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Downtown revitalization to remain focus

Local leaders look into hiring someone to coordinate efforts

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Harnessing all of its tools and moving forward with downtown revitalization from a unified front is the goal for entities working to increase urban activity in the Tall City.

Representatives from organizations including the city of Midland, the City Council, the Downtown Midland Management District (DMMD) board and the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) board met again this week to refine their goals after discussing downtown revitalization at a recent forum.

"It is in all of our best interest that we make downtown a vibrant, thriving central business district because it helps keep taxes low for homeowners," said John James, councilman for District 3.

James said there was a general consensus that the entities may need to hire someone who can serve as the expert on downtown and bring the tools the various organizations have to promote and encourage development and activities downtown. He said areas of focus that came up this week were looking at parking and considering assistance to developers for asbestos abatement.

Development they hope to see could come through the form of restaurants, housing, shops or something else, he said.

"They all matter," James said. "If we're going to create a downtown that's vibrant and alive, then all of those are pieces of the success pie."

City Manager Courtney Sharp said he's going to research what is needed to hire someone whose sole focus would be downtown. He said he'll look at how other communities have approached the issue and come up with a job description for the Midland groups to look at when they meet together again in the coming months.

"We really didn't come to any conclusions other than a general head nodding that it probably would be appropriate that maybe we hire somebody to have the experience to harness the energy and tools that we have," he said. "It's giving more people a voice and strong marketing."

Sharp and others said they didn't decide who would fund the salary of a downtown coordinator, but it could come through a combination of resources.

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RALLYING FOR EDUCATION



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

More than 200 students, faculty and school supporters attend a rally Wednesday at Midland College to show their support for the college.

Students, faculty gather to show support of MC

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

More than 200 students, faculty and community residents came out Wednesday morning to a rally to support Midland College.

Stealing a scene from the movie "We Are Marshall," the group gathered in front of the Murray Fasken Learning Resource Center and at the direction of MC President Dr. Steve Thomas began a chant of "We are Midland College!"

Thomas told the crowd they were gathered to let those in the community know the college is concerned, and he believes the current legislative session is very critical to the state of education.

"We will balance the budget, but we'll also have ramifications for years to come," he said. "It isn't right what's happening."

The current Texas House and Senate bills could result in a reduction to the school for between $5.4 and $7 million for the 2011-13 biennium, officials said.

The college this semester set a record enrollment of 7,429 students, but staff said the school's capacity to serve more students at an affordable cost could be severely tested over the next two years.

Damon Kennedy, associate professor of history and MC Faculty Senate president, said he wants many to consider how the budget cuts could have ramifications.

"The money has to come from somewhere. What the Legislature has done is pass the burden on to (the college)," he said, talking about some of the

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Dance group to perform at local schools

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland will help Midland students celebrate today's Cinco de Mayo holiday.

Local dance troupe Ballet Folklorico Nuestra Herencia will perform at six elementary schools around the Tall City in 15-25 minute increments, said Norma Chavez, administrative assistant to the director of Convention and Visitors Bureau in Midland.

The group will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Midland Academy and continue on to Milam, Fannin, Scharbauer, Henderson and Burnet elementary schools. A visit also is planned at Midland College before lunch, and the tour will conclude at Terrace West Nursing Home on Midland Drive at 3:15 p.m.

The Hispanic Cultural Center held an event last year in Centennial Plaza in downtown Midland for about 3,000 students, but Chavez said there were not enough volunteers to coordinate the event again this year.

While Cinco de Mayo is a civic holiday and celebrated more in the United States than in Mexico, it commemorates the battle that took place on May 5, 1862, when the Mexican army fought the French forces at the Battle of Puebla. It also is a celebration of the Mexican heritage and pride, officials said.

Chavez said she believes the day is just as important to the culture as a day of remembrance of ancestors and the things they accomplished.

"It's important for the Hispanic community and their culture," she said. "We want to include the kids and remind them of where they're from and what happened."

The Permian Basin's largest and longest running Cinco de Mayo celebration and event also is planned for this weekend in Odessa. The Garriga Law Firm Fiesta West Texas and Expo will open Friday evening at Ector County Coliseum. Officials said they

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Senate passes state budget

By April Castro
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republicans pushed the next two-year budget through the Texas Senate on Wednesday by using a loophole to bypass Democrats, clearing the path for negotiations to begin with the House on the $176.5 billion spending plan.

After a week of delay, Senate leaders used a procedural maneuver to get around a long-held Senate tradition that requires a two-thirds agreement for the chamber to consider any legislation. Senators voted 19-12, along party lines, to approve the plan.

The plan makes about $11 billion in cuts, compared to the current budget, though the cuts are much less severe than those in the bare-bones House version. Public schools and Medicaid providers, including nursing homes, would take the brunt of the cuts.

"This budget treats people as numbers," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, the Senate's Democratic leader. "We cannot forget those numbers are people, and I have heard their voices and I have seen their faces and I cannot ignore their pleas."

Sen. Steve Ogden, the chief Senate budget writer, defended the budget, saying his team was able to maintain current services despite a multibillion-dollar revenue shortfall.

"What do you do when the economy is not so healthy? The first thing is, you do no harm to that economy, you do everything you can to get that economy back on its feet," Ogden, R-Bryan, said shortly before the vote. "This budget ... is a bridge to the future. It does not hurt the economy."

Normally a two-thirds majority is necessary in the Senate to take up any bill, a supermajority that leaders didn't have for the budget plan. But Republicans bypassed Democratic opposition by using a special rule that allows House bills to be considered on certain days without a two-thirds approval. The

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Brenton Kidd, left, with Masters Golf, talks to Amber Elliott with Robert Half Staffing Company about customizing golf balls, bags and caps with the company logo Wednesday during the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Community Business Showcase at the Midland Center.

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■ **Haley Library book signing**, 4:30-7 p.m., Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Info: Authors are Patrick Dearen, Glen Sample Ely and Clifford Caldwell. Admission: Free

■ "The Peculiar Confessions of a Murderous Mind," 5:30 and 8 p.m., Cole Theater, 2000 West Wadley Ave. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at Midland Classical Academy, 5711 Whitman Dr., 694-0995

Friday through Sunday

■ **Fiesta West Texas** at Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. Hours: 6-midnight Friday; 2-midnight Saturday and 2-10 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday

■ Midland Downtown Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.

■ Children's Storytime, "Let's Count," 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

■ Megan Heart's Book Tour, 6-8 p.m., Girl Scout Desert Southwest, 901 W. Dengar. Cost: $17 per girl. For more information: call Yekeshia at 570-9188 ext. 511 or email ywilliams@gsdsw.org.

■ Astronomy Day and Star Party, Blakemore Planetarium, Museum of the Southwest 1705 West Missouri Ave. Star Party to begin at 7:30 p.m. For information call 683-2882.

■ MMA Cage Fighting at Horseshoe.

■ Permian Basin String Quartet, 7 p.m., UTPB CEED Building, Highway 191/FM 1788. Tickets: $12 general admission. Buy at the door or call 563-0921.

Meetings Schedule

West Texas Real Estate Investment Association
7 p.m. today
Atmos Community Room by the Midland International Airport.
Web: WestTexasREI.com to RSVP.

City public hearing to discuss Community Development Program

The Midland City Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on May 10 in the city council chambers inside City Hall, 300 N Loraine St.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to participate in the development of the city's 2011-12 Community Development Program.

Past usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, community development and housing needs, and proposed uses of 2011-12 CDBG funds will be discussed.

The city tentatively has been allocated $829,994 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The city expects to receive approximately $120,000 in program income during the 2011-12 program. A minimum 70 percent of CDBG funds must be allocated to projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding are: housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvement, park improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development and public services.

For more information, call the city's Community Development Office at 685-7408 or 685-7472.

Today in history

Today is Thursday, May 5, the 125th day of 2011. There are 240 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 5, 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Freedom 7, a Mercury capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

On this date:

In 1862, Mexican forces loyal to Benito Juarez defeated French troops sent by Napoleon III in the Battle of Puebla.

In 1891, New York's Carnegie Hall (then named "Music Hall") had its official opening night.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1936, the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, fell to Italian invaders.

In 1941, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie returned to Addis Ababa after the Italians were driven out with the help of Allied forces.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces landed on the Philippine island of Corregidor.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed a law raising the minimum wage to $1.15 an hour, then to $1.25 an hour, for currently covered workers.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II became the first pope to visit Syria, where President Bashar Assad asked him to take the Arabs' side in their dispute with Israel, referring to what Assad described as Jewish persecution of Jesus Christ.

Today's Birthdays: Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 65. NBC News anchor Brian Williams is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris Brown is 22.

Source: Associated Press

ONE HAPPY GRANDPA



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

The University of Texas head football coach mack Brown, from left, shows Jackie Rendall, Rick Glasscock and Susan Poage pictures of his new grandchild last week at the Petroleum Club.

Upcoming nonprofit/support group meetings

■ **Midland Genealogical Society** will meet at 7 p.m. May 12 at 902 W. Dengar.

Devri Conlin will present an update on the genealogy resources available at the LDS Family History center.

Hold 'em Poker Tournament

The Lonestar Poker Tour kicks off with two-games on May 15.

There are seven games a week with cash prizes for every game. Games are played at The Hog Pit, Woofers and Tweeters, and The Velvet Room.

Players accumulate points throughout the year to qualify for quarterly tournaments and onto a year end tournament that offers a grand prize of $10,000 to play in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

Web: www.lonestarpokertour.net

Reporter-Telegram on radio

■ Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Steve Munisteri, Republican Party of Texas chairman will speak at the 11:30 a.m. luncheon at the Midland Country Club.

County Judge Mike Bradford will speak during a community workshop at 11 a.m.

For reservations, email mcrw@suddenlink.net or call Lisa Gandy at 432-599-8125.

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners will meet at 10 a.m. May 14 at George Hancock's shop, 1709 Clark St.

Johnny Tolly, of Austin, will demonstrate making a wood-turned Christmas ornament.

For more information, call 682-1700.

April weather report shows dry, warm conditions

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

The following are temperature and precipitation statistics from the National Weather Service.

Average temperature for April: 71.5

Average for a typical April Month: 63.7

Warmest day: 97 (April 3 and 6)

Coolest night: 38 (April 5)

Precipitation for April: 0.00 inches

Average for April: 0.73 inches

Warmest months of April

1. 2011	71.5
2. 1946	71.0
3. 1948	70.1
4. 1972	69.7
5. 1963	69.5

Wettest Aprils on record

1. 2011	0.00
1. 1998	0.00
1. 1964	0.00
1. 1947	0.00
5. 1946	Trace
5. 1955	Trace
5. 2001	Trace

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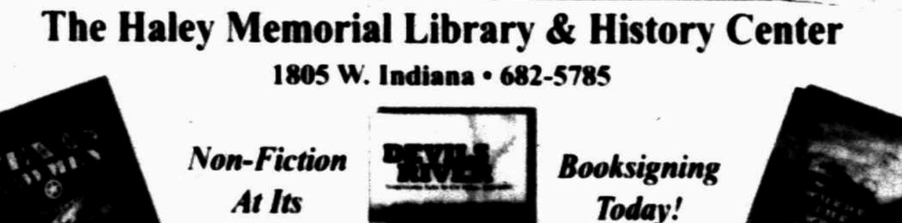
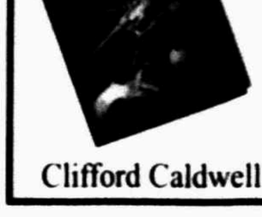
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San Antonio Express-News

Latinos must vote to be bigger part of political process

■ Latinos largely ignored the midterms — that should raise an alarm.

Here's a pail-of-cold-water dose of reality. Almost 15 million Latinos sat out the 2010 midterm election.

I have a problem with the term "sat out," and I'll get to that, but first, the staggering number.

This is from a Pew Hispanic Center report, titled "The Latino Electorate in 2010: More Voters, More Non-Voters," published this week.

"... (E)ven though more Latinos than ever are participating in the nation's elections, their representation among the electorate remains below their representation in the general population. In 2010, 16.3 percent of the nation's population was Latino, but only 10.1 percent of eligible voters and fewer than 7 percent of voters were Latino."

All those percentages translate to almost 15 million potential voters who didn't go to the polls. Many people, and I include myself, talk about the increase in Latino political clout that is a natural byproduct of the increase in population that was revealed in the 2010 Census. We know more than half of the general population growth in the United States was due to Latinos; and we know the vast majority of that growth was attributed to birthrate, not immigration. It follows that it bodes well for Latino political prospects, and national leaders of both major political parties have taken notice: the Democrats counting unhatched eggs and the Republicans plotting to build their own coop.

But these new numbers can take a little of the swagger out of your step. When there's more than 20 million eligible Latino voters and less than 7 million go to the polls, the political momentum suddenly hits a steep climb.

So the idea almost 15 million Latinos "sat out" an election is not so accurate. Sitting-out implies an intention. It means they purposely didn't vote to send a message.

An explanation might be that many Latinos weren't motivated to vote; maybe they weren't compelled because they didn't feel part of the process. Another reason may be old-fashioned apathy — it happens. And another, more palpable reason may be youth. More than 31 percent of Latino eligible voters are between the ages of 18 and 29. A little more than 17 percent of those voters went to the polls in the midterms.

In all ethnic, racial, gender and cultural groups the rate of voter participation increases above the age of 29. So you can check off youth as a partial reason for the lag in voter participation. But you can't put all the blame there.

Some people blame the political parties and the politicians for using fear and wedge issues to bolster a voting base, like immigration. But those tactics only serve to alienate many Latinos. Others think Latinos feel excluded by the political discourse. But the problem with those ideas is they place the blame on someone else.

While there may be some merit to thinking the political process should be more inclusive of Latinos, maybe if more Latinos voted they'd be included.

There's no quick answer; we've been talking about this for decades. We've gotten to a point now where talk is not enough.

Anxiety rises along flood-swollen Mississippi

Associated Press

HICKMAN, Ky. — People along the lower Mississippi River and its tributaries packed their belongings and emergency workers feverishly filled sandbags as high water pushed its way downstream Wednesday in a slow-motion disaster that could break flood records dating to the 1920s.

From Illinois to Mississippi, thousands of people already have been forced from their homes, and anxiety is rising along with the mighty river, even though it could be a week or two before some of the most severe flooding hits.

"I've never seen it this bad," said 78-year-old Joe Harrison, who has lived in the same house in Hickman since he was 11 months old. Floodwaters from the Mississippi turned his house into an island — dry but surrounded by water. He has been using a boat to get to his car, parked on dry ground along a highway that runs by his house.

Up and down the Big Muddy, farmers braced for a repeat of the desperate strategy employed earlier this week in Missouri, where Army engineers blew up a levee and sacrificed vast stretches of farmland to protect populated areas upstream.

Forecasters and emergency officials said some of the high-water records set during the great floods of 1927 and 1937 could fall. On Wednesday, for example, the Mississippi eclipsed the 46-foot mark set in 1937 in Caruthersville, Mo., and the water was still rising, with a crest of 49.5 feet forecast for Sunday.

But because of the system of levees and locks built since those disasters more than 70 years ago, the flooding this time is unlikely to be anywhere near as devastating as it was back then.

"We have a high confidence in our levees, but in the sense of transparency, we have to say that the levees have not been tested," Shelby County Emergency Management Director Bob Nations said in Memphis, Tenn.

Tom Salem, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Memphis, said flooding is extreme this year in part because of drenching rain over the past two weeks. In some areas, Wednesday was the first day without rain since April 25.

"It's been a massive amount of rain for a long period of time. And we're still getting snowmelt from Montana," Salem said.

Tributaries that flow into the Mississippi are, in turn, backing up because the river itself is so high. And they account for some of the worst of the flooding so far.

The great flood of the lower Mississippi River Valley in 1927 was one of the biggest natural disasters in U.S. history. More than 23,000 square miles were inundated, hundreds of thousands of people were displaced and about 250 died.

In the aftermath, authorities were criticized for helping rescue whites while leaving thousands of black plantation workers stranded for days without food or drinking water. The flood found its place in folklore, literature and films, and popular songs including "When the Levee Breaks" were written about the disaster.

Another flood in 1937 also was devastating, submerging 31,000 square miles from West Virginia to Louisiana.

Lifelong Hickman resident H.L. Williamson, 77, was a boy when he and his family fled to the highest point in town. He recalled little of the experience except that his brother wouldn't eat black-eyed peas or grapefruit for years because that was all they had during the flood.

This time, Williamson packed up and left his home, which still was dry thanks to a hill just inches higher than the floodwaters. He took only a few belongings, including the Navy uniform he hopes to be buried in.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' demolition of a Missouri levee on Monday eased flood worries for some communities. In Cairo, Ill., a town of about 2,800 people at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the Ohio dropped a foot and a half.

But the relief downstream in Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana is probably only temporary because the water eventually will find its way back into the Mississippi River.

In Arkansas, a 23-mile stretch of westbound Interstate 40 was closed where it crosses the White River, adding a detour of about 52 miles to the route between Little Rock and Memphis. Eastbound traffic eventually will face an even longer detour, perhaps beginning overnight.

Arkansas recorded its eighth death since the rains started April 25. Authorities found the body of a man in the floodwaters in eastern Arkansas' Prairie County. The man has not yet been identified.

In Kentucky, about 3,800 residents have left their homes because of flooding.

Hickman, a town of about 2,500, has floodwalls and the river isn't expected to top them. But officials are worried about water bubbling up through the earthen levee that adjoins the wall. It has been reinforced with about 100,000 sandbags.

A contractor was running 90 dump trucks 24 hours a day between a quarry and the levee in Hickman, bringing in rock to fortify the town's flood defenses.

Memphis, where the Mississippi was at 43.8 feet Tuesday, could see a crest of 48 feet May 11, just inches below the record of 48.7 feet set in 1937. Water from the Wolf and Loosahatchie rivers already has seeped into the suburbs, and some mobile home parks were swamped.

Emergency management officials said more than 1,100 houses and apartments could be hit with flooding. Several hundred people already have been evacuated, and thousands more are expected to do the same.

In Louisiana, shippers, ports and the chemical industry are hoping the government can dredge fast enough to keep a major channel into the Gulf of Mexico unclogged. The Mississippi sends huge amounts of sediment downriver during high-water times.



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Mark Wellen, chairman of the TIRZ board, said all of the entities understand some incentives need to be available to encourage development downtown. But, he said they also want to highlight what's already been done since downtown has seen some major changes in recent years.

"We all understand we have to do what we can to provide further incentives," Wellen said.

Jerry Morales, at large councilman, agreed and said while he has big visions for downtown, about $8 million already has been invested.

"We've done $8 million worth of street improvements, sidewalk improvements ... that is the basis of some of the work you have to do anyway," Morales said.

He said he hears from people saying they want to see restaurants, events and more affordable housing downtown. Because some of the buildings require so much rehabilitation before a business could move in, Morales said the entities will have to participate in development if they want to see some of those older structures occupied.

"One group could participate in infrastructure, another in facade," he said. "It's tying everything together and making sure that we have all of our groups organized and on the same page to get this accomplished."

Wellen said the entities have agreed to meet together once a month, which should help to create more focus for the goals for downtown.

"I just would encourage people in general to go downtown," Wellen said. "Utilize the businesses that are there. As evidence by this tour that I gave this past weekend, I think there's a lot of buildings we can appreciate, we just need awareness."

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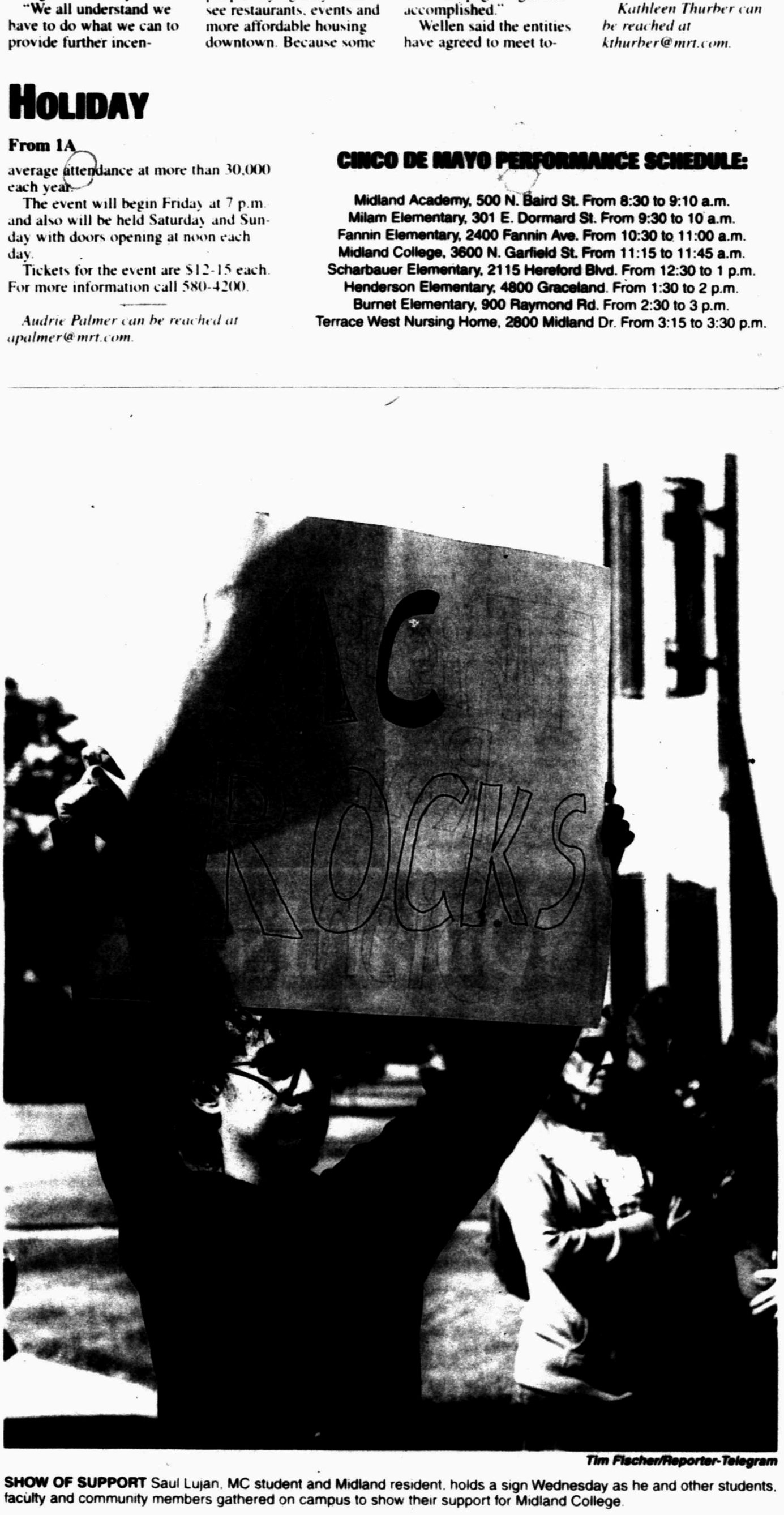
The event will begin Friday at 7 p.m. and also will be held Saturday and Sunday with doors opening at noon each day.

Tickets for the event are $12-15 each. For more information call 580-4200.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

SHOW OF SUPPORT Saul Lujan, MC student and Midland resident, holds a sign Wednesday as he and other students, faculty and community members gathered on campus to show their support for Midland College.

Rally

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programs that could possibly be cut at MC. "This is not something anyone wants to do, but this is from a lack of funding."

Several students on scholarships said many fellow students might quit coming to the school if tuition fees are increased and financial aid is cut.

"They won't be able to afford it," said Morgan Schwartz, of Garden City.

Others said if their scholarship is cut, some would have to take out student loans in order to afford to complete their education and it would be too hard for them.

"No one wants to just be put in debt," said Trinity Walker, of Wink.

About 360 signatures were gathered to curtail legislative budgets cuts important to community colleges in Texas. The 30 sheets of paper were to be faxed to state Sen. Kel Seliger's office, officials said.

Simon Cornell, associate professor of government, said Wednesday's rally was held and signatures gathered to show the Texas Legislature that not everyone is just lying down.

One of the biggest problems the college is facing is apathy and concerns from students that school officials don't seem to be doing anything. Cornell said that isn't the case.

With many finals to be taken next week, Wednesday was one of the last opportunities faculty had to gather the students together and rally in support. And with the possibility of the closing of certain tech programs such as the veterinarian services and pilot programs, Cornell said once those programs are gone, they won't be coming back.

A petition was signed earlier this year and hand delivered to representatives in Austin by some of the students. He said with the rally and petitions signed Wednesday, they are working to keep the pressure on the officials.

"We're still out there and it's still important that our voices should at least be heard," he said. "We're trying to lessen the impact of the cuts. We don't mind a little bit of a hit but we shouldn't be taking the brunt."

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Protest aims to bump Trump from Indy 500 pace car

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The pick a month ago of Donald Trump to drive the Indy 500 pace car is causing some heat for race officials.

A Facebook page calling on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to dump Trump has more than 10,000 supporters, many objecting to Trump's questioning of whether President Barack Obama was born in the U.S. and his suggestion that Obama was a poor student who didn't deserve to be admitted to Harvard's law school.

Indianapolis attorney Michael Wallack tells the Indianapolis Star that he started the Facebook page April 8 because he thought Trump's selection made no sense.

Track spokesman Doug Boles said it also has received comments supportive of Trump's involvement in the May 29 race and that officials are considering the complaints.

Budget

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Senate's budget plan originated as a House bill.

Senators have hailed the two-thirds tradition as a mechanism that nurtures compromise and bipartisanship in the Senate. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said a day earlier that he hoped he didn't have to use the loophole in the rules to pass the budget.

Van de Putte said she and other Democrats were concerned about the parliamentary precedent set by the maneuver.

"No longer will any minority party in the Senate have a say in the budget bill," Van de Putte said.

The GOP has a 19-12 majority in the chamber, but criticism over the budget mounted from both sides of the aisle over the use of about $3 billion from the rainy day fund.

Republicans argued that $9.4 billion in the reserve fund should be left untouched, so it would be available during future state emergencies. Democrats said proposed cuts to schools and other programs are inhumane when the reserve fund is sitting idly by.

Ogden offered an amendment that stripped the contentious rainy-day money from the budget. The move helped him garner support from conservative Republican senators — but it cost him support from key Democrats.

Ogden's GOP-condoned compromise replaces about $3 billion in rainy-day money by underfunding Medicaid, pushing those payments to the end of the budget period. Absent increased revenue from an improving economy — which he expects — the budget would then force across-the-board cuts to state agencies other than basic public school operations.

Ogden's plan underfunds public schools by about $4 billion. It cuts reimbursement rates to Medicaid providers by 6 percent, compared to more than 10 percent proposed in the House.

Even as the Senate grappled with internal division, leaders were bracing for tough negotiations with the conservative House.

The state is facing a revenue shortfall of at least $15 billion. The hole is partially because of the economic downturn, but a structural deficit in the state's taxing system also has contributed to the gap.

Officials: SEALs thought bin Laden went for weapon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama ordered grisly photographs of Osama bin Laden in death sealed from public view on Wednesday, declaring, "We don't need to spike the football" in triumph after this week's daring middle-of-the-night raid. The terrorist leader was killed by American commandos who burst into his room and feared he was reaching for a nearby weapon, U.S. officials said.

Several weapons were found in the room where the terror chief died, including AK-47 assault rifles and side arms, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity as they offered the most recent in a series of increasingly detailed and sometimes-shifting accounts of bin Laden's final minutes after a decade on the run.

Obama said releasing the photographs taken by the Navy SEAL raiders was "not who we are" as a country. Though some may deny his death, "the fact of the matter is you will not see bin Laden walking this earth again," the president said in an interview taped for CBS' "60 Minutes."

He said any release of the photos could become a propaganda tool for bin Laden's adherents eager to incite violence.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said the president's decision applied to photographs of bin Laden, said to show a portion of his skull blown away from a gunshot wound to the area of his left eye, as well as to a video recording of his burial several hours later in the North Arabian Sea.

The president made no public remarks during the day about the raid, apart from the taped interview. But he arranged a visit for Thursday to ground zero in Manhattan, where the World Trade Center twin towers once stood.

After two days of shifting accounts of the dramatic raid, Carney said he no longer would provide details of the 40-minute operation by the team of elite Navy SEALs. That left unresolved numerous mysteries, prominent among them an exact accounting of bin Laden's demise. Officials have said he was unarmed but resisted when an unknown number of commandos burst into his room inside the high-security compound.

The officials who gave the latest details said a U.S. commando grabbed a woman who charged toward the SEALs inside the room. They said the raiders were concerned that she might be wearing a suicide vest.

Administration officials have said bin Laden's body was identified by several means, including a DNA test. Members of Congress who received a briefing during the day said a sample from the body killed at the compound in Pakistan was compared to known DNA from bin Laden's mother and three sons.

After two days of speculation about releasing the photographs, there was no detectable public debate in the U.S. about the merits of the raid itself against the man behind the terror attacks that killed nearly 3,000 Americans on Sept. 11, 2001.

Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress the operation was "entirely lawful and consistent with our values" and justified as "an action of national self-defense." Noting that bin Laden had admitted his involvement in the events of nearly a decade ago, he said, "It's lawful to target an enemy commander in the field."

Holder also said the team that carried out the raid had been trained to take bin Laden alive if he was willing to surrender. "It was a kill-or-capture mission," he said. "He made no attempt to surrender."

Bin Laden had evaded capture for nearly a decade, and officials said he had currency as well as two telephone numbers sewn into his clothing when he was killed, suggesting he was prepared to leave his surroundings on a moment's notice if he sensed danger.

Administration officials said the two dozen SEALs involved in the operation were back at their home base outside Virginia Beach, Va., and the extensive debriefing they underwent was complete. Saluted as heroes nationwide, they remained publicly unidentified because of security concerns.

In addition to bin Laden's body, the SEALs helicoptered out of the compound with computer files, flash drives, DVDs and documents that intelligence officials have begun analyzing in hopes the information will help them degrade or destroy the network bin Laden left behind.

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NATION BRIEFS
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NEW MEXICO

Indians say code name offensive but not surprising

ALBUQUERQUE — Geronimo was known as a legendary Apache warrior whose ability to walk without leaving footprints allowed him to evade thousands of Mexican and U.S. soldiers, much like Osama bin Laden evaded capture for the past decade.

But for Native Americans, there's an important difference: Geronimo was a hero — not a terrorist.

So to them, the U.S. military's use of the revered leader's moniker as a code name for bin Laden was appalling — a slap in the face that prompted statements of disapproval from tribal leaders, a flurry of angry comments on social network sites and a letter from the leader of Geronimo's tribe asking President Barack Obama to apologize.

Many Native Americans also say while they are angered, they are not surprised. They say the code name is yet another insult in a long, tumultuous history with the federal government.

OKLAHOMA

Man: Attackers tattooed "RAPEST" on forehead

DEL CITY, Okla. — Two men and two women are accused of pinning down a man who has learning disabilities, tattooing the word "RAPEST" on his forehead and shocking his genitals with a stun gun before beating him unconscious with a baseball bat, police said Wednesday.

The accused told police they attacked Stetson Johnson, 18, because he tried to have sex with one of them, according to a police spokesman. Detectives found no evidence to support their claims, he said.

Johnson, of Oklahoma City, said he is acquainted with all four but has never tried to hurt any of them.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Cat spends week alone in camper after wreck

CHARLESTON — Spencer the cat is down to eight lives after surviving a crash in South Carolina and a week on his own.

The Post and Courier of Charleston reports the 11-year-old gray cat was in a camper that wrecked along Interstate 95 in the southeastern part of the state.

Ann Laubacker of New York was driving home from Florida with her mother, a dog and four cats. Neither woman was hurt, and two of the cats and a dog were located after the wreck.

Nowhere to go but up for computer chip builders

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In the race to build a faster computer chip, there literally is nowhere to go but up. Today's chip surfaces are packed with the tiniest electronic switches the laws of physics allow, but Intel Corp. says it is blowing past those limits with a breakthrough, three-dimensional transistor design it revealed Wednesday.

Analysts call it one of the most significant developments in silicon transistor design since the integrated circuit was invented in the 1950s. It opens the way for faster smartphones, lighter laptops and a new generation of supercomputers — and possibly for powerful new products engineers have yet to dream up.

Minuscule fins jutting from the surface of the typically flat transistors improve performance without adding size, just as skyscrapers make the most of a small square of land.

"When I looked at it, I did a big, 'Wow,'" said Dan Hutcheson, a longtime semiconductor industry watcher and CEO of VLSI Research Inc. "What we've seen for decades now have been evolutionary changes to the technology. This is definitely a revolutionary change."

Intel CEO Paul Otellini said that "amazing, world-shaping devices" will be created using the new technology.

Computers already are doing things that were almost unimaginable when Intel co-founder Gordon Moore made his famous prediction in 1965 that computers should double in power every two years. The axiom, known as Moore's Law, has held true ever since as computers have gotten cheaper, smaller and more powerful.

Engineers believe Intel's new transistors will keep the axiom going for years to come. Chips with the 3-D transistors will be in full production this year and appear in computers in 2012.

When Moore's Law was first coined, the most advanced computers were large, mainframe-type machines that took up entire rooms and were best suited for narrow tasks done one at a time.

Today we have smartphones that let us carry around the Internet in our pocket, supercomputers that have beaten Jeopardy! and chess champions, and experimental cars that drive themselves. Technologists entertain visions of even deeper integration of artificial intelligence into our lives as computer technology advances, such as robots performing surgery.

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Fitting end to the grudge match between Bush, bin Laden

■ Bush may not have been in the Oval Office at the time, but in the end, his side — America — won.



WILLIAM MCKENZIE
Dallas Morning News

One guy lived in a cave and then in a heavily protected compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The other lived for a time in the White House and now in a pleasant Dallas neighborhood.

As far apart as their lives seemed, in distance and spirit, Osama bin Laden and George W. Bush were locked in a grudge match for much of the last decade.

Bush left office without seeing the man who shaped his presidency captured or killed. That would happen on the persistent watch of President Barack Obama. But starting with grabbing a bullhorn to rally relief workers in Lower Manhattan on Sept. 14, 2001, Bush set in motion the events that responded to the actions of one man, Osama bin Laden.

Before seeking the White House, Bush talked often about serving a purpose if he were to become president. I remember quizzing him about running for president when he was Texas governor. At times, he seemed to struggle with the notion, but he came back to wanting to make a difference, not just occupy another office.

He never could have imagined it would be organizing a worldwide battle against the forces of terrorism, led by bin Laden. But it's clear in talking to Bush aides what his purpose was, right to his last day in the White House. To protect the U.S. from another attack, the kind bin Laden unleashed on America that infamous September morning. Former White House counselor Karen Hughes described the difference in a telephone call yesterday. Bush was determined and focused before 9/11, she said, but he became even more so after that day.

There are genuine critiques of various parts of Bush's response to bin Laden, including waterboarding detainees. They may surprise his detractors, but after two lengthy interviews with Bush over the last two years, I've come away believing he understood why so many people disagreed with him.

Still, the job he assumed was to protect the country, and he was willing to pay a price for the decisions he made toward that end. During a White House interview with three of us from The Dallas Morning News in January 2009, Bush pointed to a picture of Abraham Lincoln in the Oval Office and asked rhetorically, "Do you think he would have worried about the polls?"

Bin Laden, of course, outmaneuvered his Texas rival until he was no longer president. Bush writes in his book, "Decision Points": "I wanted badly to bring bin Laden to justice. The fact we did not ranks among my great regrets."

But Bush did prevail in the ultimate sense. We have not been attacked again. And that is because of the painstaking work from many people across government, from tracking down financial leads to zeroing in on the couriers going into bin Laden's final home.

Ultimately, this proved to be a high-stakes match between Bush and bin Laden. Historians will look at these two men dueling across the world and see two sons of prominent families raised in oil-rich societies. You have to wonder if they ever saw the irony.

They also were two men for whom religious faith was a guiding force. Bush famously gave up drinking and matured because of his spiritual awakening at age 40.

Bin Laden, on the other hand, grew into a radical Islamist. He cloaked himself in the garb of a religious fanatic.

In Bush's case, he saw the actions of 9/11 as a violation of the moral order. That's why he shouted through that bullhorn to first responders at Ground Zero: "I can hear you. The rest of the world hears you. And the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon!"

In the end, after nearly a decade, the bullhorn won.

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OUR VIEW

Economy does impact ability to find temporary shelter

Who would ever have thought a booming economy actually would be detrimental to aiding those in dire need? Well, that appears to be happening in Midland. Just ask the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross is facing an unusual dilemma. While funding is usually the setback the Red Cross faces during times of disaster events, that is not the case in Midland. The Red Cross reports available housing for families who have lost everything in the recent grass fires is near nonexistent.

The Red Cross has reported it is having problems providing temporary shelter for those who lost homes from wildfires. And those placed have to stay in hotels longer than the expected three-day stay because of either high prices in the marketplace or unavailability of longer-term housing in the form of apartments or rentals.

Of course, this adds to the suffering of families that have already lost their homes and possessions. Unfortunately, there is little we can do about the availability of housing. It is a malady created by the current boom-like conditions in our region.

This is another example of how the boom economy affects us in negative ways we never expected. The temporary and short-term housing needs of the community are being stretched well beyond capacity.

This all comes from a red-hot economy that has produced the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the nation and the lowest in the state. For many Midlanders, this is the height of the good times. But for those who have been struck by the tragedy reaped by the recent wildfires, the misery index couldn't be higher.

Much is being considered to bring relief to those in need, but the prospect of adding affordable housing anytime soon is probably not in the cards. You can't just ask firms to build housing on the basis of a soaring economy that might be down or slowing in a year or two. Investment matters of this sort take time and a high level of confidence before they can get off the ground. Desirable property has to be acquired and only then can come the actual building.

We feel sorry for those victims of the wildfires, and our heart goes out to the misery they have had to endure in part because of Midland's good time economy. We're sure Midlanders will do everything in their power to meet the needs of those suffering. We remain that kind of community.

However, Midland will continue to enjoy the fruits of a good economy while realizing there are problems — just like when things are not going quite as well.

Watts' decision to stay at UTPB welcomed news

It's a huge relief that University of Texas of the Permian Basin President David Watts told Colorado State University-Pueblo this week he formally has withdrawn his candidacy for its open president's position.

Watts has been an integral part of the growth of UTPB in his 10 years.

Since Watts' arrival in 2001, the school's accomplishments include:

■ being recognized by Newsweek and U.S. News and World Report.

■ adding seven intercollegiate sports and achieving NCAA Division II membership.

■ constructing housing for 450 students.

■ securing $160 million for campus construction and $30 million in gifts.

■ creating seven new undergraduate degrees, including mechanical and petroleum engineering, and four master's degree programs, and

■ increasing external grants and contracts to more than $7 million per year.

And these just top the list. The school has grown in stature, especially in Midland, where the list of prominent members in the community backing in the university is growing. We expect UTPB's influence in Midland to grow, especially with the announcement of a petroleum engineering degree.

Higher education is important to all communities and with UTPB and Midland College (and their presidents David Watts and Steve Thomas), Midland is well-positioned for the future.



Texas Capitol deserves a fitting memorial for blacks

■ There is a movement under way to replace the Juneteenth statue with something more appropriate.

ALBERTA PHILLIPS
Cox Newspapers

By any measure, the Texas Juneteenth statue honoring the emancipation of Texas slaves is not a fitting tribute to the traditions and contributions of Texas African-Americans.

Since 2005, several artists have tried to fashion it into a tribute worthy to be displayed on the Capitol grounds. But no amount of tinkering could fix that monstrosity.

Folks at the State Preservation Board have known that for years; state legislators also knew it; I wrote about it. Several makeovers later, the statue still is hanging around. And it still is an embarrassment artistically and historically. It never should be erected on the Capitol grounds.

If you doubt that, take a look at what South Carolina built on its Capitol grounds to mark the history of its black citizens. And I've personally seen the inspirational memorials marking the Underground Railroad that straddle Detroit and Windsor, Ontario — two cities that worked together to move blacks to freedom.

So I was ecstatic to learn that Ed Dwight, the artist who sculpted those projects, soon might be designing a whole new memorial in Texas to replace the Juneteenth statue.

This time, it will be done right, says Bill Jones, an Austin lawyer and former chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, who is starting a nonprofit to raise money for the new memorial. His goal is to raise $2 million. Good. Enough public money — nearly $1 million — already has been wasted on the thing no one wants to speak of.

"I am on a mission to make sure that whatever goes up on the Capitol grounds represents our collective history in Texas in a dignified manner. It should be done right and be something that everyone can be proud of," Jones told me at a recent meeting to introduce Dwight and his works.

In patching together his own family history, Jones was motivated to find an artist who could do the same for black Texans. That search led him to Dwight.

I recently got a glimpse of Dwight's design for Texas. It's far better than the Juneteenth statue, but it did not wow me. I'm told that it's a work in progress that will get better as the artist gathers input from Texans.

The best thing about the planned memorial is that it no longer limits itself to a single historical event — emancipation — but weaves that into a broader history of Texas blacks past and present. And the new concept will carry a new name, the Texas African American History Memorial.

The original Juneteenth statue languishing in a Bastrop foundry is dull, lacking in historical context and flat-out silly looking with its lawmaker figure flanked by three Play-Doh-looking characters — a farmer, preacher and an exhilarated woman.

Yet no one had the gumption to stop the project. The Legislature was right to make space at the Capitol for the memorial that was advanced in part to provide balance to the several bronzes glorifying the Confederacy.

But it erred in putting the project in the hands of the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission, which was established to promote the June 19 (Juneteenth) holiday worldwide. For African-Americans across the nation, the holiday is comparable to July 4 because it marks the day in 1865 that the last slaves — those in Texas — were freed.

Juneteenth came 2 1/2 years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Some believe that was by design — there still was plenty of cotton that needed picking, pulling and moving to market. Others say the delay in freeing Texas slaves was a reflection of a time when news traveled slowly, especially to far-flung western states.

Either way, the event is an important historical marker. But it loses much of its reverence in the Juneteenth statue approved by the Juneteenth Commission. The original statue's 12-foot "Law Maker" figure could pass for a twin of former state Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston, except for the goatee it sported. He chaired the commission. Even as the centerpiece, the lawmaker figure was way out of proportion with the action figures that surrounded it.

An embarrassed Juneteenth commission ultimately hired a new artist to redesign the 12-foot lawmaker bronze. It has been scaled back. But all the tinkering in the world cannot fix that thing because its concept, historical accuracy (there were no black lawmakers then) and aesthetics are flawed. The entire piece lacks originality and fails to capture the Texas emancipation experience.

It's junk — granted, an expensive piece of junk, but junk nonetheless. So let's melt it down and sell the scrap metal or send it to the junkyard or erect it in Edwards' backyard. But do not put it up on the Capitol grounds. That would be folly.

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INDIA

Despite economic growth, country lets its girls die

MORENA — Despite a booming economy and big cities full of luxury cars and glittering malls, India is failing its girls.

Early results show India has 914 girls under age 6 for every 1,000 boys. A decade ago, many were horrified when the ratio was 927 to 1,000.

The discrimination happens through abortions of female fetuses and sheer neglect of young girls, despite years of high-profile campaigns to address the issue. So serious is the problem that it's illegal for medical personnel to reveal the gender of an unborn fetus, although evidence suggests the ban is widely circumvented.

VIENNA

Report: Lawyer drops his trousers

An Austrian newspaper is reporting a lawyer dropped his trousers during the questioning of his client by two female investigators, exposing his briefs.

The Tiroler Tageszeitung said Wednesday the incident happened April 20 in a police station in the western hamlet of Mayrhofen. It said after letting his suit trousers slip to his knees, the scantily-clad attorney, who was not identified, then sat on a desk in his white underwear with his back to the women.

His client, the paper said, was apparently suspected of a sex crime.

CAIRO

Fatah, Hamas proclaim landmark reconciliation pact

Rival Palestinian factions Fatah and Hamas on Wednesday proclaimed a landmark reconciliation pact aimed at ending their bitter four-year rift that has left them with competing governments in the territories envisioned for a future Palestinian state, but Israel's leader denounced it as a "mortal blow to peace."

The alliance set off ecstatic celebrations in the Palestinian territories. International mediator Tony Blair insisted their new government must recognize Israel, a step Hamas has always rejected.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas brushed off the criticism and instead used the occasion to deliver a scathing attack on Israel, saying "we reject blackmail and it is no longer possible for us to accept the (Israeli) occupation of Palestinian land."

The Palestinians have been torn between rival governments since a previous unity arrangement collapsed into civil war in June 2007. In five days of fighting, Hamas overran the Gaza Strip, leaving Abbas' Palestinian Authority in charge of the West Bank. Reconciliation is essential for Palestinian dreams to establish a state in the two areas.

Feds suing more abortion activists

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — The Justice Department under President Barack Obama has taken a harder line against anti-abortion activists accused of trying to block access to clinics, suing at least a half-dozen of them under a federal law that lay mostly dormant during the Bush administration.

The law, written to protect people who seek or provide abortions, was revived after Obama took office and in the wake of the 2009 slaying of Kansas abortion provider George Tiller, who was shot to death moments before Sunday services were to begin at his Wichita church.

Since Obama's inauguration, federal lawsuits have been filed against a woman who blocked a car from entering a clinic in West Palm Beach, Fla.; a Texas man who threw his body across the door of a patient waiting area in San Antonio; and a Pennsylvania man who posted on the Internet the names and addresses of abortion providers and extolled his readers to kill them.

Government records obtained by the Associated Press show that in slightly over two years, the Obama Justice Department has filed six lawsuits under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, mostly to seek injunctions and fines. That compares with just one such lawsuit during the entire eight years of George W. Bush.

Tiller's slaying "brought home to many of us the terrible potential for violence and the need to use every legal means at our disposal to prevent it," said Barry Grissom, U.S. attorney for Kansas.

President Bill Clinton signed the law in 1994 after a turbulent period that included massive sit-ins at clinics, clinic bombings and other anti-abortion activities that culminated with Tiller being wounded in a 1993 shooting. The Clinton Justice Department subsequently filed 17 civil lawsuits under the law during his remaining term.

Carl Tobias, a University of Richmond law professor who follows the federal judiciary, said Justice Department decisions usually mirror the president's views. He was not surprised to see the government acting more aggressively.

"I think President Bush was pretty clear about his position on that type of issue," Tobias said. "It is less clear what the present administration's position is, but maybe it is partly reflected in their willingness to be more rigorous about enforcing it."

Thomas Perez, assistant attorney general for the civil rights division, has said protecting abortion providers so they can do their jobs is of the "utmost importance."

The Justice Department "will continue to aggressively enforce the FACE Act against those who seek to violate the rights of their fellow Americans to safely provide or obtain such services," Perez said in announcing the Kansas lawsuit.

The figures do not include criminal prosecutions, which have been more consistent from one White House to the next during the early years of the Bush and Obama administrations.

The law was heavily used in the years immediately after it took effect. During President Bill Clinton's two terms, 37 criminal prosecutions were filed, compared with 18 under Bush and six under Obama. Since the law was enacted, the Justice Department has filed criminal cases against a total of 89 defendants, convicting 86 of them.

In civil court, one of the latest cases is a Kansas lawsuit filed last month against an abortion opponent who allegedly sent a threatening letter to a doctor. The government sued Angel Dillard when she wrote that thousands of people across the nation were watching the doctor and suggested she check under her car daily for explosives.

Citing First Amendment protections, Judge J. Thomas Marten ruled that Dillard's letter was not a "true threat" because she did not personally intend to harm the doctor. He refused to issue a preliminary injunction that would have kept her 250 feet away from the doctor, her clinic and her home.

The lawsuit is still pending while the judge awaits arguments on whether to dismiss the case entirely.

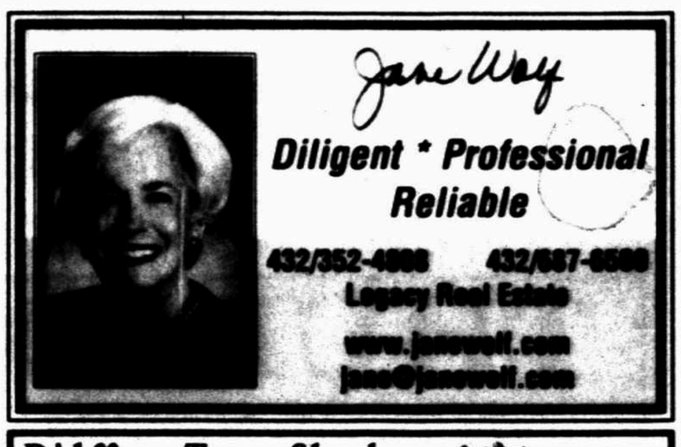
Grissom has said the Justice Department pursued a civil case against Dillard — rather than criminal charges — because the legal standard needed for a preliminary injunction is lower than "beyond a reasonable doubt," which is required for a criminal conviction.

In the Pennsylvania Internet case, the government obtained a court order that prohibits the defendant from posting threats against the doctors. Most of the other recent civil cases remain to be resolved.

One was settled on Wednesday when a Washington man accused of entering a clinic in Lynwood, Wash., and intimidating the staff agreed to a court order barring him from coming within 25 feet of the clinic. John Kroach also agreed to pay a $5,000 fine, with $4,000 of that suspended if no other violations occur.

The sole civil lawsuit filed under the statute during the Bush years was a 2007 complaint against a separate Pennsylvania man who made similar threats on his website.

Hans von Spakovsky was counsel to the assistant attorney general in the Justice Department's civil rights division from 2001 to 2005. He said the fact that the Bush administration filed lots of criminal cases under the clinic law is evidence that the agency was willing to prosecute when the situation deserved it.

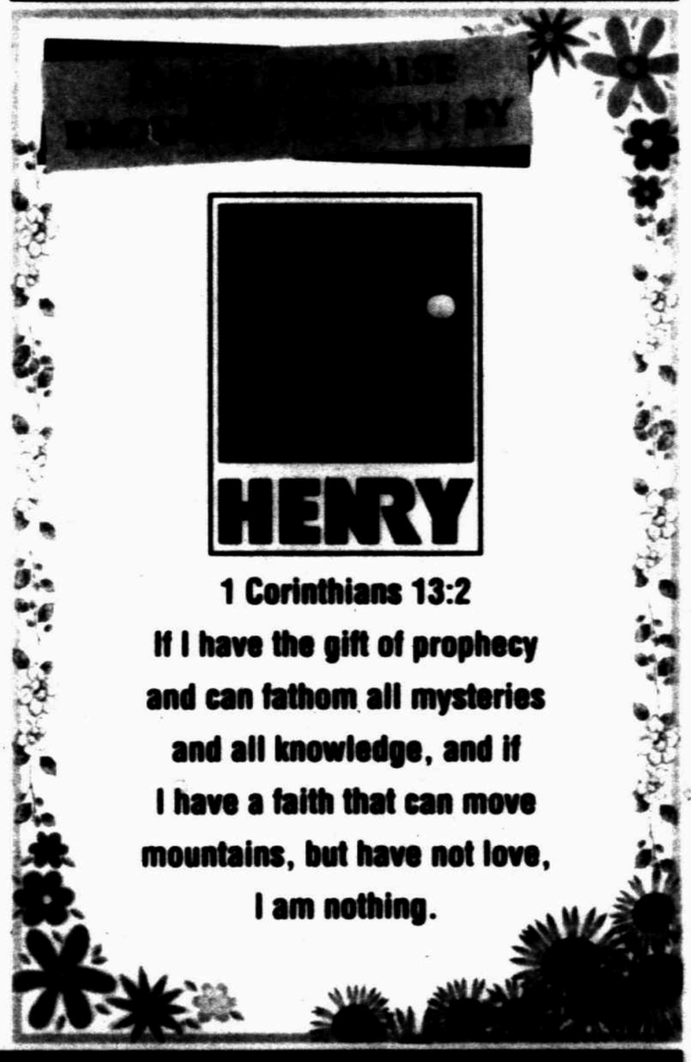




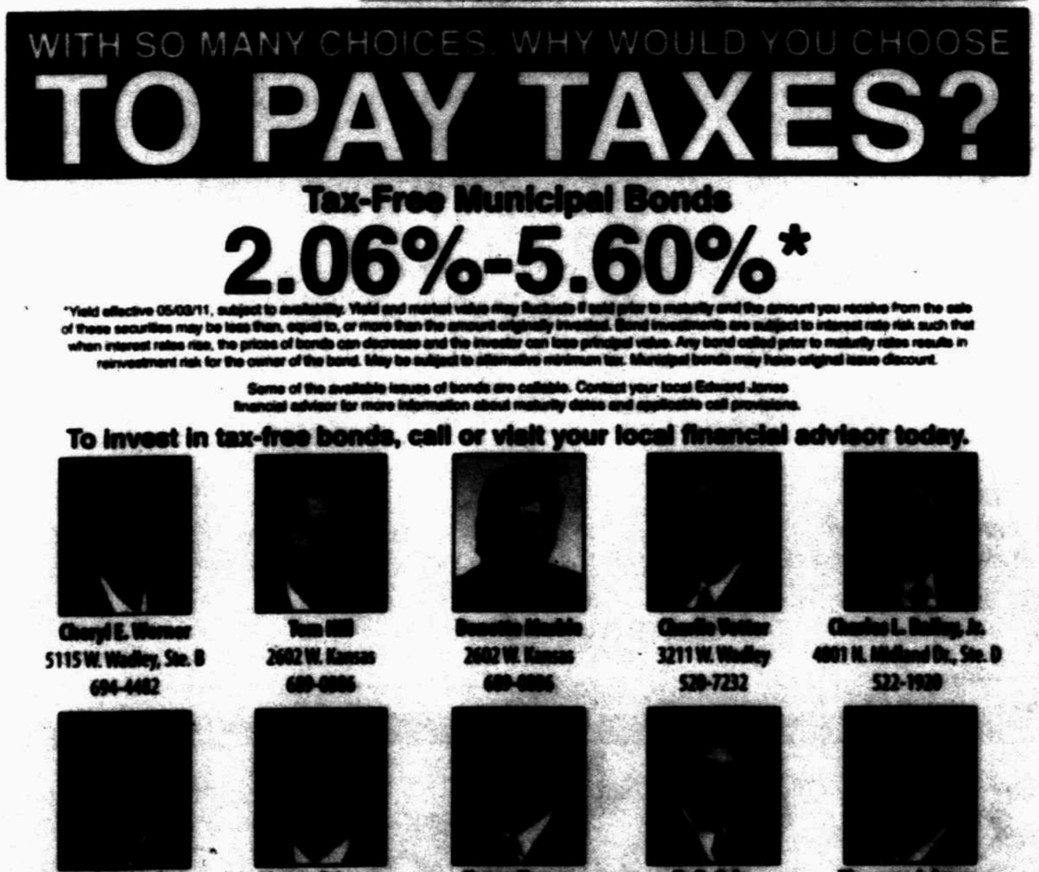


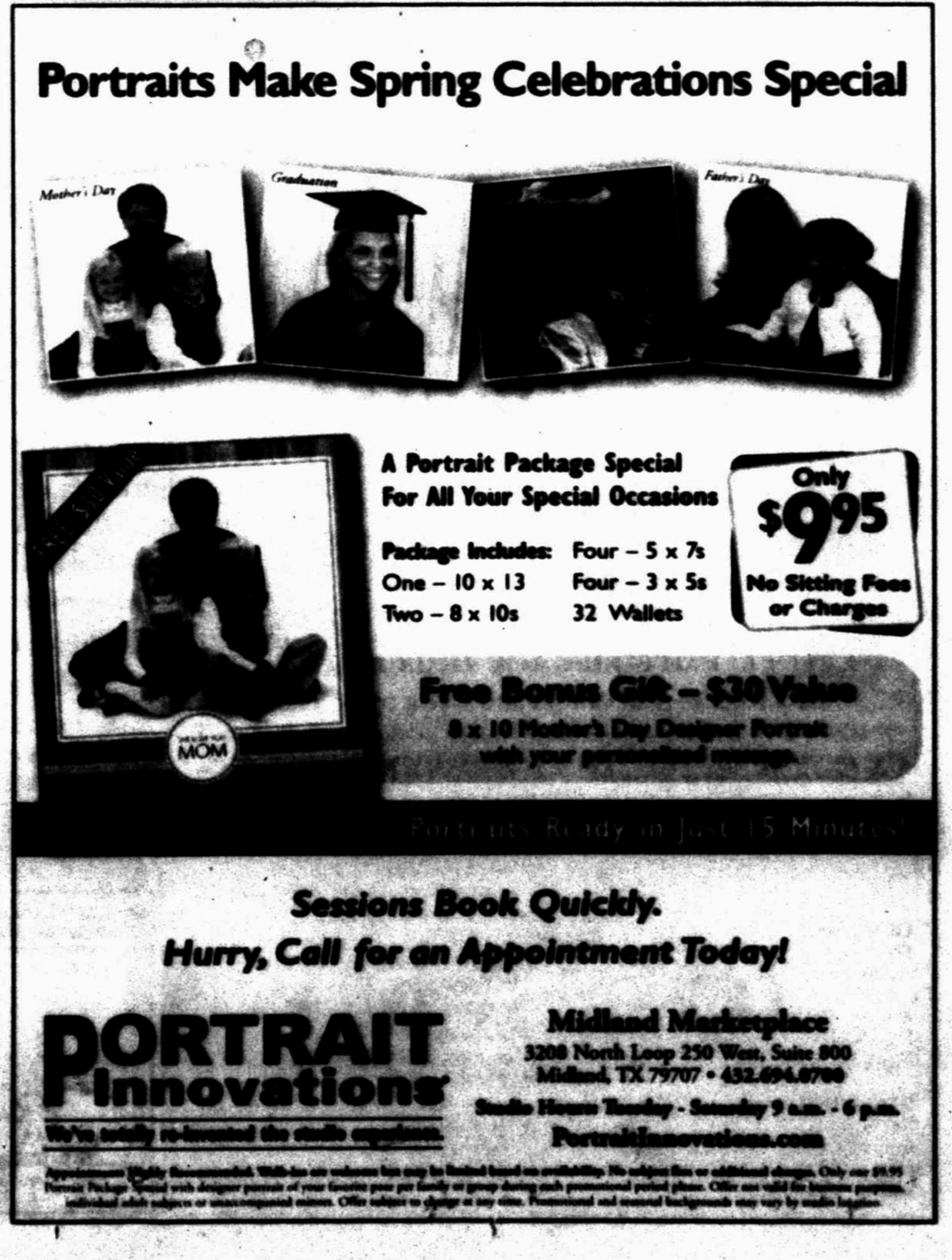












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Local & State

Conaway questions FEMA disaster decision

■ Agency spokeswoman says Texas has received 25 fire management grants.

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Some Texas congressional members are refusing to accept that the Federal Emergency Management Agency won't declare the wildfire-ravaged state a major disaster area.

FEMA spokeswoman Rachel Racusen said the agency has already approved 25 fire management assistance grants. Each grant reimburses 75 percent of the state's costs for equipment, firefighters' meals and other emergency response work.

But U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway said Wednesday those grants helped only with a small percentage of the 9,000 wildfires scorching at least 2.2 million acres since November.

Gov. Rick Perry said the state is considering whether to appeal the denial of the disaster declaration, which would provide a wide range of federal assistance for residents and public infrastructure. The denial doesn't preclude FEMA from awarding more fire assistance grants.

Texas officials, caught in a state budget squeeze, want the federal government to send more aid to defray their costs. Federal officials, facing a record deficit, are being careful in their use of "major disaster" declarations such as the one that followed the widespread devastation of Hurricane Ike or the recent Alabama tornadoes that killed hundreds of people.

CALCULATING A CRASH



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Midland traffic officers set up their equipment to map out the accident scene from Saturday's fatal crash at the intersection of Rankin Highway and Interstate 20. A cross and flowers are attached to the bridge support pillar where Eva Herrera Jones was killed in the accident. **BELOW:** Midland traffic officer Aaron Smith looks through the laser site and measures distances while Richard Moore records the numbers Wednesday. The two are using a laser mapping unit.

Police use digital survey tools to recreate accident

By James Cannon
Staff Writer



Midland police continued their investigation into a weekend driving while intoxicated fatality by performing a crime scene recreation and digital mapping Wednesday morning.

Traffic investigators said they were using sophisticated digital mapping and laser surveying equipment to create a virtual map of the intersection, rate of speed of the vehicles, trajectory and point of impact. They said mathematical data then will be run through several algorithms and formulas, and ultimately, an animated video will be created as evidence for the trial.

Midland Memorial Hospital nurse Eva Herrera Jones, 59, died as a result of the incident.

"This is basically a homicide investigation," Lt. Brian Bogart said. "But not only do we have to collect physical evidence and conduct witness interviews, we have do very labor and mentally intensive calculations to construct a virtual reconstruction."

To do the necessary surveying, police had to close off the scene of the accident, underneath the Interstate 20 overpass on Rankin Highway for several hours.

The accident occurred about 1:45 a.m. Saturday when 22-year-old Robert Vallas Booth struck Jones' 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier with his 2001 Ford F-150, killing her instantly, police reported. Booth was driving his truck at an "extremely high-rate of speed" when he hit the front end of the Cavalier while Jones was making a left turn onto the I-20 on-ramp. Booth's pickup struck Jones' car with such force, the truck pushed her car sideways more than 40 yards before pinning the car against the I-20 overpass pillar, Bogart said.

Bogart added that the impact against the pillar turned Jones' car into an hour glass shape with both sides pinned in against each other.

During the course of the recreation, police had spray painted markings of several pieces of auto debris that flew off the vehicles during the collision. Some of the debris was scattered as much as 20 yards from the initial impact.

Jones was the second car making the left turn. The driver of the first car said it appeared that Booth was several blocks away when he began to turn, but by the time he completed the drive to the on-ramp, he said he was worried that Booth was going to clip his car.

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Two area nonprofits compete for new car

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters, West Texas Food Bank are finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good contest.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Two West Texas nonprofits are in the running for a new vehicle after being selected as finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good giveaway.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland and the West Texas Food Bank were among the 500 chosen from a pool of 5,000 nationwide to win a new car.

"We look forward to seeing the public voting and the end result — these vehicles being used to help local communities across the country in the weeks, months and years to come," said Jim Lentz, president of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc., in a statement.

Toyota will put five nonprofits up for voting on its Facebook page each day for 100 days starting on Monday. The top vote-getter from each of the groupings will choose a new Toyota Prius, Tacoma, Tundra, Highlander Hybrid, Sienna or Sienna Mobility, according to statements from Toyota.

> "We cover a lot of miles every week as we work to find mentors for children, and with gas prices skyrocketing, a fuel-efficient vehicle like the Prius would really be of benefit.
>
> **— KAY CRITES**
> Executive director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland

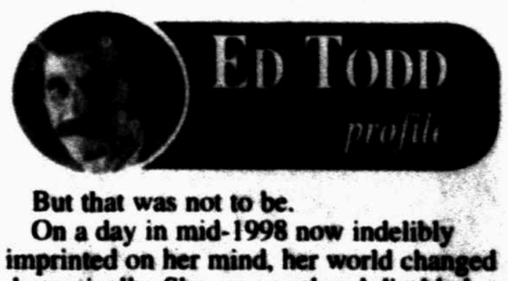
For those in West Texas, the help a vehicle could provide in serving the community would be "amazing," representatives said.

"This will actually save money and provide more meals," said Betty Bradley, at the West Texas Food Bank. "We cover 45,000 square miles in West Texas. We want to do everything we can to make sure that we're good stewards with the funding we get and that the dollars we get go toward feeding people more than (to) transportation."

If awarded a vehicle, Executive Director Augie Fernandes said the food bank would select a Prius and use it to travel between their distribution points and the its offices in Odessa, Alpine and El Paso. Bradley said at times the organization has been hesitant to visit more rural branch locations because of the mileage expense. With a fuel-efficient vehicle, she said it

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Long-ago accident keeps library volunteer humble



ED TODD *profile*

As an inquisitive child in the early 1980s, Rachelle Scurlark first envisioned her career.

"I knew I was going to be an electrical engineer from the time I was 5," she said, "because my momma worked at Texas Instruments."

She visited with TI engineers at work and socially.

"They were always so smart. I wanted to be like them," she said.

Smart and ambitious, Scurlark planned her schooling toward her goal and steeped herself in the sciences, especially higher mathematics. At Midland's Lee High School, she was in the National Honor Society and was named to "Who's Who" among American high school students. She was an accomplished violinist.

In 1998 — four years after high school — she was almost ready to be christened an electrical engineer from Texas Tech University.

But that was not to be.

On a day in mid-1998 now indelibly imprinted on her mind, her world changed dramatically. She was rendered disabled, comatose from a closed-wound head injury, from a traffic accident midway between Midland and Odessa at Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Texas Highway 191.

"A nurse told my momma if I did survive, I would be a vegetable," she recalled. "Then, when I woke up from the coma, I couldn't walk, couldn't talk, couldn't brush my teeth, couldn't comb my hair."

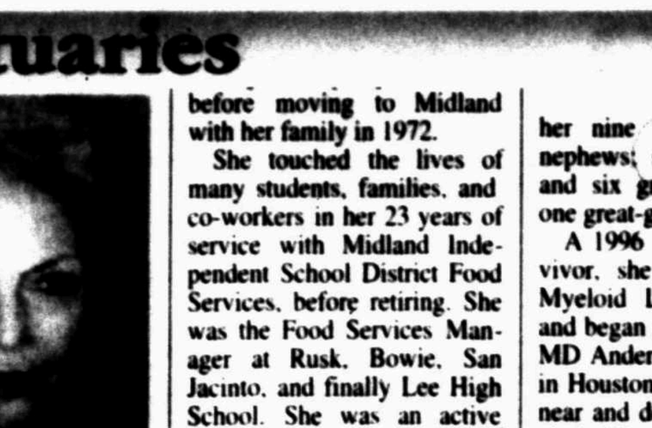
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HUMBLE HELPER Rachelle Scurlark volunteers 12 hours a week to organize the children's department in the Midland County Public Library. Scurlark was an engineering major in her senior year at Texas Tech University when she was involved in a car accident that left her in a coma for nine weeks.

Obituaries



Linda Lee Smith Adkins

Linda Lee Smith Adkins was born on October 5, 1936, in Odessa, TX to Luther and Anna Smith of Crane, TX, and went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 3, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Linda's will was amazing, just like the lady she was. Linda was surrounded by family at her ranch in Novice, TX, where she passed peacefully away. She had incredible faith in the Lord and was a Baptist. Her kind, caring and nurturing spirit will be sorely missed by all those that knew her.

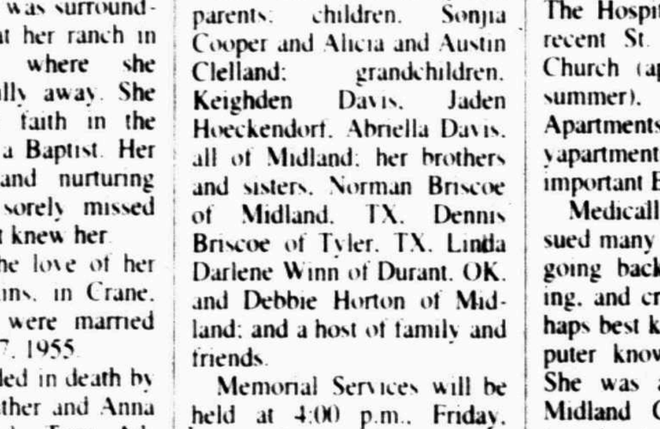
Linda met the love of her life, Tom Adkins, in Crane, TX, and they were married on December 17, 1955.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Anna Smith; husband, Tom Adkins; and grandson, Justin Dudenhoeffer.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Janis Adkins of Midland, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Ricky Naumann of Marble Falls, TX; grandson, Russell Adkins and wife, and great granddaughter, Jessica and Kylie Skye of Kihei, HI; and granddaughters, Taylor and Katelyn Naumann of Marble Falls, TX; great grandson, Justin Brody Conn of Marble Falls, TX; sisters, Bobby Rouse of Galveston, TX and Ella Joyce and brother-in-law, Gary Joyce of Christoval, TX; Sister-in-law Patt Pitts of Visalia, CA; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at Greenwood Memorial Park, 3100 White Settlement Road at University Drive, Ft. Worth, TX at 3:00 p.m. on Friday 6th.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hendrick Hospice, P. O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604.



Anita Diana Cooper

Anita Diana Cooper, 60, of Midland, went home to the Lord, Monday, May 2, 2011, at 11:00 p.m.

She was born in Haskell, TX, January 8, 1951, to Rosie Lee and TJ Briscoe. She graduated from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, MO, before moving to Midland with her family in 1972.

She touched the lives of many students, families, and co-workers in her 23 years of service with Midland Independent School District Food Services, before retiring. She was the Food Services Manager at Rusk, Bowie, San Jacinto, and finally Lee High School. She was an active member of Second Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School.

She was very mission minded and passionate about sharing her faith with everyone she encountered. She touched many lives with her loving heart and faith in God. Diana fought a valiant battle with cancer. Throughout her recent illness, she impressed everyone with her endless faith, courage, and strength that God's will be done.

Her children will forever remember her as an amazing mother, selfless, and loving.

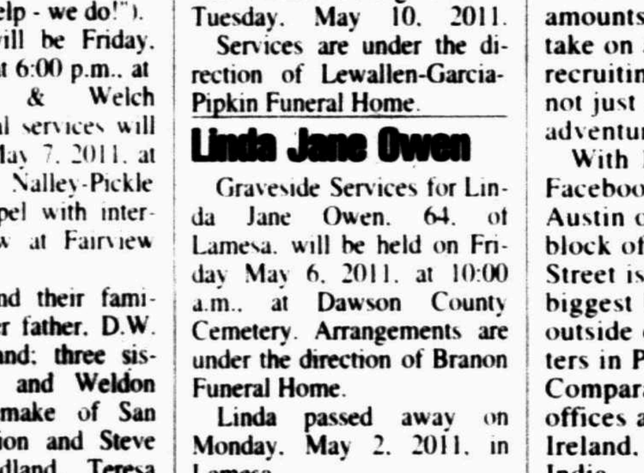
She was survived by her parents; children, Sonja Cooper and Alicia and Austin Clelland; grandchildren, Keighden Davis, Jaden Hoeckendorf, Abriella Davis, all of Midland; her brothers and sisters, Norman Briscoe of Midland, TX, Dennis Briscoe of Tyler, TX, Linda Darlene Winn of Durant, OK, and Debbie Horton of Midland; and a host of family and friends.

Memorial Services will be held at 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2011, at Second Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Second Baptist Church (3125 Travis Ave, Midland, TX 79701) marked for Missions in Diana's name, or give to your church mission fund.

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

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Janet Lea Blue

Miss Janet Lea Blue, 48, of Midland, died Saturday, April 30, 2011, in Houston after a lengthy battle with Leukemia and complications following bone marrow transplant. Born June 9, 1962, she was the daughter of D. W. and Jean Hickman Blue, also of Midland. She was a 1980 graduate of Midland High School and UTPB Odessa in 2001.

Janet was preceded in death by her mother in August 2002 and is survived by her father and four siblings, Deborah Shoemake of San Antonio, Sherion Webb of Midland, Teresa Ballard of Odessa, and Wayne Blue, Jr. of Colorado. Affectionately known as "Mean Auntie Janet", she was anything but to her nine nieces and seven nephews; seven great nieces and six great nephews; and one great-great niece.

A 1996 Breast Cancer survivor, she developed Acute Myeloid Leukemia in 2000 and began a long history with MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Causes that were near and dear to her heart included Breast Cancer, Leukemia, Stem Cell, and Cord Blood research. She also actively encouraged blood and blood product donations. Often remarking that it was not "cheap" for cancer families and their caregivers to eat, park, and live at MD Anderson she came to love the EMMA HUGS program (www.emmashugs.com). In lieu of flowers please give to this wonderful project. The services that help Janet was Order of the Eastern Star (they finished the quilts her mother made), Volunteer Services, Rose Zone, Surrey House, The Hospitality Room, most recent St. Luke's Methodist Church (apartment over the summer), The Hospitality Apartments (www.hospitalityapartments.org) and most important EMMA HUGS.

Medically retired, she pursued many interests including going back to college, sewing, and crafts. She was perhaps best known for her computer knowledge and skills. She was a member of the Midland Community Theater. Janet volunteered with the Senior Citizen Texas Size Garage Sale before becoming ill. Janet loved UFO sewing night and other sewing/social activities at Betty's Bobbin Box in Odessa. Other interest was going to the thrift stores (junking) and finding treasures and Geo-caching and letter boxing with her sisters and nieces.

Charitable efforts - Janet's words from our craft/family website: www.blue-genes.com ("When people come to us with a need and we can do something to help - we do!").

Visitation will be Friday, May 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors and their families include her father, D.W. Blue of Midland; three sisters, Deborah and Weldon (Buddy) Shoemake of San Antonio, Sherion and Steve Webb of Midland, Teresa and Jim Ballard of Odessa; and brother, Wayne Blue, Jr. of Colorado; nine nieces, Stacy and Jeff DeLeon of San Antonio, Shannon Mitchell of San Antonio, Cynthia Barber of Floresville, Stephanie and Chris Clark of Odessa, Leann Webb and Wes Burnett of Prosper, Shelly and Lee Casas of Lamesa, and Sara Turner of Midland, Kara & Brandon Utley of Odessa, Amy & Brad Young of Odessa; eight nephews, Alan Shoemake of Austin, Timothy and Alisa Tidwell of Midland, Tyler Tidwell of Okinawa, Japan, T.J. Tidwell of Midland, Brandon Floyd of Midland, Stephen Blue of Midland, and Wesley Blue of Midland, John Ballard of Odessa; great nieces and nephews, Meghan and Daniel Schmitt, and Britany Panek of San Antonio, Hunter Shoemake of Austin, Zachary and Cody Barber of Floresville, Madelyn and Ameri Clark of Odessa, Kiley Casas of Lamesa, and Logan Tidwell of Midland, Gracyn, Zachary and Allyson of Odessa; great-great nephew, Nevaeh Panek of San Antonio.

Pallbearers are Timothy Tidwell, Tyler Tidwell, T.J. Tidwell, Chris Clark, Lee Casas, Jeff DeLeon, Wes Burnette, and Dan Schmitt.

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Death Notices

Gustav "Gus" Henning

Gustav "Gus" Henning, 82, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2011.

He is survived by his first cousin, Joyce Berg.

A Graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens on Friday, May 6, 2011.

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

Jose Munoz, Jr.

Jose Munoz, Jr., 74, passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Celia J. Munoz; son, Joe F. Munoz; two daughters, Dina Munoz Harper, and Sally Munoz Reyes; two brothers; two sisters; ten grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2011, at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A Funeral Service will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Kingsville, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

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

Linda Jane Owen

Graveside Services for Linda Jane Owen, 64, of Lamesa, will be held on Friday May 6, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Dawson County Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Linda passed away on Monday, May 2, 2011, in Lamesa.

Monty Brent Pinnell

Monty Brent Pinnell, 61, of Andrews, pass away Monday May 2, 2011, in Odessa.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday March 6, 2011, at Andrews Old Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Survivors include a sister; a brother; his partner; a niece and nephew; two aunts and an uncle.

Ronnie Smith

Ronnie Smith, 52, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Services are pending with Speck Funeral Home in Livingston, Tennessee.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Taking a peek inside Facebook's Austin office

By Kirk Ladendorf
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — To turn its enormous online social community into an equally large business success, Facebook Inc. is depending on workers like Charlton Gholson.

Curly haired and whip-smart, the former math major at Stanford University joined Facebook's Austin operation just five months ago, which almost makes him a veteran.

Dressed casually in jeans and sneakers on a recent day, Gholson is upbeat and energized about the company he works for and the opportunities it presents.

"There is a really great culture of empowerment here," he says. "We want people to take risks and be bold and really strive to make a huge impact, because that is what the company is trying to do. It is trying to make a huge impact in a brand new way that has never been done, and so it is very risky."

Facebook workers have their own vocabulary when talking about the business, putting emphasis on words like "empowerment," "impact," "scale" and "engagement."

Gholson's assessment amounts to a high-tech take on an old Navy recruiting slogan: "It's not just a job; it's an adventure."

With 125 employees, Facebook's year-old Austin office in the 300 block of West Sixth Street is the company's biggest U.S. operation outside of its headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif. Comparable company offices are in Dublin, Ireland, and Hyderabad, India.

The employees on the Austin team work with advertisers and with software companies that are developing applications for the Facebook platform. They also field user questions and watch for potential online fraud.

Sarah Smith, who runs the Austin operation, says Facebook expects to keep adding workers this year and well into the future, although company growth projections are not available.

In its economic development agreement with the city of Austin, Facebook committed to have 200 full-time workers here by the end of 2013, and it agreed to average annual pay of at least $54,000. The company's website currently lists 37 job openings in Austin.

Where it all happens

Facebook, which has more than 2,000 employees worldwide, is expanding in Silicon Valley, too. The company is moving to two large sites, capable of holding as many as 9,000 employees, in Menlo Park, Calif.

In Austin, Facebook employees work at long, open tables in a nontraditional office setting on the 10th floor of a downtown high-rise. The decor is modern industrial with visible ventilation ducts, polished concrete floors and a lot of exposed plywood.

The idea, Smith said, is to give the place an unfinished look because the company is just getting started.

"We talk about this idea that we are 1 percent done with this journey as a company," Smith said. "And that is very much what we've got for Austin, as well. We are just at the beginning of building this office."

Communication tools are email and telephone. There's a putt-putt golf setup in one of the break rooms. Hanging from one wall are guitars that employees occasionally take down and play.

For employees with a fine sense of balance, the office has two RipStiks — sort of wobbly, two-wheeled skateboards — that can be used for cruising between office areas. A life-size poster of pop singer Justin Bieber stands guard over the office's sales team.

The company caters three free, healthy meals a day. And there's laundry service available at the office for free.

The idea is to minimize distractions and keep employees engaged and productive.

At age 7, Facebook has come a long way in a short time. It has more than 500 million users worldwide, many of whom spend about seven hours a month on the site, sharing thoughts, photos and videos with friends or playing games developed just for the Facebook platform.

The site's importance to users was brought home by news reports early this year that Facebook was being used to organize street demonstrations against established regimes in Tunisia and Egypt.

And yet, while Facebook has a huge and growing user community, the company is still in the process of figuring out how to effectively tap that resource to create more revenue.

By some estimates, Facebook took in slightly less than $2 billion in revenue last year. That's not insignificant, but it's considerably less than Google Inc.'s annual revenue of $29 billion.

The investment community is betting that Facebook will figure out the financial formula. Goldman Sachs, the giant investment bank, made a private stock purchase in the company that translated to an estimated company value of $50 billion.

Technology analyst Rob Enderle with the Enderle Group in San Jose, Calif., says the company has proved in the past year that it can generate revenue.

"The hype is still ahead of the revenue," Enderle said. "Now they have to grow the revenue. They no longer have to prove the business is viable. But they have to grow it and protect it."

Former child star Jackie Cooper dies at 88

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jackie Cooper, the former child movie star who won a best actor Oscar nomination at the age of 9 for "Skippy" and grew up to play The Daily Planet editor in Christopher Reeves' four "Superman" movies, has died. He was 88.

Cooper died Tuesday of old age at a nursing facility in Santa Monica, Calif., said his son, John Cooper.

"He was a fascinating guy who really did everything, from all different aspects of the business," said his other son, Russell Cooper. "You can't really say that about many people."

Cooper reigned with Shirley Temple as one of the most popular child stars of the 1930s. Starting in comedy shorts, he rose to top ranks with "Skippy," a sentimental adaptation of a popular comic strip. He followed with such hits as "The Champ," "The Bowery," "Treasure Island" and "O'Shaughnessy's Boy," all co-starring Wallace Beery.

With his career fading after World War II, Cooper left Hollywood for the New York theater. He returned to Hollywood and starred in two successful situation comedies, "The People's Choice" (1955-58) and "Hennessey" (1959-62). He appeared as a Navy doctor in "Hennessey," which he also produced and directed.

"I think it's tough to direct and star in a feature," he commented in a 1971 interview. "Either the direction or the performance will suffer. But an actor can direct himself in television. I found it essential to relieve the crushing boredom of starring in a series."

He went on to direct more than 250 half-hour and hourlong series episodes, 16 two-hour movies and numerous pilots and commercials. At one point he vowed he would never act again. But he returned for an occasional role, most notably as gruff Daily Planet editor Perry White in the "Superman" films.

"He managed to change with the business," said his son, John. "Early in his life, he experienced the kind of success that many people do not have, if they have that kind of success at all, until much later."

A handsome kid with tousled blond hair and a winning smile, Jackie had a memorable bit in the 1929 musical "Sunny Side Up" and appeared in eight of the popular "Our Gang" comedies, including "Pups Is Pups" and "Teacher's Pet." Those credits led to a test that won him the title role of "Skippy."

The director of the 1931 film was his uncle, Norman Taurog. A crucial scene called for Jackie to cry. The tears wouldn't come, and Taurog became angry. He called the boy's beloved dog a nuisance and said he would send it to the pound. Jackie threw a tantrum, infuriating the director.

"If you don't do what I say, I'll have the policeman shoot the dog," Taurog threatened, pointing to the armed security guard.

The tears flowed, and the scene was filmed, and Taurog went on to win the Oscar for best director. Fifty years later, Cooper titled his autobiography "Please Don't Shoot My Dog."

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NONPROFITS

From 1B

would have more travel flexibility.

The food bank works to alleviate hunger by delivering food to day cares, senior centers, food banks, churches and other nonprofits that distribute the resources to the needy. It distributed about 9 million pounds of food last year, Fernandes said.

"Certainly, with the increase in fuel prices, we're trying to find an economical vehicle that our team members can use," he said. "Our theme is more meals per gallon. What we're trying to do is see if we can prevail."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland would use the vehicle to allow its mentoring specialist to travel to schools and to transport children who are involved in the program. It also could allow staff to drive to interview mentors at a lower cost, said Kay Crites, executive director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland.



FOOD BANK HELP Daniel Horrell, Susanna Karth and Aide Ponce, members of Midland College Student Government Association, box up the estimated 10,000 cans of food collected around the campus for the West Texas Food Bank in December 2009.

MRT File Photo

"Everyone here knows how big Midland County is," Crites said. "We cover a lot of miles every week as we work to find mentors for children, and with gas prices skyrocketing, a fuel-efficient vehicle like the Prius would really be of benefit."

The nonprofit matches youth with mentors who will build relationships that will help kids reach their full potential and avoid things like drug use, teen pregnancy and violence, Crites said. She said the kids in their programs typically display a higher self-esteem than they did before becoming involved and often achieve higher academic performance.

Each nonprofit that qualified as a finalist for the contest had to create an online profile explaining why it would benefit from a new car.

Crites said her organization created a video by asking some of their "littles" about how big Midland County is and why they like being part of the program.

"Some of the answers were kind of cute," Crites said.

Fernandes said the food bank tried to show how it can provide more food with every gallon of gas money it saves. The organization included pictures of the people who rely on it for food.

Even if Big Brothers doesn't win a vehicle, Crites said it will be awarded $1,000 for making it to the finals.

"We were definitely thrilled," Crites said. "We are going to use it for a lot of things."

Big Brothers Big Sisters will go online for voting on May 18, and the West Texas Food Bank will be up for voting in July.

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

To have Facebook send you an alert when the West Texas nonprofits are online for voting, visit https://apps.facebook.com/carsforgood/?startpage=finalists

TODD

From 1B

Her nourishment came via a feeding tube.

"My momma took care of me all the time. She bathed me, combed my hair," she said.

After three months in recovery, Scurlark was transferred to Galveston's Transitional Learning Center, which specializes in post-acute brain injury rehabilitation. She was in therapy there for six months where therapists taught her how to live independently again.

She graduated from wheelchair to walker and later used a cane. She now walks unassisted though, due to partial paralysis on her left side, her stride is somewhat hampered.

When she began speech therapy, she said she talked "like a Jamaican" learning English. Her speech was in a halting monotone, and words distinctly pronounced in cadence.

Since the accident, she has double-vision, and reading is difficult. She must squint one eye to read with the other.

Before the accident, Scurlark had reasoned, "'If you can be a registered nurse, you can be a physician. If you can be a technician, you can be an engineer,'" her mother, Daisy Scurlark, recalled. "She always put herself higher. She always set her goals high."

Thirteen years later, she is docile and compliant, though shades of her assertive former self occasionally crop up. At 5-foot-4 with blonde-highlighted black hair and dark eyes, she is as attractive as ever with her ready smile and gentle mannerism.

Engineering is a bygone ambition.

In 1998, her childhood vision of becoming an electrical engineer was only six credit hours away. She only needed courses in aerodynamics and mechanical engineering to complete the degree. She was primed to work for Exxon Co. USA in New Orleans where she had interned the previous summer. She also interned at Texas Instruments.

"I did better in college than I did in high school," she said, adding she earned all A's in high school and mostly A's in college and a few B's. "I studied my butt off. Electrical engineering was way too stressful."

Rachelle, who currently volunteers at the Midland County Public Library's Children's Department three days a week, said, "I like being around children since I don't have any." Besides, she had become weary of watching soap operas at home.

Her library work "has been good for her and for us," said Diana Decker, the library's projects coordinator. Her work is "very much needed. She has such a cheerful attitude."

Right-handed, she writes in longhand and types the hunt-and-peck method with both hands. In junior high school, she typed 80 words per minute.

"I want to be a writer," she said. "I love writing letters to everybody."

An indication of her philosophical sway is in a college freshman essay in which she wrote that a pathway to solving social ills is to "provoke thought and communication" through honest, thoughtful and informed dialogue. "We, as a nation, cannot afford to sweep social problems under the rug and hope they will magically disappear. Indeed, they will not."

Prior to the accident, Scurlark thought she was "way better than anybody" and "used to talk down to people."

Her mother said her daughter was "uppity" back then.

"God just brought her down a piece," Daisy Scurlark said, adding it made her daughter humble and able to "listen to God."

While in rehabilitation, Scurlark worried why such a tragic event happened to her.

"I thought maybe God hated me," she said. "What did I do to deserve this? Why didn't I just die?"

She no longer wonders why.

"I think I am a better person," she said. "I am more religious and kinder. I would like to be married, have lots of kids, and be out of my momma's house. I know something good is going to happen to me one of these days. I just don't know when. I know I am here for a purpose. I just don't know what it is."

CRASH

From 1B

Booth had no braking skidmarks, and Jones had a relatively short markings, indicating she only saw Booth coming mere seconds before impact. Witnesses told police they estimated Booth was traveling between 80 and 100 mph at the time of the impact.

Police said they were confident that Booth's level of intoxication was beyond the legal limit because of his slurred speech, belligerent attitude and glossy eyes. The results from the blood test have not come back from the lab yet.

Bogart said the purpose of this exercise is to present to a jury the most visual piece of evidence possible. He said a lot can be lost on the layperson when you start getting into calculus and analytical geometry, which is why it's best to be able to provide video evidence.

The video animation software is relatively new; it has only been in use for less than a year. Bogart said police use these techniques about six to eight times a year and typically only if criminal charges are pending.

Booth is still in custody on a $1 million bond. If convicted of the second-degree felony of intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle, he could serve up 20 years in prison. He is also being held on a third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility. If convicted of the lesser felony, he could serve an additional 10 years in prison.

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Please include student's school, both parents' names and a phone number. A photo of your student may be included with your submission.

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Features Editor, Megan Buck
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Birthdays flow through our lives like a gently flowing river. Sometimes the water may become muddy or even a little choppy, but the scenery along the way is well worth the trip. May everything beautiful be yours on this special day.

Clara Carter
MAY 5, 1916

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gary T. Carr, 45, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Ruben Garcia, 24, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

April D. Johnson, 23, of Sweetwater, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of contempt of court.

Robert D. Keneson, 33, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of evading arrest with previous convictions.

Tedesa L. Nichols, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Rose Rivas, 60, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by U.S. marshals on a charge of violation of probation.

James V. Srouff, 50, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by U.S. marshals on a charge of violation of parole.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Police announce arrest in 1989 slaying

Police in Texas said a 48-year-old man is in custody in California on suspicion of murder in the 1989 death of a 93-year-old woman.

Lubbock police spokesman Jonathan Stewart said Wednesday that DNA evidence led investigators to Reynaldo Aguirre Rey of Madera, Calif.

Stewart said prosecutors obtained a sealed indictment and an arrest warrant for Rey on Tuesday and investigators were on a plane to California later that day.

Minnie Elkins was found dead in her home June 29, 1989. Stewart said autopsy results showed she died of blunt-force trauma to the head and had been sexually assaulted.

Stewart said Rey, who was arrested without incident, has a prior criminal record that facilitated the DNA match. The spokesman said Rey will be arraigned in California before extradition proceedings begin.

FRIENDSWOOD

Teacher on leave over bin Laden comment

A Southeast Texas school has been put a teacher on leave pending an investigation into an allegation that he asked an American-born Muslim student if he she was grieving because her "uncle" had died, referring to Osama bin Laden.

The teacher is accused of offending the American-born female student Monday during a ninth-grade algebra class at Clear Brook High School in Friendswood, located 23 miles southeast of Houston.

District spokeswoman Elaina Polsen told KTRK-TV of Houston the unidentified teacher was placed on leave after another student reported the taunt to her mother. Polsen said the comment doesn't reflect school or district staff attitudes.

Islamic Society of Greater Houston President Aziz Siddiqui said the group is satisfied with the district's response.


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HBOS		304	70	16	102		Movie		Gentleman Broncos		Bill Maher		Robin Hood ('10, Adv) Russell Crowe.				(:20) Pirate Radio	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(4:35)		Catch Me If...		Whip It ('09, Com/Dra) Ellen Page.		Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.				Movie	
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SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:40)		Puny Vengeance		(:25) The War Boys		Nurse J.	Diary	Gigolos	Diary	Gigolos	Movie
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CNN		43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan	
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LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Reba	Go Far	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	As Is	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine	Old Christine
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
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SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	TNA Wrestling (N)				Auction	RepoGame	MANswers	MANswers
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	ST:TNG	Data's Day	Star Trek	Next Gen	ST:TNG	Devil's Due	Star Trek: NG	Clues	Star Trek	Next Gen	Star Trek	Next Gen
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Condemned killer of 5-year-old El Paso girl loses appeal

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the death sentence Wednesday of a man convicted of strangling a 5-year-old girl taken from an El Paso store and then burning her body.

David Santiago Renteria, 41, already was a convicted sex offender on probation when he was seen on a Walmart security video leaving the store with Alexandra Flores. The girl had wandered from her family doing Christmas shopping in November 2001. Her body was found the next day in an alley.

The state's highest criminal appeals court threw out Renteria's death sentence in 2006, saying prosecutors provided misleading evidence that gave jurors the impression Renteria was not remorseful.

An El Paso jury, during a new punishment trial two years later, returned him to death row.

"I'm really glad we're past this," El Paso District Attorney Jaime Esparza, who prosecuted the case said Wednesday. "The last time, they reversed it on, frankly, on an issue that we thought we had tried according to the law. Returning him was something we had to do."

Lawyers for Renteria did not immediately respond to a phone message left by the Associated Press.

In its 73-page ruling, the appeals court rejected all 49 issues raised by Renteria's attorneys from the second penalty phase trial. Most of the points raised focused on jury selection and the questioning of prospective jurors. Another challenge questioned the legal sufficiency of evidence used to show Renteria would be a future danger, one of the key questions jurors must answer when deciding on a death sentence.

The court outlined evidence that showed by the time of the girl's slaying, Renteria had a conviction for indecency with a child, three driving while intoxicated offenses, had violated his probation repeatedly, frightened a female coworker with jealous and possessive behavior, and upset another woman by failing to return her 3-year-old son during a babysitting stint.

"This escalating pattern of threatening behavior, violence and disrespect for the law supports a finding of future dangerousness," the court said.

Blood found in Renteria's van matched the DNA of the slain girl. His palm print was found on a plastic bag that was put over her head before her body was set on fire.

Esparza said the body didn't completely burn and although the bag melted to her face, the palm print was recovered.

"It really was a miracle we were able to lift that print," he said.

Renteria was accused of patrolling the store for about 40 minutes before zeroing in on the 5-year-old girl, the youngest of eight children in her family. The grainy surveillance video shows her following Renteria out of the store.

Renteria was convicted in 1994 of indecency with a child involving sexual conduct. The victim in that case was 8 years old. Renteria received 10 years in prison but was resentenced to 10 years of probation after serving part of his sentence at a boot camp.

He still can file appeals in the federal courts, and his execution is not likely for at least several years.

In a second death penalty case Wednesday, the appeals court affirmed Cameron County's refusal to allow DNA testing requested by 33-year-old Ruben Gutierrez. He was convicted in 1999 and sent to death row for beating and using a screwdriver to kill 85-year-old Escolastica Harrison during a robbery of $56,000 from her home in Brownsville.

Gutierrez also wanted an attorney appointed to help him obtain the DNA testing. That request was denied by the trial court, a decision the appeals court upheld. Gutierrez does not have an execution date.

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TODAY Mostly sunny high 79 low 56

FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 88 low 62

SATURDAY Mostly sunny high 96 low 65

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 79 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 56 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

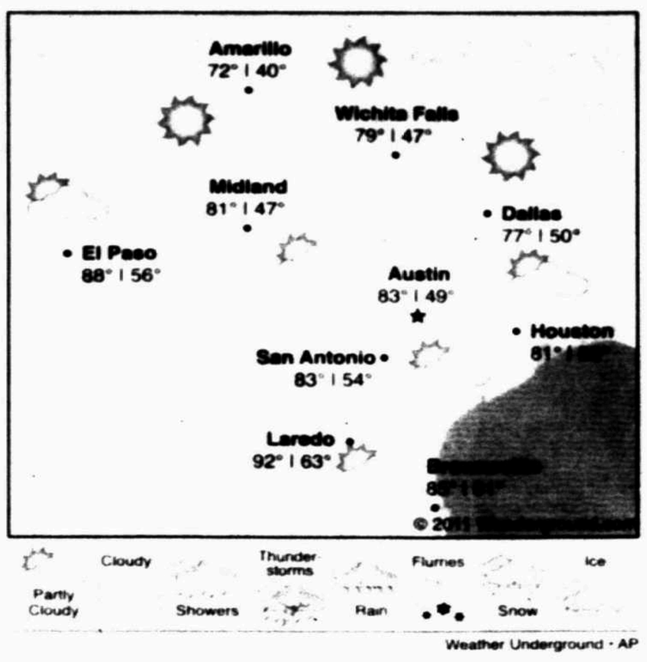
Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 88, a low around 62 and south winds around between 5 and 15 mph.

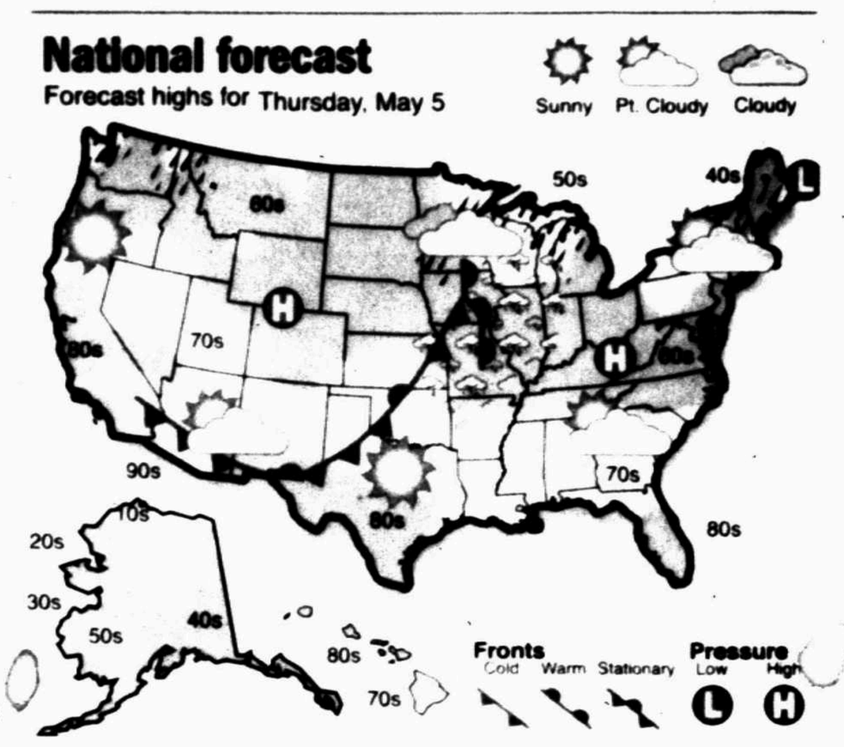
Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 96 and a low around 65.

The high on Wednesday reached 80 while the low dropped to 48. The record high for May 4 is 103 set in 1947. The record low is 38 set in 1978.

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Rain will slowly wind down from west to east in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. A few evening thunderstorms are possible across southern Florida, and uch of the Southeast will have a chilly morning. Showers are likely from the Dakotas into western Minnesota, western Iowa and northern and central Nebraska. Showers across eastern Montana and Wyoming will wind down.





Precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.00 in.
Total for year	.0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.2.46 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	80
Low	48
Normal high	84
Normal low	55

Sunrise ... 6:59 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:32 p.m.

Trips home fill with family, leave little time for friend

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: I return to my hometown at least twice a year to visit my large extended family. When I do, I have tried to make time for my oldest friend, "Judith," whom I have known since kindergarten. In the past we have gotten together for a few hours here and there — for dinner, coffee or whatever. She's great company, and we have fun together.

I'd like to spend more time with Judith, but Mom and Dad are close to 90 and there are many other relatives on my and my husband's side to see, which takes up most of our time.

Years ago, we tried to see all our friends, but more recently we have limited it to Judith and her husband and occasionally include a mutual friend.

Judith just emailed me telling me to "have a nice life" because if we were "truly" friends, I'd make more time with her. She won't reply to my emails or return my calls.

I respect her feelings, but feel pressured by the time constraints of our brief visits home. Judith has no children, a single brother and a married brother with whom she recently reunited.

I feel like I have committed some kind of crime. I think if she was a true friend, she'd understand my predicament. Please help. — DEEPLY HURT IN ARIZONA

DEAR HURT: Your pal Judith doesn't appear to have matured much since kindergarten. Her behavior is petulant, immature and self-centered. Although you care for her, you cannot shirk your family obligations in order to placate her. If Judith can't appreciate that you have placed your family first, it's regrettable, but please don't permit her to punish you for it. You're doing the right thing and, although you may be hurt right now, let that be your consolation.

DEAR ABBY: I have been involved with "Rich" for 4 1/2 years. We are now engaged. In the beginning, everything was great. What I didn't know was that Rich had a baby on the way. I learned about it from a young woman who knocked on our door nine months later.

Rich said he was sorry and that he'd handle it. I knew the situation would be hard to accept, but I suppressed my feelings like I always do instead of being honest about it.

Now this woman comes over whenever she wants. If she's angry about something, she'll say, "I don't want my baby around HER," meaning me. She has friends who work with me, and she has spread lies about me there. She also has called my house on several occasions and has been rude and nasty.

I have tried to deal with this, but Rich's infidelity and his having a child with another woman still hurts like it happened yesterday — and the child is now 3. Can you help me? — NOT MOVING ON IN VIRGINIA

DEAR NOT MOVING ON: I'll try. Before things evolve any further, don't you think that it's time to be open and honest? You have unresolved anger issues to deal with, and rightfully so. That's why I strongly advise you and your fiance to start premarital and couples counseling NOW.

Did Rich know he had gotten a girl pregnant before she knocked on the door and told you? If so, then what other information might he also have forgotten to mention? And why would he tolerate the abusive behavior that the baby's mama is dishing out to you? If you want to be treated with the respect you deserve, you must assert yourself. And if you don't get it, then I advise you to ditch Rich.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A Knavish Trick

Both vulnerable. East deals.

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♦ 10 9 2
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EAST
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♦ J 8 6 5 3
♣ A 6

SOUTH
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The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
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Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ♥

This deal is from the final round of the Blue Ribbon Pairs at the ACBL Fall North American Championships held in San Diego. Sitting North-South were the eventual winners: Bjorn Fallenius and Bart Bramley.

With a combined 24 high card points and no long suit, North-South reached an "iffy" no-trump game. A spade lead would have left declarer with no play but West elected to lead a diamond, taken in dummy with the king. The heart finesse lost to the king and West persevered with diamonds, won in the closed hand with the queen.

With entries at a premium, Bramley boldly led the king of clubs from hand, losing to the ace. With no fast entry back to hand, East should have shifted to a spade, but he persevered with diamonds, setting up two winners in his hand but with no fast entry to them. Declarer won, cleared the ace and jack of hearts and reverted to a club. Whether or not West rose with the queen, declarer had nine tricks — one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. Scoring 600 points was worth 34 of a possible 38 matchpoints.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 5, 2011:

This year, new ideas naturally come forward. You are more willing than in the past to try different experiences. You are often very lighthearted and silly. At other times, people try to approach you on a vulnerable and serious level. Follow your instincts from situation to situation. If you are single, someone too good to be true is most likely just that. Take your time and find out the whole story. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from weekends away together, just the two of you. GEMINI can be very controlling and possessive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You express yourself more than usual. The more gently you express your feelings, the better the reaction. Don't get upset when an intellectual discussion occurs out of the blue. You want a mix of both. Tonight: Add that special spark.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. Others might be overly serious or touchy. This is a short-lived phase. You will make it through a problem with ease. Someone lets you know how he or she feels. This person is not as sure of him- or herself as he or she, or you, might like. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You are all smiles, and others respond to that energy most happily. Still, there is a seriousness when eyeing a child or loved one. Tonight: So what if it is Thursday night? Start the weekend right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as usual. Someone could be pushing your buttons, and your reaction could be over the top, too. Don't allow anyone to trigger you but you. Understanding evolves. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities as you rarely have. How you view a changeable situation could be very different from your initial response. Your abilities vary with different people. A serious, stubborn person could be harder to convince than someone you adore. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others often envy how you accept different work and what you do with difficult situations. Honestly, you might wonder whether making that extra effort is worth it. You often wonder if you would have a greater impact if you pushed others less. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be reaching out for something that isn't quite reachable. You might want to take a challenge. Listen to news that is forthcoming, and allow more perspective and knowledge. Tonight: Let your imagination make the call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Togetherness takes a strange turn when you least anticipate it. You might wonder what is going on within a key relationship. Talking through various ideas and feelings could point to where you might be negative. Tonight: Make it cozy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. You could be overthinking a situation. No matter what you do, you'll come up all smiles. Others dominate and have clear choices. Listen to them; ask questions that give you grounding. Tonight: Sort through your choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Dive into work knowing which way to go and why you are heading in that chosen direction. Evaluate an existing situation with an eye to new potential and possibilities. Enrich and empower that which exists rather than begin anew. Tonight: Make sure you get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Check out a situation with a little more care. You might not know what you want to accomplish. You might decide it is time to back out quickly and with ease. Use your innate creativity and communication style. Tonight: Make it light and easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Remain confident when dealing with others. Revise your opinions, especially involving a child or loved one. Your sense of humor comes through when you decide on an expenditure involving your home and family. You really might not be sure what to do. Tonight: At home.

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BORN TODAY

TV personality Kyan Douglas (1970), singer Adele (1988), actor Tyrone Power (1914)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

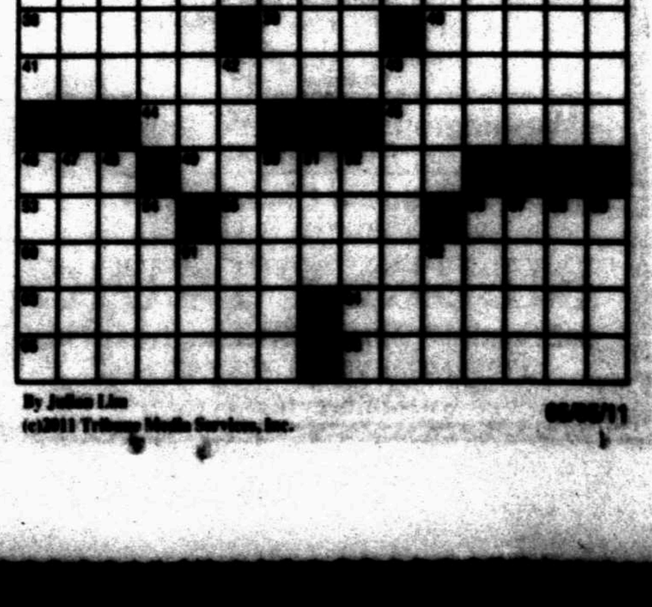
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15 Of words
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17 "Don't tell a soul"
19 Phishing targets: Abbr.
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21 Nothing special
22 Wroclaw's region
24 Refillable candy
25 Equilibrium
29 34-Down degree
31 Spout nonsense
38 Carl's sweetheart in "Up"
39 Double-slash container
40 Deteriorate slowly
41 Moonlight, say
44 Black and ___ two-beer drink
45 Pugilism venues
46 "The Island of the Day Before" author
49 Event with a queen
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55 Tanager homes
56 Impatient sounds
60 Instantly ... or how this puzzle's other three longest answers came about?
63 Cape user
64 Ex claim
65 Suffering terribly
66 "Listen to Your Heart" pop duo

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1 Horned game
2 "Cheers" actor Roger
3 Paddy animals
4 Inside information
5 Here, in Haiti
6 Cajun entrée
7 ___ in the conversation
8 Range along the Ring of Fire
9 Wolf's activity
10 Lux neighbor
11 Breyers alternative
12 It barely gets beyond the infield
13 Conserve, in a way
14 ___ con pollo
18 Science educator Bill
22 Display of links
23 Really
25 Worry
26 "The Handmaid's ___" Atwood novel
27 ___ puttanesca: with a spicy tomato sauce
28 Avoid
30 Mezzo Marilyn
32 Capek play
33 Refinable rock
34 Like z: Abbr.
35 When two hands meet?
36 Author Buchanan
37 Dates
42 With no end in sight
43 His co-pilot was a Wookiee
46 As a friend, in Marseilles
47 Trig function
48 "___ sight!"
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Retired Army general ponders run for Senate

By Sig Christenson and Gary Martin
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Ricardo Sanchez tells of growing up knowing that no one expected him to succeed. The Texas border's system of discrimination, which forced his father to use the back door to enter a McAllen bar, also threatened to shackle future generations of Hispanics.

But as he ponders an improbable run as a Democrat for the seat held by retiring Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, in one of the nation's reddest states, Sanchez isn't daunted.

His rise from impoverished child to three-star Army general and commander of coalition troops in Iraq gives him confidence of once more beating the odds.

A decision is likely in the next few weeks. If he runs, Sanchez, 59, of San Antonio will lay out his biography, of how welfare softened the blows of poverty and gave him the chance to become an outstanding student and combat soldier. He was voted most likely to succeed in his Rio Grande City High School class of 1969.

That narrative, moreover, almost certainly will serve as the cornerstone of a campaign that would be his first for public office.

Sanchez said he'd run as a Democrat because of his upbringing in Rio Grande City, where the first home he recalls living in was an old World War II barracks. But he also knows it'll be an uphill fight in Texas, where the GOP holds every statewide elected office.

The nonpartisan Cook Political Report lists Hutchison's seat as "likely Republican" in 2012.

"Democrats recognize that Texas is a state that they can be competitive in sometime in the future because of the changing demographic," said Isaac Wood, a political analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

The census shows Texas is getting younger and more Hispanic.

"Both of those groups have been pretty favorable to Democrats recently," he said. "Obviously, the caution for them is they don't know when in the future it's going to cross over and become a competitive state. Right now, it's still a Republican state."

Sanchez retired from the Army in 2006 as the highest-ranking Hispanic in the military. His 33-year career ended in controversy.

As U.S. ground commander in Iraq in the summer of 2003, Sanchez faced an insurgency that exploded in the wake of Ambassador Paul Bremer's order to disband the Iraqi army.

Later, he was dogged by allegations that stemmed from the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib, a prison notorious for torture during Saddam Hussein's reign. He never was implicated in wrongdoing by investigators, but the damage was done.

Sanchez said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld had planned to nominate him for a fourth star and to head U.S. Southern Command. In the end, he said, Rumsfeld and other leaders changed plans to avoid a Senate confirmation battle.

"I won't say (Abu Ghraib) torpedoed the fourth star," he told reporters in 2006. "But I'll tell you the reason I'm retiring is that any nomination for Ric Sanchez was not in the best interest of the Department of Defense of the United States government. And that's as stated to me by the chairman (of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers) and the secretary of defense."

In an interview, Sanchez laughed when asked if it would be sweet revenge to win election to the Senate that had indirectly forced an end to his military career.

"That's not the purpose in my considering it," he said. "Look, this is about service to country. Every one of those politicians in Washington at one point, or at least I hope at one point, decided to run for political office in order to serve the country."

Sanchez said Democratic Party officials have urged him to seek the Senate seat. Democrats say changing times give them hope. He conceded the real purpose of recruiting him could be to force Republicans to pour money into the Senate race — a diversion of resources that wouldn't be necessary in the absence of a strong Democratic candidate.

At least five Republicans are interested. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will reveal his decision later this year. One-time state Solicitor General Ted Cruz is seeking the GOP nomination, as are Texas Railroad Commissioners Michael Williams and Elizabeth Ames Jones, and former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee said Sanchez's military career makes him a credible candidate who could attract independent, moderate voters.

"He would bring a new perspective to the Senate, as well as a proven commitment to our nation's security and the men and women who fight to protect it," the DSCC's Matt Canter said.

In the interview, Sanchez wouldn't specify his views on specific issues, but cited the economy, the budget deficit, education, energy and family values as his chief concerns. His positions likely will be rooted in his Catholic faith and a childhood so poor that he used cardboard to cover the holes in the soles of his shoes.

"I came from a broken home. I attended public schools my entire time. My family was on welfare most of my days growing up here in Texas," Sanchez said. "So I understand the processes, the challenges, the factors that play on our poor. I understand the despair and also the desire to succeed and to try to get out of poverty.

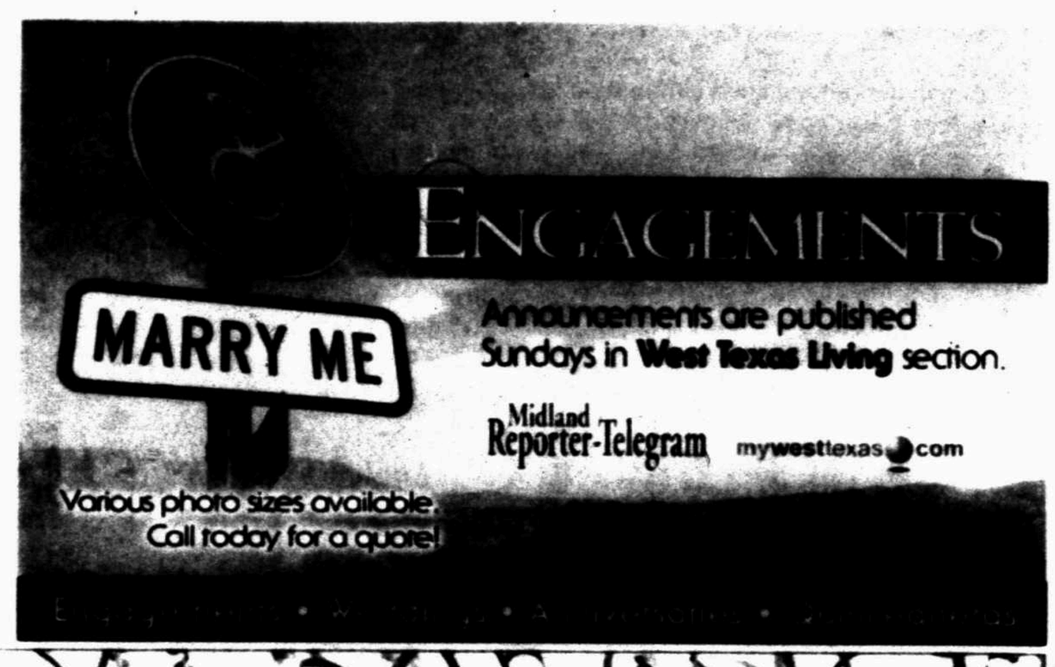
"And it's about providing opportunity, and it's not about blaming the people who are poor for being poor because of broken family structures or whatever," he added. "It's about being able to give them that opportunity that will break the cycle of poverty, give them the education they need to be able to open those doors that will make them successful.

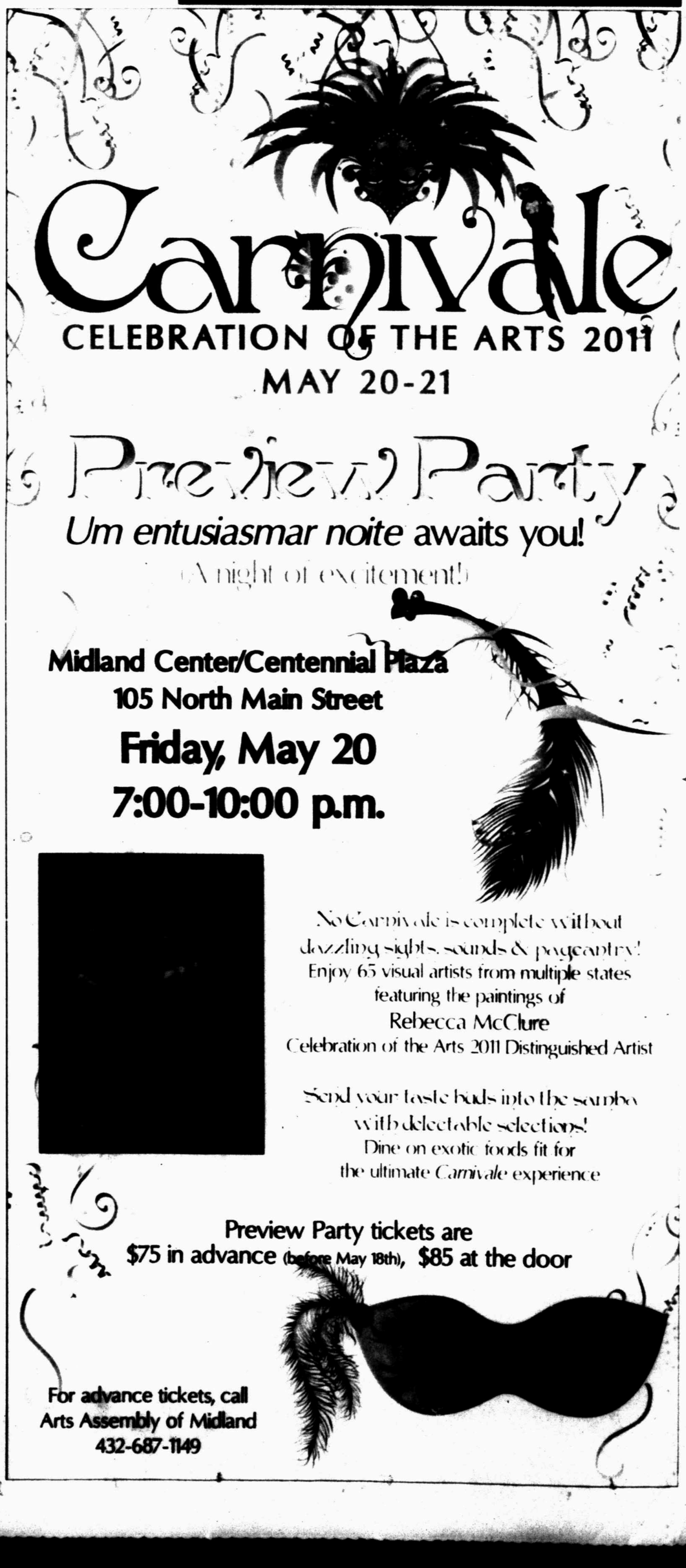
"It's about reinforcing family values that help America across the board and also allows us to reinforce the greatness of the country."



Associated Press

BLUE CANDIDATE Retired Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez will run as a Democrat for the Senate seat held by Kay Bailey Hutchison. Sanchez currently lives in San Antonio.





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Find out where Midland College student athletes will take their talents to PAGE 4C

Sockers kick off 2011 season with win

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

It was probably about as good of a start as first-year West Texas United Sockers coach Warren Cottle could have wanted.

The Sockers turned a one-goal first half lead against the Chivas El Paso Patriots into a 4-1 victory in the squad's season opener at Grande Communications Stadium on Wednesday morning.

West Texas United (1-0) scored three of its goals against a stiff south wind in the second half, and as the goal count mounted for the Sockers, West Texas United also looked much more comfortable with the new system.

"Every game is going to start off slow, and we stayed in the back and were just touching the ball and getting comfortable with ourselves," said Sockers midfielder Joe Munoz, who had a goal and an assist on Wednesday.

Sockers	**4**
Patriots	1

After some early pressure from the Patriots, where they had one good chance to break the scoreless deadlock with a header that went wide after a quick kick on foul, the Sockers began to find some space in the midfield and the Patriots' end.

As the half progressed, though, the Sockers' play became more fluid and they started to find some space and the work finally paid off in the 31st minute. Mariano Sapien, a first year player for the Sockers, sent a low, slow shot that found its way past El Paso's Jorge Muniz.

The score stayed at 1-0 through the end of the half, and facing the wind in the second half, both Cottle and the players knew they had to be more patient to increase the lead.

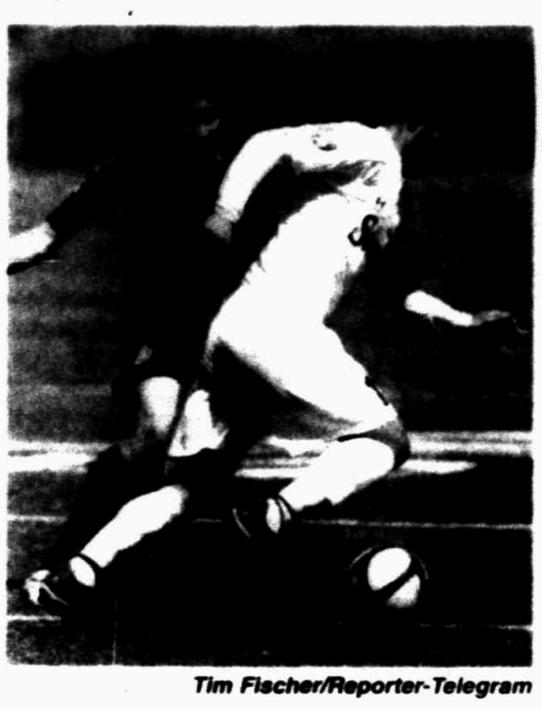
"We wanted to control the ball and keep possession," Munoz said. "We didn't want to rush things."

Munoz increased the Sockers' lead with a nice run into the box after an assist from Wally Valdivia for a 2-0 lead. What was key about the play was it came less than a minute after El Paso's Enrique Cervantes had a free kick go off the crossbar at the other end.

Even though the game still had more than 35 minutes remaining, Munoz's goal looked to give the Sockers the confidence to continue attacking.

Munoz was part of the game's

Please see **SOCKERS**/2C



MAKING MOVES West Texas United Sockers' Mariano Sapien tries to dribble around El Paso Patriots' Benjamin Vasquez on Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium. The Sockers won their 2011 season opener, 4-1.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT



Cindeka Healy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Yolanda Rios throws a pitch during a recent Lady Chaps game against Western Texas College at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

Heading into playoffs, Lady Chaps take motto to heart

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland College softball team has a saying: Stay Green.

It means the Lady Chaparrals always have a green light during games. Head coach Tommy Ramos tells his team that regardless of what happens, go for it, don't play cautious, don't hesitate, don't doubt yourself, stay green and good things will happen.

"They've made some mistakes, but as long as they focus and kept playing, good things came out of it," Ramos said. "You can see it now on paper and in their performance how that approach has worked for us."

Thanks in part to that approach, the Lady Chaps (39-15) are on a 12-game winning streak heading into the Region V West Tournament at Lubbock Christian University. MC goes in as the No. 2 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and has a first round bye. The Lady Chaps' first game is at 5 p.m. today against the Howard College/Frank Phillips College winner.

Probably no part of the team has taken the "Stay Green" motto to heart more than the pitching staff, which has had to overcome injuries and some inconsistent play early in the season and has turned into a pretty solid unit to go with an already formidable offense.

Yolanda Rios, a freshman from Fullerton, Calif., has been the ace of the staff this season, posting a 23-4 record and a 2.28 earned run average. She has also struck out 164 batters and walked 52 in 181 1/3 innings.

Rios has done an admirable job

Please see **LADY CHAPS**/2C

MHS girls basketball coach resigns

■ Willis, who built one of the best programs in the region, says he will leave the profession.

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

There will be a new face leading the Midland High girls basketball program from the bench next season.

After spending six seasons building one of the best girls basketball programs in the region, Lady Bulldogs coach T.C. Willis has decided to move on to other ventures. Willis resigned Wednesday but will not be leaving Midland High for another coaching job. Instead, he is getting out of the profession altogether.

"I wanted to fall out of my chair when he walked into my office and gave me the news," Midland ISD Athletic Director Todd Howey said. "He's getting out of coaching entirely. He's been given some opportunities outside of coaching to pursue. I'm happy for T.C., but very sad we're losing him. He's built one of the best basketball programs in the region, and maybe even the state."



Willis

Willis led the Lady Bulldogs to back-to-back appearances in the Region I-5A Tournament. In this past season, the Lady Dawgs went to the Region I-5A finals, which is a round further than any team in the program's history has been before.

The Lady Dawgs ran into eventual Class 5A state champion Irving MacArthur in the regional finals, bringing an end to a phenomenal final season at the helm for Willis with a 32-5 record. In the past three years, the Lady Dawgs have posted a 95-13 record and won district titles each year.

Willis was unavailable for comment. He notified the team he was stepping down Wednesday morning and it is assumed a desire to spend more time with his wife and three children plays into his decision.

"I think every coach has to decide at some point if they're going to do this for the rest of their life or am I going to do

Please see **WILLIS**/2C

Lawmakers may have final say in referee fight

By Julian Aguilar
Texas Tribune

State lawmakers may have the final say in a dispute between sports officials and the University Interscholastic League that led to fears of a referee lockout before the 2010 high school football playoff season.

In December 2009, the Texas Association of Sport Officials (TASO), a private group whose members referee public school sports activities, filed suit in state district court against the University Interscholastic League after the UIL decided to require association members to register with the state agency before they are allowed to officiate. TASO officials argue that organization is one of the most successful in the country and that the registration requirement is a government takeover that would weaken the organization.

Tony Timmons, the UIL's assistant athletic director, said today the agency could not comment on matters pending before the courts or the legislature. But when the suit was filed, Timmons said that the purpose of registration was "to be able to communicate directly with

Please see **FIGHT**/4C

Midland diver has eye on worlds

From staff reports

Midlander Anna James will head to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., this weekend and continue her quest to qualify for the World Diving Championships.

James will compete in the AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix, beginning today at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex in the individual 10-meter competition and will also compete in the 10-meter synchronized competition. This weekend's meet will serve as the final phase in the selection process for divers to represent the United States at the World Championships in July in China.



James

James finished third in the 10-meter competition at the USA Diving Winter Nationals in Iowa City, Iowa, in February and also was among the top four in cumulative scores which qualified her for this weekend's event.

James, who is 15 years old, also will have a shot at a spot on Team USA in the World Championships in synchronized diving as she will compete with Mary Beth Dunnichay. James finished fourth with Jessica Parrato in February at the Winter Nationals.

A release from USA Diving said that 50 percent of a diver's score comes from the Winter Nationals event, and that score will be combined with the preliminary scores this weekend. The two divers with the highest scores will be selected to the World Championship team.

Events begin today and will conclude on Sunday.

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Lady Chaps

From 1C

despite dealing with shoulder problems and illness during the season.

"Considering she's at 90 percent, I think she's done well for us," Ramos said. "She finished the year at 23-4, which is not bad for not being 100 percent."

Rios said it was frustrating having to deal with everything she has dealt with this season.

"I want to be out there to help my team out, but they helped me out when I was hurt or sick," she said.

Just like the rest of the team Rios has overcome inconsistent play. She said much of her improvement has come with gaining experience and becoming familiar with her teammates.

"I think I struggled in the middle of the season but I think I gained a lot more confidence in my teammates, which made me gain confidence in myself and made me start throwing better," she said. "I just focus on hitting my spots more than throwing as fast as I can."

Sophomore Kishti Kamaka has really stepped up as a pitcher this season, especially after Brittany Serrano was sidelined the last few weeks of the season with a back injury. Kamaka, already a valuable hitter and infielder, has become a solid and reliable pitcher, going 7-3 with a 2.77 ERA.

"I feel more comfortable than last year because I didn't pitch in a conference game last year," said Kamaka, who is from Kapolei, Hawaii. "This year I'm more relaxed and I'm more confident in my pitching."

With Serrano doubtful for the tournament, Ramos said he will rely on Rios and Kamaka, as well as Gabee Losoya (5-4, 4.28 ERA) and Samantha Kuakani (1-0, 0.00), who pitched for the first time and pitched well last Sunday in a 14-2 victory over Western Texas College. This is a familiar role for the Lady Chaps, who have dealt with injuries to their pitching staff the last two years at the Region V West Tournament.

"We've pitched by committee and if we have to, we'll do that again this week," Ramos said. "I think everybody feels good about their role regardless of how big or how small. They know that when they're in the game their role or their moment in the game is crucial and they just have to focus on their part. If they do their part, good things will happen."

Kamaka said that approach has helped her team turn things around to become one of the most dangerous teams in the tournament.

"I think we're a little more consistent now and we're on a winning streak," she said. "Now we know what we expect from each other and understand each other better now. Our motivation has already started, so we just need to keep going."

Kamaka also knows that any success the Lady Chaps have this weekend will start with their pitching.

"I think pitching is going to be crucial and even (Kuakani), who pitched just a few innings is going to be crucial. She's going to be our secret weapon," Kamaka said. "I think all the pitchers have to come out with the mindset of wanting to win and not leaving anything behind."

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MIDLAND COLLEGE SOFTBALL NOTEBOOK AND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Notes

REGION V WEST TOURNAMENT
MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. TBA

When/Where: Today through Saturday, Lubbock Christian University's PlainsCapital Ballpark, Lubbock. MC's first game is a 5 p.m. quarterfinal game today against either Howard College or Frank Phillips College

Notes & quotes: Midland College goes in as the No. 2 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and will have a first round bye. ...The tournament was expanded this year to six teams out of the WJCAC with the top two getting first round byes. ...The Lady Chaparrals are on a 12-game winning streak and head coach Tommy Ramos said he likes the way his team is playing. "I think we've been playing well and definitely bringing a lot of energy to the game, a lot of effort and a good approach," Ramos said. "Those are the few things we've talked about over the last six weeks and I think the girls have made great adjustments in those areas." ...Ramos said it doesn't matter who his team plays, it has to take the same approach in each game. ...The Lady Chaps' only losses in WJCAC play came in four-game series splits against No. 1 seed Odessa College and No. 3 seed Howard College. ...The Lady Chaps continue to deal with injuries with a P Brittany Serrano (back) is doubtful, while C/OF Tami Sisneros (knee) and C Meghan Macias (knee) are also dealing with injuries but it is likely they will be available this weekend.

Next: Winner of the tournament qualifies for the NJCAA National Tournament in St. George, Utah, May 19-21

Schedule

Region V West Softball Tournament Bracket at Lubbock Christian University's PlainsCapital Ballpark

Format: Double elimination
Today through Saturday
Today's Games
First round

Game 1: W4 Western Texas College 14-23 vs. W5 El Paso Community College 12-37, 9:30 a.m.

Game 2: W3 Howard College 36-16 vs. W6 Frank Phillips College 10-33, noon

Quarterfinal Games

Game 3: W1 Odessa College 40-15 vs. Game 1 winner 2:30 p.m.

Game 4: W2 Midland College 39-15 vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.

Friday's Games
Loser's bracket

Game 5: Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 9:30 a.m.

Game 6: Game 1 loser vs. Game 4 loser, noon

Winner's Bracket semifinal

Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2:30 p.m.

Loser's Bracket semifinal

Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Elimination Game

Game 9: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 10 a.m.

Championship

Game 10: Game 7 winner vs Game 9 winner, 12:30 p.m.

*If necessary game: Game 10 winner vs Game 10 loser, 30 minutes after Game 10

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

Baseball
Bi-district
Class 5A

Arlington High (W4, 24-8) vs. Abilene Cooper (F3, 12-17): Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Weatherford HS

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

Amarillo High (W2, 28-6) vs. El Paso Coronado (F1): TBA

Midland High (R3, 22-9) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (T4, 21-11): Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Luption Stadium, Fort Worth, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, FW Arlington Heights HS, Game 3 (if necessary): 1:30 p.m., FW Arlington Heights HS

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

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

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

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

Lee (W3, 23-10) vs. Arlington Martin (F4, 17-17): Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 11 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Brownwood HS

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

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

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

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

Irving (R6, 21-14) vs. Mansfield Legacy (T5, 22-10): Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Legacy HS, Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Irving HS, Game 3 (if necessary): 2 p.m. Saturday, Legacy HS

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

Plano (R8, 24-6) vs. Denton Guyer (T7, 12-16): 7 p.m. Friday, Allen HS

Class 3A
Andrews (W4, 19-9), bye

Perryton (R1, 13-15) vs. Levelland (T2, 15-13): Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Winter Park, Canyon, Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Levelland HS, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2

Shallowater (W2, 27-8), bye

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

Granbury (W6, 24-7), bye

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

Softball
Class 5A
Bi-district

Pressido (W3, 16-4), bye

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

Borger (W1, 16-11), bye

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

Mineral Wells (W7, 16-14), bye

Iowa Park (R6, 15-11) vs. Snyder (T5, 22-8), Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, Moffett Field, Snyder, Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Iowa Park HS, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Brownwood (W8, 19-7), bye

West (R8, 25-5) vs. Decatur (T7, 12-16), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Burleson Centennial HS

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Midland Christian vs. Houston Westbury Christian 7 p.m. Monday, Weatherford HS

Softball
Class 5A
Area

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

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

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

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

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

El Paso Americas, W1 vs. Arlington Bowie, R4, 26-8), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2

Keller, W7, 26-5) vs. McArthur, T5, 21-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Irving Nimitz HS

South Grand Prairie, W5, 28-6) vs. Flower Mound Marcus, R8, TBA

Class 3A
Area

Andrews (W4, 15-13) vs. Borger (R1, 21-18) Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 6 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Plainview HS

Abbott Cooper, W2, 25-5) vs. Fort Stockton, T4, 7 p.m. Friday, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

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

Burkburnett, W6, 26-5) vs. Glen Rose, T8, 6 p.m. Friday, Jacksboro, HS

Pecos, W3) vs. Lamesa, R2, Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Andrews HS

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

Mineral Wells, W7, 16-14) vs. Iowa Park, R6, 21-6), Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells HS, Game 2: Saturday, Iowa Park HS, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2

Brownwood, W8, 19-7) vs. West, R8, Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2, All games at Gatesville HS

Sockers

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third goal, when he sent a pass that Valdivia finished with a shot from 25 yards out. The fourth goal came from Lee grad Monty Urias off an assist from Ben Everson.

"It was the home opener, and there were some nerves but once they settled down and started playing it got a lot better," Cottle said. "In the second half against the wind, we found some weaknesses in the El Paso team and we did well."

These two teams will meet each other at 9 p.m. (CDT) Saturday in El Paso.

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Willis

From 1C

something different," Howey said. "I know I did when I was a coach. T.C. has got the opportunity and he's going to do something other than coach. I admire T.C. for putting his family first."

The job is yet to be officially opened for applicants, but Howey said he expects to have it posted the early part of next week. He's also expecting both a high quality and quantity of applicants.

"I think the fact Midland High has been so successful recently and have had a few girls go on to play at the college ranks will really make it an attractive job," Howey said. "We're expecting to have a lot of candidates. We're going to find us a good one."

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Source: Dodgers lack cash for May 31 payroll

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball believes the Los Angeles Dodgers do not have enough money to make their end of May payroll, a person familiar with the team's finances told the Associated Press.

The person spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity because MLB's investigation of the team's finances under owner Frank McCourt is ongoing. The Los Angeles Times first reported that the Dodgers lacked the cash to make their May 31 payroll.

The person said that if the Dodgers don't have the money, MLB would step in and make payroll.

"We've been assured that all their obligations will be met," union head Michael Weiner said in a telephone interview with the AP.

Commissioner Bud Selig and the man he appointed to monitor the Dodgers, Tom Schieffer, were to meet Thursday. On a day of dueling statements, McCourt said to the AP that he blamed the commissioner's office for any financial issues.

"The fact that we had obligations coming due in 2011 was no surprise to us and no surprise to Major League Baseball," McCourt said.

McCourt has publicly complained Selig has refused to approve a 17-year contract with Fox that could be worth more than $3 billion, a deal that would include a front-loaded payment of about $300 million. His lawyers sent a letter to MLB putting his complaints in writing, a precursor to a possible lawsuit.

The commissioner's office effectively took control of the team on April 20, and Schieffer, the former Texas Rangers president, was appointed by Selig the following week. Schieffer must approve any transaction over $5,000.

RockHounds lose to Hooks for 6th straight loss

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — Not enough clutch hits with runners in scoring position cost the Midland RockHounds in a 4-2 loss to the Corpus Christi Hooks at Whataburger Field on Wednesday night.

The loss sends the RockHounds to their sixth consecutive loss on this road trip after being swept in a four-game series at San Antonio and losing the first two games of a four-game series against the Hooks.

The RockHounds equaled the Hooks with eight hits but left 10 on base.

Meanwhile, the Hooks got a run in each of the first and second inning. In the first Wladimir Sutil scored on a double play. Then in the second, T.J. Steele tripled and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Jimmy Van Ostrand.

Midland got on the board in the fourth as the RockHounds had five walks issued by Hooks starter Xavier Cedeno (3-3) but only got one run as Kent Walton scored on a bases-loaded pass to Jermaine Mitchell. Yusuf Carter, who reached on a force out of Jeremy Barfield at second base, was caught trying to steal second base for the second out, and then Grant Green (3 for 5) struck out swinging for the third out.

Also in the top of the fourth, Hooks pitching coach Don Alexander was ejected by home plate umpire Brian Hertzog.

The Hooks got what proved to be the game-winning run in the sixth when Jimmy Paredes reached on a fielder's choice, stole second base, advanced to third on a throwing error by catcher Petey Paramore, and then scored on a J.D. Martinez single.

Justin Murray (0-4) took the loss after giving up three runs (two earned) on five hits through six innings.

The RockHounds and Hooks meet in the third game their series at 7:05 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.

Hooks.....4
RockHounds.....2

TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	15	9	.625	—
NW Arkansas	11	11	.500	3
Springfield	11	14	.440	4 1/2
Arkansas	9	12	.429	4 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	17	9	.654	—
Corpus Christi	12	14	.462	5
Midland	12	14	.462	5
Frisco	11	15	.423	6

Wednesday's Scores
Springfield 2, Northwest Arkansas 1
Tulsa 8, Arkansas 4
Frisco 3, San Antonio 2, 10 innings
Corpus Christi 4, Midland 2

Today's Games
San Antonio at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at NW Arkansas, 7:30 p.m.

HOOKS 4, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Mitchell rf	4	0	2	0
Green ss	5	0	1	0
Parker 3b	5	1	1	0
Sprik 1b	4	0	1	0
Barfield cf	3	0	0	0
Carter lf	4	1	1	1
Walton 2b	4	0	0	0
Paramore c	3	0	0	0
Calendor 2b,2	1	0	0	0
Christian ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**

Corpus Christi	ab	r	h	bi
Sutil 3b	4	1	1	0
Alvarez ss	3	0	1	0
Paredes 2b	4	1	1	0
Martinez rf	3	0	1	1
Steele rf	4	0	1	0
J Ostrand 1b,c	4	0	1	1
Simunic lf	4	1	3	0
Esposito dh	2	0	0	0
Hernandez c	3	0	0	0
Totals	**28**	**4**	**8**	**3**

Midland	000	100	100	—2
Corpus Christi	110	001	10x	—4

E — Paramore 1; Paredes 1; Sutil 3; DP — Midland 1, Corpus Christi 1; LOB — Midland 10, Corpus Christi 6; 2B — Carter 4, Simunic 3; 3B — Steele 2; SB — Sutil 9; CS — Carter 1; S — Esposito; SF — van Ostrand

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Murray, L 0-4	6.0	5	3	2	3	1
Smyth	2.0	3	1	1	1	2
Corpus Christi						
Cedeno W 3-3	5.0	4	1	1	5	2
Abreu	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
Jirotka	2.0	0	0	0	0	2
Carpenter S, 4	1.0	1	0	0	0	2

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Rangers strike deal with Cuban defector

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Cuban defector Leonys Martin has finalized a $15.5 million, five-year contract with the Texas Rangers, and the speedy center fielder could be in their lineup before the end of this season.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said there is no immediate timetable for Martin, who was signed Wednesday to have a future impact. But Daniels acknowledged that it was possible that the 23-year-old outfielder could move quickly through the system to the majors depending on his progress and the team's needs.

"We had a lot of looks at this guy. There is a lot of strong sentiment that he can be an impact player for us over time," Daniels said. "We think he has a chance to be a relatively quick mover. ... We're not looking for him to do that, but it would not surprise us if he puts himself in that position. But again, we didn't sign him to make an impact this year."

The contract, the second-largest for a Cuban defector, includes a $5 million signing bonus and salaries of $500,000 this year, $1.25 million in 2012, $2.25 million in 2013, $2.75 million in 2014 and $3.75 million in 2015.

Hard-throwing left-hander Aroldis Chapman got a $30.25 million, six-year deal from Cincinnati Reds in January 2010.

Martin initially will stay at the team's extended spring training in Surprise, Ariz., where he had already been working out this week waiting for the deal to be completed.

Daniels said Martin is "in great shape" but hasn't seen a lot of live pitching since defecting from Cuba last summer and then going to Mexico. Martin, who throws right-handed and bats left-handed, will take live batting practice and play in some extended spring training games before being assigned to a Rangers affiliate team.

"Hopefully at some point this month, but we don't have an exact date set for that," said Daniels, who didn't indicate where the 6-foot-1 outfielder will go after leaving Arizona.

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Monday, May 2
Atlanta 103, Chicago 96
Dallas 96, L.A. Lakers 84 Dallas leads series 1-0

Tuesday, May 3
Miami 102, Boston 91 Miami leads series 1-0
Oklahoma City 111, Memphis 102 series tied 1-1

Wednesday's Scoores
Chicago 86, Atlanta 75 series tied 1-1
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, late

Friday's Games
Chicago at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
L.A.Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX
BULLS 86, HAWKS 75
ATLANTA (75): Williams 2 9-10 2 4, Smith 4 7 4-5 13, Horford 3-12 0-0 6, Teague 7-14 0-1 21, Johnson 7 15 1 2 16, Crawford 2 10 6-7 11, Wilkins 1 1 3-0 2, Pachulia 0-1 3-0 0, Collins 3-6 0-0 6. Powell 0-0 0-0 0. Sy 0-0 0-0 0, Armstrong 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26 77 18 24

CHICAGO (86): Deng 6 9-13 2 21, Boozer 5 12 0-0 8, Noah 6-8 7-8 19, Rose 10-20 2-4 22, Bogans 2-4 2-2 6, Brewer 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 2-7 0-0 4, Gibson 1-3 0-0 2, Watson 1-3 0-0 3, Asik 0-0 0-0 0. Korver 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 33-84 15-18 86

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Atlanta	19	18	21	15	73
Chicago	25	23	17	21	86

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 3-13, Teague 1-2, Johnson 3-13, Crawford 1-1, Williams 0-1, Smith 0-2, Chicago 5-22, Bogans 2-4, Watson 1-1, Korver 1-5, Rose 1-8, Brewer 0-1, Thomas 0-1, Deng 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 44 (Horford 11), Chicago 47 (Noah 14). Assists—Atlanta 14 (Horford 6), Chicago 14 (Rose 10). Total Fouls—Atlanta 15, Chicago 17. Technicals—Atlanta, Defensive three second, Johnson, Chicago, defensive three second. A—22,872. (20,917).

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	4	1	4	16	11	7
Philadelphia	4	1	3	15	11	6
Houston	4	2	3	15	12	8
Columbus	4	2	2	14	11	8
New England	3	2	3	12	9	8
Toronto	3	3	2	11	9	9
D.C.	3	3	1	10	9	9
Kansas City	2	3	3	9	7	9
Chicago	2	3	2	8	7	9
Columbus	2	4	1	7	7	11
Montreal	1	4	2	5	6	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	4	1	4	16	11	6
Seattle	4	1	3	15	11	6
Colorado	4	2	3	15	12	8
Tampa Bay	4	2	2	14	11	8
Vancouver	4	3	2	14	11	8
Portland	3	3	3	12	9	8
Chivas USA	3	3	2	11	9	9
Real Salt Lake	3	3	1	10	9	9
San Jose	2	3	3	9	7	9
Dallas	2	3	2	8	7	9
Kansas City	2	3	3	9	7	9
Seattle	2	4	1	7	7	11
Colorado	1	4	2	5	6	12

Wednesday's Scores
Seattle 1, Seattle 0

Friday's Game
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.

WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Western New York	4	0	1	13	11	3
Philadelphia	4	1	0	12	9	4
Boston	3	1	1	10	8	4
Washington	3	2	0	9	8	6
Atlanta	2	2	1	7	6	7
Chicago	1	3	1	4	4	8
New York	0	3	1	1	3	9
Saint Louis	0	4	1	1	3	11

NOTE

Friday's Game
Boston at Western New York, 11 a.m.

CHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Turner Conference
Colorado 2, Rapid City 1
Friday, April 22 Rapid City 3, Colorado 2
Saturday, April 30 Colorado 4, Rapid City 3
Tuesday, May 3 Colorado 5, Rapid City 4
Thursday, May 5 Rapid City at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, May 7 Colorado at Rapid City, 7:05 p.m.
Monday, May 9 Rapid City at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11 Colorado at Rapid City, 7:05 p.m.

Bossier-Shreveport 2, Allen 1
Friday, April 29 Bossier-Shreveport 4, Allen 3
Saturday, April 30 Bossier-Shreveport 4, Allen 3
Tuesday, May 3 Allen at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
Thursday, May 5 Allen at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, May 7 Bossier-Shreveport at Allen, 7:05 p.m.
Monday, May 9 Allen at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11 Bossier-Shreveport at Allen, 7:05 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Turner Conference TBA
Lynch Conference TBA

AFL

West Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	0	0	1.000	151	120
Utah	3	1	0	.750	164	146
Denver	2	2	0	.500	146	146
San Jose	0	4	0	.000	109	149

Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	164	130
Orlando	2	2	0	.500	164	164
Iowa	2	2	0	.500	176	170
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	153	191
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	153	191

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	4	1	0	.667	297	249
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.667	316	250
Milwaukee	2	3	0	.286	289	348
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.286	366	399

Friday's Games
Jacksonville at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Utah at Georgia, 8:05 p.m.
Iowa at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Tennis

Mutua Madrilena Masters/Open
Wednesday
At Caja Magica
Madrid, Spain
Purse: Men, $4.5 million, (WT1000); Women, $4.5 million (Premier)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round
Michael Llodra, France, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 3-0, retired.
Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-4, 6-0.
Robin Soderling (5), Sweden, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-3, 6-3.
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Yen-Hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-2, 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Marin Cilic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-0.
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-1, 6-3.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Gilles Simon, France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, vs. Jurgen Melzer (8), Austria, 7-6 (8), 6-3.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (13), 6-7 (1), 7-6 (7).
Women
Second Round
Li Na (6), China, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.
Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Dinara Safina, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Jelena Jankovic (7), Serbia, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.
Third Round
Petra Kvitova (16), Czech Republic, def. Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, 6-1, 6-4.
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Maria Sharapova (9), Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Doubles
Men
First Round
Richard Gasquet and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, and Mardy Fish, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Second Round
Robin Soderling, Sweden, and Alexander Peya, Austria, def. Robert Lindstedt and Santiago Ventura, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	17	11	.607	-	-	5-5	L2	9-5	8-6
Tampa Bay	16	14	.533	2	-	7-3	L1	8-10	8-4
Baltimore	14	15	.483	3 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W1	7-8	7-7
Boston	14	15	.483	3 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W3	8-6	6-9
Toronto	14	16	.467	4	2	5-5	W1	6-5	8-11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	20	8	.714	-	-	7-3	W7	13-2	7-6
Kansas City	16	14	.533	5	-	4-6	L2	13-6	3-8
Detroit	14	17	.452	7 1/2	2 1/2	7-3	W1	8-7	6-10
Minnesota	13	17	.433	8	3	4-6	W2	4-6	7-12
Chicago	11	21	.344	11	6	3-7	L2	5-11	6-10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	19	11	.633	-	-	6-4	W1	11-5	8-6
Texas	16	14	.533	3	-	5-5	L1	11-5	5-9
Oakland	15	15	.500	4	1	5-5	L2	8-7	7-8
Seattle	14	16	.467	5	2	4-6	W1	6-8	8-8

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	20	9	.690	-	-	9-1	W4	11-5	9-4
Florida	19	10	.655	1	-	8-2	W1	10-5	9-5
Atlanta	13	13	.500	6 1/2	2 1/2	4-6	W4	8-7	5-6
Washington	12	16	.429	8	4	4-6	L1	9-7	3-9
New York	11	16	.407	8 1/2	4 1/2	5-5	L1	5-10	6-6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	18	11	.621	-	-	6-4	W1	8-6	10-5
Cincinnati	17	12	.586	1	-	5-5	L2	9-6	8-6
Pittsburgh	16	13	.552	2	1	6-4	W2	9-6	7-7
Chicago	14	15	.483	4	3	6-4	W2	6-8	8-7
Milwaukee	13	16	.448	5	4	4-6	L1	7-8	6-8
Houston	11	18	.379	7	6	3-7	L1	5-13	6-5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Colorado	19	10	.655	-	-	5-5	L2	7-6	10-4
San Francisco	17	11	.607	1 1/2	-	5-5	W2	4-5	11-6
Los Angeles	15	13	.536	3 1/2	2	4-6	W1	8-5	7-8
Arizona	13	15	.464	5 1/2	4	5-5	W2	4-8	9-7
San Diego	11	18	.379	8	6 1/2	4-6	L1	5-13	6-5

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Minnesota 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
L.A. Angels at Boston, late
Baltimore at Kansas City, ppd.
Cleveland at Oakland, ppd.
Texas at Seattle, late

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 12:35 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 2-2) at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-2) at Minnesota (Duensing 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Cecil 0-0) at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Atlanta 8, Milwaukee 3 13 innings
Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 4
Philadelphia 7, Washington 4
San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Houston 4, Arizona 3, 10 innings
St. Louis at Cincinnati, ppd.

Today's Games
Houston (Myers 1-2) at Cincinnati (Bailey 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 2-1) at Washington (Detwiler 2-2), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 3-1), 12:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Marcum 2-1) at Atlanta (Hudson 2-1), 12:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Karstens 0-0) at San Diego (Stauffer 1-2), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 1-2) at Arizona (Kennedy 2-2), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 2-1) at San Francisco (Cain 3-1), 6:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 4-1) at Milwaukee (Marcum 2-1), 6:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 2-1) at Colorado (Jimenez 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
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Late Boxes

MARINERS 4, RANGERS 3

Texas					Seattle				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	2	2	0	Ibanez lf	4	0	1	0
ABlanc ss	3	0	0	0	Figgins 3b	4	0	1	0
Andrus ph-ss	1	0	1	0	AKndy 2b	4	1	2	0
MYong dh	4	1	1	0	JaWilsn pr,2b	0	1	0	0
ABeltre 3b	4	0	1	1	Olivo c	3	1	1	1
N Cruz rf	3	0	1	0	Smoak 1b	4	0	3	2
Morlnd rf	0	0	0	0	Cust dh	3	0	1	0
Napoli 1b	4	2	1	2	Moore rf	4	1	1	0
DvMrp lf	4	0	0	0	Lngrhn lf	4	1	1	0
Torreal c	3	0	0	0	Ryan ss	3	0	0	0
Borbon cf	3	0	0	0					
Totals	36	4	12	4	Totals	33	4	10	3

Texas 000 001 030 — 4
Seattle 100 001 010 — 3

E—Kinsler (2), Figgins 4. DP—Texas 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Texas 4, Seattle 4. 2B—Kinsler (9), Napoli (8), Olivo (1), Smoak (8). 3B—Andrus (1). SB—Kinsler (8), Borbon (3). S—Kinsler, A.Blanco, Ryan.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas					
Ogando	5	5	3	3	5
Strop	1	0	0	0	0
Oliver L,0-1	1	4	3	3	0
Scheppers	1	0	0	0	1
Seattle					
Beckett	5	4	2	2	3
Kelley W,1-1	2	1	0	0	2
League S,6-8	2	0	0	0	2

Strop pitched to 1 batters in the 8th
HBP—by Ogando (Cust). WP—Strop, league.
T—4:04. A—18,678.

INDIANS 4, ATHLETICS 1

Cleveland					Oakland				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Gtzlmn rf	4	0	0	0	Pnngtn ss	4	0	1	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	1	0	Barton 1b	4	0	1	0
Chsnhll 3b	4	0	0	0	Sweeny lf	4	0	1	0
Duncan lf	4	1	1	0	Matsui dh	4	0	0	0
Brantly c	4	0	1	0	KSuzuk c	4	0	0	0
Hannhn ss	4	0	0	0	Sweeny rf	4	0	0	0
Carrera cf	4	0	0	0	M Ellis 2b	3	1	1	0
Totals	36	4	12	4	Totals	31	1	5	1

Cleveland 000 000 103 — 4
Oakland 000 100 000 — 1

E—Brantley (1), Pennington (3). DP—Cleveland 1, Oakland 1. LOB—Cleveland 7, Oakland 5. 2B—Duncan (1), Brantley (2). HR—Duncan (1), off Ross Jr.. SB—Kipnis (1), Carrera (1). S—Ramirez.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland					
Carmona W,1-1	7	4	1	1	0
Pestano H,1	1	0	0	0	0
Perez S,1-1	1	1	0	0	1
Oakland					
Ross Jr. L,0-1	7	8	4	4	3
Blevins	1	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	4	0	0	0

HBP—by Ross Jr. (Brantley). WP—Ross Jr..
T—2:39. A—35,067.

CUBS 4, DODGERS 1

Chicago					Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Lagrnd lf	4	0	0	0	Gamns ss	4	0	1	0
Barney 2b	3	0	0	0	Furcal ss	0	0	0	0
Soriano rf	4	0	1	0	Kemp cf	4	0	1	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0	Ethier rf	4	0	1	0
Byrd cf	4	0	0	0	Loney 1b	4	0	1	0
Castro ss	4	0	0	0	Barajs c	4	0	0	0
Soto c	3	1	1	0	Mayberr lf	3	0	0	0
Colvin ph	1	0	0	0	Hairstn ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	3	0	Totals	28	0	4	0

Chicago 000 000 100 — 1
Los Angeles 000 000 000 — 0

E—Soriano (1), Castro (3). DP—Chicago 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Chicago 3, Los Angeles 4. 2B—Soto (1). SB—Gamns (1). S—Furcal.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago					
Zambrn W,1-0	6	3	0	0	3
Marshll H,1	1	0	0	0	0
Wood S,1-1	2	1	0	0	1
Los Angeles					
Kuo L,0-1	6	3	3	3	3
MacDougal	1	0	0	0	1
Padilla	1	0	1	0	0

HBP—by Kuo (Soriano). WP—Kuo.
T—2:49. A—45,952.

CUBS 5, DODGERS 1

Chicago					Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Lagrnd lf	4	0	0	0	Gamns ss	4	0	1	0
Barney 2b	4	0	0	0	Furcal ss	0	0	0	0
Soriano rf	4	0	1	0	Kemp cf	4	0	1	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0	Ethier rf	4	0	1	0
Byrd cf	4	0	0	0	Loney 1b	4	0	1	0
Castro ss	4	0	0	0	Barajs c	4	0	0	0
Soto c	3	1	1	0	Mayberr lf	3	0	0	0
Colvin ph	1	0	0	0	Hairstn ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	9	5	Totals	31	1	6	1

Chicago 000 014 000 — 5
Los Angeles 000 001 000 — 1

E—Furcal (1). DP—Chicago 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Chicago 3, Los Angeles 4. 2B—Soriano (1), Soto (1). HR—Soto (1), off Kuo. SB—Gamns (1). S—Furcal.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago					
Zambrn W,1-0	6	3	0	0	3
Marshll H,1	1	0	0	0	0
Wood S,1-1	2	1	0	0	1
Los Angeles					
Kuo L,0-1	6	3	3	3	3
MacDougal	1	0	0	0	1
Padilla	1	0	1	0	0

HBP—by Kuo (Soriano). WP—Kuo.
T—2:49. A—45,952.

PIRATES 7, PADRES 4

Pittsburgh					San Diego				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
McCtchn cf	4	1	1	0	Barmes ss	4	0	0	0
Walker 2b	4	1	1	0	Denorfia rf	4	0	1	0
GJones lf	4	0	0	0	Headley 3b	4	0	0	0
Alvarez 1b	4	1	1	1	Hundley c	4	0	1	0
Snider rf	4	1	1	1	Venale ph	1	0	0	0
Barmes ss	4	0	0	0	Bartlett ph	1	0	0	0
Doumit c	4	1	2	2	Amarst 2b	3	0	1	0
Tabata lf	4	1	2	0	Maybin cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	36	7	8	7	Totals	34	4	8	4

Pittsburgh 016 000 000 — 7
San Diego 000 100 102 — 4

E—Hundley (1), Headley (4). DP—Pittsburgh 1, San Diego 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 6. 2B—Walker (1), Doumit (1), Denorfia (1), Amarista (1). HR—Alvarez (1), off Wolf. SB—Walker (1), Amarista (1). S—Barmes.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh					
Correia W,1-0	6	6	4	4	3
Hanrhn	1	0	0	0	1
Hrst	1	1	0	0	1
McCallstr	1	1	0	0	0
San Diego					
Wolf L,0-1	5	6	4	4	3
Richard	1	1	1	1	0
Adcock	1	0	0	0	1
Gregg	1	1	1	1	1

Correia pitched to 1 batters in the 7th
WP—Correia.
T—2:43. A—11,130. (37,913).

BRAVES 8, BREWERS 3
FIRST GAME

Milwaukee					Atlanta				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Weeks 2b	3	1	0	0	Prado 3b	4	1	1	0
Braun lf	4	0	0	0	McCnnck lf	4	0	0	0
Fielder 1b	3	0	0	0	Uggla 2b	4	2	2	0
McGehee 3b	3	0	0	0	Francr 1b	4	1	2	2
YBlanc ss	3	0	0	0	Ross c	3	1	2	0
CGomz cf	3	0	0	0	Heinkel rf	3	1	1	2
Hndrsn p	0	0	0	0	Hicks 3b	3	0	0	0
Greene p	0	0	0	0	McLoth cf	2	2	2	2
Kintzlr p	0	0	0	0	Hudsn p	3	0	0	0
Kotsay ph	1	0	0	0					
Helms p	0	0	0	0					
Stetter p	0	0	0	0					
Lee p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	28	0	1	0	Totals	36	8	12	8

Milwaukee 000 000 000 — 0
Atlanta 110 310 02x — 8

E—Weeks (1), Uggla (1). DP—Milwaukee 1, Atlanta 1. LOB—Milwaukee 4, Atlanta 6. 2B—Prado (1), Francoeur (1), Ross (1). HR—Heinkel (1), off Hndrsn. SB—Heinkel (1), McLouth (1). S—Hicks.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee					
Hndrsn L,0-1	4	6	5	5	3
Greene	1	1	1	1	0
Kintzlr	1	1	0	0	0
Helms	1	2	2	2	0
Stetter	1	2	0	0	1
Lee	1	0	0	0	1
Atlanta					
Hanson W,4-1	6	4	1	1	3
O'Flaherty	1	0	0	0	1
Venters	1	0	0	0	1
Jenkins	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Stetter (Heyward). WP—Stetter.
T—3:14. A—19,486.

BRAVES 8, BREWERS 0
SECOND GAME

Milwaukee					Atlanta				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Weeks 2b	3	0	0	0	Prado 3b	4	0	1	0
Braun lf	3	0	0	0	McCnnck lf	3	1	2	0
Fielder 1b	3	0	0	0	Uggla 2b	3	2	2	2
McGehee 3b	3	0	0	0	Francr 1b	3	1	1	2
YBlanc ss	3	0	0	0	Ross c	3	1	2	0
CGomz cf	3	0	0	0	Heinkel rf	3	1	1	2
Sanchs p	0	0	0	0	Hicks 3b	3	0	0	0
Kotsay ph	1	0	0	0	McLoth cf	2	2	2	2
Loe p	0	0	0	0	Hudsn p	3	0	0	0
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E—Bonifacio (2), Carpenter 2 (2), Molina (4), Sanchs (1). DP—Florida 2, St. Louis 1. LOB—Florida 9, St. Louis 6. 2B—G.Sanchez (6), Infante (6), Craig (3), Ja.Bonifacio (2). HR—Stanton (5), Jay (7). SB—Ramirez (5). CS—Coghlan (3), S.Carpenter. SF—Berkman.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida					
Vazquez	5	2	3	2	4
Sanches	1	3	0	0	2
M.Dunn W,2-1	2	0	0	0	0
L.Nunez S,1-11	1	1	1	1	0
St. Louis					
Carpenter	6	10	4	4	3
Batista L,1-1	1	3	3	2	0
Miller	2	3	0	0	0
E.Sanchez	1	1	1	1	3
M.Boggs	2	3	0	0	0

Sanches pitched to 1 batter in the 7th
HBP—by Batista (Helms).
T—3:35. A—34,324 (43,975).

'Hounds Watch

Wednesday's Score
Corpus Christi 4, Midland 2



Today's Game
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Whataburger Field

Records
Midland 12-14, Corpus Christi 12-14

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Corpus Christi at Midland	Corpus Christi at Midland 2	Hoot	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Frisco at Midland 7 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Open de Espana, first round, 8 a.m., TGC
Champions Tour, The Tradition, first round, noon TGC
PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, first round, 2 p.m., TGC
3 p.m.

HORSE RACING
NTRA, Racing from Churchill Downs, 4 p.m. VERSUS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Regional coverage, San Francisco at N.Y. Mets or L.A. Angels at Boston, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Regional coverage, Milwaukee at Atlanta or Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSS

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, semifinal, teams TBD, 6 p.m., ESPN2

NHL
Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 4, Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m., VERSUS

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Region V West Tournament, Midland College vs TBA, 5 p.m., Lubbock Christian University

TRANSACTIONS

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the officials for purposes of announcement and rule changes."

The association's position is now backed by state Rep. Randy Weber, R-Pearland, who filed legislation that would prevent the UIL from registering, attempting to register or charging fees to sports officials as a precondition for contracting with schools to officiate athletic contests. The bill, HB 3028, also prevents the UIL from influencing a school district to choose one official over another, and prevents it from setting rates or fee schedules for officials.

Matthew Jones, an attorney with the Hance Scarborough firm, which represents TASO, and a high school sports official himself, said Weber's bill would do what seven judges have been unable to since the fight started: determine what the UIL can and cannot ask sports officials to do. After the case was transferred to a federal court, a federal district judge in November granted an injunction against the UIL after the agency gave association members a Dec. 1 deadline to register or face being locked out.

Since then the case has been remanded back to a state court. Last month, District Judge Rhonda Hurley granted a temporary restraining order that again halted the mandatory registration, citing in her decision that "imminent and irreparable injury will be inflicted upon TASO" if the order was not granted. The UIL also was denied its challenge to the court's authority to hear the case. Jones said that was an attempt to try to have the case dismissed altogether. The UIL is appealing that ruling. The next step, Jones said, is to ask the appellate court to grant an injunction to prevent the UIL from forcing association members to register during the appeals process. The current restraining order expires Thursday.

But the UIL has its own options in the state legislature. HB 3694 by state Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, would let the UIL refuse to certify an official or "suspend or revoke the certification of any sports official" if the official has been convicted of felonies or certain misdemeanors. In essence, it would require background checks for officials, which Jones said "would give the UIL the authority to register officials."

Gallego said he knows little about the dispute and was not approached by the UIL. Instead, he said, he filed the legislation after learning the state agency has no authority or say over which officials are allowed on school campuses.

"I realized after talking to some of the members that everybody that works around kids in a school can have a background check but the only people that were exempted from that requirement were sports officials," he said. Gallego has also heard of certain referees bringing alcohol on campuses and other acts unbecoming of sports officials, he said.

NHL PLAYOFFS

LIGHTNING 5, CAPITALS 3: At Tampa, Sean Bergenheim scored two goals and Dwayne Roloson stopped 33 shots as the surging Tampa Bay Lightning completed a series sweep of the top-seeded Washington Capitals with a 5-3 victory in Game 4 on Wednesday night.

Playing on consecutive nights for the first time this postseason, the Lightning extended their winning streak to seven games and advanced to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since their 2004 Stanley Cup championship season.

For Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals it was yet another bitter postseason disappointment.

Rookie Michal Neuvirth stopped 32 shots for Washington, but Bergenheim scored twice in eight minutes during the second period to build a 3-1 lead that induced chants of "sweep, sweep, sweep" from a sellout crowd of 20,835.

Bergenheim has a team-leading seven goals through two rounds. Martin St. Louis added his sixth of the playoffs with 3:08 remaining. Ryan Malone and Marc-Andre Bergeron also scored for the Lightning, who haven't lost since dropping into a 3-1 hole against Pittsburgh in the first round.

BRUINS 5, FLYERS 1: At Boston, Zdeno Chara and David Krejci scored in the opening 63 seconds, and Boston added two more goals in a 95-second span in the second period to beat Philadelphia and take a 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

One year after watching their 3-0 series lead disappear in an unprecedented collapse, the Bruins again moved one game from sweeping Philadelphia in the conference semis. This year they have a chance to do it at home, with Game 4 on Friday night at the TD Garden.

Tim Thomas made 37 saves for Boston, which hasn't reached the conference finals since 1992.

SHARKS 4, RED WINGS 3, OT: At Detroit, Devin Setoguchi scored 9:21 into overtime to finish a hat trick and San Jose took a commanding 3-0 lead over Detroit in the Western Conference semifinals.

The Sharks will have a chance to sweep the series in Game 4 on Friday in Detroit.

San Jose's Dan Boyle scored the tying goal with 4:08 left in regulation, setting up the Sharks' second overtime win of the series.

Pavel Datsyuk scored a go-ahead goal late in the second period, but Detroit couldn't hold on.

Antti Niemi stopped 38 shots for the Sharks. Detroit's Jimmy Howard made 34 saves.

Associated Press

Rose puts up 25 points as Bulls beat Hawks 86-73

Associated Press

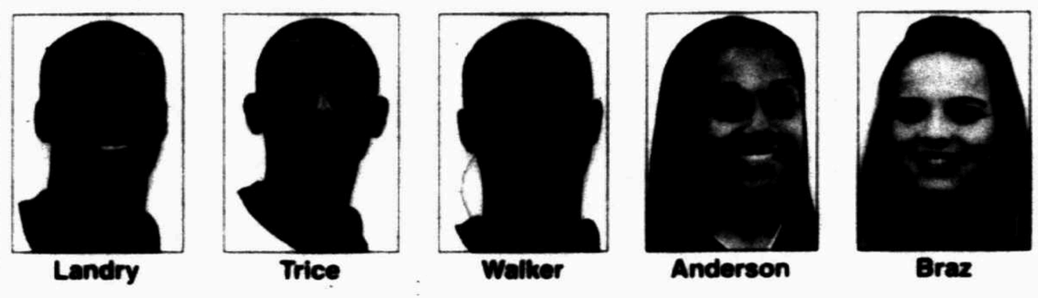
CHICAGO — Newly crowned MVP Derrick Rose scored 25 points, Joakim Noah added 19 points and 14 rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls beat the Atlanta Hawks 86-73 in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Wednesday night to tie the series.

The top-seeded Bulls shook off a dismal performance in the opener and looked more like the team with a league-best 62 wins, building a 14-point lead and ending the game on a 9-2 run after the Hawks got within six.

Jeff Teague had another good game filling in for the injured Kirk Hinrich with 21 points, but Joe Johnson and Jamal Crawford struggled after coming up big in the opener for Atlanta. Johnson's output dipped from 34 points to 16, while Crawford had 11 after pouring in 22 in Game 1.

Now, the series shifts to Atlanta for Games 3 and 4 on Friday and Sunday, with Chicago at least in better shape after a 103-95 loss in Game 1.

MIDLAND COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Landry Trice Walker Anderson Braz

Guy Landry

MEN'S BASKETBALL GUARD/FORWARD

Four-year university: Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., NCAA Division I (West Coast Conference)

Hometown: Paris, France

On signing with Gonzaga: "It was really stressful, but I'm really happy to get it over with and focus on the rest of the school year. (The recruiting process) was fun but it got to the point where schools were calling really late. It got a little confusing because they were all telling me the same thing."

Notes: Landry made a verbal commitment to Gonzaga on April 23 but just recently signed his letter-of-intent. His only other visit was to Wichita State but he had interest from Seton Hall, Michigan State, Minnesota, Fresno State and Utah among others. ... Landry helped lead the Chaparrals to a 33-4 record, a Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship and a runner-up finish at the NJCAA National Tournament. Landry averaged 9.7 points and 6.1 rebounds per game to earn All-WJCAC and All-Region V honors. He raised his recruiting stock by making the all-tournament team at nationals. He also has international experience playing for Ivory Coast during last summer's FIBA Tournament. ... Don't be surprised if Landry goes back to using his official last name of Edi at Gonzaga. He said when he came to the United States and played high school basketball in the Los Angeles area, people would refer to him as Guy Landry, so he has stuck with it.

Jamaal Trice

MEN'S BASKETBALL GUARD/FORWARD

Four-year university: Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., NCAA Division I (Southern Conference)

Hometown: Los Angeles

On why he signed with Appalachian State: "I already lived (in North Carolina) for a year, so it feels pretty much like home. Plus, I seem to get along with the coaches and I got along with the players."

Notes: Trice is going back to the state where he went to prep school as he attended Mount Zion Academy in Durham. ... Trice spent one year at Midland College after transferring from the University of Connecticut and helped the Chaparrals to a 33-4 record, a Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship and a runner-up finish at the NJCAA National Tournament. He played in 37 games, started 16, and averaged 8.4 points and 2.7 rebounds this past season. ... Trice will be joining MC teammate Rodney Milum, who signed with Appalachian State two weeks ago. ... He also visited the University of Northern Arizona. ... Will be majoring in Business Management.

Jordan Walker

MEN'S BASKETBALL FORWARD

Four-year university: Cal State-Bakersfield, NCAA Division I (Independent)

Hometown: Chicago

On why he signed with Cal State-Bakersfield: "I felt it was a good program plus it's a new coach (Rod Barnes), new team and they have a good schedule coming up."

Notes: Walker played two seasons for the Chaparrals and this past year he played in 33 games and started 18 for the Chaparrals, who finished 33-4, won the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and finished runners-up at the NJCAA National Tournament. The 6-foot-6 forward averaged 8.8 points, 4.1 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 10 steals for the Chaparrals this past season. ... Also had interest from Lamar University, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Florida Atlantic. ... Majoring in Business Management.

Tanica Anderson

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, POINT GUARD

Four-year university: James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., NCAA Division I (Colonial Athletic Association)

Hometown: Marietta, Okla.

On why she signed with James Madison: "I believe (head coach Kenny Brooks) can turn me into a better player and make me more skilled at the point guard position. I also really like the girls, they made me feel real welcome. They said they really needed me and they need a starting point guard to come in right away. I'm going to have to work hard, of course, and work for my position."

Coach Ron Jones on Anderson: "I think if she had a preference, she might have stayed closer to home but she had a great weekend there and they did a great job of recruiting her. They want her to be their point guard. I think she went to a good program and I think she'll do well in the Colonial Athletic Association. ... I had no negative issues with her. She always did what was asked of her, and it was a real privilege and enjoyable experience to coach her for two years. I know she'll be successful at whatever she does."

Notes: Anderson was an All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference, an All-Region V selection and team MVP her sophomore year. She averaged 8.6 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 1.5 steals this past season as she helped lead the Lady Chaparrals to a 27-6 record, a Western Junior College Athletic Conference Championship and an appearance in the Region V Tournament finals. She was a two-year starter for the Lady Chaps and started all 33 games as a sophomore. ... Anderson picked James Madison over TCU. ... James Madison made an appearance at the NCAA Tournament last season and finished 26-8. ... Wants to be a veterinarian upon graduation.

Marcella Braz

VOLLEYBALL OUTSIDE HITTER

Four-year university: Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La., NCAA Division I (Western Athletic Conference)

Hometown: Betim, Brazil

On why she committed to Louisiana Tech: "I am very excited about it, especially since it's a Division I school. I'm kind of nervous about it because it's the next level. It's also a small city like Midland. It also kind of looks more like home where it's green and not as dry."

Coach Tammie Jimenez on Braz: "I think she's going to do well. She's going to a good place and to a program that needs a little bit of a turnaround and she's the kind of player that can help them do that. Over the summer she always seems to get back into better playing, volleyball shape, which always translates into a better fall."

Notes: Braz had to go through the NCAA Clearinghouse before she could sign her letter-of-intent with Louisiana Tech and Jimenez said Braz was recently cleared. ... Louisiana Tech coach Matt Sonnichsen has been recruiting Braz since she was in high school in Brazil, but because she had to learn English, she had to go the junior college route the last two years. ... Braz was an All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference selection and team MVP after amassing 417 kills, 345 digs and 41 blocks in 138 games played for MC her sophomore year. She also helped MC to a 35-7 record, a co-Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship and a 10th place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament. ... Majoring in International Business.

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

Palmer steals the show, at least for a day, at Wells Fargo Championship

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — No one else at Quail Hollow has won more majors, and no is close to his PGA Tour victories. Not surprisingly, no one had more fans following his every move Wednesday at the Wells Fargo Championship.

That used to be the case for Tiger Woods.

This time it was for Arnold Palmer, the King, but only for a day.

The tournament that always goes the extra step brought in an 81-year-old for its star power in the pro-am. Palmer, who once lived on the 15th hole and helped bring the Kemper Open to Quail Hollow years ago, played with club president John Harrison and Sam Saunders, Palmer's grandson who was given a sponsor's exemption.

"It played tougher than I've ever seen it play," Palmer said. "But it's great. I think it's set up for a real good tournament."

Woods, who last year missed the cut with his highest 36-hole score, is not playing because of what he described as a minor knee injury sustained in the third round of the Masters. He is to decide Friday whether to play next week in The Players Championship.

Quail Hollow isn't suffering from lack of star power.

The defending champion is Rory McIlroy, who turned 22 on Wednesday. His birthday celebration included being selected for random drug testing. McIlroy only has two wins, although last year was extraordinary. He rallied with a late eagle just to make the cut, then closed with a course-record 62 for a four-shot victory over Phil Mickelson.

McIlroy hasn't played in America since he shot 80 in the last round of the Masters to lose a four-shot lead, a moment equally memorable for how he handled such a devastating moment in his young career. He isn't playing next week at The Players, so that meant a trip over from Northern Ireland, than going right back home.

Even if he were not the defending champion, McIlroy said he wouldn't miss it.

"This is one of my favorite golf courses and one of my favorite events of the year," he said.

The setup is similar to last year, a mini-Masters, with the rough cut so low that it's only about an inch deep and mainly defines the fairways. That can lead to some aggressive play for birdies and eagles, along with trouble when players try to escape from the trees.

And that's why Mickelson, a three-time Masters champion, loves it.

"It really is exciting because it gives you an opportunity to try a recovery shot," Mickelson said.

Dialed In is early favorite to win Kentucky Derby

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Nobody wanted to be No. 1.

No. 20 wasn't too popular, either.

Dialed In managed to avoid both — the inside rail and far outside — at Wednesday's post-position draw for the Kentucky Derby.

He was made the early 4-1 favorite for Saturday's race after drawing the favorable No. 8 post, prompting owner Robert LaPenta to let out a cheer. Uncle Mo was the second choice in a full field of 20 horses.

Ten horses have won from the No. 8 position; the last, 50-1 shocker Mine That Bird two years ago.

"It's a big thing, and he deserves it," two-time Derby winner Nick Zito said, referring to his horse's status as the favorite. Dialed In has won 3 of 4 career races.

Three times in the last seven runnings the favorite has worn the garland of roses, most recently Big Brown in 2008.

"So far, so good," Zito said. "If he has another couple of good days we'll be happy. Things are doing all right."

Things haven't been quite so right for Uncle Mo, who drew the No. 18 post, three slots from the outside. The colt is being treated for a gastrointestinal infection, which was blamed for his stunning first-ever defeat in last month's Wood Memorial.

Owner Mike Repole has said if Uncle Mo isn't sufficiently recovered, he won't run in the 1¼-mile Derby. Trainer Todd Pletcher, however, said Uncle Mo might be able to win even if he's at less than his best.

"But we're committed to bringing him over there at 100 percent, anything less than that, we won't accept," he said.

Uncle Mo, last year's 2-year-old champion, jogged a mile around the dirt track at Churchill Downs and later stood in the starting gate to familiarize himself with the surroundings. He is scheduled to gallop on Thursday.

"I've always said I think he's the best horse of his generation," Pletcher said. "We proved that last year and identified what we thought was the reason for the poor performance in the Wood. I think if he shows up and he's the Uncle Mo from the Breeders' Cup or the Champagne or even the Timely Writer, he's the horse to beat."

Uncle Mo would have to overcome a bit of history.

Only one horse since 1900 has come out of the No. 18 hole to win and that was Gato Del Sol in 1982.

Still, Pletcher and Repole were relieved to have avoided the rail.

"We had this overlying fear we were going to get the 1," the trainer said. "Once it was anything besides that we were happy."

Repole's other colt, Stay Thirsty — also trained by Pletcher — landed in the No. 4 post and is 20-1 on the morning line set by Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia.

Pletcher ended an 0-for-24 skid in the Derby last year when Super Saver won from the No. 4 post.

Nehro was the third choice at 6-1. The other 17 horses were listed at double-digit odds.

The dreaded No. 1 post — the last position revealed — went to Arkansas Derby winner Archarcharch. That spot did in last year's Derby favorite, Lookin At Lucky, who was blocked behind horses and finished sixth for trainer Bob Baffert.

"I have always wanted to be No. 1, but not in the Kentucky Derby starting gate," said Jinks Fires, the 70-year-old trainer of Archarcharch who will give specific race instructions to jockey Jon Court, his son-in-law.

"I'll just tell Jon to get good position, save ground and figure out a way to get out. It is still the shortest way around and at least I am not out next to the track kitchen."

Like Uncle Mo's connections, Baffert was happy that stalker Midnight Interlude escaped the inside post.

"My wife texted me. She's at LAX and said, 'If we draw the No. 1, let me know so I can get off the plane,'" he said. "This is the toughest part of getting through the whole Derby. From now on it's the luck.

"I wanted to be on the outside. When you have a lightly raced horse you want to keep him in the clear as much as possible."

137th KENTUCKY DERBY

Full field is set for the Derby

The Kentucky Derby will start with a field of 20 horses. Dialed In is the early favorite, drawing the No. 8 gate.

PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Archarcharch	Jon Court	10-1
2	Brilliant Speed	Joel Rosario	30-1
3	Twice the Appeal	Calvin Borel	20-1
4	Stay Thirsty	Ramon Dominguez	20-1
5	Decisive Moment	Kerwin Clark	30-1
6	Comma to the Top	Pat Valenzuela	30-1
7	Pants On Fire	Rosie Napravnik	20-1
8	Dialed In	Julien Leparoux	4-1
9	Derby Kitten	Javier Castellano	30-1
10	Twinspired	Mike Smith	30-1
11	Master of Hounds	Garrett Gomez	30-1
12	Santiva	Shaun Bridgmohan	30-1
13	Mucho Macho Man	Rajiv Maragh	12-1
14	Shackleford	Jesus Castanon	12-1
15	Midnight Interlude	Victor Espinoza	10-1
16	Animal Kingdom	Robby Albarado	30-1
17.	Soldat	Alan Garcia	12-1
18.	Uncle Mo	John Velazquez	9-2
19.	Nehro	Corey Nakatani	6-1
20.	Watch Me Go	Rafael Bejarano	50-1

Weights: 126 pounds • Distance: 1 1/4 miles • Purse: $2,100,000 if 20 start
First place: $1,400,000 • Second place: $400,000 • Third place: $200,000
Fourth place: $100,000 • Fifth place: $60,000 • Post time: 6:24 p.m. EDT

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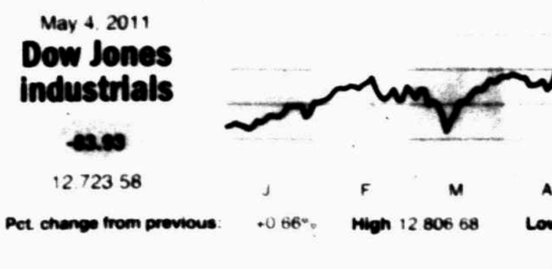
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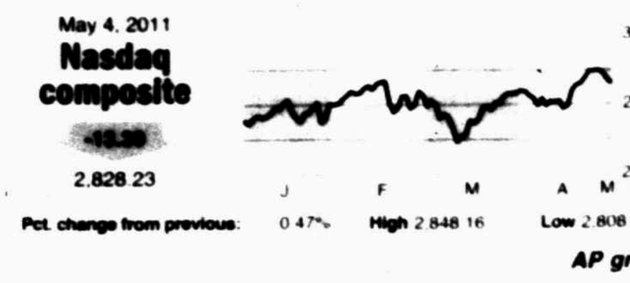
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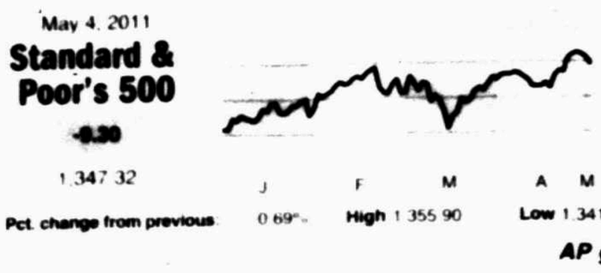
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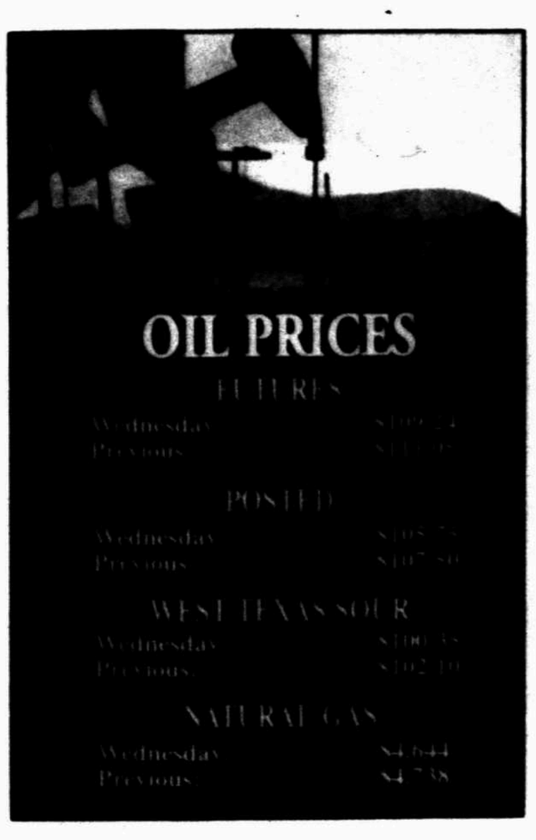
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AT YOUR SERVICE Zen hotel maid Ereyda Yanez cleans a hotel bathroom where she works in Palo Alto, Calif., on April 1. The US service sector, which employs nearly 90 percent of the nation's work force, grew for the 17th straight month in April, though at the slowest pace since August.

Oil slips

Oil dropped below $110 per barrel Wednesday after a government report showed that supplies of petroleum products are growing as demand weakens in the U.S.

Industry reports on the job market and the service sector also raised concerns about the health of the U.S. economy.

Benchmark crude for June delivery lost $1.81 to settle at $109.24 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent gave up $1.26 to settle at $121.19 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Prices fell shortly after the Energy Information Administration said that oil supplies increased by 3.4 million barrels last week — twice as much as energy analysts expected. The government also reported that gasoline demand averaged 9.1 million barrels per day, down almost 2 percent from a year ago.

Crude has been climbing over the past few months as unrest in North Africa and the Middle East raised concerns about oil supplies and a weaker U.S. dollar made crude cheaper for investors holding foreign money.

Still, economists warned that higher energy prices were taking a toll on the economy, and recent government and industry surveys suggest that American drivers are buying less fuel.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	2582875	4.51	-.16
ShtSilver	1777313	38.27	-1.31
S&P500ETF	1658682	134.63	-.96
BkofAm	928019	12.49	-.44
Renren n	905605	14.21	-1.03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BarnesNob	12.11	+1.52	+14.3
Teamsters	22.39	+2.39	+11.9
HmthBcp	8.42	+.82	+10.8
ProUSSlv rs	19.45	+1.44	+11.1
WGM Rys	14.22	+1.03	+7.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CenPacF rt	3.28	-.62	-15.9
KV PrmB	3.13	-.41	-11.6
CalDive	6.57	-.49	-6.9
KV PrmA	3.10	-.42	-11.9
ProSUSSlv	234.20	-30.77	-11.6

Diary

Advanced	442
Declined	2,736
Unchanged	115
Total issues	3,193
New Highs	88
New Lows	4
Volume	4,612,568,340

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	75827	11.89	-.20
CFCda g	45427	21.92	.29
SilvrStd g	39951	2.85	.11
NwGold g	32237	9.99	.20
KodakCl	31960	6.28	.32

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrsusXel rs	2.42	+.35	+16.9
InvrsRs	2.71	+.39	+16.8
NewEnSys	3.47	+.31	+9.8
PrmAth	3.84	+.28	+7.9
EvtoneG g	4.72	+.59	+7.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LucasEngy	2.60	-.90	-17.5
RennGEnt	2.22	-.11	-4.7
MexcoEn	10.11	-.40	-3.8
NthnOilG	20.65	-.70	-3.3
ChiGeingM	2.43	-.14	-5.4

Diary

Advanced	170
Declined	313
Unchanged	90
Total issues	573
New Highs	4
New Lows	7
Volume	157,201,426

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	1361128	23.50	-.46
SiriusXM	966843	2.41	-.04
Microsoft	726361	26.79	-.26
Cisco	572502	17.21	-.46
PwShs QQQ	494493	56.50	-.16

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VanarSem	51.36	+20.81	+51.3
AdamsGolf	7.41	+2.41	+48.2
SiloGrin	20.49	+4.01	+24.3
ZST Digit	3.47	+.58	+20.1
GreenMtC s	75.98	+11.91	+18.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KandiTech	2.08	-.46	-23.8
TakeWMd	4.26	-.74	-14.8
ETrade	13.02	-2.42	-15.7
Virnetx	23.49	-4.51	-16.1
WetSeal	3.41	-.58	-14.5

Diary

Advanced	710
Declined	1,883
Unchanged	125
Total issues	2,718
New Highs	51
New Lows	52
Volume	2,187,504,326

Service sector expands at slower pace

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy's service sector grew last month at the slowest pace since August, renewing concerns that more expensive gas and food may be weakening growth.

Service companies, which employ 90 percent of the nation's work force, still expanded for the 17th straight month. But their growth slowed considerably because of a sharp drop in demand for their services, the Institute for Supply Management said Wednesday.

The private trade group of purchasing executives said its index of service-sector activity dropped to 52.8 last month. That's down from 57.3 in March and a five-year high of 59.7 in February. Any reading over 50 indicates expansion.

The trade group measures activity for a range of industries, including retail, health care, financial services and construction. The index plummeted to 37.6 in November 2008, at the height of the financial crisis. The sector contracted for all but three months in 2009.

Many companies and economists said the decline in April reflects the impact of rising gas and food prices. Gas prices averaged $3.98 on Wednesday, up 1.5 cents from Tuesday and 32 cents higher than a month earlier, according to the AAA's daily price gauge. Retail food prices rose in March by the most in nearly three years, according to the government's latest report on inflation.

The spike in costs for basic necessities has left consumers with less money to spend elsewhere, leading to a decline in demand for services. The service sectors' measure of new orders plummeted to its lowest level since December 2009.

Stocks dropped after the report was released. The Dow Jones industrials closed down 84 points. Other indexes also declined.

A weaker outlook for profits may prompt some firms to hold back on hiring and expansion plans this year.

Analysts predict the economy created 185,000 jobs in April and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 8.8 per cent. But some are saying the service-sector report and other new data suggest the numbers may be weaker when the government issues its employment report Friday.

A measure of employment in the service-sector report fell for a second straight month and is at its lowest level since September. The number of people applying for unemployment benefits has increased in two of the past three weeks.

And a report Wednesday by payroll provider ADP shows that businesses added 179,000 jobs in April, below what many economists projected and less than March's gain of 207,000. ADP only looks at private-sector hiring. Friday's report will likely include public-sector job losses.

"It's clear that higher costs are making firms re-think the short-run outlook," said Jonathan Basile, an economist at Credit Suisse.

Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics, said the service-sector report suggests economic growth will remain sluggish in the current April-June quarter. Growth slowed to a 1.8 percent pace in the first three months of this year.

Retail was the only industry out of the 18 service industries tracked by the index to report contraction. All the others, including agriculture, utilities, hotels and restaurants and health care, reported growth in April.

Dollar drops

The dollar fell to an 18-month low against the euro Wednesday, the day before the European Central Bank meets to set interest rates.

Analysts don't expect the central bank to raise rates Thursday, but investors will be watching European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet's news conference for clues about when the next rate hike will be.

The euro rose to $1.4849 late Wednesday, up from $1.4821 Tuesday. Earlier, the euro was worth $1.4942 — its highest point since December 2009.

In other trading Wednesday, the British pound rose to $1.6517 from $1.6467 late Tuesday. The dollar fell to 80.58 Japanese yen from 80.91 Japanese yen and rose to 95.77 Canadian cents from 95.39 Canadian cents.

June gold fell $25.10 to settle at $1,515.30 an ounce.

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Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $27.51 Down 0.01

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $81.17 Down 0.79

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $97.53 Down 2.97

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $38.04 Down 3.55

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.33 Down 0.97

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $10.11 Down 0.80

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.87 Up 0.05

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	31.79	-.07	+8.2
Abraxas	...	...	**4.19**	**-.45**	**-8.3**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	...	**11.32**	**-.08**	**+5.4**
AMC		9	8.79	-.01	+7.5
AcadiaPhC			6.20	-.32	+109.5
Accsys	.12	25	17.47	-.20	+13.5
AcmeUSA	.16		11.59	-.88	+93.8
Amgen	...	**12**	**57.69**	**+.18**	**+5.1**
Anadarko	**.36**	...	**76.08**	**-2.43**	**-.1**
Apache	**.60**	**14**	**126.61**	**-2.54**	**+8.2**
ApldMatl	**.32f**	**15**	**15.09**	**-.15**	**+7.4**
ATMOS	**1.36**	**17**	**34.22**	**-.40**	**+8.7**
AutoData	1.44	23	54.31	.10	+17.4
BP PLC	**.42e**	...	**44.38**	**-.42**	**+.5**
BakrHu	.60	29	72.22	.75	+26.3
BkofAm	.04	23	12.49	-.11	-6.4
Bar rPVix rs			24.65	+.28	-34.5
BasicEnSv			27.51	.01	+66.9
BerkHa A	...	**1512231**	**0.00**	**-1130.00**	**+1.5**
BerryPet	**.30**	**31**	**48.54**	**-2.95**	**+11.1**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46**	**19**	**34.20**	**-.41**	**+14.0**
BrithSq	**1.32**	**15**	**28.71**	**-.12**	**+8.4**
BrownFA	**1.20a**	**21**	**69.30**	**-.01**	**-.2**
BrownFB	**1.20a**	**22**	**70.79**	**-.35**	**+1.7**
CBS B	.40f	21	27.21	+1.97	+42.8
CVS Care	.50	14	36.12	.39	+3.9
Cameron		22	48.70	-2.09	-4.0
Caterpillar	1.76	20	110.77	2.50	+18.3
Celestic g		12	10.86	-.15	+12.0
Cemex	**.43t**	...	7.98	-.43	-22.5
CntryLink	2.90	12	40.37	-.22	-12.6
ChesEng	.30	10	30.73	-.60	+18.6
Chevron	**3.12f**	**10**	**104.68**	**-1.49**	**+14.7**
Chicos	.20	23	14.43	-.04	+20.0
Cimarex	.40f	15	100.34	-4.56	+13.3
Cisco	.24	13	17.47	+.06	-13.6
Citigrp	...	15	4.51	-.01	-4.5
ClayEng	...	**80**	**81.17**	**-.79**	**-3.3**
CocaCola	**1.88**	**13**	**67.48**	**-.42**	**+2.6**
ColgPal	**2.32f**	**18**	**88.68**	**+.86**	**+6.6**
Comcast	.45f	19	25.96	-.65	+18.7
CompPrdS	...	19	30.80	-1.34	+4.2
ConAgra	**.92**	**17**	**25.51**	**+.76**	**+13.0**
ConchoRes	...	...	**97.53**	**-2.97**	**+11.2**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocPhil	**2.64f**	**11**	**73.65**	**-.88**	**+8.1**
CrackerB	.88	13	50.43	+.50	+7.9
CrosTim	**2.53e**	**15**	**41.82**	**-1.15**	**+4.4**
DCP Mid	2.50f	46	42.51	-.98	+13.7
DTE	2.24	15	51.47	+.01	+13.6
Dataram h			1.91	+.06	+21.7
Dawson	...	...	**38.04**	**-3.55**	**+19.2**
Dell Inc		11	15.84	+.04	+16.9
DevonE	**.68f**	**8**	**84.98**	**-2.36**	**+8.2**
DrxFBull s			29.86	-.77	+7.3
Disney	**.40f**	**19**	**42.62**	**-.46**	**+13.6**
DowChm	**1.00f**	**21**	**39.84**	**-.87**	**+16.1**
EMC Cp		30	27.37	-.62	+19.5
EOG Res	**.64**	...	**106.28**	**-1.87**	**+16.3**
EmpDist	**1.28**	**20**	**22.47**	**-.13**	**+1.2**
Energen	.54	17	61.46	-1.41	+27.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	43	51.62	-.26	-.4
EnPro	...	**13**	**38.77**	**-.30**	**-4.3**
EntPrPt	2.39f	36	40.90	-.34	-1.7
EnrcnTel	37e		15.06	+.08	+30.6
ExtermnH	...	...	**21.52**	**-.35**	**-10.1**
ExxonMbl	**1.88f**	**12**	**84.81**	**-.81**	**+10.0**
FordM		7	15.15	-.23	-9.8
ForestOil		22	30.98	-.49	-18.4
FMCG s	1.00a	10	51.14	-2.06	-14.8
FrontierCm	.75	36	8.24	-.12	-15.3
FrozenPd	...	...	**3.89**	**-.01**	**-16.3**
GATX	**1.16**	**25**	**41.32**	**-.59**	**+17.1**
GabGldfl	**.80**	...	**8.04**	**-.06**	**-2.1**
GAInv	**.40a**	...	**28.91**	**-.06**	**+7.8**
GenElec	**.60f**	**16**	**20.27**	**-.37**	**+10.8**
GenMot n		11	33.04	+.05	-10.4
Goltsmth			4.98	+.03	+105.8
Goodrich	**1.16**	**21**	**97.26**	**-.54**	**-.9**
GPPalmEn	**.93**	**13**	**20.50**	**-.20**	**+6.6**
HallibrtN	**.36**	**20**	**47.35**	**-.84**	**+19.6**
Halmz	**1.80**	**17**	**51.99**	**-.66**	**+6.1**
Hitachi	...	...	**55.88**	**-.39**	**+6.7**
iShBraz	**2.53e**	...	**73.38**	**-1.85**	**-5.2**
iShJapn	**.14e**	...	**10.54**	**-.02**	**-3.4**
iShSilver	...	...	**38.27**	**-2.31**	**+26.8**
iShChina25	**.63e**	...	**43.71**	**-.80**	**+1.4**
iShEMkts	**.64e**	...	**48.09**	**-.81**	**+.9**
iS Eafe	**1.42e**	...	**62.81**	**-.54**	**+7.9**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShR2K	.89e		83.21	-1.09	+6.4
IntegrysE	2.72	29	52.73	-.13	+8.7
Intel	**.72**	**11**	**23.50**	**+.46**	**+11.7**
InterDig	.40	16	44.51	-.24	+6.9
Intl Coal		50	14.47	+.01	+87.0
JPMorgCh	1.00f	10	45.50	-.42	+7.3
JohnJn	**2.28f**	**15**	**65.57**	**-.59**	**+6.2**
KimbCls	**2.80**	**15**	**87.24**	**+.28**	**+6.7**
KindME	4.56f	45	73.93	-.67	+5.2
KindMM	4.56f	76	64.05	-1.05	-4.2
LVSands		52	42.53	-3.34	-7.4
LegacyRes	2.12f		30.33	-.97	+5.6
Lowes	.44	18	25.76	-.29	+2.7
Lubrys	...	...	**4.89**	**-.03**	**-22.0**
MGM Rsts			14.22	+1.33	-4.2
MasstkCp s	**1.20f**	...	**16.34**	**+.05**	**+6.9**
McDnlds	2.44	17	79.07	+.13	+3.0
Merck	1.52	16	36.56	+.15	+1.4
MeritMed	...	**45**	**23.14**	**-.18**	**+46.2**
MexcoEn		78	10.11	-.80	-32.2
MicronT		7	10.74	-.16	+33.9
Microsoft	**.64**	**6**	**26.06**	**+.25**	**-6.6**
Nabors		86	28.23	-.72	+20.3
NatGrid	**7.04e**	...	**50.84**	**-.15**	**+14.1**
NOilVarco	.44	18	69.92	-2.46	+4.0
NewsCpA	.15	15	17.34	-.18	+19.1
NoblsCp	.55e		8.60	-.16	-16.7
NvtlAd	**.90**	...	**13.21**	**+.09**	**+1.0**
NvPRB	**.97**	...	**12.90**	**+.06**	**-1.1**
NuvPI	**.92**	...	**12.78**	**+.01**	**-.3**
NSTPS	**.94**	...	**13.24**	**+.01**	**+1.1**
NTXDI	**.90**	...	**14.98**	**-.03**	**+.4**
OcciPet	**1.84f**	**18**	**108.89**	**-2.75**	**+11.0**
Oracle	.24f	23	35.25	-.89	+12.6
PerTech	...	**19**	**4.01**	**+.01**	**-28.8**
PerkOil	...	...	**5.91**	**-.54**	**+29.3**
PetMTI	**.20**	**24**	**28.42**	**-.79**	**+31.9**
PwrRE	**.80**	...	**16.16**	**-.04**	**+4.3**
Prmian	**1.36e**	**15**	**20.57**	**-.62**	**-9.2**
Pfizer	**.80**	**25**	**20.04**	**+.39**	**+17.9**
PlsNrt	**.09**	**15**	**92.39**	**-3.89**	**+6.3**
PlainsAA	**3.80f**	**25**	**68.88**	**-.92**	**-1.2**
PwShs QQQ	**.38e**	...	**56.60**	**-.09**	**+7.6**
Praxair	**2.80**	**25**	**109.30**	**-1.67**	**+8.2**
Priceline	...	**37**	**37.47**	**+.90**	**+42.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrUSh S&P			20.18	+.26	-15.1
ProUSSlv rs			19.45	+1.44	-50.5
ProctGam	**2.10f**	**17**	**66.47**	**+.76**	**+3.3**
RAM Engy			1.92	.05	+4.3
RangeRs	.16		53.46	-.93	+18.9
Renren n			18.01		
Rowan	...	**19**	**37.92**	**-.79**	**+8.6**
RoyDShllA	3.36	20	75.45	-.69	+13.0
SpdrDJIA	3.00e		126.97	-.85	+9.8
SpdrGold			147.73	-2.15	+6.5
S&PS00ETF	2.34e		134.63	-.96	+7.2
SabnR	3.75e	18	55.59	-1.08	+10.1
SanderFm	**.68**	**7**	**46.55**	**-.41**	**+18.9**
SandRidge	...	**13**	**11.00**	**-.74**	**+50.3**
Sapient	...	**38**	**12.25**	**+.13**	**+1.2**
Schlmbrg	1.00	23	84.79	-1.06	-1.5
SigmaAld	**.72**	**21**	**69.14**	**-.38**	**+3.9**
SilvWhtn g	12	45	37.13	+.22	-4.9
SinusXM			2.13	+.06	+30.7
Smucker	1.76	18	75.02	-.09	+14.3
SprintNex			5.27	+.15	+24.6
SP Matls	1.23e	...	39.50	-.71	+2.8
SP Engy	1.05e	...	76.05	-1.37	+11.4
SPDR Fncl	.16e	...	16.24	-.14	+1.8
SP Inds	.64e	...	37.92	-.56	+8.7
SunocoLg	4.78f	9	86.79	-.81	+3.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Synovus	.04		2.50	+.02	-5.3
TelefEsp s	**1.98e**	...	**25.77**	**-.11**	**+13.0**
TenetHlth		3	6.27	-.31	-6.3
Tesoro		12	24.89	-.12	+34.3
3M Co	2.20f	17	96.20	-.63	+11.5
Trchmrk	**.66f**	**11**	**66.25**	**-.40**	**+10.9**
TriContl	**.28e**	...	**15.01**	**-.06**	**+9.1**
TylerTech	...	**33**	**24.27**	**-.18**	**+16.9**
UBWV	**1.20**	**15**	**25.46**	**-.12**	**-12.8**
US NGs rs			11.78	-.27	-1.7
Vale SA	.90e		30.90	-1.10	-10.6
ValeroE	.20	31	26.69	-.52	+15.4
VangEmg	.82e		48.60	-.89	+.9
VarianSem		18	61.36	+20.81	+66.0
Vulcanhl	**1.00**	...	**44.20**	**-.92**	**-.4**
Walgrn	**.70**	**18**	**42.78**	**-.34**	**+9.8**
Weathfnl			20.20	-.03	-11.4
WellsFargo	.48f	12	28.78	-.61	-7.1
WstnRefin			15.33	-.52	+44.9
WhitngPt s		37	64.05	-2.00	+9.3
WmsCos	.50	24	31.38	-.52	+26.9
XcelEngy	**1.01**	**15**	**24.47**	**+.03**	**+3.9**
Xerox	**.17**	**21**	**10.12**	**-.07**	**-12.2**
Yahoo		21	18.20	+.28	+9.4
Yamana g	.12a	17	12.30	+.29	-3.9

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12,876.00	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,723.58	-83.93	-.66	+9.90	+17.07
5,565.76	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,392.71	-85.33	-1.56	+5.60	+18.34
404.61	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	400.94	-1.24	-.29	+6.41	+12.72
8,718.25	6,355.85	NYSE Composite	8,506.81	-78.07	-.91	+8.81	+17.20
2,460.51	1,859.19	Amex Index	2,403.24	-19.00	-.78	+8.62	+28.05
2,897.75	2,091.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,828.23	-13.39	-.47	+6.61	+17.73
1,370.58	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,347.32	-9.30	-.69	+7.13	+15.58
14,562.01	15.80	Wilshire 5000	14,268.17	-110.21	-.77	+6.77	+16.63
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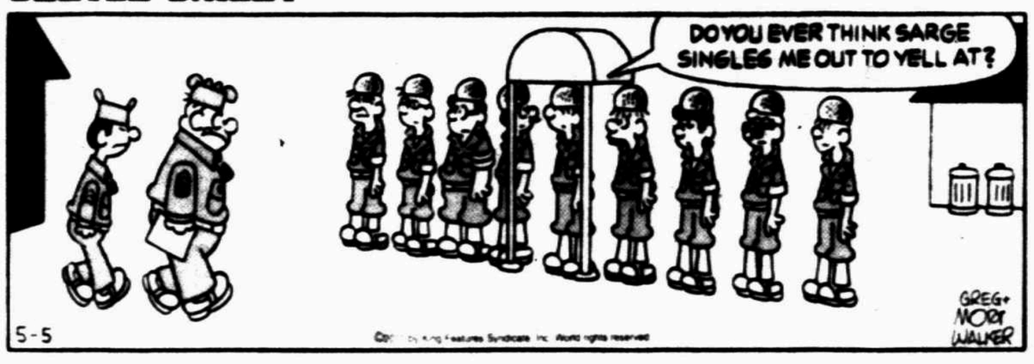
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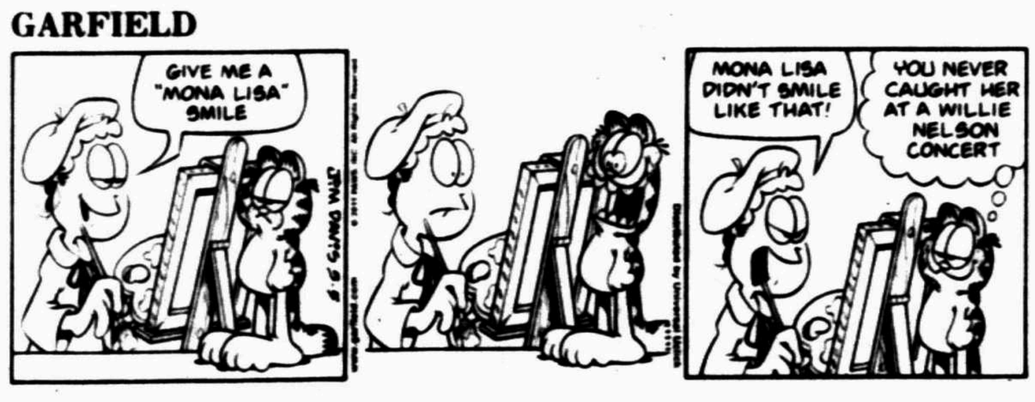
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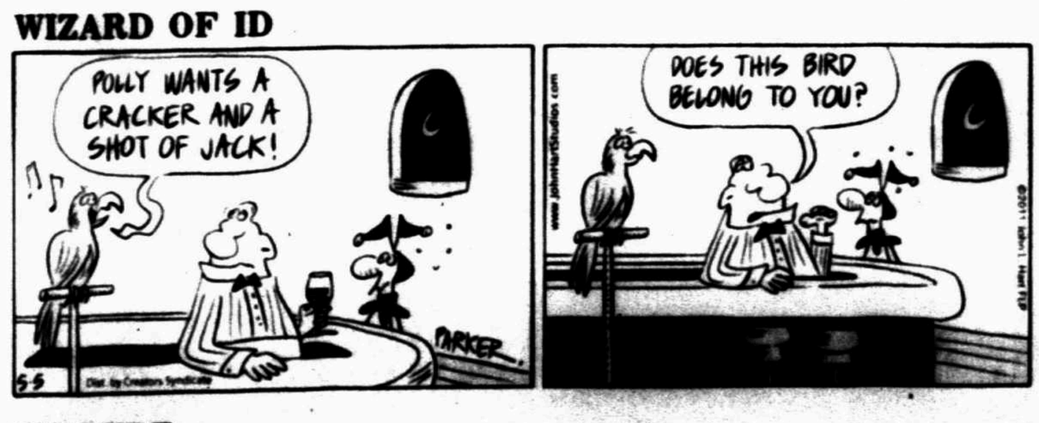
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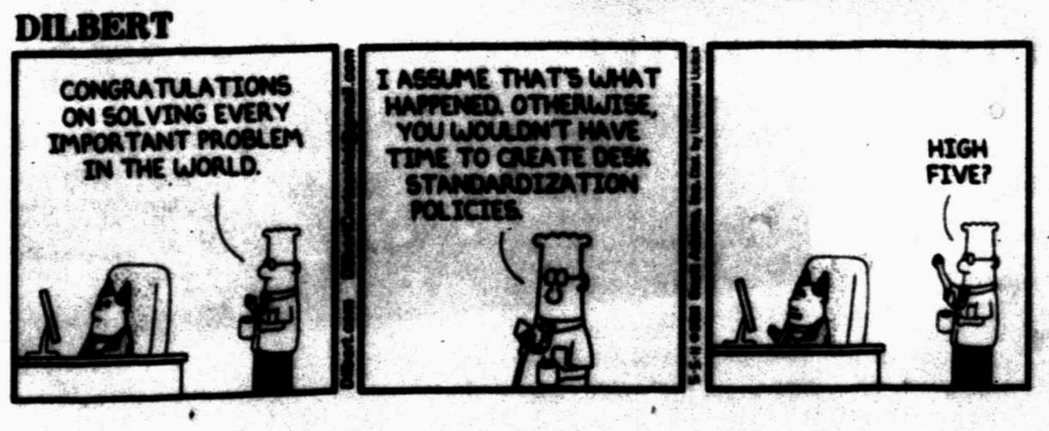
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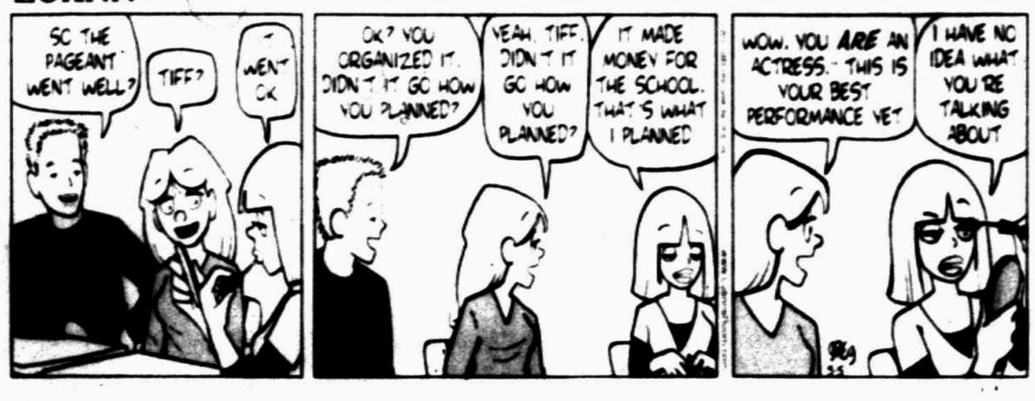
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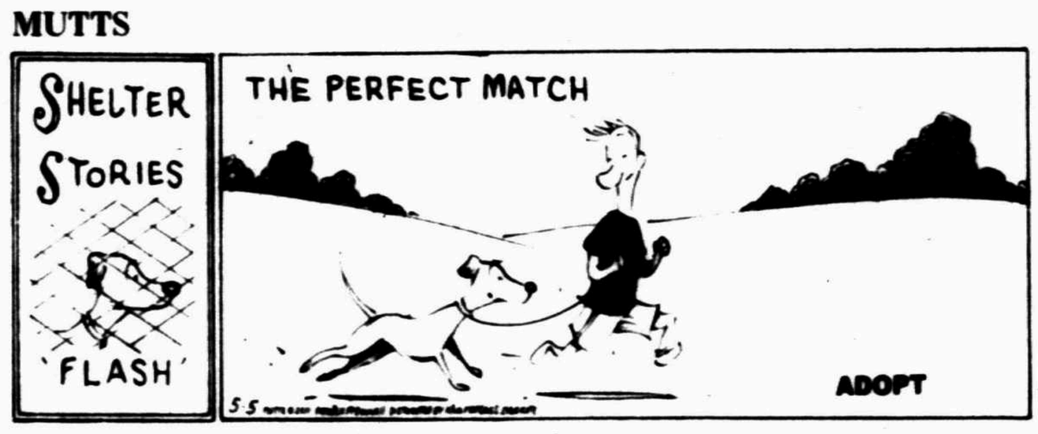
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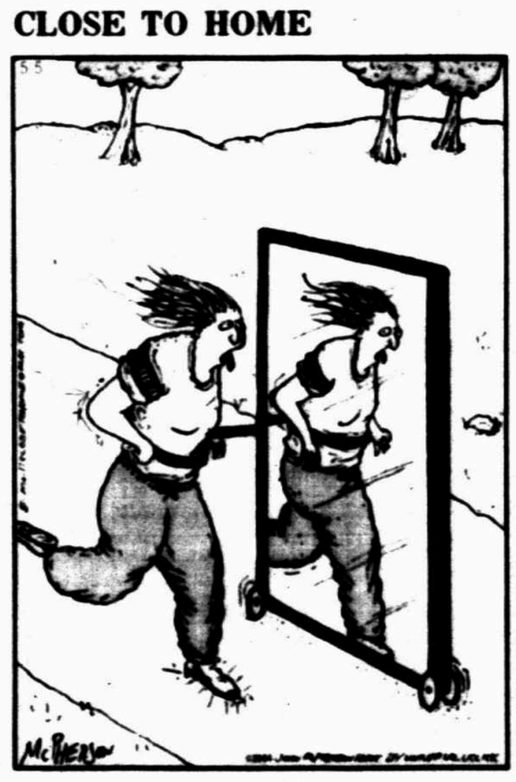
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NASCAR THIS WEEK

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ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Showtime Southern 500, 7:30 p.m., Saturday — FOX

Nationwide Series
Royal Purple 200, 7:30 p.m., Friday — ESPN 2

Truck Series
Lucas Oil 200, 8:30 p.m., May 13 — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Kyle Busch has won the spring Richmond race three years in a row.

▶ Five drivers — Denny Hamlin (2), Kasey Kahne (3), David Ragan (4), A.J. Allmendinger (7) and Dave Blaney (13) — enjoyed season-best finishes in the Matthew & Daniel Hansen 400.

▶ Astonishingly, the best average qualifying position in the Sprint Cup Series belongs to Regan Smith at 7.1.

▶ So far, Chevy drivers have won four races, Ford three and Toyota two.

▶ Hamlin won the charity Late Model race that carried his name and Richmond's Nationwide Series race, then finished second in the Cup race. For the record, Kyle Busch pulled off that unofficial sweep in 2009, when the charity race was run at nearby Southside Speedway.

▶ Keep in mind that under changes made in the point systems of NASCAR's three major series this year, one point is worth roughly what four were in the past. In other words, Carl Edwards' nine-point Cup edge over Jimmie Johnson is the equivalent of a 36-point lead last year.

▶ The heat of the battle caused some tension in the teams of Kurt Busch and Martin Truex Jr. at Richmond. Tempers often boil at short-track races.

▶ NASCAR never raced on a track that was completely paved until Darlington Raceway came along in 1950. What track wasn't "completely" paved? The old beach-road course in Daytona Beach, Fla.

▶ Richmond, at last, provided some relief for slumping Denny Hamlin, though he had to settle for second to teammate Kyle Busch. Hamlin, by the way, won at Darlington in 2010.

▶ Kyle Busch joined Harvick as the only two-time winners in Cup to date. Five other drivers have single victories.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series

		Pts.
1.	Carl Edwards	335
2.	Jimmie Johnson	-9
3.	Kyle Busch	-30
4.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-34
5.	Kevin Harvick	-35
6.	Kurt Busch	-46
7.	Clint Bowyer	-51
8.	Ryan Newman	-58
9.	Matt Kenseth	-59
10.	Tony Stewart	-60
11.	A.J. Allmendinger	-72
12.	Juan Montoya	-73

Nationwide Series

1.	Jason Aligaier	305
2.	Elliott Sadler	-6
3.	Jason Leffler	-9
4.	Reed Sorenson	-13
5.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-17
	Aric Almirola	-17
7.	Trevor Bayne	-45
8.	Brian Scott	-48
9.	Kenny Wallace	-58
10.	Josh Wise	-89

Camping World Truck Series

1.	Johnny Sauter	187
2.	Timothy Peters	-3
3.	Matt Crafton	-4
4.	Ron Hornaday Jr.	-5
5.	Cole Whitt	-12
6.	Austin Dillon	-24
7.	Todd Bodine	-39
8.	Clay Rogers	-43
9.	Max Papis	-45
10.	Parker Kligerman	-51

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: Showtime Southern 500
Where: Darlington (S.C.) Raceway (1.366 mi.), 367 laps/501.322 miles.
When: Saturday, May 7
Last year's winner: Denny Hamlin, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Jamie McMurray, Chevy, 180.370 mph, May 8, 2010.
Race record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 140.350 mph, May 10, 2008
Last week: Kyle Busch drove his Toyota to victory in the spring race at Richmond International Raceway for the third year in a row. Toyota drivers, in fact, took the top three spots, with Denny Hamlin finishing second and Kasey Kahne third.

NATIONWIDE
Race: Royal Purple 200
Where: Darlington (S.C.) Raceway (1.366 mi.), 147 laps/200.802 miles.
When: Friday, May 6.
Last year's winner: Denny Hamlin, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Carl Edwards, Ford, 176.994 mph, May 9, 2008
Race record: Michael Waltrip, Pontiac, 138.140 mph, Sept. 5, 1992
Last week: Denny Hamlin, in a Toyota, captured the Bubba Burger 250 at Richmond, with Paul Menard finishing second in a Chevy. The race ended under caution, with Justin Allgaier taking third and Elliott Sadler fourth.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
Race: Lucas Oil 200
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/200 miles.
When: Friday, May 13.
Last year's winner: Aric Almirola, Toyota.
Qualifying record: David Starr, Chevy, 157.577 mph, June 2, 2005
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 120.200 mph, June 2, 2006.
Last race: Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, claimed yet another victory at Nashville, his second of the season and 26th in the series. Busch, who uncharacteristically skipped the race at Darlington, giving Kasey Kahne a chance to win driving Busch's No. 18 car.

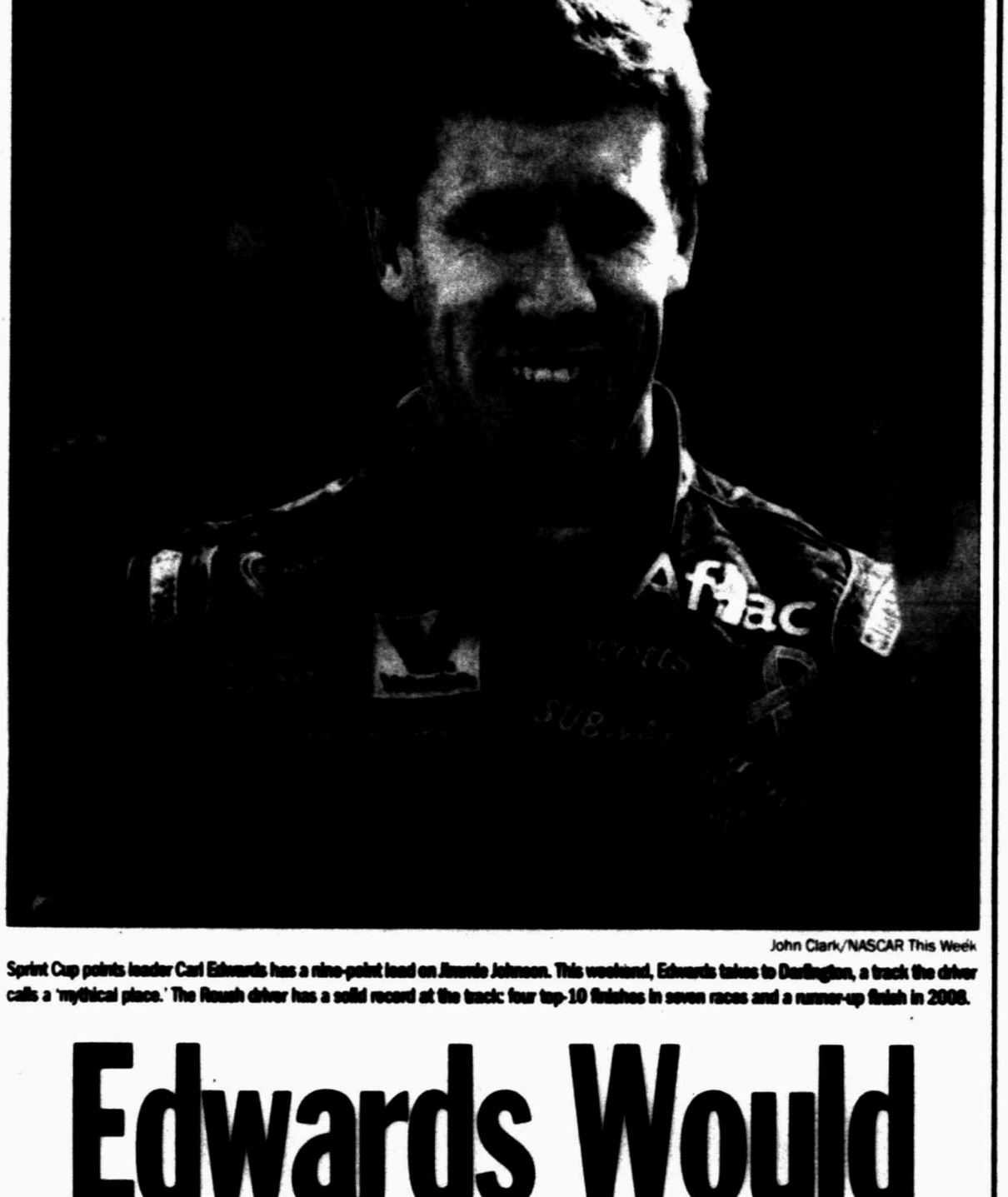
DARLINGTON DATA
FOX — May 7



Banking in straights
Distance.....1.366 mile oval
Length of frontstretch.. ...1,229 ft.
Length of backstretch.. ...1,229 ft.
Miles/Laps:..501.3 mi.= 367 laps
Turns 1-2: 22°
Turns 3-4: 25°

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CARL EDWARDS — SPRINT CUP SERIES — NO. 99 AFLAC FORD



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Sprint Cup points leader Carl Edwards has a nine-point lead on Jimmie Johnson. This weekend, Edwards takes to Darlington, a track the driver calls a 'mythical place.' The Roush driver has a solid record at the track: four top-10 finishes in seven races and a runner-up finish in 2008.

Edwards Would Love To Tame It

Winning at Darlington would be a dream for the Roush driver

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Carl Edwards has never won at Darlington Raceway. Then again, he's never arrived at the South Carolina track with the Sprint Cup points lead.

Darlington is NASCAR's oldest superspeedway and … strangest. It is egg-shaped in that one side (turns 3-4) is markedly narrower than the other. The track itself, in terms of usable asphalt, is narrower than any other. As such, it is perhaps stock-car racing's sternest test.

"The first time I went to Darlington was in the Truck Series, and I had studied tape with Jeff Burton," Edwards recalled. "Bobby Hudson was my spotter. He grew up right around there, and he'd seen races there forever, and I mean, for a month leading up to that race, I heard more Darlington stories … about how tough that track was, and learned about the history of it through my studying of how to run fast there. To me, it's a mythical place.

"To win there, to me, would mean a lot. It would be huge. I've been very close. We've been fast in the trucks, fast in the Nationwide car, really fast in the Cup car, and have never won a race there. That's a very important race to me."

A year ago, Edwards finished 15th in the Showtime Southern 500, won by Denny Hamlin. Overall, his record is solid: four top-10 finishes in seven races, second place in 2008 to Kyle Busch.

So far, Edwards, from Columbia, Mo., has finished sixth or better in seven of the nine Sprint Cup races. He has a win and two poles. He's also won twice in the Nationwide Series.

Edwards leads Jimmie Johnson, winner of the past five championships, by only nine points.

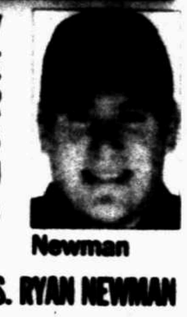
"Right now … it's all about winning races, learning and performing well enough to lock yourself into the Chase," said Edwards. "For us to be leading is fun. It feels good, but it's also about having a little bit of insurance. … Jimmie (Johnson) and those guys have been doing really well.

"Hopefully we can keep them behind us. That would be nice."

FEUD OF THE WEEK


Montoya

VERSUS


Newman

JUAN MONTOYA VS. RYAN NEWMAN

The two clashed twice, and almost no one thought Montoya's retaliation was unintentional. Montoya left Richmond International Raceway quickly afterward, and Newman went to the NASCAR transporter to discuss the matter. Several other drivers said essentially that retaliation was par for Montoya's course, and they didn't say it admiringly.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "This is just the type of rivalry that lingers. Both drivers have obstinate reputations. Incidents such as this focus attention on the 'have at it, boys' policy informally implemented in 2010."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Pointers and Suggestions

Dear NASCAR This Week,
The one thing that will reduce your fan base is seeing the same driver win again, again, again and again … Your 10-race Chase and resetting the points [are] not working.

You've got to make bold changes. Here's my take:

Qualify 48 cars, run the fastest 24 in the first race and the slower 24 cars in the second … Give the fans two races for the price of one … Run the last 10 laps of every race under green flag.

Roy Norton
Boonville, Ind.

Sorry we didn't have room to run all your comments. The same driver winning over and over? Seven different drivers have already won this year. If 10 green-flag laps were required at the end of races, some might take quite a while to comply with that standard.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I just cannot figure out all the fuss about points. … You turn on "Race Hub," which I like better than some of the other NASCAR proactive shows, and all the talk … is who is where in the points, who has to get better, etc. You'd think it was the last race of the year!

I refuse to carry a speadsheet or calculator to a race, but I have carried binoculars. NASCAR needs to find something more of interest to the fans than trying to make a race out of a points system.

All NASCAR fans would like is a great race on Sunday. The race is for fans. The points title is for drivers.

Charles Jackson
Autryville, N.C.

You're right. Stressing the season as a whole sometimes takes away from the attraction of each individual race.

FAN TIPS

A Look At Dale Sr.


Earnhardt Sr.

Several books have been published commemorating the 10th anniversary of Dale Earnhardt's death. One is "Dale Earnhardt: Defining Moments of a NASCAR Legend" (Triumph Books, $14.95) by the staff of NASCAR Illustrated and SceneDaily.com publisher Michael Fresina. For more information, go to TriumphBooks.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Billie Jean Beck, Deceased, were issued on May 3, 2011, in Cause No. P-16,594, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Susan Patricia Gardner, Independent Administrator, whose residence address is 294 North Franklin Rd., North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

Dated the 4th day of May, 2011.

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By: /s/
Robert H. Dawson
State Bar No. 05606000
ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN L. MERRIFIELD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of John L. Merrifield, deceased were issued to Larry Merrifield, Sandra Merrifield Hull, and Mary Merrifield Pearce, Independent Co-Executors, on May 3, 2011, in the proceeding styled 'Estate of John L. Merrifield, Deceased,' Cause No. P16590, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Co-Executors at P.O. Box 81103, Midland, Texas 79708 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Larry Merrifield, Sandra Merrifield Hull, and Mary Merrifield Pearce
Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of John L. Merrifield
Deceased, Cause No. P16590, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0270194
DATE OF ISSUANCE: April 19, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 714111
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 31, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 14, Blk. 38, T3S, T&P RR CO., GRAY, W.T. Survey, A-922, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 13 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	DONALD L. HUTT "C"		
Lease/Unit Well No.:	35		
Lease/Unit Acres:	3920.1		
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	660.0		
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1310.0		
Lease Lines:	660.0 F EAST L.	9940.0 F NORTH L.	
Survey Lines:	660.0 F EAST L.	660.0 F SOUTH L.	

As part of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN): Oils Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, PATRICIA CHI, at (972) 969-3725.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0270116
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 14, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 712537
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 5, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED, DELIVERED, FAXED OR E-MAILED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON:

May 5, 2011

IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	O'BRIEN		
Lease/Unit Well No.:	11		
Lease/Unit Acres:	494.1		
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	467.0		
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1526.0		
Lease Lines:	477.0 F NORTH L.	467.0 F EAST L.	
Survey Lines:	2173.0 F SOUTH L.	467.0 F EAST L.	

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) AZALEA (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

AZALEA (STRAWN): GAS Special Rules 69/320/80, 320.0 acres. Oils Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10775 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3973.

Legal & Public Notices

Pioneer Natural Resources is hereby providing Notice of Intent to Move In Equipment and Spud the Mabee #4 well located 467 FNL, 467 FWL, of Section 12 block 39 T-1-S T&P RR Co/Clark, WT A-1020 within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland Under Title VI, Chapter 1 Section 23 labeled Ordinance No 8789 more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF IRENE ELIZABETH MCREYNOLDS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Irene Elizabeth McReynolds, deceased were issued to Stephen L. Stallings, Independent Executor, on May 3, 2011, in the proceeding styled 'Estate of Irene Elizabeth McReynolds, Deceased,' Cause No. P16591 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor at P.O. Box 926, Stanton, Texas 79782, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Stephen L. Stallings
Independent Executor of the Estate of Irene Elizabeth McReynolds
Deceased, Cause No. P16591, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0270314
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 4, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 714335
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 15, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	MABEE		
Lease/Unit Well No.:	3		
Lease/Unit Acres:	163.16		
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	660.0		
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1320.0		
Lease Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	1980.0 F EAST L.	
Survey Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	1980.0 F EAST L.	

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11180 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, TAMMY SMITH, at (972) 444-9001.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0270190
DATE OF ISSUANCE: April 19, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 714106
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 31, 2011
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Blk. 38, T3S, T&P RR CO. / GRAY, W.T. Survey, A-92, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 11.8 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	DONALD L. HUTT "C"		
Lease/Unit Well No.:	47		
Lease/Unit Acres:	3920.1		
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	660.0		
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1316.0		
Lease Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	667.0 F WEST L.	
Survey Lines:	660.0 F NORTH L.	667.0 F WEST L.	

As part of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN): Oils Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11740 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, PATRICIA CHI, at (972) 969-3725.

General Announcements

FOUND: Young wire-haired wheaten terrier mix. Garfield/Wadley Area. (432) 528-0302

Lost & Found

FOUND: BLACK female Chihuahua mix, no collar. Found off Wall & M St. 661-7363.

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Lost & Found

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FOUND: SMALL brown male dog w/curly tail near WCR 140. 218-6960 or 212-2866

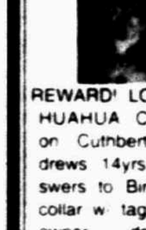
FOUND: YOUNG wire haired Terrier mix. Garfield/Wadley area. 432-528-0302

FREE: ORANGE Male Tabby kitten. Call 432-694-5853 432-934-9250

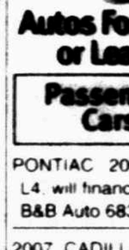
LOST - HUSKY: black and creme, blues eyes, male, collar. Call 432-352-4159

LOST: MALE Beagle, tan and white, on May 1, in Crestgate area. Extremely missed, sad children. 432-553-7547, 432-694-7088.

MISSING: CHIHUAHUA, 14yr. old male, coco and gray with tags. Call 432-694-0474.



REWARD! LOST: CHIHUAHUA, CNB Bank on Cuthbert & Andrews, 14yrs. old, answers to Bingo, blue collar w. tags. Senior owner, desperately misses him. Call 694-0474, 553-4225.



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Gray/Gray
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NISSAN 2004 Titan crew cab. Loaded, DVD, senior citizen owner, 97k original miles, white, excellent condition, $11,550. Call 432-528-6396

NISSAN 2008 Altima, 16,800 miles, $18,000. Call 432-934-1528 or Email milt.fitts@att.net

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PONTIAC 1991 6000 LE, $800. Call 694-2888, 553-7733

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Midland, TX
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Midland, TX 79707 Apply in Person

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Case Manager for Midland Workforce Center: assist program participants in developing vocational goals. Bachelor's degree in related field or minimum of 2 years work experience in related field. To apply go to www.rescare.com/courers to complete application.

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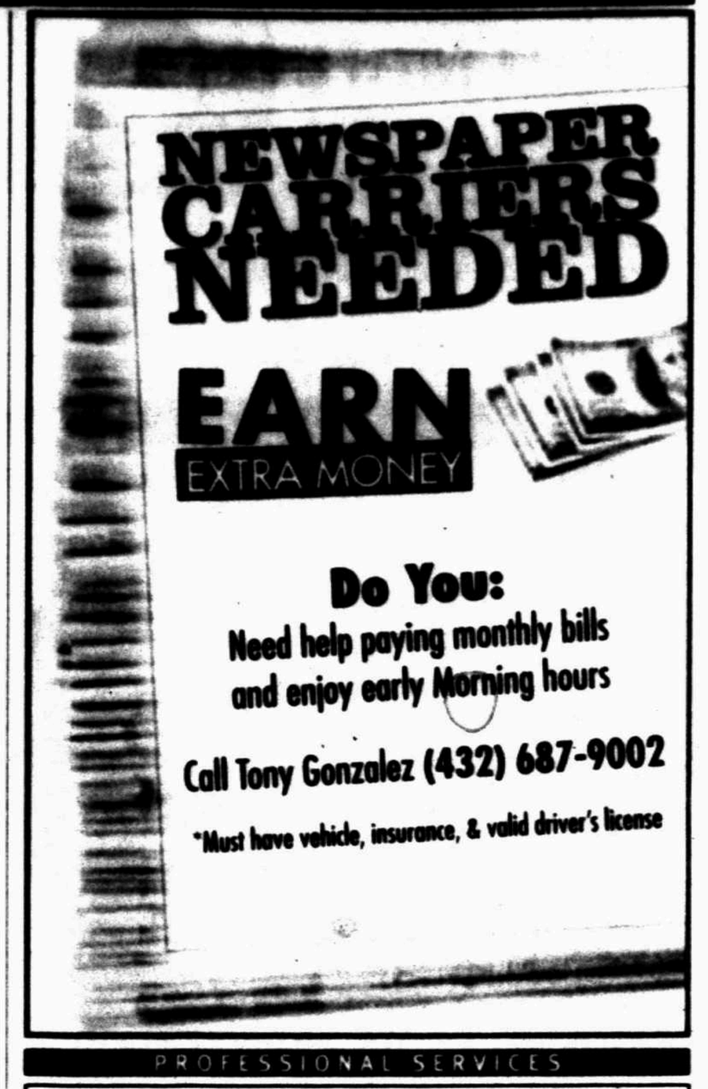
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Mechanic
Danny's Automotive FT
Must have experience and own tools. Paid vacation, retirement plan and insurance. Starting pay $32.50/hour. M-F 7:30am - 5:30pm. Apply at 1904 West Front, Midland, TX 79701

Oilfield Electrician
Control System Associates FT
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Silverline

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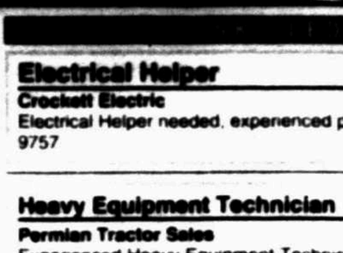
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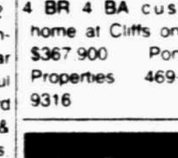
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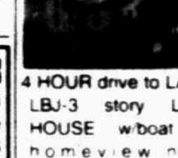
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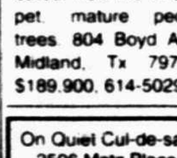
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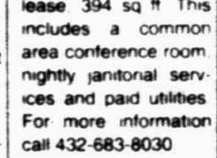
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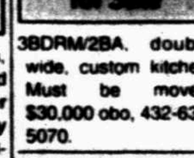


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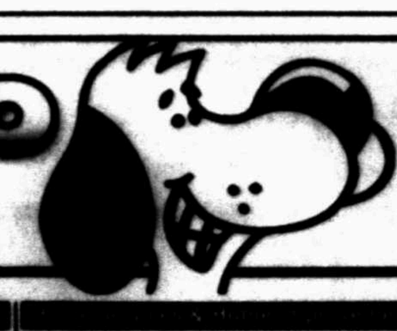
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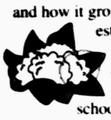
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What's growing on with school gardens?

More and more schools are planting gardens as part of the effort to get kids to eat healthier foods.

Many experts believe that school gardens offer a powerful _____ to the sugary path leading to childhood obesity. Growing food in a school garden not only teaches students where food comes from and how it grows, but also helps kids to establish _____ eating habits. The fruits and vegetables grown can even become part of a school's _____ program.



Food for thought

But gardens can provide other _____, too. When kids grow gardens, they learn about plants, soil, _____ and water management, and the fields of biology, ecology and environmental studies. They will probably pay closer _____ to the weather.

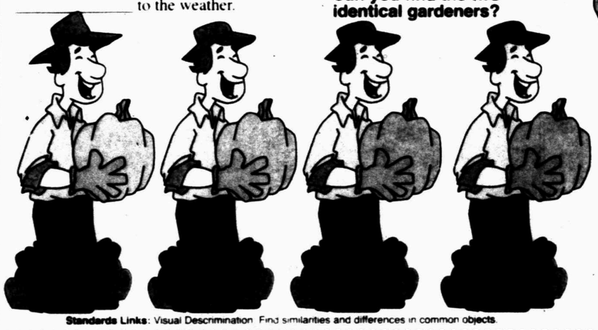
Planting an idea

You don't even need a plot of land to grow plants. Window boxes or _____ can easily provide a start for early learners. A _____ garden or a water garden also provide learning opportunities.

Where do each of these words belong?

HEALTHY ATTENTION BUTTERFLY LESSONS CONTAINERS LUNCH COMPOSTING ALTERNATIVE

Can you find the two identical gardeners?



Standards Links: Visual Descrimination. Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Name That Veggie!

Draw a line from each vegetable picture to its name. How many can you identify correctly? Check your answers below and score 3 points for every one you get right. Give yourself an extra 3 points for each of these vegetables that you have eaten in the last 10 days.



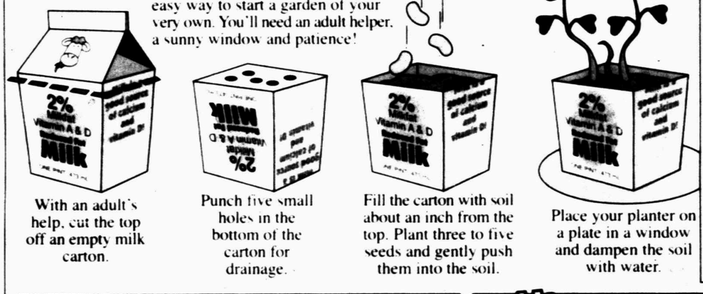
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ASPARAGUS
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0-3 POINTS: SEEDLING
6 - 12 POINTS: GOOD SPROUT
15 - 25 POINTS: PRODUCE PRO
30+ POINTS: GROWING GENIUS

ANSWERS: 1 radish, 2 eggplant, 3 leek, 4 broccoli, 5 asparagus, 6 carrot, 7 kale, 8 bell pepper, 9 green beans, 10 avocado

Pint-sized Planter

Here's an easy way to start a garden of your very own. You'll need an adult helper, a sunny window and patience!



With an adult's help, cut the top off an empty milk carton.

Punch five small holes in the bottom of the carton for drainage.

Fill the carton with soil about an inch from the top. Plant three to five seeds and gently push them into the soil.

Place your planter on a plate in a window and dampen the soil with water.

Extra! Extra!

Garden Dot-to-Dot

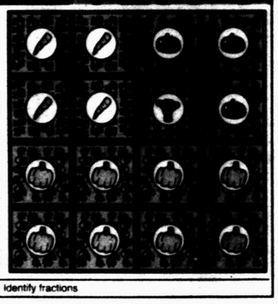
On one page of the newspaper, find the letters that spell these vegetables that gardeners like to grow. Connect the dots that spell each word.

- ☐ onion
- ☐ kale
- ☐ carrot
- ☐ beet
- ☐ pepper
- ☐ raddish
- ☐ cabbage
- ☐ artichoke
- ☐ broccoli
- ☐ zucchini

Standards Links: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What fraction of each type of vegetable is growing in this school garden?



CARROTS: ___
PUMPKINS: ___
BROCCOLI: ___
TOMATOES: ___

Standards Links: Number Sense. Identify fractions.

The Other Side

In Thailand, a whole community is involved in a project to grow food for their school. Discover more at: www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Double Word Search

Find all these fruits and vegetables in the puzzle below.

ARTICHOKE
BROCCOLI
CUCUMBER
LETTUCE
APRICOT
RADISH
GRAPES
CELERY
MELON
PLUMS
PEARS
KALE
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

WRITING CORNER

What is your favorite vegetable? What part of the plant does it come from? Use at least three of your five senses to describe why it is your favorite.

My favorite vegetable is the potato. The potato comes from the roots of the plants. I like the potato when they are prepared in different ways. After they are prepared I like the way they smell, and they look good, and taste like French fries. My first reason is it tastes good. It tastes good when my mom mashes them up for mashed potatoes. My second reason is it looks good. It looks good when my mom fries them and puts salt on them. My last reason is it smells like French fries. It smells like French fries when they just get pulled out of the oil. These are the reasons why I like the potato. They taste good, look good, and taste like French fries.

Arianna Barrera, 4th grade, St. Ann's

I have one favorite vegetable. It is corn on the cob. Vegetables are plants that grow from the ground. They each come from a certain part of a plant. The corn on the cob comes from the stem. My three senses I love about the corn on the cob are the away it looks, which is a shiny golden color, the way it tastes, which is buttery and the way it smells, which is buttery.

Joey Chaparro, 4th grade, St. Ann's

My favorite vegetable is broccoli. Broccoli feels bumpy on the top and smooth on the bottom. It smells like butter melted carrots. Broccoli looks green and it tastes delicious. Broccoli is its own plant just like a carrot. Broccoli is a very tasty vegetable. I hope you enjoy broccoli as much as I do!

Elias Reyes, 4th grade, St. Ann's

My favorite vegetable is corn. My favorite kind of corn is corn on the cob. Corn comes from a plant called Maize. Corn tastes almost sweet, smells great, looks very yellow, and I love the taste of it. Every time I smell corn I want to eat it. I can look at it all the time. It is yellow and yellow is one of my favorite colors.

Rachel Hulder, 4th grade, St. Ann's

My favorite vegetable is zucchini. Zucchini comes from a flower, and is in the squash family. They can grow to be as long as a meter. Zucchini really is an awesome vegetable. My mom puts zucchini on the grill along with other colorful vegetables when we have dinner. When she asks me what I would like for supper I always say "grilled zucchini!" Zucchini is green, and hard. It tastes so yummy, whether it's crunchy or steamed. The smell of zucchini doesn't smell nearly as good as it tastes. It's just a bonus that it's healthy for you.

Jackson G., 6th grade

Avocados are my favorite vegetable. They are just so good! They are a dark green, almost brown color, and the inside is a bright green, with a big seed in the middle. The seed helps to keep the vegetable fresh. Avocados are great for making guacamole. Guacamole is used in Mexican foods. Avocados tastes so yummy, I can eat them by themselves. The outside of the vegetable is very bumpy like elephant skin, but the inside is smooth. I chose avocados as my favorite vegetable in the whole world.

Marissa R., 6th grade

My favorite vegetable is corn. I like corn because it is good for you. It is good for you because it is healthy. I also like it because it tastes good. The last reason why I like corn is because it is the best vegetable ever. I like corn because it is sweet. These are the reasons why I like corn. The corn comes from the stalk. I also like corn on the cob. You can get corn two times a year. You can get corn early spring and late summer or early fall.

Temi Flowers, St. Ann's

Write On!

What Freedom Means To Me

What does freedom mean to you? Is freedom important?

Deadline: May 29
Published: Week of June 26
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Please include your school and grade.

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Sounds Good

To crop a picture is to cut away, change the size or eliminate parts that detract from the overall image. Cut out ten pictures from the newspaper. Crop each picture until you have an image you think is just right.

Standards Links: Visual Arts. Understand what makes different art techniques effective in communicating ideas.

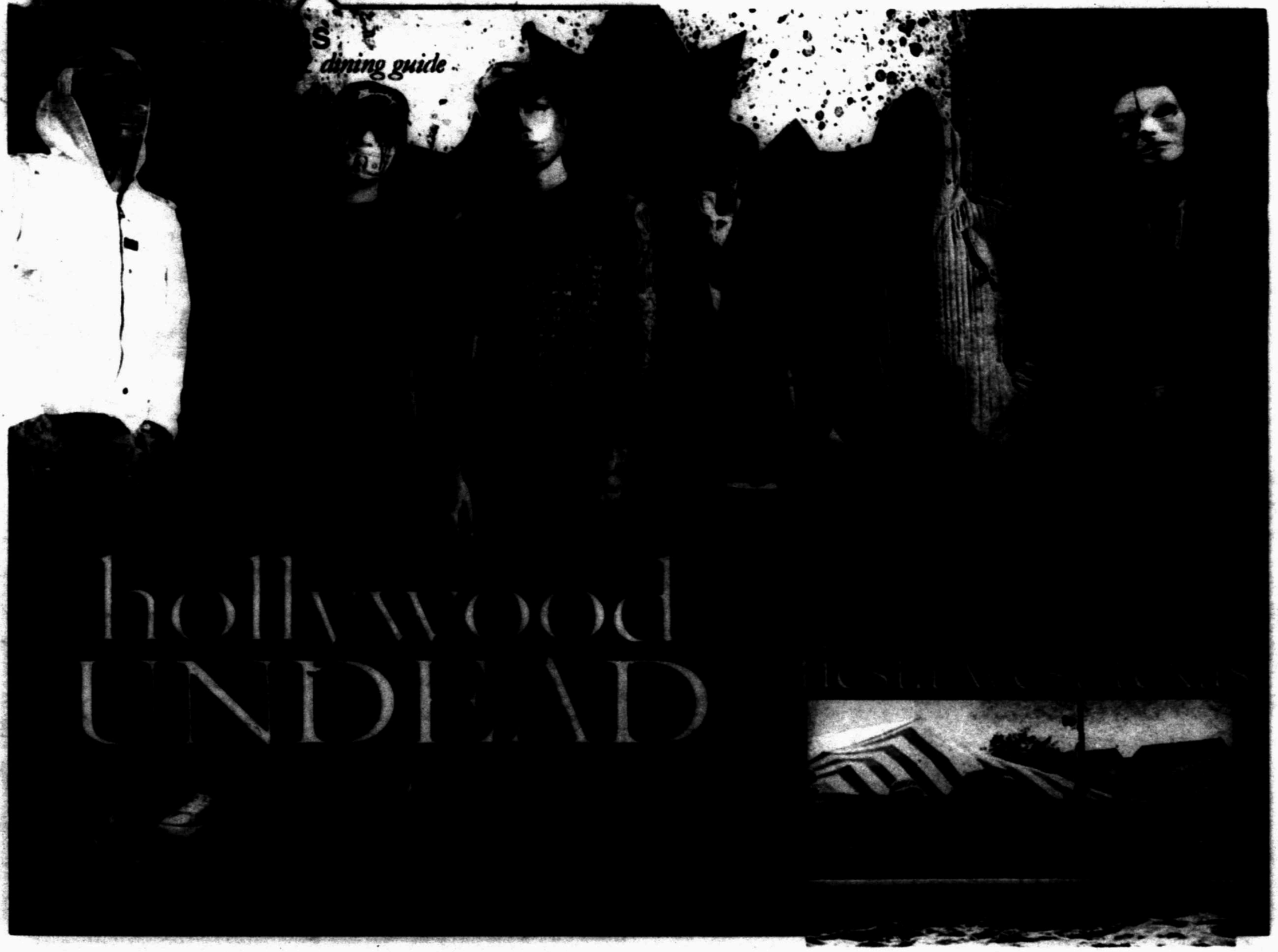


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PERFORMANCE AT SIBLEY
Tejano singer Tish Hinojosa, center, performed April 23 at Sibley Nature Center. Hinojosa is flanked by Marvin Dykhuis, who plays guitar/mandolin in her band, and Burr Williams, executive director of Sibley.

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HALEY LIBRARY BOOK SIGNING
When: 4:30 to 7 p.m. today
Where: Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave.
Info: Authors are Patrick Dearen, Glen Sample Ely and Clifford Caldwell. Public invited. Free.

33RD ART SHOW AND SALE
When: today through May 13
Where: Haley Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave.
Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Admission: Free. Works are for sale.

COLLECTOR'S CHOICE: PAMELA NELSON "WORLD-WITHOUT-END"
When: now through May 22
Where: Here and Now Gallery, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday
Admission: Free. Works are for sale.

ODESSA ART ASSOCIATION'S 53RD ANNUAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION
When: Opening reception 7 p.m. today. Awards 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa
Admission: Free.

COMIC ILLUSTRATION CLASS
When: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland County Public Library, 301 Missouri Ave.
Info: Designed for anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. Ages 14 and up.

FRIDAY

WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN
When: 10 a.m. Friday
Where: Dee's Bistro, 7th and Lee, Odessa
Info: Jeanne Pool, author of "Marketing for Solos," speaker. Sponsored by Women's Council of realtors.
Tickets: $10 at the door. Brunch. Public invited.

MIDLAND OPERA THEATER: ORTA FAMILY CONCERT
When: 7 p.m. Friday
Where: Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway at Cuthbert Avenue.
Admission: Free.
Info: Orta is the music minister at Second Baptist Church. Mrs. Orta teaches voice privately and at Odessa College. All of their children are involved in music and will be performing at the concert.

SATURDAY

MIDLAND DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET
When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.
Where: 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.

ODESSA'S BRAND NEW OPREE
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Tickets: Call 580-3177 or 432-332-1586



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NATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY SATURDAY @ THE BLAKEMORE PLANETARIUM

National Astronomy Day gives astronomy-lovers a chance to share their passion with the astronomy-curious. Clubs, planetaria, observatories and museums will host public viewing events, telescope workshops, hands-on activities and presentations to increase awareness about the profession and hobby. The Blakemore Planetarium staff and the West Texas Astronomers will have activities throughout the day including solar viewing through filtered telescopes and a live teleconference from the McDonald Observatory as well as a Star Party at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the Planetarium, 683-2882, or the West Texas Astronomers, 683-2056. The Planetarium is located in the Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

TUESDAY

EASY BRIDGE
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Allison Bridge Center, 911 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Go to www.easybridgepermianbasin.com or call 978-4085.

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB - "ADAM'S RIB"
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Cigar Frog's
Artist of the Month: Ryan Huggins

TUESDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: 1225 N Adams, Odessa, (corner of 13th and Adams)
Admission: $5 members, $6 guests

6TH ANNUAL PERMIAN BASIN SENIOR CELEBRATION
When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Horseshoe
Admission: Free.
Call: 800-491-4636, 262-4939

Road Trip

ALTO, N.M.

PAUL REVERE & THE RAIDERS
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road
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Fiesta West Texas celebrates Hispanic culture

Fiesta West Texas is a family-centered event celebrating the Hispanic culture, with an average attendance of more than 30,000 each year. The event has become the Permian Basin's largest and longest running Cinco de Mayo celebratory event and includes multiple food vendors, a large carnival, international animal shows, recreational activities and contests for children of all ages, live concerts with nationally recognized bands every evening and more.

Source: Fiesta West Texas

ALL THE DETAILS

When: Friday through Sunday
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Hours: 6-midnight Friday, 2-midnight Saturday and 2-11 p.m. **Sunday**. **Saturday's** closing time may have been extended

General Information

Concert Schedule:
Friday: 9:30 p.m.
Performers: Super Odisea, Barrio Kings, Chon Arauza and Ana Barbara
Saturday: 5 p.m. Miss Chiquitita Pageant, Barn G
Concert: 9:30 p.m.
Performers: Massore, Polo Urias and Intocable

Sunday: 8:30 p.m.
Performers: Mariachis, Los Bravos, Pantera Del Norte and Roberto Tapia.

Three shows daily:
Sea Lions Splash, The Welde Bears and The White Tigers Discovery Exhibit.

Other Attractions:
Main entrance tent: Bella Fitness Spa and Salon class demonstrations and Shout cheerleading dancers.
Carnival rides
Horse Arena: White Ranch PromotionsTeam Roping.
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Sunday: Dia de los Madres, Mother's Day special giveaways

Tickets: $13 per day, $30 three-day pass.
On sale: Endless Horizons, Lechugas, La Nueva Moda, La Tropicana and Super Mercado
Information: Call 580-4200
Contact: e-mail Fiestawesttexas@gmail.com or call 580-4200

Quartet to perform music for Mom

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's Permian Basin String Quartet invites families to celebrate Mother's Day with a special evening of music.

The program features String Quartet in D Major by Mendelssohn, Andante from Piano Concerto No. 21 by Mozart/arr. Latham and String Quartet No. 2 in G Major by Brahms.

"The viola was Brahms' favorite stringed instrument," said John Madura. "This evening, the PBSQ welcomes guest artist Laura Stout, to complete the Brahms String Quintet No. 2 for two violins, two violas and cello. By adding a second viola, Brahms achieved the richness of texture he so loved. We hope you'll love the warm, full sound as well."

Melissa Madura described Mendelssohn's work as "energetic and passionate. You will hear bursts of sunshine, a well-mannered minuet, a magical slow movement and a fiery gigue."

The concert will take place at the UTPB CEED building, centrally located between Midland and Odessa at the intersection of Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market 1788.

Source: The Midland-Odessa Symphony & CHorale, Inc

ALL THE DETAILS

PERMIAN BASIN STRING QUARTET
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: UTPB's CEED Building, Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788
Tickets: $12 general admission. Senior and student discounts are offered. Music students are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.'s office at 563-0921.
Info: The Permian Basin String Quartet is a performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. The members are John Madura, Melissa Madura, Sarah Wilson and Katie Gillan. All are principal members of the symphony orchestra.



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In the limelight
Willie Nelson

By Graham Dixon

Could a Sunday evening concert at the Horseshoe be more successful than the one that took place a few months ago? On that night the arena was largely empty. The musicians were reasonably well-known, one was the daughter of a legend, but the Nelson name alone couldn't bring out crowds that night. But it is a different matter when Willie Nelson himself is in town. Last Sunday the parking lot was packed, the arena nearly full to capacity.

Many in the audience had not been born when Willie Nelson signed his first record contract, but they still knew the words to his songs. And what a joyful marathon of music-making occurred ...

"Whiskey River," "Still Moving To Me," "Whiskey for my Men, Beer for my Horses," "Crazy," "It's my Life," "Rough and Rocky Traveling," "Cities of the Nation," "Help Me Make It Through the Night," "Me and Bobby McGee," "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain," "Goodhearted Woman," "Don't let your Babies Grow up to be Cowboys," "Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground," "On the Road Again," "Always on my Mind," "May the Circle be Unbroken," "I'll Fly Away," "Nobody's Fault But Mine," "On the Bayou," "Hey Good Lookin'," "Move it on Over," "Superman," "You Don't Think I'm Funny Anymore," "Fly Me Down to Houston," "Georgia," "Let the World Call Me a Fool," "Walking," "Call it a Night," "I Saw the Light."

Willie Nelson played all these songs the day after his 78th birthday. At least 29 songs — we may have missed a couple of titles — that showed both the range of Nelson's work and his sheer vivacity. He has more energy than people a third his age and he played for exactly 92 minutes non-stop. His voice was stronger than it had been the last couple of occasions he appeared in the Permian Basin, and his guitar-playing was understated and yet powerful.

Nelson brought a pared down band to the Horseshoe last Sunday night. His longtime drummer, his sister on piano, a bassist and a harmonica player. It was perhaps a pity not to see his blues guitarist son race up and down the neck, but the spare nature of the band allowed for Nelson himself to shine more forthrightly. He was pleading in "Help Me Make It Through the Night," and sprightly in the song made famous by Janis Joplin. He conjured those blue eyes with as much passion as ever and raised his hand skyward as his voice still managed to soar with that lover who goes too close to the sun, and stooped with that angel who swoops to the ground.

Watching Willie Nelson play from a few feet away is an intense experience. He resembles an animated statue – the deep lines and crevasses on his face speak of a life well-lived, of an existence taken to the hilt. Nelson is his own picture of Dorian Gray. Nothing is hidden. He still peers at his neck hand on the guitar, even though he surely left the need to check on his chord fingering decades ago. Perhaps it is habit, or maybe a way of delving deep into the somber, bluesy tone that lurks underneath many seemingly happy songs. Those dark, almost black eyes concentrate on his faithful old Martin guitar before lifting upward and shining with an odd intensity.

As song led into song someone near to me said "he's unstoppable," and it was indeed inspiring to see a man pushing 80 playing with such tenacity, such enjoyment. Of course at some point the music will stop, and Nelson takes a wry look at the aging process in songs like "Superman" in which he laments "too many pain pills, too much pot, tryin' to be something I'm not." He switches from humorous self-deprecation to outlaw country to tender love songs with little effort.

At the beginning of the show Willie Nelson wandered onto the stage with no fanfare, no spotlight, no grandiose conceit — just a man come to play music with his friends. Several thousand of them.

When he left the stage — as usual with no encore -- the audience slid out into the cold night energetically. We had shared in genius — for Willie Nelson is surely that with his instantly recognizable voice, unique phrasing and apparently endless songwriting inspiration. We can hope for many more years of enjoying his company. More opportunities for that face to become even more expressive and poignant, for that voice to pierce us with its gravelly melancholy.

Finally — how great it was to be at a show in which the sound system was set at a level in which conversation was possible — albeit with raised voices. Willie Nelson, unlike many of his younger ilk, does not hide a lack of genuine artistry behind bone-jarring volume. The audience needs no artificial stimulation to be fulfilled by his music.



Graham Dixon



In the limelight
Hairspray



Reporter-Telegram file phot

By Graham Dixon

"Hairspray" — playing at the Yucca Theatre through May 7 — is a rollicking, camp and nostalgic throwback to 1962, when interracial dancing was frowned upon and bubble-gum strengthened the mouth muscles. Midland Community Theatre offers another winner with this colorful show full of the wit of John Waters, fine direction from Tim Jebsen and the great enthusiasm and skill of many local actors.

While this is essentially an ensemble musical, there are several pivotal roles. Katie Bailey plays the star struck Tracy Turnblad — who becomes the unlikely leader of a dance-based, televised civil rights protest — with passion, sweetness and believability. In "I Can Hear the Bells" she gives a heartfelt homage to the dreams of all those who are not perfect 10s – a song that manages to be funny without being crass, sentimental without being cloying. Yes, as with all John Waters characters, a sardonic distance is being maintained between the character and her audience, but it is one we yearn to bridge.

Probably the most famous role in "Hairspray" is the one immortalized by Harvey Fierstein on Broadway, and strangely given to John Travolta on film. Our Midland production has Brian Gravelle in the drag part of Tracy's mother, Edna. Gravelle does not attempt to ham it up for much of the show — he is simply, and effectively, an imposing, tall young man playing a middle-aged mother of impressive proportions. Gravelle was hilarious in the duet "You're Timeless to Me" with her (his) husband, played with joyful abandon by John Briggs. Their dance, with Briggs craning his neck upwards to catch a glimpse of his adored wife, is worth the price of ticket on its own. Briggs has been in many parts over the years — but not one quite like this.

It is a sight to behold.

Another sight to behold is Phil Tytanic's massive, toothy grin as Corny Collins, the host of the television show that is at the heart of the plot. Tytanic creates a hilarious caricature, but one that is scarily near to the artificiality of many television hosts. The gum-chewing Penny Pingleton bears a passing resemblance to an innocent version of Wednesday from the Addams Family. Michelle Tate pulls off Penny's change into a more knowing teenager well and her staring into the television screen at what we are seeing on stage behind her is very real.

Laura Bond and Natalie Swanner play the loathsome Von Tussles as a mother and daughter whose sense of entitlement blinds them to the changes that are inevitably occurring around them. Those changes are embodied by African-American characters like Motormouth Maybelle, played with a sassy seriousness by Pat Caldwell, and Seaweed J Stubbs, portrayed by Albert Hall with one of the finest voices of the night. Hall has a natural ease on stage, as if bursting into song is a normal feature of his character.

As Link Larkin — a man who thinks he desires stardom beyond anything else, but who ends up wanting love — Bryan Foreman portrays a pivotal character. His move from the obvious attractions of Amber to the more unusual charms of Tracy is credible. If the Waters social message of not judging a book by the cover is a little sledge-hammer like, Larkin shows his character is genuinely drawn to the Tracy's vivacity and unusual sensuality rather than to any idealistic sense of how he should behave.

A similar personalizing of a song that might have become trite if expressed too didactically occurs with "I Know Where I've Been." Here Maybelle expresses her confidence in a positive future, despite all the evidence surrounding her to the contrary. Of course the most blatant forms of racial division that are shown in "Hairspray" have long disappeared, and we are watching a historical reminder of a time that has thankfully disappeared. Jebsen manages to communicate the show's message of harmony without being too obvious.

So this is a two-and-a-half hour musical that flies by — a sure sign of a success. If the post curtain-call return to song and dance made the audience as awkward as a teenager caught in flagrante, it did fit with the celebration of the weird over the conventional.

If you can get tickets, do so. You will leave smiling, humming and happy.

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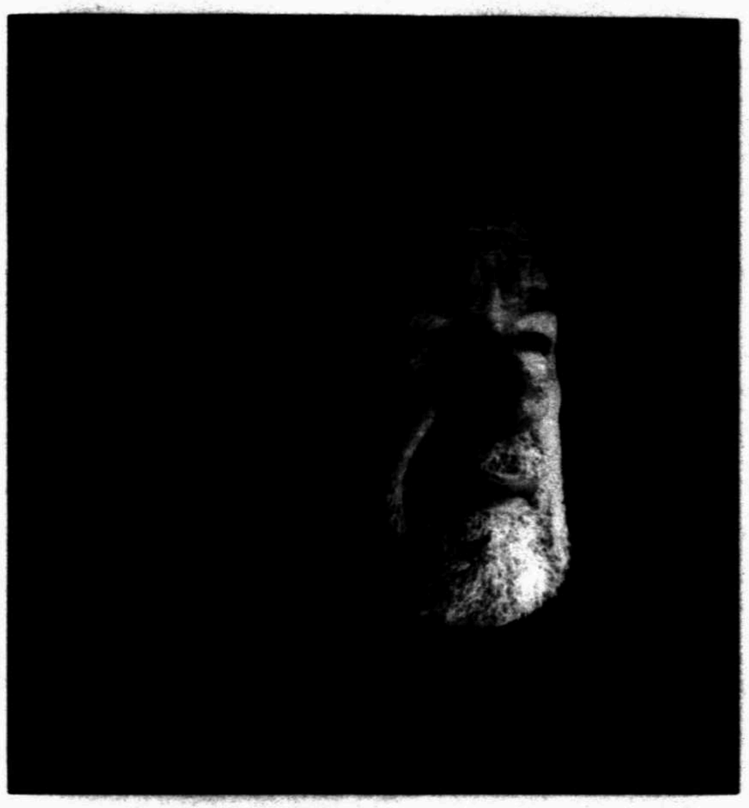
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On his 2009 album release "A Taste of the Truth," Watson and Rhonda Vincent scored a No. 1 for their single "Staying Together." Watson is one of the rare singers who still sings in the same key as he did 30 years ago and his audiences respond with standing ovations night after night when he nails the octave jumping last note on his most requested song, the now country classic "Farewell Party."

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Hollywood Undead's new album has more of a rock sound

By Alan Sculley

Fans who hear the new Hollywood Undead CD, "American Tragedy," will immediately notice the group's sound has shifted from the hip-hop emphasis of its debut, "Swan Songs," to more of a hard rock direction.

While most of the songs still have rapped lyrics, the musical emphasis is on rock, as new songs like "Hear Me Now," "Been To Hell" and "Levitate" feature big rock riffs and decidedly melodic hooks.

Blame the stylistic shift on groups Hollywood Undead toured with after the release of "Swan Songs."

"We were playing with all of these super heavy bands," vocalist J-Dog (Jorel Decker) said in a recent phone interview. "Like we'd be put onstage during a festival in between two metal bands, and we'd kind of like have to hold up to them. Sometimes when you're playing a slow song it doesn't translate as well. So we wanted to have some heavier songs, so when we're playing live it will translate across to the crowd that wants to jump around and go apes."

Fitting in better on tours wasn't the only reason Hollywood Undead monkeyed with its sound on "American Tragedy."

"If we wrote the same album twice, I think we would have just been a failure," J-Dog said. "People would have been 'I already heard this once. It was better the first time' is what they would say. Any band that doesn't evolve is bound to fail."

Failure isn't a feeling Hollywood Undead has had to experience often in the past couple of years.

The group got its start in 2005 when J-Dog and Deuce (Aron Erlichman) got together, recorded the song "The Kids," and posted it on the website MySpace.

The other current band members — Charlie Scene (Jordon Terrell), Johnny 3 Tears (George Ragan), Funny Man (Dylan Alvarez), Da Kurlzz (Matthew St. Claire) — joined soon after, along with former band member Shady (Jeff Philips). They then dove into making "Swan Songs," which blended hip-hop with an eclectic range of other influences. The band expected to release the CD on MySpace Records.

But when MySpace attempted to censor the group's lyrics, Hollywood Undead split with the label, and then struggled mightily to land another record deal, as potential suitors also balked at the group's lyrics.



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Finally in 2008, the group was signed by A&M/Octone, which agreed to release "Swan Songs" as is.

A&M/Octone probably has not regretted its decision to sign Hollywood Undead. "Swan Songs" spent 53 consecutive weeks on the "Billboard" magazine "Top 200" album chart and went gold with more than 500,000 copies sold.

And now with "American Tragedy," the group has toned down some of the coarse language and graphic sexual imagery of the first CD — something J-Dog said was a creative decision and not a result of pressure from A&M/Octone. The new CD also has a darker, more serious tone than "Swan Songs."

"We grew up," J-Dog said. "We're a few years older now, less slapstick and stuff like that. Some of the songs that are on there are about partying and doing what we do. But we wanted to like translate it a little better, be like a little more serious than we were last time."

The group also had a bit of internal drama, as founding member Deuce left the group in early 2010. J-Dog suggested Deuce wanted the group to continue to pursue more of a rap-influenced sound, while the rest of the group favored the rock direction that emerged on "American Tragedy."

To replace Deuce, the group brought in a longtime friend, Danny (Daniel Murillo). His nickname isn't as colorful as those of his bandmates, but J-Dog said Danny has been a big addition to the group, especially on the live stage.

"He just has an amazing voice," J-Dog said. "His voice translates really well to our music. He's a really good live performer, which we were kind of lacking before. We got a lot of complaints before about the live singing. So with Danny now, he just like nails it perfect every night, like a real professional dude. He takes care of his voice. So it's like we sound better live now."

The group had an excuse for being a bit rough as a live act when it first started touring behind "Swan Songs." The band essentially had not toured before the album was released because the group couldn't afford the equipment it needed to do shows until signing with A&M/Octone.

"We had to learn our chops with Hollywood Undead while we were touring," J-Dog said. "I mean, the whole live show we kind of built while we were going on the road. We didn't have time to sit there and practice and play local shows and do that."

What also makes Hollywood Undead stand out is the masks the band members wear on stage.

"It's almost like a theatrical thing because visually, the masks are very striking. They look cool," J-Dog said. "And we don't wear them for the whole show because we're sweating on them and they're hot. And it's hard to translate emotion through a mask."

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DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Finding gem in bargain bins can be difficult but rewarding

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Editor's note: Because of a shipping snafu at my friendly neighborhood Blockbuster store, there is only one new release to choose from this week, and that title — "Hyenas" — is a holdover from last week and not even close to a 'Pick of the Week' choice.

Instead, here's an expanded version of the 'Bargain Bin Pick of the Week.'

These are DVDs that can be found in almost every store in town that sells movies. They usually are overstock or out of print titles, which not only means classic films at great prices -- usually $5 or less -- but they also can turn into rarities you can sell on eBay for big bucks in a few years.

For example, "License to Drive" was everywhere a few years ago, but when Corey Haim died, for some inexplicable reason, the distributor decided to discontinue the title. Copies are selling for up to $50. Ditto for "The Last Days of Disco."

Bargains

CASINO (R from 1995) Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci are at their gangster best -- or worst, as it were -- in this Martin Scorsese classic. Watch for funny men Dick Smothers and Alan King in roles that show a serious and ominous side. But most amazing of all may be Sharon Stone, who got a well-deserved Oscar nod for best actress. A

EXCALIBUR (R from 1981) John Boorman's take on the legend of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table was met with tepid reviews when first released, but has deservedly evolved into a cult classic. Gabriel Byrne and Liam Neeson were still struggling young actors when they got their big break in this film. Of all the movies on this list that may be headed for the collector's status mentioned earlier, my money's on this title. B+

FROM DUSK TILL DAWN (R from 1996) Along with Kathryn Bigelow's "Near Dark" — another bargain bin staple that has become scarce — this film from Texas legend Robert Rodriguez ranks as one of the best non-traditional vampire movies ever made. A-

HELLBOY (PG-13 from 2004) Guillermo del Toro's story of the reluctant superhero is everything one could hope for from the graphic novels, and far more. Ron Perlman plays the cat-loving title role to sublime perfection. A-

INKHEART (PG from 2008) Fascinating tale about a man (Brendan Fraser) able to bring book characters to life didn't fare so well at the box office but has gained some of the respect it deserves on DVD. B

THE RIGHT STUFF (R from 1983) Film adapted from Tom Wolfe's brilliant book about NASA's infancy and the first seven astronauts who became legends is practically flawless and worth repeated viewings. Only drawback to the DVD is the cheap way in which it was distributed by Warner Home Video, sans any extras, a disturbing and very disappointing trend the studio exhibited for several years. There is a two-disc version with lots of cool extra features that can be found online for about the same price, if purchased used. A

THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R from 2007) A best picture contender just a few years ago, it's a sad thing to see this title mixed amongst the straight-to-DVD junk and public domain cheapies. Granted, it's a film that dazzles and shocks the first time around but repeated viewings may not be as impressive. Regardless, this beautifully shot film -- quite a bit of which around Marfa -- won DP Roger Elswit a best cinematography Oscar, and it is a sight to behold. A

THE TREASURE OF THE SIERRA MADRE (not rated from 1948) Did you know this film spawned one of the most famous lines in movie history, used in hundreds of films and TV shows since? "Badges? We ain't got no badges. We don't need no badges. I don't have to show you any stinking badges," came from this John Huston masterpiece starring Humphrey Bogart. This riveting character study about greed and moral degradation is just as powerful now as it was 53 years ago. Another Warner Brothers cheapie, this DVD actually includes a couple of nifty extras, including Newsreel footage and "Hot Cross Bunny," a Looney Tunes cartoon. As with "The Right Stuff," though, there's a two-disc version that includes bonus features worth the extra couple dollars, notably another Looney Tunes short, "8 Ball Bunny," in which Bugs — trying to return a lost penguin to his home — is repeatedly approached by Humphrey Bogart, who's asking for a handout using the same line his character utters in the film's opening. A

Recent release

HYENAS (R) Costas Mandylor from the "Saw" series stars as a man seeking revenge on the transforming beasts who ate his wife and baby. It's shocking to see this film actually had a theatrical run. Seeing it on the big screen must have been something as I've seen better graphics on old Atari 2600s. There is a camp factor going for it, but I was sober when I watched it, so I was not amused. F

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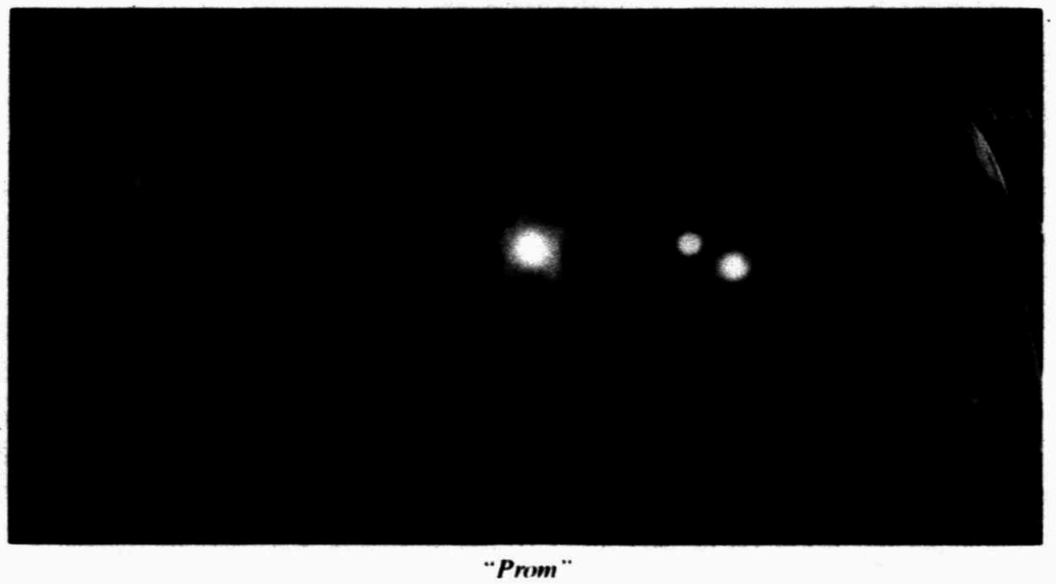
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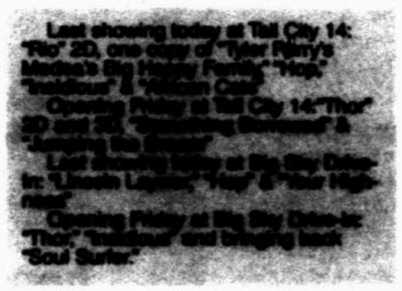
"FAST FIVE" — If the filmmakers had thrown in giant, shape-shifting robots, talking apes and some vampires, the fifth installment in "The Fast and the Furious" franchise would hardly have been more outlandish. That said, the movie will get you where you're going. Opting for a blowout of a movie with no restraints whatsoever, director Justin Lin wisely adds former wrestling superstar Dwayne Johnson as a relentless federal agent to go toe-to-toe with Vin Diesel's driving ace, who's again on the run along with his sister (Jordana Brewster) and his cop-turned-outlaw pal (Paul Walker). Any thwack from the inevitable Diesel-Johnson slugfest might kill an ordinary human, but these characters basically are comic-book figures, so they're able to wail the innards out of each other and come through with only a cosmetic bruise or two. It's nonsense, but when Hollywood does nonsense right, it can be a lot of fun. Lin now is far more assured as an action director, crafting stunts and chases that zip along so recklessly you won't much care how utterly impossible they are. Past "Fast and Furious" rowdies such as Tyrese Gibson, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges and Sung Kang join Diesel and company for an "Ocean's Eleven"-style heist romp. PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, sexual content and language. 130 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

"HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL" — Red Riding Hood needs a better agent. Months after being refashioned in a werewolf tale, she's back in this computer-animated sequel to the mostly forgotten 2005 original. The fractured fairy tale has returned with 3-D graphics, more polished animation and less wit. There was some madcap charm to the earlier "Hoodwinked!" which reinterpreted the story of Red Riding Hood as a "Rashomon"-style detective story. This sequel, directed by Mike Disa, takes the same characters and instead of refashioning a fairy tale, casts them in an action film plot. Red (Hayden Panettiere assuming Anne Hathaway's role), Wolf (Patrick Warburton), Twitchy (an overcaffeinated squirrel voiced by Cory Edwards) and Granny (Glenn Close) are now special agents in the Happily Ever After Agency. Led by the dapper, long-legged frog Nicky Flippers (David Ogden Stiers), they pursue the kidnapped Hansel (Bill Hader) and Gretel (Amy Poehler) when they're taken by a witch (Joan Cusack). The frame is more "Mission: Impossible" than Brothers Grimm. The result is a more professional-looking film with less comedy. If only the talented voice cast had written it, too. PG for some mild rude humor, language and action. 85 minutes. One star out of four.

— Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer

"PROM" — It's not just prom, it's Disney's "Prom." And so no one smokes, no one sneaks in peach schnapps in a flask and no one gets lucky in the back of a limo. This is all about that magical night when everyone gets together, regardless of the social hierarchy that had been firmly in place the past four years, and dreams come true. Wholesome, earnest dreams for wholesome, earnest kids — except for the resident



bad boy, that is. But naturally, he'll turn out to have a heart of gold. Yes, director Joe Nussbaum's film, from a script by Katie Wech, is chock-full of high-school movie cliches — sometimes knowingly and amusingly so. There's a tall, misfit character named Lloyd (Nicholas Braun) who resembles "Say Anything ..."-era John Cusack — a tall, misfit character named Lloyd. Of course, the straight-arrow good girl (Aimee Teegarden) will get stuck working with the motorcycle-riding rebel (Thomas McDonell), and they will see through their respective prejudices to not only get along but fall for each other. Still, the sweetness and guilelessness of "Prom" is actually strangely charming, and for its target audience — girls who are several years away from having to pick out that perfect dress — this will be a safe, enjoyable and validating little diversion. PG for mild language and a brief fight. 103 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

AFRICAN CATS 3 stars. Prey. Eat. Love. That's the cycle of life of the lioness and cheetah mother in this magnificent Disneynature documentary, a live-action "Lion King, that is deeply involving and primally moving. 1 hr. 30 G (may be too intense for children under 6) — Carrie Rickey

HANNA 3 1/2 stars. A rip-roaring fairy tale cloaked in spy clothing, starring Saoirse Ronan as a mystery girl raised off-the-grid and trained as a killing machine. Eric Bana and Cate Blanchett co-star. Nutty and exhilarating, violent and smart, with action set in snowy Nordic regions, the deserts of Morocco, and grungy Berlin. 1 hr. 51 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes) — Steven Rea

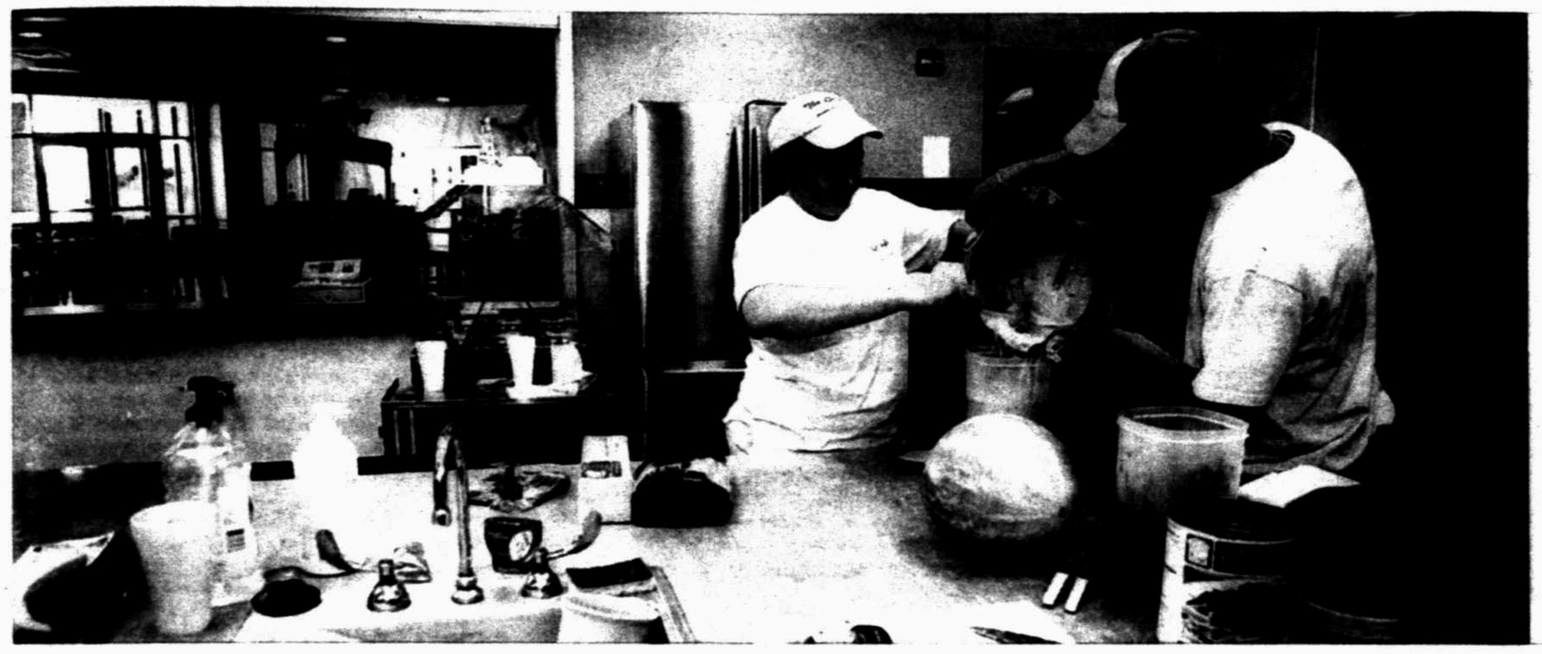
INSIDIOUS 2 1/2 stars. From the writing/directing team behind the grisly "Saw" comes this far more rarefied, and atmospheric scare pic. Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne are the handsome couple who move into a house with their son and newborn, only to discover that something is terribly, eerily amiss. Ominously whooshing ceiling fans and a visit from a bunch of ghost-busting nerds ensue. 1 hr. 42 PG-13 (scares, violence, children in jeopady, adult themes) — Steven Rea

RIO 3 stars. Carlos Saldanha's joyous carnival of animation celebrating avian (and human) biodiversity. Winging and singing creatures frolic in Brazil's capital of fun. Storks samba! Toucans tumba! Parrots party in kaleidoscopic formations to the music of Sergio Mendes! Voice work by Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway and Jamie Foxx. 1 hr. 36 G (animal adventure) — C.R.

SCREAM 4 2 1/2 stars. Franchise spawners Wes Craven and Kevin Williamson bring back original "Scream" threesome Courtney Cox, Neve Campbell and David Arquette, throwing new faces — Rory Culkin, Erik Knudsen, Hayden Panettiere, Emma Roberts and many more — into the hallways of Woodboro High for an intergenerational bloodbath. The Ghostface Killer runs amok, prank calling, punking and posting messages on Facebook. 1 hr. 51 R (violence, gore, adult themes) — Steven Rea

SOUL SURFER 1 1/2 stars. The takeaway line from this reverent retelling of shark-attack victim Bethany Hamilton's ordeal is that with faith, all things are possible. Just goes to show that the Gospel isn't always right. Faith clearly does not assure a good movie. The aquatic and surf scenes are spectacular. The story, a cliched climb to inspiration. "Soul Surfer" is more parable than plot. 1 hr. 46 PG (intense action sequence) — David Hiltbrand

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS 3 stars. Steamy and sexy with a smack of sadism, this atmospheric adaptation of the Sara Gruen novel is a throwback to old-school Hollywood action/romance. Robert Pattinson, Reese Witherspoon and Christoph Waltz co-star as a veterinarian, trick rider and unstable ringmaster struggling to save a financially-ailing circus during the Depression. 2 hrs. PG-13 (abusive behavior to humans and animals, discreet sex) — Carrie Rickey



THE CAFÉ AT CRESTVIEW

301 N. Loop 250 West in Crestview Baptist Church (South of Grande Stadium)

Website: www.crestviewmidland.org (Click on ministries and then café)
Phone: 681-8200 ext. 2007
Catering: 559-2928
Payment Accepted: cash, checks
Entrée price range: $3-$8
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Meals served: lunch
Kid's menu? Kid friendly foods
Parking? Ample parking lot
Outdoor seating? No
Private dining room for parties? Large dining area suitable for meetings and luncheons
Take out? Yes
Gift Cards? Yes
Reservations? Not necessary, but suggested for meetings or parties

Café at Crestview: Friendly service in a serene setting

By Joan Huff

Sometimes lunch and a quiet atmosphere are not found in the same place. However, a tranquil setting is exactly what you will discover within the walls of Crestview Baptist Church on Loop 250. Signs in the parking lot will direct you to the correct door to enter.

The church features a café that is open to everyone in town. The church has hired Silver Platter Catering to run the café. Golden walls and stained concrete floors greet you as you enter the building. Tables as well as bistro-style tables and bar stools — located in the commons area — are spread around the room making it feel open and airy.

Grab a menu and order at the counter from the smiling and friendly staff. The cafe offers a soup of the day; soup and a sandwich; and salads ranging from grilled chicken, chicken Caesar or garden. Tex-Mex dishes include chicken fajitas, ground beef burritos or quesadillas and various types of nachos.

I chose a lunch from the A La Carte section of the menu called the "Miss Cayce's Special" (the owners of the store attend this church). A hamburger patty or grilled chicken breast is served with provolone cheese, grilled onions and bell peppers, a strip of bacon and chopped tomatoes and lettuce if requested. I chose the chicken and thought it was a delicious combination of flavors. Another friend ordered a chicken salad sandwich and thought it was just as good as what I was enjoying.

If you want a burger, order it plain and choose from the add-ons such as cheese, jalapenos, grilled onions or bell peppers, bacon, guacamole or queso. The taco burger includes ground taco meat, shredded lettuce, tomato and nacho or shredded cheese. Several other versions of burgers are offered as well as a Philly cheese steak or club sandwich.

Daily lunch specials are available. Wednesday's special is baked chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll and dessert; or a crispy chicken salad with fruit bowl, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, red cabbage, carrots with crispy strips of chicken and fruit. On Thursdays, the cafe offers a chicken fajita plate, beans, rice, tortilla, dessert, and Friday's special is smoked brisket, sausage, ranch style beans, potato salad, bread and peach cobbler. These full meals are all only $8.

The café also has cheesecake, banana, chocolate and carrot cake for dessert. When dining out, a drink usually will cost more than a dollar, but diners at the cafe pay nothing for sweet and unsweet tea.

Silver Platter Catering also provides Wednesday night meals at Crestview for $7 each or $20 per family. You can view the menu as well as the Wednesday night selections by going to www.crestview.org.

The Café at Crestview offers friendly service, a serene setting and a varied menu. Take a break here for lunch and enjoy your meal, then you'll feel inspired to take on the rest of the day.

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www.AphasiaWTx.org



Saturday, May 14
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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in broad categories according to the type of food they serve. Additionally, they are classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.

Deli/Sandwich

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened (or grilled) chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of their famous curly fries. Also offer tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entree Price Range: $4-$7 evening $4-$12
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley, Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders either for breakfast or lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as seating outside on their porch. Payment types accepted: Visa, Mastercard, no checks.
Average Meal Price $7
Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jason's Deli (OAC)
4610 N. Garfield, Suite D 1-B
682-2200

Inviting salad bar with fresh fruit, various salads and the large selection of healthy sandwiches. All of the foods are free of artificial trans fats. Vegetarian and heart healthy items are noted with a "V" or a "heart" beside the entree. Soups and salads. When it comes to sandwiches, you name it, they have it. Kid's menu and free soft serve ice cream with meal. Catering, call in, or order online. Delivery available. Trays of food available for events. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entree Price Range: $5-7
Hours: Daily 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100
www.mcalistersdeli.com
687-0880

Winner of the Midland Reporter-Telegram Top 100 category for best sweet tea in Midland. Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entree Price Range: $4.50-$6.50
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Swensen's (OAC)
900 W. Loop 250 N. (Loop 250 and "A" Street)
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations in immaculate dining room. Fast friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches-grilled, cold, warm pita, and burgers. Various salads are available such as a crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta, and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available. Payment Accepted: credit cards, cash.
Entree price range: $4.25-6.95
Hours: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
1100 E. Illinois, corner of East Illinois and Lamesa Hwy
682-3200

Chicago inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Homestyle fries and chips. Drive through window. Payment Accepted: cash, credit cards.
Entree price range: $3.49-$5.99
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Mexican

Ajuua's Mexican Restaurant and Drive-Thru (SD)
3205 W. Cuthbert Ave.
694-4116

Serving authentic Tex-Mex cuisine for lunch and dinner, Ajuua's offers an expansive menu with traditional favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. The seafood menu features dishes with catfish, shrimp and oysters. Fajitas with beef, chicken, pork, shrimp or fish are available for $7.99 daily. Menudo is available Saturday and Sunday.
Entree Price Range: $5.99 - $31.95
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Casa Lopez Cafe (SD)
4411 W. Illinois
699-7373

Extensive menu featuring all types of Mexican food specialties. Appetizers include items such as nachos, chile con queso, bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. Variety of fajitas, combination plates, enchiladas, salads, steaks and a kid's menu. Sports bar in separate room with large TV. Delicious food and friendly service. Catering. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entree price range: $5.99-$13.99. Lunch specials, Monday-Friday for $5.99-11 a.m.-2 p.m. dine-in only.
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday-9 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Meals served: lunch, dinner on Monday-Friday. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Sunday. Drive in window for take-out orders.

El Banquete (SD)
1802 Rankin Highway
620-0123

Popular Mexican food establishment featuring daily specials. Appetizers such as chili con queso, guacamole, nachos and quesadillas. Taco salads, numerous burritos, beef or chicken fajita salads as well as various enchiladas plates are also on the menu. Beef tacos as well as soft pork tacos and T-bone steaks are also offered. Breakfast burritos served daily. Kid's menu available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée Price Range: $6.50-$10.49, T-bone dinner $15.99.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jorge's Café (SD)
3323 N. Midland Drive (Fairmont Shopping Center near Miss Cayce's)
Second location - 4400 N. Big Spring
689-0032 (Midland Drive)
683-6303 (N. Big Spring)

Voted top Mexican food restaurant and best salsa in town by readers of the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Lunch specials from 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Quick service and nice atmosphere. Appetizers, salads, Mexican specialties, combination plates,



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fajitas, and steaks. Breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday. Full service bar with happy hour Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m, televisions in bar tuned to sports. Room for party. Catering available. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash, no checks.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$11.49. Hours: Monday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Cancun Grill (SD)
223 W. Wall
618-0390

Located inside the Midland Tower Building across from the courthouse, this Mexican restaurant offers everything. Colorful dining room and décor. Full service bar. Large menu offering traditional Mexican dishes as well as numerous specialties and seafood, chicken and salads. Food is beautifully displayed on the serving dishes. Tres Leches cake is delicious. Cancun Grill is perfect for those working downtown. Catering and kid's menu available.
Entrée Price Range: Lunch, $6.50-$11.95; Dinner, $7.75-$19.95.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m.; Saturday 5:30-9 p.m.

Casa del Sol Restaurante y Cantina (SD)
523 East Illinois
686-1118

No reservations required, but handy when you have a group of six arriving at lunch. The inside is reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Numerous appetizer selections, Mexican specialties and combination plates, Mexican stir-fry, West Texas specialties including country-fried steak, shrimp, grilled or fried catfish. Kid's menu available. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: $5.75-$12.50.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Charlas Restaurante & Bar (SD)
3330 W. Illinois
699-2440

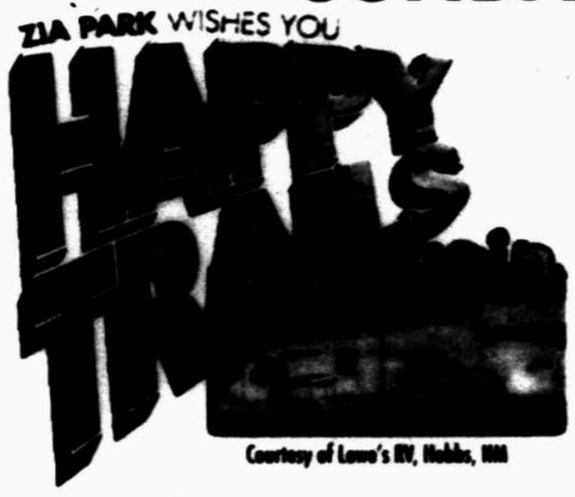
Enjoy delicious Mexican food while enjoying an informal and relaxed dining experience. Full service bar. Appetizers, enchiladas, tacos, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup, taco and tropical salad. Large choice of steaks, fajitas, burgers, seafood and chicken dishes as well. Delicious chips and salsa. Combination meals available as well as daily lunch specials. Kid's menu.
Entrée Price Range: $4.99-$14.99.
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory (OAC)
903 Andrews Highway 520-2358
2501 N. Big Spring 620-0634
4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489

Winner of the Midland Reporter Telegram's Top 100 for the "best fast food restaurant" and "best queso," this restaurant has a large menu of tacos, burritos, nachos and salads and a la carte items. Offering Mexican platters such as a beef burrito

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plate, cheese enchilada plate, deluxe Mexican plate and chicken or beef fajita plates in addition to a tamale dinner. Most of these "plates" come with rice and beans on the side and a small salad. Family sized portions available (try the fajita fiesta) as well as catering. Great atmosphere and quick service. Watch as they make fresh tortillas daily. Kid's menu available.
Entree price range: $1.19-$8.99
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-midnight

Caramba's Spanish Inn (SD)
3116 W. Front
520-9724 or 520-9525

Bustling Mexican restaurant with a wide variety of Mexican foods. Menu features appetizers, lite plates offering ten different choices, a "customer favorites" section, Mexican specialties and combination plates, burritos, burgers, steaks and seafood. Several rooms available for parties.
Payment Accepted: cash, local checks, major credit cards.
Entree price range: $4.95-$10.95
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

Dos Compadres (SD)
2200 W. Wadley
#1 Oak Ridge Square
684-7239
www.Doscompadres.net

Mexican restaurant offering various rooms for seating. Appetizers offered include a variety of nachos and quesadillas as well as chile con queso. There are 15 house specials to choose from as well as a large selection of combination plates. Also on the menu are steaks, seafood, and fajitas. Kid's menu available. Catering. Full service bar. Daily specials. Friendly service and family atmosphere. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entree price range: $5.25-$16.95 for a 12-ounce ribeye.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Gerardo's Casita (SD)
2407 N. Big Spring
570-8012
www.gerardoscasita.net

Mexican food restaurant offering an extensive menu with a wide variety of appetizers such as fajita and Tejano nacho and quesadillas. Mexican entrees, tacos, enchiladas and burritos, grilled specials including burgers, fajitas, steaks, taco salad and delicious tortilla soup. Daily specials, kid's menu and several rooms for meetings or parties. Full service bar. Catering available. Payment Accepted: checks, credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.99-$12.99. Lunch Specials: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

La Herradura Mexican Cuisine (SD)
1422 Rankin Highway
687-3000

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, La Herradura offers diners numerous choices on their expansive menu. Breakfast plates including huevos rancheros, omelettes, pancakes, French toast and other options with potatoes, beans and tortillas are served from 6-11 a.m. Lunch and dinner options include tacos, quesadillas, tostadas, fajitas, steaks, carne asada, enchiladas, flautas and burritos as well as hamburgers and other sandwiches. The restaurant serves menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends and a daily lunch buffet from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids menu offers a variety of options for under $5.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards.
Entree price range: $2-$14.99
Hours: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily

La Mision (SD)
1008 S. Big Spring
682-0320

Festive Mexican atmosphere with colorful decor and lights. Delicious chips and salsa with your meal. Large menu with large selection of appetizers, main dishes such as cheese enchiladas, carne guisada, hamburgers and fries, and chicken fried steak, fajitas, chili rellenos, grilled specialties. There is something for everyone on this menu. Try the sopapillas with ice cream for a delicious ending to your meal. Full service bar and outdoor seating available. Kid's menu. All major credit cards, checks and cash accepted.
Average Entree Price Range: $8
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dona Anita's (SD)
305 W. Florida Ave.
683-6727

Serving traditional Tex-Mex entrees such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, chile rellenos and combination plates, Dona Anita's is located near downtown and offers weekday lunch specials. The menu also includes fajitas with chicken, steak or shrimp, flautas, salads, quesadillas and other Tex-Mex specialties as well as American dishes such as hamburgers, a catfish platter and chicken fried steak. On Sundays, customers may order specials such as huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas.
Entree price range: $6.95-$14.95
Hours: Lunch: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dinner: Monday-Saturday 5-9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fajitas Bravo
409 E. Scharbauer Drive
682-6848

Don't let the "cover" of this restaurant fool you, open the door and find delicious food waiting to satisfy your hunger. Serving up the most delicious tender and flavorful beef and chicken fajitas I have had. Order at your table from the large menu on the wall offering barbecue brisket and ribs or grilled chicken breasts with potato salad and beans as well as traditional Mexican dishes such as nachos, burritos, burgers and quesadillas. Larger portion family packs with meats and side dishes also on the menu. Catering available for parties, meetings or any event. Thursday night pool contest from nine until closing. Happy hour 7:00-9:00 p.m. daily. Payment Accepted: cash, credit cards. Entrée price range: $3-$16 for family packs. Hours: Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.-12:00a.m.

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar (SD)
2700 N. Big Spring St.
684-5594

Opened in 1972, La Bodega serves a variety of traditional and unique Mexican dishes. Popular dishes include the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — and the rueda which is described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. Traditional Tex-Mex entrees include fajitas, enchiladas, nachos, tacos, burritos and flautas. A variety of salads, seafood dishes and Southwest-inspired plates also are available. La Bodega has several dining rooms, including an enclosed patio room. The bar is located upstairs and is accessible from both inside and outside the building. The bar keeps later hours than the restaurant.
Entree price range: $4.55 - $15.50
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. daily

Romie's Mexican Restaurante (SD)
701 S. Marienfeld
432-683-5344

Mexican dining establishment offering daily specials, most at $6.99. Large selection of appetizers including, stuffed jalapenos and flautitas, nachos and homemade salsa. Choose your favorite Mexican dish such as chalupas, tacos, enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos and pick from the variety in each category. Steak, catfish and burgers are also on the menu as well as a kid's menu. Friendly and speedy service. The perfect place to go for those working downtown and anyone looking for a delicious Mexican meal. Catering and take out available. Hours: Monday-Friday 11-2:00 p.m. Payment types accepted: checks, credit cards and cash.

Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina (SD)
2101 W. Wadley, #45
570-9800

Sit out on the patio and enjoy traditional Mexican food dishes. Start your meal off with delicious chile con carne queso. Enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos, carne guizada and tacos are all on the menu. All Mexican dinners are served with rice, beans, guacamole, and two flour tortillas. Assorted selection of soups, taco salads and sandwiches, burgers and salads, seafood and steaks also offered. Daily specials and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée Price Range: Mexican dishes, $5.99-8.99, fish & steak dishes, $9.99-24.99.
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily for restaurant, bar is open until midnight daily.

Tampico Spanish Inn (SD)
2411 W. Wall Street
682-5074

Go early to get a table at this popular Midland eatery. Wide variety of appetizers including jalapeno chips, queso, chile con queso, guacamole, avocado salad, stuffed jalapenos and a selection of quesadillas and nachos (available in whole and half orders). Lunch specials are offered and change daily. Traditional Mexican selections in addition to burgers, chicken fried steak, pork chops and salads. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, cash, and checks.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$14.99.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9:45 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9:45 p.m., Sunday 8-11 a.m. (breakfast), 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (lunch).

Javi's Mexicano Restaurante (SD)
1511 Rankin Highway
684-4898

Serving breakfast and lunch. Also features a bakery offering all types of baked goods as well as a tortilla and tamale factory — all located right beside the restaurant. Menu includes a wide choice of burritos such as combination, steak with potatoes, chile relleno, great fajitas of chicken and beef or carne guisada. Nachos including bean, beef, chicken and beef fajita or combination. Single entrées can be ordered with a side of rice, beans and two flour tortillas for $5.99. For those who love hamburgers, Javi's menu offers several different types of burgers with a side of fries. Breakfast burritos with ham, chorizo, beans, potatoes or bacon are on the menu as well as plates such as two eggs and bacon or sausage or eggs with pork chops or short ribs in addition to Huevos rancheros. Plates include beans, potatoes and two flour tortillas. Breakfast dishes can be ordered throughout the day. Entrée price range: breakfast $2.69-$7.99; lunch $3-$7.99.
Payment Accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash. Hours: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Garcia's Burritos
1306 N. Lamesa Road
684-4383

Appetizers such as shrimp cocktail, chips and salsa or queso and guacamole, tortilla soup as well as shrimp cocktail are on the menu. Also listed are a variety of burritos including beef, chicken or asado. Fajita plates include beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream with two tortillas. Menudo is offerend on Friday and can be purchased by the pint or quart. Drinks include soft drinks, tea, coffee, milk and orange juice. Pick up a breakfast burrito when Garcia's opens at 7:30 a.m. daily. Breakfast is served until 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Breakfast burritos such as bacon and egg, sausage and egg, steak and chile or steak and potato are all on the menu and cost $2 each. They also have a small coffee bar. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash, and checks. Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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When: May 12-14
Where: 3400 N. F.M. 1788
Tickets: 3-day pass $45, Cook Off Entry- $75, 2-day pass $40, Saturday only $30.VIP ticket $275. Buy online www.outhousetickets.com

ALTER EAGLES FREE LAWN CONCERT & 2ND ANNUAL APHASIA RUN
When: May 13 and 14
Where: Centennial Plaza
Concert: 7:30 p.m. May 13. Gates open 6:45 p.m. Food and kids activities.
Run: 8 a.m. 5-K Run, 10 a.m. Walk, 11 a.m. B Class Cycle, 11:35 a.m. C Class Cycle, noon A Class Cycle.
Contact: www.AphasiaWTx.org or call 699-1261.

45TH ANNUAL JAZZ PARTY
When: 7:30-11:30 p.m. May 13 and 14, 1 to 5 p.m. May 15
Where: Hilton Midland Plaza, downtown
Tickets: $200 jazz party patrons reserved seating all three days. $50 one day general admission. $5 students with ID. Dancing encouraged. Call 800-458-2878 or mail West Texas Jazz Society, P.O. Box 10832, Midland, Texas 79702.

GREAT OUTDOORS EXPO
When: Preview party 3-8 p.m. May 13
Where: Horseshoe
Admission: Adults: $8, Kids 4-12: $4, Seniors $7 Senior Special - Fri 3-6 p.m. - $5.
Info: Continues 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

SANDHILLS CIVIC THEATER'S PRODUCTION OF BETH HENLEY'S "CRIMES OF THE HEART"
When: 8 p.m. May 13, 14, 20, 21
Where: Wickett Performing Arts Building, Third and Brady, Wickett, 7 miles west of Monahans.
Tickets: $15 adults, $12 seniors and children under 18.
Reservations: 432-943-3793. Box office is open 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

KANE "INSANE" FRIESEN'S FREESTYLE KAWASAKI NINJA STREET BIKE STUNT SHOW
When: 1 and 3 p.m. May 14
Where: Midland Powersports, 5800 W. Business 20
Admission: Free.
Info: Kane will be available for pictures and autographs before and after each show.

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS
When: May 20-22
Where: Midland Center and Centennial Plaza, downtown
Info: Presented by the Arts Council of Midland. Call 687-1149.

MARIACHI VARGAS DE TECALITLÁN
When: 8 p.m. May 20



Josh Abbott Band at Crudefest

Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Tickets: $27.50 to $82.50. Endless Horizons in Odessa or at Super Mercado in Midland. Online at www.Centralticketoffice.com or by phone at 1-800-462-7979.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG TRIBUTE
When: 7 p.m. May 21
Where: CAF Hangar
Info: Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's final Pops concert of the season.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS
When: May 26-29
Where: Ector County Coliseum

MIDLAND TALL CITY SECTIONAL (DUPLICATE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT)
When: June 10-12
Where: Midland Center
Info: Contact tournament chairs: Deborah Brookins, 978-4085 or Peggy Cook, 934-7075.

Road Trip

Lubbock

ZZ TOP AND LYNYRD SKYNYRD
When: May 15
Where: United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Tickets: $39 and $49 plus service charges

SUGARLAND
When: 7:30 p.m. May 26
Where: United Spirit Arena.
Tickets: $65 and $52 includes service charges.

San Angelo

ANGELO CIVIC THEATRE PRESENTS "MISTER ROBERTS"
When: 8 p.m. May 13-14, 19-21, 26-28 & 2 p.m. may 22.
Where: Angelo Civic Theatre, 1936 Sherwood Way
Tickets: $16 adults, $14 military, seniors and children.
Info: 325-949-4400 Tuesday through Saturday







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