by maternity insurance, will cost about $4,700, and home births outside of a one-hour driving radius would raise the cost to about $6,700. Some midwives in larger areas charge about $3,500. A home birth can cut the cost of a delivery to about a half or less of what it would cost to give birth in the hospital, according to Cockrell, and when the economic downturn hit Midland in 2008, she became busier because of her ability to finance up to 18 months. It could be a lucrative business, Cockrell admits, depending on how much time a midwife can handle away from her (or occasionally his) family.

Cockrell schedules patients' appointments on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the rest of the week she can be found at Bible study or home schooling her four children.

"Sometimes when I get home and I'm exhausted, my daughter will rub my feet — it's something to deposit in the bank of mommy-hood so I can go back out and deliver babies," she said. "Sometimes I do feel mothered out; that's why I only do two days a week. I'd burn out otherwise."

The midwife has made a concentrated effort to do only about 20 to 25 births per year, and currently has three student midwives on staff. She tries to help cross-train as many student midwives as possible so there will be more midwives available for rural locations. Her husband, David, helps her with the administrative side of the business. Because she tries to limit herself to fewer clients, Cockrell said, she's able to make lasting connections with the expecting couples. Villarreal said the shortest prenatal visit she ever experienced with Cockrell lasted 45 minutes. Cockrell only handles low-risk pregnancies — though no pregnancy is perfect, she says — and has about a 13 to 18 percent rate of transport or transfer care during the pregnancy or delivery. She always travels with her mothers to the hospital for support but lets the doctors take over.

"I'm not a control freak; I can just

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WORKING FOR A LIVING

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HAIRSPRAY
Bryan Foreman as Link gets down on one knee as he talks with Katie Bailey as Tracy in MCT's production of Hairspray.

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BEHIND the SCENES

High energy audience keeps cast enthusiastic on musical's opening night

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

In the crowded dressing room 45 minutes before the curtain call on opening night, the leading actress leaned in close to the mirror to apply her makeup. She grabbed a brown pencil and applied a beauty mark on her cheek. The stage manager came into the room and announced warm ups were to begin in two minutes.

The six ladies scrambled to finish what they were doing and rushed out to the stage to join the other 20 cast members. They did mic checks and body warm ups. They sang a few lyrics and warmed up their voices with tongue twisters.

"Eunice, you need unique New York," they said together in unison. "She sells seashells by the seashore."

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Katie Bailey is 25 and no stranger to the stage. She's lived in Midland all her life and, since the age of 10, has been performing with the Midland Community Theatre.

She wasn't familiar with the musical "Hairspray" when her friends and family started encouraging her to do the lead role. She watched the movie before auditions and said she thought it would be fun.

There were 30 other women who came out the night she auditioned for the role of Tracy Turnblad. Set in Baltimore in 1962, the

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Obituaries

Helen Ruth "Mama" Brock Bryant

Helen Ruth Brock Bryant of Midland, passed away Saturday, April 30, 2011. She was born on September 24, 1937, to Roy Edward and Belle Cobb Thorn Bryant. After the death of her mother, she was raised by Floyd and Eula Mae Brock, an aunt and uncle, in Levelland, Texas, where she attended High School. She met and married Calvin Louis Bryant, after he spent four years in the Air Force, on June 26, 1955. They were married at Harmony Baptist Church in Levelland.

Helen loved singing and was always singing alto with her family from the old Baptist hymn book. She joined the choir at every church, she was a member of and was a willing participant in many quartets. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Midland. She was a housewife who raised six kids. She was thrifty feeding her family, a pro at gardening, cooking, and canning. She so enjoyed playing cards three times a week with her best friends of many years, her gal pals. She was a firm believer of the work and goals of the WMU - Women's Missionary Union and was a faithful worker in its projects. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother that wished for all to live a life worthy of Christ's blessings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 52 years, Calvin Bryant, one son, Parrish Wayne Bryant, also her brother, Leo Brock, her sisters, Ruby Mae Brock Taylor and Juanita Brock Tribble.

Helen's surviving family includes her daughter, Paula Sue Schaus and husband, Marlon of Rio Rancho, NM; son, Perry Bryant and wife, Jenny of Midland; son, Rev. Pat Bryant of Midland; daughter, Phyllis Bryant Mason and husband, Rev. John Mark Mason of Midland; and son, Prentice Bryant and wife, Sandra of Midland. Also included are her sisters, Edna Turpin and Cleo Schnorr of Albuquerque, NM; mother-in-law, Edith Bryant of Levelland, Texas; sister-in-law, Mildred Throckmorten and husband, Dan of Colorado; brother-in-law, Ralph Bryant and wife, Hortencia of Laredo, Texas; brother-in-law, Ronnie Bryant and wife, Sydna of Kingsland, Texas; brother-in-law, Butch Bryant and wife, Judy of Levelland; and sister-in-law, Linda Holt and husband, Eddy of Midland. Also surviving are grandchildren: Becky and Ryan Spurlock, John Allen and Stacy Mason, Jennifer and Robert Fowler, Dani Bryant Murray, of Missouri, Sarah Ruth Bryant, of Rio Rancho, NM, Kristen Bryant, Caleb Bryant, Kelsey Pine, Joshua Bryant and Ezra Bryant, all of Midland; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Tuesday May 3, 2011, at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Wednesday May 4, 2011, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

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Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Joyce LaRue Stout Johnson

Joyce LaRue Stout Johnson, 74, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at her home in Midland, Texas.

She was born in Texon, Texas on June 22, 1936. She spent her childhood years at the Stout Ranch in Stiles until the family moved to Big Lake. In 1952 she married her husband of 59 years, Roy R. Johnson, where they raised a family of three before moving to Midland in 1965. She worked for many years as a receptionist for Dr. J.C. Whitaker, DDS, before retiring. She enjoyed flowers, nature, traveling, and playing bridge with her friends. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her parents, S.E. and Emma Stout; brothers, Seth, Billy, and John Stout; and son, Randy R. Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, Roy R. Johnson of Midland; daughters, Janise and husband, T.D. Shivers, of Mexia, and Julie Johnson of Odessa; three grandchildren, Christopher Shivers and wife, Jennifer of Mexia, Emily and Daniel Johnson of Edmond, OK; one great-grandchild, Kaison. Survivors also include her sister, Evelyn and husband, R.L. McKinney of Big Lake; a brother, Butch and wife, Sharon Stout of Big Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joyce was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland and the Keystone Sunday School Class.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2011, Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, with the Reverend Kathryn G. Boren of St. Luke's United Methodist Church officiating.

Special thanks and love go to Hospice of Midland: Sandy, Edith, and Rachel; and caregivers, Nena and Maria. They all shared a special bond, and their kindness and love is appreciated.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas Street, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Mary R. Castillo

Mary R. Castillo, 85, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Mary was born in Big Canyon, Oklahoma on Sunday, November 29, 1925, to Jacinto Rivera and Margarita Sanchez.

Mary was married to Manuel S. Castillo in 1950, and they moved to Midland in that same year.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers: Richard Rivera of Dimmit TX, and Thomas Rivera of Lubbock TX.

Left to cherish Mary's memory is her husband, Manuel; her sons, Mario Castillo, Ramon Castillo, and Robert Castillo; her daughters, Angie Hicks Byrd, Helen Silva, Margarita Gloria Rangel, and Rosie Castillo Brito. Also, her brothers, Jacinto Rivera of Lawton, OK, Roland Rivera of Corpus Christi, TX, Doroteo Rivera of Lawton, OK, Ray Rivera of Germany, and her sister, Rosa Gonzales of Hamlin, TX; as well as numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

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Stanley H. Fox

Stanley H. Fox, 85, passed away in Midland, Texas on April 30, 2011. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday May 7, 2011, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Rev. Kathryn Boren officiating, with entombment following at Resthaven Memorial Park Mausoleum under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Honorary pall bearers will be Robert C. Bledsoe, Paul Davis, Jr., Win Farquhar, Lloyd Henderson, Cecil Rhodes, and Rodney Robinson.

Stanley was born in Ranger, Texas, May 28, 1925, to George H. and Christine Donaho Fox. He was raised in Dallas and Sulphur Springs, Texas, where he graduated from high school. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January, 1944 and was discharged in May 1946, after serving in the South Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Telfair. Following his military service, Stanley attended East Texas State (Texas A&M-Commerce), where he played on the varsity tennis team, and received his Bachelor's of Business Administration degree in 1948.

Stanley moved to Midland in 1948 and was employed as an oil scout for Amerada Petroleum. In 1950 he began working for Lario Oil & Gas Company, and retired in 1999 from Lario as Division Exploration Manager.

Stanley, known as 'Foxy' to his many friends, was a charter member and past Director of the American Association of Professional Landmen, charter and past board member of the Racquet Club of Midland, member and past President of the Permian Basin Landmen's Association, and a member of St. Luke's United Methodist church since 1957, where he served four years as treasurer and seven years on various boards.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kester Fox of Midland, Texas; daughter, Pamela A White, of Lubbock, Texas; son, Robert H Fox and wife, Melanie, of Richmond, Texas; his daughter, Diane C. Tyler and husband, Patrick, of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, who knew him as "Pap Stan", Joshua Peterson and wife, Melissa, of Buda, Texas, Valarie Peterson McLearen and husband, Clifton, of Lubbock, Texas, Landon Fox and Dillon Fox of Richmond, Texas; and three great-granddaughters, Kayla Ann McLearen, of Lubbock, Texas, and Brynn and Shelby Peterson of Buda, Texas.

The family wishes to thank all of Stanley's physicians, as well as the staff of Hospice Midland IPU, for their kind care of Stanley during his short stay with them.

Memorials may be sent to: St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701; Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 W, Midland, Texas 79707; Hospice IPU, 911 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701; or to a charity of one's choice.

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Death Notices

Cecil Lanier Sadler

Cecil Lanier Sadler, 61, of Pecos, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Simmons Sadler; parent, Billie Sadler; children, Quincy Lanier Sadlerand Marzai Lasydra Sadler; one brother; one sister; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 7, 2011, 10:30 a.m., at Peaceful Garden Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral arrangements handled by Peaceful Garden Funeral Home.

Edward Jackson "Jack" Heard

Edward Jackson "Jack" Heard, 57, of Bryan passed away Friday, April 29, 2011.

Services are entrusted to Trevino-Smith Funeral Home in Bryan, 979-822-2424.

Eva Herrera Jones

Eva Herrera Jones, 59, of Odessa, passed away on Saturday April 30, 2011, in Midland.

She is survived by her family: son, Micheal L. Jones; daughter, Stacey Jones Fingerle; five brothers; two sisters; two grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Thursday, May 5 at 1:30 p.m., at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

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

Rosenda Scurlock

Rosenda Scurlock, 47, of Andrews, passed away Monday, May 2, 2011, in Odessa.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2011 At Filadelfia Assembly of God Church in Andrews. Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Kenton "Teddy" Scurlock; daughters, Jazmine White and Ashley White; four brothers; four sisters; her best friend; and four grandchildren.

Velma Lee Smith Parton

Velma Lee Smith Parton, 82, passed away Monday, May 2, 2011.

She is survived by daughters Brenda (Paul) Schwab, Marsha (John) Howton, and Mary Jolene Thomas; seven grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at Ellis Funeral Home, for visitation, Wednesday, May 4th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

Funeral arrangements by Ellis Funeral Home.

Virginia Patterson

Virginia Patterson, 60, of Sulphur Springs passed away Monday morning, May 2, 2011, in Sulphur Springs.

Funeral services for Virginia Patterson, will be conducted at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel, at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery in Midland at Noon (12:00 p.m.) on Friday, May 6, 2011. Visitation will be held two hours before the service (Noon to 2:00 p.m.).

Survivors include three sons, Greg Couch, Michael Couch, and Henry Couch; one brother; thirteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Wayne Tull

Wayne Tull, 45, of Odessa, passed away Monday, May 2, 2011 in Odessa, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Tull; mother, Bernie Tull; one sister; two brothers; children, Karen Jones, Stephanie Brazeal, Robert Brazeal; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Texas Tech course offers semester abroad studying Western art

By Randy Kennedy
N.Y. Times News Service

LUBBOCK — The native son Buddy Holly aside, this small city on the tableland of the southern Great Plains has never had a lot to recommend it, culturally or aesthetically. When Coronado passed through the area in the 16th century, he described an acute sense of European disorientation as his men struggled to plot a course across a place "with no more landmarks than if we had been swallowed up by the sea."

These days a few landmarks rise above the flatness — water towers, radio antennae, lonely-looking trees. Mostly, though, there is still "a lot of land but nowhere to go," as the artist Donald Judd observed of West Texas. So there may be few better bases of operation for an unusual academic program that has taken root here over the last two years under the guidance of a Harvard-trained architecture professor at Texas Tech University. It's a program in which scholars study and make art in places about as far away from museums and galleries — and from bathrooms, decent beds and air-conditioning — as is possible within the continental United States.

Called Land Arts of the American West, the classes take place in a pair of heavy-duty Ford vans or wherever the vans and the camping gear they carry end up stopping during a 7,000-mile, two-month drive that a handful of participants — mostly architecture graduate and undergraduate students, but also artists, art historians and students recruited from other disciplines — make throughout the West.

The tangible result of the trip is an annual exhibition of art, writing and other documentary material about the journey; this year's show, by the seven students and artists who traveled in the fall of 2010, remains on view through Friday in Lubbock at a warehouse gallery near the university campus (1001 Mac Davis Lane; by appointment; landarts.org for more information).

But the heart of the program exists out on the road, where it has found common ground with a growing number of idiosyncratic, environment-focused art initiatives like it that have sprung up in the West over the last several years: quasi collectives like the Center for Land Use Interpretation, based in Los Angeles; the Center for Art + Environment at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno; and in San Francisco, the For-Site Foundation, which describes itself as "art about place" and conducts a residency program in the Sierra Nevada foothills outside the gold-mining town of Nevada City, Calif.

The Lubbock program is directed by Chris Taylor, who helped develop the concept, along with an artist named Bill Gilbert, who has run an initiative with the same name and similar concerns at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, since 2000. Taylor moved his program two years ago from the University of Texas, Austin, to Texas Tech, which puts him and his students at the eastern edge of a huge swath of territory — southwestern Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada — that he has made his classroom.

Many of the stops along the trip are expected, the legacies of the land-art and Earthworks movement that transplanted the idea of sculpture to the country's trackless open spaces beginning in the 1960s: Robert Smithson's "Spiral Jetty," off the shore of the Great Salt Lake near Rozel Point, Utah; Walter De Maria's "Lightning Field," in western New Mexico; Nancy Holt's "Sun Tunnels," in northwestern Utah; Michael Heizer's "Double Negative," two deep trenches cut into the edge of a mesa in the Nevada desert.

But other stops, some requiring close observation of the odometer in places so remote that GPS maps are of little use, suggest a kind of Addams Family sightseeing vacation with an itinerary drawn up by Rachel Carson and Howard Zinn, with help from Foucault and the Marquis de Sade. Students have spent time near one of the world's largest open-pit uranium mines, now inactive, on the Laguna Pueblo reservation west of Albuquerque. They have camped on a desolate patch of New Mexico desert land called Cabinetlandia, owned by the art magazine Cabinet, wedged between an active rail line and screaming traffic on Interstate 10, where there is little more in the way of amenities than a mailbox and a filing-cabinet community "library" embedded in a concrete-and-soil wall.

"It might be one of the worst places on the face of the earth to try to inhabit — to try to be stationary while everything else is only there for a moment, moving through at high speed," recalled Meredith James, a New York sculptor and video artist who participated in the field trip in 2009, when she was a graduate art student at Yale. The campers that year tried to re-imagine the roar from the highway as the roar of the surf, and they set up beach chairs along the road. But after only a couple of days on the land, they became so encrusted with dirt and grime that they had to drive to Deming, N.M., nearby and wash themselves in the sinks of a coin-operated laundry.

The program operates on a shoestring budget of about $30,000, provided by participants' fees and some money from private donors. Taylor describes it as a "semester abroad in our own backyard."

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Redemption Island		Criminal Minds (N)	"Out of the Light" (N)	Criminal Minds "The Time is Now" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman	Brian Williams, Rick Harrison (:35) LateLate
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KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two/Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol "5 Finalists Compete" (N)			Breaking In (N)	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Raymond	Law & Order: SVU Special Victims Unit
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	Dr. Diana Dye	Update News	Bill Cloud	Light of the Southwest				NewBeginning	NewBeginning	Rico Cortes Y. Salamanca
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Secrets of the Dead (N)		Nova "Ghosts of Machu Picchu		Saving the Bay (N)		Charlie Rose		News Tavis Smiley (N)
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BRAVO		65	63		41		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters (N)		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed
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FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		B. Flay	B. Flay	Last Cake Standing		Dinner: Impossible		Diners	Diners	Last Cake Standing
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase		NCAA Softball	Texas vs. Texas A&M			Pre-game (L)		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field		
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SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Ultimate Fighter (N)		Coal (N)		Ultimate Fighter 13		Coal
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MIDWIFE

From 1B

monitor vitals at a birth and let dad catch the baby. As midwives we have to put aside our ego constantly," she said. "We have to put our ego aside for the dad and for the doctors."

Babies wanting to be born usually don't wait for Cockrell to celebrate anniversaries and holidays. The midwife said her family often takes two cars to church, with hers full of an extra change of clothes, resuscitative equipment and fetal heart monitors. Oftentimes her children will help her throw oxygen tanks and other perishable necessities in the back of her car.

Cockrell's daughter, Summer, has attended about 80 births during her lifetime. When asked if she would be interested in becoming a midwife someday, the 16-year-old said, "Definitely. I'm definitely going to get my license."

> "I pay my electric bill doing something I love doing, and I can see myself doing.
> — **Dawn Cockrell**
> midwife

Cockrell's advice to people who think they might want to be a midwife is to get involved in the "birth community." Interested students can become doulas or child birth educators, or job shadow midwives. Cockrell suggests midwives-to-be educate themselves on birth history and the dynamics of birthing in the U.S. — one place to start is to watch the film "The Business of Being Born."

Feeling a baby's kick, hearing a heartbeat and seeing new mothers become empowered — these are the moments Cockrell said she knows she chose the right profession.

"Two-hundred and fifty births later, four children later, 10 years of practicing later, I don't think I would have chosen any other life course for me," she said. "If you can look at yourself in the mirror and know that what you do brings good things to people, how much better of a life can you get than that?"

Online:
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Graduation party menu: Taco bar lets guests serve themselves

This month, seniors at all the local high schools will be participating in commencement, their last activity to share with their classmates.

May is packed with graduation parties celebrating these students' achievements. This time of year also is filled with anticipation, anxiety and perhaps a little sadness. I see it in the smiling faces of my friends as they talk about their graduates with pride.

Graduation celebrations should be all about the honoree and food should be planned accordingly. If you are hosting a party for someone, talk to them first to learn their favorite foods.

Mexican food is always a popular choice if you are planning a lunch or dinner instead of just serving appetizers. A taco bar allows guests to make their own meal and there are numerous varieties, making it easy to keep everyone satisfied.

Good luck to all the graduates this year! Midland is impressed with you and what you have achieved thus far. We know you all have a great future ahead of you. Wherever you go and whatever you do, remember where you came from and be proud. Oh, and be sure to call your mother — she worries.

Taco Grande

From "Some Like it Hot"

2 pounds ground beef
1 package taco seasoning mix
1 1/2 cups water
1 (16-ounce) bag tostados
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1-2 small onions, chopped
10 ripe black olives, chopped
1 tomato, chopped
1 cup sour cream
1 cup shredded lettuce
1 cup guacamole or avocado dip

Brown ground beef in large skillet. Drain excess fat; add taco seasoning mix and water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat; simmer for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Put tostados in bowl and remaining ingredients in individual bowls around table. Serve meat in pan. To make dish, start with tostados, then a spoonful of hot meat, cheese, onions, olives, tomato, sour cream, lettuce and guacamole. Serves 6-8.

Veggie Tacos

From Family Circle April 2011

2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon zucchini, trimmed and diced
3 scallions, trimmed and sliced
2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 (14.5-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 (8 1/2 -ounce) can corn, drained and rinsed
2 cups baby spinach, chopped
1/2 cup salsa verde (tomatillo salsa)
2/3 cup white cheese, crumbled
Lime wedges

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium to medium-high heat. Add zucchini and scallions and cook 5 minutes. Add chili powder, cumin, oregano, salt and pepper. Cook 1 minute. Stir in beans, corn, spinach and salsa. Cook 3 to 4 minutes or until spinach is wilted. Meanwhile, heat taco shells in microwave for 45 seconds, as per package directions. Spoon about 1/3 cup veggie mixture into a taco shell and sprinkle with a little cheese. Add a squeeze of lime and serve.

Crispy Chicken Tacos

From "Mex Tex"

Chicken breasts, bone in and skin on with ribs (makes about 2 cups per pound)
1 teaspoon olive oil per chicken breast
Crispy taco shells
Shredded lettuce
Chopped fresh tomatoes

Rub chicken breasts with oil and place on baking sheet. Bake at 325 for 1 1/2 hours. Internal meat temperature should be 180. Turn off oven but wait 10 to 15 minutes before removing from oven. When cooled, remove skin, bone and shred with two forks.

Place taco shells in pre-heated 250-degree oven. Immediately turn oven to low heat and hold until serving time, no longer than 20 to 30 minutes. Check to make sure they do not brown. Keep meat warm in oven at the same time. Serve shells with meat, lettuce, tomatoes and any other condiments of your choice.

Shredded Beef Tacos

From "Allrecipes"

1 (4-pound) frozen rump roast
1 cup white wine
2 (7.75-ounce) cans hot tomato sauce (or Ro-tel)
3 tablespoons crushed garlic cloves
Salt and ground black pepper to taste
1 bunch green onion, chopped
1 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Taco shells or flour tortillas
Assorted toppings

Place the frozen roast in the slow cooker. Pour the wine and hot tomato sauce over the top. Season with garlic, and salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook on low for 9 hours. When done, the roast should shred easily with a fork. Shred the roast into the juices, and mix in the chopped green onions and cilantro. Serve with taco shells or soft flour tortillas and any other toppings you enjoy.

Steak Tacos with all the Trimmings

From Cooking with Paula Deen March/April 2011

1 pound flank steak
2 1/2 teaspoons salt-free fajita seasoning, divided
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter, softened
4 ears frozen corn on the cob, cooked, according to package directions
8 (8-inch) flour tortillas, warmed
1 (16-ounce) jar salsa
1 cup shredded Mexican four-cheese blend
1 cup lettuce, shredded
1 lime, cut into wedges
1/2 cup chopped cilantro

Spray grill rack with non-stick, nonflammable cooking spray. Preheat grill to medium-high heat (350-400). Season both sides of steak with 2 teaspoons fajita seasoning and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Grill steak to medium-rare (145) or until desired degree of doneness. Let steak stand for 5 minutes. Cut across grain into thin slices. Combine butter and remaining 1/2 teaspoon fajita seasoning. Brush over cooked corn on the cob.

Serve steak with tortillas, salsa, cheese, lettuce, lime wedges, and cilantro alongside corn on the cob.

Park celebrates state's first native-born governor

TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Jim Hogg was the first native-born governor of Texas.

"This park is his birthplace," said John Garbutt, superintendent of the Jim Hogg State Park northeast of Rusk. "One can come here and enjoy the serenity and beauty of East Texas in a microcosm, walking our beautiful trail system, especially in the spring and fall. We have the Hogg family cemetery here and we also have a replica of the home where Gov. James Stephen Hogg was born on March 24, 1851."

Garbutt has great respect for Governor Hogg. "At the age of 16 he began working at our local newspaper here. It was known then as the Texas Observer. Today it's known as the Cherokeean Herald, which is the oldest continually owned and operated weekly newspaper in the state.

"Jim Hogg started working as a go-for, doing this, that and other things, then learned how to be a printer. By the age of 20 he owned his own newspaper in Longview and urged people to be active and responsible citizens of their communities. He stayed basically in the newspaper business until 1875 when he passed the bar. He wanted to practice law as his father had done. His years as newspaper person and lawyer propelled him into the limelight and the public grabbed hold of him and never let go."

Hogg was governor from 1891 to 1895. He was attorney general for four years before becoming governor. Hogg had a major impact on Texas.

"I call him the father of education in our state because he was the one who established our free public education system. He told people that education means liberty and success."

Hogg died in 1906 at the age of 55. A few years before his death he was involved in Spindletop, the first oil field in Texas. "He was the largest producer down there and was very successful. He later merged his oil business with another one and created a new company called The Texas Company, which sold gas under the name Texaco."

In 1941 Jim Hogg's children, Ima Hogg, Thomas Hogg and Mike Hogg presented the Hogg homeplace to the city of Rusk, which turned over the deed to the Texas Parks board. The area originally was settled in 1839 by Hogg's parents, Lucanda and Joseph Hogg. Part of the family estate had to be sold to pay taxes and buy food, clothing and books while Jim and his brother Thomas were studying law and earning an income as farmers.

Jim Hogg was heavily in debt when he stepped down as governor, but built a sizable fortune by the time of his death. He insisted his children take a worthy interest in individual and public welfare as evidenced by the number of gifts to universities, cities and cultural entities around the state.

Hogg brought railroad shops and headquarters to Texas, established the railroad commission and brought about the alien land law which prevented foreign corporations from owning land in Texas. He also established the state archives to preserve historic materials.

While governor he traveled the country explaining the benefits of doing business in Texas.

MUSICAL

From 1B

character is a plump teenage girl with big dreams to be a dancer on the Corny Collins television show. Turnblad launches a campaign promoting racial integration in the television program.

Bailey has performed the lead role before, playing Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz." Her first audition was for a role in "The Christmas Carol."

"I was hooked," she said. "And then I was able to get my family involved."

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Bailey studied vocal performance at McMurry University in Abilene before graduating with a degree in elementary education. She works full-time as a Mary Kay consultant and as an administrative assistant at First Christian Church.

It took her a while to memorize all the songs and lyrics for "Hairspray" because, she said, they're very wordy. The memorization of her lines for the full two-hour performance came gradually. For weeks, the cast would rehearse by scenes and Bailey took her lines with her everywhere so she could practice at any time. She had to have all her lines memorized by the final week of rehearsals.

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The director calls for the show to start and the actors scramble upstairs. Backstage at the Yucca Theatre becomes chaotic.

Bailey takes a lot of deep breaths and paces back and forth as she prays. The music starts and she makes her way through the black hanging curtains and emerges in front of the audience singing the opening song, "Good morning Baltimore!"

Fellow cast mates sing along in the background as they wait for their turns to step out in front of the audience.

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The show takes a lot of effort from everyone involved. There are dance numbers and songs and multiple costume changes.

"We're constantly going. There's not much of a break," Bailey said.

In one scene, when Tracy and her mother Edna enter Mr. Pinky's dress store, a team of volunteers dressed in all black take less than 30 seconds to sit each cast member down and change them into new dresses and wigs before letting them go back out.

Behind the scenes, people watch the stage on a small television and the actors wait for the cues to go out.

By intermission, the audience has been responding and laughing and the crew is tired, but feeling well.

"There's a high energy and high enthusiasm. It makes us want to do better and put more energy into it," Bailey said.

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The second act seems to move at a much faster pace. The last 45 minutes of the show is still highly energetic.

As cast members finish singing the final song "You can't stop the beat," people in the audience at Friday night's sold out show rise to their feet and clap. The actors and actresses take turns taking bows before the crowd.

Bailey makes her way back to the dressing room to change and prepare for the after party.

"It's one of the most energetic shows I've ever been a part of," she said. "I'm thankful and blessed to play such an iconic role."

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See Thursday's Pulse for show and other details about "Hairspray."

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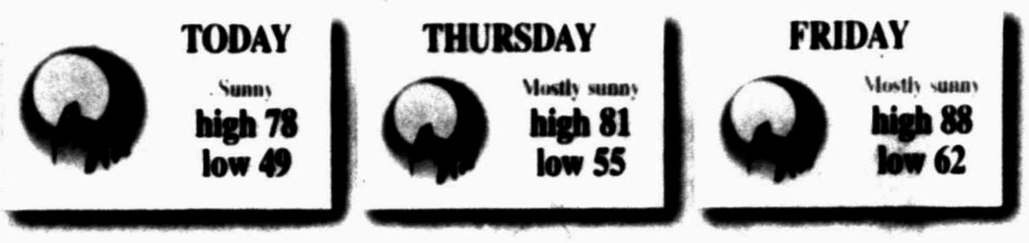

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 78 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 49 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 81, a low around 55 and south winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 88 and a low around 62.

The high on Tuesday reached 72 while the low dropped to 34. The record high for May 3 is 98 set in 1947. The record low is 34 set in 2011.

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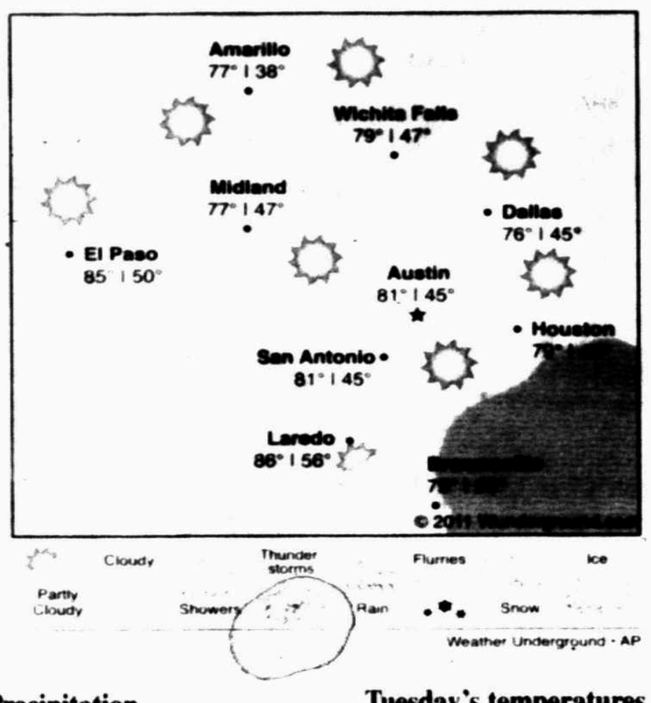
Low pressure tracking through New England will produce a chilly rain today. Lingering showers will stretch behind this low all the way back into the Middle Atlantic states. Cooler air will spread into much of the eastern part of the country despite the return of some sunshine in the South.

High pressure over the Mississippi River Valley will provide flood-ravaged areas of the region with some relief from wet weather. South flow on the backside of this surface high will send warmer temperatures into the southern Plains.

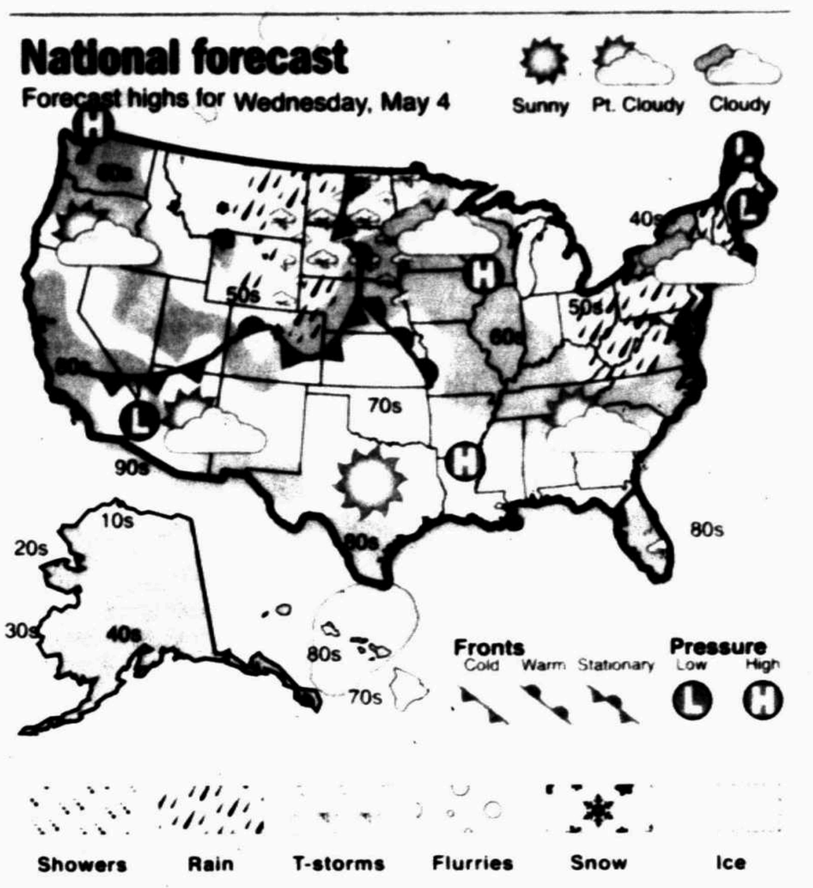


Precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.41 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	72
Low	34
Normal high	84
Normal low	54
Sunrise	7:00 a.m.
Sunset	8:31 p.m.



Mom withdraws OK after daughter elects to elope

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 boyfriend, "Kyle," and I decided to elope two weeks ago. His mother and mine had both said they'd be fine with an elopement. My sister and Kyle's brother were our witnesses — other than that it was just us.

When we told Kyle's family they were elated and congratulated us on the spot. When I called my mother, she didn't say much. A couple of days later, I called to make plans to visit her, and she began telling me how many people I had "hurt" by eloping. Mom and I have always had problems communicating, and she has a long history of holding me to a higher standard than my siblings. (My sister also eloped, and there were no hard feelings then.)

I am frustrated with Mom and the other members of my family who have chosen to be hurt rather than happy for us. I wouldn't have eloped if I hadn't received the green light from Mom earlier. I have sent out a letter of apology, but I am annoyed that it takes the place of a real wedding announcement. Please help. — BAFFLED ALBUQUERQUE BRIDE

DEAR BAFFLED BRIDE: I'm sorry you sent a letter of apology instead of a wedding announcement. You did not have to. If questioned about your elopement, all you had to say was you had the blessing of both your mothers before you did it.

Your mom may be upset that she was not among the "chosen few" to be present when you said "I do" — and her criticism now may be a reflection of it. You have a husband who loves you and at least one sibling with whom you are close. Treasure that and stop depending on your mother's approval, and you will be better off emotionally than you are right now.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Dwight" for a while now, and things are becoming more serious. Dwight has expressed a desire to make a trip several states away so I can meet his parents. We have even gone so far as discussing how we would handle religion if we have children. I have mixed feelings about the trip. I am both elated and terrified.

Dwight's father is a minister in a small town. My parents were not religious at all and neither am I. Dwight understands that, and he is fine with it.

When I meet his parents, I'm sure they will inevitably ask why I don't share their beliefs. How do I answer them honestly without offending them? — NON-BELIEVER IN TENNESSEE

DEAR NON-BELIEVER: I see nothing offensive about explaining to them — as you did to me — that your parents were not religious and they didn't raise you to be.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Keira," has been dating someone I dated for a short time. Although I was the one who ended the relationship, I still feel uncomfortable with her dating him. The guy means nothing to me and I have moved on to someone else, but it still bothers me.

I told Keira how I feel. She told me I need to be happy for her. It has been three weeks since we last spoke, and I just don't know what else to say. Should I end our friendship since she obviously doesn't care about my feelings? — DISCONNECTED FRIEND IN OHIO

DEAR DISCONNECTED: You say Keira is your "best" friend. What about HER feelings? You rejected the guy, which means (to me) that in some way he didn't measure up to your standards. Why begrudge Keira her happiness? Answer that question and you'll know whether this is really worth ending the friendship over.

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Clubbed to Death

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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Opening lead: Six of ♣

Here's another deal from a team event at the ACBL Fall Nationals in Orlando. After a modern-style weak two-bid by South the auction was soon over. At most tables West led a low spade and declarer had no problem. He forced out the ace of diamonds and could coast home by discarding three black suit losers on diamond winners.

At a few tables the opening lead was the six of clubs, ducked in dummy. Most Easts won with the queen and shifted to the jack of spades — good defense if the queen and ace of spades were switched. However, South was now in command.

The winning defense is not easy to find at the table. East must return a low club as a suit preference for diamonds. Now West can win the first trump lead, return a diamond to his partner's ace and get a club ruff for the setting trick.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 4, 2011:

Never underestimate what you have to offer, as it is far more than you are aware. The opportunity for growth and gain emerges, as you build on one characteristic after another. This year you enter a new life and luck cycle. You will be evaluating what is valid and what you want to bring with you into this new luck and life cycle. If you are single, you have much more going for you than you realize. Others clearly are magnetized by your presence. You are likely to meet several possible suitors. If you are attached, the two of you tend to talk and share more. You feel supported by your life mate. GEMINI sometimes draws out an innate possessiveness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Fog describes your morning. You might not be sure about what is happening. Ask questions, and you will get answers. Some of them could be quite surprising. Stop and assess before running off and acting. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Use the a.m. to the max, when you are energized. By the afternoon, you could be weighing the pros and cons of a surprising insight. Verify rather than leap. Ultimately, you might be right, but you don't want to jump on a bad risk. Tonight: Pay a bill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might drag in the morning. You might wonder exactly what to do with a loved one who seems ready to create a riot in order to get attention. Your sense of humor pulls this situation out of the realm of serious. Tonight: What is your pleasure?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ A sense of confusion marks certain decisions. Don't react to a boss or an unpredictable person in your environment. You cannot change him or her, but you can change your reaction so that you are more comfortable. Tonight: Just for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be overwhelmed by your many options and decisions. A meeting not only lets you discover your supporters but also other paths. Tonight: Fun and games.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Another person's willingness to take a risk surprises you. With this person's help, you can become more of a manifester. Listen to a suggestion. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Find out what is happening behind the scenes. The key is to approach a partner directly with sureness. Be ready to deal with another person's issues. Don't trigger, and know what you want. Tonight: Move through a situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Get feedback and listen to the many different opinions. Still, after a discussion with a key associate or partner, you'll get past a limitation. Realize what you are really asking for from another person. Tonight: Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others come forward. You might not be exactly sure what is happening. Keep smiling, with the knowledge that much could be a piece of cake if you relax. Others make suggestions. Even if you dislike their ideas, you need to say thank you. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could be a lot more tired than you realize. You have had to push hard to achieve your current goals. Unexpected revelations close to family and home could have you wondering. Tonight: In order to feel good, squeeze in some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your creativity always piques others' interest. You don't need answers; you simply need ideas. Often people build on parts of your ideas, and then you continue. This process goes back and forth for a while. Like it or not, sudden events could have you propelling in a new direction. Tonight: Start acting like it's the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Openly listen to news involving real estate or a personal matter. You will note that an unexpected financial development points to a new direction. Your ability to read past the obvious and understand the true meaning of a situation could change your perspective. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Richard Jenkins (1947), singer Jackie Jackson (1951), actress Audrey Hepburn (1929)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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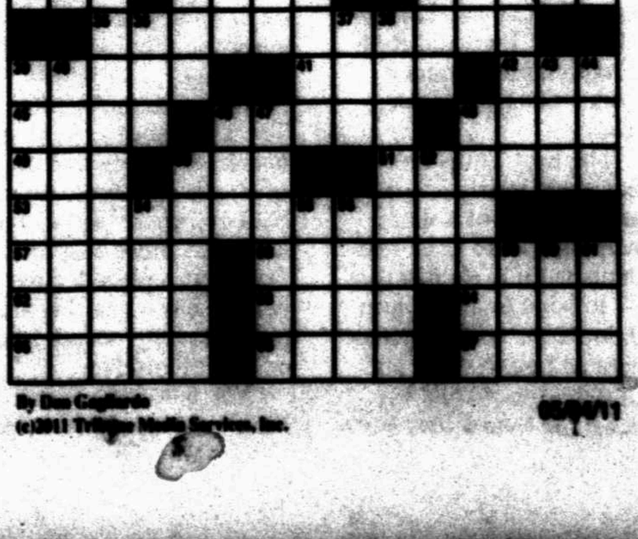

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MOVING for a CAUSE

Gracie Metcalf, left in photo above, pulls her 2-year-old grandson Landon Gee while talking to teammate Crissy Barber, Friday as they walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society during the annual Relay for Life event at Midland College. RIGHT: Around 1,000 fundraising participants leave the Allison Fine Arts building parking lot to begin their 5K walk Saturday during the annual March of Dimes, March for Babies event at Midland College. The event is to celebrate the $210,000 raised this year to help the organization in its mission of helping mothers have full-term pregnancies and researching the problems that threaten the health of babies.

Photos by Cindeka Nealy

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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Preserve stressed trees with proper watering

Trees are probably the most important plant in the landscape. They provide cooling shade, beauty, property value, filtering for dust and pollutants, wind and noise barriers and more. Months of dry weather, bouncing temperatures and relentless wind has increased tree stress. Proper watering can reduce this stress.

Trees use water for cooling, photosynthesis and many other processes. Ninety-five percent of all the water a tree uses is lost to the atmosphere through the leaves. The rate of water loss depends on heat, wind, sun and humidity levels and frequently exceeds the rate of uptake. This leads to wilting, yellowing and leaf margin browning. Poorly adapted trees like sycamore and maples are often brown by late June or July.

Long-term drought conditions can cause twig and limb dieback, especially in the upper canopy. Sprouting along the trunk and major limbs is seen often. Secondary pest problems like borers and scale insect will attack drought-stressed trees.

Don't give up because of the dry weather and water restrictions. One good irrigation — 1 to 2 inches of water — a week is more than adequate this time of year. Peak water use by trees occurs in June, July and August. Trees that are maturing a crop like pecans may need two inches of water twice a week from June through September.

You can establish grass in a matter of months, but it takes years to grow a tree. Water by laying a soaker, dripline or slow running sprinkler in the drip line of the tree. Don't water the trunk of a mature tree.

Locate dripline by imagining the tree top as an umbrella. The dripline would be that area where raindrops would roll off the umbrella onto the ground. The best zone to water would be several feet inside and a few feet outside the dripline. The water-absorbing roots are found in the top 16 to 24 inches of soil. Apply the water slowly from the soil surface for better water and nutrient uptake. Water during the late evening to early morning hours and keep water off the leaves.

To go the extra mile, eliminate grass growing under trees and apply a 4-inch layer of mulch under trees from the trunk to the dripline or just beyond. Avoid fertilizing water-stressed trees, which increases the water needs. Water at night or early morning for water conservation.

Consider these drought-resistant tree species. Once they are established they will get by on rainfall or whatever water is applied to the lawn/landscape.

- Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*)
- Vitex (*Vitex agnus-castus*)
- Pinyon pine (*Pinus cembroides*)
- Desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)
- Lacebark elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*)
- Cedar Elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*)
- Chinese pistache (*Pistache chinensis*)
- Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- Mexican white oak (*Quercus polymorpha*)
- Escarpment live oak (*Quercus fusiformis*)

Learn more about landscape management at the May Landscape Design & Skills Tours 7 p.m. Thursday evenings. These teaching tours will illustrate landscape design, techniques and skills. Registration details and locations are available by calling and registering with Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service 432-498-4071.

Preserve our valuable trees by watering them through the hottest part of the summer.

Dead grass could be caused by grub worms, insects or poor irrigation

NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: I have zoysia turf, and along our curb it has developed dead spots. It's done it before, and it took a long time to grow back in. What can I do to eliminate the problem?

Answer: It's difficult to tell what caused the problem simply from the symptom that the grass is dead. One of the most likely causes would be inadequate water. It's difficult to irrigate evenly along a curb, walk, drive or street. You don't want water to drift onto the concrete, yet the grass grows right up to it and needs the water. If you have a sprinkler system, examine the heads to see if they're aligned properly and functioning perfectly. If you're watering by hand, invest in some type of soaker hose to do the edges along the curb. It's also possible insects such as grub worms might have been involved, or there is shallow soil there that also is laden with concrete right below the soil surface. Do a little more detective work.

Dear Neil: We have a huge post oak tree in our yard. It measures more than 10 feet in circumference. Recently, I've noticed its leaves are getting smaller and smaller, and some branches are not as well filled out as others on the same tree. Another of my trees is affected in a similar way, but to a lesser degree. What can I do to save these trees?

A: You need to get a certified arborist on site immediately. Post oaks tend to live for 75 to 125 years and then go downhill very suddenly. They are quite intolerant of human invasion, so it's imperative we not do anything major to disturb their root systems (construction, plumbing, wiring, etc.). If your home is fairly new, the tree may be reacting to the construction. Either way, professional help from people used to dealing with oak situations will be your best direction to head.

Dear Neil: We have a recurring invasion of Virginia buttonweed. Trimec herbicide was recommended to us last year by a nurseryman, and it seemed to help, but this spring, the weed is back. What can I do?

A: Any search of that weed on the Internet will tell you it's a horribly difficult plant to eradicate. All the research I've seen suggests the same blend of broadleafed weed-killers you used, but they also warn it's going to be a bumpy ride. Use a pump sprayer, and include one drop of liquid dishwashing detergent to help hold the spray on the weed's leaves. Stay after it, and eventually you can make inroads.

Dear Neil: We have white, web-like growths on the branches of our oak trees. Those branches that have spots of it are soft and spongy. It almost looks like a cocoon, but it's not. What is it, and what can we do about it?

A: If it looks a bit like moss that would grow on a boulder, those are lichens. They're colonies of algae and funguses growing and supporting one another. They are not the primary cause of an oak's dieback, but they do tend to be more common on branches that are dead or dying. Rather than being the original problem, they're more the symptom of some other problem. You may want to get a certified arborist on-site to examine your trees.

Dear Neil: Why would the buds on my hibiscus plant look like they've been cut off by something? It happened last year, even though I sprayed. They are very smoothly cut.

A: All members of the hibiscus clan abort a certain percentage of their flower buds before they can open. It happens with both tropical and hardy hibiscus, and it certainly happens with roses-of-Sharon (*Althaea*). They aren't being cut. The plants are merely shedding some of their responsibilities by eliminating some of the flower buds so the plant won't be so heavily taxed. The smooth "cut" is actually the abscission layer where it would have separated anyway had it opened, bloomed and closed up again. All of this is especially a problem in hot, dry and windy weather, and particularly if the plants themselves are allowed to get too dry. Ample moisture at all times will be your best way out.

Dear Neil: I have elaeagnus shrubs as a privacy screen. They're great plants for that, but they have these odd, gangly branches. Can I trim those away at this time of year?

A: Yes. Use lopping shears, and trim them down inside the rest of the regular canopies of the plants so the cuts won't be noticeable. Abelias and Lady Banksia roses also produce these "fishing pole" growth shoots, and they, too, can be pruned as needed to remove them.

Musician dedicates time, money to conserve East Texas lake

By Lee Hancock
The Dallas Morning News

UNCERTAIN — Perched on a grimy bait-stand bench, beneath a sign that reads "fishing guides available," a bearded man in an untucked denim shirt watches kids tumble off a dock into coffee-brown murk and boats cruise beneath the curtain of cypress.

At first glance, the sunburned man looks like any other Caddo Lake local.

It's his baseball cap that hints Don Henley isn't a typical lake rat. Instead of faded camouflage, the hat is navy blue, its "LIFEGUARD" logo and Red Cross emblem framed with: "Off Duty: Save Yourself."

The East Texas native has spent nearly 20 years and millions of dollars helping Caddo Lake residents learn to do just that — to band together, arm themselves with scientific data and go to court and Congress to protect the place the famed rock musician calls his church.

They've succeeded so far. The lake where Henley caught his first fish as a young boy from neighboring Linden is a world-renowned wetland laboratory, thanks to Henley's Caddo Lake Institute.

"It's a success story in that we're still here," Henley said. "And we're making progress, albeit slowly."

Despite a century of exploitation of the lake, black bears and bobcats still haunt its remote corners. Alligators and otters and mink glide through its labyrinth of sloughs. Bald eagles and blue herons, egrets and ibis soar overhead.

Biologists hail Caddo as Texas' most diverse freshwater ecosystem and one of North America's finest bald cypress swamps. The lake, 165 miles east of Dallas, is a place locals believe has a near-mystical power to help people find or lose themselves.

"You can more or less leave your troubles on the land and escape back into the cypress swamp," said resident Robert Speight. "You get back far enough and time stands still."

G.J. McCarthy/Dallas Morning News

TAKING IT EASY Don Henley, right, chats with longtime fishing guide Henry Lewis outside a bait and tackle shop and boat rental store, April 8 in Uncertain.

Scientists from around the country visit regularly for meetings sponsored by Henley's institute. Recently, several dozen gathered in a community center near the lake to share Speight's home-cooked barbecue and discuss research with him and the other locals whom Henley dubs "indigenous scholars." As always, the visitors marveled at the locals' engagement. The locals credit Henley's institute for distilling their fierce contrarianism and love for Caddo Lake into a force.

"They've given us the tools," Speight said of the institute, "to handle things ourselves."

Decades of debate over whether Caddo's water and surrounding lands should be tapped for industrial or economic development have subsided. Former combatants have joined forces with the nonprofit institute to ensure the lake's future. The region celebrated when the institute won a 14-year campaign to turn a lakeside Army ammo factory into the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Yet the 63-year-old singer isn't standing down. Though just back from an Eagles concert tour in Asia and commuting from his Dallas home to Nashville, Tenn., to finish a solo album, Henley is beginning a fundraising campaign for his institute. He also headed recently to Washington, D.C., to lobby for the lake and the music industry.

In between, Henley brought two of his three children to Caddo Lake to fish beneath ancient moss-draped cypress trees. Henley says he's passing on what he learned from his late father — that it's essential to slow down and spend time in such wild places. He wants his kids to understand preserving such natural wonders are do-it-yourself operations.

Watching his 11-year-old daughter haul in bream with a cane pole, Henley says he believes she and her siblings understand. "I want them to be stewards of this lake after I'm gone."

Even after Henley became a celebrated member of the Eagles, the Caddo Lake area remained his home ground. His parents met in a riverfront honky-tonk just upstream in Jefferson. Caddo Lake was a spiritual refuge for Henley's dad, a Depression-era child of East Texas dirt farmers and owner of an auto parts store. Throughout Henley's boyhood, his father often woke him before dawn to fish.

In late 1993, thanks to the institute's work, Caddo Lake became the 13th U.S. site designated a "wetland of international importance" — joining the Everglades and Chesapeake Bay.

College signings

Midland High's Dreamika Merchant as well as four Midland Christian football players select a college/Page 2C.

Cindeka Nabity/Reporter-Telegram

KICK AWAY West Texas United midfielder Jose Munoz tries to shake off West Texas A&M defender Manuel Montes on April 15 during their game at Grande Communications Stadium. The Sockers open their season today

Sockers open season with new coach but similar players

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The West Texas United Sockers will begin their third season today and with a new coach in Warren Cottle.

But many of the names that have been on the backs of Sockers jerseys the past two seasons will return this year, and for both Cottle and the players that familiarity has gone a long way in helping the transition to a new coach and new system.

"It's a different tactic, but overall the players are the same, and we have been playing together for a long time," said forward Uli Guillen, who graduated from Odessa High and also plays at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. "It's not like they are throwing new plays in the mix that we have to adapt to. The only thing different is the coach."

West Texas United Sockers Roster

No.	Player	Pos.
0	Jesus Munoz	GK
1	Izel Craddock	GK
2	Fand Sapien	D
3	Sergio Rios	D
4	Mike Stewart	D
5	Taylor Roberts	D
6	George Lara	MF
7	Dom Furness	MF
8	Oswaldo Valdiva	MF
9	Ben Everson	F
10	Joe Munoz	MF
11	Monty Urias	F
12	Mariano Sapien	F
13	Manny Montes	D
15	Aidan Hammen	MF
16	Uli Guillen	F
17	Jose Anchondo	MF

Cottle, who also coaches the Midland High boys soccer team, took over the Sockers a few months after the Sockers' first coach Jesus Enriquez resigned and returned to his hometown of El Paso.

Cottle and the Sockers will begin the regular season at 11 a.m. today against the Chivas El Paso Patriots in a Premier Development League game at Grande Communications Stadium.

Guillen said it took some time for

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Nowitzki upstages Bryant in Game 1

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant and Dirk Nowitzki were born just two months apart in 1978, and they've both been NBA superstars for over a decade. They've won one league MVP award apiece, and Bryant has only a slight edge in career scoring averages and All-Star appearances.

Nobody would ever compare Nowitzki with Bryant in the metrics that matter most, however. In championships, in big-game performances, Dirk just isn't in Kobe's league.

Yet after Nowitzki and his Dallas Mavericks thoroughly outplayed Bryant's Los Angeles Lakers down the stretch of their 96-94 comeback victory in their second-round series opener, Nowitzki's teammates think this might be the season their German 7-footer erases their mutual postseason reputation — although he'll have to damage Bryant's invincible aura to do it.

"He always wants the ball down the stretch, and he always finds a way to get it done," said Dallas guard Jason Kidd, whose veteran defensive savvy also caused problems for Bryant. "He likes that stage. You don't find a lot of guys who like that stage. Kobe is one of them, but (Nowitzki) has done a lot of work to get there with him. He and Kobe are the two best players on the floor, and he found a way to get it

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STATE FATES DECIDED

Horton wins 300 hurdles

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — Adrian Horton's body language was vastly different Tuesday from what he displayed at the Region I-5A Track & Field Championships on Monday.

That's because Horton finally reached a personal goal he had set before himself, and in the process of obtaining it, the Lee senior picked up a region title and qualified for the state meet.

Horton won the 300-meter hurdles at Texas Tech's Fuller Track, posting a personal-best time of 37.68 seconds.

"I'm so excited," Horton said. "I remember going to state with my dad when I was a little kid. I thought it was one of the coolest things out there. The atmosphere, running on that track you can see the football field in the distance, I'm excited. It's a dream come true."

> "I'm excited. It's a dream come true.
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> — **ADRIAN HORTON**
> Lee hurdler

Despite posting the best qualifying time in Monday's preliminaries, Horton was far from satisfied with his performance. It was evident as he threw his arms up in the air in frustration.

Horton actually had a similar motion after he crossed the finish line on Tuesday, but except this time there

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Tommy Metthe/Abilene Reporter-News

Above: Lee's Adrian Horton clears a hurdle coming out of the turn in the boys 300-meter hurdles during the Region I-5A Track & Field Championships on Tuesday at Fuller Track in Lubbock. Horton won the event to qualify for state. **Below:** Cooper's Da'mor Barnes, center, sprints ahead of Midland High's Tyler Middleton, left, and Odessa High's Bradley Marquez in the boys 100-meter dash. Middleton finished 3rd.

Middleton falls short after 3rd-place finish

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — It's an all too familiar story for Tyler Middleton.

The Midland High senior ran his fastest time in the 100 meters at the Region I-5A Track & Field Championships at Texas Tech's Fuller Track on Tuesday, but it still wasn't enough to get him to state.

"That's life, man," Middleton bluntly said.

Middleton ran a 10.52 and was a mere .03 behind Abilene Cooper's Da'Mor Barnes, who took second place. At the District 3-5A meet, Middleton beat Barnes by .02 and posted the better qualifying time in preliminaries on Monday by .01.

> That's life, man.
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> — **TYLER MIDDLETON**
> Midland High sprinter

Middleton said he didn't feel at 100 percent for the race, claiming that running the final leg of the Bulldogs' 400 relay earlier in the day affected him negatively.

"My legs were getting real tight toward the end of the race," Middleton said. "I think they were tight because of the 400 relay. I wish I hadn't ran that race because we didn't have a chance of making it to state anyway. But I was just trying to help my team out."

But neither Middleton nor Barnes were prepared for who ended up winning the race. South Grand Prairie's Abraham Hall had the fifth best qualifying time in Monday's preliminaries, but ran the fastest 100 of his life in Tuesday's final at 10.42 seconds. Hall had a stellar day actually, also winning the 200 meters with a time of 21.57.

"He completely surprised me," Middleton said. "I wasn't thinking about him at all. I was really just worried about Barnes and (Odessa High's Bradley) Marquez."

It was a clean start for Middleton out of the blocks, and he thought it was one of his better starts of the sea-

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Big Spring girls win Region I-3A track title

Tommy Metthe/Abilene Reporter-News

NEXT LEG Big Spring's April Turner, right, takes the baton from teammate Desiree Anderson on the third leg of the girls 800-meter relay Tuesday during the Region I-3A Track & Field Championships at Fuller Track in Lubbock. Big Spring broke the regional record it had set during Monday's prelims with a time of 1:41.13.

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — Track isn't thought of as a team sport, and for obvious reasons with all but three events being won by a single individual.

But the team aspect of the sport isn't lost on the Big Spring girls track team. One needs to only spend a few minutes talking with the members of the Lady Steers' 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams to figure that out.

Senior Desiree Anderson, juniors Bridgette Tuitt and April Turner, and freshman Dyrshae Vanderbilt teamed to bring a pair of gold medals back to Big Spring from the Region I-3A Track & Field Championships at Texas Tech's Fuller Track on Tuesday.

Their effort scored 40 of the Lady Steers' 98 points, leading them to a Region I-3A team title.

"(Winning the team title) means a lot to us," Turner said. "Every track meet means something. We just work very hard."

The regional team title comes a few weeks after the Lady Steers failed to knock off Abilene Wylie for the District 5-3A title by two points. But at region, Abilene Wyile, which finished second with 72 points, didn't even figure into the final decision. The Lady Steers had a 46-point lead on Wylie heading into the meet's final two events, which fea-

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MHS' Merchant signs with Howard College

From staff reports

Dreamika Merchant provided an inside presence for the Midland High girls basketball team the last four years, and now she will take her skills to college close to home.

Merchant, a 6-foot-2 forward, became the second player off the Lady Bulldogs to sign with a college as Merchant inked with Western Junior College Athletic Conference school Howard College on Tuesday morning.

Merchant

Merchant helped guide the Lady Bulldogs to one of its most successful seasons in history, with a 32-5 record and an appearance in the Region I-5A finals in February. Merchant averaged a double-double during the season with 14.2 points and 10.8 rebounds. She was second on the team in scoring and led the team in rebounds a game.

"We are really excited because she gives us something we haven't had in a while and that's a real scoring threat with her size and her mobility," Howard College coach Earl Diddle said. "The other thing is, she's got the ability to play multiple positions."

The other player off this team to sign to play beyond high school is Kelsey Hoppel who inked with Lubbock Christian University.

"We are planning on her to be an impact player for us," Diddle said.

Merchant, Hoppel and Paris Webb had one of the most successful runs for a group of seniors at Midland High as they posted a 117-23 overall record and won three district titles in their four years.

LOCAL SPORTS

Back-to-back aces at Ranchland

Craig Foster and Royce Cox made consecutive holes-in-one on the same hole at Ranchland Hills Golf Club on Tuesday.

Foster was the first to ace the par-3 No. 8 hole at Ranchland. Foster used a 7-iron from 164 yards.

Cox then followed with another ace as he used a 6-iron from 143 yards.

Witnesses were Jerry Reese and Ray Pierson.

Gaines Count GC Scramble results

Results of the Gaines County Golf Course three-person scramble

Championship Flight: Jeff Beal-John Pelletier John McLeod 67-61—118

President's Flight: Wally Hazelwood-Brad Hull-Adolf Garza 61-61—122

First Flight: Cory Chitty-Britt Vickers-David Westrop 64-63—127

Second Flight: Tommy Phillips-Joe Nagy-Rick Dollahan 67-64—131

Third Flight: Palosa Chaves-Nathan Herzer-Willie Conde 68-71—139

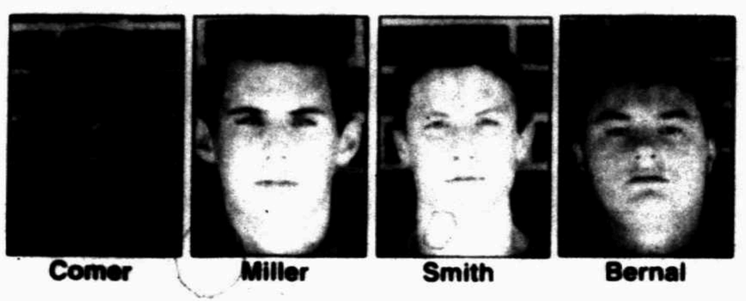
Fourth Flight: Paul Goebel-Drew Winters-Josh Pickrell 69-70—139

Fifth Flight: Cody Fleming-Blake Arthur-Stephan Moutan 72-68—140

Compiled from staff reports

Four Mustangs continue football careers in college

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor


Comer Miller Smith Bernal

Charles Comer and Richard Miller weren't quite sure whether their football careers would continue beyond their time at Midland Christian. But the two former Mustangs will not only have a chance to continue their careers beyond high school, but they will also help to start a new program.

Comer and Miller both signed letters of intent to play football at Wayland Baptist University on Monday as the pair were part of a quartet of players from Midland Christian to finalize their college choices. Mason Smith also will be a preferred walk-on at Abilene Christian and lineman Jamie Bernal will also walk-on at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

"I like the idea of it being a start-up program," said Miller, who played wide receiver and defensive back for Midland Christian last fall. "I will be able to go in and say I was part of the first class that started the football program."

Miller, who said he also had some interest in Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, said a coach from Wayland Baptist came to Midland Christian to talk to head coach Greg McClendon about potential players, and McClendon pointed him toward Miller.

A few weeks later, Miller said he had talked to Comer and he said he wasn't sure what he was going to do, and Miller pointed him to Wayland Baptist. Now the pair will be heading to Plainview, along with Carson Machen, to help start the program.

"I think it will be a great opportunity, and coming from the Mustang program we focus on leadership and working as a team, and we are going to take that up there," said Comer, who said he plans on majoring in accounting.

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RockHounds' losing streak continues in Corpus Christi

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — A change of venue didn't help the Midland RockHounds break out of a recent losing streak.

Corpus Christi took the lead thorugh the middle innings Tuesday and rolled to a 7-1 victory against the RockHounds at Whataburger Field, extending Midland's losing streak to five games.

The Hooks scored a single run in the third inning, added two more in the fourth and then three in the fifth and chased RockHounds starter Ethan Hollingsworth from the game. Hollingsworth fell to 2-2 on the season after giving up six runs on 10 hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

During the three-run fifth, the Hooks sent nine batters to the plate as Brandon Wikoff and J.D. Martinez each recorded an RBI.

The RockHounds' lone run came in the seventh when Michael Spina hit a solo home run, his eighth of the season.

Overall the RockHounds' offense produced only six hits on Tuesday.

The Hooks (11-14) and RockHounds (12-13) will play the second game of a four-game series, beginning at 7:05 p.m. today. Midland remained in second place in the Texas League South Division first half standings, five games behind first-place San Antonio.

HOOKS 7, ROCKHOUNDS 1

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Mitchell, c	4				Suttle, lf				
Green, ss	4				Wikoff, ss				
Parker, lf	4				Paredes, 2b				
Spina, 1b	4				Martinez, rf				
Barfield, rf	4				Steele, c				
Suarez, c					Osting, dh				
Walton, 2b					Smucker, 1b				
Piramore, 3b					Esposito, 3b				
Calendor, dh					Hernandez, pr				
Totals	32	1	6	1	Totals	36	7	13	7

Midland	000	001	000 —1
Corpus Christi	001	230	10x —7

DP — Corpus Christi 1. LOB — Midland 8, Corpus Christi 6. 2B — Green (5), Esposito, Hernandez (1). Piramore (3). 3B — Mar.Osting (1). HR — Spina (8, Mar.Osting (3). SB — Suttle (8, Paredes (7).

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hollingsworth						
Ortiz						
De Los Santos						
Corpus Christi						
Greenwald W, 2-2						
Mesquinas						
Carpenter						

Greenwald pitched to two batters in the 7th.
T — 2:37. Att — 3,813.

Hooks.....7
RockHounds.....1

TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	14	9	.609	—
NW Arkansas	11	10	.524	2
Arkansas	9	11	.450	3 1/2
Springfield	10	14	.417	4 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	17	6	.680	—
Midland	12	13	.480	5
Corpus Christi	11	14	.440	6
Frisco	10	15	.400	7

Tuesday's Scores
Frisco 5, San Antonio 3
Springfield 9, Northwest Arkansas 5
Corpus Christi 7, Midland 1
Tulsa 4, Arkansas 2

Today's Games
Springfield at NW Arkansas, 11 a.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 11:05 a.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

Sockers

From 1C

the players on the roster to get used to Cottle's coaching style, but Guillen said over time the players became used to Cottle and assistant coach Chris Bryant. Plus, Guillen said, the roster has remained relatively stable through the early part of the season.

"With the other coach, he would bring people in from Mexico and we didn't know anything about them," Guillen said. "I've played with pretty much everybody here already. We know the coach is not going to bring somebody in every time, and he's going to work with the players here."

Cottle said he had to adjust as well to coaching this level of the game, which features college-age and college players, but said he's ready for the season ahead.

"The quality of the players is a lot better and the speed of play is a lot better," Cottle said. "The dynamics are different because you have kids coming in and out of college, and people also work.

"The group that we have now, the guys have been working super hard and have come a long way in a short period of time."

The roster for today's game includes Ben Everson and Dominic Furness, who both go to West Texas A&M University and have been in school the past few weeks. Cottle said that the core of the team, though, is mainly players from West Texas and the Permian Basin.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PAIRINGS

Baseball

Bi-district
Class 5A

Arlington High (W4, 24-9) vs. Abilene Cooper (F3, 12-17), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Weatherford HS

El Paso Montwood (R1, 19-8) vs. Lubbock Monterey (T2, 15-17), Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Cibolo Ballpark, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Cibolo Ballpark, Game 3 if necessary: TBA, Saturday, Christensen Stadium

Amarillo High (W2, 26-4) vs. El Paso Coronado (F1), TBA

Midland High (R3, 23-9) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (T4, 21-11), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Lupton Stadium, Fort Worth, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, FW Arlington Heights HS, Game 3 (if necessary): 1:30 p.m. FW Arlington Heights HS

Lewisville Hebron (W8, 18-7) vs. Keller (F7, 18-11), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday, All games at Lewisville HS

Mansfield (R5, 26-7) vs. Colleyville Heritage (T6, 25-7), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Heritage HS, Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield HS, Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday, Mansfield HS

Hurst L.D. Bell (W6, 24-9) vs. Grand Prairie (F5, 15-11), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, L.D. Bell HS, Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Grand Prairie HS, Game 3 if necessary: 2 p.m. Saturday, L.D. Bell HS

Coppell (R7, 24-6) vs. Flower Mound (T8, 24-8), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Coppell HS, Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Flower Mound HS, Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday, Coppell HS

Lee (W3, 23-10) vs. Arlington Martin (F4, 17-17), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Brownwood HS

Lubbock Coronado (R2, 22-11) vs. El Paso Hanks (T1), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Mustang Baseball Complex, Andrews

El Paso Franklin (W1, vs. Amarillo Tascosa (F2, 9-20), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Christensen Stadium

Weatherford (R4, 28-5) vs. Odessa Permian (T3, 10-14), Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Moffett Field, Snyder

Southlake Carroll (W7, 22-6) at Plano East (F8), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Plano East HS, Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Carroll HS, Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday, TBA

Irving (R6, 19-9) vs. Mansfield Legacy (T7, 22-7), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Legacy HS, Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Irving HS, Game 3 if necessary: 2 p.m. Saturday, Legacy HS

South Grand Prairie (W5, 21-8) vs. Grapevine (F6, 19-13), 7 p.m. Friday, Euless Trinity HS

Plano (R8, 24-6) vs. Denton Guyer (T5, 12-16), 7 p.m. Friday, Allen HS

Class 3A
Andrews (W4, 19-9) vs. Borger (R1, 21-18)

Perryton (R4, 13-15) vs. Levelland (T2, 15-13), Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday, Wilder Park, Canyon, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Levelland HS, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2

Shallowater (W2, 21-8), bye

Pampa (R3, 15-7) vs. Fort Stockton (T4, 9-13), Game 1: 4 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 9 a.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Kokernot Field, Alpine

Kennedale (W6, 22-4), bye

Abilene Wylie (R5, 15-10) vs. Burkburnett (T5, 15-13), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Mineral Wells HS

Graham (W8, 24-7), bye

Bridgeport (R7, 18-9) vs. Glen Rose (T8, 8-13), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Weatherford College, Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Weatherford College, Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday, Aledo HS

Presidio (W3, 16-4), bye

Lubbock Cooper (R2) vs. Pampa (T1, 13-14), Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Wolfer Park, Canyon

Borger (W1, 16-11), bye

Seminole (R4, 19-8) vs. Pecos (T3, 12-17), Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at McCamey Field, Odessa

Mineral Wells (W7, 16-14), bye

Iowa Park (R6, 15-11) vs. Snyder (T5, 22-8), Game 1: 5 p.m. Thursday, Moffett Field, Snyder, Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Iowa Park HS, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2

Brownwood (W8, 19-7), bye

West (R8, 25-5) vs. Decatur (T7, 12-18), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Bunleson Centennial HS

Class 2A

Alpine (W4, 17-5), bye

Childress (R1, 13-9) vs. Floydada (T2, 13-8), Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Canyon Randall HS

Stinnett (R2, 16-11) vs. Crane (T4, 11-12), Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Robert Ryan Field, Seminole

Bland, W8, 19-8), bye

Van Vleet (R5, 21-5) vs. Early (T6, 16-11), Game 1: 5 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Foster Field

San Angelo

Bangs (W6, 21-2), bye

Sonora (R7, 18-7) vs. Harper (T8, 11-9), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lakeview HS

Lubbock Roosevelt (W3, 20-5), bye

Jacksboro (R2, 13-3) vs. Amarillo River Road (T1, 10-14), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Bulldog Park, Plainview

Bushland (W1, 18-6), bye

Tornillo (R4, 4-13) vs. Forsan (T3, 18-5), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Pecos HS

Wall (W7, 23-3), bye

San Saba (R6) vs. Menard (T5), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at East end HS

Hawley (W5), bye

Comfort (R8) vs. Ballinger (T7), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Brady HS

Softball

Class 5A
Area

Weatherford (W4, 21-9) vs. El Paso Hanks (R1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Rath# Softball Complex, Odessa

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 34-0) vs. Odessa Permian (R3, 22-8), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Lamesa HS

Plano (W8, 32-3) vs. Mansfield (R5, 22-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grand Prairie HS

Mount Pleasant (F5) vs. Lewisville Hebron (T8), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Hebron HS, Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Justin Nelson HS, Game 3 (if necessary): 3 p.m. Saturday, Legacy HS

Midland High (W3, 23-12) vs. Lubbock Monterey (R2, 21-12), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Lady Plainsmen Field, Lubbock

El Paso Americas (W1) vs. Arlington Bowie (R4), bye, TBA

Keller (W7, 29-6) vs. Midlothian (T2, 21-13), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Irving Nimitz HS

South Grand Prairie (L.D. Bell winner) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R8, TBA

Class 3A
Area

Andrews (W4, 19-13) vs. Borger (R1, 21-18), Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Plainview HS

Lubbock Cooper (W2, 25-6) vs. Fort Stockton (T4), 1 p.m. Friday, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

Kennedale (W8) vs. Graham (T6), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kennedale HS, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Graham HS, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2

Burkburnett (W6, 26-5) vs. Glen Rose (T8, TBA

Pecos (W3) vs. Lamesa (R2, Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Andrews HS

Pampa (W1, 24-7) vs. Greenwood (R4, 12-18), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Rosenes Field, Lubbock

Mineral Wells (W7) vs. Iowa Park (R6, 24-9, TBA

Brownwood (W5) vs. West (R8), TBA

Class 2A
Area

Alpine (W4, 24-7) vs. Muleshoe (T2, 11-10), Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday, Game 3, if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

Littlefield (W3) vs. Forsan (R3, 20-8), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Seminole HS

Junction (W8) vs. Jim Ned (R6), TBA

Early (W6) vs. Ozona (23-5), TBA

Colorado City (W3, 29-4) vs. Amarillo River Road (T1, 10-20), TBA

Bushland (W1, 14-14) vs. Kermit (R4), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Lubbock Cooper HS

Wall (W7, 27-1) vs. Hawley (T5), TBA

Clyde (W5, 28-5) vs. Blanco (R8, 19-12), TBA

TUESDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

American League

TWINS 1, WHITE SOX 0: At Chicago, Francisco Liriano pitched the major leagues' first no-hitter of the season, throwing his first career complete game in Minnesota's 1-0 victory over Chicago on Tuesday night.

Liriano (2-4) walked six and struck out two, throwing 123 pitches in the 95th major league start for the 27-year-old left-hander.

He survived a rocky ninth inning that began when Brent Morel grounded to shortstop and Matt Tolbert made a one-hop throw that first baseman Justin Morneau scooped. Juan Pierre walked and Alexei Ramirez popped to shortstop.

TIGERS 4, YANKEES 2: At Detroit, Scott Sizemore had three hits in his return to the major leagues, helping Detroit snap a seven-game losing streak.

RAYS 3, BLUE JAYS 2.: At St. Petersburg, Fla., B.J. Upton hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, giving Tampa Bay the victory.

RED SOX 7, ANGELS 3: At Boston, Jon Lester struck out 11, Adrian Gonzalez and David Ortiz hit consecutive homers and Boston pulled within one game of .500.

National League

ASTROS 10, REDS 4: At Cincinnati, left-hander J.A. Happ singled home a run during Houston's six-run fourth inning — its biggest of the season — and Cincinnati has its first losing record in nearly a year.

GIANTS 7, METS 6: At New York, Aubrey Huff ended an 0-for-20 slump with a leadoff homer in the 10th inning and San Francisco snapped out of its offensive slumber, beating New York 7-6 on Tuesday night.

PHILLIES 4, NATIONALS 1: At Philadelphia, Cole Hamels pitched a five-hitter for Philadelphia and Raul Ibanez doubled twice as he stopped an 0-for-35 slump.

CARDINALS 7, MARLINS 5: At St. Louis, Daniel Descalso hit his first career home run, a go-ahead three-run shot in the seventh inning, to lead St. Louis.

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NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

HEAT 102, CELTICS 91: At Miami, LeBron James scored 24 of his 35 points in the second half. Dwyane Wade added 28 and the Miami Heat used a late 14-0 run to pull away and beat the Boston Celtics 102-91 in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Tuesday night.

Chris Bosh finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, which leads the best-of-seven 2-0. Game 3 is Saturday in Boston.

Boston tied the game at 80 on a pair of free throws by Paul Pierce with 7:10 left. The Celtics missed their next six shots and Miami pulled away.

Rajon Rondo scored 20 points and added 12 assists for Boston, which got 16 points from Kevin Garnett and 13 from Pierce.

THUNDER 111, GRIZZLIES 102: At Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant scored 26 points, James Harden led an outburst by Oklahoma City's bench with 21, and the Thunder evened their series with Memphis by beating the Grizzlies 111-102 in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

After scoring just 16 points in a Game 1 loss, the Thunder's bench tripled that amount and put Oklahoma City firmly in control with an 18-6 run to start the fourth quarter.

Russell Westbrook scored 24 and his backup, Eric Maynor, added 15 for the Thunder.

Mike Conley scored 24 for Memphis, which cut a 21-point, fourth-quarter deficit to six in the final minutes.

Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol combined to make just five of 22 shots for 28 points — just over half their total from the opener.

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Nowitzki

From 1C

done last night."

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Staples Center.

Although Bryant is widely perceived to be the NBA's best late-game scorer after a 15-year career filled with clutch play, some statistics show Dirk is a better closer than Kobe, including Nowitzki's superior shooting percentage on last-minute shots in tight games. Bryant has missed crucial shots in several buzzer-beating situations over the past few postseasons, including his miss off the back rim to end Game 1.

Nowitzki scored 11 points in the fourth quarter Monday night during the Mavericks' first-ever playoff win in Los Angeles, including four in the final 40 seconds. With Staples Center collectively screaming in his ear with 19.5 seconds to play, Nowitzki coolly made two free throws to give Dallas its first lead of the second half.

"I've basically seen it all in this league," Nowitzki said after the Mavericks' workout at the Los Angeles Clippers' training complex. "It's my 13th year. I've got to be ready for anything. I can adjust to just about anything, and the good thing is we've got a lot of shooters on this team. We can do a lot of things."

Bryant scored 21 of his 36 points in the second half, but he couldn't close out the Mavs. His bad pass was stolen by Jason Terry with 20 seconds left, and he fumbled a handoff from Pau Gasol with 4 seconds to play before missing that catch-and-shoot 3-pointer.

Nowitzki was the cooler playoff customer, while Bryant made crucial mistakes to cap the Lakers' collapse. No wonder Staples Center fans appeared more confused than angry after their team blew a 16-point lead to lose their second straight series opener.

"I'm not clutch," Bryant deadpanned after sitting out another practice at the Lakers' training complex.

Nowitzki and Bryant have struck up a friendship during times together at All-Star games or the Olympics, but Bryant doesn't feel a personal rivalry with Nowitzki.

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

LIGHTNING 4, CAPITALS 3: At Tampa, Fla., Steven Stamkos and Ryan Malone scored 24 seconds apart in the third period and the streaking Tampa Bay Lightning beat Washington 4-3 to push the top-seeded Capitals to the brink of elimination in the Eastern Conference semifinals on Tuesday night.

After winning twice in Washington, the Lightning returned home and rallied to take a commanding 3-0 series lead. Tampa Bay can advance to the conference finals with a victory at home on Wednesday night in Game 4.

CANUCKS 3, PREDATORS 2, OT: At Nashville, Tenn., Ryan Kesler scored his second power-play goal at 10:45 of overtime, and Vancouver beat Nashville and grabbed a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

Kesler scored his first two goals of the postseason and had an assist, and Chris Higgins had a goal for Vancouver. The Canucks, the Presidents' Trophy winners in the regular season, bounced back from a 2-1, double-overtime loss in Game 2 and regained home-ice advantage.

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NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Tuesday's Scores

Miami 102, Boston 91; Miami leads series 2-0

Oklahoma City 111, Memphis 102; series tied 1-1

Today's Games

Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m. TNT

Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXSCORES

MIAMI 102, BOSTON 91

BOSTON (91): Pierce 5-11 2-2 13, Garnett 9-20 0-0 18, J.O'Neal 2-7 4-5 8, Rondo 7-16 6-8 20, Allen 2-12 2-2 7, Davis 2-7 2-5 6, Green 4-6 1-2 11, Krstic 0-1 0-0 0, West 4-4 0-0 10, Wafer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-79 17-23 91

MIAMI (102): James 14-25 5-8 35, Bosh 5-10 7-11 17, Iguodala 1-5 0-0 2, Bibby 3-6 0-0 8, Wade 8-20 1-1 18, Anthony 1-2 4-4 6, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 1-1 0-0 3, Chalmers 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 34-75 27-36 102

Boston	**20**	**16**	**25**	**24 — 91**
Miami	**27**	**20**	**25**	**30 — 102**

3-Point Goals—Boston 6-11, West 2-2, Green 2-2, Allen 1-2, Pierce 1-4, Rondo 0-1, Miami 7-16, Bibby 2-4, James 2-4, Miller 1-1, Wade 1-3, Chalmers 1-4. Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 49 (J.O'Neal 9), Miami 51 (Bosh 11). Assists—Boston 18 (Rondo 12), Miami 15 (Bosh 4). Total Fouls—Boston 24, Miami 22. Technicals—Boston Coach Rivers, A—20,104 (19,600)

MONDAY'S LATE BOXSCORE

DALLAS, L.A. LAKERS TIED

DALLAS (99): Marion 5-13 0-0 10, Nowitzki 11-22 5-5 28, Chandler 5-8 1-2 11, Kidd 2-4 1-2 7, Stevenson 2-9 0-0 5, Barea 3-6 0-0 8, Terry 6-10 2-2 15, Haywood 1-1 0-0 2, Barea 3-6 0-0 8. Brewer 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 39-79 9-11 99

L.A. LAKERS (94): Artest 1-8 0-0 2, Gasol 5-10 5-5 15, Bynum 3-8 2-2 8, Fisher 3-6 1-1 8, Bryant 12-26 4-5 30, Odom 3-10 5-5 15, Blake 0-1 0-0 0, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Barnes 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 36-84 17-20 94

DALLAS	**19**	**25**	**25**	**— 99**
L.A. LAKERS	**23**	**30**	**25**	**16 — 94**

3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-20, Kidd 2-3, Stojakovic 2-3, Barea 2-4, Nowitzki 1-2, Brewer 0-2, Terry 1-4, Stevenson 0-2. L.A. Lakers 5-19, Bryant 4-9, Fisher 1-2, Odom 0-1, Blake 0-1, Barnes 0-1, Brown 0-2. Artest 0-3. Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 43 (Nowitzki 14), L.A. Lakers 50 (Odom 12). Assists—Dallas 30 (Kidd 11), L.A. Lakers 21 (Gasol 7). Total Fouls—Dallas 17, L.A. Lakers 20. Technicals—Chandler, Nowitzki, Gasol, A—18,997 (18,997)

NBA MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

2011 ... Derrick Rose, Chicago
2010 ... LeBron James, Cleveland
2009 ... LeBron James, Cleveland
2008 ... Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers
2007 ... Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas Mavericks
2006 ... Steve Nash, Phoenix Suns
2005 ... Steve Nash, Phoenix Suns
2004 ... Kevin Garnett, Minnesota Timberwolves
2003 ... Tim Duncan, San Antonio Spurs
2002 ... Tim Duncan, San Antonio Spurs
2001 ... Allen Iverson, Philadelphia 76ers
2000 ... Shaquille O'Neal, Los Angeles Lakers
1999 ... Karl Malone, Utah Jazz
1998 ... Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls
1997 ... Karl Malone, Utah Jazz
1996 ... Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls
1995 ... David Robinson, San Antonio Spurs
1994 ... Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston Rockets
1993 ... Charles Barkley, Phoenix Suns
1992 ... Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls
1991 ... Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls
1990 ... Magic Johnson, Los Angeles Lakers
1989 ... Magic Johnson, Los Angeles Lakers
1988 ... Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls
1987 ... Magic Johnson, Los Angeles Lakers
1986 ... Larry Bird, Boston Celtics
1985 ... Larry Bird, Boston Celtics
1984 ... Larry Bird, Boston Celtics
1983 ... Moses Malone, Philadelphia 76ers
1982 ... Moses Malone, Houston Rockets
1981 ... Julius Erving, Philadelphia 76ers
1980 ... Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Los Angeles Lakers
1979 ... Moses Malone, Houston Rockets
1978 ... Bob McAdoo, Buffalo Braves
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1976 ... Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Los Angeles Lakers
1975 ... Bob McAdoo, Buffalo Braves
1974 ... Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Milwaukee Bucks
1973 ... Dave Cowens, Boston Celtics
1972 ... Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Milwaukee Bucks
1971 ... Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Milwaukee Bucks
1970 ... Willis Reed, New York Knicks
1969 ... Wes Unseld, Baltimore Bullets
1968 ... Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia 76ers
1967 ... Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia 76ers
1966 ... Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia 76ers
1965 ... Bill Russell, Boston Celtics
1964 ... Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1963 ... Bill Russell, Boston Celtics
1962 ... Bill Russell, Boston Celtics
1961 ... Bill Russell, Boston Celtics
1960 ... Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia Warriors
1959 ... Bob Pettit, St. Louis Hawks
1958 ... Bill Russell, Boston Celtics
1957 ... Bob Cousy, Boston Celtics
1956 ... Bob Pettit, St. Louis Hawks

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	4	1	2	14	10	7
Philadelphia	4	1	1	13	5	2
Houston	3	1	2	11	7	5
Columbus	3	2	1	10	7	7
New England	2	3	3	9	8	12
D.C.	2	3	2	8	7	8
Toronto FC	2	3	1	7	13	13
Chicago	2	3	0	6	10	13
Sporting Kansas City	1	4	1	4	7	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	4	1	3	15	9	5
Real Salt Lake	4	1	3	15	8	2
Seattle	3	2	3	12	7	6
Colorado	3	2	3	12	8	8
FC Dallas	3	3	1	10	10	10
Portland	3	3	1	10	11	13
Kansas USA	2	3	2	8	7	10
Vancouver	1	4	3	6	11	14
San Jose	1	4	2	5	6	12

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Today's Games

Seattle FC at D.C. United, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Philadelphia at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7

Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 3 p.m.

Houston at Toronto FC, 6 p.m.

Colorado at New England, 6:30 p.m.

Seattle FC at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at D.C. United, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

New York at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Western New York	2	0	1	7	3	1
magicJack	2	0	1	6	3	1
Boston	2	2	0	6	6	4
Atlanta	1	2	1	4	4	9
Philadelphia	1	2	1	4	5	7
Sky Blue FC	0	2	1	1	2	4

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Friday's Games

Sky Blue FC at Western New York, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 8

Atlanta at magicJack, 3 p.m.

Boston at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
(Home teams listed first)
SEMIFINALS
First Leg
Tuesday, April 26
Schalke 0, Manchester United 2
Wednesday, April 27
Real Madrid 0, Barcelona 2
Second Leg
Tuesday's Scores
Barcelona (Spain) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 1. Barcelona advanced on 3-1 aggregate
Today's Games
Manchester United (England) vs. Schalke (Germany), 1:45 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday, May 28
At Wembley Stadium
Barcelona vs. Manchester United/Schalke winner, 1:45 p.m.

NFL

Calendar

Aug. 6 — Pro Football Hall of Fame induction, Canton, Ohio

Aug. 7 — Hall of Fame game, Chicago vs. St. Louis at Canton, Ohio

Aug. 11-15 — First weekend of preseason games

Sept. 2 — Preseason games, New Orleans at Green Bay

Sept. 11-12 — Opening weekend games

Jan. 1, 2012 — Regular season ends

Jan. 7-8 — Wild-card playoffs

Jan. 14-15 — Divisional playoffs

Jan. 21-22 — Conference championships

Feb. 5, 2012 — Super Bowl, Indianapolis

AL Boxes

RAYS 3, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Davis rf	4	0	0	0
Pillsbry cf	4	1	2	0
Escor ss	2	0	0	0
Lind 1b	3	1	2	1
River lf	4	0	0	0
Arencc c	4	0	1	0
Cooper dh	4	0	0	0
Encrnc 3b	4	0	2	1
McCoy pr-3bd	0	0	0	0
McDnl 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	7	2
Toronto	100	100	000	— 2
Tampa Bay	010	000	002	— 3

E—Davis, Escobar. LOB—Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 5. 2B—Encarnacion 2 (10), Hill (4). HR—Bourgeois (4), Longoria (4). SB—S.Rodriguez (2). E.Johnson (1). CS—Lind (1).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jo.Reyes	6	4	1	1	4	
Camp	1	0	0	0	0	0
Janssen	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rauch L,1-2	1	3	2	2	1	0
Tampa Bay						
Hellickson	6	6	2	2	3	2
B.Gomes						
C.Ramos	2	3	0	0	0	1
Farnsworth W,2-0	1	0	0	0	1	1

Rauch pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.

HBP—by Jo.Reyes (Damon).

T—2:40. A—10,248 (34,078).

RED SOX 7, ANGELS 3

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Mizturs 3b	4	0	2	0
Abreu dh	4	0	0	0
Aybar ss	4	0	2	0
Hunter rf	4	1	1	0
Trumo 1b	3	1	1	1
Mathis c	3	0	0	0
Bourgos lf	2	1	0	0
Totals	34	3	9	3
Los Angeles	010	000	002	— 3
Boston	000	002	14x	— 7

E—Lester. DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Los Angeles 6, Boston 7. 2B—M.Izturis (10), Aybar (5), Ellsbury (7), Saltalamacchia (4). HR—Trumbo (3), Youkilis (2), Ortiz (4). SB—Ellsbury (21). SF—Trumbo.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Haren L,4-2						
Takahashi						
Boston						
Lester W,4-1						
Baird						
Papelbon						

Haren pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.

T—2:41. A—37,342 (37,493).

TIGERS 4, YANKEES 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	4	0	0	0
Gardnr lf	4	0	1	0
Teixeir 1b	4	0	1	0
Rdrg 3b	4	1	1	0
Cano 2b	4	0	1	1
Overay dh	3	0	0	0
Cervelli c	3	0	0	0
Swisher rf	3	1	1	1
Martnz cf	3	0	0	0
Gardnr lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	2
New York	000	100	010	— 2
Detroit	200	000	00x	— 4

E—S.Sizemore, Avila. DP—New York 1, Detroit 2. LOB—New York 7, Detroit 7. 2B—Martin 5, A.Jackson 4, S.Sizemore (7), Peralta 4. 3B—A.Jackson (1). HR—Teixeira (8), Cano (5). SB—Rosario (2).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sabathia L,2-2	7	4	4	4	2	4
Robertson						
Detroit						
Penny W,2-3	5	6	2	2	2	4
Schwmkr	1	0	0	0	0	1
Valverde S,6-6	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:54. A—23,551 (41,255).

TWINS 1, WHITE SOX 0

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	4	0	1	0
Cassll 2b	4	0	1	0
Morneau 1b	3	0	0	0
Kubel lf	3	0	1	0
Duffy rf	4	0	1	0
Tolosn c	3	0	1	0
Nishiok dh	3	0	0	0
Butera r	3	0	0	0
Tolbert ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	6	1
Minnesota	000	100	000	— 1
Chicago	000	000	000	— 0

DP—Minnesota 1, Chicago 1. LOB—Minnesota 4, Chicago 3. 2B—Valencia 4, Rios (4), Kubel (3). SB—Pierre (6).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Liriano W,2-4	7	4	0	0	3	6
Chicago						
E.Jackson L,2-4	8	6	1	1	1	7
Thornton	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:09. A—20,901 (40,615).

ROYALS 6, ORIOLES 5, 10 INNINGS

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Andino ss	4	0	0	0
Markks rf	4	0	1	0
Lee 1b	3	1	2	1
Guerr dh	4	2	1	0
McPhrs 3b	4	0	1	2
Adjuns cf	4	1	1	0
Scott lf	2	1	1	1
Wieters c	3	0	0	0
Clizturs 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	10	5
Baltimore	000	302	000	0 — 5
Kansas City	030	011	000	1 — 6

One out when winning run scored.

E—C.Izturis 1, Andino 1, A.Escobar 2. LOB—Baltimore 4, Kansas City 7. 2B—Me.Cabrera (9), Betemit 2 (10), Aviles (6), B.Pena (3). HR—Scott (4), Kotchman (2). SB—Ad.Jones 4. CS—A.Escobar 3. SF—Wieters, Francoeur, B.Pena.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bergesen	5	6	4	4	1	2
Accardo						
J.Gutirrez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Uehara	1	0	0	0	0	2
Berken L,0-2	1-3	2	1	1	1	0
Kansas City						
Francis	5	2-3	6	5	5	4
Bl.Wood	1	1-3	1	0	0	0
Crow	1	1	0	0	0	1
Soria	1	1	0	0	0	2
Jeffress	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Collins W,2-1	1-3	1	0	0	1	0

HBP—by Accardo (B.Pena). WP—Francis. T—3:16. A—11,986 (37,903).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 10, REDS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	5	1	1	0
Bourgs lf	5	0	3	2
Pence rf	5	1	1	0
Wallac 1b	5	2	2	1
Johnsn 3b	5	2	2	1
Hall 2b	2	2	0	1
Barmes ss	4	1	2	2
Quntnr c	3	0	0	2
Happ p	3	1	1	1
Fulchin ph	0	0	0	0
Abad p	0	0	0	0
Bogsvc ph	1	0	1	0
Melncn p	0	0	0	0
Figuero p	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	10	13	10
Houston	010	620	001	— 10
Cincinnati	100	020	100	— 4

E—Votto. DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 7, Cincinnati 6. 2B—Bourgeois (4), Johnson (2), Barmes (4), Votto (9), Phillips (3). HR—Wallace (2), Johnson (1), Happ (1). SB—Bourn (21), Hall (2). S—Happ. SF—Quintanilla.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Happ W,3-1	6	6	3	3	3	4
Abad H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Melncn H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Figuero H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wilton H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Qualls H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lyon H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wlngtn H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Myers H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wilhelm H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cordero H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chapmn S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Leake L,1-2	5	7	5	5	2	3
Ondrusk	1	0	0	0	0	1
Arroyo	1	1	1	1	0	1
Marshll	1	2	2	2	0	1
Cordrmn	1	3	2	2	0	0
Totals	38	10	13	10	5	12
Houston	010	620	001	— 10		
Cincinnati	100	020	100	— 4		

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Melncn H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Wilton H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Qualls H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lyon H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Arroyo	1	1	1	1	0	1
Marshll	1	2	2	2	0	0
Cordrmn	1	3	2	2	0	0

Ondrusek pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by Leake (Barmes). WP—Leake, Arroyo.

T—3:04. A—15,453 (42,319).

PHILLIES 4, NATIONALS 1

Washington	ab	r	h	bi
Espinosa 2b	4	0	0	0
Desmnd ss	4	0	0	0
Werth rf	4	0	0	0
LaRoche 1b	3	0	0	0
Morse lf	3	1	1	1
Hernnd c	3	0	0	0
Rodrguez p	2	0	0	0
Baker 3b	3	0	0	0
Ramos ph	1	0	0	0
Rdrgz ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	1	1
Washington	000	000	100	— 1
Philadelphia	001	010	20x	— 4

DP—Washington 3, Philadelphia 1. LOB—Washington 3, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Rodriguez (3), Ibanez 2 (4). 3B—Rollins (1). HR—Morse (2). SB—Werth 3, Rollins 6. Victorino 6. S—Francisco.

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hernandez	5	3	1	1	4	4
Coffey	1	3	3	3	0	0
Slaten	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Philadelphia						
Hamels W,4	7	1	1	1	2	7
Bastardo	2	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:35. A—45,596 (43,651).

GIANTS 7, METS 6, 10 INNINGS

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi
Rownd rf	5	1	2	0
Burres lf	5	0	1	0
Tejada ss	4	1	1	0
Fontent ss	0	0	0	0
Posey c	5	0	1	1
Belt 1b	5	1	2	2
Schrhlt 3b	4	2	2	1
C.Ross lf	3	0	0	0
Blkdzr p	0	0	0	0
Affelt ph	1	0	0	0
Romo p	0	0	0	0
Brnfrd p	0	0	0	0
Burnns 2b	2	0	0	0
Pagnzz c	3	0	0	0
Runzlr p	0	0	0	0
Rhngr ph	1	0	0	0
Affelt p	0	0	0	0
Mota p	0	0	0	0
Ford cf	1	0	0	0
Totals	41	7	11	7
San Francisco	004	101	000	1 — 7
New York	302	001	000	0 — 6

E—Thole 2. DP—San Francisco 1. LOB—San Francisco 8, New York 7. 2B—Belt (6), Schierholtz (2), Beltran (6). SB—Fontenot (1), Blackburn (2), Burriss 1. CS—Ross (1), Posey (1). S—Pridie, Dickey.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Vogelsong	4	5	5	5	4	2
Runzler	1	2	1	1	0	0
Affelt	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Mota	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ja.Lopez W,1-0	1-3	1	0	0	2	0
Br.Wilson S,9-10	1	0	0	0	0	2
New York						
Dickey	5	7	6	6	1	1
Gee	1-2	3	1	0	0	2
Familia	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Feliciano	1	0	0	0	0	0
F.Rodriguez L,1-1	1	1	1	1	0	2
Buchholz	1	1	1	1	0	2

WP—Dickey, Gee.

T—3:32. A—32,288 (41,800).

CARDINALS 7, MARLINS 5

Florida	St. Louis					
	ab	r	h	bi		
Coghln cf	4	0	0	1	Theriot ss	4
Hrtenz 2b	5	0	1	0	Craig 3b	1
HRmrz ss	4	1	1	0	Punto 2b	1

Totals 38 10 13 10 Totals 34 4 9 4

Houston 010 620 001 — 10

Cincinnati 100 020 100 — 4

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Happ W,3-1	6	6	3	3	3	4
Abad H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Melncn H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Figuero H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wilton H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Qualls H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lyon H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wlngtn H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Totals 36 5 9 4 Totals 32 7 9 7

Florida 002 200 100 — 5

St. Louis 210 010 30x — 7

E—Hermida, Hernandez. DP—Florida 1, St. Louis 1. LOB—Florida 6, St. Louis 5. 2B—Hermida (2), Hernandez (2), Molina (3), Punto (2). HR—Coghl

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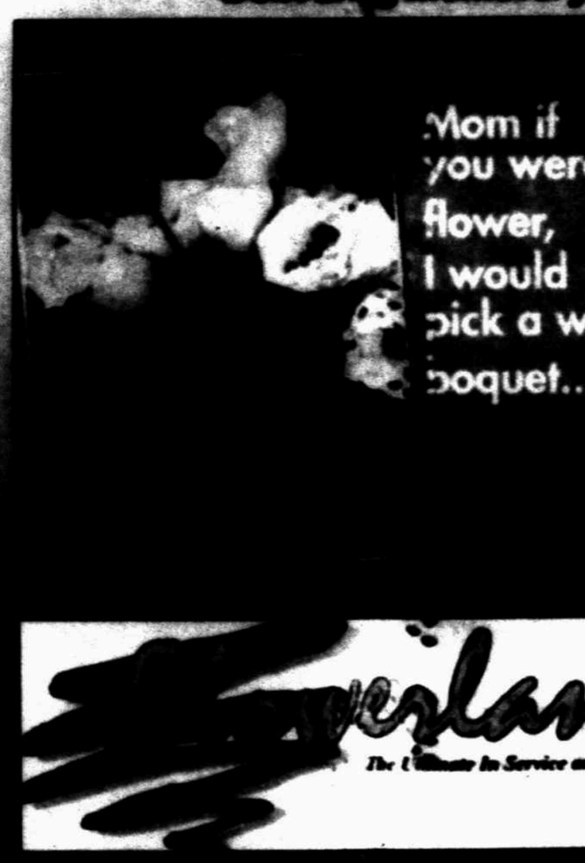

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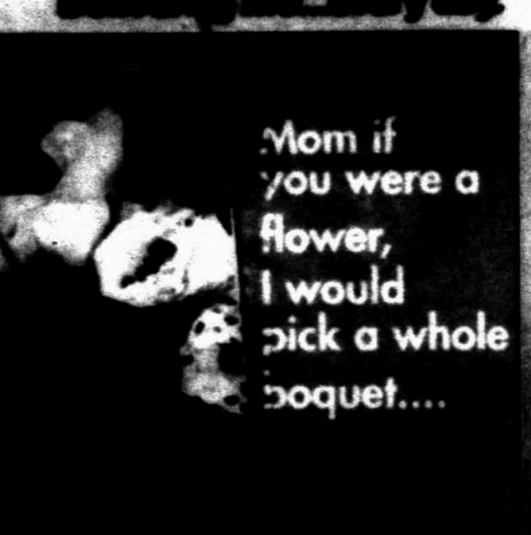

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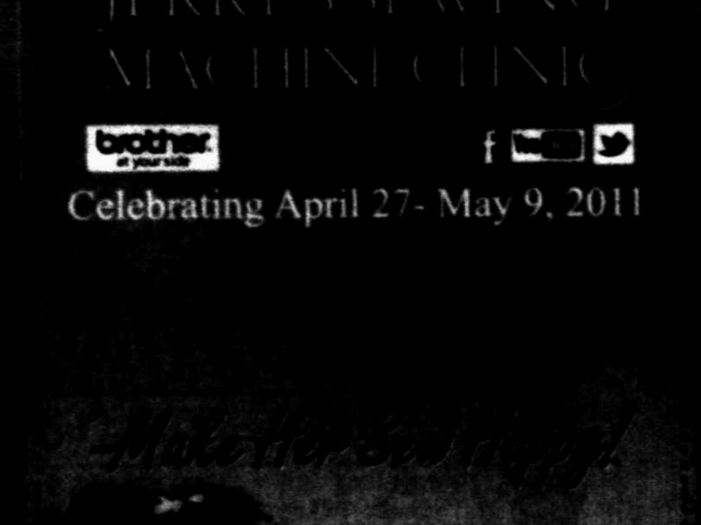

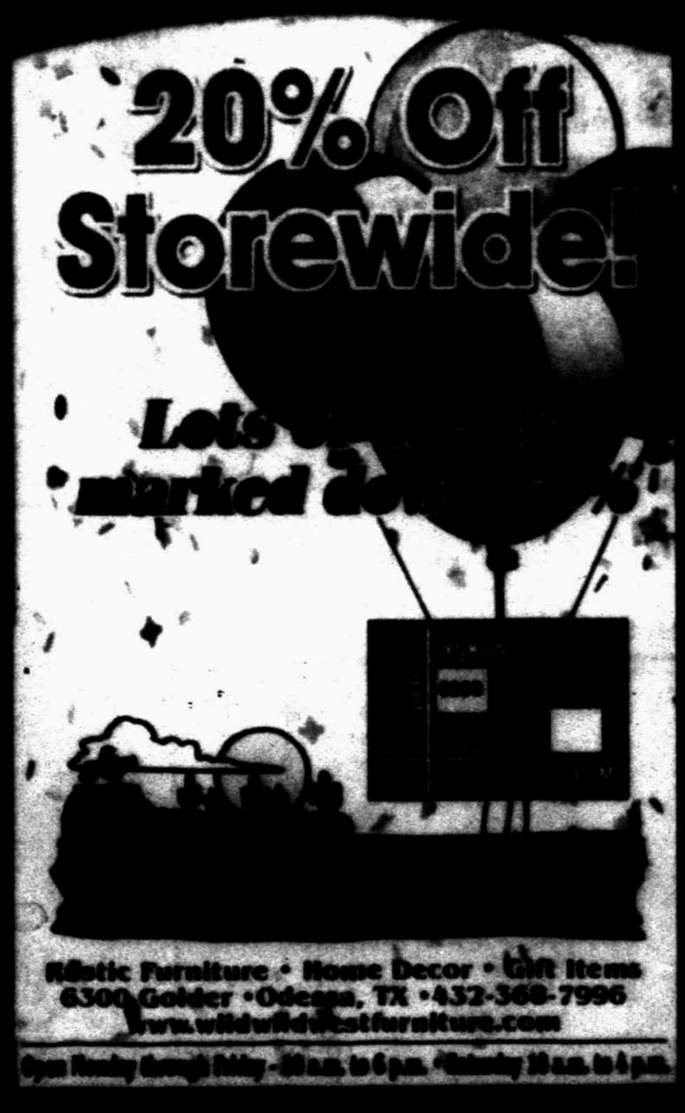

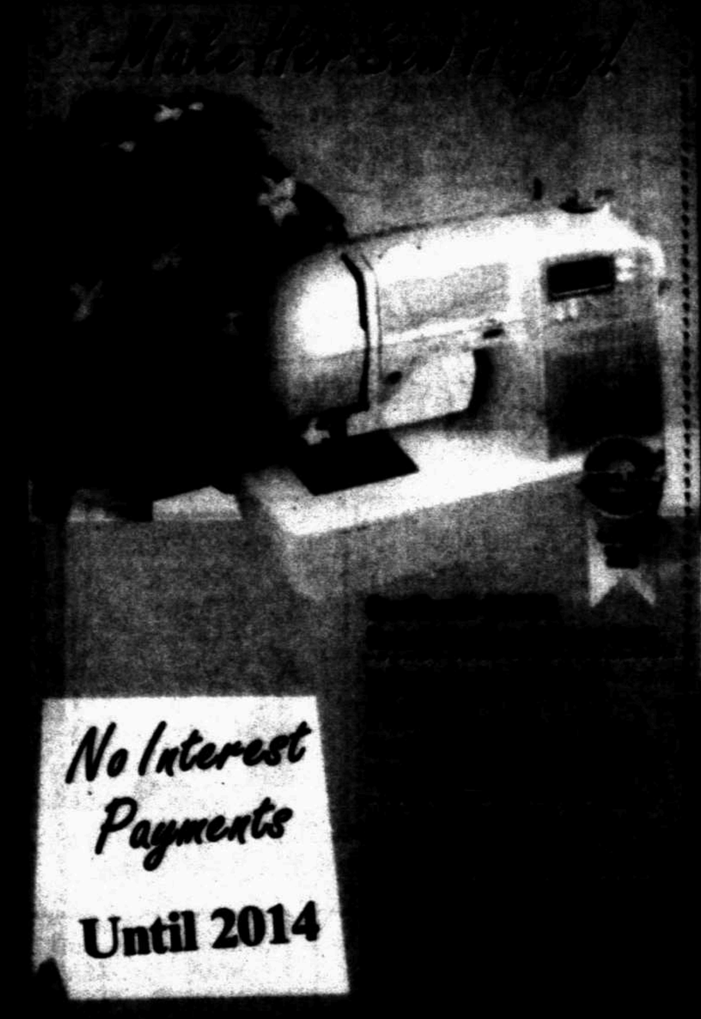

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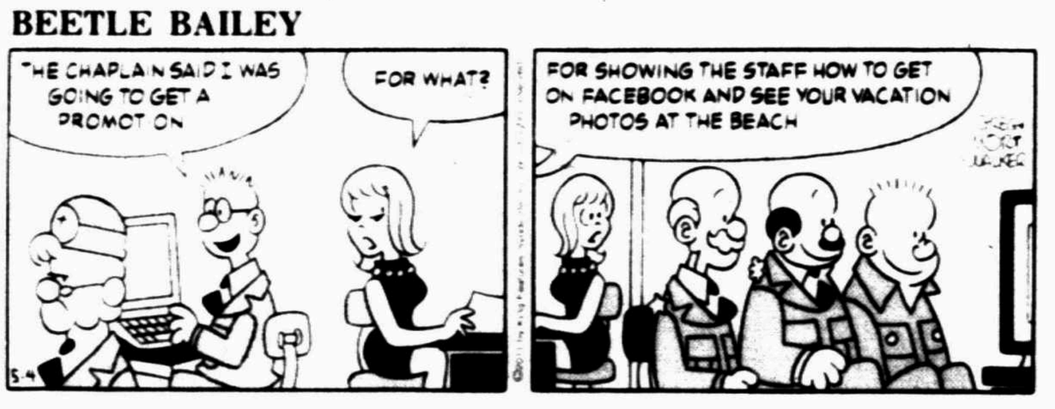

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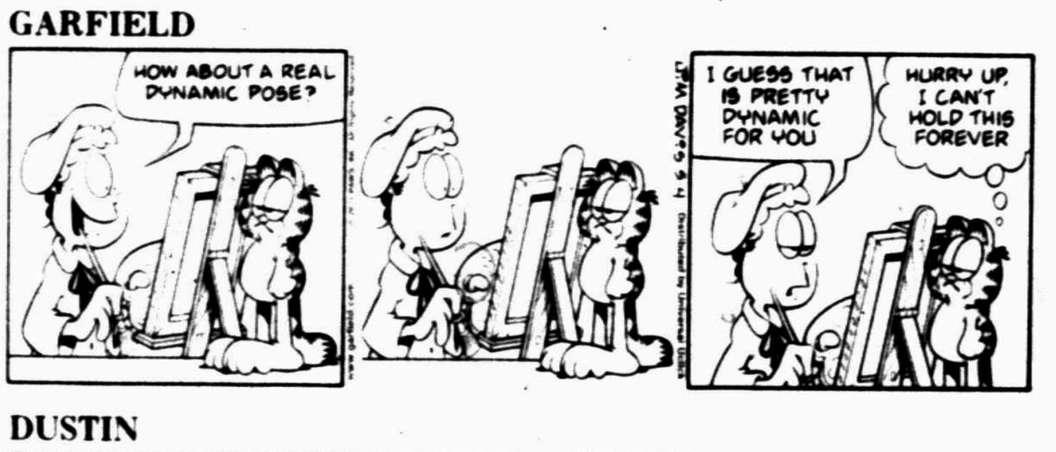

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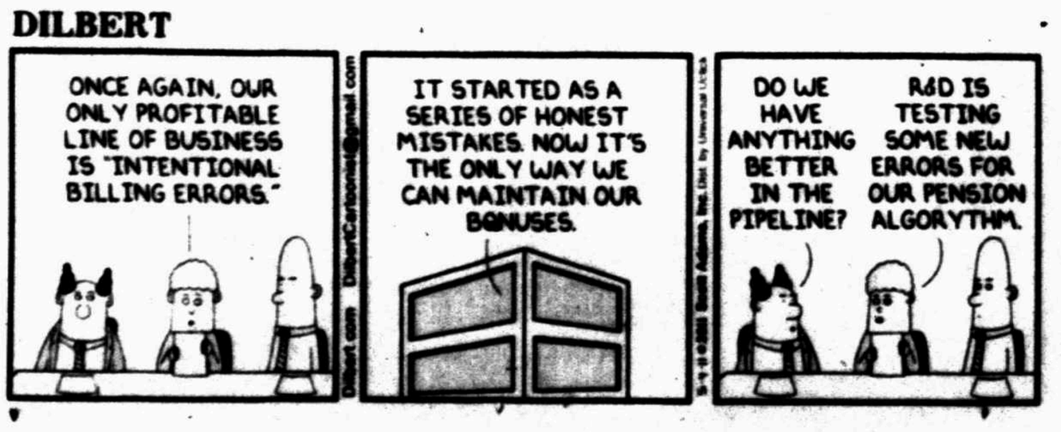

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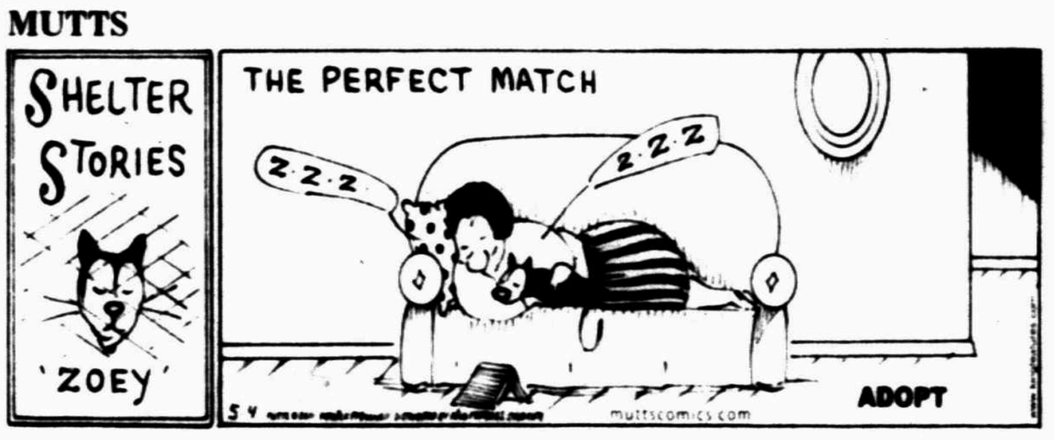

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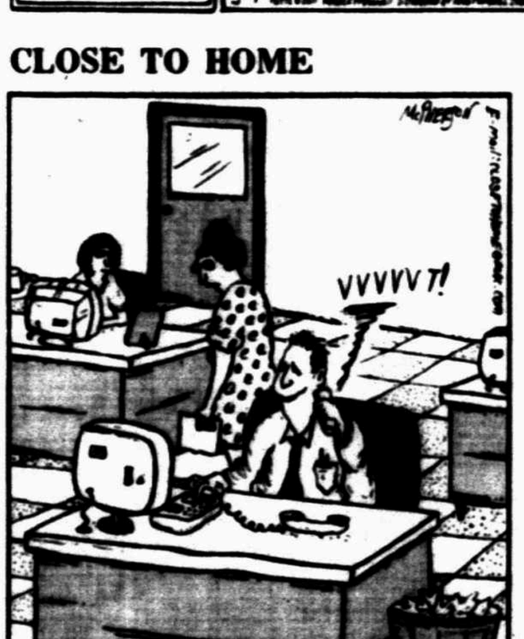


To help relieve stress at work, Dan liked to set his cell phone on vibrate, and then call it repeatedly.

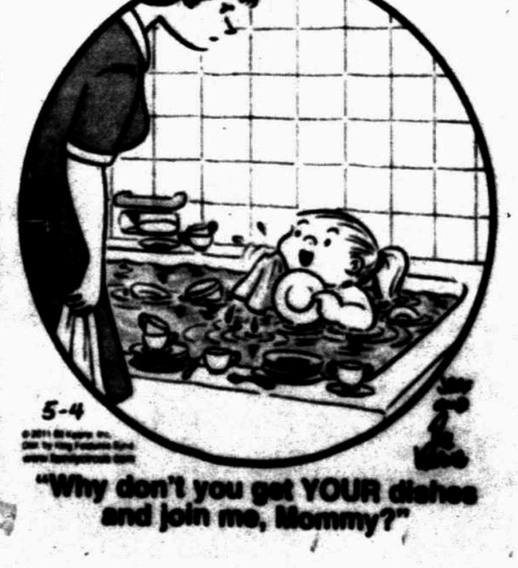
DENNIS THE MENACE

"NO, DENNIS, YOU MAY NOT TAKE A YEAR OFF AFTER KINDERGARTEN TO *FIND* YOURSELF."

LOCKHORNS

"IF YOU REALLY LOVE SOMETHING, EVENTUALLY YOU HAVE TO GET IT FREE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

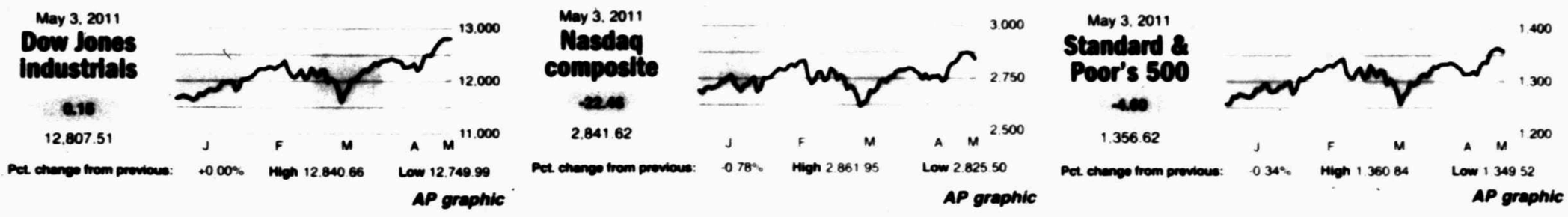


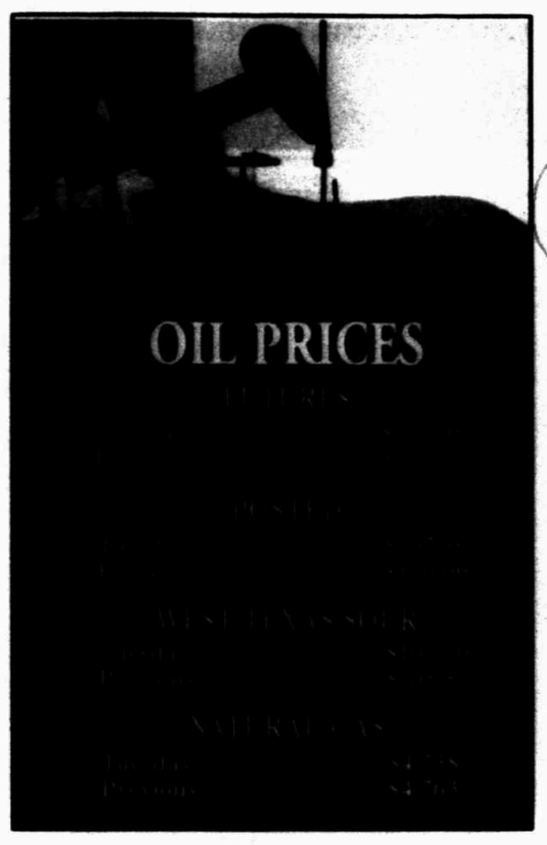
"Why don't you get YOUR dishes and join me, Mommy?"

WEDNESDAY
May 4, 2011

Business & Oil

A DAY ON WALL STREET





Paul Sancya/AP

AUTO SALES In this March 17 photo, a line worker assembles a 2012 Ford Focus at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Mich. High gas prices are triggering sales of smaller cars in the U.S.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	4197270	4.52	-.03
iShSilver	2121955	40.58	-2.25
BkofAm	1409205	12.60	+.26
S&P500ETF	1241841	135.73	-.49
Pfizer	1071868	20.44	-.58

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Herbalife	102.22	+11.97	+13.3
VishPrec n	18.51	+2.05	+12.5
Rogers	46.80	+4.43	+10.5
SemiMfg	4.79	+.45	+10.4
CIBER	6.28	+.59	+10.4

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CenPacF rt	3.90	-1.24	-24.1
Goldcp wt	4.20	-1.25	-22.9
CompSci	44.03	-6.52	-12.9
TAL Ed n	11.10	-1.50	-11.9
ProSUltSlv	264.97	-31.53	-10.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,063
Declined	1,968
Unchanged	125
Total issues	3,156
New Highs	141
New Lows	21
Volume	4,475,668,238

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	75569	10.19	-.64
AvalRare n	73672	9.18	+.35
NovaGld g	72046	11.69	-.37
RareEle g	62546	14.25	+.40
CFCda g	61717	22.21	-.38

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrsusXel rs	2.07	+.98	+89.9
Quepasa	8.37	+.92	+12.3
Uranerz	2.87	+.27	+10.4
MetroHlth	4.33	+.24	+5.9
ChinaPhH	2.55	+.10	+4.1

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Richmnt g	7.86	-1.13	-12.6
NewEnSys	3.16	-.35	-10.0
VoyagerOG	3.75	-.38	-9.1
Nevsun g	5.65	-.53	-8.6
SwGA Fn	11.01	-.99	-8.3

DIARY

Advanced	145
Declined	317
Unchanged	40
Total issues	502
New Highs	6
New Lows	9
Volume	155,058,991

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	2320713	2.07	-.16
Intel	1066260	23.23	+.32
Microsoft	710405	25.81	-.15
Cisco	556970	17.41	-.17
Level3	403929	1.65	-.01

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SinoCEn rs	3.65	+.92	+33.7
BioScrip	5.95	+1.43	+31.6
MergerHlth	5.74	+.98	+20.6
Multiband	4.00	+.64	+19.0
ExtSvcHld	24.04	+3.62	+17.7

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sky-mob n	13.29	-3.76	-22.1
Local.com	3.67	-.79	-17.7
intrphse	4.48	-.85	-15.9
Stereotaxis	3.38	-.63	-15.7
Parexel	22.96	-4.06	-15.0

DIARY

Advanced	784
Declined	1,830
Unchanged	110
Total issues	2,724
New Highs	60
New Lows	36
Volume	2,168,962,835

With gas nearing $4, Americans opt for small cars

Associated Press

DETROIT — Americans are going for smaller cars as gas prices march higher.

New models that get 35 mpg or better, including the Chevrolet Cruze, Hyundai Elantra and Ford Focus, led most major automakers to stronger April sales. Even buyers of pickups chose more efficient engines.

The shift to more fuel-efficient cars was good news for Detroit and Korean automakers, which have plenty of new small cars in stock. But Toyota, struggling with supply shortages since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, reported weak sales.

Overall, U.S. sales rose 18 percent from April of last year, to 1.16 million. It was the third straight month that sales hit an annual rate of 13 million or more and a big improvement from last April, when consumers were more cautious about the economy and unemployment was even higher.

While sales remain below their peak of 17 million in 2005, the April gains were another sign of recovery for the auto industry and the economy. Just two years ago, Americans bought just 10.4 million vehicles.

As buyers come back to U.S. dealerships, they're looking to downsize. Geoff Pohanka, who runs 13 auto dealerships in suburban Washington, said buyers are impressed with small cars' improved design and amenities, like heated leather seats and satellite radio.

"They're not just an econobox," he said.

Rising gas prices make small cars more appealing, too. The average price of a gallon this week is $3.96, up $1.06 from a year ago. Gas is already more than $4 per gallon in New England, in the Midwest and on the West Coast.

In 2008, the last time gas prices spiked in the U.S., the industry was caught off guard, said Don Johnson, General Motors' vice president of sales and marketing. This time, he said, GM and its rivals have good small cars and can increase production quickly.

Even those who choose bigger vehicles are downsizing. Ford said half the people who bought an F-150 opted for a more efficient V-6 engine instead of a V-8. And more than half of Chevrolet buyers are now choosing smaller, four-cylinder engines, the highest level GM has ever seen.

The shift is great for Korea's Hyundai Motor Co., which said sales jumped 40 percent over last April because of demand for more efficient models like the 40-mpg Elantra. Edmunds.com analyst Jessica Caldwell said Hyundai also offered more deals in April than Japanese rivals, which were concerned about supplies. The Elantra alone outsold Nissan's Leaf, Versa, Sentra, Cube and Juke combined.

Car shortages from the earthquake have not hit the U.S. but are expected to by the end of this month. On Monday, Honda warned dealers that the 2012 Civic and other models will be in short supply this summer. It also pushed back the fall launch of the CR-V, a small SUV, by at least a month.

Toyota is already feeling the squeeze. The company's U.S. sales rose just 1 percent in April. Sales of its popular Prius hybrid, which is made in Japan, were flat compared with last April, at about 12,500. In a good month, Toyota can sell around 22,000.

Toyota's U.S. sales manager, Bob Carter, said the company is starting May with a relatively healthy 47 days' supply of vehicles. But cars made in Japan are in much shorter supply. The company has just 10 days' supply of the Prius, for example.

Carter said Toyota production will increase through the summer and should be back to normal by the end of this year. In the meantime, its North American plants are running at a third of their capacity, and its Japanese plants have cut production in half because of parts shortages.

House strips secret meeting clause from RRC

AUSTIN — The Texas House backed away on Tuesday from a controversial measure that would have given oil and gas regulators broad authority to conduct key deliberations in secret.

Lawmakers had approved the legislation without a single objection a day earlier, sparking outrage from consumer advocates who said it undermined government transparency and gave energy companies an unfair advantage. The amendment would have allowed the commission to go behind closed doors in contested cases, including those that help determine how much Texans pay for natural gas.

Oil falls

Oil fell Tuesday because of a stronger dollar and expectations that U.S. supplies are rising.

The dollar gained ground against the euro and other major currencies. Oil is priced in dollars and it becomes less attractive to investors with foreign currencies as the dollar gets stronger.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for June delivery fell $2.47, or 2.2 percent, to settle at $111.05 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude dropped $2.67 to settle at $122.45 per barrel.

Dollar mixed

The dollar was mixed Tuesday as investors continued to weigh the impact of Osama bin Laden's death on the world economy.

The euro fell to $1.4821 late Tuesday from $1.4846 Monday. The British pound fell to $1.6467 from $1.6683.

The U.S. currency fell to 0.8618 Swiss franc from 0.8642 Swiss franc Monday.

July gold gave up $16.70 to settle at $1,540.40 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $27.52 Down 2.52

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $81.96 Down 2.35

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $100.50 Down 3.70

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $41.459 Down 2.04

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $31.30 Down 0.58

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $10.91 Down 0.59

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.82 Up 0.20

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	31.86	+.65	+8.4
Abraxas	...	...	4.84	-.35	+1.5
AdamsEx	.51e	...	11.40	-.05	+6.1
AMD		9	8.80	-.23	+7.6
AlcatelLuc			6.52	-.02	+120.3
Alcoa	.12	25	17.67	+.45	+14.8
AlonUSA	.16		12.47	-.90	+108.5
Amgen	...	12	57.59	+.12	+4.7
Anadarko	.36		78.51	-1.84	+3.1
Apache	.60	14	128.15	-1.79	+8.3
ApldMatl	.32f	15	15.34	+.08	+8.5
ATMOS	1.36	17	34.62	+.01	+11.0
AutoData	1.44	23	54.41	-.29	+17.6
BP PLC	.42e	...	44.80	-1.12	+1.4
BakrHu	.60	30	72.97	-1.33	+27.6
BkofAm	.04	23	12.60	+.26	-5.5
Bar iPVix rs			24.37	+.49	-35.2
BasicEnSv			27.52	-2.52	+67.0
BerkHe A			1612344	0.00	+698.00	+2.5
BerryPet	.30	32	51.40	-.80	+17.8
BlkHillsCp	1.46	30	34.61	+.04	+15.4
BostonSci		22	7.79	+.07	+2.9
BrlBgSq	1.20	16	28.68	+.30	+8.9
BrownFA	1.20e	21	69.31	+.08	-.2
BrownFB	1.20e	22	71.14	+.26	+2.2
CVS Care	.50	15	36.51	+.36	+5.0
Cameron		23	50.79	-1.69	+.1
Caterpillar	1.76	20	113.27	-1.10	+20.9
Celestic g	...	13	11.01	-.08	+13.5
CntryLink	2.90	12	40.59	-.09	-12.1
ChesEng	.30	11	31.33	-1.90	+20.9
Chevron	3.12f	10	105.17	-2.01	+18.4
Chicos	.20	23	14.47	+.03	+20.3
Cimarex	.40f	16	104.90	-3.50	+18.5
Cisco	.24	13	17.41	-.17	-13.9
Citigrp	...	15	4.52	+.03	-4.4
CityDisg	...	27	61.66	-0.55	-2.4
CmrcBcsh	1.20	19	67.05	+.16	+3.2
CmpPrNR	...	20	32.14	-1.75	+8.8
ConAgra	.92	17	26.75	+.07	+0.6
ConocoPhs	...	...	109.65	-3.70	+14.6
ConocoPhil	2.64f	11	74.85	-2.04	+0.4
Crocker0	.80	13	49.60	-.35	-0.6
CrosTim	2.53e	15	42.77	-1.46	+7.2
DCP Mid	2.50f	48	44.12	+.12	+18.0
DTE	2.24	15	51.46	+.37	+13.5
Dataram h			1.85	+.05	+17.8
Dawson	...	...	41.59	-2.04	+30.4
Dell Inc		11	15.80	+.36	+16.6
DevonE	.68f	6	87.22	-2.05	+11.2
Disney	.40f	19	43.07	-.20	+14.8
DowChm	1.00f	21	40.51	-.83	+18.7
EMC Cp		30	27.99	-.12	+22.2
EOG Res	.64f	...	108.15	-2.79	+18.3
EmpDist	1.28	20	22.60	+.16	+1.8
Energen	.54	17	62.87	-1.15	+30.3
EngyTsfr	3.58	44	52.78	-.79	+1.9
EnPro	...	13	40.07	-.32	-3.6
EntPrPt	2.39f	36	41.24	-1.08	-.9
EricsnTel	.37e	...	14.98	-.30	+29.9
Estwestn	...	...	21.87	+.08	-8.7
ExxonMbl	1.88f	12	86.62	-1.36	+17.1
FifthThrd	.24f	17	13.40	+.35	-8.7
FordM		7	15.38	-.07	-8.4
ForestOil		20	32.47	-3.30	-14.5
FMCG s	1.00a	10	53.20	-1.14	-11.4
FrontierCm	.75	36	8.36	+.13	-14.1
FrozenPd	...	...	3.70	-.03	-16.1
GATX	1.16	26	41.91	-.66	+18.8
GabGldI	.80	...	8.12	-.07	-1.1
GAInv	.40e	...	26.07	-.66	+8.0
GenElec	.60f	18	20.04	+.16	+12.8
GenMot n	...	11	32.90	+.81	-10.5
Gottschk	...	...	4.95	+.00	+104.7
GreenHnk	1.16	21	67.85	-.09	-.3
GtPlainBk	.80	13	20.86	+.13	+7.8
HalloBurt	.36	29	47.80	-1.60	+17.3
Hanesbd	...	65	8.42	+.45	-25.2
Hasbro	1.80	17	51.88	+.38	+4.3
Hitachild	...	...	66.84	+.39	+8.4
HKExpn	.14e	...	10.55	+.01	-3.2
HshShell5	.63e	...	44.51	-.56	+3.3
HshSMdc	.64e	...	40.50	-1.12	+2.6
HshFGK	.80e	...	64.30	-1.08	+7.7
IntegrysE	2.72	23	52.66	+.39	+0.0
Intel	.72	11	23.23	+.32	+10.5
InterDig	40	16	44.75	-.67	+7.5
Intl Coal		50	14.46	-.03	+86.8
ItauUnibH	.67e		22.70	-.82	-5.0
JPMorgCh	1.00f	10	45.92	+.74	+8.3
JohnJn	2.28f	15	66.26	+.05	+7.1
Keycorp	.04	12	8.82	+.11	-3
KimbClk	2.80	15	66.96	+.70	+6.2
KindME	4.56f	45	74.60	-1.24	+6.2
KindMM	4.56f	78	65.10	-1.90	-2.7
LVSands		92	45.87	-1.64	-.2
LegacyRes	2.12f		31.30	-.58	+9.0
Level3			1.65	+.01	+68.4
Lubys	...	...	4.92	-.12	-21.5
MGM Rsts			12.89	-.12	-13.2
MktVGold	.40e		58.22	-1.90	-5.3
MarvelT		11	15.00	-.29	-19.1
MasseyEn s	1.20f	...	76.29	-.01	+6.6
McDnlds	2.44	17	78.94	+.30	+2.8
Merck	1.52	16	36.41	+.10	+1.0
MetroPCS		34	18.15	+1.67	+43.7
MexcoEn		84	10.91	-.59	+42.6
MicronT		7	10.90	-.34	+35.9
Microsoft	.64	6	25.81	+.15	-7.5
Nabors	...	88	28.95	-.91	+23.4
NatGrid	7.04e	...	50.79	-.53	+14.4
NOilVarco	.44	18	72.38	-2.35	+7.6
NoblsCp	.55e	...	9.31	+.07	-9.8
NvMdAd	.80	...	13.12	+.11	+.3
NvPtB	.97	...	12.84	...	-1.6
NvPrI	.92	...	12.77	-.02	-.4
NSTPR	.84	...	13.33	+.01	+1.0
NTTDO	.85	...	15.01	-.07	+.8
Nvidia		45	18.79	-.94	+22.0
OasisPet	1.84f	18	111.84	-4.10	+13.8
Oracle	.24f	24	36.14	-.23	+15.5
PerTech		19	4.00	-.30	-29.9
PerkDrl	...	...	6.45	-.32	+61.1
PetbrTr	.39	25	29.20	-.92	+26.6
PetrRE	.60	...	16.30	-.53	+4.8
Pmrlan	1.20e	15	21.19	-.31	-0.5
Pfizer	.80	20	20.44	-.58	+10.7
PlsVal	.60	19	60.22	-4.39	+10.8
PrUltraA	3.08f	38	62.80	-.70	+.3
PrUltraQQQ	.39e	...	56.69	-.39	+7.8
Praxair	2.00	25	104.97	-.45	+10.0
PrmEgy	...	35	26.57	...	+37.3
PrUSh S&P			19.92	+.15	-16.2
ProUSSlv rs			17.51	+1.61	-55.4
ProctGam	2.10f	17	66.71	+.53	+2.1
RAM Engy			1.97	-.05	+7.1
RangerRs	.16		54.39	-1.96	+20.9
Rowan	...	16	38.71	-1.82	+10.9
RoyDShllA	3.36	20	76.14	-1.26	+14.0
SpdrDJIA	3.00e	...	127.82	-.02	+10.5
SpdrGold		...	149.88	-.53	+8.0
S&P500ETF	2.34e	...	135.73	-.49	+7.9
SabnR	3.75e	18	66.67	-1.97	+12.0
SanderPm	.68	7	46.95	+.84	+19.9
SandRidge	...	14	11.74	-.59	+60.4
Saplent	...	38	12.12	-.34	+.2
Schlmbrg	1.00	24	85.85	-1.94	+2.8
Schwab	.24	32	16.04	-.16	+5.4
SigmaAld	.72f	21	66.82	-1.01	+4.4
SilvWhtn g	.12	44	36.91	-.86	-5.5
SiriusXM			2.07	+.16	+26.9
Smucker	1.76	18	75.11	-.12	+14.4
SwstAirl	.02	19	11.54	-.07	-11.1
SprintNex			5.12	-.07	+21.0
SP Engy	1.05e	...	77.42	-1.99	+13.4
SPDR Fncl	.16e	...	16.38	+.07	+2.7
SP Inds	.64e	...	38.48	-.16	+10.4
SP Util	1.31e	...	33.38	+.21	+6.5
SunocoLg	4.78f	9	87.60	-1.58	+4.8
TaiwSemi	.47e	...	13.46	-.05	+7.3
TelefEsp s	1.98e	...	25.88	-.11	+13.5
TenetHlth		3	6.58	-.11	-1.6
Tesoro		12	25.01	-1.28	+34.9
3M Co	2.20f	17	96.83	-.09	+12.2
Trubwrk	.88f	11	66.65	+.38	+11.8
TriContl	.28e	...	15.07	-.06	+8.5
TylerTech	...	33	24.45	-.18	+17.8
USBWV	1.20	15	25.58	-.01	-12.4
Vale SA	.90e	...	32.00	-.86	-7.4
ValeroE	.20	32	27.21	-.77	+17.7
VangEmg	.82e	...	49.49	-1.03	+2.8
VerizonCm	1.95	22	37.80	+.24	+5.6
Vodafone	1.89	...	28.12	-.33	+1.7
Walgrn	.70	18	43.12	+.01	+10.7
WellsFargo	.48f	12	29.51	+.38	-4.8
WstnRefin	...	...	15.65	-.55	+60.8
WhitingPt s	...	39	66.05	-.75	+12.7
WmsCos	.50	24	31.90	-.80	+29.0
XcelEngy	1.01	15	24.44	+.04	+3.8
Xerox	.17	21	10.19	+.08	-11.5
Yahoo	...	21	17.92	-.22	+7.8

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INDEXES

High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,876.00	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,807.51	+.15	...	+10.62	+17.21
5,585.79	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,478.04	-29.73	-.54	+7.27	+18.54
431.04	346.05	Dow Jones Utilities	422.18	+3.63	+.85	+6.71	+12.20
8,718.25	6,355.03	NYSE Composite	8,584.69	-64.60	-.75	+7.76	+17.00
2,460.51	1,859.19	Amex Index	2,402.25	-32.71	-1.33	+9.69	+27.79
2,887.75	2,091.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,841.62	-22.40	-.78	+7.11	+17.22
1,370.58	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,356.62	-4.60	-.34	+7.02	+16.55
14,058.01	10,609	Wilshire 5000	14,374.35	-75.72	-.52	+7.59	+18.55
888.57	597.88	Russell 2000	843.77	-11.09	-1.29	+7.67	+18.69

REGIONAL TRACK RESULTS

REGION I TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Texas Tech University's Fuller Track, Lubbock
Tuesday's Results
CLASS 5A
BOYS

Team Standings: 1. Cedar Hill 55; 2. Lewisville High 49; 3. Mansfield Timberview 47; 4. Flower Mound Marcus 34.5; tie. Plano East & Lubbock Coronado 30; 7. Arlington Bowie 29; 8. Duncanville & Southlake Carroll 28; 10. tie. Lewisville Hebron & South Grand Prairie 24.

Also

11. Odessa High 15; 20. Abilene Cooper 12; tie. 20-23. Abilene High 9; 21. Midland High 8

Field Events

High jump: 1. ... Austin ... Lubbock Coronado, 6-10; 2. ...taGuionne Gonzalez, Cedar Hill, 6-08; 3. Roland Sales, Arlington Bowie, 6-06; 4. Travis Dunn, Lubbock Coronado, 6-04; 5. Paige Beeler, Aiken, 5-04; 6. Bryce Willard, Denton Guyer, 6-04

Pole vault: 1. Chase Wolfe, Amarillo High, 16-06; 2. John Feazell, Mansfield High, 15-06; 3. Josh Skinner, Midlothian, 14-00; 4. Garrett Rose, Irving Nimitz, 14-06; 5. Hayden Wirth, Keller High, 14-06; 6. Garner Goldenhough, Cooper, 14-06

Triple jump: 1. ... Lubbock Coronado, 49-02.50; 2. Obadiah Aseev, Cedar Hill, 49-01.50; 3. Terence Boyd, Mansfield Timberview, 48-06.50; 4. Felix Obi, El Paso Franklin, 48-02.25; 5. Taiwo Eubanks, Lewisville Hebron, 48-00.50; 6. Derrick Randle, Abilene Cooper, 47-10

Shot put: 1. James Castleman, Amarillo High, 56; 2. Shane Thompson, Keller Fossil Ridge, 54-04.5; 3. Matt Hardy, Mansfield High, 54-00; 4. Zac Weathers, Amarillo Tascosa, 53-08; 5. Chaz Fuller, Wesley, Plano East, 52-10.25; 6. Andrew Lopez, Odessa High, 52-05.50

Discus: 1. ... Kylie Atchison, Mansfield Legacy, 166-04; 2. Nathan Maurer, Mansfield High, 166-08; 3. Derrick Wise, Lewisville Hebron, 166-03; 4. Zac Weathers, Amarillo Tascosa, 164-09; 5. Garrison Rea Sykes, Abilene Cooper, 162-09; 6. Kaiser Bailey, Arlington Bowie, 161-08

Long jump: 1. Obadiah Aseev, Cedar Hill, 24-02.25; 2. Bradley Marquez, Odessa High, 23-10.25; 3. Travis Dunn, Lubbock Coronado, 23-00.25; 4. Jeremy Wesley, Plano East, 22-10.25; 5. Terence Boyd, Mansfield Timberview, 21-09.50; 6. Hunter ...

Running Events

3,200: 1. ... Lewisville Marcus; 2. ... Lewisville Hebron; 3. ... Plano East; 4. Robert Romano, Lewisville Hebron; 5. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 9:41.05; 6. ... Arlington Bowie, 9:42.36

400 relay: 1. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 2. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 3. ... El Paso Eastwood; 4. ... El Paso Eastwood; 5. ... Lewisville Hebron; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 44.05

800: 1. ... Plano East; 2. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 3. Douglas Arlington Bowie, 1:54.89; 4. ... Abilene High; 5. ... Mansfield Timberview, 1:57.41; 6. Jamar Hines, Mansfield Legacy, 1:57.76

110 hurdles: 1. ... Cedar Hill, 14.06; 2. ... Lewisville Marcus; 3. ... Mansfield Timberview; 4. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 5. ... Arlington Martin; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 14.49

300 hurdles: 1. ... Arlington Martin, 38.47; 2. ... Mansfield Timberview; 3. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 4. ... Plano East; 5. ... Lewisville Hebron; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 41.05

200: 1. ... Cedar Hill, 23.06; 2. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 3. ... Plano East; 4. ... Lewisville Hebron; 5. ... Arlington Martin; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 23.06

400: 1. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 2. ... Flower Mound Marcus; 3. ... El Paso Eastwood; 4. ... Lewisville Hebron; 5. ... Arlington Martin; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 50.14

800 relay: 1. ... Cedar Hill, 1:28.06; 2. ... Lewisville Marcus; 3. ... Lewisville Hebron; 4. ... Arlington Martin; 5. ... Mansfield Timberview; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 1:29.05

1,600: 1. ... Cedar Hill, 4:09.06; 2. ... Lewisville Marcus; 3. ... Lewisville Hebron; 4. ... Arlington Martin; 5. ... Mansfield Timberview; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 4:20.05

3,200 relay: 1. ... Cedar Hill, 9:01.06; 2. ... Lewisville Marcus; 3. ... Lewisville Hebron; 4. ... Arlington Martin; 5. ... Mansfield Timberview; 6. Alex Maier, Grand Prairie, 9:41.05

GIRLS
Team Standings

Also

Field Events

Long jump

Shot put

Discus

Running Events

3,200

400 relay

800

1,600

3,200 relay

CLASS 3A
BOYS

Team Standings: 1. ... Lubbock Estacado, 84; 2. ... Big Spring, 66; 3. Alvarado, 54; 4. Brownwood, 52; 5. Decatur, 47; 6. Sweetwater, 46; 7. Castleberry, 44

Also

11. Andrews, 20; Monahans, 15; 13. Dawson, 8; Snyder, 4; Seminole, 2

Field Events

High jump: 1. ... Lubbock Estacado, 6-4; 2. ... Lubbock Estacado, 6-4; 3. Payden Patterson, Lubbock Estacado, 6-2; 4. ... Andrews, 6-2; 5. ... Alvarado, 6-2; 6. Addison White, Brownwood, 6-2

Shot put: 1. ... Everman, 49-08.50; 2. ... Everman, 48-08; 3. ... Everman, 48-05.50; 4. Brandon Lyle, Everman, 47-05.75; 5. Jessie Lubbock Estacado, 47-04; 6. Bryan Vasquez, Bridgeport, 46-11.50

Pole vault: 1. ... Bel, Alvarado, 12-06; 2. ... Lubbock Estacado, 12-06; 3. ... Brownwood, 12-00; 4. Sam Ramirez, Lubbock Estacado, 11-06; 5. ... Alvarado, 11-06; 6. ... Brownwood, 11-06

Discus: 1. Derek Longoria, Brownwood, 162-02; 2. Kenny Adams, Alvarado, 158-08; 3. Evan Gard, Fort Stockton, 147-04; 4. Jeremy Gomez, Decatur, 145-06; 5. Casey Devries, Dalhart, 145-04; 6. Barren Davidson, Graham, 143-03

Long jump: 1. ... Everman, 21-08.50; 2. ... Everman, 21-06.50; 3. ... Mansfield Big Spring, 21-05.50; 4. ... Jamison, 21-04.50; 5. ... Lubbock Estacado, 21-03.50; 6. ... Hamilton, Jamesa, 20-11.50

Running Events

3,200: 1. ... Lubbock Estacado, 10:25.0; 2. ... Alvarado; 3. Andrew Martinez, Andrews, 10:44.0; 4. ... Decatur, 10:44.0; 5. ... Alvarado, 10:44.0; 6. Adam Arandia, Brownwood, 10:44.0

400 relay: 1. ... Lubbock Estacado, 44.5; 2. ... Mansfield Big Spring, 44.5; 3. Kennedale, 42.7; 4. Bridgeport, 43.4; 5. Brownwood, 43.2; 6. Lubbock Cooper, 43.4

800: 1. ... Plainview, 1:58.0; 2. ... Lubbock Estacado, 1:58.0; 3. ... Alvarado, 1:58.0; 4. ... Brownwood, 1:58.0; 5. ... Bridgeport, 1:58.0; 6. ... Abilene High, 1:58.0

1,600: 1. ... Plainview, 4:20.0; 2. ... Lubbock Estacado, 4:20.0; 3. ... Alvarado, 4:20.0; 4. ... Brownwood, 4:20.0; 5. ... Bridgeport, 4:20.0; 6. ... Abilene High, 4:20.0

3,200 relay: 1. ... Lubbock Estacado, 9:01.0; 2. ... Mansfield Big Spring, 9:01.0; 3. Kennedale, 9:01.0; 4. Bridgeport, 9:01.0; 5. Lubbock Cooper, 9:01.0; 6. Abilene High, 9:01.0

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110 hurdles: 1. Lorenzo Johnson, Mineral Wells, 13.94; 2. Rolando Parra, Dhrd, 14.73; 3. Bryan Vasquez, Bridgeport, 14.74; 4. Seth Pearson, Big Spring, 14.77; 5. Joe Prieto, Andrews, 14.83; 6. Alonzo Rodriguez, Port Stockton, 15.25

100: 1. Devin Chaffin, Burkburnett, 10.94; 2. Jerrell Shepherd, Lubbock Cooper, 10.95; 3. Demond Drake, Hillsboro, 10.98; 4. Mike Mehrfeld, Big Spring, 11.02; 5. Haden Carpenter, Decatur, 11.10; 6. Josh Watkins, Kennedale, 11.23

800 relay: 1. Kennedale, 1:29.39; 2. Bridgeport, 1:29.78; 3. Lubbock Estacado, 1:29.29; 4. Wichita Falls Hirsch, 1:30.85; 5. Snyder, 1:31.12; 6. Big Spring, 1:31.47

400: 1. Adrian Colbert, Mineral Wells, 49.39; 2. Ronald Mitchell, Hillsboro, 50.28; 3. Asher Palomo, Dalhart, 50.75; 4. Tony Navarez, Greenwood, 51.07; 5. Luis Briseno, Anthony, 52.46; 6. Carson Ogle, Shallowater, 52.99

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Ratliff Stadium Odessa
Tuesday's Results
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Running Events

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100 hurdles

100

800 relay

400

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Stanton's Montez qualifies in the 800

From staff reports

ODESSA — Stanton's Adam Montez qualified for the Class 2A state meet with a close victory in the 800 meters at the Region I-2A Track & Field Championships on Tuesday at Ratliff Stadium.

Montez won the 800 with a time of 1 minute, 58.05 seconds as he narrowly defeated Muleshoe's Frank Baca, who clocked in at 1:58.29.

Other local qualifiers from the Class 2A meet was Forsan's Ty Johnson in the 100 meters as he finished second with a time of 11.36 seconds. Johnson was also part of the 400-meter relay team that finished second with a time of 43.30 seconds. Sonora won the event with a time of 43.06.

Montez

REGIONAL TRACK NOTEBOOK

MCKEE TAKES GOLD IN HIGH JUMP: Greenwood freshman Morgan McKee is headed to her first Class 3A state meet, winning the high jump on Tuesday. McKee and Glen Rose's Kaitlyn West both cleared the 5 foot, 2 inch mark, but McKee had fewer misses in doing so. Neither athlete could top the 5 foot, 4 inch mark. McKee picks up regional gold after winning the District 4-3A meet with the same mark.

MENEFIELD OUT IN SECOND EVENT: Big Spring senior Michael Menefield placed second in the long jump at 22 feet, 1.25 inches. Lake Worth's Everett Miller won the event with a leap of 22 feet, 3.50 inches. For Menefield, it marks the second consecutive year he's advanced to the state meet in both the long jump and triple jump. As a junior competing in Class 4A, he won state gold in the triple jump and silver in the long jump. Menefield was hoping to get out in three more events -- 100 meters, 400 relay, 800 relay -- but couldn't manage a top two finish in any of the races.

MARQUEZ JUST SHY OF SECOND STATE QUALIFICATION: Andrews junior Lucas Marquez placed second in the 3,200 on Monday, and for three laps, appeared to be headed to state in the 1,600 meters as well. However, Marquez was overtaken by Fort Worth Castleberry's Gabercial Zambrano just before the final straightaway and couldn't find the energy to hold off Lubbock Estacado's Raymond Rios a few feet away from the finish line, leaving him only the 3,200 meters to compete in at state.

FLETCHER CAN'T TOP SHELTON, MCCALISTER: Greenwood junior Tabitha Fletcher thought she could contend for a spot at state in the 300 hurdles and she wasn't wrong. Unfortunately for Fletcher, she came face to face with two of the region's best in Sweetwater's Jayci Shelton and Monahans' Trianna McCalister. Shelton won the event in 45.17 seconds for her second gold medal as she also was tops in the 100 hurdles. McCalister was second in both hurdles events and had a time of 45.55 in the 300 hurdles. Fletcher wasn't far behind at 46.28 and took bronze in the event. Unfortunately, that's not enough to get her to state.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

HORTON

From 1C

was a look of triumph on his face. His mark of 37.68 is more than seven-tenths of a second better than his previous personal best.

"That's a mark I really set out to get," Horton said. "That was our goal coming in, to get 37. When I crossed the finish line and saw the time, I was excited. Hopefully, I can keep knocking off time."

It was the second consecutive year Horton qualified for region in the event, but he failed to even make the finals as a junior. He never trailed in a 300 hurdles regional race as a senior, winning both the preliminary and final events in dominant fashion.

Horton credits the work of Lee hurdles coach Dan Pair for his vast improvement over the past year, and said every race is dedicated to Pair, who is planning to retire at the end of the school year.

"I dedicate every race I run for coach Pair," Horton said. "I know it's his last year, so I really want to do well for him. He's the reason I've gotten this far. I think about him before every race starts. He's my coach and he means a lot to me."

Now that Horton's plans include a trip to the Class 5A State Track & Field Championships on May 13-14, he knows he still has some work to do with Pair on the track.

"I've got to keep knocking off time," Horton said. "I never look at times until I know I'm going to the next meet. Now I can start seeing where I stand and what I need to do to compete."

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BIG SPRING

From 1C

tured no Big Spring runners. But the Lady Steers' presence wasn't needed in those two races because of their comfortable lead.

"We were so close to winning the district title, just two points shy of Wylie," Tuitt said. "That really added some motivation for us. I would rather lose by 100 points than by two because that means I could have done something a little bit better. It only pushed us to do better."

Tuitt was the individual catalyst for the Lady Steers' points total, winning four gold medals on Tuesday. The Big Spring junior began the day by winning gold in the triple jump with a personal-best mark of 38-feet, 4-inches. She then ran the first leg of the Lady Steers' 400 and 800 relays, and finished her stellar day by winning the 200 meters with a time of 24.79.

"Every point counts," Tuitt said. "I don't even know what to feel right now. Everything is just kind of crazy right now."

Tuitt very easily could have won a fifth regional gold medal had her teammate and close friend Anderson not edged her by a quarter inch on Monday in the long jump.

But Anderson's day wasn't so bad, either. She ended up qualifying for state in four events, including three on Tuesday. She ran the second leg of the 400 and 800 relays, then took second in the 100 meters.

"It means a lot for me to get to state because it's my senior year," said Anderson, who has committed to compete at Texas State University next year. "I thought I could run faster in the 100. I'm a little tired right now, but I can't use that as an excuse. I know I can run better at state."

The Lady Steers' showing in the 800 relay epitomized the headturning performance they delivered throughout the regional meet. After breaking the Region I-3A record in the event on Monday, the Lady Steers put together an encore performance on Tuesday, beating their own mark with a time of 1:41.13 seconds.

It's the type of performance the Lady Steers now hope to take with them to Austin, where they believe they can contend for another team title, but on a much grander scale.

"We've worked and worked and worked trying to win a championship," Big Spring coach Nick Roberson said. "From the start of the season, I've preached team. We felt like we could take care of the team title here and we feel like we can be in the hunt for a state championship."

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MIDDLETON

From 1C

son. It appeared he was slightly in front of the field at the 50-meter mark, but Barnes quickly picked up with him.

It wasn't until the final 20 meters that Hall seemed to find another gear and beat both 3-5A sprinters to the finish line.

But Middleton can take solace in knowing he still has an outside shot at getting to state. For the first time ever, the UIL is awarding a "Wild Card" spot to one individual in every track and field event. The person with the best non-automatic qualifying mark out of all four regions will be added to the state meet field.

"That would be great," Middleton said of the new rule. "It's always been my dream to get to the state meet. I would be fine getting there that way."

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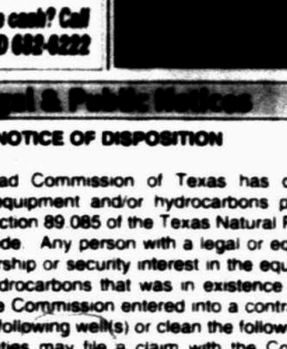

Legal & Public Notices

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1. Carr Smith
Well number (s) 1,1A,3W,4
Ward County
2. Lease name and RRC oil lease number
Well number(s) and gas ID number or permit number if no oil lease number assigned
County
3. Note: List in the format shown above, all wells plugged and lease/facilities cleaned wherein salvageable equipment and/or hydrocarbons were sold within the last 180 days.
4. Wells Plugged: 1,1A,3W,4
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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., May 18, 2011 to be opened at 11:00 A.M. in the Office of the Purchasing Agent City Hall: 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 3535-11
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1. Wallis -B-
Well number (s) 1,2,4,6,7,8,9W,10
Ward County
2. Lease name and RRC oil lease number
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1. Continental Hawkins
Well number (s) 9,10,12
Ward County
2. Lease name and RRC oil lease number
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County
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4. Wells Plugged: 9,10,12
5. Lease ID (26866)

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1. Bentley -A-
Well number (s) 2
Ward County
2. Lease name and RRC oil lease number
Well number(s) and gas ID number or permit number if no oil lease number assigned
County
3. Note: List in the format shown above, all wells plugged and lease/facilities cleaned wherein salvageable equipment and/or hydrocarbons were sold within the last 180 days.
4. Well Plugged: #2
5. Lease ID (26794)

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1. Bentley
Well number (s) 1
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4. Well Plugged: #1
5. Lease ID (18099)

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Well number (s) 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14
Ward County
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4. Wells Plugged: 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14
5. Lease ID (26713)

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DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 2, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 714912
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 13, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 30, Blk. 36, T1N, T&P RR CO/ROBERTSON, D Survey, A-892, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 7.6 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	MCALPINE
Lease/Unit Well No.:	4
Lease/Unit Acres:	160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	475.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1523.0
Lease Lines:	475.0 F NORTH L, 486.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines:	2173.0 F SOUTH L, 2173.0 F WEST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) RK (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

RK (STRAWN): Oil, Special Rules 467/1200, 80.0 acres. Oil, Optional Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969- 3973.

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FOUND: Young wire-haired wheaten terrier mix, Garfield/Wadley Area (432) 528-0302

Lost & Found

FOUND BLACK female Chihuahua mix, no collar. Found off Wall & M St. 661-7363

FOUND CPS refrigeration scale. Call to identify 432-694-8671

FOUND MALE Yorkie South of Midland. Call to identify. 570-1942

FOUND MALE Black German Shepherd, about 1 year old. 432-288-3793.

FOUND SMALL, brown male dog w/curly tail, near WCR 140. 218-6960 or 212-2886.

FOUND YOUNG, wire-haired Terrier mix, Garfield/Wadley area. 432-528-0302

FREE ORANGE Male Tabby kitten. Call 432-694-5853. 432-934-9250

LOST: MALE Beagle, tan and white, on May 1 in Crestgate area. Extremely missed; sad children. 432-553-7547. 432-694-7088.

MISSING CHIHUAHUA 14yr old male, coco and gray with tags. Call 432-894-0474.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

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CADILLAC 1992 Sedan Deville. Only 111K miles. $1,500. 432-664-4690

CADILLAC 2000 SEVILLE SLS fully loaded, 124k mi. Great car $6800 obo. 288-5253

CADILLAC 2007 CTS 1 owner, black int/ext, 60k mi, $17,500 OBO exc cond. 755-9477

CHEVROLET 1995 Corvette Convertible 40K mi, all new tires, $14,000 obo 213-2893

CHEVY 1975 CORVETTE Sting Ray, white, automatic, 92k mi, $8500 obo. 238-1373, 570-7604.

CHEVY 2003 Corvette convertible, 48k miles, 24,900. B&B Auto. 683-6222, 559-4977

CHEVY 2009 Malibu, 64K miles, $2,000 down with pick up payments. Call 352-9739

DODGE 2006 Charger R/T with Hemi, very nice. Black with gray leather. 79K miles. Almost new $7,000 dealer installed engine. Transferable warranty $18,700. See pics at www.chipmccarver.com Call 432-553-9972

DODGE 2007 CALIBER silver new tires, clean. 53k mi. $8400. 699-6287

FORD 1994 Mustang, 6 cylinder. $1,100. 432-238-3185

FORD 1997 Taurus, gold, 4dr, 75k miles, $2,500. 218-9941

FORD 2001 Focus ZX3, Silver/ black, 35 MPG, auto, AC, CD, new tires, 699-0604 or 405-823-2624. $4,500

FORD 2003 Taurus Gray leather, 4 dr, 91K, nice car. $4,750. 352-8999

FORD 2004 Mustang 40th Edition, v6 white, clean & good running condition, 88K miles, $6400 obo. 556-7930

FORD 2006 MUSTANG convertible, V6 47k mi, $14,500. 432-218-8424, 889-9938

HONDA 2005 Accord EX, 83,600 mi, leather, loaded, great car, $11,500. 230-7367

INFINITI 2007 G35 Coupe, 27,500 mi, excellent condition, all options, $22,000. Call 634-5073

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 8860

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING AN 84.01-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 5, BLOCK 39, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN SECTION ONE HEREOF (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INTERSTATE 20, WEST OF WAREHOUSE ROAD); AND APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN

WHEREAS, public hearings before the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation, where all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation of the hereinafter described territory, were held in the City Council Chambers on November 16, 2010 and November 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearings was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Midland, Texas, and in the below described territory, on November 5, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the following described property adjoining the present boundary lines of the City of Midland, Texas, be and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the boundary of the City of Midland, Texas:

Being an 84.01-acre tract of land out of Section 5, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, and being more fully described by metes and bounds attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all legal purposes.

SECTION TWO. That the service plan attached hereto as Exhibit "B", which provides for the extension of municipal services into the area described above in Section One, is hereby approved.

SECTION THREE. That this ordinance be published in the official newspaper in the City of Midland, Texas, and the same shall not be effective until after the publication thereof.

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on first reading, the 14th day of December, A.D., 2010, and passed to second reading on motion of Council member Hailey, seconded by Council member James, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE": Morales, Trost, Hailey, Perry, Dufford, James and Sparks

Council members voting "NAY": None

The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member Dufford, seconded by Council member Morales, on the 11th day of April, A.D., 2011, at a regular meeting of the City Council:

Council members voting "AYE": Morales, Trost, Hailey, Perry, Dufford, James and Sparks

Council members voting "NAY": None

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th day of January, A.D., 2011.

/s/
W. Wesley Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Amy M. Turner, Interim City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/
Keith Stretcher, City Attorney

Exhibit "A"

QUITCLAIM DEED
THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MIDLAND
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned, **CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, A Texas Home Rule Municipal Corporation**, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702 of the County of Midland, State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "Grantor", whether one or more, for and in consideration of Grantee herein named to use the property in a manner that primarily promotes a public purpose of the City of Midland in accordance with House Bill 122, passed by the Seventy-Seventh Texas Legislature during its regular session. The public purpose being to develop an exposition center. The Grantor has QUITCLAIMED, and by these presents does QUITCLAIM unto **West Texas Expo Center Incorporated**, 200 West Wall, Suite 200, Midland, Texas 79701, herein referred to as "Grantee", whether one or more, the real property (the "Property") described as follows:

For a 84.01 acre tract of land out of Section 5, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P Railroad Company Survey, Midland County, Texas and being the same land conveyed to the City of Midland by the following deeds: Vol. 385, Page 256 tracts 1 and 2 and Vol. 384, Page 659 tract 1 as recorded in Midland County Deed Records and being more fully described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap set for the northwest corner of the herein described tract also being the northwest corner of said Vol. 384, Pg. 659, Tract 1 and being in the East line of south Midland Drive and the South line of Industrial Ave.

Thence N 59° 43' 16" E along said Industrial Ave. a distance of 441.04 feet to a found 3/8" iron rod at the northwest corner of a tract to Terramark LP recorded in Vol. 1950, Pg. 111 of said deed records.

Thence S 14° 23' 34" E with the West line of the said Terramark tact a distance of 519.55 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod.

Thence N 75° 36' 26" E along the South line of said Terramark tact a distance of 466.78 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap.

Thence S 26° 21' 22" E a distance of 123.88 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod at a corner of the said Terramark tract.

Thence N 75° 03' 11" E along South line of said Terramark tract a distance of 203.10 feet to a steel fence corner post for corner in the West line of a tract owned by McClatchy Brothers.

Thence S 13° 37' 10" E along West line of said McClatchy tract a distance of 164.74 feet to a large cedar fence corner post for corner.

Thence N 75° 36' 38" E along the South line of said McClatchy Brothers tract a distance of 1492.91 feet to a set 1/2" iron with aluminum cap in the West line of a county road.

Thence S 14° 23' 22" E along said county road a distance of 60.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap.

Thence S 75° 36' 38" W along the North line of a tract to Western Wireless Corp., Vol. 1154, Pg. 54 and another tract to Hoisum Partnership LLP, Vol. 1637, Pg. 357 a distance of 798.2 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap in the East line of the herein described tract.

Thence S 14° 23' 22" E a distance of 303.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap at an angle point in the East line of this tract.

Thence S 38° 37' 34" E along the East line of this tract a distance of 1939.98 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap set in the north right-of-way of Interstate Hwy. 20 at the southeast corner of this tract.

Thence along the said north right-of-way and a curve to the left having a radius of 11609.2 feet and a length of 1350.10 feet and a chord bearing S 61° 15' 10" W to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap for the southwest corner of this tract and southeast corner of a tract to David Hoff, Vol. 912, Pg. 680.

Thence N 37° 32' 32" W along the West line of this tract a distance of 2532.05 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap for the northeast corner of a tract to Henry Culp Vol. 1228 Pg. 466.

Thence S 75° 36' 38" W along said Culp tract a distance of 278.07 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod with aluminum cap in the East line of South Midland Drive.

Thence N 14° 23' 22" W along the East line of said road a distance of 682.71 feet To The Place Of Beginning and containing 84.01 acres.

Bearings based on the Texas State Coordinate System Central Zone.

BY EXECUTING THIS QUITCLAIM DEED, THE GRANTOR AND THE GRANTEE AGREE THAT GRANTEE IS TAKING THE PROPERTY **"AS IS" WITH ANY AND ALL LATENT AND PATENT DEFECTS AND THAT THERE IS NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BEING MADE BY THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS THAT THE PROPERTY IS FIT FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.** THE GRANTEE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT GRANTEE IS NOT RELYING UPON ANY REPRESENTATION MADE BY THE CITY OF MIDLAND WITH RESPECT TO THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY, BUT IS RELYING UPON GRANTEE'S EXAMINATION OF THE PROPERTY. GRANTEE ALSO RECOGNIZES BY AGREEING TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY **"AS IS"** THAT GRANTEE AGREESTO MAKE GRANTEE'S OWN APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AND TO ACCEPT THE RISK THAT GRANTEE MAY BE WRONG. THE GRANTOR GIVES NO ASSURANCES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED CONCERNING THE VALUE OR CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY SOLD. IN NO EVENT SHALL A GRANTEE HAVE A RIGHT TO RECOVER CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. THEREFORE, THE GRANTEE WILL:

EXHIBIT B
SERVICE PLAN FOR Tract 1A

Being a 84.01 acre tract of land out of Section 5, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
Existing Services: Public street access is adjacent to Tract 1A.

A. Type of services to be provided upon annexation: Maintenance of streets and drainage facilities. Engineering services, traffic studies and controls will be provided as warranted. Review of submitted development and utility extension plans, right-of-ways, easements, floodplain information. Review of building permits, related inspection services and code enforcement. Review of zoning related issues and subdivision plats.
B. Capital improvements to begin within 2 1/2 years: Water and sewer line extensions; street improvements; drainage improvements at the time of development and in accordance with the City of Midland's development policies. Timing of capital improvement development is at the discretion of the property owner(s).

UTILITIES
Existing Services: Sewer service is near Tract 1A.

A. Type of service to be provided upon annexation: water provision following construction by developer(s) of main facilities and solid waste collection when services are needed due to new construction and in accordance with existing service capability.
B. Capital improvements to begin within 2 1/2 years: No improvements anticipated.

POLICE
Existing Services: None
A. Type of service to be provided upon annexation: emergency and routine call response, and traffic enforcement.
B. Capital improvements to begin within 2 1/2 years: No improvements anticipated.

FIRE
Existing Services; Provided through agreement with Midland County

A. Fire and EMS Service to be provided upon the effective date of annexation: All services are currently available and will continue following annexation.
B. Capital improvements to begin within 2 1/2 years: None anticipated.

COMMUNITY SERVICES
Existing Services: Health and Senior Services throughout Midland County

A. Type of service to be provided upon annexation: Parks Service, Health and Senior Services, Animal Control. Services including pick up, impoundment, records maintenance, adoption and education will be immediately available.
B. The Health and Senior Services Division reviews on site septic system permits under an agreement with Midland County.
C. Capital improvements to begin within 2 1/2 years: None anticipated.AGREES TO:

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Auto Mechanic
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Midland, TX 79701
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HEALTHCARE

Certified Medical Assistant
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Midland, TX 79701
Busy medical office in Midland is seeking full time Certified Medical Assistant. No weekends and an excellent benefit package including 401k, health, dental and vision insurance. Submit resume to: PO Box 5666, Midland, Texas 79704.

Certified Nurse Aide
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CNA WANTED. Day shift. No weekends. Must be willing to transport clients. Bi-lingual preferred. Call **432-522-1221** for more information.

Dental Assistant
The Kids Place FT
Seeking an experienced certified Dental Assistant. Candidate must be a team player, have an excellent attitude and great work ethic. Minimum 2 year work experience. Please send resume and references to: 4410 North Midkiff suite D1 Midland, Tx. 79705.

LVN
Confidential
Part time LVN needed for busy medical office. Mail resume to PO Box 50850 Midland, Tx 79710.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Needing an experienced Medical Assistant for a busy physician's office. Must have at least 2 years experience (AKI-5011). Please mail or fax your resume to: PO Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284 Attn: Alesha McCoy.

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Midland, TX 5 Exp.
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Midland, TX
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Confidential PT
Housekeeper needed for private home. 20hours per week, $12/hour. Monday-Friday. Send resume including references to: M-33, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

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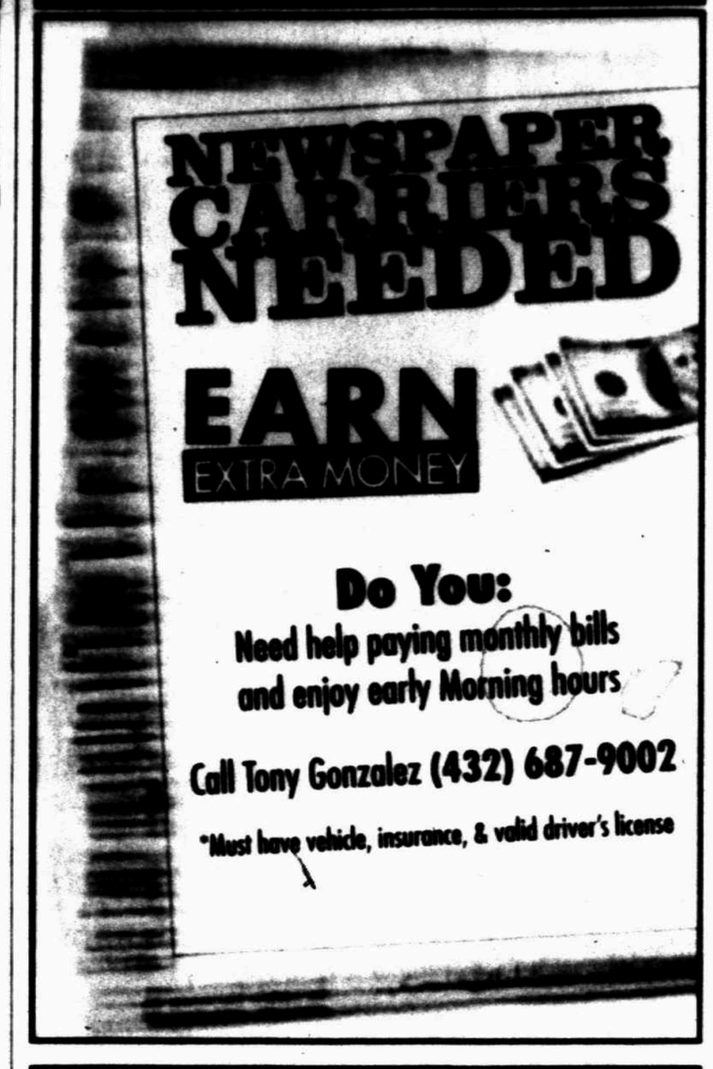

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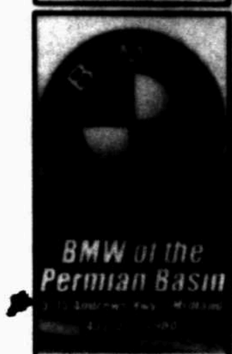

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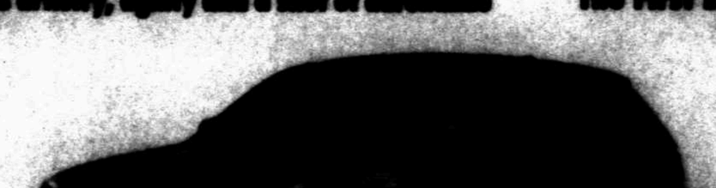

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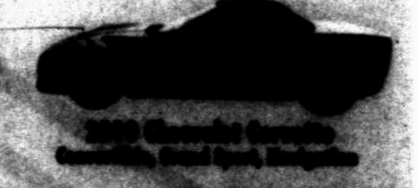

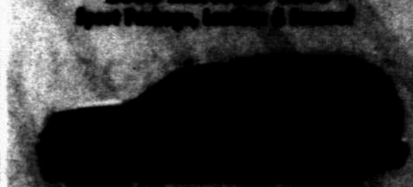

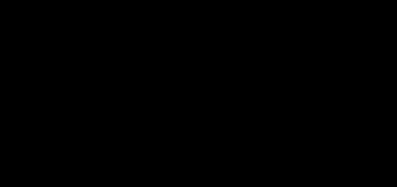

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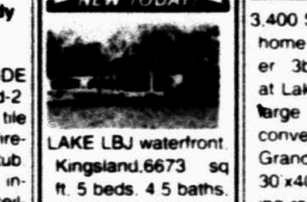

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