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Man held on $1M bond in fatal stabbing incident

Man did not commit stabbing but will be charged under Texas law

From staff reports

Coffield

An 18-year-old Midland man was being held Tuesday on a $1 million bond for a murder charge after he and another man were stabbed by a woman they attempted to rob last week, according to a press release from the Midland Police Department.

Tevionn Coffield was arrested in connection with the death of the other man, Qualen Blake, 18, according to the release. Based on Texas Penal Code, an individual can be charged with murder by committing another felony — in this case a robbery — in which another person dies, according to the release.

Coffield and Blake were taken to Midland Memorial Hospital by private vehicle early Thursday morning. Coffield had two stab wounds to his chest; Blake died at the hospital from a stab wound to the back, according to the release.

Individuals driving Blake and Coffield to the hospital reported the stabbing and said it occurred in the 400 block of South Webster Street after a confrontation between several men, according to the release. At about that same time, the vehicle was pulled over for a traffic stop. When the officer saw the men's injuries, he escorted the vehicle to the hospital.

More than a half hour after the original call, a 20-year-old female was transported to MMH with injuries that were not life-threatening after an employee of her apartment complex called first responders regarding her injuries, according to the release. The woman told police that she had been robbed by two men who matched Blake and Coffield's descriptions and that she had stabbed them and was injured in the altercation.

Police went to the Webster address but didn't find any evidence of a stabbing. After further investigation, police found that the men's stabbings were connected to the incident at the woman's apartment, according to the release.

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GET READY FOR A DIP

Construction continues Tuesday on the COM natatorium facility near the corner of Wadley Avenue and A Street.
Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

COM Aquatics' FMH Natatorium begins to take shape despite rainy year

By Stewart Doreen
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City of Midland Aquatics Director Brad Swendig estimated this week that its membership doubles every seven years.

Coincidentally, COM projects have taken place about every seven years, he said.

As it turns out, the next project won't meet that seven-year deadline. Instead, it will be more like eight years, and, judging by the progress made on the FMH Foundation Natatorium at the COM Aquatics complex, the grand opening in the fall will be well worth the wait.

Please see **COM**/4A

Permian production nears 2 million barrels a day

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Production in the Permian Basin shale play is closer to the 2 million-barrels-a-day mark, even while low prices and rig counts have the nation's other major plays shedding tens of thousands of barrels of production, according to an April report by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The Permian added 11,000 barrels of oil production from March to April, putting overall output at 1.992 million barrels of oil a day. The daily production count is a 134 percent increase from a low of 850,000 barrels a day in 2007, according to data from the EIA.

The increase in production has come at a time when the Permian has lost 327, or 58 percent, of oil drilling rigs since a peak of 562 in November, according to oilfield services company Baker Hughes. The Eagle Ford shale in South Texas has lost 115 oil rigs since October's peak of 206, while the Bakken play in North Dakota has been reduced from a peak of 198 oil rigs in September to 80 at the beginning of May.

"I think (the production growth) is just the lag effect of wells that were drilled in the first quarter and completions have been delayed," said Steve Pruett, president and CEO of Elevation Resources.

The Eagle Ford shale play in south Texas lost 33,000 barrels of daily production, and the Bakken lost 23,000 barrels between March and April. The Niobrara play, spread between Colorado and Wyoming, dropped by 14,000 barrels of

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Oil production (top 5 shale plays in the U.S.)

Thousand barrels/day

Permian	
April	1,981
May	1,992 (+11)
Eagle Ford (south Texas)	
April	1,723
May	1,690 (-33)
Bakken (North Dakota)	
April	1,320
May	1,297 (-23)
Niobrara (Colorado and Wyoming)	
April	417
May	403 (-14)
Utica (Ohio)	
April	62
May	63 (+2)

Source: Energy Information Administration

Energy-rich states move to quash local drilling limits

By Emily Schmall and Will Weissert
Associated Press

MANSFIELD — Lawmakers in Texas and energy-producing states across the nation are rushing to stop local communities from imposing limits on oil and gas drilling despite growing public concern about the health and environmental toll of such activities in urban areas.

The slump in oil prices that has led to job losses in the oil patch has only added to the urgency of squelching local drilling bans and other restrictions the industry views as onerous. The number of jobs nationwide in the sector that includes energy production has fallen 3.5 percent since December, and Texas alone lost about 25,000 jobs in March, according to federal data.

A half dozen states — Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Colorado and New Mexico — have imposed or grappled with the issue of putting limits on local municipalities' ability

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WTS Posted	$53.30	▲	$2.00
Natural Gas	$2.760	▼	$0.041
Gasoline	$2.436	▲	$0.041

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THERE'S A BIT OF A BREEZE

Photo courtesy of Laurence Valles

A tornado touches down Tuesday northwest of Big Spring near Highway 846. The National Weather Service confirmed a tornado appeared at 3:45 p.m. about 12 miles west of Vincent in Howard County, according to NWS meteorologist Jack Ciccone.

BACKLASH

From 1A

to regulate hydraulic fracturing. And two of the biggest energy producers in the nation, Texas and Oklahoma, are poised to ban cities and towns enacting any ordinances considered unreasonable to energy exploration, including limits on fracking, water disposal, well maintenance and other activities. .

The backlash against local bans represents the third phase of the U.S. shale boom. In the last decade, fracking spawned a massive expansion in drilling that pushed the United States to the number one oil and gas producer in the world. Cities responded to environmental and health concerns by passing restrictions. Now, state lawmakers are stepping in to shut down the groundswell of local activism in order to keep the energy expansion rolling.

"It had gotten to the point where various municipalities have been writing extremely detailed and onerous ordinances, making it difficult for companies to operate," said Ed Ireland, head of the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council, which advocates for developing the rich deposit in Texas.

About 60 municipalities in Texas — the nation's biggest oil and gas producing state — have some form of ordinance on the books limiting drilling or fracking, according to the Texas Municipal League. Dallas does not permit drilling closer than 1,500 feet of homes, schools or churches. Suburban Southlake bans drilling during the dry summer months. Mansfield doesn't allow drilling on Sundays or holidays.

In Mansfield, a wealthy suburb about 30 miles southeast of Dallas, Tamara Bounds said the loud whir of fracking a few hundred feet from her backyard kept her awake at night for nine months.

"I couldn't sleep. I had to barricade my windows with mattresses," said Bounds, who is running for the city council on a platform that includes tighter control of oil and gas activities.

Hundreds of natural gas wells dot the hilly landscape, and pipelines snake behind housing cul-de-sacs. A 16-well pad site and compressor station hums behind the city's performing arts center. Mayor David Cook is an example of the fine line some public officials try to walk in Texas between protecting their communities and supporting the oil and gas industry. He backs the natural gas drilling in the area but opposes efforts by the state Legislature to prohibit communities from setting some rules.

"Instead of a balancing act, it's a Texas two-step. Health and safety come first. After that, you do everything you can do to develop the economy of the state of Texas," Cook said.

Drilling is forging ahead in energy rich states despite growing evidence that the practices are effecting the environment. In Oklahoma, the state's geological survey conceded last month it was "very likely" that recent seismic activity was caused by the injection of wastewater from drilling into disposal wells.

Earthquake activity in 2013 was 70 times greater than it was before 2008, Oklahoma geologists reported.

Even so, the Oklahoma House approved a wide-reaching bill last month that prohibits cities and towns from banning oil and natural gas drilling, or implementing restrictions that are not "reasonable."

When a single Texas community, the university town of Denton near Dallas, voted last fall to impose a ban on fracking within its boundaries, lawmakers in the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature sprang into action to ensure others wouldn't follow suit.

There are no fewer than 11 Texas bills designed to ban future local limits on energy production.

The state's energy industry lobbied heavily to ensure passage of the Texas legislation, which allows communities to have a say in things above the surface of the ground such as noise, lighting and traffic. But the bill says any local limits have to be "commercially reasonable," a test that critics contend will allow drillers to do pretty much what they want. The bill sailed through the Texas Legislature and is now headed to Gov. Greg Abbott, who is expected to sign it into law.

In Mansfield, the looming law is throwing into doubt an ordinance passed in March that includes notifying potential home buyers if a gas well has been permitted within 300 feet of their property.

How big business in Texas is rallying to defend gay rights

■ COMMENTARY

Mitchell Schnurman
Dallas Morning News

Gay rights are expanding nationwide, and some Texas lawmakers are pushing back hard. They're even proposing ways to resist a potential Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage.

So who's stepping up with a voice of reason and a moral compass? Big business.

Over 200 companies and organizations have signed a pledge in support of diversity and gay rights. They include American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Texas Instruments, Sabre, GameStop, Dell, the Dallas Mavericks and the Houston Super Bowl Committee.

They're trying to head off legislation that could make Texas a hostile place for the LGBT community and a target for boycotts.

The Texas Association of Business, usually a reliable ally of conservative lawmakers, is standing with Democrats, gay rights groups and the American Civil Liberties Union. The issue is that important for economic development, equal rights and protecting Texas' brand as a business leader.

"Conventions, the Super Bowl, the Final Four — all those things would be at risk in Texas if this were to become part of our constitution," Bill Hammond, CEO of the business group, said at an Austin news conference last month.

Think of Indiana and Arizona, where so-called religious freedom laws brought calls to yank sports events and cancel tours. While those states' leaders tried to repair the damage afterward, it's hard to unring the bell.

The issue of gay rights wasn't on the association's agenda at the start of the legislative session, but then lawmakers introduced more than 20 anti-gay bills and amendments. In February, Hammond urged his board to oppose the efforts, saying that Texas would get a reputation for being judgmental and unwelcoming.

"We believe it would be bad for Texas business," he wrote.

The next month, Indiana passed its religious freedom law, causing a nationwide backlash. Some called for the Final Four to be moved from Indianapolis, some performers canceled shows, and several state and city officials banned government travel to Indiana.

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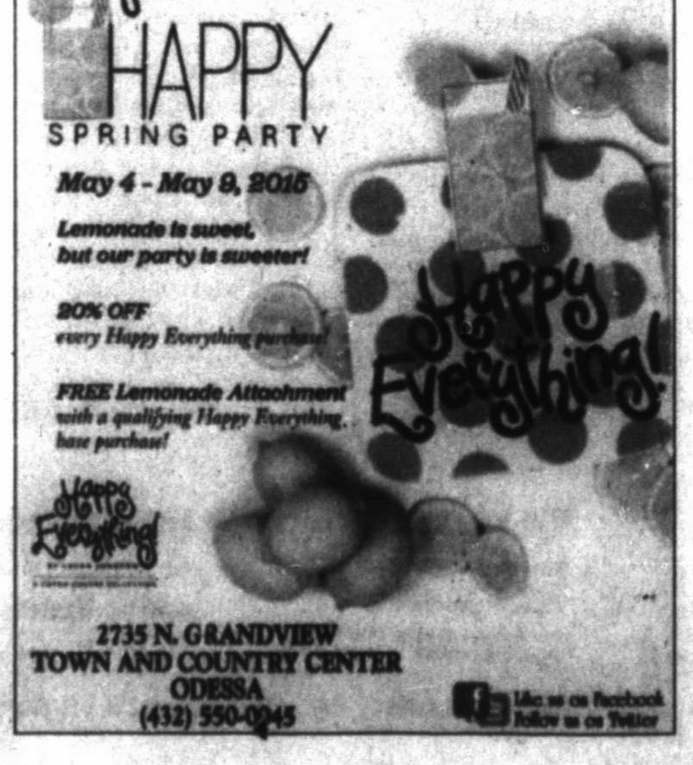

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly strikes hospital staff

A 45-year-old Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly hitting two nurses at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Gilbert Bonilla was held Tuesday on two $20,000 bonds for two separate third-degree felonies of assault of a public servant, according to court documents.

Bonilla

Midland police officers were dispatched to the hospital in reference to a patient, later identified as Bonilla, acting irate, according to the arrest affidavit. Two nurses said that Bonilla had hit them while they were performing medical duties, according to the affidavit.

Bonilla was transported to the hospital by EMS personnel who found him in the middle of the roadway, according to the affidavit. Bonilla allegedly said that he was under the influence of narcotics.

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

Man arrested on charges of harassment of public servant

A 36-year-old Midland man was arrested April 29 after allegedly spitting on and biting police officers while resisting arrest.

Raymond Jefferson was held Tuesday on two $25,000 bonds for two third-degree felonies of harassment of a public servant, according to court documents.

Jefferson

Midland police officers arrived at the Your Place nightclub on West Wall Street in reference to a disturbance in which a man, later identified as Jefferson, was trying to break things and instigate fights, according to the arrest affidavit.

Jefferson refused to comply with officers' requests to sit down and "put his hands up and started saying Trayvon Martin and something along the lines of that incident," according to the affidavit.

Officers detected a strong odor of alcohol on Jefferson's breath and determined that he was a threat to himself and others, according to the affidavit.

Jefferson allegedly tensed his hands and struggled against officers as they attempted to handcuff him. Jefferson continued to be uncooperative as officers attempted to search him and he began screaming, according to the affidavit.

Jefferson resisted officers' efforts to place him in the patrol car and yelled at the officers to stop kicking him, according to the affidavit.

At that point, Jefferson had allegedly head-butted the frame of the patrol car causing a large dent in the vehicle. Officers then grabbed their batons and used them to place Jefferson in the patrol car, according to the affidavit.

Jefferson then said he couldn't breathe and vomited in the back seat, according to the affidavit.

Once at the jail, Jefferson allegedly continued to bite officers and stated that he had HIV and hepatitis. He was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room for a blood draw, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of both third-degree felonies, Jefferson could face up to 10 years in prison for each.

Police chase alleged drunken driver

A New Mexico man who was allegedly drunk gave chase on foot and in a vehicle Sunday night before being arrested by Midland police.

Mendoza

Juan Alberto Mendoza Jr., of Monument, N.M., was arrested on charges of intoxication assault with a vehicle, resisting arrest, and evading arrest, all felonies. He was held Tuesday on three $20,000 bonds, one for each felony.

Officers were called out to the 3000 block of North Adams Street because of a disturbance. An officer at the scene said Mendoza was running on foot and was attempting to get into his vehicle, according to the affidavit.

Mendoza drove north on Carver Street and his vehicle reached a speed of 70 miles per hour, according to the affidavit.

Mendoza allegedly hit another vehicle during the chase and crashed his vehicle at the intersection of South Terrell Street and East California Avenue, according to the affidavit.

Mendoza had glassy eyes, slurred speech and was acting combative during his arrest, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the intoxication assault with vehicle or the resisting arrest charges, Mendoza could face up to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine per crime. Additionally, if Mendoza is also convicted of the evading arrest charge, he could face an additional two years in prison and another $10,000 fine.

RIGHTS

From 2A

Local leaders and chambers of commerce, which had worked for years to improve Indiana's business stature, complained that they had warned of precisely this effect. Eventually the law was reworked, but the state's image is still hurting.

Indiana's experience validated warnings from the Texas business group and stopped momentum in Austin. Most of the session's anti-gay bills appear unlikely to get through, but opponents are maintaining the public pressure.

Last month, they formed a coalition, Texas Wins, to keep the issue in the spotlight.

Bills that discriminate against gay and transgender people create a backlash from major employers, said Mark McKinnon, who chairs the group and is a former adviser to George W. Bush.

"It's like hanging a sign out front that says, 'Sorry, we're not a welcoming and hospitable state,'" McKinnon wrote in an email. "We can't afford that negative image when it comes to recruiting top talent to come work in Texas, especially millennials who have no tolerance for anti-gay anything."

Texas usually ranks among the best places for business, but it takes more than light regulation and low taxes. Talent supply matters a lot, and if it's harder to recruit workers — for whatever reason — Texas' reputation will suffer.

No politics

Companies usually steer clear of political disputes and culture wars. But on gay rights, corporate America has often led the charge. For decades, some employers have been banning discrimination, extending benefits to same-sex partners and promoting LGBT causes.

In the Dallas area, American Airlines has long been updating workplace rules and marketing to gay audiences. It barred discrimination because of sexual orientation in 1993.

Stronger company

Texas Instruments, which said it has a long history of supporting equal rights, signed the latest pledge because "diversity fuels innovation and makes our company stronger," an official said.

In a separate show of support, almost 400 companies signed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court case that was heard last week.

But one citation deserves more attention: "People can bring far more of themselves to their jobs because they are required to suppress far less," the brief said.

That's not just good for business.

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New ban on abortion coverage easily clears Texas Senate

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN— The battle over abortion in Texas returned to the floor where Democrat Wendy Davis staged a nearly 13-hour filibuster as the Senate on Tuesday approved eliminating coverage for the procedure under plans purchased through the federal marketplace.

The measure is not unique: More than two dozen states already have similar bans for coverage obtained through the Affordable Care Act, and abortion-rights groups have expressed surprise that Texas isn't on that list already.

But it was notably the first bill related to abortion — a quiet issue so far in Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's first legislative session — that the Republican-controlled Senate has passed since Davis' filibuster in 2013 catapulted her to national stardom and her supporters packed the Capitol.

The scene this time was far different. The Senate gallery was practically empty, and the bill quickly passed along party lines after Democrats raised only brief objections.

"You're not going to be requiring other people across the spectrum to pay for a benefit that they don't believe in," said Republican Sen. Larry Taylor, the bill's author.

The measure now moves to the House.

Less than a month remains in the 140-day session. Two years after Texas ultimately adopted sweeping abortion restrictions over clinics despite Davis' filibuster, Republicans are pushing a mostly smaller encore of additional limits for Abbott to sign.

Abortion-rights groups say roughly 17 clinics are currently open for business in Texas. That number would plummet by half if the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a portion of the 2013 law that requires abortion clinics to meet hospital-level operating standards.

A decision from that court may still be weeks or months away.

Taylor said women could still purchase supplemental insurance that would cover abortion but didn't give a ballpark cost. Most abortions occur in the first trimester and cost about $500.

Twenty-five states limit abortion coverage under federal marketplace plans, and 10 of those states also restrict abortion coverage under private health plans, said Elizabeth Nash, a policy analyst with the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports legal access to abortion.

Democrats challenged Taylor about whether Texas could also exclude coverage for other procedures they consider morally wrong.

"What if I don't believe in vasectomies?" Democratic state Sen. Sylvia Garcia said.

Taylor said that issue could wait for another day.

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Lamesa	5.00
Seagraves	4.93
Seminole	3.75
Hobbs, N.M.	1.64
Midland	0.27

Source: National Weather Service

Thing to do

■ Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Conaway town hall today

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway will hold a town hall meeting from 9:30-10:30 a.m. today at the Martin County Library in Stanton.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m. , 200 Plaza St. (old Hodge Theater).

Volunteers needed for disaster exercise

The Midland International Air & Space Port seeks volunteers for a disaster exercise set for 6-11:30 p.m. Friday.

Federal aviation regulations require that the airport conduct a full-scale emergency exercise — designed to test the response time and performance of first responders — once every three years.

To simulate an actual emergency, volunteers are needed to play the roles of victims and family members. The exercise will require that some volunteers are assessed and transported to area medical facilities, family reunification locations and the terminal building.

To participate, sign up at www.midlandtexas.gov/AirportDrill.

Community calendar

■ The annual Midland ISD Student Art Show opens 6 p.m. Thursday at the Midland County Public Library downtown branch.

The show features more than 400 pieces of artwork created during the school year from students at each school in the district. The showing also includes a juried competition in several categories. Top-placing pieces will be announced at the opening event. 2015 judges are local artist Sara Drescher Braswell, Arts Council of Midland Executive Director Danny Holeva, and Reporter-Telegram entertainment reporter Rich Lopez.

The art show, which is supported by Midland Shared Spaces, will run at the downtown library through May 23.

■ The I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, 2201 S. Midland Drive, is to host Blooms & Butterflies – Flower Your Mom with Love 10 a.m.-noon Saturday. The event includes family-friendly activities such as face-painting and flower pot painting.

For more information, call 853-9453.

■ The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 21 at the Broughton Agriculture Complex at Howard College.

Topics include a look at the cattle market, toxic plants and toxic water, parasite control, laws and regulation and estate planning overview.

Registration is $20 if received at the AgriLife Extension office in Glasscock County by May 15 and $25 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal.

For more information, contact Rebel Royall at 432-354-2381, r-royall@tamu.edu, or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just at home.

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, May 6, the 126th day of 2015. There are 239 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

READ THE SIGN

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Robert Martinez, traffic safety specialist with TxDOT, speaks Tuesday in Centennial Plaza during a kickoff event with TxDOT and the Click It or Ticket campaign. Also speaking about the campaign, which is May 18-31, were MPD Chief Price Robinson and Odessa Police Chaplain Brandon Pugh. During this time, law enforcement officers will be stepping up their efforts to ticket people who aren't wearing seat belts.

Campaign warns of consequences of not buckling up

From staff reports

The Texas Department of Transportation is launching its 14th annual statewide "Click It or Ticket" campaign to augment the federal, stepped-up enforcement period, May 18-31.

"It's heartbreaking to know lives are being lost on Texas roadways because people are still not buckling up," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "These motorists have friends and families who will never get over the loss of their loved one. It's really simple. Seat belts save lives. Every single individual in a vehicle needs to be buckled up."

If the deadly consequences aren't enough to motivate seat belt use, fines and court costs can total up to $200. In Texas, the law requires everyone in a vehicle to be buckled up, including back seat passengers.

In 2014, 2,587 motor vehicle traffic crashes occurred in Texas in which unrestrained vehicle occupants sustained fatal or serious injuries. Wearing a seat belt helps keep occupants from being ejected in a crash and increases the chances of surviving by 45 percent. In pickup trucks, that number jumps to 60 percent, as those vehicles are twice as likely as cars to roll over in a crash.

The "Click It or Ticket" campaign, combined with enforcement, is credited with motivating millions of motorists to always use their seat belts. Only 76 percent of Texans used seat belts when the campaign started in 2002. Today, 9 out of 10 Texans buckle up. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that since its inception, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Texas has resulted in 4,319 fewer traffic fatalities while preventing 72,926 serious injuries and saving more than $16.7 billion in related economic costs.

To learn more about "Click It or Ticket," visit texasclickitorticket.com.

Source: Texas Department of Transportation

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COM

From 1A

COM took the Reporter-Telegram on a tour of the project, which can be seen by those traveling along Wadley Avenue, just west of "A" Street. What Midlanders can't see from their vehicles is a pool that just might become the most impressive and significant athletic facility in the city. The natatorium will measure about 43,000 square feet, Swendig said, and the pool inside will measure 50 meters by 25 yards. For comparison sake, the pool inside FMH Natatorium will double the water surface of the city's Doug Russell pool. Swendig said there will be more space in the new pool than in all five pools currently housed at COM Aquatics.

The pool will provide COM "latitude," Swendig said. The facility is being built primarily to give COM a long-course pool (10 lanes, 50 meters in length). However, the 25-yard width will allow for 21 lanes of short-course swimming.

COM officials had hoped the natatorium would have been ready for a spring opening. Subcontractors, however, have had issues finding and keeping labor, and the project has also been delayed by one of the wettest starts of the year in Midland history.

"We told the guys (building the natatorium), 'It never rains here,'" Swendig said. "Now, it rains every weekend."

Patience is something Swendig and the COM family has needed, but it is hard. A 50-meter pool concept has been in the works, in some form or fashion, going back to the 1970s. Even as COM Aquatics built its most recent additions — water therapy pools in 2000 and its gym and "dry land" therapy area in 2007 — there was an eye on what would become the natatorium project.

"This has been a long time coming," Swendig said. "There has been a lot of interest in all the facilities we have built through the years, but nothing like this."

When the project is finished, Swendig said the total price tag could reach $14 million, which dwarfs the still-impressive $2 million to $3 million for each of the previous projects, including the Mabee swimming and diving facility completed in the 1990s.

The completion of the natatorium will help COM reach more people. Currently, there are 2,800 members, Swendig said, including 300 swimming team members, 120 members of the diving team, 350 members who are part of the water therapy program and the countless others who use COM for learn-to-swim, aerobics, tumbling and programs used by Midlanders with physical disabilities.

For competitive swimming and diving purposes, Swendig expects the natatorium to have an impact. Once the competitive swimmers are moved to FMH, the pool inside the Mabee center will be transformed into a facility to be used almost exclusively for diving. Expected grants from USA Diving should add more 1- and 3-meter diving boards.

Swendig said the diving program is competing at a very high level. Athletes are leaving COM Aquatics to compete in college, and, in the case of Anna James, at international levels. Those still competing in COM right now recently returned from Arizona with regional championships in hand. COM, Swendig said, claimed girls, boys and combined team titles.

"It really wasn't that close," Swendig said.

In the swimming pool, COM qualified 10 swimmers for Junior Nationals, and half scored some points at the championship meet, Swendig said.

"We have never had five kids score at Junior Nationals," Swendig said. "Everything is just getting started. Once (the natatorium) opens up, it will kick off a new and better era."

Midland will have to wait a little longer, but Swendig and COM can see the finish line.

BARRELS

From 1A

production to just more than 400,000 barrels per day. Pruett said that he and his colleagues think that things eventually will turn around in the Permian.

"In the second half of the year, the Permian Basin will go on decline like the Eagle Ford, like the Bakken," Pruett said. "(The continued oil growth) is a reminder that the Permian unconventional play was much less mature than the Bakken, which was first and then the Eagle Ford. We were in a much steeper incline; we had a lower percentage of horizontal rigs running out here when this unconventional boom here started. We were just late to the party, so to speak."

The Permian's growth has made it the pre-eminent shale play in the U.S., easily passing the Gulf of Mexico's estimated February production of 1.459 million barrels. The Permian and the Eagle Ford together produced 3.682 million barrels a day this month, making up more than two-thirds of U.S. shale production.

A return to high oil prices in the $90s and $100s would plunge the industry back into high costs and what Pruett called "poor performance."

"During the boom of even nine months ago, we've never paid more to get less performance because the equipment wasn't right, the people weren't trained right or they weren't experienced enough," he said. "They were tired because they worked too much overtime. It was just very poor results."

Pruett hopes that the price of U.S. oil, which hit $60 this week, will hover in the $60- to $65-a-barrel range through 2015. The price range might even create a more efficient and reasonably priced industry.

"We've hydrated out rigs; we've hydrated our personnel. In our case, we choose which rigs to operate and which ones to let go," Pruett said. "The rigs are better, they're newer and built for purpose for drilling horizontal wells, not old rigs that were retrofitted. They've retained their good workers and let go the poor performers."

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STABBING

From 1A

The investigation revealed that Blake and Coffield had planned to rob the woman. Blake, who was armed with a pistol, and Coffield entered the apartment, demanding money and drugs from the woman, according to the release.

One of the men threatened to harm a 4-year-old child sleeping in another room, and, fearing for the child's safety, the woman got a knife from the kitchen sink and stabbed both men, according to the release.

Coffield took the knife away from the woman after he and Blake had been stabbed, according to his arrest affidavit. Both Coffield and Blake then fled the apartment, and, en route to the hospital, fabricated a story to tell police, according to the city's release.

Blake's body has been transported to Tarrant County for autopsy. The Midland County District Attorney's Office plans to take the case to a grand jury.

The release doesn't indicate if the woman is under investigation.

Texas Muslims on edge amid protests, contest attack

Associated Press

DALLAS — When an outspoken opponent of radical Islam sought to mock Muhammad in Texas, home to one of the nation's largest Islamic communities, local Muslims were encouraged to ignore her, and they did.

No one protested when Pamela Geller's cartoon contest attracted about 200 people to suburban Dallas on Sunday, even though some Muslims in Texas were already feeling aggrieved and fearful over growing anti-Islamic sentiment in the state.

Then, two men with attack rifles drove in from Arizona and opened fire on officers guarding the conference center in Garland. Both were shot dead, an officer was shot in the leg, and from the other side of the world, the Islamic State group made an unproven claim of responsibility.

"This is the exposure that they wanted and this is the divisiveness that they wanted to bring," said Omar Suleiman, resident scholar at the Valley Ranch Islamic Center in Irving, a Dallas suburb with a sizable Islamic community.

"We condemn obviously the attack in the strongest terms, and we are glad that the police officer is OK," Suleiman added. "This is what extremists on both sides want: whether it's Geller or whether it's ISIS. They want this all-out war. That's not what we're about."

Anti-Islam sentiment has been reverberating in Texas, from the state Capitol to local governments. Tensions rose in Irving after the City Council endorsed one of several bills to forbid judges from rulings based on "foreign laws."

"I think it is redundant — no law can override the Constitution," said Malik Abdul-Rahman, an Irving barber. "I think it is more intolerance and bigotry than anything."

Islam holds that any depictions of its prophet are deeply offensive, and yet Geller's contest rules sought images that engage "in criticism of and mockery of Muhammad and the belief system and ideology that underlies global jihad terrorism." She also brought in a speaker known for his outspoken criticism of Islam, Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders.

Geller, president of the New York-based American Freedom Defense Initiative, booked Sunday's event at the same venue where she led about 1,000 protesters at a January fundraiser that the Chicago-based group Sound Vision held to combat negative perceptions of Islam.

"We are standing against the most brutal, radical and extreme ideology on the face of the Earth," Geller declared.

A man with a bullhorn repeatedly called Muhammad a pedophile. One person chanted "Go back to your own countries! We don't want you here!" Another held a sign saying "Insult those who behead others."

Texas was a natural stop for Sound Vision, with more people associated with Muslim congregations, about 422,000, or 1.7 percent of its population, than any other state, according to a 2010 census by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies. Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston each have about 155,000 Muslim adherents.

Later in January, hecklers greeted Muslims for the first time at their lobbying day at the Texas Capitol in Austin.

Republican state Rep. Molly White told her staff to ask visiting Muslims to declare allegiance to America. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott rebuked such attitudes, saying "we must have civil discourse."

But six bills addressing foreign laws, which opponents believe are anti-Muslim, are now pending in the Texas Legislature. Similar legislation banning judges from violating state and federal laws has been introduced this year in almost 20 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Nine other states have passed them.

The lawmakers have gone out of their way to avoid mentioning Sharia, or Islamic law, but their constituents have done it for them.

"The concern is they're hearing about it, they're seeing it, they're fearful," Republican state Rep. Dan Flynn said. "They don't want this foot in the door."

Republican state Rep. Jeff Leach suggested that his bill would put limits on an Islamic tribunal in Dallas.

The panel advertises voluntary, non-binding arbitration to resolve disputes among Muslims in accordance with both Sharia traditions and U.S. law, and says similar religious tribunals have helped the American Jewish and American Christian faith communities resolve disputes for decades.

"Some people will tell you: 'Is this really a problem? Is this a solution looking for a problem?'" Leach said as he promoted his bill at the Texas Faith and Family Day rally in Austin in February. "We want to codify that, to ensure that there is no judge in Texas who should even think twice about violating the Texas or United States Constitution."

Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne weighed in on Facebook, saying she would investigate rumors of a Sharia law court in her city, and that if "there are violations of basic rights occurring, I will not stand idle and will fight with every fiber of my being against this action." It turned out that an imam from Irving served on the Dallas panel.

In March, an Iraqi man was fatally shot in Dallas while photographing a snowfall, rattling nerves even though police later determined it was random and not a hate crime.

"There is a lot of fear. So if anything happens, until proven otherwise, and even then, the violence sticks with you," Alia Salem, who directs the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

In April, people lined up to denounce Islam two weeks after the Irving City Council voted to endorse Leach's bill. One woman declared "Sharia law is Islam, and Islam's goal is to immigrate, assimilate and annihilate." A man sitting in the audience shouted "That is offensive!" and was escorted out.

As Texans took stock of Sunday's shooting, Muslim leaders praised police for proactively guarding the area's mosques and Islamic schools, and thanked the FBI for reaching out to their community.

"Whatever we can do to ensure that we'll keep our cities safe, we'll do everything possible," said Azhar Azeez, president of the Islamic Society of North America.

Doubts raised about Islamic State's claim in Texas attack

PHOENIX — The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Tuesday for the assault on a Texas cartoon contest that featured images of the Prophet Muhammad, but counterterrorism experts said IS has a history of asserting involvement in attacks in which it had no operational role.

That suggests the two gunmen could have carried out their own lone wolf-style strike before they were shot and killed at the scene of Sunday's shooting in the Dallas suburb of Garland.

Federal officials identified the pair as Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi, both Americans who lived in Phoenix.

Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said a Twitter account linked to Simpson included images of Anwar Awlaki, a radical cleric killed in a CIA drone strike in Yemen.

Among the hashtags used by the account was "#texasattack." And one of the final tweets was: "May Allah accept us as mujahideen," or holy warriors.

"Was he on the radar? Sure he was," McCaul said from Turkey, where he was leading a congressional delegation. "The FBI has got a pretty good program to monitor public social media."

But McCaul said he is not ready to say law enforcement missed any red flags.

The evidence does not indicate the attack was directed by the Islamic State group, "but rather inspired by them," said McCaul, who was briefed on the investigation by federal law enforcement officials. "This is the textbook case of what we're most concerned about."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said U.S. officials are working to counter terrorist efforts to use social media to radicalize individuals in the United States.

IS recently urged those in the United States, Europe and Australia who cannot safely travel to fight in Syria and Iraq to carry out jihad in the countries where they live. An audio statement on the extremist group's Al Bayan radio station called the men "two soldiers of the caliphate."

The shooting appeared to be another example of a "do-it-yourself" jihadist whose plots are often hard for law enforcement and intelligence agencies to stop, said Mitchell Silber, executive managing director for K2 Intelligence and former director of intelligence analysis for the New York City police department.

"It's very tough to detect in advance, which means we are and will continue to be susceptible to lone actors who don't give us much warning to thwart them," he said.

The cartoon contest had been expected to draw outrage from the Muslim community. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad — even a respectful one — is considered blasphemous, and drawings similar to those featured at the Texas event have sparked violence around the world.

The 31-year-old Simpson and 34-year-old Soofi were wearing body armor, and one of the men shot a security officer in the leg before a single Garland police officer fired on the two gunmen. After his initial shots, nearby SWAT officers also fired, authorities said.

The security officer was treated at a hospital and released.

In a statement released late Monday by Phoenix law firm Osborn Maledon, Simpson's family said it is "struggling to understand" what happened.

"We are sure many people in this country are curious to know if we had any idea of Elton's plans," the statement said. "To that we say, without question, we did not."

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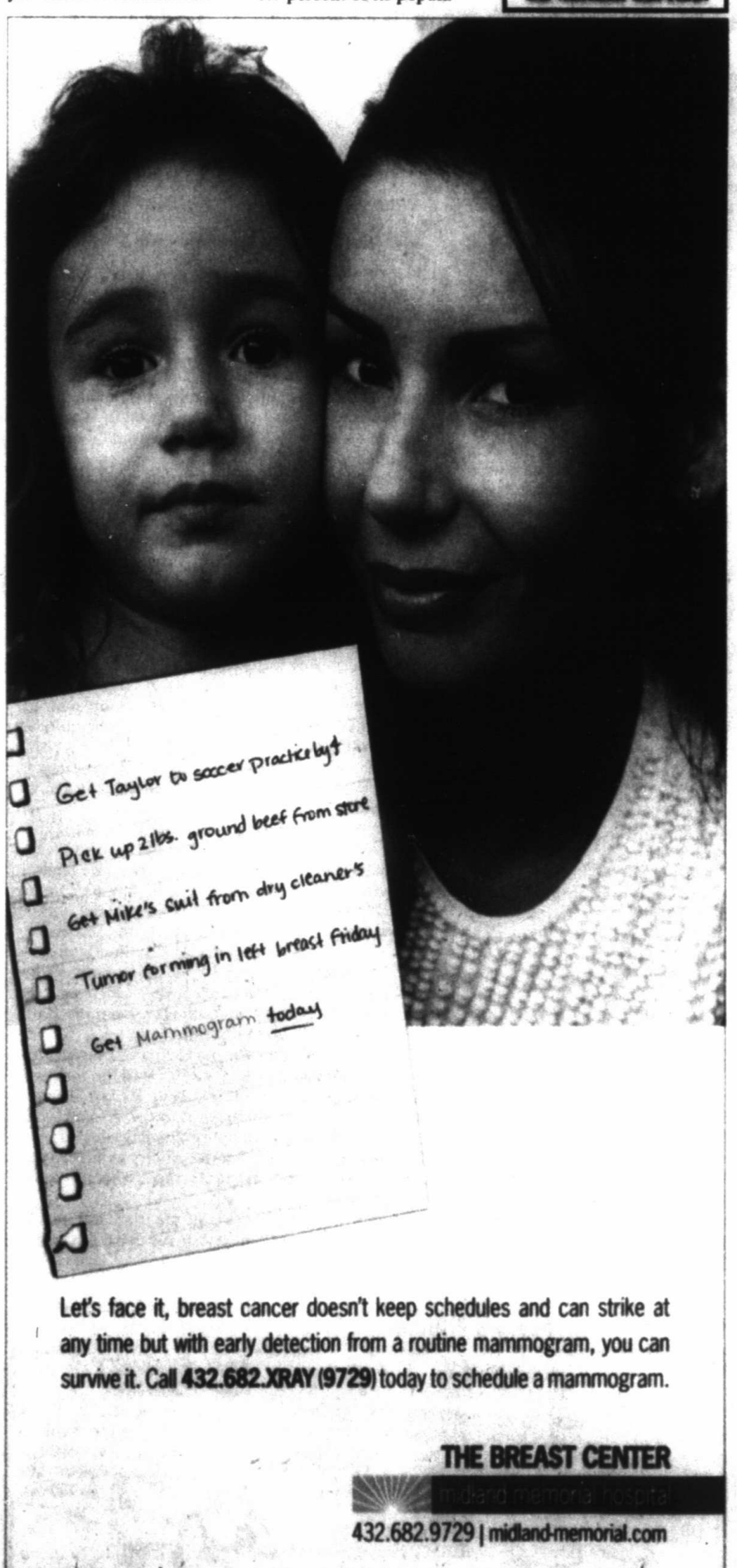

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Jihadi censorship comes to America

■ People who want to attack an attention-hungry provocateur after the terrorist act in Garland miss the point

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Terrorists assaulted a "Muhammad cartoon" event in Texas sponsored by activist Pamela Geller, and the response has been, in part, soul-searching over what's wrong with Pamela Geller.

Geller is an attention-hungry provocateur who will never be mistaken for Bernard Lewis, the venerable scholar of Islam. Her Texas gathering to award a cash prize for the best cartoon of Muhammad — depictions of whom are considered offensive by many Muslims — was deliberately offensive, but so what?

Two armed Muslim men showed up intending to kill the participants, and were only thwarted when they were shot dead by a police officer who was part of the elaborate security arrangements.

Absent the security, we might have had a Charlie Hebdo-style massacre on these shores, in Garland, no less, a suburb of Dallas. (The world would be a safer and better place if the forces of civilization everywhere were as well-prepared and well-armed as they are in Texas.)

That horrifying prospect didn't stop CNN from interrogating Geller the morning after the attack about her views of Islam and her decision to have as the keynote speaker for her event the anti-Islam Dutch politician Geert Wilders (who has to live under 24-hour protection). The implicit assumption was that Geller and her cohorts were as much of a problem as the fanatics who planned to censor them at the barrel of a gun.

Geller refers to her meeting as a free-speech event while her critics prefer to call it an anti-Islam event. They are really one and the same. In today's circumstances, criticism of Islam is at the vanguard of the fight for free speech, since it is susceptible to attack and intimidation by jihadists and calls for self-censorship by the politically correct.

"Yes, but ..." defenses of Geller don't cut it. She had a perfect right to do what she did, and it's a condemnation of her enemies — and confirmation of her basic point about radical Islam — that the act of drawing and talking elicited a violent response.

If cartoons of Muhammad may seem a low, petty form of speech, they are only the fault line in a deeper clash of civilizations. A swath of the Muslim world doesn't just want to ban depictions of Muhammad, but any speech critical of Islam.

There was much tsk-tsking after the Charlie Hebdo attack about how France had made itself vulnerable to domestic terrorism because it has failed to assimilate Muslim immigrants. The critique carried a whiff of self-congratulation about how much better the U.S. is as a melting pot, and so it is.

Yet two Phoenix roommates were still prepared to commit mass murder to keep people from drawing images they don't like. One of them, an American convert to Islam named Elton Simpson, had been convicted of lying to the FBI about discussions about traveling to Somalia allegedly to engage in terrorism. He evidently took inspiration from ISIS calls to attack the Garland event, in another sign that the poisonous ideology of radical Islam knows no borders.

It will ever be thus until all of Islam accepts the premises of free society, as have other major world religions. The day there can be the Muslim equivalent of "The Book of Mormon" without the writers, actors and audience members fearing for their lives will be the day that Islam is reformed.

Then, and only then, will mockery of Islam by the likes of Pamela Geller and her ilk be a tasteless irrelevance, rather than a statement from atop the ramparts of free speech.

Yes, there is such a thing as self-restraint and consideration of the sensibilities of others, but it shouldn't be the self-restraint of fear. Pamela Geller is a bomb-thrower, but only a metaphorical, not a literal, one. That's the difference between her and her enemies — and between civilization and barbarism.

OUR VIEW

Dufford's proposal shows leadership on downtown funding issue

We want to congratulate City Councilman Scott Dufford for making a bold proposal at last week's Midland City Council retreat.

Dufford said the city should take a look at contributing up to 1 percent of its general fund budget toward downtown development. That is leadership we are glad to see taking place.

There has been an awful lot of Monday morning quarterbacking since the council correctly decided to end the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, a tool that moved tax money from four entities into an account to be used toward downtown development. And frankly, we liked that Dufford, a 14-year veteran of the council, decided to stop revisiting a vote and move forward. As we wrote in a previous "Our View," there is nothing stopping the council from dedicating for downtown development the amount of city funds that would have been sent to the TIRZ.

Apparently, Dufford had a similar idea and wants to up the ante. Instead of $600,000, he can envision using $900,000 to $1 million. We will let the council discuss what's an appropriate amount (even if that amount is zero). That, in our view, should be part of the yearly budgeting process. The money shouldn't just be accepted as a given and put into in a fund.

We also learned that up to $121 million in investments (private and public) has been spent downtown in recent years. This number took us by surprise but is indicative of the stance of the current as well as past councils. We have heard that previous investments created a culture downtown that means less money will need to be spent on future incentives. Much of that $121 million wasn't incentivized, and as the deal with the Santa Rita Hotel developers showed us, future incentives will be less of a percentage of the total projects. We like that. It makes sense for Midland.

There's going to be development whether or not Dufford gets his line item. Midland Center will be revamped — maybe to the tune of $29 million. Private developers, such as Energy Related Properties, are making improvements to properties across downtown, and Concho still has plans for more buildings.

But a community still needs smart representatives to move ideas forward for discussion. Dufford did that, showing the experience and leadership that comes with being the dean of the members on this council.

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Carson shows version of himself

■ Former surgeon's long-shot candidacy should be an exciting addition to the presidential race

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Ben Carson, who formally announced his run for the presidency Monday, is a brilliant surgeon, gifted storyteller and charismatic speaker. But modesty is not among his talents.

The retired Johns Hopkins professor's launch video, nearly five minutes long, positions the aspiring Republican presidential nominee right alongside Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr.

"We can once again become the authors of ideas that have such profound magnitude," proclaims the deep voice-over, while Mount Rushmore appears on-screen. "Great transformations begin from a single event."

Such as George Washington crossing the Delaware, or Ben Carson winning the Iowa caucuses.

The video moves on — to an American flag, the Declaration of Independence, a church, and then the seated stone figure of Lincoln, enthroned at his memorial on the Mall.

"First we must heal, and healing requires a leader with calm, unwavering resolve — someone more concerned about the next generation than the next election."

Someone such as Lincoln. Or Ben Carson.

Presently we see a statue of King, at his memorial on the Tidal Basin. "Someone who knows the pursuit of happiness is best fostered with opportunity and justice for all," the narrator continues.

Someone such as King. Or Ben Carson.

We see the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, a bald eagle, a snowcapped mountain, wheat fields — and Carson, reclining in a business suit, with what appears to be a Bible at his side. The camera zooms in. "We can see this through together, with a leader who derives his strength from God and his duty from the American people," the narrator intones.

Words appear — "Heal Inspire Revive" — and we hear the voices of the Selected of God choir, which previously helped Chrysler sell cars in a Super Bowl ad.

The video, which Carson's campaign says was set to the music of hip-hop producer Alexi von Guggenberg, is delightfully over the top. And this is why Carson's long-shot candidacy should be such an exciting addition to the presidential race. His positions, his provocations and his showmanship are all delightfully over the top. Since coming to prominence a few years ago when he blasted President Obama at the National Prayer Breakfast, he has called Obama a psychopath, compared the United States to Nazi Germany, and labeled Obamacare the worst thing since slavery.

On Monday, Carly Fiorina was the victim of Carson's excess. The former executive, like Carson mounting an outsider bid for the Republican nomination, had a fairly standard kickoff. She announced her bid on "Good Morning America," posted a short announcement video and took questions online. "This is a pivotal point for our nation, and so I think it's totally reasonable to look outside the political class that's been in Washington for a really long time," she told George Stephanopoulos.

Carson, easily eclipsing Fiorina, used almost those exact words in his larger-than-life announcement video. "Historians will write about this critical turning point for our nation," proclaims voice-over artist Gerald McBride, whose website features his recent work for a Detroit jeweler. For Carson, McBride says, "We can no longer afford ... the empty rhetoric of the political class."

Carson has little in common with the political class but for one thing: his absolute confidence in his own greatness — as seen again in his kickoff extravaganza. A lengthy, multi-group musical performance preceded his kickoff speech Monday morning at the Detroit Music Hall. The program included "America the Beautiful," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and, of course, a screening of the Rushmore-Lincoln-King-Carson video.

Carson then emerged and introduced his wife, who, he said, generally loses to him at pool. (He predicted the headline: "Carson admits he beats his wife.") From there, it was a 30-minute Carson performance, with roving microphone and without notes, ranging from the patriotic to the self-indulgent. Carson, his eyes puffy (his mother is gravely ill), spoke about his childhood ("I remember when our favorite drug dealer was killed") then rambled from Nathan Hale to Saul Alinsky, from the Baltimore "turmoil" to Obamacare.

"We have allowed the purveyors of division to become rampant in our society," said the man who called the president a psychopath. At last, after Carson said he would make it to the White House "if God ordains it," an enormous flag descended at the back of the stage, and the choirs again crooned the last bars of the "Battle Hymn": "His truth is marching on."

Amen. Carson's version of the truth and his irrepressible ego are going to make 2016 a whole lot more entertaining.

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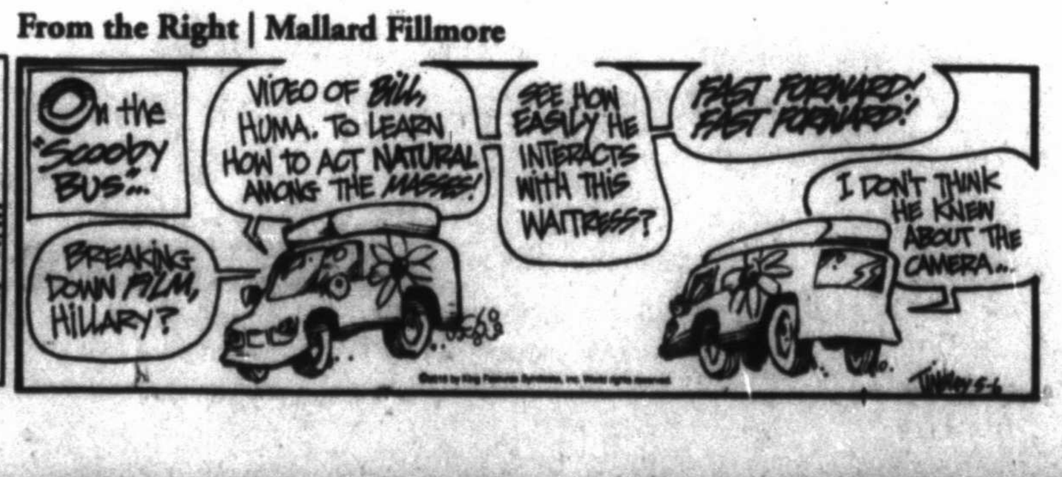

Huckabee, the other man from Hope, opens 2016 bid

By Bill Barrow
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Associated Press

HOPE, Ark. — Mike Huckabee declared his presidential candidacy Tuesday, counting on his brand of conservative populism to make his second White House bid more successful than his first. In 2008, he captivated evangelical Republicans but couldn't build wide enough support to win the Republican nomination.

The former Arkansas governor announced his 2016 bid in the hometown he shares with former President Bill Clinton, becoming the sixth notable Republican to enter the campaign, with more to come.

"Power, money and political influence have left a lot of Americans behind," Huckabee told supporters in a speech railing against "big-government bailouts" and pledging elimination of the IRS, "the biggest bully in America."

A populist but no Democrat, he did not endorse a minimum wage increase, instead calling for policies encouraging a "maximum wage" for workers. But he did align himself with labor interests in criticizing "unbalanced trade deals" and describing President Barack Obama's immigration policy as a way to "import low-wage labor, undercut American workers and drive wages lower than the Dead Sea."

The ordained minister — he was Arkansas Baptist Convention president before getting into politics — speaks the language of faith, and he played up the cultural conservatism learned in this small town where many of his relatives — and a few Clinton relatives — still live. He stood by his opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage, declaring that "the Supreme Court is not the supreme being, and they cannot overturn the laws of nature or of nature's God."

His foreign policy hawkishness comes with religious undertones, too. He said Obama wants Christians to "make nice" with "radical jihadists." He pledged loyalty to Israel and a hard line on Iran's military ambitions.

"The ayatollahs will know that hell will freeze over before they get a nuclear weapon," he roared.

Huckabee acknowledges he needs to reach beyond the Christian evangelicals who helped him win the Iowa caucuses and seven other states in the 2008 GOP nomination contest. The political commentator and author took swipes at rivals in both parties, without naming them, as he sought to position himself as the best Republican to take on Hillary Rodham Clinton, the dominant Democrat in the 2016 contest.

Huckabee boasted that in Arkansas politics, he found success in "challenging the deeply entrenched political machine that ran this state. It was tough sledding, but I learned how to govern and how to lead." An introductory video about the governor who fought "the Clinton machine" made clear he meant Bill and Hillary. Bill Clinton was governor before Huckabee.

"I don't have a global foundation or a taxpayer-funded paycheck to live off of," Huckabee said. "I don't come from a family dynasty, but a working family."

That was a knock at the Clintons again, as well as Republican prospect Jeb Bush, the son and father of presidents, and all rivals who work in the Senate or as governors.

"If you live off the government payroll and want to run for an office other than the one you're elected to, then have the integrity and decency to resign the one you don't want and pursue the one you decided you'd rather have," said Huckabee, who does not have a government job to resign from.

Among his declared rivals, Sens. Ted Cruz, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida are running for president while keeping their jobs in Congress. Rubio isn't seeking re-election to the Senate next year, while Paul is keeping that option open. Cruz isn't up for re-election until 2018.

Opinion is divided on whether the "Clinton machine" in Arkansas was as intimidating as Huckabee makes it out to be.

Nate Coulter, a former Bill Clinton aide who lost to Huckabee for lieutenant governor in 1993, said the Clintons didn't stump for him in that campaign. "They had things that were frankly more important to them and the republic," said Coulter. Huckabee was elected lieutenant governor, his first public office, months after the Clintons left for Washington.

Jay Barth, an Arkansas political scientist, said that since that race, Huckabee has proven his ability as a populist. "Huckabee is a master at running against elites," Barth said.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, right, holds his grandson Chandler, as his wife, Janet, holds granddaughter Scarlett, on Tuesday in Hope, Ark., after announcing that he is running for the Republican presidential nomination. Huckabee pitched himself Tuesday as the best GOP candidate to take on Democratic favorite Hillary Rodham Clinton. *Associated Press*

Mike Huckabee on the issues

Mike Huckabee, a former Republican governor of Arkansas and preacher who has announced his run for the presidency on Tuesday, has been outspoken on a range of matters, particularly foreign policy and social issues like same-sex marriage. Here are his stances on important issues.

Foreign policy

Huckabee warns that radical Islam is a grave threat to the United States and says President Barack Obama too frequently defends Islam. He supports forceful military action against the Islamic State.

A strong defender of Israel, he has been sharply critical of Obama's treatment of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and said a proposed nuclear deal with Iran is "terrible" because Iran cannot be trusted. Huckabee has talked of the possibility of using military force against Iran.

As governor of Arkansas in 2002, he called for lifting the economic embargo of Cuba, which would have helped rice farmers in his state. But he now opposes Obama's warming of relations with Havana, calling Cuba's government tyrannical.

Same-sex marriage

Huckabee opposes same-sex marriage, suggesting as recently as February that homosexuality is a lifestyle choice akin to drinking or swearing.

Immigration

Huckabee said Obama exceeded his authority by issuing executive actions shielding millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation. But Huckabee said the immigrant children whose parents brought them into the country illegally should not be deported because "you don't punish a child for something his parents did."

Environment

In 2007, Huckabee was quoted as saying, "Climate change is here, it's real." But more recently he has minimized it as a threat,and said he opposes "cap and trade" legislation meant to curtail carbon emissions. "This kind of mandatory energy policy would have a horrible impact on this nation's job market," he said.

Economy

Huckabee has focused his economic message on what he calls wage stagnation under Obama. But the former governor has opposed calls for a higher minimum wage, calling it government intrusion, and he has suggested that policies that encourage a dependency on federal benefits have helped hold wages down.

Unlike other Republican candidates, Huckabee is a strong defender of entitlement programs, opposing plans to raise the retirement age for collecting Social Security and criticizing plans to curtail Medicare. Republicans who back such changes, he said, "are embracing a government that lied to its people — that took money from its people under one pretense and then took it away at the time when they started wanting to actually get what they have paid for all these years."

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N.Y. Times News Service

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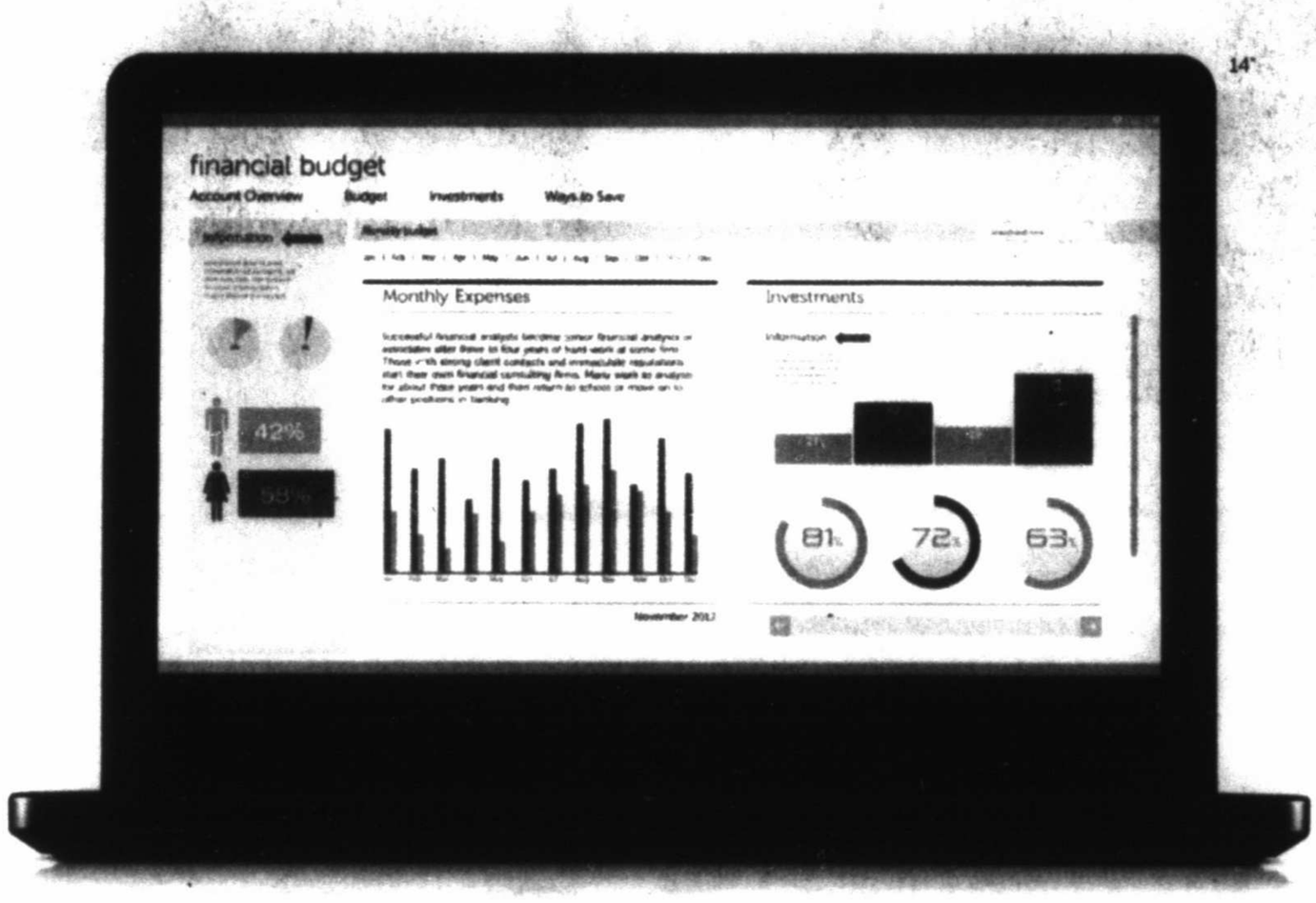

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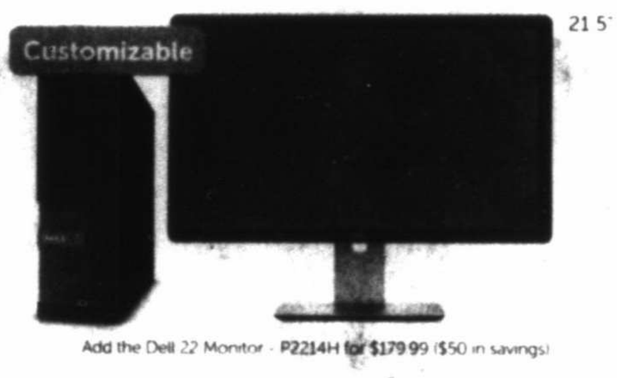

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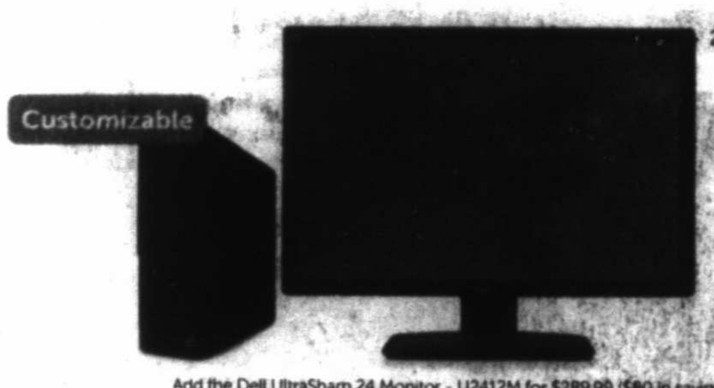

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TOP STUDENTS & SHINING STARS, PART 2

Midland ISD Education Foundation's fifth annual Shining Stars Academic Recognition Reception was held April 26 at Green Tree Country Club. The event honored the district's top 12 seniors — five from Lee and Midand high schools and one from Coleman High School and Early College High School — and the teachers who most impacted them.

Today, LHS and ECHS students and teachers will be featured. MHS and CHS students and teachers were featured on April 29.

Editor's note: If Greenwood, Midland Christian, Trinity School of Midland, Midland Classical or any other high school in Midland County wants to submit similar information, please contact Editor Stewart Doreen at 687-8856.

Courtesy photos

Superintendent Ryder Warren, from left, teacher Lara Payne, Cohen Clark, and Jim Nelson, president of the Midland ISD Education Foundation board of directors.

TOP STUDENT — LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Cohen C. Clark — Distinguished Scholar
Parents: Tia and Chad Clark.
Honors and recognitions: Ranked No. 5 in class; National Honor Society; academic All-District and academic letterman.
Campus leadership positions: Recipient of the 2011 daughter of the American Revolution Academic Leadership Award, Texas A&M University Academic Achievement Scholarship and Texas A&M University Opportunity Award Scholarship.
School-related extracurricular activities: tennis letterman and debater
Community service or volunteer work: Member of First Baptist Church, Interact Club and and served as a Midland Teen Court juror.
Future plans: Attend Texas A&M University and major in petroleum engineering.

SHINING STAR

Lara Payne — Distinguished Educator — Cohen C. Clark's Shining Star
Subject taught: Ninth-grade English
Cohen's thoughts: Mrs. Payne is an extraordinary teacher and motivator. She not only educates her students but creates a desire to succeed. Her teaching style prepares students and creates an environment in which the students develop a desire to learn. Her techniques become ingrained in her students. The techniques remain with her former pupils for years, serving to assist students in their future success. Not only is her teaching impactful, it is also charismatic and in a word exceptional.

Nelson, from left, teacher Jason Smith, Sunita Heeraman and Warren.

TOP STUDENT — LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Sunita Heeraman — Distinguished Scholar
Parents: Robin and Usha Heeraman.
Honors and recognitions: Ranked No. 3 in class, AP Scholar with Honors; Commended National Merit Scholar; National Honor Society Scholar.
Campus leadership positions: President of Interact Club, senior class and National Honor Society and Debate Club secretary.
School-related extracurricular activities: Member of debate team, Youth and Government and Interact Club.
Community service or volunteer work: Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland Children's Rehab Center, Midland Teen Court attorney.
Future plans: Major in business and biology.

SHINING STAR

Jason Smith – Distinguished Educator – Sunita Heeraman's Shining Star
Subject taught: Biology
Sunita's thoughts: I would like to nominate coach Smith as my teacher because he is such a kind person and has taught me so much. I credit him with my love of science because he made learning really fun and knew how to make normal biology concepts interesting. He is always welcoming and has a big smile on his face.

Nelson, from left, teacher Jennifer Mangum, Kalen Doubrava and Warren.

TOP STUDENT — LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Kalen Garett Doubrava — Distinguished Scholar
Parents: Laura and Joseph Doubrava.
Honors and recognitions: Salutatorian; AP Scholar with Honors; Silver Medal in Mathematics in the Academics Decathlon (Honors Division); Outstanding Academic Award in Mathematics Pre-Calculus.
School-related extracurricular activities: Member of academic team.
Community service or volunteer work: Keep Lee Beautiful; Volunteer at the Wax Hands booth at the St. Ann's Fair.
Future plans: Attend Texas Tech University and major in electrical engineering.

SHINING STAR

Jennifer Mangum — Distinguished Educator — Kalen Garett Doubrava's Shining Star
Subjects taught: 11th- and 12th-grade AP physics.
Kalen's thoughts: Considering that I plan to major in a subject that is heavily dependent on physics, Mrs. Mangum has been incredibly helpful in many ways. She has taught me how the basics of electricity work and went into more detail as the year went on. Not to mention, she has high expectations for me, and constantly pushed me to do my best and then some.

And even when I fumbled and got confused, she corrected my mistakes and set me back on the path to success. Finally, her class had to have a Physics Injury Counter in it, and I do not think I will forget the laughter we had from it.

Keely Martin, from left, Phillip Edwards, Dennis Lithgow, of Pioneer Natural Resources, and Warren.

TOP STUDENT — LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Keely Martin — Distinguished Scholar
Parents: Victoria and Dennie Martin
Honors and recognitions: Valedictorian, U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar Leadership Program, University of Texas First Bytes Computer Science Project winner, AP Scholar, President's Volunteer Service Award, Colorado School of Mines Medal of Achievement in Math and Science, UIL Barbara Jordan Historical Essay first place, VFW Voice of Democracy Essay, academic and athletic Letterman, UIL Swim All-District First Team, UIL Swim All Region First Team, UIL Swim All-Region Team, Academic All-State, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar recipient, Texas PTA Reflections State Qualifier Overall Award of Excellence-Literature.
Campus leadership positions: Class treasurer, captain of debate and swim teams.
School-related extracurricular activities: Member of swim and debate teams, National Honor Society, Interact Club and Business Professionals of America.
Community service or volunteer work: President/chairwoman of City of Midland Youth Advisory Council, Midland Teen Court attorney and juror, Midland Children Rehabilitation Center camp counselor, member of City of Midland Aquatics swim team, Midland County Library Teen Advisory Board and St. Stephen's Catholic Church, volunteer with Midland Soup Kitchen, Keep Midland Beautiful, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Honor our Troops.
Future plans: Attend University of Texas or U.S. Naval Academy to major in oceanography or psychology.

SHINING STAR

Phillip Edwards — Distinguished Educator — Keely Martin's Shining Star
Subject taught: 12th-grade calculus BC.
Keely's thoughts: Mr. Edwards has been my teacher for two years for business calculus and calculus. Being as these are such difficult subjects with fast-paced curriculums, Mr. Edwards has one of the most difficult positions at Lee High School, teaching multiple subjects to a variety of students and maintaining a position as the math chairman. Mr. Edwards thoroughly covers the lesson, making the lessons entertaining at the same time. He is always willing to devote his time to provide extra instruction whenever needed by students. Much of the material he taught with the methods and unique lingo he used will certainly help me with future endeavors.

Warren, from left, Shelby Corbitt, teacher John Briggs and Nelson.

TOP STUDENT — LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Shelby Corbitt — Distinguished Scholar
Parents: Robin and Jim Corbitt.
Honors and recognitions: Ranked No. 4 in class, soccer letterman and MVP; AP Scholar, National Merit Commended Scholar; Symphony Belle.
Campus leadership positions: Class officer and soccer team captain.
School-related extracurricular activities: Member of National Honor Society, Interact Club and soccer team.
Community service or volunteer work: Member of Girl Scouts and volunteers with Safe Place
Future plans: Attend Texas A&M University and major in biology.

SHINNING STAR

John Briggs — Distinguished Educator — Shelby Corbitt's Shining Star
Subjects taught: Latin/yearbook.
Shelby's thoughts: Mr. Briggs has dedicated an enormous amount of time and effort to the education of his students. He is always willing to put in the extra work to help students understand a concept. Mr. Briggs has been my Latin teacher for three years and is always cheerful and willing to help. He truly makes learning a new and difficult language fun. He also dedicates countless hours each year to the production of the LHS yearbook.

Nelson, from left, Principal Renee Aldrin, teacher Melissa Wright and Warren.

TOP STUDENT — EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

Joseph Hernandez — Distinguished Scholar
Grandparent: Marie Humphrey.
Honors and recognitions: Valedictorian; Christmas at Tech; math UIL second-place number sense; eighth-place mathematics; National Academy of Future Science and Technology leaders scholar selected to attend Engineering Experience at MIT; National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar.
Campus leadership positions: Science Club technology specialist, Robotics Club vice president, school chair of Model United Nations for Youth and Government;.
School-related extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Math UIL.
Community service or volunteer work: Petroleum Museum, Keep Midland Beautiful, Midland County Public Library.
Future plans: Attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology or University of Texas and major in architecture and civil engineering.

SHINING STAR

Melissa Wright — Distinguished Educator — Joseph Hernandez's Shining Star
Subject taught: Ninth-grade world geography.
Joseph's thoughts: Ms. Wright has altered my life in many ways over the last four years. During my freshman year, she taught geography and I'm not going to lie, it wasn't my favorite class. But, what I truly remember her for is Youth and Government. I first joined the program my sophomore year, and I had no idea what I was doing. She encouraged and supported me, and I believe she is the reason that I can actually talk to people rather than sit quietly in a corner. Thank you for breaking me out of my shell.

Obituaries

Blanche Margaret Tyler Alcorn

Blanche Margaret Tyler Alcorn, 82, passed away May 4, 2015. She was born April 17, 1933, in DeRoache, Arkansas, to George Ollie Tyler and Clemia Pemberton Tyler. She graduated from Magnet Cove, Arkansas, High School in 1950.

In Midland, Blanche worked for various oil companies, including Gulf Oil Corporation and Mobil Oil Company, while raising her children and being a devoted homemaker.

She was a member of the Rusk and Goddard PTA, the Lee Rebel Booster Club, and was a confidant to most of all Lee Athletes and Rebelettes. She was a devoted member of the First Christian Church and an active member of Al-Anon for 51 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, seven sisters, and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, John Scott Alcorn; daughter, Sally Alcorn Haliburton and husband, Steve, of Lubbock, Texas; son, Tyler Charles Alcorn and wife, Anita and granddaughters, Taylor and Rylie Alcorn, all of Cypress, Texas; sister-in-law, Margeruite Tyler, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; lifetime best friend, Doris Terry Miller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015 at First Christian Church in Midland.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Bryson, Baker Hallford, Ernie Johnson, Dan Kowert, James Morton, Steve Pitts, Jerry Sides, and Ken Sneed.

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

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Ella Marjorie Warren Butler

Ella Marjorie Warren Butler went into the arms of Jesus, her Savior, peacefully on May 3, 2015.

Marge (Gigi as she was known to many) was born on June 25, 1921, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Hardy Dee and Alberta Warren. At the age of two, her family moved to Eastland, Texas, where she was raised with four brothers and two sisters. What her family has heard her say many times is, "We didn't have much, but we had a lot of fun together!"

She married her high school sweetheart, Charlie Cole Butler August 25 1939, and they spent 51 years together before he passed away in 1990. They moved to Midland in 1952 and their favorite times were camping and fishing with family members and they always looked forward to the Warren reunions with 60-70 family members and friends.

Three brothers preceded Marge in death, H.D. Warren and his wife, Margie Lou, Bobby Warren and his wife, Louise, and Benny Warren, whose wife Margie Faye, lives in Breckenridge; her older sister, Faye Rainey and her husband, Dick; and one great grandchild, Grace Elizabeth Butler.

Family surviving Marge are her daughter, Brenda Yowell, of Midland, Texas, whose husband, Alton, passed away in 2008; her son, Rick Butler of Midland; grandchildren, Al and Ginger Yowell of Midland, Heather Steadman of Fort Worth, Blake and Steve Newman of Midland, and Rick and Tina Butler of Brownwood, Texas. She is also survived by great grandchildren, Kayla Thiery, Haleigh Wyrwich Allen and husband, Andy, Haden Wyrwich, Jordin and Whitney Newman, T.J. and Abigal Butler; and great-great grandchildren, Peryton, Wes and Brooklyn Thiery and 6 month old, Jackson Allen; along with numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Marge grew up in First Baptist Church, Eastland, Texas and was a long-time active member of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. While at Crestview, she taught children's Sunday School. She was one of the first workers in the Kindergarten program when it first developed and was active in various women's organizations at Crestview.

She will be buried in Eastland, Texas, alongside Charlie, her parents and other family members. Her life will be celebrated and remembered with a graveside service on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Eastland Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

The family wishes to thank Brenda, Tammie, Sherri, and Christina, the loving caregivers of Hospice of Midland who made Marge's life and that of her family so much easier and peaceful in her last two weeks. What blessings they were to us. God always gives you what you need when you need it.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

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

Nicolasa Flores

Nicolasa "Cachita" Ortega Flores, 74, of Midland, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2015. She was born to Jose De la Luz and Luisa Ortega on November 5, 1940. She will be remembered as a devoted follower of Christ, wife, mother, aunt, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eusebio "Chevo" Flores.

Those left to cherish her memories are her sons, Carlos Ortega and family, Faustino Flores and family, and Ricardo and Maria Flores and children; and daughters, Irma and Enrique Montoya and children, and Esther and Erbey Urias and children; and many dear friends.

Prayer services will be held today at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Iglesia Bautista Monte Sinai, 2105 S. Baird St. Pastor Eduardo Olivares will officiate. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Stanley Warren Harris

Stanley Warren Harris, 90, of Midland, passed away on May 3, 2015, at his home with family at his bedside.

Stanley was born to Clemmie Edgar Waldrop and Horace Chilton Harris in Burkburnett, Texas, on December 14, 1924.

Stan attended school and graduated in Crane, Texas. He graduated from Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas, in 1955 and received a teacher's certificate from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, in 1960. He taught history and social studies in several towns in Texas, retiring in 1980.

Stan loved to read. He wrote and published two books. He loved to travel, doing extensive travel in all 50 states, as well as Switzerland, Austria and Hungary.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn; one son, Stanley Warren Harris, Jr. and wife Terry Harris; one grandson, Jason Harris; and by one granddaughter, Jordan Harris Bogart and husband Kyle Bogart of Amarillo, Texas.

He is also survived by his brother, Edgar Gene Harris and wife Sue of Austin, Texas; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents; and one brother, Horace C. Harris, Jr.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland, Cornerstone Home Health, members of the James Department of First Baptist Church of Midland and many family friends for their support.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice Midland, P O Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, and First Baptist Church, 2104 Louisiana Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church chapel, with David Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Texas 79701, (432) 683-5555.

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Death Notices

Joe Billy Dickey

Joe Billy Dickey, 93, of Midland, Texas, passed away May 4, 2015.

He is survived by a daughter and a son.

Family will receive guests Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Michael Gregory "Greg" Mauzy

Michael Gregory "Greg" Mauzy, 58, of Midland, passed away on May 4, 2015.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch

Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include wife, Michelle Boone Mauzy; mother, Glenda Mauzy Power; children, Dustin Gragg and Kacey Gragg Whisenhunt; and two siblings.

Arlena Simmons Johnson

Arlena Johnson, 81, passed away on May 3, 2015.

Viewing will be Thursday, May 7, 2015 and Friday, May 8, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Funeral service is set for Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Lee Street Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, with a reception to also follow at the Lee Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by her children, Allen Wilson, Gregory Wilson, Contravis Wilson, Birdie Wilson-Cannon, Mamie Wilson, Javance Johnson, Mark Johnson and Othalene Johnson- Ndoye; two step-daughters, Louise Goodly and Carlyon Johnson; one step-son James A. Johnson; and by one sister and two brothers.

Ann Huffman

Ann Huffman, 82, of Midland, Texas, died on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from noon to 9:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Eldon L. Whitaker

Funeral services for Eldon L. Whitaker, 74, of Seminole, will be conducted Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mennonite Evangelical Church. Interment will follow in the Gaines County Cemetery.

Eldon passed away Monday, May 4, 2015 in Seminole.

Eldon is survived by his wife, Maria T. Whitaker; two sons, Ronny Whitaker and Karis Kornelson; three daughters, Nancy Allen, Neicie McAdams, and Ashley Toews; one sister and two brothers.

Visitation for family and friends will be held Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Ratliff Funeral Home in Seminole.

Lisa Gayle (Evans) George

Lisa Gayle (Evans) George, 56, of Midland, passed away April 30, 2015.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Joe George; sons, Jeremy and Jeffry; parents, Jimmie and Glenda Jean Evans; and by one sister.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Stonegate Fellowship Church, 6000 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79707 at 2:00 p.m.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Kids use writing assignment to share the pain they feel

NATALIE HAWKS
Burnet Elementary

A third-grade teacher at a Denver elementary school decided to try to get to know her students better. She gave the students — most of whom come from low-income families — a writing assignment in which she hoped they would reveal something about themselves. The teacher, Kyle Schwartz, called the activity "I wish my teacher knew ..." — and she wound up learning more than she thought.

I read several of her students' poignant notes and found some of them heartbreaking. Everything from "I don't have pencils to do my homework" to "my dad leaves us for weeks at a time. I never know where he is or if he is going to come back."

Teaching in a low-income school myself, I decided to try this little experiment in my fifth-grade classroom to see if the results could possibly parallel the Colorado school's. I quietly passed out one index card to each student in my homeroom class. Then I told them about the assignment. I told them that it could be something positive or negative that they wanted me to know about them. I also told the students that they could write anonymously or they could put their name on their card. And, boy, did they write. Some kids who never write, actually wrote, too. I was impressed before I even read the cards.

"I wish my teacher knew that I LOVE coming to school."

"I wish my teacher knew that I have a secret talent of singing."

"I wish my teacher knew that I want to be a Marine when I grow up. I want to fight for freedom."

"I wish my teacher knew how alone I am at home."

"I wish my teacher knew that I hate coming to school because I am not as smart as other kids."

It was eye-opening, to say the least. I can't help but feel for these kiddos. I am worried if they are completing their homework, but look at what they are worried about. I was ready for the not-so-positive things; I know the reality of life for many of my students. But some of the positive cards actually surprised me. Most of my students were very eager to share, which makes me wonder if they really just need an adult outside of their family in which they can confide? If this is how they are feeling at 10 and 11 years old, how much pressure will they feel when they are teens? What stigmas will they have to overcome?

"I wish my teacher knew that I have been riding horses since I was three years old. I want to be an equine veterinarian, but my family is too poor to send me to college. I feel stuck."

"I wish my teacher knew that my grandmother is in rehab in Arizona, and she won't be back for a few months. I hate drugs. I miss her so much."

"I wish my teacher knew that my step-dad likes to get drunk and try to hurt my mom. I wish I was older that way I could hurt him back to show him how my mom feels. Sometimes he just leaves. I hope he won't come back."

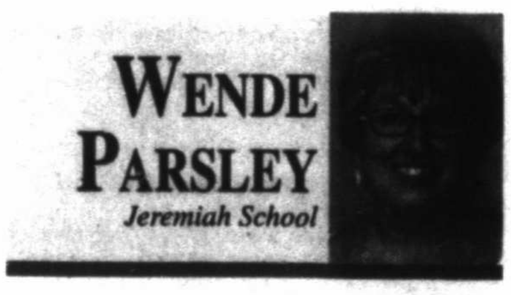
"I wish my teacher knew that I haven't seen my dad since I was one year old. He doesn't even bother to call me on my birthday."

I was blown away by their honesty. Most didn't even try to hide the fact that they were hurting. Maybe it's just easier to write things down than say them out loud.

The root of this goes back to

Please see HAWKS/3B

First year at Jeremiah, 'we have celebrated and grown'



WENDE PARSLEY
Jeremiah School

We are closing out our first year at Jeremiah School. For those of you who don't know, Jeremiah School was started to provide a safe, nurturing place for children with an IQ in the normal range, but who also have social, emotional or behavioral issues.

These students have been diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger's syndrome, autism, sensory processing disorder, bipolar disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety disorder or any other diagnoses that interfere with their ability to function socially or academically in a regular school setting. Basically, these are the kids who the public schools don't know what to do with.

Rather than try to understand or figure it out, public schools have done a poor job with this specific population and often blame it on the parents. These children are suspended until their parents — the ones who have other options — go away.

Midland's Jeremiah School is one of those options.

This school year, we have laughed and cried. We have celebrated and grown. We have watched many behaviors and stresses be replaced, slowly, with more appropriate ones. We have learned.

The kids have excelled academically. Most of them came to us at below grade level, struggling and feeling like failures. Spending time stressed out, in the office or suspended has made it difficult for these students to stay caught up, or to even be interested in learning. At Jeremiah School, learning stops for these moments. Children are allowed to calm down and then are walked through how to handle things better. This has made all the difference.

Perhaps, the other piece that has helped students in their studies is smaller class size. It also could be the hands-on, project-based assessment. Either way, the kids have built things, created presentations, gone on weekly field trips, critically discussed content and played games. They have been invested in the process because they were allowed to be. And, not one single minute was spent on learning how to take the test.

I won't lie. At times, it has seemed like an insurmountable, uphill struggle. But, just like climbing a mountain, the view from the top makes it all worthwhile. It is time well-spent.

That being said, it is with great sadness that I announce that Fannin Terrace Baptist Church can no longer host Jeremiah School. Because of the growth of the citywide Bible study — a program to which they were already committed — there will no longer be space available for Jeremiah School.

We want to save the school. However, without donated space, we cannot. Rent, utilities, insurance and extraneous costs prevent us from being able to afford any alternatives. Fundraising for this first school year went OK, but we were unable to gain many donations because our program was new.

Unless something monumental happens, in two weeks we will close our doors. We would like to thank all of our supporters for the past year. We would like to thank our parents who trusted us with their most treasured children. Most of all, we would like to thank our kids, who risked to walk this path with us every day, no matter how hard, scary or tiring. You have taught us much.

Wende Parsley is education director and teacher at Jeremiah School.

Courtesy photo

MISD seventh-graders recently toured Bullock museum. Each year, Midland ISD seventh-graders have the opportunity to visit the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. This year's group of Abell, Alamo, Goddard and San Jacinto junior high students made the trip on Friday. The trip is funded by a community grant and organized by Eileen Corley, MISD director of social studies, said Elizabeth Gressett, the district's communications specialist. Students are selected for the trip based on an essay and community service, she said. While at the museum the seventh-graders complete a guidebook as they tour the exhibits. Among displays the students saw was LaBelle, a French ship that archeologists are reassmbling at the museum, as well as artifacts from the vessel that sank in 1686 in Matagorda Bay. Goddard student Ruben Chavez said he enjoyed learning about Texas history from the native peoples to the present. "If you come to a place like this, you remember it," he said. Another Goddard student, Daniel Archuletta, said the trip "motivates kids to do more work and have a fun time."

HAWKS

From 2B

communication. How many of these students' parents know how their children are feeling? How many parents don't care? How many kids don't talk to their parents out of fear? I think that if the lines of communication were more open between parent and child, the amount of animosity and worry would be much less for the children.

Some just seem so stuck, disconnected or lost. I can see where this lost feeling, and the need to "belong" somewhere could lead some of our high- poverty kids toward the gang lifestyle. And this isn't inner city New York; this is Midland, Texas. These problems are happening right here to our children. The parallels to Kyle Schwartz's class were uncanny. Students are struggling with divorce, abuse, generational poverty, depression, rejection and mental illness all across our nation.

We can help our children feel less hopeless by instilling hope for ourselves. They see the past and they live the present. But the future is seen through their parents' eyes. It is with lessons like this that I can see after nine years of teaching, how I've grown as an educator. But more importantly, I can see how I've grown as a human being. I only hope some of my students can say the same thing at the end of their school careers.

Natalie Hawks is a fifth-grade science and history teacher at Burnet Elementary School.

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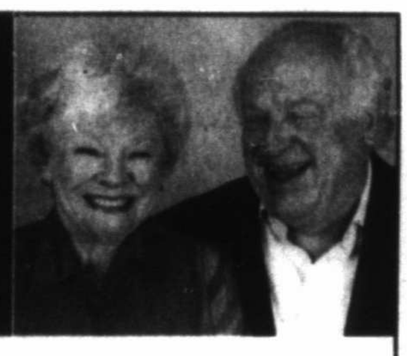

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Thirteen Midland and Lee high school students who are taking dual credit career/technology courses at Midland College received winning scores at the State Skills USA competition March 26-28 in Corpus Christi.

Lee High School

■ Silver medals: **Ethan Welch,** diesel hands-on competition; **Collin Crouch,** engine performance category; **Carlos Padilla,** electrical systems category.

■ Bronze medal: **Pete Chavez,** suspension/steering category.

■ Superior ratings: **Welch, Chavez, Crouch** and **Padilla,** automotive/diesel turbo projects; and **Juan Martinez,** automotive/diesel starter project.

■ Excellent rating: **Paulino Rios,** automotive/diesel alternator project.

Midland High School

■ First place: **Anna Villegas,** medical assisting.

■ Second place: **Julica Romero**, nurse assisting.

■ Silver medal: **Joseph Velasco**, brake systems category.

■ Fourth place: **Jesus Sanchez,** automotive hands-on competition.

■ Superior ratings: **Sanchez,** alternator project; and **Luke Romero,** turbo project.

■ Excellent ratings: **Velasco,** alternator project; **Alfredo Arredondo,** starter project; and **Adrian Caldera,** turbo project.

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Midlander **Devin Jordan Savage** has been inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international honor society for economics.

He is the son of Rodney and Valencia Taylor and a 2011 graduate of Lee High School.

Savage, also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Black Males Association, will graduate in December with a degree in economics and finance.

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A number of Greenwood High School students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks

NOTE: The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

■ Ninth: **Lillian Adair, Mackenzie Butts, Kyndall Dove, Charles Fischer, Matthew Groeschel, Emily Hertel, Gracie Huber, Bethany Kahler, Natalee Karcher, Kayleigh Kitto, Caitlyn Lott, Kaitlin Murphey, Skylar Potter, Josue Reyes, Ricardo Reyes, Dalton Richardson** and **Katherine Ross.**

10th: **Nakia Armendariz, Ben Brockman, Jiles Finch, Colby Karcher, Seth Keeton, Exalander Magallan** and **Aydan Rivera.**

11th: **Layne Banks, Madeline Campbell, Natasha Coker, Courtney Eisenberg, Garrett Grafe, Erin Hickman, Chancey Kendall, Rebekah Knapp, Ariadna Lujan, Matthew Mackey, Kolten McCulloch, Shawn Miles, Ashton Moore, Julissa Morin, Nicole Moss, Tanner Parker, Sarah Perkins, Jordan Shoults** and **Rylee Young.**

12th: **Jonathan Brookshire, Alyson Drennan, Brenna Hartley, Savannah Howard, James Killebrew, Kassie Maddox, Justin McKinney, Elizabeth Padron, Jessica Ponce, Zachry Redwine, Neilan Reid, Erin Roye, Allison Smith** and **Kaleb Watkins.**

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Midland High School junior **Krista Epley** has received an award of merit at the state level for the PTA's Reflections contest.

Her literature contest entry is "What Happens When Students Actually Read."

Reflections in an annual contest for all grade levels for original works of art in dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

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WAXAHACHIE — Midlander **Diana Marquez Castillo** recently graduated from Southwestern Assemblies of God University. She received a bachelor of science degree in church ministries.

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Abell Junior High School seventh-graders **Ryan Caputo** and **Adrian Gonzales** won first place at the state robotics competition Saturday in Duncanville.

Read more about the Robotic Eagles' success in a future Education section.

EGG LAUNCH

Courtesy photos

Midland College engineering students Garret Clements, from left, Chris Hendrix and Erwin Baquirin demonstrate their class "egg launch" project. Students in Melissa McHale's class were tasked with creating a device (or devices) to launch an egg 3 feet into the air and then return it to the ground unbroken. The students worked in groups of three or four and were limited in the types of materials that they could employ. Most teams were successful in the April 23 launch, according to a press release from the college.

Teacher appreciation breakfast

The red carpet was rolled out recently in appreciation of Abell Junior High School teachers. The Abell band and cheerleaders led the teachers to the library, where the PTA treated them to breakfast. Principal Jenifer Neatherlin said the teachers were "a little embarrassed to be the center of attention, but really enjoyed it."

Courtesy photos

LHS seeks wall of honor nominees

From staff reports

The nomination period has been extended until Sunday for 2015 inductees into the Lee Legacy Wall of Honor. Nominees may be alumni (those who graduated at least 15 years ago), former faculty or staff members or others who have contributed to Lee High.

The induction ceremony will tke place during homecoming celebration.

The Wall of Honor was initiated during the 2010-11 school year to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

Nomination forms are available at www.midlandisd.net

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THURSDAY: Partly sunny High: 88 Low: 65

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 88 Low: 66

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 85 Low: 57

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 82 Low: 57

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 57

Local forecast

There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today, tonight and Thursday and a 40 percent chance Thursday night, according to the National Weather Service.

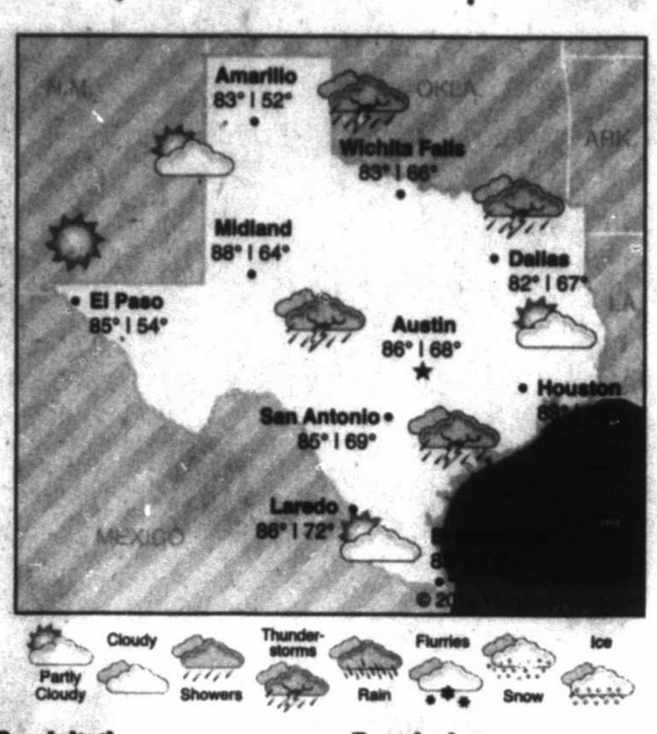
Expect a high of 84 today and a high of 88 Thursday and Friday. The low is to be in the mid- to high 60s.

The high on Tuesday reached 83, while the low dropped to 64. The record high for May 5 is 101 set in 2000, 1964 and 1947. The record low is 39 set in 1933.

National forecast

Cooler and drier air pushes into New England with some sunshine today. Clouds, spotty showers and thunderstorms will trim temperatures over the Middle Atlantic. High pressure is expected to push eastward across southern Ontario.

Much of the South and Ohio Valley will remain very warm with sunshine. A high-pressure system well off the East Coast will exert enough influence to maintain a southern flow in this area. Meanwhile, showers and thunderstorms associated with a slowly developing storm system will continue to brew around the Florida peninsula.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
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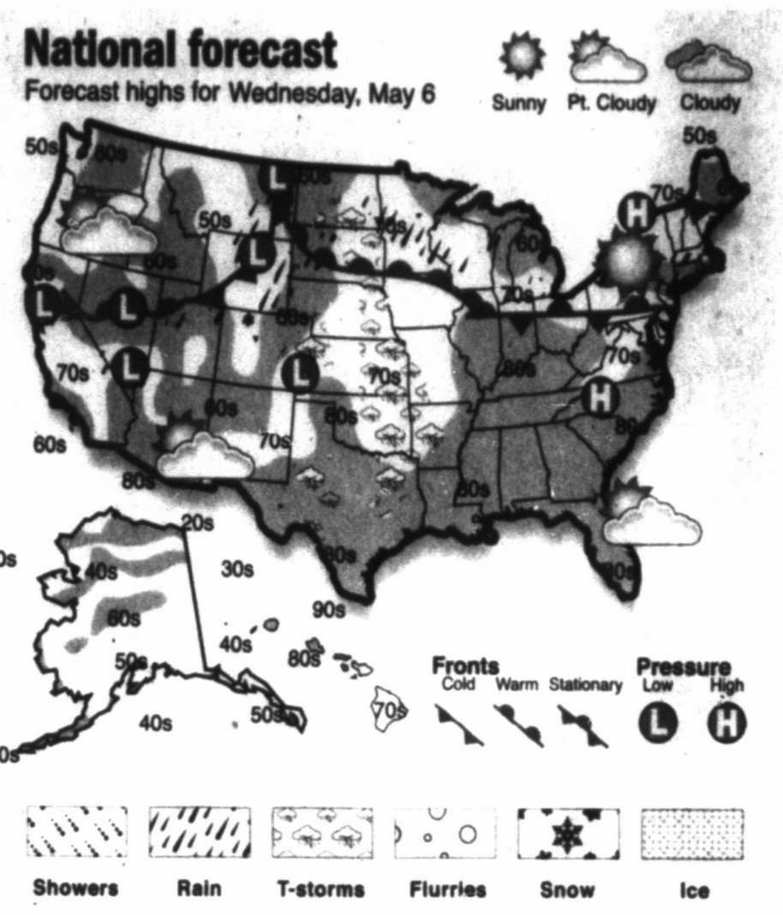
Normal total (year to date)	2.68 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	83
Low	64
Normal high	85
Normal low	56
Sunrise	6:59 a.m.
Sunset	8:33 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, May 6



Melodramatic serial should be canceled, not renewed

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 of 10 years, "Scott," and I separated last year. I was pregnant and hormonal at the time, and told him we would never get back together. We went a month without contact, then reconnected.

While Scott was in the process of working things out with me, he had a girlfriend. He made it seem like not a big deal, but apparently it was more serious. He told her she was the love of his life and he didn't want to lose her, etc. When our daughter was born five months later, he told me he was done with the other woman. They talked for a month after our baby arrived and then he cut her off.

I recently found some old messages between them, and my heart shattered all over again. Scott said it was all a joke and he never meant any of it. The text messages imply otherwise.

I don't know if I should take another break to clear my head, or wait until my heartache passes. Please help. — EMOTIONAL IN THE SOUTH

DEAR EMOTIONAL: If you were convinced that Scott has been completely honest, I doubt you would have searched his message history. As to his relationship with the other woman being a "joke," I doubt she was laughing when — after hearing she was the love of his life and he didn't want to lose her — he announced it was over.

You appear to like drama. You brought this on when you told Scott the two of you would "never" reconcile. I do think you should take a break until you are less emotional, because the choices you have made so far haven't been entirely rational.

DEAR ABBY: I live on soft drinks. I don't eat real food. I can't remember the last time I ate a hot meal, much less vegetables. I exist solely on massive amounts of soda — two two-liter bottles a day. If I put food in my stomach, it's usually bread or candy.

I don't binge and purge. Because I'm never hungry, I don't look at it as starving myself. The last time I tried to get off the soda, I got sick to my stomach, light-headed and felt out of sorts. I don't know if I'm addicted to the caffeine, the sugar or both. I want to be able to go to a restaurant on a date and eat like a normal person.

I don't know what to do or how to do it. This liquid diet is slowly killing me and I need help. I have expressed my concerns to my doctors and even my therapist. I don't think they believe me or understand the extent of my problem. What would you suggest? — STUCK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUCK: It appears you have an eating disorder. Because your doctor and your therapist both seem unable to understand that and help you, consider replacing them. You should also consult a licensed nutritionist who is a registered dietitian (R.D.).

Caffeine and sugar withdrawal can both cause the symptoms you describe. Neither withdrawal is "fun," and both can cause headaches and more.

You may have to wean yourself rather than quit cold turkey, and a nutritionist can help you to create a personalized eating program that's right for you.

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Beautiful ending

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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2♢*	Pass
4♠	All pass		

*2 controls, 1 ace or 2 kings

Opening lead: Five of ♡

Hard Luck Louie was once again trying to win glory at the club's Saturday night duplicate. He won the opening heart lead with dummy's queen and led a spade to his ace, drawing trumps. Next came a diamond to dummy's ace and a diamond ruff high in his hand. A low trump to dummy for another diamond ruff was followed by yet another low trump to dummy for one more diamond ruff.

The long diamond in dummy had been established, but there was no entry to enjoy it, so Louie settled for 11 tricks.

Lucky Larry played the same contract, also with a low heart lead. He played the same as Louie for a while, drawing trumps and eliminating the diamonds from both opponents' hands. At this point, Larry started running his trumps, leaving this position with one trump left:

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ 6
♢ 8
♣ J 9

WEST
♠ Void
♡ K 9
♢ Void
♣ A 8

EAST
♠ Void
♡ 7
♢ Void
♣ K 10 7

SOUTH
♠ 2
♡ A J
♢ Void
♣ Q

West was in trouble. Should he discard a low club, Larry would exit with a club, end-playing him for a forced heart lead into the ace-jack. To prevent this, West discarded the ace of clubs! Larry cashed the ace of hearts, extracting East's last heart, and led the club queen. Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 6, 2015:

This year you have the ability to understand some far-out ideas. You might not always agree with them, nor do you need to. The fact that you can discuss these concepts with the people who espouse them is significant. You often will want to entertain at your home and invite close friends over. If you are single, you grow past a problem and are able to develop a strong relationship this year, if you so choose. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other more than in the past. You seem to value each other more and more as you start planning more weekends away as a couple. SAGITTARIUS is very different from most of your friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You welcome change without resistance and are able to see that what's happening around you is for the best. Your imagination flourishes and inspires you to pursue unique ideas. Romance seems to be in the air. Embrace it! Tonight: Talk about your summer plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You integrate knowledge with quickness and ease. Your perspective allows more give-and-take. Unexpected revelations will take you down a new path. Some of you might be reticent, but you can't stay in the same spot forever. Tonight: Bring new information into a discussion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Others have a way of domineering when they want to, while your light style gets smothered. By now, you know how to handle these situations, and you are able to flourish without an audience, should you so choose. Tonight: A long-overdue chat with a partner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You know what you want. Though you can be charming and easygoing, your determination marks your plans and discussions. You are willing to put in extra time and effort to manifest a goal. The unexpected occurs with an older person. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You have an unusually grounded perspective of what is needed to make a situation work. Your unhinged imagination makes the path you're on an exciting one. You'll want to see past the obvious in order to understand what needs to happen. Tonight: Midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You remain cool, calm and collected even in the face of a surprise or a demand from a higher-up. You have managed to detach and gain a perspective that is unique and grounded. Pressure could be coming in from others. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Where your friends are is where you'll want to be. Nevertheless, handling some details and managing the fine print could be a problem. Understand where others are coming from. A meeting promises to be more supportive than you thought possible. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Too many commitments can wear anyone down — even you! Slow down the pace by taking a hard look at what can be discarded. You can't keep adding things without eliminating some. Remember, you are human and have only so much energy. Tonight: Go shopping.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You have an advantage, as you come off sounding secure, knowledgeable and ready to take action. No one can deny what is going on with you. You might be making a financial adjustment, but don't worry so much. Trust that it all will work out. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Listen to news within your immediate circle. You have demonstrated a special ability to absorb information and make needed adjustments. Pace yourself, and understand that you might need to schedule a break in the near future. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might be more driven than you realize. With a group of friends, you will see how driven you all are to arrive at a common goal. In fact, others might be taken aback by your insistence. You know what is happening, and you have an agenda. Tonight: Hang with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Tension builds as you try to field some curve balls. You also could decide to eliminate a responsibility that seems overwhelming. Others might have a similar response, therefore delegating it could be most difficult. Curb spending if possible. Tonight: In the limelight.

BORN TODAY

Actor George Clooney (1961), baseball player Willie Mays (1931), neurologist Sigmund Freud (1856)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Common lunch hr. end
6 Lowers, as lights
10 Drift gently
14 Half an Evergreen State city
15 Fancy entrance
16 Clickable image
17 Bit of dental work
18 Indian noble
19 On deck
20 Toy with a heating element
23 Like "las" in Sp.
24 Out of the reach of
27 Country where Quechua is an official language
30 Erstwhile TV ministry
33 White Label Scotch maker
35 Fairy tale villain
38 Camera setting
39 Carol contraction
40 "Not my decision"
42 Hoppy brew, briefly
43 Satellite-launching rocket stage
45 1961 Rick Nelson hit
47 Nightly news fodder, with "the"
49 "__ only a game"
50 Marshy areas
51 Public figure?
53 Bungler
55 Neither ahead nor behind ... and what 20-, 35- and 45-Across are literally doing
61 Clown of renown
64 Met or Nat
65 Jazz singer O'Day
66 Crumbled ice cream topping
67 2013-'14 Magic Johnson Award winner Nowitzki
68 Eastern faith
69 Sticky goo
70 Urges
71 Writer Zora __ Hurston

DOWN

1 Baby's boo-boo
2 Family nickname
3 Plumbing joints
4 Lighthearted
5 "I'll think it over"
6 Nyctophobe's fear
7 "Dies __": hymn
8 Low-paying position, in slang
9 Cut off
10 Gathers choice parts from
11 Celebrated pilot
12 Cunning critter
13 Demolition aid
21 Stimulate
22 Good-looker
25 Hardy's "The Return of the __"
26 Pop over
27 "She loves me not" piece
28 Greg of "B.J. and the Bear"
29 Take on successfully, as a challenge
31 Béret bearer
32 Pope after John X
34 Bridge measures
36 Deep-space energy source
37 Duma vote
41 Director Welles
44 Tablet relative
46 Side with the ball
48 Hot, for now
52 New England collegian
54 Born-__
56 "Show Boat" composer
57 Really gets to
58 TV handyman Bob
59 List-shortening abbr.
60 Reputation
61 Marshy area
62 Tulsa sch. named for an evangelist
63 "__ in the Art of Writing": Ray Bradbury collection

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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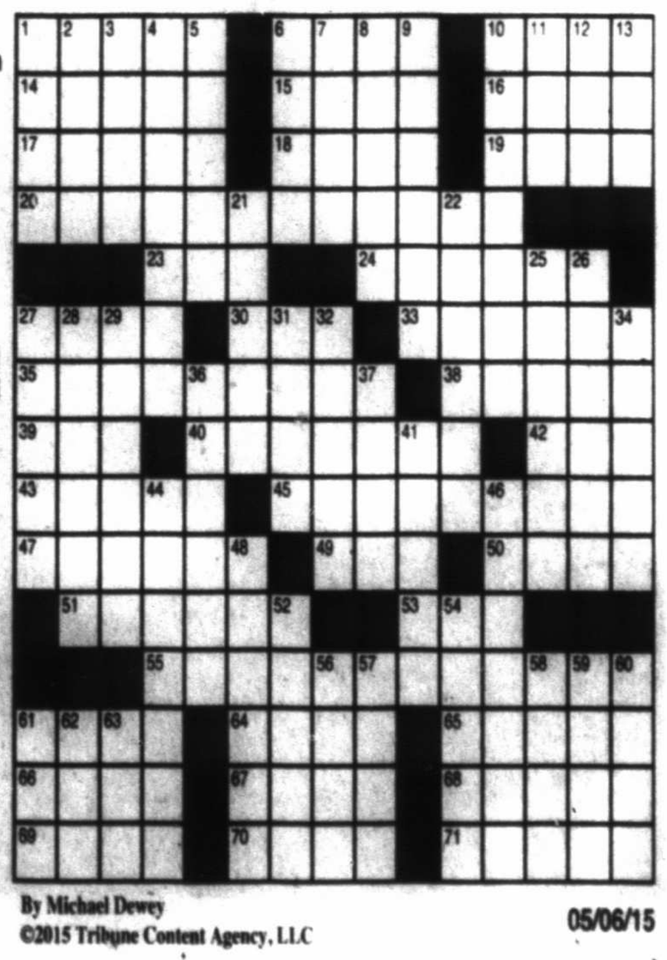

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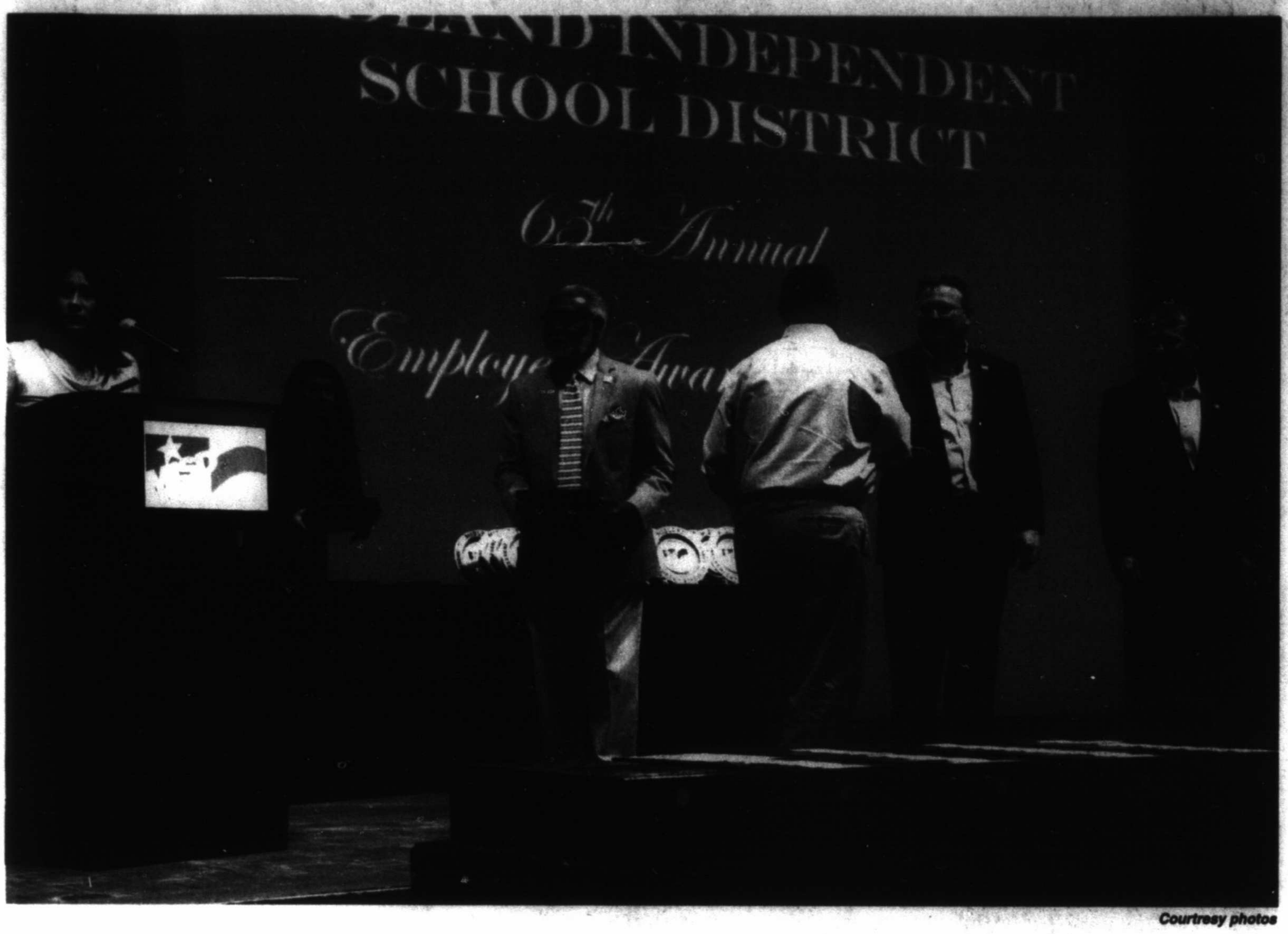

Courtesy photos

Among those recognized was MISD school board trustee James Fuller, third from left. Congratulating honorees were Rick Davis, board president, far right; and Superintendent Ryder Warren, second from left. Presenting awards were Irene Garcia, far left, and Leticia Guzman, with the district's human resources department.

Lee High School orchestra — including members Jennifer Hall, from left, Jennifer Taylor and Jessica Prescott — performed at the event.

MISD EMPLOYEE AWARDS BANQUET

The 65th annual Midland Independent School District's Employee Awards Banquet was Monday at Midland Center. Retiring employees were recognized and other employees were recognized for years of service. Among the longtime employees receiving awards were John Cook, Daisy Davis, Anna Dominguez, Wanda Evans and Betty Ratanasavetava, 40 years; Sandra Hershberger, Eddie Lane and Mary Martinez, 35 years; and Diana Boykin, Teresa Brandt, Carolee Carver, John Cervantez, James Davis, Tamara Johnson, Jane Kauffman, Linda Saddler and Helga Veirs, 30 years.

MISD Police Department Chief David Colburn holds his 25-year service award.

Carol James, librarian at Bowie Fine Arts Academy and Pease Communication & Technology Academy, is recognized for her retirement.

Holly Roberts, Pease Communication & Technology Academy principal, is recognized for her retirement.

Melvin Williams, transportation depatment bus driver trainer, is recognized for his retirement.

MC's Wicks to attend Jacksonville University

By Oscar LeRoy
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Longtime Midland College golf coach Delnor Poss does not hesitate when he says that David Wicks has been one of his all time favorites to coach.

Wicks has not only had an ultra-successful career in his two years at Midland College but he has excelled academically and has been an excellent leader for the Chaparrals.

"If you had five guys like David Wicks you wouldn't have any worries about anything and you would be highly successful," Poss said. "David has been a joy to have. I've never enjoyed a player any more."

On Tuesday, the golfer from Bexhill, East Sussex, England, signed a letter-of-intent to attend Jacksonville University, an NCAA Division I program in Jacksonville, Florida, next season.

Wicks, an NJCAA and Ping Golf All-American as a freshman, had a number of programs that were courting him, but he narrowed his choices down to Jacksonville, South Carolina and South Florida because he had a preference to play in the southeastern United States.

"I really wanted to go somewhere out in Florida or the east coast," said Wicks, who was recently named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference first team. "I really want my parents to come out and watch me graduate and play in my last tournament. It's a lot easier for them to get from England to the east coast. The program is awesome, they've got really nice facilities you get to practice in one of the best courses in the world (Dye's Valley at TPC Sawgrass). It's a really nice program. The weather is going to help out too, and the schedule they play is very strong."

Wicks said he visited Jacksonville in February and said in addition to the facilities and the weather, he liked the fact that the university had a similar environment to that of Midland College.

Please see **WICKS**/2C

Midland College's David Wicks follows his tee shot on March 16 at Greentree Country Club during the opening round of the Omega Treating Chemicals Invitational.

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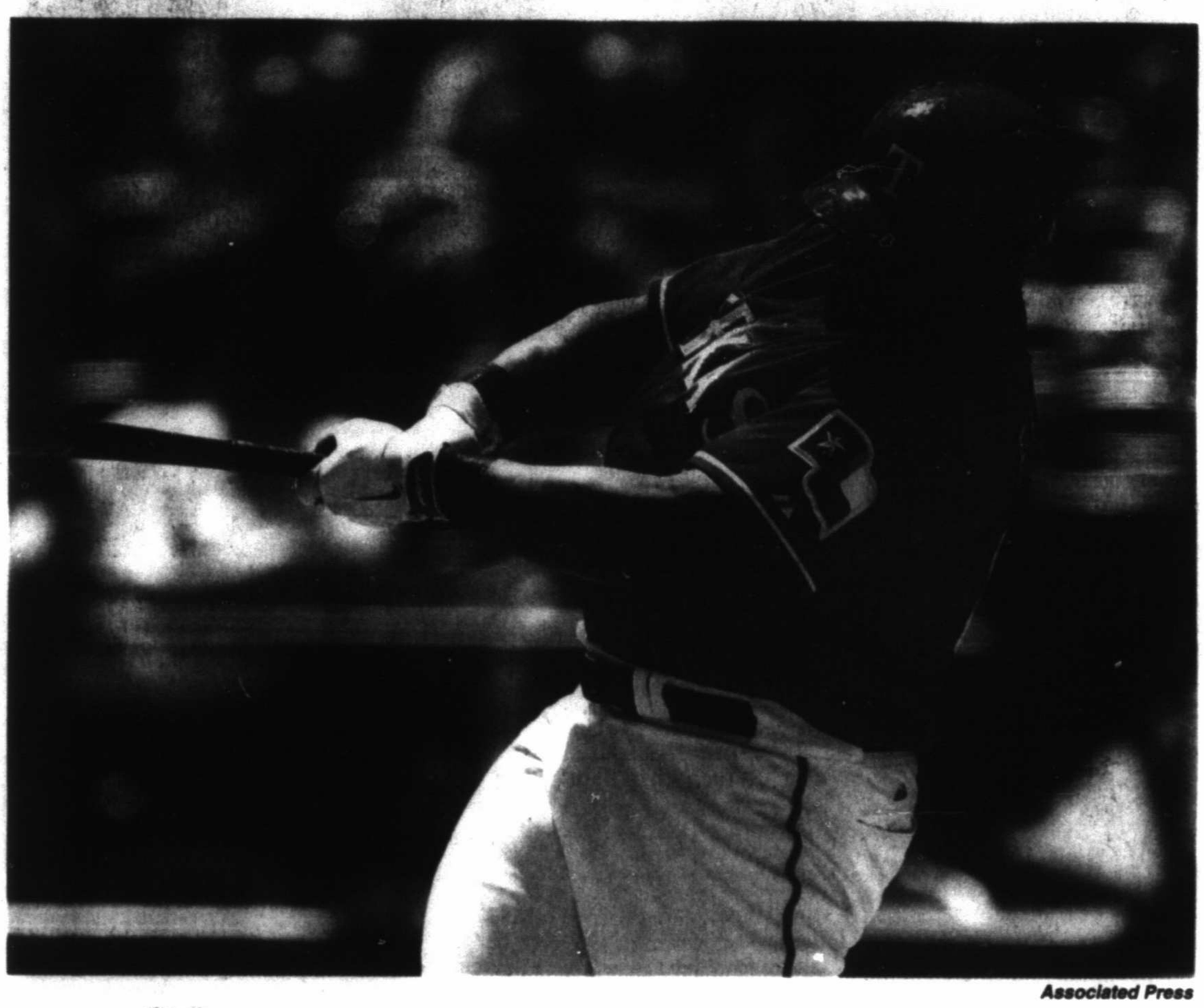
Time to re-evaluate it



Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Prince Fielder follows through on a single against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning on Sunday in Arlington.

Rangers GM ready for more critical look at team

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

With the Texas Rangers again at the bottom of the AL standings, general manager Jon Daniels is ready for a more critical look at the team.

The Rangers have lost eight of their last 11 games, even after a 2-1 win Monday night to end Houston's 10-game winning streak. At 9-16 under new manager Jeff Banister, they have six fewer wins than at the same point last season when they finished with an American League-high 95 losses.

"We took the approach the first few weeks of patience and I'm glad we did, let things play out a little bit, give guys a chance to get their feet under them. It has not really picked up with an exception of a few individuals," Daniels said before Monday's game.

"I think in conversations with our group, we're going to take a little more critical look at things over this road trip," he said. "We need to start seeing some production."

Rangers game

Be sure to see how the Rangers fared against the Astros.

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During a 20-minute conference call, Daniels said he still believes in his team. But while there have been flashes of good play, there have also been too many lapses in focus, with repeated mistakes and a lack of execution at times.

"If it was one thing that was easily identified and fixed, we'd have addressed it already," he said, without elaborating on possible changes.

With 2010 AL MVP and five-time All-Star slugger Josh Hamilton still a few weeks away from rejoining his former team, Texas is hitting a majors-low .216. Eight of the current 13 position players are under .200 — Prince Fielder, at .354 and among top 10 in the majors, is the only regular above .300 after missing most of last season because of neck surgery. The team has an AL-high 24 errors.

Ace pitcher Yu Darvish had Tommy John surgery after throwing only one inning in spring training. Left-handed starter Derek Holland is still a couple of months from returning from a shoulder issue that sidelined him after his only inning in the home opener.

Daniels said he regrets being so reliant on a young and so-far inconsistent bullpen. The 4.47 ERA for Texas relievers is second-worst in the AL, and their six

Please see **RANGERS**/3C

Howard happy in Houston and focused on getting a ring

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dwight Howard knows he's a polarizing figure. He's finally learned to be OK with that.

The bad feelings toward Houston's star center originated when he wanted out of Orlando and intensified amid rumblings that he couldn't get along with Kobe Bryant in his one season with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Howard

Now in his second season with the Rockets, who host the Los Angeles Clippers in Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals on Wednesday night, Howard sat down with The Associated Press to talk about his image, how he dealt with missing the most games in his career and a new community initiative he's passionate about.

Howard is a fun-loving guy who almost always wears a huge smile and is quick to crack a joke or make up a silly nickname for everyone in his path. So when he realized that people had started to hate him he wasn't quite sure how to deal with it.

"Sometimes it hurts," Howard said. "It used to hurt a lot more as I went from this guy that everybody likes to everybody hated me because I wanted to play basketball on another team. And I'm like: 'Hey listen it's really not that serious. If I stopped playing today, your life is going to be the same, my life is going to be the same, it's just I'm not going to be playing basketball. So why should it matter what I decide?'"

Childhood friend and Houston teammate Josh Smith knows a thing or two about being hated himself. He was called a cancer and worse when he was released by the Detroit Pistons before signing with the Rockets and has helped Howard deal with the venom.

"Some people are concerned and put energy into stuff that they can't control, and I always tell him those are things you can't control," Smith said. "You just have to be able to let it roll off your back like sweat at practice. You can't really worry about the comments of others."

Howard recently began a campaign called "Breathe Again" through his D12 Foundation, which he describes as a social movement to "breathe new life and hope for our future." He's focused on spreading his message to as many people as possible and often visits with youth about the project.

"Basketball doesn't last forever and I would rather be a legend for things I have done away from the game which will most likely surpass whatever I've done on the basketball court," he said. "A greater legacy for me is seeing multitudes of people learn and grow and live longer than what they were expected because their lives were changed."

Please see **HOWARD**/3C

MC's Veiga heading to Southern Miss

By Oscar LeRoy
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It didn't take long forTajanay Veiga to decide where she was going to continue her college basketball career after Midland College.

The 5-foot-6 point guard from Boston took an official visit to Southern Miss late last week and liked it so much that she committed to the Lady Eagles. On Tuesday, she signed her letter-of-intent to play for head coach Joy Lee-McNelis in front of Lady Chaparral teammates and coaches at Midland College.

"As soon as I went on a visit, I already knew that was the place for me and that's where I wanted to go. It felt like home," Veiga said. "I enjoyed the atmosphere, the coaches, the players. It was just amazing. I had a few other schools looking at me, but as soon as I went to Southern Miss, I already knew that's where I wanted to be."

Southern Miss, an NCAA Division I program located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, went 25-11 last year and made it to the Elite 8 of the Women's NIT.

"We are excited to have Tajanay joining the Lady Eagle family as a point guard," said McNelis on the university's website. "Taj brings experience from one of the elite junior college programs in the country. Coach Ron Jones at Midland praises Taj in her ability to direct and lead a team. We are excited that Taj brings a wealth of experience to help lead our team as we battle to improve each year."

Jones said he ran into the Southern Miss coaches last week at a tournament in Raleigh, North Carolina, and they told him that Veiga was exactly what they were looking for in a point guard.

"Taj loved it, so I'm happy for her and Southern Miss is excited about her as well," Jones said. "They've had a good program for the last couple of years and I think they have a good shot at getting to the NCAA Tournament next year. Taj has been a hard worker over the last two years here, she's had a good career here and I'm excited for her moving forward.

This past season, Veiga served as one of the team's captains and was arguably the Lady Chaps' most consistent player. She averaged 14.7 points, 6.9 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game for the 20-11 Lady Chaps. She was also named as the team's MVP and was a first-team All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference selection.

"Coach Jones and Coach (Ginger Gatliff) have definitely helped me become a better player, a better point guard and I just learned a lot from them," Veiga said. "It's amazing to have a chance to go play D-1. I always dreamed of it and now my dream is coming true."

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Midland College's Tajanay Veiga takes the ball down the court against Howard College on Jan. 29 at Chaparral Center.

'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Corpus Christi 6, Midland 1

TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christi at Midland, 7:05 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 12-13, Corpus Christi 15-10

Monday	Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday
Midland 4, San Antonio 3, 11 innings	Corpus Christi 6, Midland 1	Midland at Corpus Christi	Midland at Corpus Christi	Midland at Corpus Christi

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
SEC 1st Round: Texas A&M vs. South Carolina, 11 a.m., SEC
SEC 1st Round: Tennessee vs. Kentucky, 1:30 p.m., SEC
SEC 1st Round: Missouri vs. Mississippi State, 4 p.m., SEC
SEC 1st Round: Georgia vs. Ole Miss, 6:30 p.m., SEC
Texas at Baylor, 7 p.m., ESPN2
GOLF
US Amateur Four Ball, Semifinals & Championship, 6 p.m., FS1
MLB
Miami at Washington, Noon, MLB
Baltimore at NY Mets, 6 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., FSSW/ROOT
MEN'S SOCCER
Italian Serie A: Torino vs. Empoli, 7:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2
UEFA Champions Semifinal, Leg 1: Barcelona vs. Bayern Munich, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FOX-DEP
Copa Libertadores: Club Guarani vs. SC Corinthians, 5:30 p.m., FOXDEP
NBA
Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 2: Cleveland at Chicago, 6 p.m., TNT
Western Conference Semifinal, Game 2: LA Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m., TNT
NHL
Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 3: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., USA
Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 3: NY Rangers at Washington, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
TENNIS
ATP & WTA: Mutua Madrid Open, 6 a.m., TENNIS
WHAT'S ON RADIO
MLB
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

LOCAL SPORTS

MIDLAND LACROSSE CLUB GETS 2 WINS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Midland Bulldog Club lacrosse team got two victories over the weekend against Sandia Prep (N.M.) and Cibola (N.M.) by 11-7 scores.

West Texas Lacrosse Inc. sent its first youth U/13 club division to the Lacrosse Fiesta over the weekend. The Wildcats lost to Duke City/ABQ (5-8), beat Durango (Colo.) B 4-2, lost to Scottsdale United (15-0), lost to Durango (Colo.) A (6-0) and lost to Santa Fe (N.M.) (6-5).

PLAYOFF CHANGE

MHS-LAMAR SERIES MOVED TO MIDLAND

Due to a chance of inclement weather this weekend in Abilene, the Class 6A bi-district baseball playoff series between Midland High and Arlington Lamar has been moved to Midland venues.

The best-of-three series was originally scheduled to be played at Walt Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University in Abilene.

Game times for the re-located series have also changed.

Game one of the series is now set for 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. Game two is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Christensen Stadium and game three, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two.

From staff reports

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated OF Nick Swisher from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Tyler Holt to Columbus (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled INF Jose Pirela from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Announced OF Cody Ross cleared waivers and was released.
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed LHP Mike Kickham off waivers from Seattle and optioned him to Round Rock (PCL). Transferred OF Ryan Rua from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled INF/OF Chris Coghlan from Buffalo (IL). Optioned INF Jonathan Diaz. Designated LHP Jayson Aquino for assignment.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated LHP Donnie Veal for assignment. Recalled RHP Brandon Cumpton from Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed OF Chris Denorfia on the 15-day DL. Selected RHP James Russell from Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Anthony Varvaro from Iowa.
MIAMI MARLINS — Released C Jarrod Saltalamacchia.
NEW YORK METS — Selected the contract of C Johnny Monell from Las Vegas (PCL). Sent INF Eric Campbell to Las Vegas. Transferred OF Cesar Puello to the 60-day DL.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled LHP Tyler Lyons from Memphis (PCL). Optioned RHP Sam Tuivailala to Memphis.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled LHP Frank Garces from El Paso (PCL). Placed RHP Brandon Morrow on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 3.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Acquired OF Darin Mastroianni from Philadelphia for cash considerations.
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed LHP Rigoberto Arreola.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released C Travis Higgs. Signed RHP Paul Ragione.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Traded C Jake Taylor to Joplin for cash.
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed INF Chase Tucker and LHP Dayne Quist.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released C Joe Staley.
Eastern League
TRENTON THUNDER: Transferred RHP Chris Smith from Tampa (FSL). Transferred RHP Joel De La Cruz from Scranton-Wilkes-Barre (IL). Placed RHP Taylor Garrison on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 4. Placed LHP Caleb Smith on the 15-day DL.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed LHP Brodie Lebrandt and Efrain Nieves.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed C Jack Cleary.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed 2B Frank DeSico. Released C Stefan Jordan. OF Seth Neely, and 1B Greg Tolver.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed OF Saiko Chapman, RHP Steve Hagen, RHP Pete Perez, RHP Shane Street and C Jared Welch.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed OF Jay Austin to a contract extension.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed OF David Popkins. Released RHP Willie Ethington, 1B Tyler Peterson, and OF Casey Roche.
BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
NEW YORK LIBERTY — Named Isiah Thomas president.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Announced the retirement of TE John Carlson. Agreed to terms with CB Garrett Brooks, OT Rob Crisp, LB Alani Fua, WR Trevor Harman, LB Edwin Jackson, LB Andrae Kirk, RB Paul Lasike, LB Gabe Martin, WR Damond Powell, CB C.J. Roberts, WR Jaxon Shipley, TE Gannon Sinclair, LB Zack Wagenmann and NT Xavier Williams. Released RB Zach Bauman and CB Rico Carmichael.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Announced special teams coordinator Bruce DeHaven took a leave of absence to deal with health concerns.
CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with S Adrian Amos and RB Jeremy Langford to four-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived JoJo Dickson, LS Jorgen Hus, WR Corbin Louks and QB Terrell Pryor.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Justin Coleman, WR Davians Dawkins, C Tom Farnick, S Anthony Harris, QB Taylor Heinicke, WR Jordan Leslie, WR Gavin Luhman, FB Blake Renaud, G Jesse Sornson and G Bobby Vardaro.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released CB Alfonzo Dennard, LS Tyler Ott and LB Deontae Skinner.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Claimed TE Kyle Miller off waivers from Atlanta. Waived DT Damik Scafe.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WRs Dres Anderson, Isaac Blakeney, DeAndre Campbell, DeAndrew White and Darius Davis, OL Patrick Miller, DL Marcus Rush, QB Dylan Thompson and S Jermaine Whitehead.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released G Justin Renfrow, DE Julius Warmsley, C Jared Wheeler and FB Mike Zimmer. Waived LB Mike Taylor.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Acquired DB Ryan Moulton from Calgary for DL Zebrie Sanders.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Nate Schmidt to Hershey (AHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Florida's Mitch Wahl has been suspended indefinitely and fined an undisclosed amount as a result of his actions in ECHL Playoff Game 7J-2: South Carolina at Florida, on May 2.
COLLEGE
NCAA — Named J.D. Collins coordinator of men's basketball officiating.
BROWN — Named Tyler Simms men's assistant basketball coach.
FORDHAM — Named Jaden Uken men's assistant basketball coach.
IOWA — Announced sophomore DB Malik Rucker is leaving the football program.
MINNESOTA STATE (MANKATO) — Named Lori Rittenhouse-Wollmuth women's volleyball coach.
MISSISSIPPI — Agreed to a four-year contract extension with men's basketball coach Andy Kennedy through 2019.
NEBRASKA — Announced junior volleyball player Melanie Keil will transfer to Florida State.
SAINT MARY'S (Calif.) — Named Marcus Schroeder men's assistant basketball coach.
TENNESSEE — Announced men's basketball F Willie Carmichael is transferring.
TEXAS TECH — Named Chad Weiberg deputy athletics director.
UMKC — Signed men's basketball coach Kareem Richardson to a contract extension through 2020.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 68-73 degrees; 9.99 feet low. Black bass are fair on flukes, Senkos and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Gro) nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 67-71 degrees; 19.37 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 23.36 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 66-71 degrees; 16.08 feet low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows in 2-8 feet. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 66-71 degrees; 31.23 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and chartreuse or white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 67-72 degrees; 25.64 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, Texas rigs and spiff shot rigged flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Gro) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 66-72 degrees; 45.04 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, weightless Gitzmo Bass Rattlesnakes and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 66-72 degrees; 13.94 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, weightless Senkos and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 70.94 feet low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 16.91 feet low. No report available.
SOUTH
ANISTAD: Water murky; 65-69 degrees; 28.65 feet low. Black bass are very good on crankbaits, topwaters, Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, Senkos, and jigs. Striped bass are good on topwaters and Red Fins. White bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes in 6-25 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch at night. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

MCS grad Burleson gets Big 12 honor

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech senior second baseman and Midland Christian grad Bryant Burleson was named Big 12 Co-Player of the Week.

Burleson

Burleson shares the honor with Kansas State catcher Tyler Moore.

Burleson helped the Red Raiders come away with their second straight series win over Texas in Austin while batting .421 (8-for-19) on the week with two doubles, a triple, home run and five RBI, along with a .500 on-base percentage and .789 slugging percentage.

He posted back-to-back multi-hit games against Grand Canyon during the midweek going 2-for-5 with a triple and RBI and going 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

He stayed hot during Tech's series win over Texas in Austin going 1-for-3 in the opener and then going 1-for-3 with an RBI double in game two. He belted his third home run of the season and finished 2-for-5 with two RBI in the series finale on Sunday in Austin.

Burleson has raised his batting average 84 points over the past three weeks. He has four doubles, a triple and three home runs on the season with 12 RBI. During his four-year Tech career, Burleson has batted .265 in 201 career games with 183 base hits, 691 at-bats, 49 doubles, five triples, five home runs, 99 RBI, 62 walks and a .968 fielding percentage.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HOOKS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 1
at Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi
TOP HITTERS: Corpus Christi shortstop Carlos Correa led the Hooks going 3-for-4 with three RBI and a run scored. ... Hooks' designated hitter Jon Kemmer went 2-for-4 with a home run, an RBI and a run scored.
TOP PITCHERS: Hooks starter Chris Devenski gave up just two hits in four in five innings, while striking out six Midland batters and walking five. Corpus Christi reliever Mitch Lambson came in to pitch the fifth and he struck out two and didn't allow a hit in his one inning of work.
HIGHLIGHTS: With the game tied, 0-0, in the bottom of the second, Kemmer connected on a solo home run to right field ... later in the inning, Correa hit a three-run long ball to center field that extended the Hooks' lead to 5-0.
NOTES: The RockHounds' batters combined for 12 strikeouts in the loss. It was the tenth game this season in which Midland batters have recorded 10 or more strikeouts as a team ... as a group, the RockHounds have struggled offensively over the last six games, five of which were losses. In that span, Midland has scored just 12 runs on 34 hits. ... Midland currently ranks sixth in the Texas League in team batting average at .248, but is third in team on-base percentage at .349, thanks to leading the league in walks.
TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — Chris Jensen; Corpus Christi — Mike Hauschild

Texas League

First half				
North Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	18	9	.640	—
Northwest Arkansas	16	9	.640	—
Tulsa	13	12	.520	3
Springfield	6	19	.240	10
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	15	10	.600	—
Midland	12	13	.480	3
Frisco	11	13	.458	3½
San Antonio	10	14	.417	4½

Tuesday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 5, Springfield 3
Tulsa 2, Arkansas 1
Corpus Christi 6, Midland 1
San Antonio at Frisco, late
Today's Games
Arkansas at Tulsa, 11:05 a.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 11:10 a.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

HOOKS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus Christi	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	3	1	0	0	Kemp 2b	4	1	2	1
Pinder ss	4	0	1	0	Heinemin c	2	2	0	0
Olson 1b	3	0	0	0	Correa ss	4	1	3	3
Nunez dh	4	0	1	1	Gregor 1b	3	0	1	0
Brugman rf	5	0	1	0	Meredith rf	3	0	0	1
Walsh 2b	4	0	0	0	Kemmer dh	4	1	2	1
R. Healy 3b	3	0	1	0	White 3b	3	1	2	0
Maxwell c	2	0	0	0	Heras lf	4	0	0	0
Blair c	1	0	0	0	Hernandez cf	4	0	1	0
Angle lf	1	0	0	0					
Kirkland ph-lf	2	0	0	0					
Totals	32	1	4	1	Totals	31	6	11	6

Midland ..... 000 000 100 — 1
Corpus Christi ..... 000 000 103X — 6

E — Gregor (2). DOP — Midland 3, Corpus Christi 0. LOB — Midland 14, Corpus Christi 7. HR — Kemmer (1, second inning off of Heal). Corres (6, second inning off of Neal). 2B — Hernandez (3). SB — Corres 2 (13), Gregor (3), Pinder (3), Brugman (3), Angle (4). SAC — Meredith (in the seventh off of Joseph).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Neal L, 2-2	5.2	10	5	5	3	1
Joseph	1.1	1	1	1	2	2
Avila	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Corpus Christi						
Devenski	4.0	2	0	0	5	6
Lambson W, 2-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Hader sv, 1	3.2	2	1	1	3	4

HBP — Blair (by Hader), Walsh (by Hader).
T — 3:03. A — 4,497.

BASEBALLCAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Class 4A Bi-District

ANDREWS VS. FABENS
Where/when: Kokernot Field, Alpine; Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes after game 2.
Records: Andrews 11-17; Fabens 6-9-1
Notes and quotes: Andrews finished the regular season as the District 4-4A co-champions. The Mustangs finished the district season at 7-3, tied with Seminole, but Andrews bested the Indians in a tiebreaking game, 13-7 on May 1. ... The Mustangs started out the year as the No. 7 Class 4A team in the state according to Texashighschoolbaseball.com. But Andrews quickly stumbled to a 4-16 start in non-district play ... it won five of its last six games in district play to pull into the tie for first place with Seminole. ... Andrews head coach Rod Gardiner, now in his 14th year with the program, said his team is on a bit of hot streak right now and that he feels confident his guys can advance in the playoffs is that momentum continues. ... The Mustangs advanced to the regional quarterfinals last season. ... Fabens, which lost in the bi-district round last season, lost six of its first seven District 3-4A games, but won its final two to finish in third place in the district standings.
Next: Winner plays Perryton-Snyder in area round.

BIG SPRING VS. PAMPA
Where/when: Game 1: 8 p.m Friday at Lubbock Christian HS; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes after game 2 at Big Spring.
Records: Big Spring 12-7; Pampa 10-10-1
Notes and quotes: The Steers come into the bi-district round of the Class 4A playoffs as the District 2-4A champion ... Big Spring won its last four district games and finished 8-2 in district play, tied with Sweetwater. But the Steers won both games of the head-to-head series...This season, Big Spring will be looking to advance past the bi-district round, where its season onded last year ... Pampa enters the game as the fourth seed out of District 1-4A. ... the Harvesters also fell in the bi-district round last season.
Next: Winner plays Clint Mountain View-Pecos in area round/

TAPPS 4A Area

MCS VS. AUSTIN HYDE PARK
Where/when: 4 p.m. Thursday at Austin Hyde Park HS
Records: MCS 22-11; Austin Hyde Park 22-9
Notes and quotes: The Mustangs enter the area round against the Panthers after sweeping Tyler Grace Community, 7-2 and 6-3, in the bi-district round on Friday and Saturday. ... Overall, MCS has won 13 of its last 15 games, a hot streak that helped earn it the second seed out of TAPPS 1-4A. ... Mustangs junior Grant Little was fantastic for MCS against Tyler Grace. In the first game, he pitched a complete game and took the winning decision, allowing just two runs on six hits. Over the two games at the plate, Little went 6-for-8 with two RBI and two runs scored. ... MCS head coach Mike Munguia, who's team dealt with injuries all season, said his group is finally getting healthy. ... The Mustangs advanced to the regioal quartefinals last season but fell to district rival Fort Worth Christian. ... Hyde Park is coming off a narrow 2-0 victory over Bullard the Brook Hill.
Next: Winner plays Fort Worth Christian-Tyler All Saints Episcopal in the regional quarterfinal round.

WICKS

From 1C

"I don't want to change too much considering I've been successful where I am now," he said. "I also wanted to go to a place where I could concentrate on my academics. Unlike bigger schools, there's more people to help and you get personal time with the tutors."

Wicks is enjoying a very good sophomore year as he is second in the NJCAA with a 70.47 scoring average and has either won or placed in the top five individually in just about every tournament he's played in this year.

"I feel David has the potential to play on a high professional level," Poss said.

Wicks, whose team will be playing in the NJCAA National Tournament next week in Newton, Kansas, said he's happy to get this decision out of the way so he can concentrate on finishing up school and helping the Chaps go after their fifth national title. He added that coming to Midland College was a big plus in his development as a golfer.

"I've learned a lot, especially from coach, from players who were above me my freshman year who knew what to do and what not to do," said Wicks, who was the runner-up medalist at last year's national tournament. "Everything I ever wanted and more has been given to me, so I couldn't thank the school enough. I think it's the best decision of my life going to junior college, so I can understand how everything works and how grades work because it's a lot different than home. It was the best decision I've ever made."

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Clubhouse chemistry in digital age: Winning cures all

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Relaxing with a cup of coffee in the Minnesota Twins' clubhouse one day last year at spring training, Eddie Guardado looked around.

All the heads he saw were down.

"Nobody's talking to anybody," said Guardado, then a guest instructor during camp, in discussion with the team's equipment manager.

Dejection? Contemplation? No, mostly consumption, made convenient by those ubiquitous hand-held electronic devices.

Baseball is an atypical workplace but just as prone to the proliferation of smartphones and tablet computers as any social or professional setting.

Technology, though, carries the potential to distance people as much as it connects them. Team building can be limited by staring at screens or those oversized noise-canceling headphones athletes are seen wearing so often. Even in this individualized sport, strong chemistry has often been a trait of winning clubs.

Guardado fondly recalled the scrappy, spunky 2002 Twins that reached the American League Championship Series after the franchise was considered for elimination the preceding winter. Torii Hunter, who returned to the Twins this season after a seven-year absence, was on that team, too. Hiring Guardado as the bullpen coach and signing Hunter to play right field was designed, in part, for the sake of camaraderie and personality on a squad that averaged 96 losses the past four seasons.

"It's the team stuff that people can't see. You can't get that bundle. It's always individual on your TV screen, but as a team, stuff you can't fathom that goes on," Hunter said. "That's what chemistry is: You can't see it. You feel it."

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The Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre (29) congratulates Delino DeShields Jr. after the final out as the Texas Rangers defeated the Houston Astros 7-1 in a game on Tuesday in Houston.

Wandy Rodriguez helps Rangers to win over Astros

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Rangers 7
Astros 1

HOUSTON — Kyle Blanks had three hits, including a homer, and Carlos Peguero added a two-run shot to back up a solid start by Wandy Rodriguez as the Texas Rangers beat the Houston Astros 7-1 on Tuesday night to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Rangers also won their first series of the year after a victory Monday night that snapped Houston's 10-game winning streak. They entered as the only team in the majors not to have won a series or two games in a row.

In his third start, Rodriguez (1-1) allowed three hits and one run — both season bests — in a season-high eight innings to get his first win since May 26, 2013 with the Pirates. The former Astros hurler was signed to a minor league deal with Texas in April after he was released by the Braves at the end of spring training.

Texas jumped on Scott Feldman early, tagging him for four runs in the first inning on an RBI double by Prince Fielder and Peguero's first home run of the season. Feldman (2-3) allowed nine hits and six runs in a season-low three innings for the loss.

Luis Valbuena hit his team-leading seventh home run in the first inning, but the Astros managed just two hits the rest of the way.

Rodriguez started 218 games for the Astros from 2005-12 and Feldman spent several seasons as a reliever for the Rangers before starting 101 games for them from 2008-12. It's the first time opposing starters both had 100-plus starts for the other team since Sept. 12, 2011, when Philadelphia's Roy Oswalt faced Houston's Brett Myers, according to information provided by the Rangers from the Elias Sports Bureau.

RANGERS

From 1C

blown saves match Miami for most in the majors.

"When you're dealing with a number of young players, and a number of guys that missed quite a bit of last season from a health standpoint, I think patience was warranted," Daniels said. "But we're in month two. ... It's no panic, nothing like that. It's just a reality. I want to see guys turn the corner, see the results of the hard work pay off."

Beating Houston to start a seven-game road trip was a good step, but the Rangers are still the only team in the majors without consecutive victories. Their .360 winning percentage is better than only Milwaukee. The Brewers have already fired their manager, but that won't happen in Texas.

Daniels is pleased with Banister's performance as a first-time manager in the big leagues, from how he communicates with players to working with the staff to prepare players.

"He's a competitor, and he wants to win, and he understands that there are going to be bumps in the road," Daniels said. "There's a lot of time left. But I think it's time to pick it up a notch and lock in and get going. He shares the feeling."

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

YANKEES 6
BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer, Michael Pineda matched his career high with eight shutout innings and the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 on Tuesday night.

Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits, stole two bases and scored twice as the AL East leaders improved to 11-4 away from home, the best road record in the league. Alex Rodriguez hit an early two-run double.

New York has gone 14-4 since a 3-6 start.

Pineda (4-0) allowed five hits and struck out six to win his fourth straight road start, a streak that began in Boston last September. The right-hander has road wins over all four division opponents in that span.

RED SOX 2
RAYS 0

BOSTON — Tampa Bay Rays starter Drew Smyly had a no-hitter through five innings Tuesday night before he faced Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts leading off the sixth.

Betts hit his first of two home runs off a Smyly cutter to give the Red Sox their first run and lead them to a 2-0 victory at Fenway Park.

ROYALS 5
INDIANS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Hosmer hit a three-run homer, Jason Vargas shut down the Indians for the second straight start, and the Kansas City Royals went on to beat Cleveland 5-3 on Tuesday night.

Hosmer also had an RBI triple in the eighth inning, and Alex Gordon drove in another run for the Royals, who bounced back nicely after losing two straight to Detroit over the weekend.

Vargas (3-1) only allowed two hits, one a two-run shot by Michael Brantley, over six stingy innings. He struck out five while walking two and was rarely in trouble.

National League

MARLINS 2
NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON — Mat Latos and four relievers combined on a three-hitter, and the Miami Marlins beat Stephen Strasburg and the Washington Nationals 2-1 Tuesday night.

Strasburg (2-3) left for a pinch hitter in the third inning after allowing two runs and throwing 64 pitches. His departure might have been due to an injury, because one inning earlier the right-hander grimaced after throwing a pitch and was visited by the team trainer, pitching coach Steve McCatty and manager Matt Williams.

Strasburg stayed in the game, but not for long. He was scheduled to lead off the third and put on a batting helmet, but was told to take a seat in the dugout.

Strasburg gave up four hits, walked two and hit a batter with a pitch in his shortest outing since a two-inning stint against Miami on Aug. 28, 2013.

REDS 7
PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Andrew McCutchen's left knee is aching. His team is listing. The Pittsburgh Pirates' star center fielder is only too aware of the correlation.

Following another empty 0-for-4 night in a 7-1 loss to Cincinnati on Tuesday that dropped the 2013 NL MVP's average to .185 and extended Pittsburgh's losing streak to four, McCutchen acknowledged that his typical slow start is becoming something more alarming.

"I take full responsibility for how we're playing," he said.

Interleague

METS 3
ORIOLES 2

NEW YORK — No matter which jersey he's wearing, no matter whether it's Cal Ripken or Manny Machado in the batter's box, Bartolo Colon keeps finding new ways to beat the Baltimore Orioles.

Colon became the first pitcher in at least 100 years to defeat the same opponent with seven different teams, leading the New York Mets past the Orioles 3-2 Tuesday night.

Three weeks shy of his 42nd birthday, Colon (5-1) took a shutout into the eighth inning before Machado hit a solo home run with one out.

Colon improved to 13-8 vs. the Orioles. He first beat them in 1999 with 100 mph heat when Ripken was their face of the franchise — Colon started off this game by striking out 22-year-old star Machado looking on three pitches, featuring fastballs that barely reach 90 mph.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	10	.630	—
Tampa Bay	14	13	.519	3
Baltimore	12	12	.500	3½
Boston	13	14	.481	4
Toronto	13	15	.464	4½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	17	9	.654	—
Detroit	17	10	.630	½
Minnesota	14	13	.519	3½
Chicago	9	14	.391	6½
Cleveland	9	16	.360	7½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	18	9	.667	—
Oakland	12	16	.429	6½
Los Angeles	11	15	.423	6½
Seattle	11	15	.423	6½
Texas	10	16	.385	7½

Tuesday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Baltimore 2
Boston 2, Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 2
Oakland 2, Minnesota 1
Texas 7, Houston 1
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-0) at Toronto (Buehrle 3-2), 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore (U.Jimenez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Colome 1-0) at Boston (Masterson 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 3-2) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Simon 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 2-0) at Minnesota (Gibson 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 1-2) at Houston (Dedunо 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 0-1) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 1-2), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	10	.630	—
Atlanta	13	14	.481	4
Miami	13	14	.481	4
Washington	13	15	.464	4½
Philadelphia	10	18	.357	7½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	20	6	.769	—
Chicago	13	12	.520	6½
Cincinnati	13	13	.500	7
Pittsburgh	12	14	.462	8
Milwaukee	8	19	.296	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	9	.654	—
San Diego	14	13	.519	3½
San Francisco	13	13	.500	4
Colorado	11	13	.458	5
Arizona	10	14	.417	6

Tuesday's Scores
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 1
Miami 2, Washington 1
N.Y. Mets 3, Baltimore 2
Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 0
L.A. Dodgers 8, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona at Colorado, ppd., rain
San Diego at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Miami (Koehler 2-2) at Washington (Scherzer 1-3), 12:05 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 0-0) at Colorado (Lyles 2-2), 2:10 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 1-1) at San Francisco (Heston 2-2), 2:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 1-1) at Pittsburgh (G.Cole 4-0), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (U.Jimenez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Williams 2-1) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Frias 2-0) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 0-4), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 1-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 1-2), 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY'S TEXAS BOX
RANGERS 7, ASTROS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	5	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	3	2	2	0	Valuen 3b	4	1	1	1
Fielder dh	4	0	1	2	Springr rf	3	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	1	1	1	Villar lf	1	0	0	0
Blanks 1b	4	2	3	1	Gattis dh	4	0	0	0
Peguer lf	3	1	2	2	Carter 1b	3	0	0	0
Corpnn c	3	0	1	1	MGnzlz ss	3	0	1	0
DShlds cf	4	0	0	0	Mrnck cf	3	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	1	0	JCastro c	3	0	1	0
Grsmn 8-rf	2	0	0	0					
Totals	34	7	11	7	Totals	30	1	3	1

Texas ..... 402 010 000—7
Houston ..... 100 000 000—1

E—Springer (2). LOB—Texas 3, Houston 3. 2B—Choo (6), Fielder (8), Beltre (5), J.Castro (4). HR—Blanks (3), Peguero (1), Valbuena (7). SB—Andrus (4). CS—Odor (2). SF—Corporan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
W.Rodriguez W,1-1	8	3	1	1	1	8
Sh.Tolleson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Feldman L,2-3	3	9	6	6	1	2
K.Chapman	3	2	1	1	1	4
Fields	2	0	0	0	0	3
Thatcher	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:41. A—20,951 (41,574).

TUESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 3
New York ..... 210 020 010 —6 11 0
Toronto ..... 000 000 003 —3 8 1
Pineda, D.Carpenter (9), D.Carpenter (9), A.Miller (10) and B.McCann; Estrada, Francis (5), Delabar (7), Jenkins (8) and Ru.Martin. W—Pineda 4-0. L—Estrada 1-1. Sv—A.Miller (11). HRs—New York, Teixeira (10). Toronto, Ru.Martin (8).

RED SOX 2, RAYS 0
Tampa Bay ..... 000 000 000 —0 8 1
Boston ..... 000 001 01x —2 5 1
Smyly, Cedeno (7), Friel (8) and B.Wilson; Porcello, Ogando (8), Uehara (9) and Swihart. W—Porcello 3-2. L—Smyly 0-1. Sv—Uehara (5). HRs—Boston, Betts 2 (4).

WHITE SOX 5, TIGERS 2
Detroit ..... 110 000 000 —2 7 0
Chicago ..... 104 000 00x —5 6 3
Greene, A.Wilson (3), B.Hardy (7), Nesbitt (8) and Avila; Samardzija, Duke (8), Robertson (9) and Soto. W—Samardzija 2-2. L—Greene 3-2. Sv—Robertson (4). HRs—Detroit, Avila (2).

ROYALS 5, INDIANS 3
Cleveland ..... 200 000 010 —3 4 0
Kansas City ..... 300 010 01x —5 6 0
Salazar, Hagadone (8), Shaw (8) and R.Perez; Hayes, J.Vargas, Madson (7), K.Herrera (8), W.Davis (8) and S.Perez. W—J.Vargas 3-1. L—Salazar 3-1. Sv—W.Davis (6). HRs—Cleveland, Brantley (2), Chisenhall (2). Kansas City, Hosmer (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 2, NATIONALS 1
Miami ..... 000 000 000 —2 6 1
Washington ..... 010 000 000 —1 3 1
Latos, Maisel (7), Dunn (8), A.Ramos (8), Cishek (9) and Realmuto; Strasburg, Solis (4), Treinen (7), Thornton (8), Barrett (9) and W.Ramos. W—Latos 1-3. L—Strasburg 2-3. Sv—Cishek (3).

REDS 7, PIRATES 1
Cincinnati ..... 022 000 003 —7 12 0
Pittsburgh ..... 010 000 000 —1 3 0
Lorenzen, Ju.Diaz (7), Cingrani (8), A.Chapman (9) and Pena; Locke, J.Hughes (8), Bastardo (9) and Cervelli. W—Lorenzen 1-1. L—Locke 2-2. HRs—Cincinnati, Frazier (9), Byrd (4). Pittsburgh, Marte (7).

BRAVES 9, PHILLIES 0
Philadelphia ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 1
Atlanta ..... 200 400 30x —9 12 1
Billingsley, Araujo (6), McGowan (7), De Fratus (7) and Ruiz; S.Miller and Pecznynski. W—S.Miller 4-1. L—Billingsley 0-1. HRs—Atlanta, Freeman (5), K.Johnson (6).

DODGERS 8, BREWERS 2
Los Angeles ..... 000 003 401 —8 9 1
Milwaukee ..... 010 000 001 —2 3 0
Greinke, Baez (8), Coulombe (9) and Grandal; Garza, Wooten (7), Cotts (7), Jeffress (8), Blazek (9), W.Smith (9) and Maldonado. W—Greinke 5-0. L—Garza 2-4. HRs—Los Angeles, Ju.Turner (4), Rollins (3), A.Gonzalez (9).

CARDINALS 7, CUBS 4
Chicago ..... 001 030 000 —4 10 1
St. Louis ..... 010 032 10x —7 12 1
Hendricks, E.Jackson (6), J.Russell (8), Coke (8) and Castillo; Lyons, Maness (5), M.Harris (6), Siegrist (7), Socolovich (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. W—M.Harris 1-0. L—E.Jackson 1-1. Sv—Rosenthal (9). HRs—St. Louis, M.Carpenter (5).

INTERLEAGUE
METS 3, ORIOLES 2
Baltimore ..... 000 000 011 —2 7 0
New York ..... 000 300 00x —3 7 0
B.Norris, Matusz (8) and Joseph; B.Colon, C.Torres (8), Familia (9) and Plawecki. W—B.Colon 5-1. L—B.Norris 1-3. Sv—Familia (11). HRs—Baltimore, Machado (5), C.Davis (6).

MONDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
MARINERS 3, ANGELS 2
Seattle ..... 000 000 210 —3 4 0
Los Angeles ..... 000 000 101 —2 8 0
F.Hernandez, Ca.Smith (8), Rodney (9) and Zunino; Shoemaker, Morin (8), C.Ramos (9) and Iannetta. W—F.Hernandez 5-0. L—Shoemaker 2-2. Sv—Rodney (8). HRs—Seattle, N.Cruz (14), Morrison (4), S.Smith (2). Los Angeles, Joyce (1), Freese (5).

GIANTS 2, PADRES 0
San Diego ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 1
San Francisco ..... 002 000 00x —2 8 4
T.Ross, Vincent (9) and Ds.Norris; Bumgarner, Romo (8), Casilla (9) and Posey. W—Bumgarner 3-1. L—T.Ross 1-3. Sv—Casilla (8).

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HAWKS 109
WIZARDS 90

ATLANTA — DeMarre Carroll scored 22 points, Kyle Korver bounced back from a miserable first half and the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks held off the Washington Wizards 106-90 on Tuesday night, taking advantage of John Wall's absence to even the Eastern Conference semifinals at one game apiece.

Wall, who finished out the series opener with an injured left hand, was a surprising scratch just before Game 2, shortly after the Wizards insisted he would play. Ramon Sessions did an admirable job filling in, leading his team with 21 points, but Washington lost for the first time in these playoffs.

Korver went 1-for-7 from the 3-point line in the first half but kept firing away. He made three 3s after the break, including one from the corner with just under 3 minutes remaining that gave the Hawks a 98-88 lead after Washington had hit consecutive jumpers.

HOWARD

From 1C

Howard, whose father was a police officer, hopes this movement can be a positive alternative to the rioting and other violence that have followed recent police shootings. He's long wanted to do something like this but the image some people had of him kept him from launching it until this year.

"I've built the courage to really just do it instead of worrying about what people are saying or the outcome," he said. "Just say you know what: 'This is on my heart and I'm just going to go with it.' There are going to be people who don't like it or don't agree with it, but this is what I feel."

Howard's found his peace on a Rockets team that finished the regular season second in the Western Conference despite his missing half of the team's games with injuries. He returned late in the regular season and amped things up in the first round of the playoffs to help Houston eliminate the Dallas Mavericks in five games.

Howard's averaging 17.5 points, 13.2 rebounds and 3.3 blocks a game in a postseason where many believe he's looking better than he has in years.

"There were a lot of times where I thought we had baskets and then Superman showed up," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said of Howard's work in L.A.'s win Monday night. "I've not seen him this athletic since the Orlando years. Powerful, athletic — yeah he has it back for sure."

Howard hoped sitting out to alleviate swelling in his right knee would help him get back to his old self. But in quiet moments of reflection during that long stretch on the bench the 29-year-old wondered what the future would hold.

"There were times during the two months I was out where I just felt like this was it, like I wasn't going to be able to play no more and it was just kind of hard watching," Howard said.

NBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE & BOX

SCHEDULE
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 1, Cleveland 0
Monday, May 4: Chicago 99, Cleveland 92
Today: Chicago at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Friday, May 8: Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m
Sunday, May 10: Cleveland at Chicago, 2:30 p.m
x-Tuesday, May 12: Chicago at Cleveland, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Cleveland at Chicago, TBD
x-Sunday, May 17: Chicago at Cleveland, TBD
Washington 1, Atlanta 1
Sunday, May 3: Washington 104, Atlanta 98
Tuesday: Atlanta 106, Washington 90
Saturday, May 9: Atlanta at Washington, 4 p.m
Monday, May 11: Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m
x-Wednesday, May 13: Washington at Atlanta, TBD
x-Friday, May 15: Atlanta at Washington, TBD
x-Monday, May 18: Washington at Atlanta, 8 p.m
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Clippers 1, Houston 0
Monday, May 4: L.A. Clippers 117, Houston 101
Today: L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8: Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m
Sunday, May 10: Houston at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m
x-Tuesday, May 12: L.A. Clippers at Houston, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Houston at L.A. Clippers, TBD
x-Sunday, May 17: L.A. Clippers at Houston, TBD
Golden State 1, Memphis 0
Sunday, May 3: Golden State 101, Memphis 86
Today: Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m
Saturday, May 9: Golden State at Memphis, 7 p.m
Monday, May 11: Golden State at Memphis, 8:30 p.m
x-Wednesday, May 13: Memphis at Golden State, TBD
x-Friday, May 15: Golden State at Memphis, TBD
x-Sunday, May 17: Memphis at Golden State, TBD

TUESDAY'S BOX
HAWKS 106, WIZARDS 90
WASHINGTON (90): Pierce 5-10 0-0 15, Nene 0-5 2-2 2, Gortat 5-10 0-0 10, Sessions 6-14 2-5 21, Beal 8-22 2-3 20, Gooden 2-4 1-2 5, Porter 6-12 1-2 15, Temple 1-4 0-0 2, Seraphin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-82 8-14 90.
ATLANTA (106): Carroll 9-16 3-3 22, Millsap 6-16 5-6 18, Horford 8-15 2-2 18, Teague 3-12 3-4 9, Korver 4-11 0-0 12, Antic 2-6 2-2 8, Bazemore 3-3 2-2 10, Schroder 2-4 5-6 9, Muscala 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-85 22-25 106.

Washington	**20**	**26**	**29**	**15**	**— 90**
Atlanta	**28**	**25**	**27**	**26**	**— 106**

3-Point Goals—Washington 12-22 (Pierce 5-8, Sessions 3-5, Porter 2-3, Beal 2-3, Gooden 0-1, Temple 0-2), Atlanta 10-29 (Korver 4-11, Bazemore 2-2, Antic 2-5, Millsap 1-3, Carroll 1-4, Muscala 0-1, Teague 0-3). Fouled Out—Gortat. Rebounds—Washington 50 (Gortat 9), Atlanta 54 (Millsap 11). Assists—Washington 21 (Beal 7), Atlanta 30 (Teague 8). Total Fouls—Washington 21, Atlanta 16. A—18,131 (18,729).

MONDAY'S LATE BOX
CLIPPERS 117, ROCKETS 101
L.A. CLIPPERS (117): Barnes 8-11 1-1 20, Griffin 9-19 8-10 26, Jordan 2-4 6-11 10, Rivers 5-12 3-4 17, Redick 6-13 2-2 17, Crawford 8-18 2-2 21, Hudson 0-2 0-0 0, Davis 2-2 0-0 4, Turkoglu 1-3 0-0 2, D.Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 22-30 117.
HOUSTON (101): Anza 7-13 1-1 17, T.Jones 1-6 2-2 4, Howard 9-13 4-9 22, Terry 4-8 0-0 10, Harden 6-13 5-6 20, Smith 3-12 2-4 9, Pnigioni 4-6 0-0 11, Brewer 3-12 0-2 6, Capela 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 38-84 14-24 101.

L.A. Clippers	**19**	**27**	**37**	**34**	**— 117**
Houston	**25**	**25**	**27**	**24**	**— 101**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 13-31 (Rivers 4-6, Barnes 3-6, Redick 3-7, Crawford 3-8, Griffin 0-1, Hudson 0-1, Turkoglu 0-2). Houston 11-33 (Pnigioni 3-5, Harden 3-6, Terry 2-5, Anza 2-6, Smith 1-5, T.Jones 0-1, Brewer 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 58 (Griffin 14), Houston 49 (Howard 10). Assists—L.A. Clippers 31 (Griffin 13), Houston 24 (Harden 12). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 22, Houston 25. A—18,231 (18,023).

NHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BLACKHAWKS 1
WILD 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Patrick Kane scored in the first period for Chicago, and Corey Crawford and the Blackhawks made the superstar's goal stand up for a 1-0 win over the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday.

Chicago took a commanding 3-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series. Game 4 is in Minnesota again on Thursday.

Kane has six goals and five assists in nine playoff games, bouncing back just fine from the broken collarbone that kept him out of the last quarter of the regular season.

Crawford made 30 saves, giving him 90 on 94 shots in the three games. Stifled time after time on chance after chance, the Wild have scored just once over their last 150-plus minutes on the ice.

The Blackhawks last led a playoff series 3-0 in the Western Conference finals against San Jose in 2010, when they went on to win the Stanley Cup.

An overnight power outage softened the ice, sending the arena scrambling to restore the surface in time for the morning skates.

All they needed was a split second, a narrow opening or a friendly bounce, and all of a sudden they were on the rush. Devan Dubnyk made a difficult kick save early to fend off Jonathan Toews off a lead pass by Marian Hossa.

Then Patrick Sharp centered to Andrew Shaw, who poked the puck just enough to his left where Kane skated unabated up the wing. The 26-year-old speedster snapped a low shot that slipped past Dubnyk's pads to quiet the buzz in the crowd.

Only Tampa Bay's Tyler Johnson has more goals in the NHL this postseason than Kane, who has nine goals and six assists in the 14 playoff games against the Wild over the last three years.

NHL PLAYOFFS GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Thursday, April 30: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Saturday, May 2: N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Monday, May 4: Washington 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
Today: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 10: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 13: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 0
Friday, May 1: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1, 2OT
Sunday, May 3: Tampa Bay 6, Montreal 2
Today: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 7: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 9: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 12: Montreal at Tampa Bay, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 2, Minnesota 0
Friday, May 1: Chicago 4, Minnesota 3
Sunday, May 3: Chicago 4, Minnesota 1
Tuesday:
Thursday, May 7: Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 9: Minnesota at Chicago, TBD
x-Monday, May 11: Chicago at Minnesota, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 13: Minnesota at Chicago, TBD
Anaheim 2, Calgary 0
Thursday, April 30: Anaheim 6, Calgary 1
Sunday, May 3: Anaheim 3, Calgary 0
Tuesday: Anaheim at Calgary, late
Friday, May 8: Anaheim at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 10: Calgary at Anaheim, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 12: Anaheim at Calgary, TBD
x-Thursday, May 14: Calgary at Anaheim, TBD

Many sleepless nights for Woods over Vonn split, father's death

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods felt rusty and tired Tuesday at The Players Championship — rust because he has played one tournament in three months, fatigue because of his personal life.

He said only part of that was breaking up with Lindsey Vonn.

Woods and the Olympic ski champion jointly announced on Sunday they were splitting up after more than two years because of their hectic schedules as athletes.

"Obviously, it does affect me," Woods said after a nine-hole practice round at TPC Sawgrass. "It's tough. There's no doubt. I'm not going to lie about that. And on top of that, this time of the year is really, really hard on me."

Sunday was the anniversary of his father's death. Tuesday was nine years to the day that a memorial service for Earl Woods was held at the Tiger Woods Learning Center.

"I haven't slept," he said. "These three days, May 3rd and through the 5th, today, is just brutal on me. And then with obviously what happened on Sunday, it just adds to it."

His time on the golf course hasn't been terribly easy, though Woods believes he is making progress.

Woods turned in a remarkable performance at the Masters — not so much by previous standards but by recent play.

His chipping was shockingly bad when he shot 82 in the Phoenix Open to miss the cut by 12 shots, and at Torrey Pines when he withdrew after 11 holes on a cool day because of tightness in his back. Woods stepped away until he could fix his game.

Associated Press

Tiger Woods talks with the media after a practice round for The Players Championship golf tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., on Tuesday.

At Augusta National, it was as if that was never an issue. He never had a chance to win — not many did the way Jordan Spieth played — and tied for 17th.

Woods did not qualify for the Match Play Championship last week because he has dropped out of the top 100 in the world for the first time since he first came on tour in 1996. And he didn't sound entirely optimistic about carrying any momentum from the Masters onto a course that has been feast or famine for him through the years.

"I'd like to say yes," he said. "I've had some pretty good practice sessions. My short game still feels really good. We made a couple little swing tweaks since then to keep improving, to keep working on it, to keep getting it better, so that part is still a little bit fresh. I'm going to start playing a little bit more now."

Woods won The Players the last time he played in 2013. He missed last year while recovering from back surgery. It was his second victory at TPC Sawgrass. He was a runner-up to Hal Sutton in 2000. But he also has withdrawn twice and has finished out of the top 20 on six other occasions.

He has never been a big fan of this Pete Dye design, though he has shown over his career that he can win anywhere if he's playing well.

"I'm telling you, when you're on, this golf course doesn't seem that hard," Woods said. "You can really go low. You feel like every round you shoot 67 or lower. And then you get days where, 'God, I feel like I can't break 75 here.' It's one of those places. It's very polarizing. You either have it or you don't."

Woods will have three weeks off after The Players and then plans a regular summer schedule. He will play every other week starting with the Memorial through the PGA Championship. He was at Sawgrass with swing consultant Chris Como. As he has said before, it is a work in progress.

"It's certainly coming," he said. "I've made some huge, huge strides since what I was at Torrey and what I was at Phoenix. Huge. ... I'm on the right road. Eventually, it'll click in and I'll have a little run here."

If it's the right road, it's a long one.

Woods hasn't won since the Bridgestone Invitational in August 2013. He hasn't played much since because of back problems that led to surgery, after which he released another swing coach. He is No. 125 in the world. He is No. 196 in the FedEx Cup, two spots below John Daly.

Players Championship should focus on what it is

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The criteria to be considered for the World Golf Hall of Fame smacks of yet another effort by the PGA Tour to make The Players Championship something it's not.

Eligible players must have won 15 times on any of the six major tours around the world or win at least two of the following tournaments — The Masters, U.S. Open, The Open Championship, PGA Championship and The Players Championship.

Five tournaments of equal standing.

Four of them are majors.

"On first hearing that, it sounds wrong," Graeme McDowell said. "I'm not offended by it. But there are four majors. And this is very, very good."

The Players Championship tries to dress like a major, and for the most part, wears it well.

There are a few glaring differences, of course. It's tough to get past the Jacksonville Jaguars' mascot parading around the practice range (can anyone picture the Georgia Bulldogs' mascot on the range at Augusta National?), or that the TPC Sawgrass is not open to the public until Tuesday.

Rory McIlroy won't arrive until today. It's hard to imagine the world's No. 1 player not showing up at St. Andrews until the day before the tournament.

Too much is made about what The Players Championship is not instead of celebrating what it is.

The Players Championship has the strongest and deepest field of the year on a golf course that wouldn't appear to discriminate against any style of game. It has a back nine filled with risk and reward. And it has an island green on the par-3 17th hole that is either exciting or a gimmick, but it makes you look.

A better description of The Players is this: It's the biggest event run by the biggest tour in golf. The name needs an apostrophe. It's a championship that belongs to PGA Tour players.

That should be enough.

"It's big," Jimmy Walker said. "If you wanted one under your belt, this would be one of them. It's the PGA Tour's premier event. It's the biggest tournament run by the best tour in the world."

But a large poster on the wall in the media center has a quote from defending champion Martin Kaymer that starts, "At the end of the day, for all of us it's a major."

Augusta National celebrated a piece of wood, a center cut of the fabled Eisenhower Tree lost during an ice storm. The Players countered with a press release that its oak tree overhanging the sixth tee, removed in November because of decay and disease, had been converted into a bench.

And on it goes.

Tiger Woods will meet the Hall of Fame criteria, just barely. He has 90 victories on the major tours and 16 of those special tournaments (14 are majors, along with The Players Championship twice). He wasn't buying the idea of The Players being linked with the majors.

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "Holding on for Dear Life" (N)		Criminal Minds "The Hunt" (SF) (N)		CSI: Cyber "Click Your Poison" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Deluge"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Cheers	Cheers	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	★ Perry Mason...
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KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Mysteries of Laura (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Perverted Justice" (N)		Chicago P.D. "There's My Girl" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Parrot Confidential"		Nova "Nazi Attack on America" (N)		Super Skyscrapers "Building the Future"		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	65		165		(5:00) ★ A Walk on ...		★★★ Restoration		Robert Downey Jr...		★★★ The Three Musketeers				★ The Cat's Meow	
HBO		300	68	14	14		Silicon	Veep	Real Sports		★★★ Draft Day ('14, Spt) Jennifer Garner, Kevin Costner.						LastWeek	Thrones
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:10) ★ The Break Up		The Casual Vacancy		The Casual Vacancy		The Casual Vacancy		(:10) Vice	(:45) Fight	(:15) ★ That Awkw...	
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:40) ★★ The Producers Nathan Lane.			LastWeek	Silicon		Game of Thrones			★★★ Walk of Shame		Movie
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:50) ★★★★ Her ('13, ComDra) Joaquin Phoenix.					★★★ Wedding Crashers Owen Wilson.				★ Intergalactic Sw...	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(:05) ★★ The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.				★★ Tarsisius Josh Duhamel.			(:35) Zane	(:05) Zane	(:40) ★★ What Lies Beneath		
PLEX				96			(5:15) ★ You May ...		★★ The Woman in Red			★★★★ Impromptu			(:20) ★★ The Song of Hiawatha			
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	HAPPYish	Comedy	Dreadful "Fresh Hell"		Jim Rome (N)		60 Minutes Sports		Jim Rome		60 Minutes Sports	
TMC		330	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ Scary MoVie		★★ Hart's War ('02, War) Bruce Willis.				(:05) ★ The Fifth Estate Peter Capaldi.				(:15) Kama Sutra	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Jeepers Cr...		★★★ I Am Legend Will Smith.				★★★ Terminator Salvation ('09, Act) Christian Bale.				Movie	
BET		58	26		40		Movie	★★ Our Family Wedding ('10, Com) Forest Whitaker.					SingleLadies "Remix"		Nellyville "BNEL"		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar (N)		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Million
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Startup	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Bourdain "Miami"		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		A. Bourdain "Miami"	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Survivorman:Bigf		Survivorman:Bigf		Survivorman:Bigf (N)		Dual Survival		Survivorman:Bigf	
DSNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	KC Under	★ 16 Wishes Kendall Cross.			(:40) Jessie	(:05) Girl	Austin	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	So Raven	So Raven
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at New York Mets Site: Citi Field (L)						E:60 Profile (N)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		NCAA Softball Texas vs. Baylor (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)		Draft "The Draft"		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Daddy	Young	Young (N)	★★ Just Married Ashton Kutcher.				FreakOut	The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor			Hannity			The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	Restaurant (N)		Diners...	Diners...	M. Diners	M. Diners
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Spotlight	UIL Championship Spotlight "Soccer"	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	★★★ The Avengers ('12, Act) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr...						★★★ The Avengers Robert Downey Jr...			
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Pledge"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		Pickers "From A to T"		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Monument (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		Pickers "From A to T"	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Terra's Family	Terra Little Family	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Terra's Family (N)	Terra's Family (N)	Little Women: NY (N)		L. Women "The Little People Fashion Show"		Terra's Family	Terra's Family
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					Overtime	MixedMartialArts World Series of Fighting 20			MMA	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	FreshP.	FreshP.
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	Jail
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★★★ The 13th Warrior Antonio Banderas.				★★ Pathfinder ('07, Act) Karl Urban.				★★ Solomon Kane James Purefoy.			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Pie"	Seinf. "The Stand-In"	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		The Office	Conan
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TLC		51	33	32	38	52	I Was Pregnant	I Was Pregnant	Most Shocking Births (N)		I Still Didn't Know I Was Pregnant		Labor Games	Labor Games	I Still Didn't Know I Was Pregnant		Most Shocking Births	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					Inside the NBA	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Home Videos		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In (N)	SoulMan	Inst.Mom	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Recruited"		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						NCIS "Bete Noir"		NCIS "UnSEAled"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Big 12's Bowlsby backs off title game talk after meetings

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Big 12 has tapped the brakes on the conference championship game talk.

Last week, Commissioner Bob Bowlsby strongly suggested the league would move toward bringing back its football championship to improve its chances of putting a team in the College Football Playoff.

After meeting with coaches and athletic directors Tuesday, Bowlsby said he does not sense the conference is headed toward a title game.

"I think we all believe that one year is not a long enough trial to draw any conclusions," Bowlsby said.

The Big 12 is the only Big Five conference without a title game.

TCU was ahead of Ohio State in the next-to-last rankings by the playoff selection committee, with Baylor just behind the Buckeyes. But the two Big 12 teams were finishing their regular seasons while Ohio State routed Wisconsin in the Big Ten championship game. The Buckeyes moved into No. 4 in the final committee rankings, grabbing the final spot in the four-team field and keeping the Big 12 co-champions out of college football's first playoff.

Bowlsby met with selection committee chairman Jeff Long in North Texas last week and said he came away believing the Big 12 was at a disadvantage having 12 data points instead of 13, like the other power conferences.

On Tuesday he said: "We may find ourselves in better shape than some other conferences as a result of our model rather than in spite of our model."

Baylor's Art Briles, speaking just before coaches met with the commissioner, said he was "very curious to sit back and listen and see what everybody that while he would listen" but liked the league setup as it is.

"We're judging everything on what we all just went through kind of wide-eyed and wondering what was going to happen," he said. "Now we've got a pretty good idea. But I still think it was a little different last year, that no upsets happened the last week of the season. That's pretty uncommon."

If there was a title game, it would always be a rematch because the teams all face each other in the regular season.

Much talk has centered on the league's No. 1 team playing the No. 2 in the title game.

"You could have a 9-0 team playing a 6-3 team. That could happen" Briles said. "It's not always going to be 8-1 versus 8-1."

Sometimes, not having a title game could be an advantage, he said.

"I think somebody runs the table in our league, they're in," Briles said. "I don't think there's any question because you're going to beat a couple of top 10 teams, probably three or four in the top 20. That's a pretty good resume."

Prosecutors dismiss charges against NFL player McClain

Associated Press

DECATUR, Ala. — Alabama prosecutors are dismissing charges against NFL linebacker Rolando McClain stemming from his arrest in a park in his hometown in 2013.

Court records show prosecutors asked a judge Monday to end the case against the 25-year-old Dallas Cowboys linebacker.

McClain was arrested in April 2013 when Decatur police were trying to clear a crowd that had gathered for a softball game. He allegedly cursed at officers and pulled away as they tried to arrest him.

McClain was convicted on misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct in city court last year and appealed to state court for another trial.

The case was set for trial May 18 when prosecutors asked the court to dismiss the charges. No reason is given in court documents.

McClain played college football at Alabama.

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Yesterday's Answer: LIMB, BOIL, LION, NOEL, OXEN, COLD, LODE, OWED, DREW, BREW

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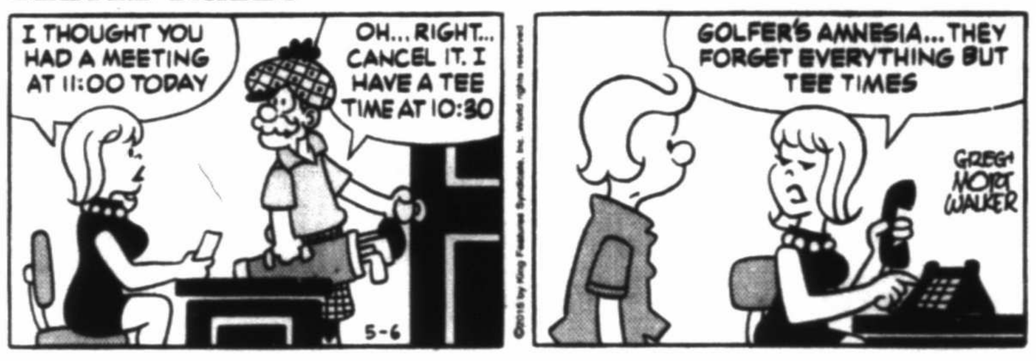

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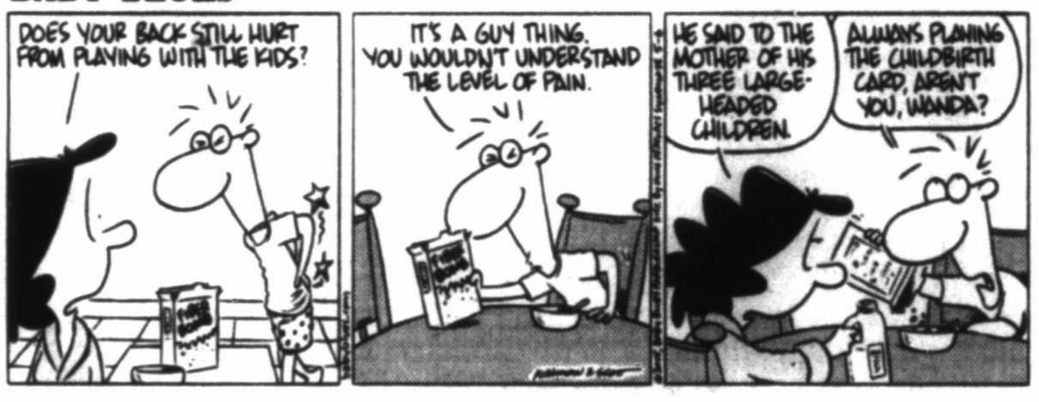

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Alien amusement park rides.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I COULDN'T TAKE OFF MY SHOES 'CAUSE I WASN'T WEARING ANY."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WIZARD OF ID

LOCKHORNS

"LEROY DOESN'T NEED A SPOTTER... HE NEEDS AN EMT."

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"I wish it would be okay if I just learned something new every OTHER day."

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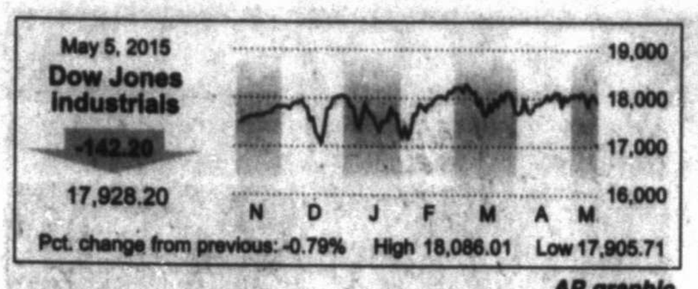
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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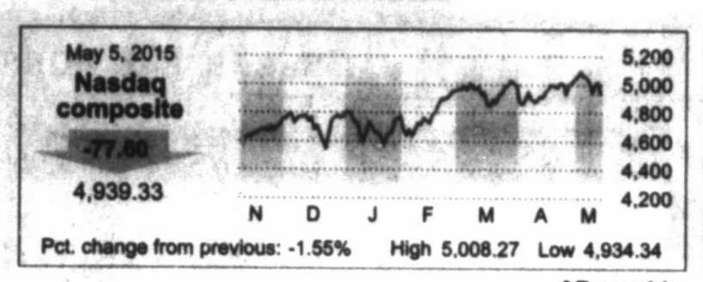

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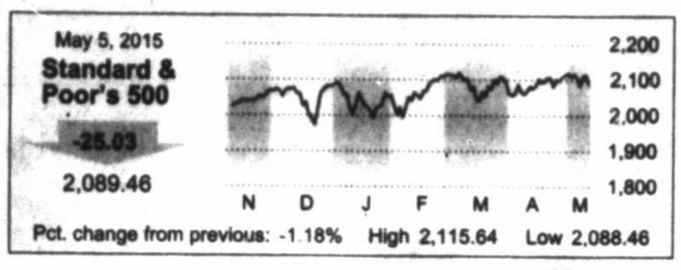

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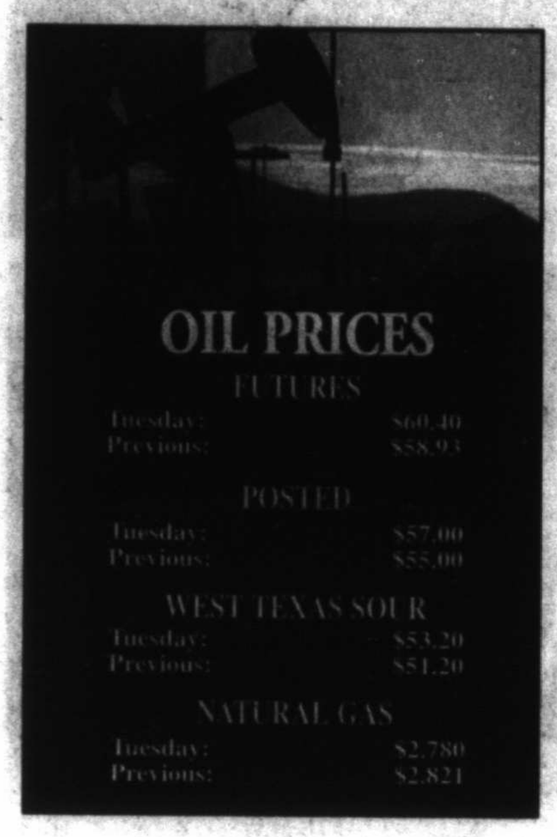

Los Angeles sues Wells Fargo, alleging fraud by employees

By Christopher Weber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Wells Fargo Bank employees driven by strict sales pressure issued unwanted credit cards and opened unauthorized accounts that charged customers fees and damaged their credit, according to a lawsuit filed by the city of Los Angeles.

The civil complaint filed Monday contends the largest California-based bank violated state and federal laws by misusing confidential information and failing to notify customers when personal information was breached, City Attorney Mike Feuer said Tuesday at a news conference.

"In its push for growth, Wells Fargo often elevated its profits over the legal rights of its customers," Feuer said.

The bank has blamed the problems on a few rogue employees who have been disciplined or fired and said it would defend itself.

"Wells Fargo's culture is focused on the best interests of its customers and creating a supportive, caring and ethical environment for our team members," the San Francisco-based bank said in a statement.

The city's investigation found only token efforts to prevent wrongdoing, according to court papers.

The complaint was filed under a law that allows attorneys representing large California cities to seek relief for unfair business practices for customers statewide.

The lawsuit seeks a court order ending the alleged practices along with penalties up to $2,500 for every violation and restitution for affected customers.

Feuer said the number of possible violations would be determined during a discovery process. If the lawsuit prevails in Los Angeles County Superior Court, it would apply to county residents and possibly some customers farther away, he said.

Frank Ahn, who owns a convenience store and a coin-operated laundry in the San Fernando Valley, said he was repeatedly pressured over four years to open additional accounts at Wells Fargo. When he declined, the bank opened three savings accounts in his name anyway, Ahn said.

After he complained, the accounts were deleted, only to reappear again months later, he said.

"I just feel like every time I go to the branch, it's a battle with them," Ahn said at the news conference. "I've had more than 10 accounts at Wells Fargo. I only need one."

The bank had a culture of high-pressure sales that pushed employees toward fraudulent conduct," Feuer said. Employees misused customers' confidential information and often failed to close unauthorized accounts despite complaints, the suit said.

Some employees raided customer accounts for money to open more accounts, according to court papers.

"The result is that Wells Fargo has generated a virtual fee-generating machine, through which its customers are harmed, its employees take the blame, and Wells Fargo reaps the profit," the lawsuit claims.

The lawsuit focuses mostly on what's known in the industry as bundling, also called cross-selling, where bank employees try to sell multiple bank products to a customer who may have just come in to open an account or apply for a credit card.

Bundling and cross-selling has been a widely accepted practice in consumer banking for years, mostly without controversy.

Wells Fargo has had a long history of cross-selling and bundling, averaging more than six products per household, according to its latest annual report.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1039037	16.35	-.09
S&P500ETF	1027629	208.90	-2.42
Vale SA	575455	8.80	+.77
CSVLgCrde	519489	3.85	+.25
Petrobras	506753	10.19	+.41

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Nautilus	20.47	+3.26	+18.9
CnElBras pf	3.33	+.46	+16.0
CitiSnNts	6.58	+.72	+12.3
GulfMrkA	16.01	+1.67	+11.6
A10 Ntwks	5.21	+.54	+11.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Nationstar	19.51	-6.66	-25.4
OnDeckC n	16.91	-3.11	-15.5
PhoenixCos	26.06	-4.34	-14.3
PhrxCi2	19.70	-2.70	-12.1
Avon	7.20	-.97	-11.9

Diary

Advanced	640
Declined	2,496
Unchanged	90
Total issues	3,226
New Highs	47
New Lows	56
Volume	3,719,859,061

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	76226	2.30	-.09
BarcGSOil	56457	12.64	+.35
NwGold g	33434	3.40	+.02
GranTrra g	22246	3.84	+.03
iShIndia bt	20999	30.30	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GpoSimec	8.75	+.75	+9.4
Asterias B n	12.71	+.99	+8.4
Tofutti	4.30	+.22	+5.4
BP Tin	36.49	+1.79	+5.2
MexcoEn	5.47	+.26	+5.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioTime wt	2.18	-.26	-10.9
Can-Fite	2.41	-.24	-9.1
Sifco	13.80	-.98	-6.6
TrioTch	2.92	-.20	-6.4
Electmed	2.38	-.16	-6.3

Diary

Advanced	137
Declined	261
Unchanged	27
Total issues	425
New Highs	2
New Lows	5
Volume	95,559,795

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	490879	47.60	-.64
Apple Inc s	481921	125.80	-2.90
PwShs QQQ	425399	107.45	-1.78
Intel	292365	32.64	-.55
ApldMatl	274754	19.36	-.52

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlasmaTch	5.97	+3.11	+108.7
PlasmaT wt	2.63	+1.28	+94.8
GoLNGLtd	45.01	+7.37	+19.6
IgniteRest	4.22	+.65	+18.2
ChuysHldg	26.06	+3.91	+17.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Qualys	37.03	-18.05	-32.8
AcelRx	3.04	-1.17	-27.7
InterCloud	3.03	-1.07	-26.1
ModSys	2.35	-.55	-19.0
CPS Tech	2.35	-.50	-17.6

Diary

Advanced	671
Declined	2,079
Unchanged	164
Total issues	2,914
New Highs	42
New Lows	71
Volume	1,993,485,202

'Avengers,' 'Star Wars' spell big year for Disney

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Who would win if Captain America fought Luke Skywalker? Why Disney, of course, which stands to bring in astronomical amounts of money this year from two big installments of two of the most popular film franchises ever.

With its Marvel movie "Avengers: Age of Ultron" just having notched the second-biggest domestic opening weekend of all time and a new "Star Wars" movie coming this winter, analysts expect the company to post not only great movie studio results but a big uptick in merchandise revenue and profits this year.

Everything from Captain America mugs to doggy Darth Vader Halloween costumes will likely get a lift.

"Avengers" has hauled in $664 million at theaters globally since its staggered release began two weeks ago, and buzz is already building for "Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens," set for release Dec. 18.

One indicator of the craze surrounding "Star Wars" is that a second teaser trailer for the film released two weeks ago has been viewed over 200 million times.

"The excitement around this movie is unlike anything we have ever seen before," CEO Bob Iger told analysts Tuesday.

Iger also told CNBC Tuesday morning that "Star Wars" is already the No. 1 franchise in the world for consumer products. The Walt Disney Co. plans a massive release of new merchandise surrounding the movie on Sept. 4, what it's calling "Force Friday."

"I think you can expect that the No. 1 franchise in the world is only going to strengthen," Iger told CNBC.

Stocks sink as oil jumps

A combination of concerns knocked the U.S. stock market lower Tuesday, snapping a two-day run.

Crude oil climbed above $60 a barrel for the first time this year, raising expectations for rising inflation and interest rates. Greece's government remained in a standoff with its European creditors as a debt payment looms next week.

"There are some jitters," said Bill Stone, chief investment officer at PNC Asset Management Group. "Greece is definitely part of it. The other part is oil prices going up. That implies more inflation."

Major indexes wavered at the outset of trading, drifted lower throughout the morning, then spent the afternoon slowly ceding ground.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 25.03 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,089.46. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 142.20 points, or 0.8 percent, to 17,928.20, while the Nasdaq composite fell 77.60 points, or 1.6 percent, to 4,939.33.

The price of oil jumped $1.47 to close at $60.40 a barrel, the first time crude has traded that high since early December, following reports that a Libyan oil terminal had closed. Brent crude rose $1.07 to $67.52 in London.

An impasse in talks between Greece and its lenders raised concerns about the country's ability to handle an upcoming debt payment. Greece will have to scrounge for cash to make a payment of $840 million to the International Monetary Fund due on May 12.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $48.16 Down 2.31

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $121.04 Down 5.70

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.70 Up 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.76 Down 3.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $12.05 Up 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.47 Up 0.26

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.10 Down 0.13

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.96 Down 1.11

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.43 Down 0.27

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $20.12 Down 0.12

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	31	33.72	-.81	+.4
Abraxas	...	6	3.66	+.03	+34.5
AdaDvrsEq	1.17e	...	14.06	-.10	+2.9
AlcatelLuc	...	...	3.47	+.07	-2.3
Alcoa	.12	22	13.82	-.19	-12.5
Alibaba n	...	...	79.54	-1.05	-23.5
AlonUSA	.40a	30	16.49	-.04	+30.1
AlpAlrMLP	1.14e	...	17.24	+.06	-1.6
Amger	3.16	22	159.44	-2.57	+.1
Amderko	1.06	...	89.32	+4.41	+8.3
Apache	1.00	...	67.04	-.81	+8.4
Apple Inc s	2.08	16	125.80	-2.90	+14.0
ApldMatl	.40	20	19.36	-.52	-22.3
ATMOS	1.56	17	52.50	-1.77	-5.8
AutoData	1.96	29	85.61	-.89	+2.7
Avon	.24	...	7.20	-.97	-23.3
BP PLC	2.40	36	43.10	-.31	+13.1
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	15.87	...	-.1
BakrHu	.68	33	67.66	-1.47	+20.7
BkofAm	.20	24	16.35	-.09	-8.6
B IPVixST	...	...	21.47	+.85	-31.9
BasicEnSv	...	...	10.04	+.19	+43.2
BerkHa A	...	182	160000.00	-1200.00	-3.5
BkMtlloCp	1.82	17	48.94	-.71	-7.7
BrltySq	1.48	48	65.03	-.29	+10.2
BrownFA	1.28	30	93.41	-.88	+6.4
BrownFB	1.28	29	91.06	-1.02	+3.7
CVS Health	1.40	24	98.74	-1.42	+2.5
Cameron	...	12	54.48	+.14	+9.1
Caterpillar	2.80	14	87.00	-.30	-4.9
Celestic g	...	15	12.43	-.24	+5.9
CntryLink	2.16	26	35.51	-.51	-10.3
ChesEng	.35	8	15.86	-.53	-19.0
Chevron	4.28	12	106.00	-.32	-3.7
Chicos	.31	...	16.91	-.16	+4.3
Cimarex	.64	21	119.22	-3.95	+12.5
Cisco	.84f	17	28.89	-.26	+4.6
Citigroup	.20f	22	53.35	-.82	-1.4
ClayEng	...	41	48.16	-2.31	-34.5
CitiSnNts	...	...	6.58	+.72	-7.5
CocaCola	1.32	26	40.75	-.21	-9.5
ColgPalm	1.52f	27	67.38	-.49	-2.6
Comcast	1.00f	18	57.98	-.80	-.1
ConAgra	1.00	...	37.01	-.11	+2.0
ConocoPhil	2.92	17	67.20	+.18	-2.7
CrackerB	4.00	21	132.41	-1.74	-5.9
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.42	-.06	-39.2
CSVLgCrde	...	...	3.85	+.25	-21.3
CSVelVST	...	...	40.34	-1.35	+29.5
CSVlxSht	...	...	1.18	+.05	-57.2
CrosTim	2.44e	6	22.54	+.14	+30.1
CypSemi	.44	...	12.70	-.38	-11.1
DCP Mid	3.12	15	40.56	+.81	-10.7
DTE	2.76	16	78.69	-1.92	-8.9
Dataram h	...	...	2.28	+.07	+33.9
DenburyR	.25	4	8.26	-.31	+1.6
DevonE	.96	17	66.65	-2.38	+8.9
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iS Eafe	2.26e	...	66.18	-1.00	+8.8
iShR2K	1.59e	...	120.85	-1.56	+1.0
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Intel	.96	14	32.64	-.55	-10.1
InterCloud	...	...	3.03	-1.07	+3.8
InterDig	.80	...	54.74	-1.54	+3.5
JPMorgCh	1.60	12	64.40	-.32	+3.6
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Keycorp	.26	14	14.65	+.02	+5.4
KimbCltk	3.52	27	109.40	-1.04	-5.3
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Lubys	...	...	5.30	+.01	+16.5
MGM Rsts	...	...	20.14	-1.13	-5.8
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.22	-.19	+10.0
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MeritMed	...	34	19.78	-.14	+14.1
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NuvPI	.82e	...	13.70	...	-1.2
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ValeroE	1.60	8	58.02	-.09	+17.2
VulcanM	.40f	53	85.50	-2.60	+30.1
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WstnRefin	1.36f	9	44.38	-.19	+17.5
WhitingPet	...	15	36.84	-1.11	+11.6
WmsCos	2.32f	90	49.50	-1.39	+10.1
XcelEngy	1.28f	19	33.65	-.71	-6.3
Xerox	.28f	15	11.55	-.22	-16.7
Yahoo	...	6	41.30	-.74	-18.2
Zynga	...	...	2.50	+.01	-6.0

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18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,928.20	-142.20	-.79	+.59	+9.31
9,310.22	7,614.24	Dow Jones Transportation	8,606.47	-144.17	-1.65	-5.84	+12.41
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	580.68	-13.39	-2.25	-6.05	+6.57
11,248.99	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,049.35	-123.93	-1.11	+1.94	+4.55
5,119.83	4,021.05	Nasdaq Composite	4,939.33	-77.60	-1.55	+4.29	+21.04
2,125.92	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,089.46	-25.03	-1.18	+1.48	+11.87
1,543.48	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,500.00	-19.46	-1.28	+3.27	+10.98
22,522.83	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,045.38	-268.52	-1.20	+1.73	+11.36
1,278.63	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,215.42	-17.80	-1.44	+.89	+9.69

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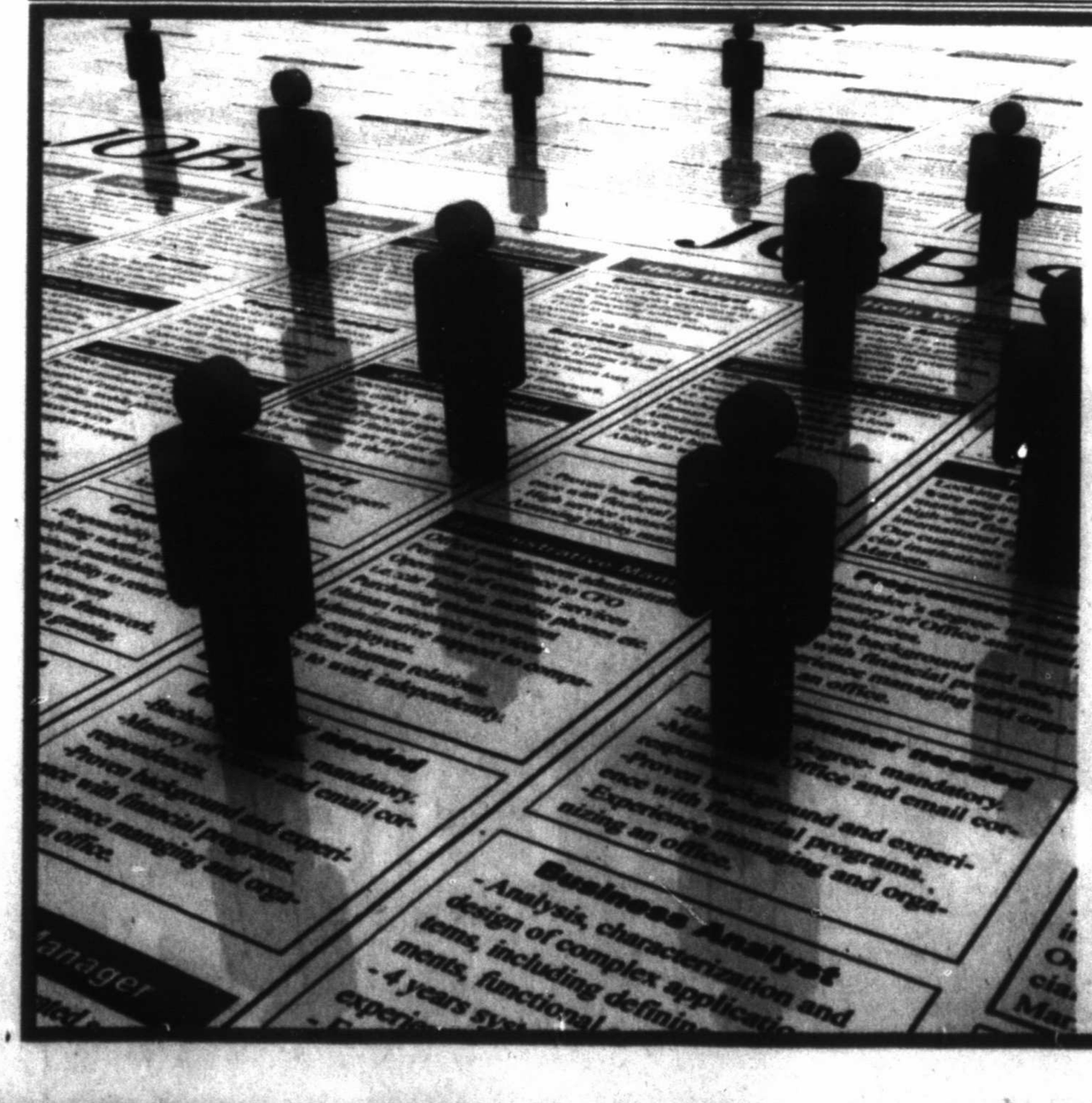

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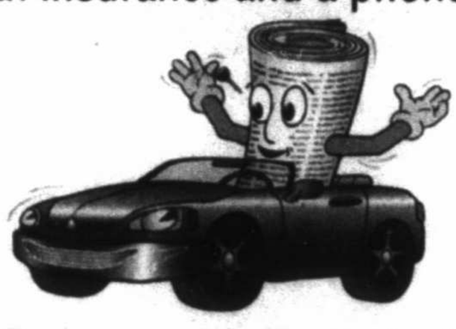

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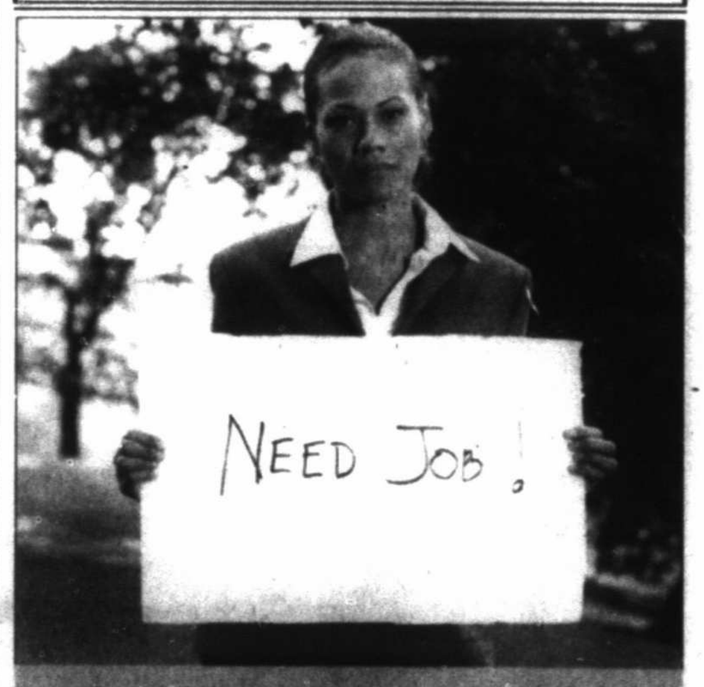

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Public Notice
Proposal #2015-013

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for a student tour company. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2015 in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432) 686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board announces the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for workforce services effective May 7, 2015. Eligible respondents may be public, private-for-profit, private not-for-profit entities, or a professional employer organization (PEO) model. The purpose of the RFP is to select a contractor to manage and operate Workforce Solutions Permian Basin's workforce programs for low-income adults, dislocated workers, youth, the universal population of job seekers, and employers. Services are delivered in the 17 counties of the Permian Basin: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler.

A RFP packet may be obtained beginning May 7, 2015 by contacting:
Permian Basin Workforce
Development Board
PO Box 61947,
Midland, TX 79711
432.563.5239
Fax 432.561.8785
info@workforcepb.org

The deadline for submitting a proposal is June 25, 2015 at 4:00 pm Central Daylight Savings Time. A bidder's conference will be held May 28, 2015 at the Atmos Energy Community Room located at 2304 Loop 40; Midland, Texas 79706.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, NB&DB Reality, Ltd, DBA Advantage Storage will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Advantage Storage, 5000 N. Lamesa Rd, Midland, TX 79705. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash (only). Property must be removed immediately and space broom swept. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold by the space only. Property being sold includes household goods and/or furniture unless otherwise noted.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Lynn Marie Hill, Petitioner,
No.D-202-DM-2012-4839
vs.
Galindo, Juan Diego Jr., Respondent.

NOTICE OF FILING MOTION

Notice is hereby Given that the above-named Petitioner has filed a Motion and Request for Heating in the above entitle Court and cause, the general object thereof being: Emergency Parentage Establishment, Custody and Time Sharing, Access Child Support.
This Motion will be heard before the Family Court of H.O. Lynn Perls, on the 11th day of June, 2015, at the hour of 9:00am; at the Bernalillo County Courthouse, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Name and address of the Petitioner:
Lynn Marie Hill
37 Nizhoni Ln
Tijeras, NM 87059

WITNESS the Honorable Deborah Davis Walker, District Judge of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County, this 29th day of April, 2015.

JAMES A. NOEL
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for:

Integrated Hospital Information System

for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, May 6, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1161- 050615.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover
Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

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NEW TODAY!

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NEW TODAY!

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0235: Stuart Bingham: boxes, totes, table, bookcase, fishing equipment

The items will be sold on Wednesday, May 20th at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at www.storagetreasures.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required.

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Smart Stop Self Storage located at 1904 West Loop 250 Midland, TX 79705, phone number (432)570-6612 intends to enforce its self-service storage landlord's lien pursuant to the Texas Self-Service Storage Facility Lien Law for non-payment of Rent for the following Units. If a description of property is not listed, the contents are household goods and furnishings

P523- Joy Maraio-Wilhoit: totes, boxes
I269- Tiffany Smith: boxes, totes
F170- Kelly Savas: desk, washer, dryer, entertainment center, sofa table
F187-Scott Quinn: Boxes, household goods

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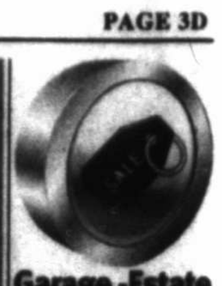

Garage - Estate & Yard Sales

Yard & Garage Sales

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1301 Lynn Ave. Friday & Saturday 7am-7pm. Multi family garage sale. Baby stuff, childrens clothes, womens clothes, mens clothes, shoes, medical supplies & miscellaneous kitchen items.

79707

2901 REBEL Drive Friday & Saturday 7am-? Mathew's Martial Arts World Competition Team is hosting the garage sale! Bedding, mens, womens childrens & baby clothing, shoes, household items, & too much to list. There will be a refreshment stand. All proceeds go to support the competition team for our world trip in July.

3805 FAIRHAVEN Ct. Saturday 8am-12pm. Home furnishings, kids clothes, furniture.

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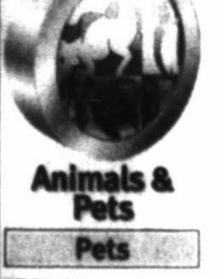

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