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Today's council agenda covers airport parking

Other issues include city attorney's retirement and payday loan ordinance

By Joseph Basco
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Today's City Council meeting will address several old and new issues including additional parking at Midland International Airport and the pending retirement of the city attorney.

One of the items being discussed during the council briefing session at 9 a.m. will be an update on the airport's new 200-space covered parking lot and a proposal of new parking rates.

Construction of additional covered parking at the airport has been underway since last summer, and completion is expected this summer.

The new lot, located at the intersection of North Service Road and Windecker Street, will be further away from the airport entrance than the economy lot, which is currently the furthest lot.

The airport has sought additional parking since its lots are 85 percent full all year.

During the council meeting at 10 a.m., the city will accept City Attorney Keith Stretcher's retirement. Stretcher, who has worked for the city since July 25, 1983, will retire on Feb. 28, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Stretcher has been one of the longest tenured employees at city hall, and earns the highest salary of all city employees.

The city recently had several retirements of other longtime employees, including former finance director Bob McNaughton and former transportation manager Gary Saunders.

Also on the agenda is the first of two approvals for a new ordinance that puts regulations on local payday loan businesses.

The ordinance's restrictions include limiting the loan to 20 percent of the consumer's monthly income, limiting the loans to no more than four installments and prohibiting lenders from refinancing or renewing a loan that is payable in installments.

The city is pushing the ordinance forward because officials believe the measure would protect residents from a "cycle of debt" that payday loan businesses promote with high interest rates.

Statewide, 12 other cities have proposed such legislation. Five of the cities are being sued by payday loan businesses, as state and federal regulations already exist.

Also on the agenda for council vote:

■ The city is looking to appropriate $100,000 from the sanitation fund for an anti-litter campaign. Part of the funds will be used for advertising. The idea for the public relations campaign came about during the council retreat in March.

■ The city will request bids for renovations at Hogan Park Golf Course. Some of the renovations include cart path additions, re-turfing several areas, and the rebuilding of several tees. The renovations will also reduce the number of irrigated areas of turf while increasing the overall quality of playing surfaces, city spokesperson Sara Higgins said.

RIDING FOR CHARITY



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Motorcyclists traveling cross country on the Kyle Petty Charity Ride make their way to Homewood Suites Hotel in Midland on Monday evening. The annual event raises money for Victory Junction, a camp for kids withg chronic illness. See the full story on Page 1C.

Texas tries to curb road deaths from energy boom

By Jonathan Fahey and Kevin Begos
Associated Press

Transportation authorities in Texas have been working to reduce traffic deaths related to the oil and natural gas boom, but local officials and industry experts agree that education alone won't solve the problem.

"Our roads are really deteriorating" because of the surge in heavy traffic, said Karnes County Sherriff Dwayne Villanueva. "A lot of the traffic accidents are being caused by the road conditions."

Karnes County now has a wreck serious enough to require air transport of victims three or four times each week, compared with only a few times a month before drilling operations took off, the sheriff said.

John Esparza of the Texas Trucking Association said the drilling boom has brought many benefits to the state, but investments in roads have not kept pace.

"We've just got to rethink the way we're engineering our roads," Esparza said. "The amount of truck traffic — they weren't designed for that."

Esparza also said longtime residents of some rural counties need to adjust the way they think about driving.

"People don't know how to share the road with these large vehicles," he said. "We're talking about a general infusion of people and equipment that counties have not seen before."

But Villanueva said the industry has work to do, too.

Karnes County officers believe many oil field workers are probably driving longer hours than the law allows. The county has had two incidents in which oil company trucks ran into school buses, and the drivers reported they were just tired, Villanueva said.

Esparza said progress is being made in reducing the number of wrecks per driving mile. That's a standard way to measure safety, but Esparza said the drilling boom has a catch.

"The fear is, miles are going to get greater and greater," he said of the volume of heavy truck traffic. "By virtue of that, the number of people who lose their lives is likely to grow" unless changes are made.

Villanueva said members of law enforcement struggle with the psychological toll of responding to a steady stream of wrecks with fatalities.

"It'll get to you after a while," he said.

Planning and Zoning approves alcohol permits for new restaurants

By Joseph Basco
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Planning and Zoning Commission approved on Monday three alcohol permits, two of which are for establishments not yet opened.

Permits approved included Bill's Bistro, which recently opened next to The Wine Rack. Commissioners also voted for permits for sports bar and grill Little Woodrow's and an upscale bar that will take the place of the closed down Grinders sub shop.

Bill's Bistro, which opened on April 29, received commission approval for a permit to serve alcohol daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., though the restaurant is currently open from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, with 9:30 p.m. closings on Fridays and Saturdays.

The restaurant plans to serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting in June.

Bill's Bistro serves steakhouse fare such as ribeyes topped with sauces and wedge salads. The upscale dining restaurant opened on Loop 250 to the east of Garfield Street.

Little Woodrow's, a Texas chain sports bar and grill with locations in Austin, Houston and San Antonio, also received an alcohol permit with serving hours from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The restaurant will be a part of The Borgata shopping center on Loop 250, west of Holiday Hill Road. Little Woodrow's will be at the northeastern portion of the development, located at the intersection of Holiday Hill Road and League Drive.

Little Woodrow's locations in other parts of the state serve dozens of draft beers and food often found on a sports bar menu such as chicken wings, hamburgers and nachos.

The Midland restaurant, the 11th location, will have 50 beers on tap. There will also be an outdoor patio area where drinking will be permitted. Allowing pets on the patio is being considered.

Some locations, such the Austin restaurant on Sixth Street, feature live bands, while others such as the San Antonio location, features a lounge area with skee-ball and billiards. All restaurants feature TVs around the restaurant, including the bar area.

"I think (Little Woodrow's) has made its name for sports nuts and casual beer snobs," said Bob Wilson, one of the company's owners.

For the Midland location, Wilson said

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Gasoline	$3.643	▼ $0.021

The big number
Two years in,
5 school districts
reveal what it's like with healthier lunches. Page 6A.

Mens Madness
Luigi's, Main Street advance to the semifinals. mrt.com
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See pictures from the Midland High prom.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

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Monday's results
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Dearen region final
No. 4 Wall Street Bar def. No. 21 Murray's Deli
Tolley's matchups
Cannon region final
3. Manny's Italian Village vs. 6. KD's Barbecue
Buck region final
Rosa's vs. 18. Michael's
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Meetings today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.
Note: The council typically meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

City council special election

Early voting for the at-large city council election ends today at the Midland County Elections Office at 2110 N. "A" St. Voting takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Election day is Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tribune and Conaway

The Texas Tribune is hosting lunch and a conversation with U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway at noon May 13 at Midland College.
The free event will be at the Carrasco Room of the Scharbauer Student Center.
Conaway of Midland is serving his fifth term representing the 11th Congressional District, which consists of 29 counties, including Odessa and San Angelo. He is a deputy Republican whip, chairman of the House Ethics Committee and serves on the House Agriculture, Armed Services and Intelligence committees. Conaway also serves as chairman of the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee, and as chairman of the Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence Subcommittee.
To RSVP, email rsvp@texastribune.org.

Source: Texas Tribune

Project Graduation

Sponsors are needed for 2014 Project Graduation, an alcohol- and drug-free all-night celebration for Midland graduates and their guests. The annual event includes games, entertainment, food and prizes, and is funded solely through donations from individuals, businesses and foundations, according to a press release. The year's party is set for May 31 at Midland Center. To contribute, "like" the Project Graduation Facebook page or contact the chairmen at midlandprojectgraduation@gmail.com.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.
■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.
■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.
■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.
■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wcmhmr.org.
■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m., First Christian Church. For more information, contact Melissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.
■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.
■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.
■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.
■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.
■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-6-1
Pick 3 day: 6-4-8
Pick 3 evening: 3-3-9
Pick 3 night: 0-8-0
Daily 4 morning: 2-8-2-9
Daily 4 day: 2-5-5-9
Daily 4 evening: 6-9-1-3
Daily 4 night: 0-4-0-4
Cash Five: 11-18-25-35-36
Texas Two Step: 2-4-6-16 BB: 34
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-4-5-6-8-13-14-15-19-21
All or Nothing day: 3-4-5-6-9-10-13-15-17-20-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-5-6-7-14-17-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-12-13-15-16-17-19-20-22-24

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, May 6, the 126th day of 2014. There are 239 days left in the year.
Today's highlight:
On May 6, 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

Trial begins for Florida mom over death of 2 kids

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — In January 2011, just days before police said she shot her two teenagers to death for being "mouthy," Tampa mom Julie Schenecker wrote in her journal about taking her son to soccer practice and making her daughter's favorite chicken dinner.

She also detailed a fight she had with her daughter, how the 16-year-old called her "pathetic" and an "evil soul."

"The evil starts Thursday," Schenecker wrote, according to Matthew Evans, a Tampa Police crime scene technician, who read parts of the chilling journal passages Monday afternoon during Schenecker's murder trial.

The 53-year-old former Army linguist has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to two counts of first-degree murder. Police say Schenecker fatally shot Calyx, 16, and Beau, 13, in January 2011 while then-husband Parker Schenecker was deployed overseas. The two have since divorced, and he is expected to be a witness for the defense.

Her defense attorney said she was a sick, troubled member of an all-American family, one who was sexually abused as a child.

But prosecutors told jurors that the woman planned a "Saturday massacre" and wrote coldly in her journal about how she "offed" her two teenage children.

On Jan. 22, Schenecker bought a .38-caliber handgun. In her journal, she lamented the three-day wait for a background check in her journal, and when she collected the gun, she bought hollow point bullets, prosecutors said.

"I was planning on a Saturday massacre," she wrote.

On the way to soccer practice in the family minivan, she shot Beau twice, investigators found — once in the side of the head and once in his mouth, prosecutors said.

She turned around, drove home and parked in the garage. Schenecker approached Calyx from behind and shot her once in the head and once in the mouth, Prosecutor Stephen Udagawa said.

Schenecker wrote about the shootings in her journals, saying that she shot both teens in "their mouthy mouths."

She also put a sticky note on the calendar that said, "Beau is in the van on the way to practice. Calyx is in her bed, tried to make her comfortable."

In her journal, Schenecker addressed her husband, writing that he was lucky he wasn't in the house, prosecutors said. "I might have taken you out, too," she wrote.

Schenecker had planned to kill herself, too, and told detectives after her arrest, "This is the worst thing I've ever done," Udagawa said.

In her journal, Schenecker wrote that she wanted to kill herself and wanted herself and her children to be cremated, their ashes mixed together. She mentioned that she was going to try to move her son's body into her bed and wanted to die next to him.

"Beau and I are going to heaven," she wrote. "Wish heaven for Calyx too."

Defense attorney Jennifer Spradley also talked about Schenecker's journal. One entry, she said, called Calyx her mother's "soul mate."

Schenecker put Calyx's body in bed and covered her up to "tuck her in," Spradley said. She tried to move Beau's body from the minivan but couldn't, so she covered him with a blanket, according to the attorney.

The Schenekers were "an all-American family with a sick member," Spradley said. Schenecker was severely depressed and had been hospitalized for bipolar disorder, the attorney said, and she was molested as a child, at age 6 and again at 17.

The defense plans to present experts and doctors as witnesses.

Schenecker's family and her husband's family were in court and Parker Schenecker spoke briefly to reporters.

"Today, for the next couple of weeks the focus really is on hearing Calyx and Beau's voices," he said.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck getting air service to Chicago, Dallas

BISMARCK — American Airlines said it will launch daily, direct flights from Bismarck to Chicago and Dallas.

The flights are to begin Oct. 1. The two-year deal includes a $1 million minimum revenue guarantee, backed by a $500,000 federal Transportation Department grant and a $500,000 local match by Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce members.

North Dakota's capital city currently is served with commercial service from Delta, United, Frontier and Allegiant.

Bismarck was one of five airports in North Dakota that set a record for passengers last year.

CLEVELAND

Ohio kidnapping survivors say they're thriving

The three women held captive in a Cleveland house before escaping a year ago today have spent their first year of freedom in nearly a decade learning to drive, taking boxing lessons and cherishing time with their families.

Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus both said in statements released Monday that they are thankful and growing in many ways.

Michelle Knight said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show Monday that she forgives the man who kidnapped and tortured her and the two others. She said Ariel Castro deserves forgiveness because she'd want to be forgiven if she did wrong, and "that's the way of life."

Today is the anniversary of the escape from the house by Knight, Berry and DeJesus. Knight, 33, said she doesn't see much of the other two women, saying "we're all now living in our own way."

DeJesus was 14 when she was kidnapped by Castro. She said she's enjoying learning how to drive and use new technology. "I am spending time with my family and working with Amanda on a book that we are really excited about," she said.

Berry said the future is bright for her and thanked her family and friends for support.

"On this day, we decided that the right place for us to be was with other families who have gone through what our family has gone through," Berry said. "I want these families to know they will always have a special place in our hearts."

Knight — who has a book coming out today — said she's a singer who just recorded a song, and she's also training to be a boxer.

Knight said in the interview that she was surprised when Castro, who pleaded guilty in August, killed himself in prison, wondering "why would he hurt his children like that?"

NORTH CAROLINA

Police: Singer McCreery victim of home invasion

RALEIGH — Country music singer Scotty McCreery was the victim of an early morning home invasion near the campus of North Carolina State University, where he is a student.

Raleigh Police spokesman Jim Sughrue said officers were called shortly before 2 a.m. Monday to an apartment about a mile from campus. People at the apartment told police that three suspects armed with guns robbed them of wallets, cash and electronic items.

Police said the 20-year-old McCreery was at the apartment visiting friends. No one was injured.

A native of nearby Garner, McCreery won TV's "American Idol" in 2011.

PERMITS

From 1A

the restaurant targets the young professionals who have moved into the city.

Construction of The Borgata or Little Woodrow's has yet to begin, but Wilson estimates a January 2015 opening.

Justin Corey Serfass, the owner of Triple Threat Sports Bar and Grill, is moving on to his next restaurant venture after neighboring sub store Grinders closed down due to lack of profit.

The upscale whiskey bar that will replace Grinders is tentatively called The Pub and Grub. The operating hours are currently 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Serfass described the bar as-a place "you'll have to afford to be able to go into."

"It'll be high-end whiskeys, sort of with an Irish pub theme, fish and chips, Irish beers and Irish whiskeys," Serfass said.

Rather than serving Philadelphia style subs, Serfass is trying the upscale, smoke-free bar market after he noticed that the Midland area lacks bars of this type. He said The Pub and Grub will be different from Triple Threat.

Serfass said the bar is still in the initial stages of development. He is applying for the alcohol permit this early after his experience with obtaining one for his Triple Threat restaurant, he said.

The alcohol permit application received two letters of objection. The complaints were primarily about its proximity to a day care center and the potential for criminal activity that may come along with bar settings.

To counterpoint, Serfass said the operating hours will not overlap with the day care's hours and he claimed that police have never had to come to Triple Threat.

The commission approved the permit with a 3-2 vote, unlike the unanimous approvals for Little Woodrow's and Bill's Bistro's permits.

Commissioners Karen York and Jane Wolf said they voted against the permit because they wanted to listen to residents' complaints.

There is no date set for the grand opening.

All three alcohol permits have to go through City Council approval before they are granted.

In other commission business:

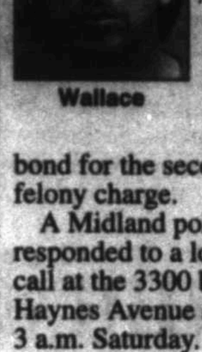
The commission approved a new preliminary plat for Betenbough Homes' northside subdivision Lone Star Trails. The company had to remove 10 lots in the southeast corner of the development due to drainage issues. Wolf, the only commissioner to vote against the plat, said she had concerns for children who may play around oil wells and development concerns about the subdivision's lot density.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly uses sledgehammer in assault

Police arrested a Midland man Saturday on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after he allegedly struck another man with a sledgehammer.


Wallace

Mitchell D. Wallace, 40, remained in custody Monday on a $100,00 bond for the second-degree felony charge.

A Midland police officer responded to a loud music call at the 3300 block of Haynes Avenue around 3 a.m. Saturday. It was upgraded to a disturbance call by the time the officer arrived on the scene, according to the affidavit.

The officer observed a man, later identified as Wallace, carrying a sledgehammer and running toward a man who was facing away from him. The officer began to run toward Wallace, but Wallace hit the man in the back with the hammer, according to the affidavit.

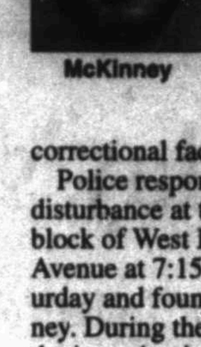
As the officer approached Wallace, two other people took away the hammer. The officer ordered Wallace to the ground, although he tried to get up, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, he could face up to 20 years in prison.

Man arrested for allegedly possessing fake drugs

Midland police officers arrested a man for the second time in just over two weeks for allegedly possessing fake drugs with the intent to distribute.

Tyler C. McKinney, 22, of Midland, was arrested Saturday evening and charged with the manufacture and distribution of a simulated controlled substance. Police also arrested McKinney on April 19 and charged him with manufacturing or delivering a simulated controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a prohibited item in a correctional facility.


McKinney

Police responded to a disturbance at the 3000 block of West Illinois Avenue at 7:15 p.m. Saturday and found McKinney. During the course of the investigation, officers found a large bag containing smaller, individual bags with what appeared to be small, white crystals inside, according to the affidavit.

Officers tested the substance and found that it was not a controlled substance, according to the affidavit.

One of the officers on-scene remembered arresting McKinney, the report stated.

Following the discovery of the crystals, officers searched the remainder of McKinney's bags and located a white powdery substance, which also tested negative for a controlled substance, according to the affidavit.

He remained in custody Monday on a $10,000 bond. If convicted of the state felony, he could face up to two years in prison.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Esperanza Esquivel, 30, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated.
Estevan E. Gonzalez, 24, of El Paso, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
David Hernandez, 40, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
Alexander R. Martinez, 29, of Midland, was charged Saturday with manufacturing, selling or using a criminal instrument.
Tyler C. McKinney, 22, of Midland, was charged Saturday with manufacturing or distributing a simulated controlled substance.
Bryan U. Sewell, 41, of Midland, was charged Saturday with burglary of a building.
Christopher E. Snyder, 28, of Midland, was charged Saturday with burglary of a building.
Mitchell D. Wallace, 40, of Midland, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
Octavio Amaro Sr., 28, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
Robert A. Burgess, 48, of Flora Vista, New Mexico, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated.
Michael O. Lopez, 34, of Midland, was charged Sunday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
Jose L. Rodriguez Jr., 27, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Law students push to license dead Chinese attorney

By Paul Elias
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a decision still studied in law schools as a 19th century lesson in bigotry, the California Supreme Court in 1890 denied Hong Yeng Chang's application to practice law solely because he was Chinese.

Now, students at a Northern California law school are working to right that wrong. They hope to persuade the current court to reverse its 124-year-old decision.

Students at the University of California, Davis, School of Law's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and two professors have submitted an application to practice law to the State Bar of California on behalf of Chang. It is a first step before approaching the high court, which licenses California's attorneys.

The state bar vets all California applications and recommends approval or denial to the California Supreme Court. The Supreme Court usually follows the recommendation of the state bar.

"This is a unique situation and we don't know what the Committee of Bar Examiners will do with the application," spokeswoman Laura Ernde said. The committee is scheduled to consider the application in late June.

Approving Chang's application would correct a personal injustice and serve a broader public interest purpose, the students and professors wrote the state bar.

"Admitting Mr. Chang would be a powerful symbol of our state's repudiation of laws that singled out Chinese immigrants for discrimination," said Gabriel "Jack" Chin, a professor at UC Davis School of Law and the student association's adviser.

Chang studied at Yale University and Columbia Law School, graduating from Columbia in 1886. After initially being denied a chance to take New York's bar exam, a special act of the state Legislature enabled him to sit for the test and pass. The New York Times reported at the time that Chang was the first Chinese immigrant to become an American lawyer.

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Coast Guard rescues 3 on raft off Texas City

Associated Press

TEXAS CITY — A man and two boys whose raft got caught in strong currents, drifted several miles and ended up in the Houston Ship Channel were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard, a spokesman said Monday.

Staff aboard the Caribbean Princess, a cruise ship in the area, summoned the Coast Guard on Saturday afternoon to assist the raft, said Petty Officer Andy Kendrick.

"It got caught by rip currents at the Texas City Dike," Kendrick said. The raft drifted about 3 miles from the dike and into the ship channel, according to Kendrick.

Coast Guard personnel dispatched a helicopter and two boats and located the man and boys, ages 6 and 17, around 5 p.m. Saturday, an hour after being advised of the adrift raft. No one was hurt, Kendrick said. He declined to release the names of the trio or further details about their raft.

The Galveston County Daily News reported rip currents apparently pushed the raft away from the dike, a popular area for fishing and boating. The raft had oars but nobody on board carried a cellphone, Kendrick said.

The several-miles-long dike was closed following a March 22 barge and ship collision in the Houston Ship Channel that spilled nearly 170,000 gallons of oil. The dike fully reopened in late April.

Dallas officer indicted in shooting of mentally ill man

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

DALLAS — Two Dallas police officers have been indicted in the last two weeks for shooting and wounding residents in incidents where the initial police accounts were later contradicted by video.

Cardan Spencer and Amy Wilburn were both charged with aggravated assault by a public servant.

Spencer was indicted last week after shooting a 52-year-old man standing several feet away from him. A police report filed in the case initially claimed the man, Bobby Bennett, lunged at Spencer with a knife.

A neighbor's surveillance video camera captured a recording that showed Bennett was several feet from the officers and didn't appear to move toward them before gunfire caused him to crumple to the ground. Bennett was hospitalized for several weeks following the October incident.

Bennett's mother, Joyce Jackson, said last year that her son had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, and that he was off his medication at the time of the shooting.

Spencer's indictment last week followed the indictment of former officer Amy Wilburn, who was charged after shooting a 19-year-old suspected carjacker.

Dallas police fired both officers shortly after the separate incidents. Police Chief David Brown has suggested an expansion of the use of body cameras to avoid relying solely on officers' statements in disputed situations, and the department reiterated that its use of force policy gave police officers "a responsibility to use only the degree of force necessary to protect and preserve life."

But police union leader Ron Pinkston said the indictments are a bad signal to send to officers dealing with potentially life-threatening situations.

"The result will be more names on the police memorial wall," he said.

In both cases, the existence of recordings brought the officers' actions into question. But Pinkston said the video alone could be misleading — and that police work is not always clear.

"The video is just one part of the investigation," he said. "But that's not what the public sees. They only see the video and they make conclusions off the one piece of evidence."

Brown said in an emailed statement Monday said that he was committed to "the safety and security of each Dallas police officer" as well as city residents, and that the department would maintain training standards to help officers.

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LUBBOCK

3 killed when van, 18-wheeler collide

A West Texas official said three people were killed when the van they were in collided with an 18-wheeler carrying a flammable liquid, triggering a fire that burned the two vehicles for hours.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Bryan Witt said the identities and hometowns of those killed in the accident early Monday are not yet known. The driver of the tractor-trailer was conscious and in stable condition at a Lubbock hospital.

Investigators believe the driver of the van did not yield at a stop sign before crossing U.S. 87 just south of Lubbock.

Witt said the fire burned for about five hours and road repairs will be needed.

Traffic was still being diverted around the accident site late Monday morning.

AMARILLO

Welfare food traded for games at business

Investigators say welfare recipients traded snacks bought with government funds for slot machine credits at an eight-liner gaming business in the Texas Panhandle.

The Amarillo Globe-News on Sunday reported The Blue Room in Amarillo was raided last fall and remains closed. Casino-style gambling is illegal in Texas.

An undercover agent on Nov. 5, put $30 into a slot machine, earned $70 in credits and then allegedly received $70 in cash from a worker.

The Blue Room was raided the next day. Officers seized $3,600 from machines and other devices. An affidavit said food stamp recipients were given 50 cents on the dollar in gaming credits for snacks purchased and traded back to the business.

Prosecutor Scott Brumley said investigators are finding gaming establishments pretty frequently in Potter County.

BROWNSVILLE

UPS employees indicted on drug charges

Three South Texas residents have been arrested on drug conspiracy charges for their alleged roles in a scheme to use UPS to ship drugs across the country.

The U.S. attorney's office said Monday that 44-year-old Mario Enrique Patlan; his daughter, 22-year-old Cristina Patlan; and 26-year-old Reymundo Abel Brown Jr. appeared in federal court in Brownsville.

Prosecutors allege that Mario Patlan had credentials as a UPS employee that gave him access to secure areas at airports in Harlingen and McAllen. He and Brown, another UPS employee, were able to smuggle drugs onto planes. Patlan's daughter allegedly drummed up business among drug traffickers, charging $50 to $100 per pound to fly their drugs out of South Texas.

Victor Ramirez, who represents Cristina Patlan, said his client has pleaded not guilty.

DALLAS

Firefighter injured in weekend house blaze

A Dallas firefighter continues to recover at a hospital after being injured battling a house fire.

A Dallas Fire-Rescue official on Monday identified the firefighter as Jeffrey Patterson, who has been with the fire department for five years.

Officials did not immediately release details of Patterson's injuries or his condition, as requested by his family.

Texas grand jury shooting simulator stirs debate

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The armed carjacker projected on a large screen threatens to kill you if you don't give up your keys. Holding a modified gun that emits a beam, you pull the trigger when he draws his weapon, and seconds later fire again at another person who jumps in front with something in his hand.

The second person turns out to be a bystander holding a cellphone.

This interactive way of illustrating the use of deadly force is part of unusual training that Houston-area grand jurors can receive before they begin hearing cases, including those involving police officers.

The Harris County district attorney's office in Houston calls the shooting simulator — which experts believe is only being used in Texas — an educational tool that helps grand jurors better understand what someone sees when confronted by a threat.

But amid a streak of nearly 300 cases in which grand juries have cleared Houston police officers in shootings, the training has become a point of contention among critics who said the simulator promotes a pro-law enforcement mindset. One defense attorney recently unsuccessfully challenged the simulator's use, calling it mind manipulation.

"(Grand jurors) should not be naturally in one camp or the other," said Joseph Gutheinz, a retired federal agent who served on a Harris County grand jury in 2008 and is critical of the simulator's use. "They should be after the truth."

Prosecutors say that's exactly what they're after. They say the simulator does not make grand jurors favor one side over another in deciding whether to issue an indictment. The scenarios that the simulator presents can apply to situations involving both officers and civilians, said Julian Ramirez, chief of the civil rights division at the DA's office.

"When a claim of self-defense is raised, whether by an officer or a civilian, the law requires the circumstances be viewed from ... the person using deadly force," he said.

Ramirez said he would be willing to meet with any groups critical of the simulator's use.

The Bexar County district attorney's office in San Antonio is the only other major DA's office in Texas that offers the computer simulations to grand jurors. In Harris County, it's part of an orientation that can include a tour of the medical examiner's office and a police ride along, which are also voluntary.

Scott Burns, executive director of the National District Attorneys Association, said he doesn't know of any other jurisdictions in the country that offer this kind of training.

It's unclear whether the simulator has affected indictment rates of law enforcement officers.

While Harris and Bexar counties do not keep tallies of how many shooting cases are presented to grand juries for review, Ramirez said that in the 10 years before the simulator was used, three officers were indicted by Harris County grand juries for wrongful shootings and that three officers have been indicted during the decade it has been used.

However, an investigation by the Houston Chronicle last year found that Harris County grand juries have cleared Houston police officers in shootings 288 consecutive times since 2004.

The streak may not be entirely unusual. Sandra Guerra Thompson, a criminal law professor at the University of Houston Law Center, said grand juries usually give officers the benefit of the doubt in shooting cases because of the dangerous nature of their jobs.

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Fruit and vegetables are served during lunch at the Patrick Henry Elementary School in Alexandria, Va. on April 29. Starting next school year, pasta and other grain products in schools will have to be whole-grain rich, or more than half whole grain. The requirement is part of a government effort to make school lunches and breakfasts healthier.

Healthier school meals: How 5 districts are faring

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two years in, schools are having mixed success putting new healthier school lunch rules in place.

Some report that students are excited about a variety of healthier options and have barely noticed the changes. Others say some kids are throwing fruits and vegetables away and balking at whole grains.

The requirements are part of a government effort to make school lunches and breakfasts healthier. Championed by first lady Michelle Obama, the new standards have been phased in over the last two school years, with more changes coming in 2014.

Some schools are asking Congress and the Agriculture Department to roll back some of the requirements. Their main concerns: finding enough whole grain-rich foods that kids like, lowering sodium levels and keeping fruits and vegetables from ending up in the trash.

Not all schools are required to follow the requirements, but most do. If they don't, they won't receive government subsidies that partially reimburse schools for free and low-cost lunches for low-income kids.

In Virginia's Alexandria City Public Schools, school nutrition director Becky Domokos-Bays said students have adapted to whole grain rolls and pizza crusts, but have so far rejected whole grain pastas. Starting next school year, pasta and other grain products in schools will have to be whole-grain rich, or more than half whole grain.

Here's how five other school districts are doing:

OHIO: CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Jessica Shelly, food service director at Cincinnati's urban public schools, said she started serving healthier foods in her lunchrooms years before the government standards were required, so it has been easier for kids to adjust.

She has seen increased participation by enthusiastically highlighting the new menus with kids. She said salad bars with lots of variety — pickle slices, banana peppers, different kinds of beans, for example — give kids healthy options and also the sense that they are creating their own meals.

And as the standards require reduced sodium, she has set up a "spice bar" with seasonings like lemon pepper, garlic herb and cumin to make foods more flavorful.

GEORGIA: WARE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

In rural Southeast Georgia, Stephanie Taylor, director of school nutrition for the Ware County School System, said she doesn't have much of a selection from food service vendors. She has had a hard time finding tasty whole grain-rich biscuits and grits, and would like to occasionally serve the white flour versions. Starting this fall, she won't be able to do that.

Taylor agrees that school lunches needed improvement and said kids have been more accepting as industry has formulated better tasting healthy foods.

She worries, however, that negative publicity about the revised menus may make kids less likely to try them. Unhealthy eating patterns outside of school make her job harder as well.

"If kids aren't eating this way at home how can we force them to eat like this in school?" she said.

NEW MEXICO: ROSWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lyman Graham, director of student nutrition for Roswell and two other New Mexico school districts, said one of the biggest problems has been finding whole grain-rich tortillas that kids will eat. Like Taylor in rural Georgia, he doesn't have a lot of vendors to choose from, and he said the whole wheat tortillas he can get are slimy and don't hold up. So he's had to take popular breakfast burritos and wraps off his menus.

He said he's had more luck with whole wheat bread, which the kids haven't complained about as much.

KANSAS: WALLACE COUNTY SCHOOLS

The tiny Wallace County school district made headlines in 2012 when students and teachers put together a video called "We Are Hungry" — set to the tune of the popular song "We Are Young" by the group Fun. — in which kids pretended to pass out from hunger because of the new standards.

The students' main concern was maximum requirements on proteins and grains. After hearing the same complaint from many schools across the country, USDA scrapped those requirements.

Teacher Linda O'Connor, who helped produce the video, said her district has a high percentage of athletes and that was part of the reason kids were so hungry. She said she still hears some complaints, but kids are generally less hungry since the standards were relaxed.

NEW JERSEY: WEST NEW YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sal Valenza, food service director for West New York, said he got students involved early, hosting a healthier food fair so they could sample new items when the district put in a healthier school lunch menu more than five years ago.

The school also has what he calls a "harvest bar," with locally grown fruits and vegetables, and the district has taken chips out of elementary schools.

He said he disagrees with efforts to roll back some of the standards.

"It's not a good message to send," he said. "It's like telling the kids we don't value your health. As adults, we fear change more than they do."

Kids' DUI deaths: Their drivers pose biggest risk

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The number of children killed by drunken motorists has declined substantially in recent years but the biggest threat remains their own drivers, not strangers in other vehicles, a study found.

The data show most impaired drivers survived these crashes, suggesting many kids might have survived if they'd been wearing seat belts or using car seats.

The numbers

Researchers analyzed 2000-10 government traffic deaths data and found 2,344 passengers younger than 15 were killed in crashes involving a drunken driver. Two-thirds were riding in cars driven by drunken drivers, but those cases declined by 40 percent during the decade.

Texas and California had the most deaths among kids riding with drunken drivers, but rates were higher in smaller, less populous states.

Almost two-thirds of kids who died while riding with drunken drivers were not wearing seat belts. And many of the drivers didn't have a valid license. Most were adults.

Deja vu

Some of the same researchers published a similar analysis 14 years ago that found close to 6,000 child deaths involving a drunken driver from 1985-1996. Like the new numbers, two-thirds of those deaths were in kids riding with a drunken driver.

The new study was led by Dr. Kyran Quinlan of Northwestern University and researchers from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It was published online Monday in Pediatrics.

The recommendations

The researchers note that most states have laws that provide stiffer DUI penalties for driving with a child, but suggest the laws need to be uniformly enforced. They also suggest better methods for preventing adults without drivers' licenses from getting behind the wheel, and other proven deterrents including more sobriety checkpoints on roadways.

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Some recent headlines reflect a disturbing pattern that has contributed to our $17 trillion debt and to a growing cynicism among the public, which increasingly regards government in a negative light.

Here are just a few recent gems gleaned from reading newspaper stories and wire service reports: "Pentagon to destroy $1 billion in ammunition." This USA Today story says, "It is impossible to know what portion of the arsenal slated for destruction ... remains viable because the Defense Department's inventory systems can't share data effectively, according to a Government Accountability Office report..."

So in addition to nonfeasance add incompetence.

The New York Times reports on a modest medical office in Brooklyn that received $4.1 million in Medicare funds for "therapy." The Times says the money went to one person. Maybe the government needs therapy. Taxpayers certainly do.

A personal favorite, again from USA Today: "IRS workers who didn't pay taxes get bonuses."

Then there's this from the Washington Post: "Navy to award contract for Marine One helicopter fleet in shadow of previous failure." Why let failure get in the way of a government program?

"$6 billion goes missing at State Department," reports the Fiscal Times. I'm constantly misplacing billions, aren't you?

Again the Fiscal Times: "Government Blatantly Wastes $30 Billion This Year." The key word is "blatantly."

Just in time for this year's university commencement exercises we learn, courtesy of The Wall Street Journal: "Government programs to reduce (student loan) defaults are encouraging more debt."

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) this week releases its 2014 "Pig Book" listing some of the outrageous spending by the federal government. The book focuses mostly on "pork," those earmarks added to a bill after the normal budget process. Earmarks have been outlawed since fiscal 2011, but members of Congress always seem to find ways around the many laws they pass.

This year's Pig Book has found earmarks attached to the 12 appropriations bills that fund the federal government. One paragraph from the introduction reveals the lengths to which some members of Congress will go to circumvent the law in pursuit of their own political interests: "The 2012 Pig Book noted that although there were fewer earmarks than in prior years, the projects involved larger amounts of money and included fewer details. This is also true in 2014. For instance, a $25 million earmark for the National Predisaster Mitigation Fund appearing in the FY 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act corresponds to 58 earmarks totaling $24.6 million for the same program in the FY 2010 DHS bill. The 2010 earmarks appeared in the 'Congressionally Directed Spending' section at the end of the bill, which contained the names of the members of Congress requesting each project and its location, as required by the pertinent transparency rules. "This is in stark contrast to the FY 2014 earmark, which contains no such information."

When committing a crime, some criminals try not to leave fingerprints at the scene. Congress engages in criminality on a higher plain by not leaving "fingerprints" on their earmarks. Who will hold them accountable? Apparently not enough voters, too many of whom appear indifferent, or deliberately ignorant of it all.

To paraphrase the old Peter, Paul and Mary song: where has all the money gone? Long time passing. Gone to earmarks and down a sinkhole. When will we ever learn?

OUR VIEW

Water's availability through wells just one part of the discussion

It's going to be hot today. The good news is that the city promises there is plenty of water for residents to water worry-free twice a week.

The bad news is that the water residents put on their lawns today may evaporate because gusty conditions and temperatures 10 degrees above normal are expected.

Even more bad news, the Climate Prediction Center is calling for above-average chances of a warmer-than-average May and a warmer-than-average period through July.

We think it is timely to refer residents to Joseph Basco's reporting Sunday on the water well situation around town.

We were shocked when we heard a city official tell the Football-Soccer and Baseball Complex Development Corp. (4B) board last month that "we cannot count on well water to water (proposed) athletic fields (at the complex)."

The city's wariness toward water wells began in June when it saw the need to drill two wells at Wadley Barron Park to refill the duck pond. The attempt to replenish the park's water supply was in vain. The wells' water rate — 10 gallons per minute — couldn't keep up with evaporation.

The city then doubled down on its call that water well usage can't be trusted when a Utilities Department official told the Reporter-Telegram that Midlanders' water well usage will be short-term and that "People can go out there and poke a million holes in the ground and they may only get water for a week and then it goes dry."

The message coming from City Hall seems to be "use it while you got it because there's not much there and it might be gone soon." Do they know something the rest of us don't? Are hundreds of Midlanders who spent thousands of dollars drilling water wells on their property in serious jeopardy of not having any rate of return on their investment?

We think the message we hear from City Hall is accurate and that city officials wouldn't use the lack of rainfall — this has been one of the driest starts of the year on record — to sway a 4B board to put in turf fields instead of grass.

We don't believe that city officials are trying to get well water users back on the city tap. That would be especially lame.

We wonder how local golf courses — including Hogan Park — will be keeping their golf courses green and playable. Water wells are used by most, if not all.

For now, we will side with veteran hydrologist Joe Reed who does not think water well usage is on the decline. Reed uses observations of the duck pond at Wadley Barron to make an estimate of water well usage, and anyone driving down "A" Street knows how that body of water currently looks.

City officials might be on target with their water well forecasts. If so, we have been warned, and the city's water department will be selling more of that "blue gold" that the mayor hoped for during his state of the economy speech last year.

We hope Midlanders keep in mind that our area is in one of the worst droughts on record and plan accordingly. Encouraging conservation would have been proper leadership and truly transformational.

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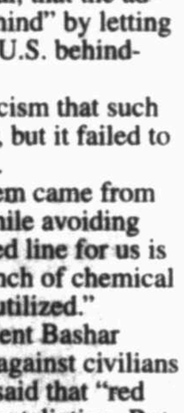
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Is weak what Americans want?

■ Obama seems sure to maintain restrained global course



CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

Another week, another round of sanctions, as the United States and its main European allies seek to deter Russian President Vladimir Putin from further moves to destabilize Ukraine and other one-time Soviet satellites.

The latest moves are stronger than previous ones, not only focused appropriately on companies linked to close Putin aides but including firms supplying technology to the Russian military.

But once again, their likely impact is questionable, in part because Putin doesn't seem to believe the West would react more strongly, including militarily, if Ukraine's independence is threatened. That's because this crisis came against the backdrop of President Barack Obama's larger efforts to reduce the U.S. military role overseas.

He defended that policy strongly last week in the Philippines where, in words clearly directed at GOP critics like Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, he asked, "Why is it that everybody is so eager to use military force after we've just gone through a decade of war at enormous costs to our troops and to our budget?"

Still, such comments raise the question of whether even Obama's most appropriate and sensible presidential actions have created skepticism among both friendly and adversarial foreign leaders about his pledges of strong responses in world trouble spots.

As the world's leading super power, the United States remains the key player in such situations. Major European powers like Germany have always been reluctant to act outside their borders, as was evident when President George W. Bush sought to mobilize international backing for U.S.-led actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. But as the American public began to resist overseas commitments, even Bush acquiesced in withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq.

As for Obama, one of his major 2008 campaign commitments was his pledge to reduce the U.S. military role overseas, starting by ending the Iraq and Afghanistan wars that have cost the United States billions of dollars plus thousands of dead and wounded combatants and civilians.

Polls have consistently shown the American people support that course and Obama's subsequent moves to avoid becoming enmeshed in the downfall of Moammar Gadhafi in Libya and the brutal civil war in Syria.

Three recent polls indicated far more Americans want to reduce the U.S. role overseas than want to expand it. More explicitly, a Pew Research Center Poll showed that, while Americans support economic sanctions against Russia, they oppose military intervention in Ukraine.

Despite those signs that Obama and the American people are in sync on a restrained overseas course, the president has created problems for himself and the United States by how he dealt with some trouble spots.

His decision to avoid any direct military action in Libya except air cover to protect civilians was accompanied by the devastating quote, which The New Yorker magazine's Ryan Lizza attributed to an unnamed White House official, that the administration was "leading from behind" by letting other countries take the lead, with U.S. behind-the-scenes backing.

The administration rejected criticism that such language represented actual policy, but it failed to dispel the appearance of weakness.

Perhaps Obama's greatest problem came from his August 2012 statement that, while avoiding military intervention in Syria, "a red line for us is (when) we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized."

A year later, when Syrian President Bashar Assad launched a chemical attack against civilians that killed many children, Obama said that "red line" had been crossed and vowed retaliation. But he said he would not act without congressional support.

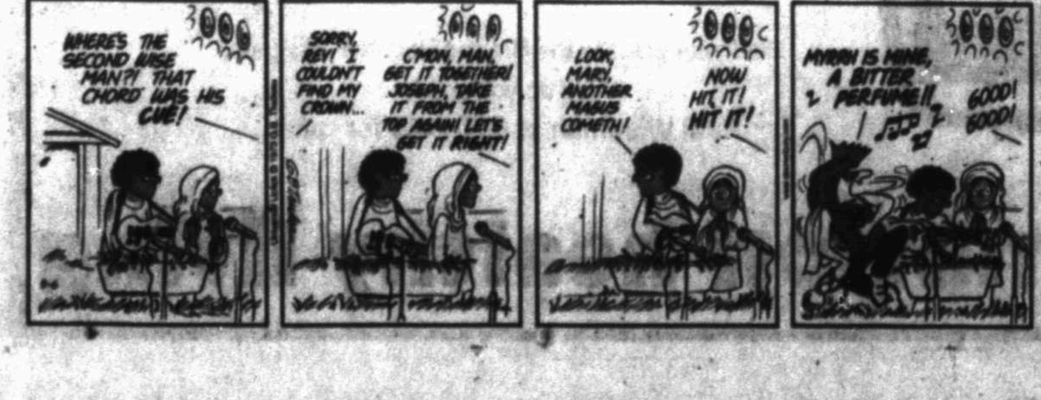
And when that support seemed unlikely, Obama faced a major embarrassment until he was bailed out by Syria's acceptance of a U.S.-Russian agreement to scrap its chemical weapons. Still, the incident strengthened the impression of a president who talked more strongly than he acted.

Since Putin precipitated the Ukraine crisis, Obama has moved more slowly than GOP critics prefer, in part because of reluctance to act without the support of major European allies like Germany, who rely on energy and other Russian resources.

And with polls showing Americans favor a less active U.S. overseas role, Obama seems certain to maintain his more restrained global course, even though critics contend that its openly anti-interventionist tenor has weakened the nation's international standing.

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High court ruling favors prayer at council meeting

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A narrowly divided Supreme Court on Monday upheld decidedly Christian prayers at the start of local council meetings, declaring them in line with long national traditions though the country has grown more religiously diverse.

The content of the prayers is not significant as long as they do not denigrate non-Christians or try to win converts, the court said in a 5-4 decision backed by its conservative majority.

Though the decision split the court along ideological lines, the Obama administration backed the winning side, the town of Greece, N.Y., outside of Rochester.

The outcome relied heavily on a 1983 decision in which the court upheld an opening prayer in the Nebraska Legislature and said prayer is part of the nation's fabric, not a violation of the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of religion.

Writing for the court on Monday, Justice Anthony Kennedy said that forcing clergy to scrub the prayers of references to Jesus Christ and other sectarian religious figures would turn officials into censors. Instead, Kennedy said, the prayers should be seen as ceremonial and in keeping with the nation's traditions.

"The inclusion of a brief, ceremonial prayer as part of a larger exercise in civic recognition suggests that its purpose and effect are to acknowledge religious leaders and the institutions they represent, rather than to exclude or coerce nonbelievers," Kennedy said.

Justice Elena Kagan, writing for the court's four liberal justices, said, "I respectfully dissent from the court's opinion because I think the Town of Greece's prayer practices violate that norm of religious equality — the breathtakingly generous constitutional idea that our public institutions belong no less to the Buddhist or Hindu than to the Methodist or Episcopalian."



Associated Press

Rev. Dr. Rob Schenck, of Faith and Action, center, speaks in front of the Supreme Court with Raymond Moore, left, and Patty Bills, both also of Faith and Action, during a news conference, Monday in Washington. The group is in favor of the ruling by the court's conservative majority that was a victory for the town of Greece, N.Y., outside of Rochester. A narrowly divided Supreme Court upheld decidedly Christian prayers at the start of local council meetings, declaring them in line with long national traditions though the country has grown more religiously diverse.

Kagan said the case differs significantly from the 1983 decision because "Greece's town meetings involve participation by ordinary citizens, and the invocations given — directly to those citizens — were predominantly sectarian in content."

Kennedy himself was the author of an opinion in 1992 that held that a Christian prayer delivered at a high school graduation did violate the Constitution. The justice said Monday there are differences between the two situations, including the age of the audience and the fact that attendees at the council meeting may step out of the room if they do not like the prayer.

In her dissent, Kagan said the council meeting prayers are unlike those said to open sessions of Congress and state legislatures, where the elected officials are the intended audience. In Greece, "the prayers there are directed squarely at the citizens," she said.

Kagan also noted what she described as the meetings' intimate setting, with 10 or so people sitting in front of the town's elected and top appointed officials. Children and teenagers are likely to be present, she said.

Kennedy and his four colleagues in the majority all are Catholic. They are: Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

Kagan was joined by Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor. Sotomayor is Catholic; the others are Jewish.

Senior counsel David Cortman of the Alliance Defense Freedom, which represented the town, applauded the court for affirming "that Americans are free to pray."

Ayesha Khan, legal director for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said the court disregarded the interests of religious minorities and nonbelievers. But Khan said she saw a "silver lining" in the outcome because the court rejected a more sweeping ruling that would have made it even harder to prove a violation of the Constitution.

A federal appeals court in New York had ruled that Greece violated the Constitution by opening nearly every meeting over an 11-year span with prayers that focused on Christianity.

From 1999 through 2007, and again from January 2009 through June 2010, every meeting was opened with a Christian-oriented invocation. In 2008, after residents Susan Galloway and Linda Stephens complained, four of 12 meetings were opened by non-Christians, including a Jewish layman, a Wiccan priestess and the chairman of the local Baha'i congregation. Galloway and Stephens described in their court filings as a Jew and an atheist.

A town employee each month selected clerics or lay people by using a local published guide of churches. The guide did not include non-Christian denominations, however. The appeals court found that religious institutions in the town of just under 100,000 people are primarily Christian, and even Galloway and Stephens testified they knew of no non-Christian places of worship there.

The two residents filed suit and a trial court ruled in the town's favor, finding that the town did not intentionally exclude non-Christians. It also said that the content of the prayer was not an issue because there was no desire to proselytize or demean other faiths.

But a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that even with the high court's 1983 ruling, the practice of having one Christian prayer after another amounted to the town's endorsement of Christianity.

Kennedy, however, said judges should not be involved in evaluating the content of prayer because that could lead to legislatures requiring "chaplains to redact the religious content from their message in order to make it acceptable for the public sphere."

He added, "Government may not mandate a civic religion that stifles any but the most generic reference to the sacred any more than it may prescribe a religious orthodoxy."

The case is Greece v. Galloway, 12-696.

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Man freed in Missouri delayed imprisonment case

By Jim Salter
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, Mo. — Cornealious "Mike" Anderson spent 13 years free from prison due to a clerical error, then nearly a year behind bars when the mistake was caught. On Monday, he walked out of a southeast Missouri courtroom a free man again — this time with no need to look over his shoulder.

Mississippi County Associate Circuit Judge Terry Lynn Brown needed just a 10-minute hearing before ruling that he was giving Anderson credit for time served for all 4,794 days between his conviction and when he was arrested last year. The judge granted Anderson his immediate freedom.

Anderson, 37, left the courthouse with his wife and 3-year-old daughter on one arm, his mother on the other, tears in all of their eyes.

"Very happy," Anderson said as he climbed into a sport utility vehicle for the ride home to suburban St. Louis and a planned family celebration. "My faith has always been in God. I'm just so thankful. That God for everybody."

Anderson was 23 when he was sentenced to 13 years in prison for his role in the robbery of a fast-food restaurant's assistant manager. He told The Associated Press last month that he waited, and even asked about going to prison, but the order never came.

In the years since his conviction, Anderson started his own construction-related businesses, married and had children. He also coached youth football and volunteered at his church in Webster Groves, Missouri.

At the hearing Monday, Anderson's attorney, Patrick Megaro, said Anderson remained out of prison through no fault of his own, and in the intervening years, turned his life around.



Associated Press

Cornealious "Mike" Anderson walks out of the Mississippi County Courthouse along with his wife, LaQonna Anderson, daughter Nevaeh, 3, and grandmother Mary Porter, left, after being released from custody, Monday in Charleston, Mo. A judge ordered the release of Anderson who was convicted of robbery in 2000 but never sent to prison until a clerical mistake was discovered last year when he was put behind bars.

"He has been able to accomplish for himself what the criminal justice system does not accomplish in many situations," Megaro told the judge.

Brown agreed. He pointed out that Anderson's crime was serious, but acknowledged that he's a far different man now than he was then.

"You've been a good father," Brown said. "You've been a good husband. You've been a good tax-paying citizen of the state of Missouri.

"That leads me to believe that you are a good man and a changed man."

As the judge announced his decision, about 10 of Anderson's relatives broke out in sobs and cried. Some hugged and thanked God.

Anderson's plight drew international headlines last month. An online petition on change.org includes more than 35,000 signatures urging the state to set him free.

The release was met with virtually no resistance from the Missouri Attorney General's Office. Assistant Attorney General Michael Spillane told Brown the court should consider the seriousness of Anderson's crime, but also Anderson's behavior over the 13 years of his freedom and the impact that imprisonment would have on his family.

Attorney General Chris Koster said in a statement, "From the outset, I have proposed a solution that balances the seriousness of Mr. Anderson's crime with the mistake made by the criminal justice system and Mr. Anderson's lack of a criminal record over the past 13 years. Today's outcome appears to appropriately balance the facts as we understand them."

The judge said that rather than grant parole, Anderson would get credit for the entirety of the time he should have been in prison. The distinction is important because it means Anderson doesn't have to report to a parole agent.

Megaro lauded the state's understanding of an occurrence that is exceedingly rare.

"This was not an easy case," Megaro said. "I believe it teaches us that justice can be swift, justice can be harsh, but justice also can be merciful."

Anderson had never been convicted of a serious crime before the robbery. He was sentenced to 13 years in prison for the holdup, then told to wait for orders that would specify when and where he was to report to prison. But the orders never came. Anderson suspected that his case had been overlooked and asked his former attorney what to do.

"Day by day, month by month, year by year, time passed, and they never picked me up," he said in an interview last month with The Associated Press.

A court filing by the attorney general's office said the mistake happened when a trial court clerk failed to inform the Missouri Supreme Court that Anderson was free on bond after his initial conviction.

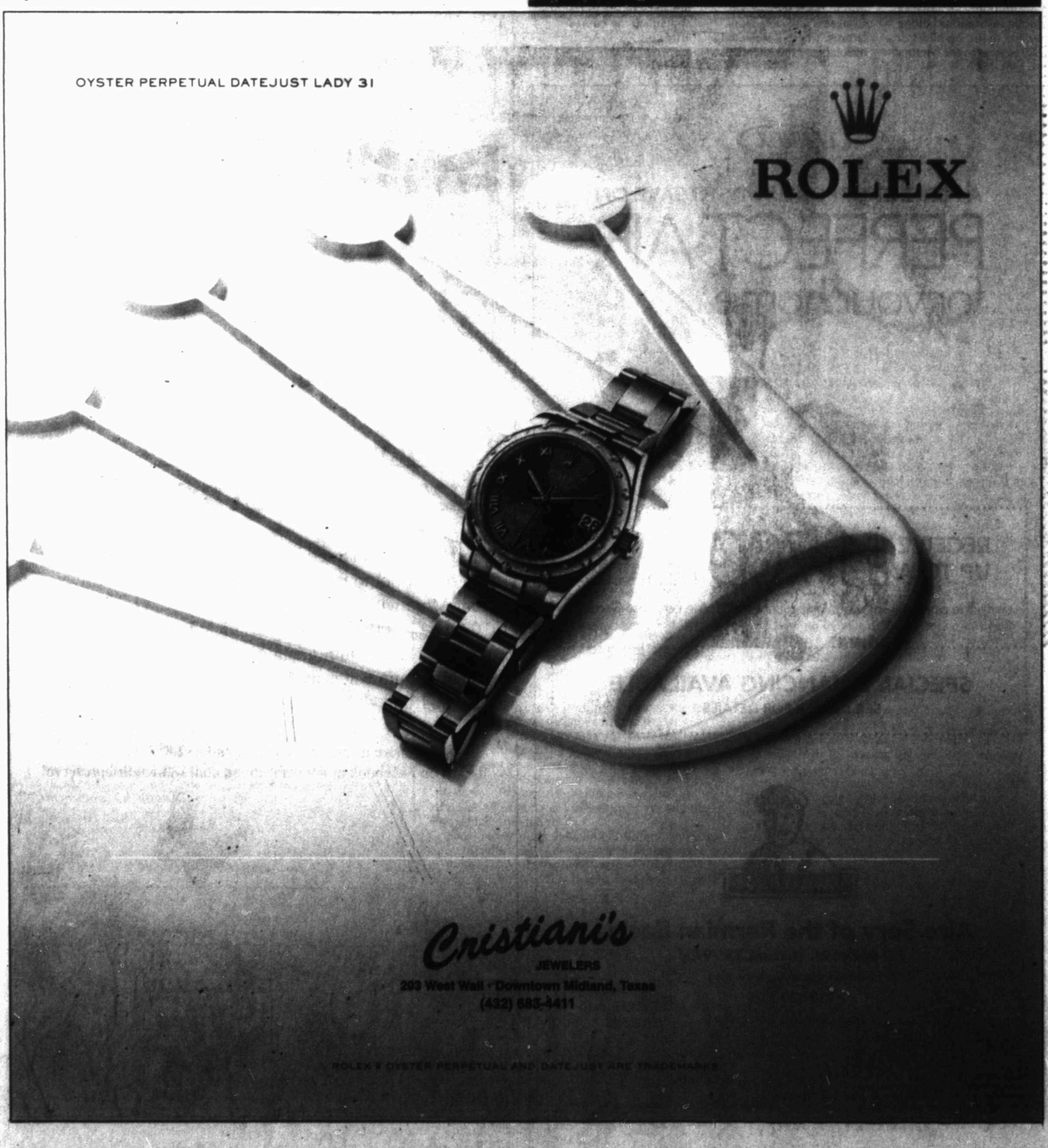
So Anderson went about his life, never trying to conceal his whereabouts or identity. He married, divorced, married again. He raised three children of his own and a stepchild, owned and operated three construction businesses. He coached his son's youth football team in Webster Groves, and he ran the video operation at his church.

In July, Anderson's sentence was supposed to end. It was then that someone at the Missouri Department of Corrections realized he had never been put behind bars. Eight U.S. marshals arrived one morning at his home in a middle-class neighborhood and took him away. He was in prison by noon that day, and had remained behind bars until Monday.

The hearing was in Charleston, Mo., because that's where Anderson had been imprisoned.

"Go home to your family, Mr. Anderson," Brown said after his ruling.





HospiceMidland names native West Texan new director of Rays of Hope

■ Kelsee Jones looks forward to building volunteer base, increasing awareness, continuing programs

By Megan Lea Buck
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HospiceMidland recently named Kelsee Jones as the director for the Rays of Hope Children's Grief Centre. Jones earned her bachelor's degree in social work from University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 2013 and served as an intern at Rays of Hope and HospiceMidland from August 2012 to May 2013. We caught up with Jones to learn more about her interests and what led to her new leadership role at Rays of Hope.

MRT: Are you a native Midlander? If not, what brought you here?

Jones: I am a West Texan through and through. I was born and raised in Odessa, where I currently live with my husband, daughter and dog.

How long have you been involved, and in what capacities, with HospiceMidland and Rays of Hope?

I began an internship with Rays

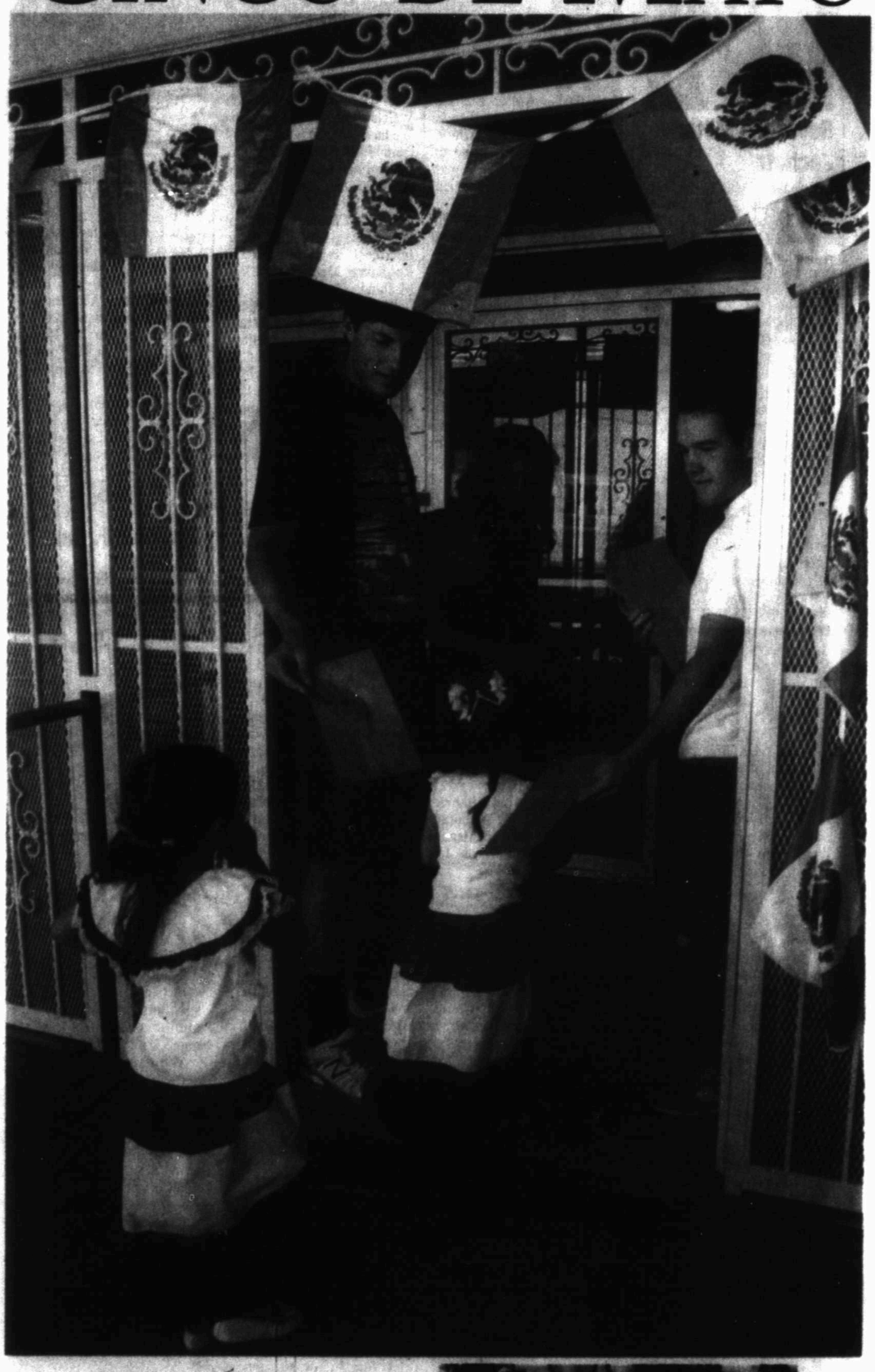
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Kelsee Jones is the new director for Rays of Hope Children's Grief Centre.

CINCO DE MAYO





RIGHT: MISD students enjoy lunch at Hogan Park on Monday afternoon during Cinco de Mayo festivities outside the Midland Hispanic Cultural Center. **ABOVE:** Students file into the center.

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Reporter-Telegram

KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Rich Lopez.
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Candy making can be child's play

Maybe parents try to keep their children from eating too much candy, but what about making it? Local candy maker Christina Simon shares a simple recipe that adults and children can make together with finishing touches that can elevate chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks into delightful, colorful treats.

Simon sells her own version of pretzel sticks on her Etsy-based store C & K Sweet Shoppe. Her inventory now is appropriately timed for upcoming grads and Mother's Day with chocolate-shaped diplomas, daisies and even cameo lace brooches made out of chocolate-dipped Oreos. She varies her pretzel confections with blue and pink melts for baby showers.

"These are fun for children to help with and allow them to be very creative. There are several colors of Candy Melts available so you don't have to be limited to just chocolate," Simon said.

Chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks

Ingredients:
12 long pretzel rods (available in the snack/chip aisle at most stores)
12 ounce package Chocolate Candy Melts (Wal-Mart or craft stores)
Variety of decorating sprinkles, candies, nuts, chocolate chips

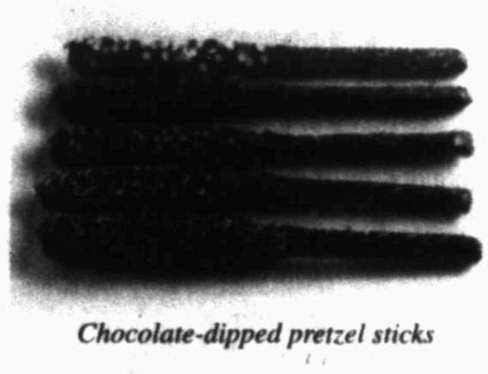
Tools:
Cookie Sheet
Waxed paper
Microwave safe drinking glass, coffee cup (something tall)
Spoon

Instructions:
Place a piece of waxed paper on the cookie sheet.
Have candy sprinkles, nuts, chocolate chips or whatever you would like to decorate the pretzels with, in bowls or containers readily available.
Next, place about half of the bag of chocolate candy melts in the microwave-safe cup/glass and place in microwave for 20 seconds. Use the spoon to stir the melts after the first 20 seconds. Repeat microwaving, in 20 second intervals, and stirring until candy melts become smooth.
Dip each pretzel stick, one at a time, into the tempered chocolate and place on waxed paper/cookie sheet. Sprinkle with whatever candy/nut toppings you desire. Repeat this process with each pretzel. When all pretzels are dipped and decorated, place the cookie sheet in the refrigerator until chocolate coating is dry, approximately 20 to 30 minutes.
Enjoy your creations.

"If giving as gifts, place each pretzel in a long treat bag, also available at Wal-Mart or craft stores, and tie end of bag with curling ribbons or embellish however you desire," Simon said.

With my own creativity now inspired

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Chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks

ACS event raises more than $1 million

From staff reports

American Cancer Society grossed more than $1 million Saturday evening at its 31st annual Gala Round Up: A Cattle Baron's Ball. With an estimated total of $1,165,172 minus $215,000 in expenses, the local event brought in $950,172 for the national organization. The total raised includes more than $160,000 in restricted gifts that will go to pancreatic cancer research.

Saturday's event at the Horseshoe included a catered steak dinner, games and live and silent auctions. Country singer/songwriter Jon Pardi and award-winning country/pop duo Thompson Square performed for the crowd.

Each year the Round Up is dedicated to local residents who have battled cancer. This year the event was dedicated to the memory of Kelly Grover who died in 2012 after fighting pancreatic cancer. The event also celebrated survivor Jered Groner who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at 18 and currently is a graduate student at Texas A&M.



Obituaries



Donaciano Enrique Gutierrez

Donaciano "Chano" Enrique Gutierrez, 79, of Midland, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at his residence. He was born on July 15, 1934 in Mexico to the late Donaciano, Sr. and Ildefonsa Gutierrez.

Chano met and later married Maria Gallegos in Logan, New Mexico in 1959. He had worked for the State of New Mexico for five years before moving to Midland, Texas in 1966. Chano worked in the Agriculture field and then later worked as a truck driver and mechanic.

In his spare time, Chano enjoyed playing pool and cards. He also enjoyed being with his family, making everyone laugh with his jokes. Chano loved to dance. But most of all, he loved his family. He was everyone's TATA!

Chano was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and five brothers.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Maria G. Gutierrez of Midland; two sons, Eddie Cordova and Onesimo (Chapo) Gallegos, both of Midland; four daughters, Ruby Gilmore of Casa Grande, Arizona, Cora Gallegos of Logan, New Mexico, and Teresa Luera and her husband Gilbert Luera, Virginia Collazo and her husband Jerry Collazo, both of Midland.

Chano is also survived by three sisters, Arminda G. Orosco of Ojinaga, Chihuahua Mexico, and Zoila G. Arsiaga and Teresa G. Rangel, both of Midland; six grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 25 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, with Father Gilberto Rodriguez officiating.

Pallbearers for the service will be Gilbert Luera, Jr., Jr. Cepeda, Jerry Collazo, Jr., Anthony Collazo, Alejandro Salinas and Pablo Villanueva. Honorary pallbearers are Joe Melendez, Ernest Gutierrez, Omar Gutierrez and Gustavo Sanchez.

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

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Keith Leoffler

Keith Leoffler, 58, of Odessa, Texas died Sunday April 27, 2014 of complications from a lengthy illness. Keith was born in Red Banks, New Jersey on August 13, 1955 and lived in New York, Florida, Arizona, and Texas. He attended Paradise Valley High school and graduated as valedictorian. He went to Arizona State University, graduating with honors.

He moved to Midland in 1980 and worked for Peat Marwick & Mitchell accounting firm. He then worked for Compressor Components in Odessa for over 20 years and, at the time of death, had spent almost six years with Reef Chemicals as their comptroller.

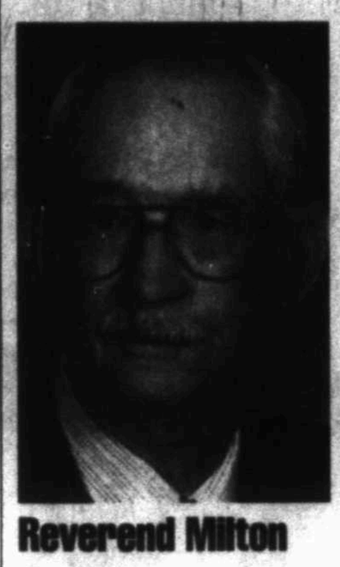
Keith loved to travel and took his family to most of the 50 states, focusing on National Parks. His interests also included bowling, which he bowled for a league at Cactus Lanes for more than 15 years. He played the bassoon in the Midland College Orchestra in the early 1990's and played hand bells for both Grace Presbyterian Church and later, First United Methodist Church Midland.

He is preceded in death by his father, Donald Leoffler of Sun City West, Arizona.

He is survived in death by his wife, Kathy Grogan Goheen-Leoffler of Odessa, Texas; his mother, Joan Leoffler of Sun City West, Arizona; his sister, Karen Stone of Show Low, Arizona; his three kids, Valerie Sanchez and her husband David of Webster, Texas, Kevin Leoffler of Midland, Texas, and Craig Leoffler, also of Midland; two step-children, Jennifer Register and her husband Justin of Odessa, Texas, and Jeremy Goheen, also of Odessa.

Keith also leaves four grandchildren, Kyle and Zachary Sanchez of Webster, and Alexis and Hunter Register of Odessa; and by five nieces, four nephews, two great nieces, and one great nephew on the way.

Memorial services for Keith will be held at First United Methodist Church in Midland on Saturday May 10, 2014 at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Chapel.



Reverend Milton Jochetz

Reverend Milton Jochetz, 87, of Stanton, Texas passed away Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Mabee Health Care Center in Midland, Texas. He was born and reared on a West Texas cotton farm September 23, 1926. The farm was and is in Lubbock County, near the small town of Slaton, Texas.

He was the son of Walter A. Jochetz and Myrtle Lena Saage Jochetz. The family was a church going family. On a Sunday morning in 1934, Milton, eight years old, accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized by Reverend C. W. Foote, the minister at the First United Methodist Church, Slaton.

Milton attended school in Slaton and met Wanda Jean Vaughan on the night of his 1944 high school graduation. For a short time, he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad. In September of 1944, he joined the United States Navy, serving two years on the USS Athene in the Pacific Theatre in World War II.

During that time, he and Wanda courted through letters and married on March 11, 1946. He was discharged on July 2, 1946. To that marriage of 66 years, three children were born; Tommy, Paula and Sandra.

In August of 1952, after working at various jobs, which included farming, Milton began the process of becoming a minister of the United Methodist Church (UMC). So at the age of 25, with a wife and two children, they moved to Vet Village in Abilene, Texas, across from McMurry College.

Prior to graduation at McMurry, they moved to Hawley, Texas where they served their first appointment at the Hawley UMC. After graduation they moved to Krum, Texas and served the Krum UMC while Milton attended Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Divinity.

Their ministerial life took them to Texline, Bunavista/Borger, Sweetwater, Clarendon, Gruver, Seymour, Andrews and Stanton where they retired. During their 40 years of ministry, they traveled to Israel, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Scotland and England where they served on an exchange program with an English Methodist minister. They were committed for five weeks to the English Church.

Milton and Wanda leave a legacy of love, friendship and service to the people of the Texas Panhandle and the Permian Basin. Milton was the definition of a true friend. During his long life Milton was an avid reader, loved to fish, play golf and be a part of every community in which they lived.

Milton was a "joiner" in that he belonged to the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Stanton Library Board, Museum Board & Country Club. (Wanda asked him one time, "Is there is anything else for you to join?")

Milton and Wanda loved their son, Tommy and wife, Sharon; their daughter, Paula and husband, Joe Millhollon; deceased daughter, Sandra; 12 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; Milton's sister, Barbara Jones; and many other close relatives and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda; daughter, Sandra; and parents, Walter and Myrtle Jochetz.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 N. St. Charles, Stanton, Texas. A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 208 E. St. Anna, Stanton, Texas.

The family would like to thank Midland Memorial Hospital and Mabee Health Care Center and Rehab for their wonderful care during this time.

At Milton's request, a single red rose is to be placed on the altar at his service. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Stanton First United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society, Hospice of Midland, or charity of your choice.

Under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.



Willa Dean Jennings

Willa Dean Jennings, 81, of Midland passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at her home. A visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, with Chaplain Robert Kirk officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Willa was born on December 15, 1932 to Thelma and Hugh Groom in Morrilton, Arkansas. She married C.H. "Jr." Jennings on January 18, 1951 in Texarkana, Arkansas. They moved to Midland with their young family in 1962.

Willa became a working mom with JC Penney in the old downtown location and later joined Midland County as an Auditor before retiring in January of 1996, after 18 years of service. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Lee and husband Hal of Midland, Texas; son, Larry Jennings and wife Susan of San Antonio, Texas; sister, Maxine Hall of Leechburg, Pennsylvania; sister-in-law, Lynda Groom of De Kalb, Texas; grandchildren, Casey Lee and wife Natalie, Chris Lee and wife Amber, Elizabeth Cheslock and husband Todd, Scott Jennings and wife Liz, Rebecca Hart and husband Patrick; and five great-grandchildren, Ashton, Reese, Eli, Jackson, and Charlie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.H. "Jr." Jennings; parents, Thelma and Hugh Groom; and seven brothers, Bill, Orville, Wayne, Mitchell, Marlin, Donnie, and Bruce Groom.

Memorials may be donated to Hospice Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702 or to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas, 79703.

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

Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Death Notices

Genovio Lucio

Genovio Lucio, 67, of Andrews passed away Sunday, May 4, 2014.

A Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Tina Lucio; children, Hipolito, Ofelia Chavez, Genovio Lucio, Jr., Juan Lucio, and Ramon Lucio; two brothers; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jose Luis Cazares, Sr.

Funeral Mass for Jose Luis Cazares, Sr. of Stanton has been set for Wednesday May 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church; burial will follow at St. Josephs Catholic Cemetery. A Rosary Vigil will be held Tuesday May 6, 2014 at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

He is survived by his father, Jose Cazares; daughters, Vanessa Cazares and Marissa Cazares; son, Jose Luis Cazares, Jr.; three sisters; and three brothers.

Thurman F. Cox

Thurman F. Cox, 91, of Cedar Park, died Saturday, May 3, 2014. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include daughter, Karen Newman; and two grandchildren.

Director

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of Hope in August 2012, during the final year of my studies in social work at UTPB. I was very fortunate in my experience as an intern because I was able to spend part of my time at HospiceMidland gaining experience in medical social work, as well. In May 2013, I was hired as an employee of HospiceMidland and staff at Rays of Hope, recently named director of the children's grief center.

When and how did you become interested in pursuing a degree and career in social work?

I started back to UTPB in 2009 while working at a pediatric rehabilitation center. I knew I wanted to work with children and families, but I wasn't sure in what capacity. I didn't know much about social work and decided to take an introductory course to learn more. Immediately, I was enthralled. I changed my major to social work and began an eye-opening journey. I experienced an awakening and growing awareness of the needs of our community, which led me to where I am today.

What drew you to working with HospiceMidland and especially to the mission of the children's grief center?

In the process of getting my degree in social work, I became interested in bereavement services, specifically children's bereavement, as I learned that children and teens are so often forgotten mourners. Naturally, I was drawn to the mission of Rays of Hope. The mission of HospiceMidland is to fulfill the unique needs of our patients and their families. A huge part of these families are often children. We are committed to serving all of the family unit, and I'm so proud and honored to be part of that mission. My hope is to raise support and awareness for grieving children in our community and beyond.

How have you seen Rays of Hope affect the lives of children?

I truly believe that Rays of Hope and our caring volunteers make a difference in the lives of grieving children. Children are given permission to grieve in their own way and encouraged to explore and share their feelings. There is so much power in knowing that you are not alone. I have witnessed children and teens open up, express emotions and walk away from the program empowered with what they've learned on their healing journey at Rays of Hope.

What programs or projects at the grief center are you most excited about?

With our spring programs winding down, we are amping up for summer. We will offer our creative arts classes throughout summer, as well as three day camps: MAD Camp (music, art, drama), Teen Time and Journey Camp. Camps are so much fun. We are also excited to continue our partnership with The Junior League of Midland for Journey Camp in August, as well as our HopeWorks program in the fall and spring.

Are there any new projects or changes on the horizon?

As we all know, change is inevitable and a part of growth. We have a solid program, and we are working on growing our volunteer and support base in the community. I hope that growth in these areas will precipitate positive changes, including enhanced programming and more community awareness and involvement. Looking forward to the fall, we are excited to be working with XY Zone/CIS and United Way to offer support groups to XY Zone participants in the high schools.

What has been the biggest challenge of your new position?

Transition is always challenging. We are a new staff, and our goal during the transition was to continue programming with integrity at the capacity offered in recent years. I think we are meeting that goal. We operate almost entirely (with) volunteers, and we have a wonderful and talented group, but we always need more. So that is another goal: growing our volunteer base while retaining the amazing group we already have. Rays of Hope has always been and continues to be blessed by enormous community support. We want to work to continue garnering that support while reaching and serving our community to the best of our ability.

What do you foresee being the biggest reward?

The success of this program and continuing to support and make a difference in the lives of grieving children, teens, and their families — these will be the biggest rewards.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not working?

I enjoy reading, eating sweets and most of all, spending time with my family. And naps. I love naps!

Who are your heroes?

I have several family members and mentors who I consider to be my heroes. But my daughter is No. 1. She has taught me so much about love, patience and what is important in life. Her life has made such an impact on who I am today.

Describe your ideal meal.

Mexican food followed by cookie cake and a big glass of milk.

What's in your car/home music player right now?

The song "Happy" from "Despicable Me 2." I enjoy car-dancing to this song as my daughter looks on in horror and embarrassment. But don't be fooled, I see her bobbing her head and moving her shoulders in the rearview mirror once in awhile.

Knife & Fork

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by Simon's suggestions, I couldn't help but think of different toppings that could work.

- Crushed (but not powdered) cereal. I'm particularly stuck on Fruity Pebbles.
- Fleur de Sel could add a lovely, delicate finish as well as contrasting salty texture to the chocolate. Fleur de Sel can be pricy so perhaps sea salt could be easily substituted. Also, consider that the pretzels are salty to begin with so a light sprinkling would add a nice aesthetic.
- Perhaps only for stronger tastes, but chili powder and chocolate is kind of amazing. Use only a slight dusting so that the chocolate isn't overpowered by the kick of heat.

Search CandKSweetShoppe at etsy.com/shop to view and order Simon's other selections.

Billy Frank Jr., tribal fishing activist, dies

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Billy Frank Jr., a tribal fisherman who led the "fish wars" that restored fishing rights and helped preserve a way of life for American Indians in the Northwest four decades ago, died Monday at 83.

The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the Nisqually Tribe near Olympia, Washington, confirmed his death. The cause was not immediately known.

Frank was arrested more than 50 times for "illegal fishing" during the protests that came to be known as the fish wars. Patterned after the sit-ins of the civil rights movement, the campaign was part of larger, nationwide movement in the 1960s for American Indian rights, including better schooling, free speech and legal protections.

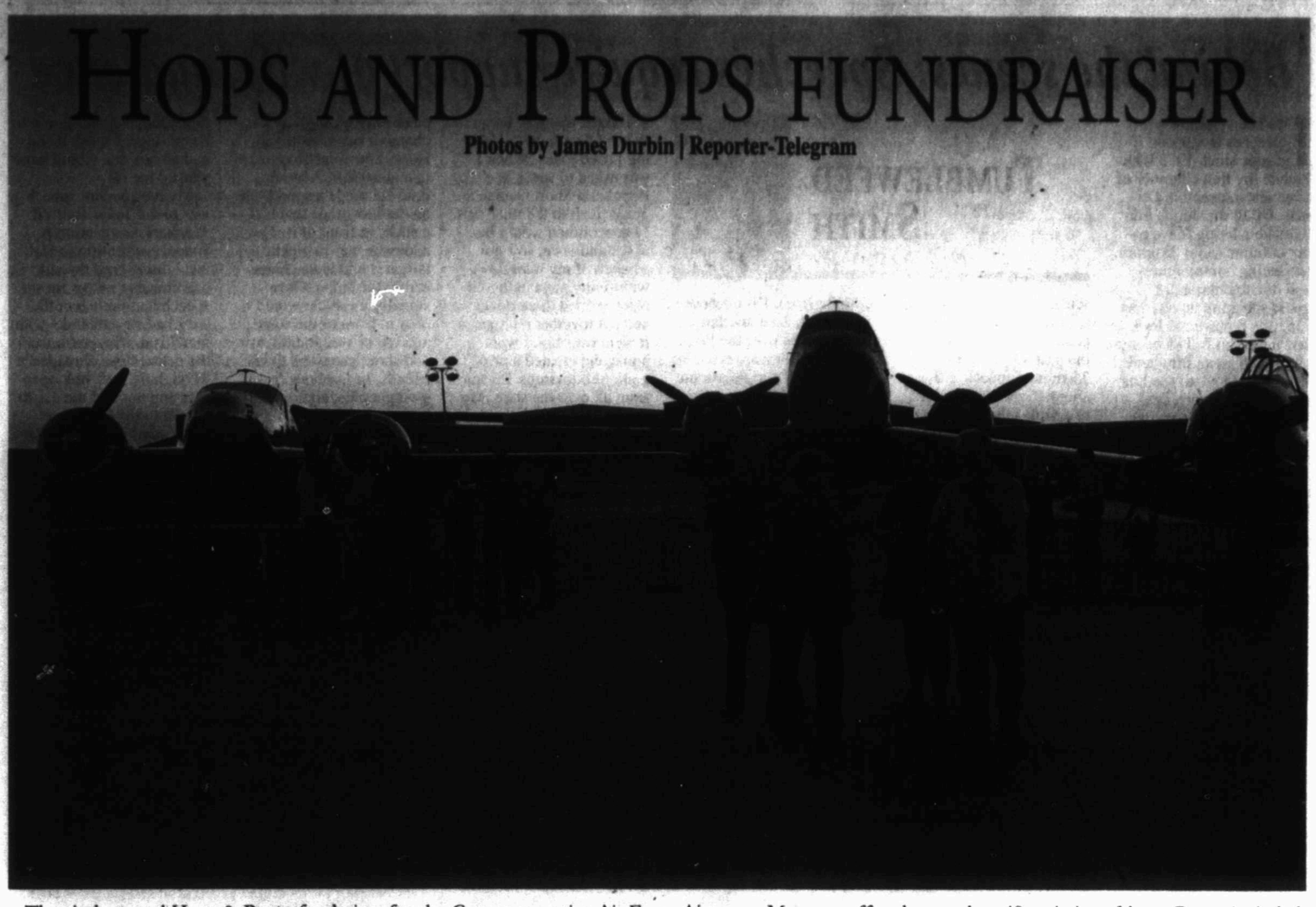
"He was a selfless leader who dedicated his life to the long fight for the rights of our state's native people," Gov. Jay Inslee said in a written statement. "Billy was a champion of tribal rights, of the salmon, and the environment. He did that even when it meant putting himself in physical danger or facing jail."

The tribes had fished Northwest waters from time immemorial, and treaties promised them access to their "usual and accustomed" fishing grounds in exchange for ceding land to white settlers in the 1850s.

But Washington state imposed restrictions on fishing last century as dams, logging runoff, pollution and overfishing cut into once abundant salmon runs. The tribes, many of which had their own fishing regulations, objected to the state imposing its will — especially when some 95 percent of fish harvested in Washington waters were caught by non-Indian fishermen.

HOPS AND PROPS FUNDRAISER

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegram



The sixth annual Hops & Props fundraiser for the Commemorative Air Force Airpower Museum offered more than 40 varieties of beer. Brews included craft beers and ciders and were made available through Glazer's Permian Distributing and the Ben E. Keith Co. Representatives from each company were available to answer questions at the event. Alpine's Big Bend Brewing Co. participated in the event for the first time.

Hops & Props also included appetizers from area restaurants including La Bodega, Dickey's Barbecue, Texas Roadhouse, Cabot's Cheese and Domino's Pizza. Live entertainment was provided by The Cory Yeager Band.

A silent auction benefiting the CAF Airpower Museum was planned for the event and included items such as gift baskets, travel packages and firearms.











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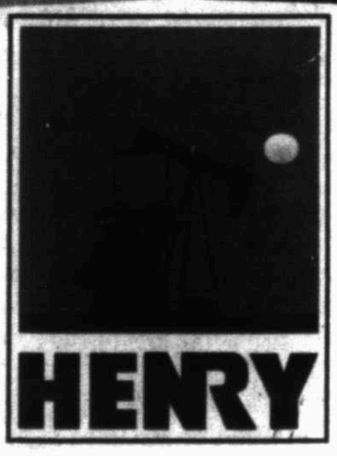


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Behind the scenes: Speeches require support of wife, audience



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

I've been making speeches to various groups since 1973 when I made my first chamber of commerce speech in Dumas. Of all the things I do to make a living (newspaper column, radio program, producing commercials and documentaries), I guess speaking is the most fun. It is fantastic to look out at a room full of people and see them smiling and laughing. I love to see lots of teeth as I glance at a happy audience from the podium or stage. All my speeches are about Texas humor and I've spoken in nearly a dozen states and four foreign countries.

It's not quite correct to call them speeches. They are more like audio presentations. I use the voices of some of the humorous people I've interviewed the past 45 years. In a 35-minute speech, I'll use about 15 recorded voices of people telling stories or mentioning first-person experiences. I do a 55-minute one-man show that is the same format as speeches, only longer, with more voices. Most of the time, the audience doesn't know where the other voices are coming from. I'll introduce a segment, then another voice comes over the PA system. After a speech, I've actually had people ask me if I do all the voices.

The recorded voices are coming from an iPod my wife Susan is operating. Usually she sits near me at a speech or near the stage when I do my one-man show. She has just been operating the equipment a few years. I used to do it. I like it this way better. When I first started speaking I used jokes. When I was asked to speak at a Petroleum Short Course at Texas Tech in the mid-'70s I knew oilmen would be in the audience, so I got a bunch of my interviews with funny guys in the oil patch, edited them down and put together a program. It went over big. I went home and created a program of humorous Texans from all over the state. My first audience with this new show was my wife and two sons in our living room. They laughed all the way through it. I was encouraged and have used the voices ever since.

We have had some experiences. Once the electricity went off at a chamber banquet in Van Horn. Someone brought in a generator. Another time we made a speech on an outdoor stage that had a street in front of it. The audience was in pickup tailgates and lawn chairs across the street. Occasionally a vehicle would pass in front of the stage and the driver would wave and shout greetings to his friends. In Lubbock, I was giving a presentation to a historical group and they had come from a party with free-flowing alcohol. I usually love a well-oiled audience, but this one was rowdy. Nobody was listening. About 20 minutes into my speech the organizer came up and asked me how much longer I was going to be on stage. I think if she had a hook she would have yanked me off.

My most recent speech was to the Texas Retired Teachers Association's annual convention in Dallas. I discovered the shirt I had chosen to wear for the speech had French cuffs but I had no cuff links with me. Susan whipped out the dental floss, threaded it through the cuff link openings and none of the 1,100 people in the audience knew anything about my customized cufflinks.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring with his wife, Susan. Contact him at 263-3813 or tumbleweedsmith.com.

Deep, infrequent watering works for Bermuda grass



JEFF FLOYD
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Once established, heat- and sun-loving Bermuda grasses can easily survive and even thrive on one or fewer watering cycles. The trick is to water deeply and then allow the soil within the root zone to dry out before watering again. Deep, infrequent irrigation encourages grass roots to make minor adaptations, which allow them to probe the soil for water resources.

The most practical means of knowing when your turfgrass needs water is to feel the soil in the root zone with your finger. If the soil is cool and moist a couple of inches into the root zone, the grass likely will have the ability to extract that moisture.

By combining this touch method with visual observations, you can learn to recognize drought stress in Bermuda grass. Drought-stressed Bermuda grass leaves may roll or fold, giving the appearance of thin leaf blades with a light blue-green tint. Footprints that remain in the lawn for a long time may also indicate drought stress in grass. Dry Bermuda grass blades do not bounce back from foot traffic as quickly as those that are water-filled.

On the other hand, when watered too frequently, Bermuda grass develops a shallow root system that shows drought stress very rapidly. Shallow roots have few reserves to help maintain grass tops during lengthy periods of water starvation. Soil water may be just out of reach for their sparse root systems.

Depending on how it is used, the automatic irrigation system may be the best or worst thing that ever happened for water conservation. Our dependence on the built-in scheduling system in modern irrigation controllers has caused us to set it and forget it. Reliance on automatic irrigation schedules does not usually take into consideration the seasonal changes in plant use of water and soil moisture evaporation.

This evapotranspiration, as it is known, varies on a daily and even hourly basis. During cloudy, calm and cool days, less water is lost from the soil and turfgrass to the atmosphere. When the wind is blowing steady, and sunlight beams down on leaf blades, water is lost more rapidly.

Most irrigation controllers are not designed to compensate for rapid changes in weather. This explains why you occasionally see irrigation systems running during rain or freeze conditions.

Those controllers that are engineered to make seasonal adjustments to weather changes usually have limited capabilities to adapt automatically and require input from their owners. My suggestion is to become familiar with the operation of your irrigation controller and adjust it as needed. Save the automatic feature for vacations or when you will be away for extended periods of time.

Bermuda grass with an extensive root system is able to survive in a semi-dormant state during periods of prolonged drought. Deeply rooted Bermuda grasses have the resources to respond quickly to irrigation and are capable of a full recovery after losing more than half of their root volume as a result of prolonged drought.

What is the best method for irrigating your Bermuda grass? Water your Bermuda grass deeply and only when necessary according to its appearance or the feel of its soil. Once your soil or Bermuda grass lets you know it needs water, use the manual feature on your controller to irrigate the turf deeply.

If you want to know more about how to maintain your lawn during drought, contact the County Extension office at 686-4700 or email me at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Re-seeding annuals, plants that only live for one growing season but produce seeds, provides more color and require little work. The seeds will germinate the next growing season to repeat the cycle.

Initially, you will need to plant or sow some re-seeding annuals. With any luck at all, the seeds will germinate, plants will grow, flower and then set seed. If left in place, seeds from the plants will scatter in the garden. Or you can take the mature seedpods and scatter the seed where you want them to germinate in the next growing season.

Allowing the plants to stay in the garden until their seeds ripen is critical. Plants are generally messy and not attractive during this time and the temptation is great to pull them out. Reduce the messy look by selecting a few big, healthy plants to keep and remove the rest. The remaining few will most likely produce an abundance of seed for next season's flowers.

There are a variety of flowers that will reseed. Here are a few favorites.

The cool-season plant category, which are in bloom now, include; sweet alyssum, bluebonnets, larkspur, California poppy, shirley poppy, bread poppy, love-in-a-mist (nigella), viola and bachelor's button or cornflower. In the warm-season arena there are cosmos, old fashion petunia, zinnia, scarlet sage, moss verbena and globe amaranth. Morning glory and four o'clock reseed but can be invasive. In the herb world, there's sweet basil, Italian and curly parsley, chamomile and dill.

Grow re-seeding annuals in a sunny spot. Prepare the soil with a little compost and raking. Sow warm-season seeds in the spring and cool-season in the fall. Tiny seeds can be sown on the soil surface and pressed into the soil with the back of the shovel or your hand. Larger seeds will need to be covered with soil at the depth indicated on seed packet. Water with gentle spray and repeat as needed to promote germination. Thin seedlings to the correct spacing as soon as they develop the first or second pair of true leaves. Plants may be mulched once they are thinned and established. Transplants can be planted instead of seed, but make sure they are not hybrids, which generally don't re-seed.

Less work, more enjoyment is always welcome. Find re-leaf in your garden with re-seeding annuals.

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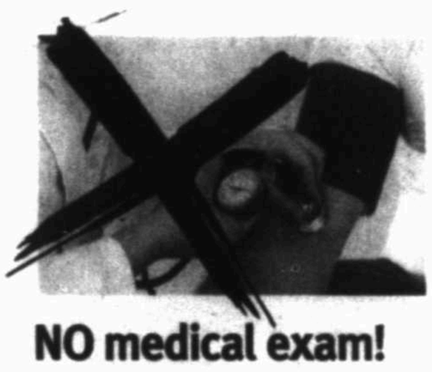
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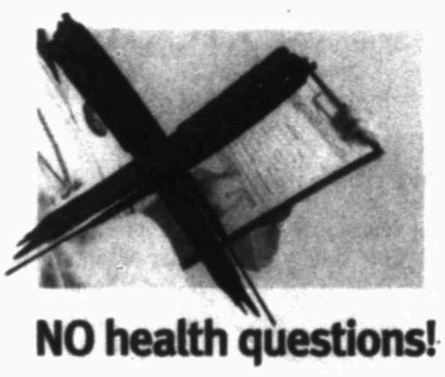
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TODAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
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Local forecast

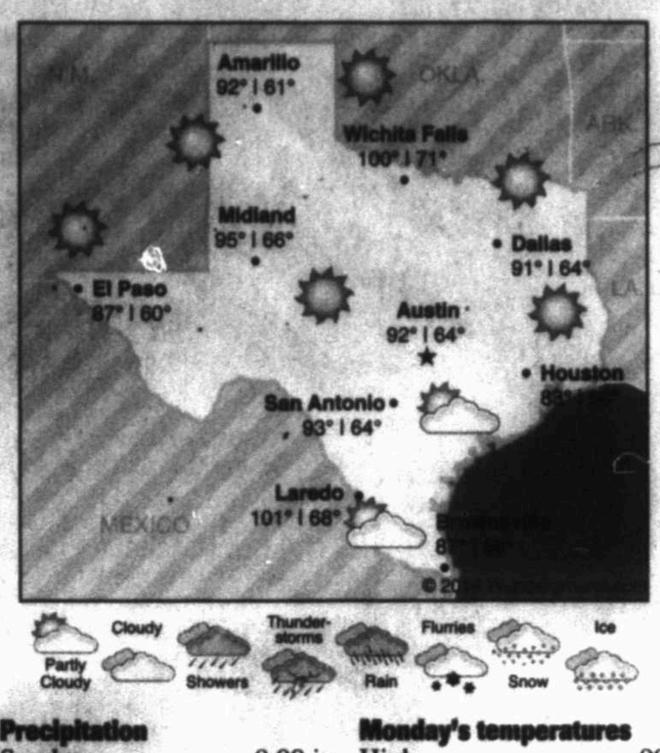
Expect gusty conditions today and Wednesday. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph, according to the National Weather Service. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Monday reached 99, while the low dropped to 63. The record high for May 5 is 101 set in 1947, 1964 and 2000. The record low is 39 set in 1933.

Weather why

You sometimes hear of a "super outbreak" of tornadoes. What does that mean?

A super outbreak is a large number of tornadoes occurring over a two- or three-day period that affects multiple states, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "There are two super outbreaks that stand out above all others," he said. "The first is the outbreak of April 3-4, 1974. This outbreak saw 148 tornadoes that officially touched down in 13 states, killing 319 people. Another 5,400 people were injured and the entire storm track covered over 2,500 miles. The town of Xenia, Ohio, was hardest hit as an F-5 tornado slammed into the town and destroyed most of it, killing 32. The powerful tornado actually lifted several railroad cars off the tracks."



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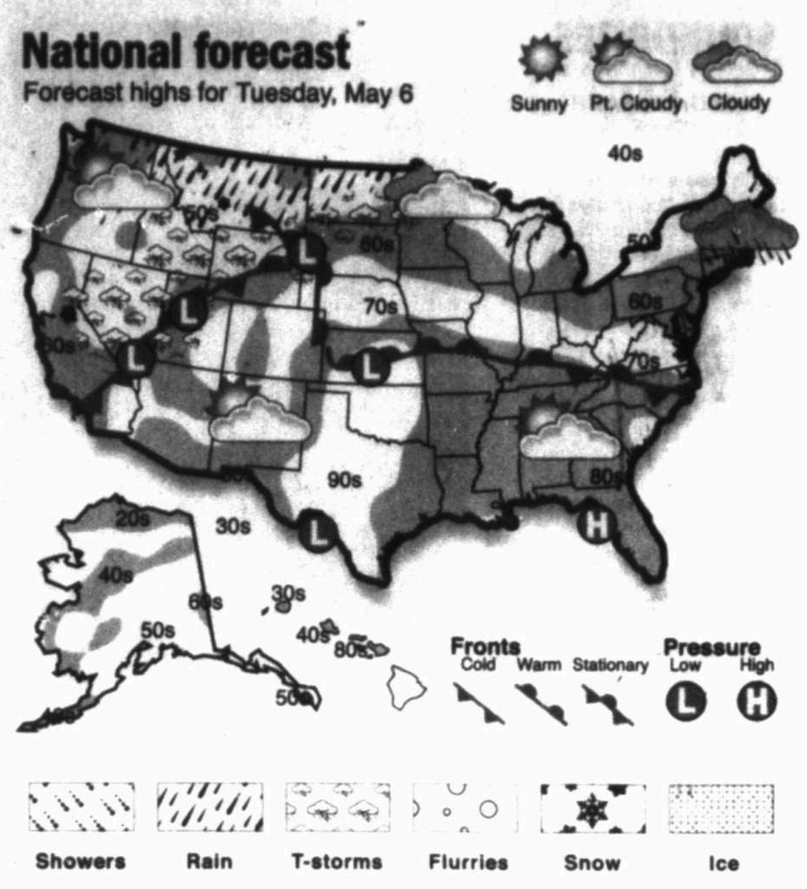
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.68 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	99
Low	63
Normal high	85
Normal low	56
Sunrise	6:58 a.m.
Sunset	8:33 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, May 6



Gift packaging promises more than it can deliver

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 recently went in on a gift with my friend "Ali" for our other friend, "Gena." Ali offered to purchase and wrap the gift, a nice wallet from an inexpensive store. Imagine my surprise when Ali turned up at Gena's birthday party with the wallet elaborately wrapped in expensive designer paper.

At first, I thought she had spent more of her money and upgraded our gift, but when Gena unwrapped the designer packaging to reveal the original wallet we had selected, I was taken aback. It turned out that Ali had reused the wrapping paper from a gift her husband had given her, disguising our present as something it wasn't.

Gena was clearly disappointed. Other guests who had been eyeing it looked excited at first, then confused. I felt our gift wasn't appreciated and we ended up looking cheap. I was at a loss for words. What would have been the appropriate way to handle the situation? Is this normal gift-wrapping practice, or did Ali cross the line? — FLABBERGASTED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: Reusing wrapping paper isn't unusual. Gena's reaction to the gift was inappropriate. Instead of letting her disappointment show, Gena should have smiled and graciously thanked you and Ali for her gift. (Remember the phrase, "It's the thought that counts"?) As for you, all you needed to say was "Happy Birthday!"

DEAR ABBY: With Mother's Day nearly upon us, would you remind your readers that stepmothers are worthy of recognition, too? If one has any regard for the feelings of his or her stepmom, PLEASE make her day by calling or visiting her and telling her how much she means to you. And I don't mean a phone call at 9 p.m.

I married my husband when his sons were in their late teens. Every Mother's Day for 14 years, I have been reminded that his sons choose not to recognize me, even though our relationships are very good. (One of them is a stepfather himself.) It's a real heartbreaker, believe me. — GIVING UP ON WAITING IN OREGON

DEAR GIVING UP ON WAITING: If you think you are the only stepmother who feels unappreciated on Mother's Day, think again. I have heard from many stepmothers who have written letters that are variations on this theme. There can be reasons for it — the fact that you didn't raise them, fear that it would be somehow disloyal to their birth mother, unresolved relationship issues or just being preoccupied.

If you haven't discussed this with your stepsons, perhaps you should. Or better yet, your husband should. But if that doesn't solve the problem, for your own sake, stop brooding about it and direct your attention elsewhere.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J 8 2
♡ K Q J 6
◇ 4
♣ A J 6 4 2

WEST
♠ 10 6 3
♡ 10 5 4
◇ K J 8 7
♣ 10 9 8

EAST
♠ 9 7 5
♡ 8 7 2
◇ A 10 6 3
♣ 7 5 3

SOUTH
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♡ A 9 3
◇ Q 9 5 2
♣ K Q

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Seven of

The Gerber convention is used by many players as an ace-asking bid when Blackwood is unavailable. When the last bid is a natural no-trump bid, a raise to four no-trump is quantitative, not Blackwood. A jump to four clubs is Gerber over a natural no-trump bid. Note that it must be a jump to four clubs, so it does not apply over a bid of three no-trump, or three of anything else. This is a subtlety that many players miss. A non-jump bid of four clubs over three of anything is needed as a natural bid.

On today's hand, North-South can make a slam in three different strains — clubs or either major. They do not have an eight-card fit, so none of these slams is easy to bid. North could smell a slam after South's two no-trump opening, showing 20-21 points, and started by using Stayman to look for a possible eight-card heart fit. When that failed to materialize, he introduced his club suit and they were well on their way.

The partnership hit a serious bump in the road when South interpreted the four-club bid as Gerber. He intended his four-spade response to show two aces. North interpreted this four spade bid as a cue-bid in support of clubs, so he bid four no-trump, intending that as Blackwood. South, who believed that he had already shown his aces, passed — OOPS!

It could have been worse. Had the opponents held South's nine of diamonds, four no-trump would have been defeated! At least they got a plus score.

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 Tuesday, May 6, 2014:

This year you will evolve to a new level. Be willing to state your boundaries, and be ready to assert them. Others might test this newfound clarity. Many people surround you and want to be involved in your life. The issue will be that you are only one person, and there are only so many hours in the day. If you are single, you could be overwhelmed at times with so many choices of potential suitors. Date until you're absolutely sure that you are in the type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, maintain a strong bond with your sweetie. By late summer, you might want to move or remodel your home, as the two of you will be interested in making it more of a "nest." LEO loves hanging out with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Be direct in your dealings, as you know what to do and how to do it. Your ability to communicate will open doors and allow greater give-and-take between you and others. A loved one could be more upset than you originally had thought. Be careful. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Stay centered, and decide what choice will work best for you. Honor a change in your living style. You might want to put some of your energy into a project that is near and dear to your heart. Listen to someone's thoughts and ideas more carefully. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You have a way and style about you that attracts many admirers who care a lot about you. You also could be driven to accomplish a lot more than you ever thought possible. You might be more in the mood to socialize than to work. Tonight: Go out and enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Be sensitive to your fiscal concerns, and know where you are heading with a personal matter. Understand more of what you need to get done. Relate to a child or loved one you care about more directly. In fact, take some extra time off to be with this person. Tonight: Anchored in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You'll beam in much more of what you desire. Remain sure of yourself, and know that you don't need to justify your actions. You might feel energized and ready to take on another project. Remain receptive and forthcoming, even with a difficult person. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Stay centered and direct in how you deal with others. The less said, the better off you will be. Others will notice that you are unusually quiet. In a few days, you will have a totally different impression. Deal with a loved one directly. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You have a lot going for you. Your immediate circle of friends could be larger than you realize. Keep in mind that your pals understand you very well. You seem to come from a more centered stance as of late. Tonight: Be among the crowds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ All eyes will turn to you as you attempt to work through a problem. You could be in a situation that is more difficult than you originally thought it would be. Understand what is happening with someone you care about. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to turn a situation around and handle it differently. You could see a personal matter in a new light. What was considered a hardship in the past might not be an issue anymore. Worry less about an immediate change or situation. Tonight: Make unusual plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal with one person directly. Be sure to understand your natural limits and expectations. Be more serious about the possibilities that surround you. You might want to veer in a different direction in order to make a situation easier than it has been. Tonight: Be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others seek you out. Observe and understand what needs to happen. Be willing to state your boundaries. You could be so full of fun and interesting conversations that others will continue seeking you out. Someone might have a crush on you. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might want to consider an alternative surrounding an immediate situation. You have a lot to do and a lot of ground to cover. Recognize that you will need to stay focused on your long-term goals. Make it OK to relax and enjoy the moment. Tonight: Have some fun.

BORN TODAY

Baseball player Willie Mays (1931), father of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud (1856), actor George Clooney (1961)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 SoCal enforcement squad
5 "12 Angry Men" star Henry
10 Swimming spot
14 Seat of Allen County, Kansas
15 Queen __ lace
16 Cherub, in Chambéry
17 Fill-in-the-amount document
19 Actress Ward
20 Made sure of
21 Dines at home
23 Place to check your balance, briefly
25 Expanding bullet
28 Feathery scarves
30 Put down, in slang
31 Marinara sauce brand
32 Bear witness
35 Stun, as a perp
37 Uncomprehending look
41 French girlfriend
42 Soviet newspaper
45 Horoscope columnist Sydney
49 Opening for a chorus line
51 Free from bias
52 Like men modeling swimming trunks
56 Family animal
57 With perfection
58 Roofing piece
60 Prefix with sphere
61 Insincere talk, and a hint to the starts of this puzzle's four other longest entries
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70 Garden tool
71 Crooner Williams

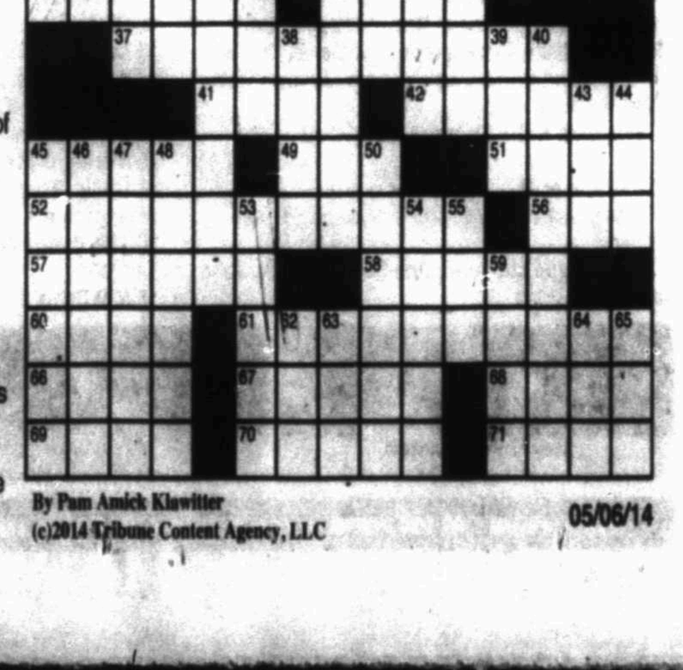
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6 Waiting to talk to a real person, say
7 Peoria-to-Green Bay dir.
8 End-of-year abbr.
9 Out of kilter
10 Sunday speaker
11 Baby shower bodysuit
12 Leering at
13 Makeshift shelter
18 Electric bill meas.
22 Pop up
23 Lawyer's gp.
24 Day care attendee
26 Ignores the trash can
27 Mama bears, in Spain
29 Dead __ Scrolls
33 Not widely available
34 Scottish hat
36 Gas additive brand
38 Nick at __
39 WWII fliers
40 Tony-winning role for Patti LuPone
43 Roller with pips
44 Gallery showing
45 Gain possession of
46 China's __-tung
47 One of the Musketeers
48 Freshen, as the salad
50 Available for breeding
53 Sexy-looking shoes
54 Steven's wife on "Family Ties"
55 Margery of kids' rhyme
59 Frat party wrap
62 Unruly head of hair
63 School support org.
64 Flop
65 Undercover agent

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

DAMON ALBARN
"Food"

Twenty years after he became a Brit-pop poster boy as lead singer of Blur, Damon Albarn has released his first solo album.



He's been busy in the meantime, fronting cartoon hip-hop band Gorillaz, forming the supergroup The Good, the Bad and the Queen and even writing a couple of operas. So "Everyday Robots" is hardly the work of a novice — rather of a man in his 40s looking back with a mixture of wonder and regret.

The songs, suffused with nostalgic melancholy, blend the digital and the organic, scattering samples of speech and street sounds over electronic beats, winsome guitar and plinky piano.

Lyrically, Albarn explores the tension between isolation and connection in the digital age, and the feelings of guilt and absolution that come with aging.

The melancholy title track sets the tone, with Albarn's vulnerable vocals laid over ragged samples and jagged violin. It's an understated number that worms its way under the skin.

"Hostiles" and "Hollow Ponds" continue the mood of languid reverie, while "You and Me" refers to Albarn's long-ago use of heroin, a drug he has said he found alluring and dangerous.

There are a couple of more up-tempo numbers in "Mr. Tembo" — an ode to an orphaned baby elephant — and "Heavy Seas of Love," a low-key sing-along featuring Brian Eno and a church choir.

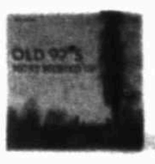
More typical of the bittersweet mood are "Lonely Press Play" ("If you're lonely, press play") and the lovely, delicately hopeful "Photographs (You Are Taking Now").

"Everyday Robots" is an album of subtle pleasures.

Jill Lawless/AP

OLD 97'S
"Most Messed Up"

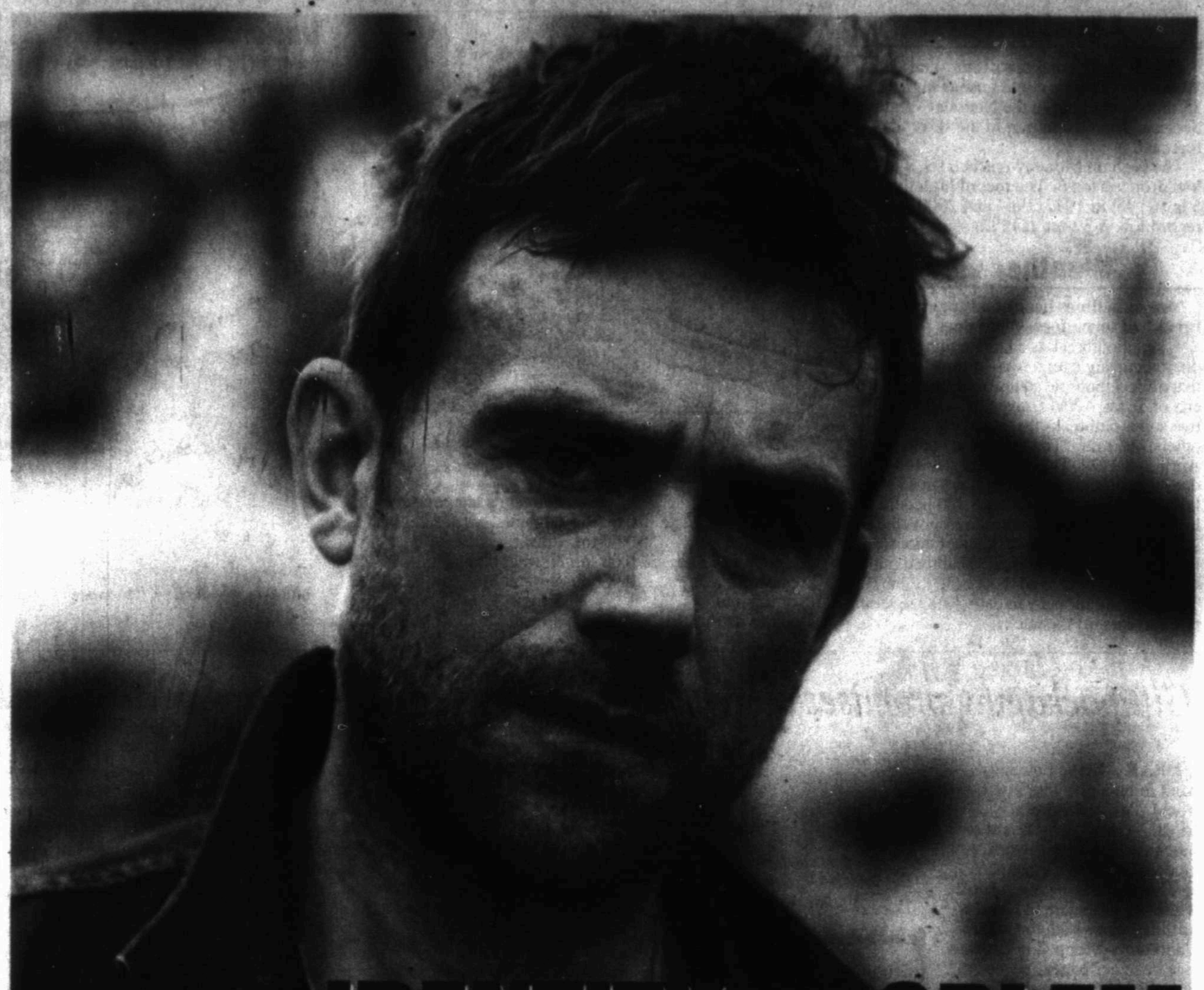
The new album from the Old 97's shows you don't have to be young and stupid to make great rock 'n' roll. Being middle-aged can work, too.



At 43, frontman Rhett Miller might be old enough to remember Chico Escuela. "Rock 'n' roll's been very, very good to me," he sings. "Most Messed Up" is a concept album, that rarity in these days of downloads, and Miller's exuberant embrace of excess and escapism makes for 12 terrific tunes. Guitarist Ken Bethea's cheerfully frantic fret work helps establish the mood, and with ex-Replacement Tommy Stinson sitting in, several songs sound like 'Mats outtakes.

This is ramshackle rock, but not carefree. Miller sings about oceans of alcohol, mountains of weed, the ups and downs of pill-popping and the charms of the road, such as motels with free ice. But he has one eye on the clock, noting that life's so short, there's barely time to cry. Make room for at least a few of these three-minute gems.

Steven Wine/AP



Damon Albarn removes his many masks on solo album

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mention groups like Gorillaz and Blur to the average music fan and the names are immediately recognizable. Mention Damon Albarn, the man at the heart of those groups and several other successful collaborations, and there can be a bit of head-scratching.

Albarn acknowledges that he faces an identity problem as he releases his first proper solo album, "Everyday Robots," this week.

"People have to realize that it's actually me," Albarn said. "In America if I took the number of people who were Gorillaz fans and actually converted them straight to Damon Albarn fans, I'd be guaranteed a No. 1 album in America, which would be very nice. But you can't guarantee things like that at all. I mean round the world between Blur and Gorillaz, there's a (lot of fans). They obviously like me — but they don't necessarily know I'm me."

"Everyday Robots" is a chance for fans to get to know the 46-year-old British singer and multi-instrumentalist. The 12 tracks, loosely about the disconnection we face in the modern world, are as unfiltered as Albarn gets, full of the kind of personal observations, stories and thoughts that might usually receive a coat of paint in a group setting. "There's no embellishment at all," Albarn said.

The sessions for the new album grew out of the good feelings Albarn and friend and collaborator Richard Russell, CEO of XL Recordings, had left over after their "The Bravest Man in the Universe" collaboration with Bobby Womack. Albarn prefers to work in a collective, but Russell persuaded him it was time to do a solo album with some of Albarn's more melancholic material.

"We had a real aesthetic that was working. It was like what do we do next?" Albarn asked. "Should we start a band? We even thought up a few names, but then we realized we're 44-year-old men at the time. Let's not try and start a new pop band. Maybe our time is over for that."

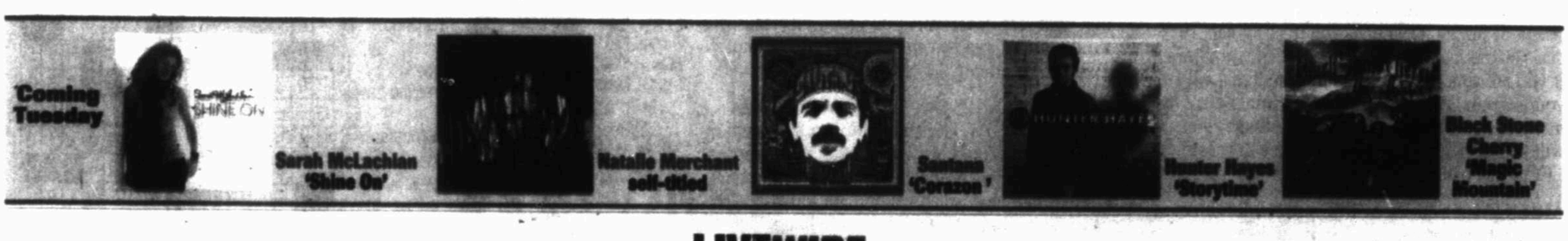
There's no age limit on creativity, though, and Albarn has managed to extend his career far beyond most of his contemporaries from the classic early 1990s British rock scene. He attributes his longevity to punching a clock every day at a building he owns in London where he has his own studio and administrative offices.

"I put it down to having a very good routine," Albarn said. "Five days a week, 10 till 5:30 — apart from school holidays."

He also has a sense of when to move on. He enjoyed a long world tour with his Blur bandmates last year, but knew it was time to take a long sabbatical from the band afterward. He suspects he'll soon feel that way about his latest project as well.

"I tend to get that way with everything," Albarn said. "I will take a sabbatical from myself for a while, no doubt, and go back to being someone else. This is the most fun thing to do, so I will continue being myself until it's no more fun. I haven't been myself for so long, it's novel."

Online:
http://damonalbarn.com



LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

MAY

6 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
6 **The Supersuckers, Decent Criminal** @ Blue Max
7 **Dark Rooms** @ Basin Burger House
7 **Mister Happy** @ Shack in the Back
8 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
8 **Jake Kellen** @ Rockin Rodeo
8 **Making Movies** @ Blue Max
8 **Jordan Valentin** @ Lone Star Bar
8 **Larry Joe Taylor's Picking Party with Chris Knight, Larry Joe Taylor, Deryl Dodd, Mike McClure, Dave Perez, Bleu Edmondson, Rich O'Toole, Mark McKinney, Thom Shepard** @ Crude Fest
9 **Casey Donahew Band, Roger Creager, Cory Morrow, William Clark Green, The Damn Quails, Chris Brazeal Band, Uncle Lucius, Judson Cole Band** @ Crude Fest
9 **Tessy Lou & the Shotgun Stars** @ Lone Star Bar
9 **Seth Walker** @ Basin Burger House
9 **Tommy Jean Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
9 **Embrace the Machine, One Sided Victory, John Tole** @ Blue Max
9-10 **Cory Dutton** @ The Bar
9-10 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
10 **Josh Abbott Band, Aaron Watson, Bart Crow, Cody Canada and the Departed, Mark McKinney, Jonathan Tyler & The Northern Lights, Johnny Cooper, Ali Dee, Lenorah** @ Crude Fest
10 **Casper McWade and the Honky Tonk Rebels, The Shady Reet Band, Big City Folk** @ Blue Max
10 **Bracken Hale** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Truck Stop Gamblers, Evan Michaels** @ Redneck's
11 **The Digital Age** @ Security Bank Ballpark
13 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
13 **Old Man Markley** @ Blue Max
14 **Dolly Shine** @ Lone Star Bar
14 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
15 **Tom Jean Jerry & Co.** @ St. Stephens
15 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
15 **Black Flag, Hor, Cinema Cinema** @ Blue Max
15 **Lenorah** @ Lone Star Bar
15 **Adam Hood** @ Basin Burger House
15 **Jeremy Steding** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Jay Statham** @ The Detour
16 **Marley Prase** @ Redneck's
16 **Collin Raye, Billy Dean, Mark Chesnutt** @ Wagner Noel
16 **The Band Perry, Randy Rogers Band** @ Texas Thunder
16 **MilkDrive** @ Basin Burger House
16 **Trenfino** @ Eden Ultra Lounge
16 **Wayne "The Train" Hancock** @ Blue Max
16 **Cody Jinks, Randall King Band** @ Lone Star Bar
16-17 **Who'z Drivin** @ Your Place
16-17 **MoneyShot** @ The Bar
17 **Lee Brice, Stoney LaRue, Whiskey Myers, Curtis Grimes, Cody Johnson Band, Sweetwater Rain** @ Texas Thunder
17 **Kolton Moore & The Clever Few** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Steve Taylor, Peter Furler** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
17 **John Carlos Band** @ Congreso Mensaje
18 **Tom Jean Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
19 **Goodtimers** @ Andrews Senior Center
20 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
21 **Reverend Horton Heat, Reno Divorce, The Rockets, Walker and the texas Dangers** @ Blue Max
21 **Brit Floyd** @ Wagner Noel
22 **RC Entertainment** @ West Texas Dance Club
22 **Dustin Sanchez & the Swingin Dixie Band** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Shane Smith and the Saints** @ Rockin Rodeo
23 **Mark McKinney** @ Rockin Rodeo
23 **Texas Buckin Heat Band** @ The Detour
23 **Hogg Maulies, The Goners** @ Lone Star Bar

LUBBOCK

MAY

25 **Staind, Deftones, Killswitch Engage, Toadies, Hellyeah, Skid Row, Filter, Pop Evil, Adelitas Way, Escape the Fate, Devil You Know, Skindred, Kill Devil Hill,** @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Event Center

JUNE

14 **Paul McCartney** @ United Spirit Arena

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

MAY

6 **Bleeding Rainbow, The Chloes** @ City Tavern
6 **Christina Perri, Birdy** @ House Of Blues
6 **Chuck Ragan, The White Buffalo** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill
6 **Jesse Cook** @ The Kessler Theater
7 **Blue Sky Black Death, Emanolpetor** @ Granada Theater
7 **Tokyo Police Club, Geographer, Said The Whale** @ Trees
8 **Crooks** @ Billy Bob's Texas
8 **Jessie Currie, The Mastersons** @ Kessler Theater



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Midland High baseball, softball playoff times set

From staff reports

The Midland High baseball and softball teams have set their playoff matchups with Richland, and both teams will be playing in Lubbock.

The MHS baseball team will take on Richland in a Class 5A area best-of-three series, beginning at 5 p.m. Friday and continuing at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at Hays Field at Lubbock Christian University.

The Bulldogs (22-8) advanced to the area round after sweeping El Paso Franklin in a bi-district series in Artesia, N.M., last weekend, 12-4 and, 5-1.

Richland (25-9) finished in third place in District 4-5A, and earned its area-round spot by beating Arlington High in its bi-district series, 2-1.

This is the second straight year the two teams have met in the postseason as Midland High won last year's meeting in three games.

Inside

See a capsule for the Midland Christian softball team.

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The Midland High softball team will take on Richland's softball team also at Lubbock Christian University in a best-of-three regional quarterfinal series.

The first game is set for 4 p.m. on Friday, and the second game is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Midland High (24-8) beat Southlake Carroll in a three-game series, winning its two games by scores of 12-11 and 17-11 on Friday and Saturday in Brownwood.

Richland (28-7) beat Lee in a one-game playoff, 4-1, in Abilene.

This is the second consecutive year the Lady Bulldogs have advanced to the regional quarterfinals, and fourth time in the last five years.

Fans can purchase one ticket and go to both games on Friday and Saturday.

MCS BASEBALL TEAM TO FACE FW CHRISTIAN AT STATE TOURNEY

The Midland Christian baseball team will take on district rival Fort Worth Christian in a TAPPS 4A state semifinal at 9 a.m. Friday at the Waco ISD Sports Complex. The Mustangs (32-8) swept Grapevine Faith in a regional round best-of-three series last Thursday. Fort Worth Christian beat Tyler Grace Community to earn its state tournament berth.

The Mustangs will be going for their second state title in three seasons this weekend.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Brooke Ryan (8) and Sydney Betcher (4) celebrate after Ryan scored a run against San Angelo Central on March 13 at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Pettys ride into town



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Richard Petty, right, signs a STP oil can for Mike Barrett Monday after flying in to meet up with his son, Kyle Petty, who rode into town with 200 other motorcycle riders on a cross-country trip to raise money for Victory Junction Camp on the Kyle Petty Charity Ride.

Charity Ride makes stop in Midland

By Len Hayward
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The first time Kyle Petty decided to do a motorcycle ride for charity he really didn't know where the group was going or where they would eventually end up.

But doing it for charity, they knew they had something that was different and special. That first charity ride 20 years ago actually made an overnight stay in Odessa when a group of about 25 riders, including Petty, made a late-night stop at a hotel.

"It was a crazy day when we got there, but it was fun," Petty said shortly after this year's ride arrived Monday in Midland for an overnight stay. "We still had fans in the parking lot when we got here that night."

Fast forward 20 years, and now Petty's annual ride to raise money for the Victory Junction Gang Camp in North Carolina is one of the most anticipated events on the NASCAR calendar.

This year's ride has more than 200 riders, and for the first time will be going from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. The ride started in Carlsbad, California on May 3 and will end on Saturday in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The ride has already made stops in Tucson, Arizona and Las Cruces, New Mexico, and will stop in Austin today. It will continue to Beaumont, New Orleans and Tallahassee, Florida before ending in Daytona Beach.

Petty said every year he sees more and more people out to greet them no matter where they go. On Thursday, about 100



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Kyle Petty speaks Monday outside Homewood Suites Hotel.

DL big priority for Cowboys, but not only need

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys didn't draft a defensive lineman last year even though they were switching to a scheme that required one more.

Executive vice president Stephen Jones kept calling it a "position of strength," a claim the son of owner and general manager Jerry Jones can't make now that the Dallas has released franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware, and even though the Cowboys added several free agents to their front four, the search is on for their next elite pass rusher.

Dallas has plenty of other needs after a third straight 8-8 season and a fourth consecutive year without the playoffs. The Cowboys have the 16th pick Thursday night.

"I think where you get in trouble is, if you're drafting 16 ... and your 24th-ranked player is a defensive lineman, and you pass over eight players to get to that defensive lineman, I think you make a mistake," NFL.com draft analyst and former Dallas player personnel director Gil Brandt said in an interview for the team's website. "I just think you have to take the best player available and build your team from that."

The biggest problem with the Cowboys saying they thought they were set up front a year ago was them knowing nose tackle Jay Ratliff was injured and disgruntled, refusing to use the team's medical staff in his rehabilitation.

Now Ratliff is in Chicago after his midseason release without playing for Dallas last year, Ware is in Denver as a cost-saving move, and 2013 sacks leader Jason Hatcher has moved on to Washington.

The Cowboys did re-sign Anthony Spencer on a scaled-back one-year deal after keeping him under the franchise tag for two straight seasons. He only played one game last year because of a left knee injury.

Dallas also added defensive tackle Henry Melton, a starter in Chicago before injuring a knee last year, and journeymen Jeremy Mincey and Terrell McClain.

Here are some things to know about the Cowboys going into the draft:

MOVING UP OR DOWN: Dallas has done each the past two years. The Cowboys moved up eight spots to grab cornerback Morris Claiborne at No. 6 in 2012, a pick getting dangerously

Please see **COWBOYS**/3C

Woods says he's healing slowly from back surgery

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods described his recovery from back surgery as a "very slow process" that offered him no timetable on when he can return for a summer filled with big championships.

Woods already missed the Masters, choosing to have microdiscectomy surgery March 31 to relieve pain from a pinched nerve.

In a wide-ranging blog on his website Monday, Woods said he is still sore from the incision and his only contact with golf clubs is a few putts and chips that do not require him to rotate his back. He said tests showed no arthritic changes, which he attributed to being in good shape and strong in his legs and abdomen.

"I made the decision to have surgery because physically I just couldn't make a golf swing," Woods wrote. "The pretty much sums it up."

Though he is uncertain when he can even start hitting half-shots, Woods made it sound as though he would not be ready for the U.S. Open on June 12-15 at Pinehurst No. 2, the major championship course where he has the most experience.

"As I've said several times, I hope to be back sometime this summer, but I just don't know when," Woods said.

The one nonmajor that is important to him is the Quicken Loans National at Congressional, with a new title sponsor stepping in at a tournament that benefits his foundation.

"Whether I'm able to play or not, I'm going to be there to support it," Woods said.

That tournament is two weeks after the U.S. Open and three weeks before the British Open, with the PGA Championship, FedEx Cup playoffs and Ryder Cup filling out a busy lineup of big-time golf.

"You can understand why I want to hurry up and get better," Woods said.

Woods, who last played March 9 at Doral, said all he could do was to follow a strength program, listen to the doctors, chart his progress and wait.

"I haven't used a sand wedge yet," he said. "I've done putting and chip-and-runs using the same length of motion. I haven't really rotated yet. As far as taking a full swing, I have conference calls with my doctors every couple of weeks to see how my progress is and just kind of chart it

Please see **WOODS**/5C



John Raoux/AP

In this March 21, 2012 photo, Tiger Woods rubs his back after his tee shot on the sixth hole during the Pro-Am round at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla.

HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 7, Midland 6

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco, 11:05 a.m., Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

RADIO/INTERNET
www.milb.com
KCRS (550 AM)

RECORDS
Midland 19-11, Frisco 19-12

Sunday	Monday	Today	Thursday	Friday
Midland 4, Frisco 2	Frisco 7, Midland 6	Midland at Frisco	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Kansas St. at Wichita St., 7 p.m., ESPNU

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Baylor at Texas, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

MLB

Regional coverage, Cincinnati at Boston or Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., MLB Network

Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN

Texas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NBA

Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 1, Brooklyn at Miami, 6 p.m., TNT

Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 1, Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 3, Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 3, Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m., CNBC

SOCCER

Premier League, Manchester United at Hull City, 1:40 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

TAPPS 4A Regional, Midland Christian vs. Tyler Grace Community, 3 p.m., Cisco JC

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

TAPPS 4A, Glen Rose

LOCAL SPORTS

PHYSICALS SET FOR SATURDAY

Prospective junior high and high school athletes needing physicals can go to Urgent Orthopedics at 4304 Andrews Highway in Midland from 8-11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Physicals cost $25 and cash only will be accepted.

For more information contact 520-3020.

BARRY ACES AT MCC

Bryan Barry recorded a hole-in-one at Midland Country Club on Saturday in the Classic.

Barry aced No. 8, using a 7-iron from 170 yards.

MCC CLASSIC RESULTS

Results of Midland Country Club's Classic Tournament

Championship Flight

1. Shivers-Houston-Mitchell-Mitchell 133-135-199—467; 2. (tie) Christensen-Oliver-McCoy-Dahlstrom 127-135-209—471; Johnson-Whiteside-Griffin-House 129-135—209—471; 4. (tie) Smith-Savage-Edwards-Gee 131-135-206—473; Cole-McDonnold-Rasmussen-Howes 133-136-202-473

President's Flight

1. Phillips-Fields-Pender-Phillips 133-139-211—483; 2. Gasser-Gasser-Gasser-Huckabee 137-138-214—489; 3. Letz-Grunewald-Barton-Gripp 136-140-219—495

First Flight

1. Reese-Foreman-Glover-Resnick 136-136-208—482; 2. Newton-Davis-Leedy-Hudson 135-140-215—490; 3. Hess-Jacobs-Tomlin-Blevins 138-142-214—494

Second Flight

1. Weatherly-Savage-Martin-Branch 132-132-209—473; 2. Wallace-Feagan-Robinson-Olmit 139-141-210—490; 3. Davis-Hill-Hill-Womack 143-140-211—494

Third Flight

1. Fredrickson-Jorrtan-Gilliam-Lyssy 134-144-210—488; 2. Jonson-Brabham-Brunner-Brunner 139-151-209—499; 3. (tie) Colwell-Parkson-Haast-White 141-146-221—508; Reinert-Varner-Reinert-Reinert 142-146-219—507

Fourth Flight

1. Lucas-Porter-Armour-Rogers 145-146-221—512; 2. Kendall-Guthrie-Broughton-Reyes 143-156-223—522; 3. (tie) Butts-Moon-Moore-Hall 156-149-220—525; Stoltz-Pierce-Seibert-Davis 148-149-228—525

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Baseball America Top 25

	Record	Pvs
1. Virginia	37-9	1
2. Oregon State	34-8	2
3. Louisiana-Lafayette	43-7	3
4. Florida	33-15	5
5. Florida State	36-11	6
6. Washington	32-11	7
7. Cal Poly	36-9	4
8. Miami	34-14	10
9. Indiana	32-12	15
10. Louisville	37-11	13
11. Mississippi	35-14	11
12. TCU	34-13	17
13. Oklahoma State	35-13	18
14. Rice	31-15	14
15. LSU	35-13	8
16. Houston	35-13	16
17. South Carolina	35-13	9
18. Vanderbilt	36-12	20
19. Alabama	30-18	12
20. Texas A&M	30-19	—
21. Mississippi State	31-18	—
22. Liberty	35-10	22
23. UC Irvine	32-14	—
24. Mercer	34-11	24
25. Texas	34-15	19

Collegiate Baseball Poll

	Record	Pts	Pr
1. Oregon State	34-8	493	2
2. Virginia	37-9	491	1
3. Louisiana-Lafayette	43-7	488	6
4. Florida	33-15	485	8
5. Miami	34-14	484	4
6. Florida State	36-11	483	5
7. Washington	32-11-1	479	7
8. Indiana	32-12	475	11
9. Oklahoma State	35-13	473	12
10. TCU	34-13	472	13
11. Cal Poly	36-9	467	3
12. Louisville	37-11	466	19
13. Mississippi	35-14	464	10
14. Oregon	34-13	462	15
15. LSU	35-13-1	459	9
16. UC Irvine	32-14	457	20
17. Vanderbilt	36-12	454	25
18. Mississippi State	31-18	452	28
19. South Carolina	35-13	449	14
20. Alabama	30-18	447	16
21. Rice	31-15	441	23
22. Pepperdine	32-12	438	17
23. St. John's	30-15	435	—
24. San Diego	33-16	432	—
25. Houston	35-13	429	—
26. UCF	29-18	428	18
27. Texas Tech	30-16	427	21
28. Texas	34-15	426	22
29. Liberty	35-10	425	30
30. Duke	29-18	421	—

TRANSACTIONS

ATHLETICS

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT — Reduced the six-year doping ban of Jamaican sprinter Dominique Blake to four years, six months.

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Tampa Bay RHP Steve Geltz (Durham-IL) 50 games for a second positive test for a drug of abuse under the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed DH Jason Giambi on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Reinstated C Yan Gomes from paternity leave.

DETROIT TIGERS — Assigned INF Jordan Lennerton outright to Toledo (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Designated LHP Raul Valdes for assignment. Recalled LHP Darin Downs from Oklahoma City (PCL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned OF Jimmy Paredes to Omaha (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned INF Luis Jimenez to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Cory Rasmus from Salt Lake. Agreed to terms with LHP Dustin Richardson on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Dane De La Rosa to Salt Lake for a rehab assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned OF Abraham Almonte to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled OF James Jones from Tacoma.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned OF Anthony Gose to Buffalo (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Marcus Stroman from Buffalo. Sent 1B Adam Lind to Dunedin (FSL) and RHP Casey Janssen to New Hampshire (EL) for rehab assignments.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Assigned OF Roger Bernadina outright to Louisville (IL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned INF Ryan Wheeler to Colorado Springs (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Nick Masset from Colorado Springs. Transferred RHP Tyler Chatwood to the 60-day DL.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Stephen Fife to Albuquerque (PCL). Recalled RHP Pedro Baez from Chattanooga (SL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent RHP Ethan Martin to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Casey Sadler to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled LHP Jeff Locke from Indianapolis.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent LHP Jaime Garcia and RHP Jason Motte to Springfield (TL) for rehab assignments.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Designated OF Xavier Nady for assignment. Recalled INF/OF Kyle Blanks from El Paso (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Recalled RHP Jake Dunning from Fresno (PCL). Placed RHP Matt Cain on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 24.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned OF Steven Souza Jr. to Syracuse (IL). Reinstated OF Scott Hairston from the 15-day DL. Sent C Wilson Ramos to Harrisburg (EL) for a rehab assignment.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Traded C Pete Paramore to Fargo-Moorhead for a player to be named.

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed OFs Nick Van Stratten and J.P. Ramirez and C Victor Montesagudo.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed OF Alonzo Harris.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHPs Tim Brechbuehler and Dan Killian.

FRONTIER GREYS — Released OF Geuntlett Ebbesmire.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHPs drett Higgenbotham and Ja'Vaun West to contract extensions.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Placed OF Nick Akins on the suspended list.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Released 1B Karsten Strieby.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Heith Hatfield.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DENVER BRONCOS — Signed DT Marvin Austin.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DE Will Smith.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed DL Alejandro Villanueva.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed RB Tyler Thomas.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Donavon Kemp.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Fired coach Kirk Muller and assistant coaches John MacLean and Dave Lewis. Reassigned goaltending coach Greg Stefan to the pro scouting department.

American Hockey League

AHL — Approved the relocation of the franchise from Abbotsford, B.C., to Glens Falls, N.Y., beginning with the 2014-15 season.

ABBOTSFORD HEAT — Assigned D Kane Lafranchise to Alaska (ECHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Greenville F Kyle Jean three games and fined him an undisclosed amount.

Ontario Hockey League

KINGSTON FRONTENACS — Signed general manager Doug Gilmour and assistant general manager Darren Kelly to multi-year contract extensions. Announced the contracts of coach Todd Gill and assistant coach Jeff Reid will not be renewed.

COLLEGE

PIESTA BOWL — Named Mike Healy executive director.

CREIGHTON — Announced men's basketball F Cole Huff will transfer from Nevada.

EASTERN KENTUCKY — Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Jeff Neubauer on a contract extension through 2018.

LA SALLE — Named Matt Bloom director of men's basketball operations.

MINNESOTA — Named John Mothersell women's assistant basketball coach.

NYU — Named Aaron Welsh assistant baseball coach.

OREGON STATE — Fired men's basketball coach Craig Robinson.

STATETRACKPROFILES

BY LEN HAYWARD

LATRICEIA SMITH

Smith is making her second straight appearance at the UIL State Track & Field Meet, but comes in with some more confidence this time around. Smith, who said her grandmother was a standout track athlete in Angelton, finished fourth in the 400 meters last year, and now has her sites set on earning a spot on the podium. Smith is the seventh seed in this week's race, which is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Friday at Mike A. Meyers Stadium in Austin.

School: Stanton High School
Class: Junior
Event: Class 2A girls 400 meters
Favorite athletes: Usain Bolt and Floyd Mayweather
Favorite track athlete: Usain Bolt
Favorite sports movie: The Blind Side
Favorite movie: Freedom Writers

WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE STATE MEET?

I just want to get on the podium at state, finishing either first, second or third. Last year I had the second fastest time, but I ended up being fourth. This year, I already have experience and I expect to at least medal.

HOW WILL LAST YEAR'S STATE EXPERIENCE HELP YOU?

It's helped me a lot. When I first got there, there were so many people, and now I know what to expect when I look up in the stands. I looked up in the stands and my heart just dropped before I got in the block. Now, I'm kind of prepared and ready to go.

HAVE YOU SURPRISED YOURSELF AT ALL?

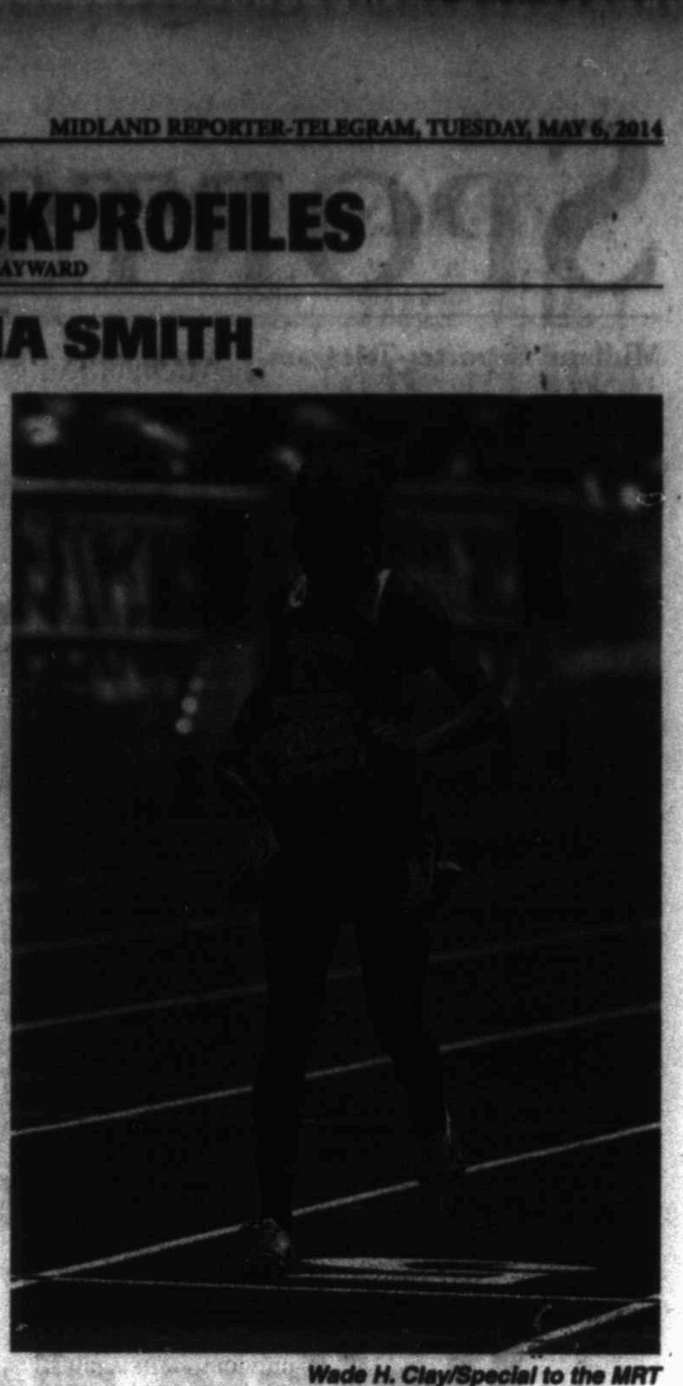
I got down under a minute last week at regionals, and my time wasn't budging this year. I started working out with the guys, and I finally went under a minute.

WHAT'S IT LIKE WORKING OUT WITH THE GUYS?

They push me a lot more. We have another athlete, Jonathan (Tomlinson), and I try to keep up with him, and he runs in front of me. That helps you reach your potential. I'm used to running ahead, and now I have something to gun for.

WHAT'S THE KEY TO RUNNING A GOOD QUARTER?

I just really like to pace it. At the beginning, I like to get out of my blocks fast and down the backstretch and just have a long stride. At the 150-meter mark, that's when the race really starts moving, by the 100 mark it's a full sprint.



Wade H. Clay/Special to the MRT

Stanton's Latriceia Smith finishes the 400-meter dash at the UIL Track and Field State Championships on May 11, 2013 in Austin.

JONATHAN TOMLINSON

Tomlinson is making his first appearance at the state meet this weekend, and after finishing second at the regional meet two weeks ago, he's hoping he can earn a chance at medal.

Tomlinson is the fourth seed in this week's race, which is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Friday at the Mike A. Meyers Stadium in Austin.

School: Stanton High School
Class: Junior
Event: Class 2A boys 400 meters
Favorite athlete: Usain Bolt
Favorite track athlete: Usain Bolt
Favorite sports movie: Warrior
Favorite movie: The Dark Knight Rises



Tomlinson

WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATION FOR THE STATE MEET?

I'm hoping to bring home a medal, and that's my ultimate goal.

WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO BRING HOME THAT MEDAL?

I guess just stay focused and keep doing what I'm doing and rise to the challenge.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THAT'S HELPED GET YOU TO THIS POINT?

Whatever my coaches tell me, really. Also the support everyone has gives me at he school, and my friends and parents

WHAT'S THE KEY TO RUNNING A GOOD QUARTER?

I'm going to say, you have to get a fast start and go hard, but then you have to save it a little bit. If someone is going a little harder, then you let them go and die once they get around the third curve and leave them behind.

HAVE YOU SURPRISED YOURSELF THIS YEAR?

Yes, all year. My goal was to run a 49 at regionals and I ran a 49 both days. Every track meet I was trying and I could never get it, and I wasn't expecting to get it and got it.

HSSOFTBALLCAPSULE

BY LEN HAYWARD

TAPPS 4A REGIONAL MIDLAND CHRISTIAN VS. TYLER GRACE COMMUNITY

When/where: 3 p.m. today, Cisco Junior College
Records: Midland Christian 30-13, Tyler Grace Community 10-4
Last playoff game: Midland Christian 4, Dallas Christian 2; Tyler Grace 11, Fort Worth Christian 1
Notes: The Lady Mustangs are looking to make a second straight trip to the TAPPS 4A state tournament, and if they win today will have a short turnaround until Friday. ... Midland Christian won its playoff opener last Tuesday by coming back to defeat Dallas Christian, 4-2. The Lady Mustangs fell behind, 2-0, in the top of the third inning, but then scored three runs in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good. MCS coach Judy Hardy said the game let the team know getting back to the state tournament won't be so easy. "It's not going to be a cake walk to the state tournament," Hardy said. "Nobody is going to go, 'Oh, you were undefeated in district, here take another win.' ... Hardy said she does not know much about Tyler Grace but said they split the two games with Dallas Christian this season in TAPPS 2-4A action. "The one game they beat (Dallas Christian), Dallas Christian had a lot of errors," Hardy said. "They can put the ball in play." Hardy said her team will continue to have to hit to have a chance at winning today. ... Hardy said Maddy Garcia will pitch today's game.

Next: Winner vs. Tyler All Saints-Waco Reicher in TAPPS 4A State Semifinal, 4 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Sports Complex

MCS' Curnutte starts TAPPS state golf tourney in 2nd



Curnutte



Brown

From staff reports

GLEN ROSE — Midland Christian junior golfer Christian Curnutte is in second place after the first round of the TAPPS 4A State Golf Tournament on Monday at Squaw Valley Golf Course.

Curnutte, who finished tied for second in last year's state tournament, shot a 73 on Monday and is five strokes behind Chloe Velasco from Victoria St. Joseph's, who shot a 68. Curnutte is also one stroke ahead of Dallas Parish Episcopal School's Kensington Olson, who shot a 74.

On the boys side, Midland Christian junior Reagan Brown is tied for 17th after shooting a 73 on Monday.

The two-day tournament concludes today.

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALLPAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BASEBALL
CLASS 5A
* If necessary
Area
Southlake Carroll (W4, 28-4) vs. El Paso El Dorado (R1, 23-6), Zachary Field
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Arlington Martin (W3, 34-7) vs. San Angelo Central (R2, 22-7), Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 5 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 8 p.m. Saturday
South Grand Prairie (F7, 18-14) vs. Flower Mound (R5, 24-10), Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 5 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Mansfield (W7, 27-9) vs. Coppell (T5 21-10), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Midland High (W2, 23-8) vs. Richland (T4, 25-9), Hays Field, Lubbock
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 12:30 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Amarillo Tascosa (F2, 21-8) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (R4, 22-9), Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Lewisville Hebron (F5, 21-13) vs. Midlothian (R7, 27-4)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Hebron HS; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Midlothian HS; *Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday, Midlothian HS
Flower Mound Marcus (W5, 27-7) vs. Duncanville (T7, 15-14), 7:15 p.m. Friday, TBA

CLASS 3A
* If necessary
Area
Abilene Wylie (W4, 24-3) vs. Andrews (T2, 19-17), Colt Stadium, San Angelo
Game 1: 9 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Sweetwater (F4, 20-9) vs. Lubbock Cooper (R2, 13-17)
Game1: 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper HS; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game2
Liberty Hill (W8, 24-5) vs. Graham (R6, 15-12)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Graham HS; Game 2: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Liberty Hill HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Stephenville (W7, 19-9) vs. Kennedale (R6, 20-9)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Kennedale HS; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephenville HS; *Game 3: 3 p.m. Saturday, Weatherford College
Boerne Champion (W3, 25-4) vs. Presidio (R5, 17-7), Blackshear HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Perryton (W1, 19-8) vs. Fort Stockton (T3, 15-12), O'Banion Field, Lubbock
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Vernon (F5, 8-16) vs. Alvarado (R7, 16-5), Jacksboro HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Iowa Park (W5, 25-3) vs. Llano (R8, 14-14), Glen Rose HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

CLASS 2A
* If necessary
Area
Slaton (F3, 12-14)vs. Littlefield (T2, 10-13), Sundown HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Idalou (W3, 23-3) vsw. Muleshoe (R2, 16-8), Levelland HS
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Holliday (W8, 24-2) vs. Reagan County (R5, 23-6)
Game 1: 5 pm. Friday; Game 2: 30 minutes following Game 2; *Game 3: 4 p.m. Saturday, Jim Ned HS
Eastland (W7, 23-2) vs. Alpine (T5, 20-8), Foster Field, San Angelo
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 4 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Cromwell (W2, 15-9) vs. Childress (R3, 19-5), Canyon Randall HS
Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Bushland (W1, 20-2) vs. Denver City (R4), Mongle Field, Lubbock
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Wall (W6, 23-1) vs. Cisco (R7, 20-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Bunnel HS
Bangs (F6, 14-11) vs. Henrietta (R6, 20-9), 7 p.m. Friday, Weatherford College

SOFTBALL
CLASS 5A
* If necessary
Area
Richland (W4, 28-7) 4, Lake Belton/Harker Heights (R4, 19-12) vs. Midland High (R2, 22-7), Bowersmith HS
Game 1: Carroll 8, MHS 7, 8 innings; Game 2: Midland High 12, Southlake Carroll 11; Game 3: Midland High 17, Southlake Carroll 11, Midland High wins series 2-1.
Euless (W8) vs. Lewisville (R5, 27-7), Glen Rose HS
Game 1: Lewisville 4, Euless 0; Game 2: Lewisville 11, Euless 3; Lewisville win series 2-0.
Mansfield Timberview (W7, 23-6) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (T5)
Game 1: Timberview 5, Marcus 2; Game 2: Timberview 3, Marcus 0, Timberview wins series 2-0.
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 31-2) vs. Weatherford (R3), Mayer Field, San Angelo
Game 1: Coronado 6, Weatherford 0; Game 2: Coronado 11, Weatherford 0, Coronado wins series 2-0.
El Paso Montwood (W1, 28-7) vs. Keller (R4, 23-7), Gene Smith Field
Game 1: EP Montwood 5, Keller 4; Game 2: Keller 10, EP Montwood 9; *Game 3: Keller 8, EP Montwood 4, Kelle wins series 2-1.
Lewisville Hebron (F5, 17-17) 8, Mansfield 7
Flower Mound (W5, 27-6) 5, South Grand Prairie 4

Regional Quarterfinals
Richland (W4, 28-7) vs. Midland High (R2, 24-8), Lubbock Christian University
Game 1: 4 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Lewisville (R5, 29-7) vs. Mansfield Timberview (W7, 25-6)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Timberview HS; Game 2: 4 p.m. Saturday, Lewisville HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 33-2) vs. Keller (R4, 25-8), Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Lewisville Hebron (F5, 17-17) vs. Flower Mound (W5, 27-6)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hebron HS; Game 2: 5 p.m. Saturday, Flower Mound HS; *Game 3: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Flower Mound HS

CLASS 5A
* If necessary
Area
Snyder (W4) vs. Shallowater (T2)
Game 1: Snyder 8, Shallowater 1; Game 2: Snyder 8, Shallowater 1, Snyder wins series 2-0.
Fort Stockton (W3) vs. Andrews (R2, 24-10), Crane HS
Game 1: Andrews 10, Fort Stockton 9; Game 2: Andrews 11, Fort Stockton 2, Andrews wins series 2-0.
Liberty Hill (W8) 4, Iowa Park 0
Glen Rose (W7, 14-17) vs. Mineral Wells (R6)
Game 1: Mineral Wells 6, Glen Rose 3; Game 2: Glen Rose 4, Mineral Wells 2; Game 3: Mineral Wells 4, Glen Rose 2, Mineral Wells wins series 2-1.
Lubbock Cooper (W2) vs. Abilene Wylie (T4), Freddie Euel Softball Complex
Game 1: Lubbock Cooper 8, Abilene Wylie 2; Game 2: Lubbock Cooper 15, Abilene Wylie 2, Lubbock Cooper wins series 2-0.
Pampa (W1, 27-6) vs. Greenwood (R4, 16-13), Rosenow Field, Lubbock
Game 1: Pampa 19, Greenwood 0, 5 innings; Game 2: Pampa 20, Greenwood 8, Pampa wins series 2-0.
Kennedale (W6, 22-6) vs. Lampasas (T8), Hewitt Midway HS
Game 1: Lampasas 9, Kennedale 7; Game 2: Kennedale 9, Lampasas 3; Game 3: Lampasas 9, Kennedale 8, Kennedale wins series 2-1.
Brownwood (R8, 19-8) 1, Burkburnett 0

Regional Quarterfinals
Snyder (W4) vs. Andrews (R2, 26-10), Wolfforth Frenship HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Liberty Hill (W8) vs. Mineral Wells (R6), China Springs HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Lubbock Cooper (W2) vs. Pampa (W1, 29-6), Amarillo HS
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 10:30 a.m Saturday; *Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday
Lampasas (T8) vs. Brownwood (R8, 19-8), 7 p.m. Friday, Tarleton State University, Stephenville

CLASS 3A
* If necessary
Area
Colorado City (W4) 11, Floydada 0
Broomfield (F4) vs. Abernathy (R2), Wolfforth Frenship HS
Game 1: Broomfield 16, Abernathy 14; Game 2: Abernathy 14, Broomfield 3; *Game 3: Broomfield 13, Abernathy 12, Broomfield wins series 2-1.
Bowie (W8) vs. Bellinger (T6, 17-10), Cisco College
Game 1: Bowie 4, Bellinger 2; Game 2: Bellinger 4, Bowie 1; Game 3: Bellinger 7, Bowie 1, Bellinger wins series 2-1.
Hawley (W7, 27-6) vs. Early (R8)
Game 1: Hawley 16, Early 1; Game 2: Hawley 4, Early 3; Hawley wins series 2-0.
Coahoma (T4) 4, Mathis/Ira 3
Bushland (W1) 4, Lorenzo 3
Bangs (W6) 4, Comanche 3
Alpine (W5, 23-11) 4, Holliday 1

Regional Quarterfinals
Colorado City (W4) vs. Abernathy (R2), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Big Spring HS
Bellinger (T6, 19-11) vs. Hawley (W7, 29-6)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Hawley HS; Game 2: 5 p.m. Saturday, TBA; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Coahoma (T4) vs. Bushland (W1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper HS
Bangs (W6) vs. Alpine (W5, 23-11), Freddie Euel Softball Complex
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

'Hounds rally but fall in 9th

RoughRiders.....7
RockHounds.....6

From staff reports

FRISCO — The Midland RockHounds battled back to tie the game against Frisco in the ninth inning on Monday night, but the RoughRiders came back to win it in the bottom of the ninth in a 7-6 victory at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Midland (19-11) was down, 6-2, entering the top of the ninth inning, but after Conner Crumbliss and Colin Walsh drew back-to-back walks, Anthony Aliotti mashed a triple to centerfield to score both and cut the lead to 6-4.

Aliotti, who finished the night 2-for-4 with four RBI, later scored on a Jefry Marte ground ball. The RockHounds then tied the game when a Hiroyuki Nakajima single to right brought in Dusty Coleman.

The RoughRiders, though, came back to score the game-winning run with two outs in the ninth when Drew Robinson scored Rougned Odor with a single to right field.

Frisco's Jimmy Reyes was credited with the win as he pitched 2/3 of an inning and gave up one hit. Midland reliever Ryan Doolittle took the loss as he allowed the game-winning run in 2/3 of an inning.

The two teams will conclude their four-game series at 11:05 a.m. today.

ROUGHRIDERS 7, ROCKHOUNDS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss rf	3	1	0	0	Stole	5	0	1	0
Walsh lf	2	2	0	0	Sardinas ss	5	1	0	0
Aliotti 1b	4	2	2	4	Odor 2b	3	2	1	3
Marte dh	4	0	0	1	Smolinski lf	5	1	0	1
Coleman ss	3	1	1	0	Tellis c	4	1	3	0
Oberacker cf	4	0	0	0	Rua 3b	5	1	0	0
Nakajima 2b	4	0	1	1	Robinson rf	4	0	1	1
Head 3b	4	0	0	0	Adams 1b	4	2	4	3
Taylor c	3	0	1	0	Grayson dh	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	5	6	Totals	35	7	11	7

Midland.....000 200 004—6
Frisco.....001 100 311—7

Two outs when winning run scored
E — DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 2.
2B — Taylor (2), Coleman (7), Adams (3). 3B — Aliotti (1). HR — Aliotti (1), Adams (4), Odor (5). SB — Adams (3). CS — Coleman (2), Grayson (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Granier	5.0	4	2	2	4	5
Galley	3.0	5	4	4	1	3
Doolittle L, 0-2	0.2	2	1	1	2	1
Frisco						
Eickhoff	7.0	2	2	2	2	5
Klein	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Mendoza	0.1	2	4	4	2	0
Reyes W, 2-1	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP — Eickhoff, Reyes. HBP — by Galley (Grayson).
T — 2:58. A — 3,192.

Texas League

First half

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	15	16	.484	—
Springfield	15	16	.484	—
Tulsa	15	16	.484	—
NW Arkansas	11	20	.355	4
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	19	11	.633	—
Frisco	19	12	.613	1/2
Corpus Christi	16	15	.516	3 1/2
San Antonio	13	17	.433	6

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

Tulowitzki's 2 homers lead Rockies past Rangers

Rockies.....8
Rangers.....2

By Michael Kelly
Associated Press

DENVER — Troy Tulowitzki homered twice, Jordan Lyles pitched eight strong innings and the Colorado Rockies beat the Texas Rangers 8-2 on Monday night.

Nolan Arenado also homered to extend his hitting streak to 25 games. It is the longest in the majors this season.

Tulowitzki, who was named the NL Player of the Month for April before the game, had his first multi-homer game of the season and the ninth of his career. He hit a two-run shot off Texas starter Martin Perez in the fifth and hit another two-run homer off reliever Shawn Tolleson to give Colorado a 7-1 lead in the seventh.

It was more than enough for Lyles (4-0), who came within three outs of the second complete game of his career.

He had struggled in six previous starts against Texas but held the Rangers in check a night after they had 14 hits and nine walks in a 14-3 win over the Angels. He worked out of trouble in the third and the Rangers' only run came on a ground out to shortstop in the sixth.

Texas had runners on first and second in the eighth but Lyles got Josh Wilson to ground into the third double play of the night to end the inning.

Lyles left to a standing ovation after giving up a leadoff single to Adrian Beltre in the ninth.

He allowed two runs on seven hits and struck out five in his longest outing since throwing a complete game against Milwaukee on Sept. 30, 2012.

Perez (4-2) struggled for the second consecutive start after hurling 26 straight scoreless innings. He allowed five runs on seven hits over five innings. In his past two games he has been touched for 13 runs in 9 2/3 innings.

Perez had not surrendered a home run for 46 innings dating back to last season when Arenado went deep on him in the second.

After Carlos Gonzalez led off the second with a double to left, Arenado drilled a 93-mph fastball into the tunnel in left field to make it 2-0.

It was Arenado's sixth of the season and fourth during his streak. The hitting streak is the second-longest in Rockies history.

Gonzalez made it 3-0 in the third when his ground out to first scored Brandon Barnes.

Notes: Rockies manager Walt Weiss appealed an out call at first base in the second inning and the call was reversed upon review. ... Tulowitzki hit .364 with seven home runs and 22 RBIs in April. The only other time Tulowitzki won the NL Player of the Month award was September 2010. ... The Rockies selected the contract of RHP Nick Masset from Triple A and optioned INF Ryan Wheeler to Colorado Springs. ... Texas will send Robbie Ross Jr. (1-2, 3.86) against Colorado's Juan Nicasio (3-1, 4.19) on Tuesday.



David Zalubowski/AP

Colorado second baseman DJ LeMahieu, left, forces out Texas' Shin -Soo Choo at second base on the front end of a double play hit into by Josh Wilson to end the top of the eighth inning of the Rockies' 8-2 victory in an interleague game in Denver on Monday.

Astros lose to Tigers, drop 3rd straight game

Tigers.....2
Astros.....0

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

DETROIT — Jarred Cosart gave the Houston Astros a shot to knock off the Detroit Tigers, and they wasted the opportunity.

Cosart was the loser even though he did not give up an earned run in Houston's 2-0 setback against the Tigers.

The Astros, who had scored 20 runs in their previous three games, failed to bring one runner home and could not make a routine play in the field that proved to be costly.

Detroit's Nick Castellanos reached in the seventh inning because first baseman Marc Krauss dropped a perfect throw from third baseman Matt Dominguez and ended up scoring the game's first run when Rajai Davis hit an RBI single.

"I just took my eye off the ball," Krauss said. "That was a pretty bad time to do something like that because Cosart was pitching his guts out against one of the best teams in baseball, and I handed them another out in a key situation.

"I feel horrible because I cost him a great shot at a win," he said.

Cosart (1-3) allowed four hits in seven innings.

The Astros, who have the worst record in the majors, had a team meeting recently and manager Bo Porter told his players that they need to realize there is a lot of baseball left to play this season.

"I wanted to make sure that as a team, we don't lose sight of that," Porter said.

Max Scherzer pitched three-hit ball and struck out nine over eight innings to help the AL-leading Tigers win a season-high sixth straight game.

Catcher Alex Avila threw out two runners in the late innings for the Tigers, who have the best record in the AL.

Scherzer (4-1) earned his fourth straight win. The reigning Cy Young Award winner has struck out at least seven in each of his seven starts this season, the only pitcher to pull off that feat in franchise history and the first for any team since San Francisco's Tim Lincecum in 2010.

"He's a Cy Young winner for a reason, but Jarred matched him pitch for pitch," Porter said. "That was a great performance, but we couldn't get him a win."

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his sixth save in eight chances.

Nathan walked Dexter Fowler to lead off the inning. Fowler tried to advance on a pitch in the dirt and was thrown out by Alex Avila, a call that stood after a video review.

"I took off when I saw the ball hit the dirt, but give that guy credit," Fowler said. "He made a heck of a pick and a great throw. I thought I was safe when I slid, and I really couldn't tell from the replay. But he called me out, so I'm out."

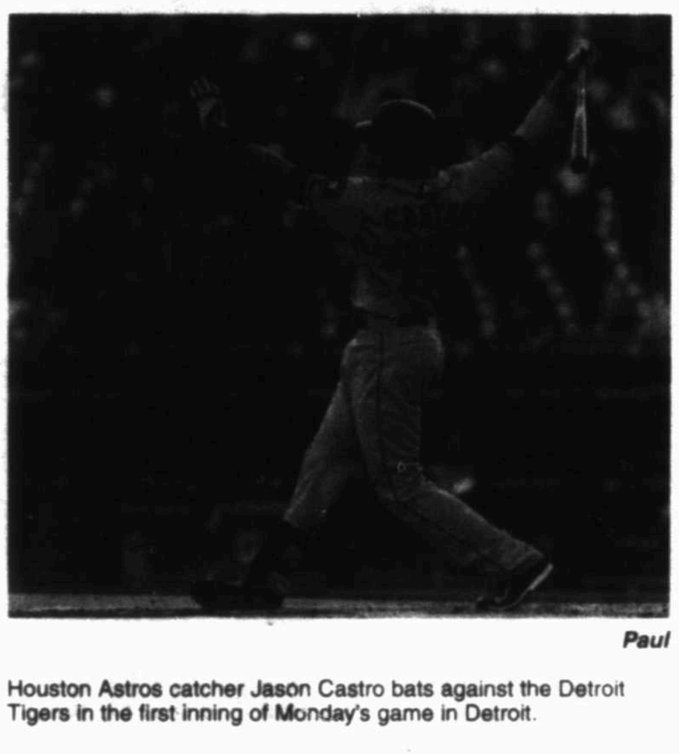
Scherzer gave up a leadoff walk to Krauss in the eighth and Jonathan Villar singled with one out. Jose Altuve then struck out and Avila threw out pinch-runner Marwin Gonzalez trying to steal third.

"That was definitely a momentum-shifter," Detroit manager Brad Ausmus said.

Houston's Anthony Bass, who pitched at nearby Wayne State University, gave up a solo homer to Victor Martinez in the eighth.

Both starting pitchers slowed down lineups that have been more productive lately. The Tigers scored at least eight runs in each win during their three-game sweep at Kansas City last weekend. Houston had a combined 20 runs in its previous three games.

NOTES: Astros RHP Scott Feldman, who has been on the DL since mid-April with right biceps tendinitis, is expected to start Friday at Baltimore. ... Porter said RHP Matt Albers, on the DL with shoulder tendinitis, is "getting closer," to returning.



Paul

Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro bats against the Detroit Tigers in the first inning of Monday's game in Detroit.

COWBOYS

From 1C

close to becoming a bust if the former LSU player doesn't have a productive season this year. They went down 13 spots last year to get center Travis Frederick with the 31st pick. While Dallas was criticized for not getting more from San Francisco in the trade of picks, Frederick was a starter from the first day of rookie camp and by all accounts had a solid debut.

ROMO'S REPLACEMENT: This question will get more prominent every year, particularly with 34-year-old Tony Romo coming off two back surgeries. Barring setbacks or major injuries, Romo is the starter at least for two more years. His contract basically dictates that. But the Cowboys are closer to life after Romo, and there's a persistent theory that former Texas A&M star Johnny Manziel's stock is falling enough that he might be around when Dallas picks.

Brandt's been here before with the Cowboys, who drafted Craig Morton with the fifth pick in 1965 despite Don Meredith being the incumbent. "We just thought that Morton had a chance to be our Manziel, and be the future of this team," Brandt said.

WHAT ABOUT SEAN LEE: Linebacker isn't a dire need for Dallas as long as Sean Lee stays healthy. But if they consider the fact that he's missed nearly half the games the past two seasons with injuries, the Cowboys will have to make sure reinforcements are in place.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TWINS 1
INDIANS 0, 10 INNINGS

CLEVELAND — Eduardo Escobar homered leading off the 10th inning against Cleveland closer John Axford, giving the Twins a win.

Escobar, who entered as a pinch-hitter in the seventh, connected on a 1-0 pitch from Axford (0-3), driving it over the wall in right for his first homer since June 20 and fourth of his career in 344 at-bats.

Caleb Thielbar (2-0) pitched a perfect ninth and Glen Perkins struck out two in the 10th for his eighth save.

National League

CARDINALS 4
BRAVES 3

ATLANTA — Matt Carpenter's two-run double in the fifth inning helped carry the St. Louis Cardinals past the slumping Atlanta Braves, who shook up their lineup but still lost their seventh in a row.

Desperate for more offense, Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez batted pitcher Aaron Harang eighth and put second baseman Ramiro Pena in the ninth spot. Pena had two hits, including a seventh-inning homer that brought the Braves within a run, but they couldn't overcome a 4-0 deficit.

Taking advantage of shaky defense, Carpenter doubled in two runs and Matt Holiday followed with a run-scoring single. Peter Bourjos had an RBI single in the sixth to extend St. Louis' lead.

MARLINS 4
METS 3

MIAMI — Casey McGehee hit a sharp grounder that caromed into right field off the back of reliever Gonzalez Germen's foot, allowing the winning run to score, and the Miami Marlins rallied late from a three-run deficit to beat the New York Mets.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a tying double in the eighth off Daisuke Matsuzaka, who failed to retire any of the five batters he faced in relief of Jonathon Niese. Giancarlo Stanton had an RBI single and the Marlins scored another run on shortstop Omar Quintanilla's fielding error in the eighth.

Christian Yelich led off the ninth with a single off Scott Rice (0-1). He advanced to second on Ed Lucas' sacrifice. Germen intentionally walked Giancarlo Stanton before McGehee got his RBI single.

BREWERS 8
DIAMONDBACKS 3

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Gomez hit a home run and drove in three runs to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to an 8-3 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday night.

Martin Maldonado and Jean Segura also homered for Milwaukee, which had lost four of its last five entering the game. The Brewers still have the best record in baseball at 22-11.

Interleague

PHILLIES 3
BLUE JAYS 0

PHILADELPHIA — Jose Reyes hit a leadoff homer, J.A. Happ tossed three-hit ball over five innings and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0 on Monday night.

Facing his former team, Happ (1-0) walked four and pitched out of trouble often in his first start of the season. The left-hander was filling in for injured righty Brendan Morrow. Four relievers finished off the seven-hitter.

WHITE SOX 3
CUBS 1, 12 INNINGS

CHICAGO — Marcus Semien hit a tiebreaking RBI double in a two-run 12th, Jose Quintana pitched one-hit ball over seven innings, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Cubs 3-1 at Wrigley Field on Monday night.

Quintana and five relievers combined on a four-hitter, and the White Sox came away with the win after dropping four straight and six of seven to their crosstown rivals.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	14	.533	—
Baltimore	15	14	.517	½
Boston	15	17	.469	2
Tampa Bay	15	17	.469	2
Toronto	15	17	.469	2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	18	9	.667	—
Minnesota	15	15	.500	4 ½
Chicago	16	17	.485	5
Kansas City	14	16	.467	5 ½
Cleveland	13	19	.406	7 ½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	19	12	.613	—
Texas	17	15	.531	2 ½
Los Angeles	15	15	.500	3 ½
Seattle	14	15	.483	4
Houston	10	22	.313	9 ½

Monday's Scores
Minnesota 1, Cleveland 0, 10 innings
Toronto 3, Philadelphia 0
Detroit 2, Houston 0
Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 1, 12 innings
Colorado 8, Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, late
Seattle at Oakland, late
Kansas City at San Diego, late
Today's Games
Minnesota (Deduno 0-1) at Cleveland (Tomlin 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 1-0) at Philadelphia (Hamels 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 0-5) at Detroit (Fiay 0-0), 6:08 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Archer 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 2-2) at Boston (Doubront 1-3), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rosin 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Ross Jr. 1-2) at Colorado (Nicasio 3-1), 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 2-3) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 4-2), 9:05 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 2-2) at Oakland (J.Chavez 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 2-2) at San Diego (Erlin 1-4), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	17	14	.548	—
Washington	17	14	.548	—
Miami	17	15	.531	½
New York	16	15	.516	1
Philadelphia	15	15	.500	1 ½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	22	11	.667	—
St. Louis	17	16	.515	5
Cincinnati	15	16	.484	6
Pittsburgh	12	19	.387	9
Chicago	11	19	.367	9 ½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	20	11	.645	—
Colorado	20	14	.588	1 ½
Los Angeles	18	14	.563	2 ½
San Diego	14	18	.438	6 ½
Arizona	11	24	.314	11

Monday's Scores
Toronto 3, Philadelphia 0
L.A. Dodgers at Washington, late
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, late
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 1, 12 innings
Milwaukee 8, Arizona 3
Colorado 8, Texas 2
Kansas City at San Diego, late
Today's Games
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-0) at Washington (Undecided), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hudson 4-1) at Pittsburgh (Morton 0-4), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 1-0) at Philadelphia (Hamels 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 2-2) at Boston (Doubront 1-3), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Colon 2-4) at Miami (H.Alvarez 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lyons 0-2) at Atlanta (Floyd 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Collmenter 1-2) at Milwaukee (Estrada 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Ross Jr. 1-2) at Colorado (Nicasio 3-1), 7:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 2-2) at San Diego (Erlin 1-4), 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
ROCKIES 8, RANGERS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Choo lf	3	1	2	0	Barnes rf	5	1	2	0
JoWilsn 2b	4	0	0	1	Stubbs cf	4	2	3	1
ABeltre 3b	4	1	2	0	Thetzk ss	3	2	2	4
Fielder 1b	3	0	1	0	CGnzlz lf	5	1	2	1
Rosa rf	4	0	0	0	Arenad 3b	2	1	1	2
Chirins c	3	0	0	0	Mornea 1b	4	0	1	0
Morlnd ph	1	0	1	1	Pachec c	4	0	0	0
LMartn cf	4	0	1	0	LeMahi 2b	4	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0	Lyles p	4	1	1	0
MPerez p	1	0	0	0	Masset p	0	0	0	0
ShTolsn p	0	0	0	0					
Poreda p	0	0	0	0					
DRorbn ph	1	0	1	0					
Frasor p	0	0	0	0					
Cotts p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	2	8	2	Totals	35	8	13	8

Texas.....000 001 001—2
Colorado.....021 000 21x—8

E—A.Beltre (6), Stubbs (1), Arenado (6). DP—Texas 2, Colorado 4. LOB—Texas 5, Colorado 8. 2B—Choo (6), Andrus (6), Barnes 2 (5), Stubbs 2 (9), C.Gonzalez 2 (6), Morneau (10). HR—Tulowitzki 2 (9), Arenado (6). SB—Choo (3). S—M.Perez. SF—Stubbs.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M.Perez L,4-2	5	7	5	5	3	5
Sh.Tolleson	1	3	2	2	0	0
Poreda	1	1	0	0	0	1
Frasor	2-3	2	1		1	1
Cotts	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado						
Lyles W,4-0	8	7	2	2	1	5
Masset	1	2	0	0	1	0

Lyles pitched to 1 batter in the 9th
Sh.Tolleson pitched to 2 batters in the 7th
T—3:01. A—26,242 (50,480)

TIGERS 2, ASTROS 0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0
Fowler cf	3	0	1	0	Infante rf	4	0	2	0
JCastro c	4	0	0	0	MCarr 1b	3	0	0	0
Carter dh	3	0	0	0	VMrtnz dh	4	1	1	1
Presley lf	3	0	0	0	AJcksn cf	3	0	1	0
Springr rf	3	0	1	0	Castllns 3b	4	1	1	0
Krauss 1b	2	0	0	0	Avila c	1	0	0	0
MGnzlz pr-1b	0	0	0	0	AnRmn ss	2	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	3	0	0	0	RDavis lf	3	0	1	1
Villar ss	3	0	1	0					
Totals	28	0	3	0	Totals	28	2	6	2

Houston.....000 000 000—0
Detroit.....000 000 11x—2

E—Krauss (1), Villar (5), An.Romine (2). DP—Houston 2, Detroit 1. LOB—Houston 4, Detroit 7. HR—VMartinez (5). CS—Springer (2). Ma.Gonzalez (1), Kinsler (2). S—An.Romine.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cosart L,1-3	7	4	1	0	3	3
Bass	1	2	1	1	0	0
Detroit						
Scherzer W,4-1	8	3	0	0	1	9
Nathan S,6-9	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Cosart (Kinsler), by Scherzer (Carter).
T—2:53. A—26,475 (41,681).

MONDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TWINS 1, INDIANS 0, 10 INNINGS

Minnesota.....000 000 000 1—1 8 0
Cleveland.....000 000 000 0—0 3 1

Gibson, Duensing (9), Thielbar (9), Perkins (10) and K.Suzuki; McAllister, Shaw (7), Allen (9), Axford (10), Rzepczynski (10) and Y.Gomes. W—Thielbar 2-0. L—Axford 0-3. Sv—Perkins (8).

HRs—Minnesota, E.Escobar (1).

INTERLEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 3, PHILLIES 0

Toronto.....210 000 000—3 7 1
Philadelphia.....000 000 000—0 7 0

Happ, Rogers (6), Loup (7), Delabar (8), Cecil (9) and Thole; K.Kendrick, Diekman (8) and Ruiz. W—Happ 1-0. L—K.Kendrick 0-3. Sv—Cecil (2). HRs—Toronto, Reyes (2).

WHITE SOX 3, CUBS 1, 12 INNINGS

Chicago (A).....100 000 000 002—3 6 0
Chicago (N).....000 000 000 001—1 4 2

Quintana, Bellisario (8), Petricka (10), S.Downs (11), D.Webb (11), Lindstrom (12) and Flowers; Samardzija, N.Ramirez (10), Schlitter (11), W.Wright (12), Grimm (12) and Castillo. W—D.Webb 3-0. L—Grimm 1-1. Sv—Lindstrom (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 4, BRAVES 3

St. Louis.....000 031 000—4 8 0
Atlanta.....000 003 000—3 8 1

S.Miller, Neshek (6), Siegrist (7), C.Martinez (8), Rosenthal (9) and Y.Molina; Harang, Varvaro (7), D.Carpenter (8), Avilan (9) and Gattis. W—S.Miller 4-2. L—Harang 3-3. Sv—Rosenthal (9). HRs—Atlanta, R.Pena (2).

MARLINS 4, METS 3

New York.....200 100 000—3 6 2
Miami.....000 000 031—4 9 0

Niese, Matsuzaka (8), Ramsworth (8), Rice (9), Germen (9) and d'Arnaud; Fernandez, Envelds, Hand (8), Cishek (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Cishek 2-1. L—Rice 0-1. HRs—New York, Dan. Murphy (1), Granderson (3).

BREWERS 8, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Arizona.....102 000 000—3 10 0
Milwaukee.....120 014 00x—8 9 0

Bolsinger, Delgado (6), Cahill (7) and Montero; Garza, W.Smith (7), Wooten (8), Duke (9) and Maldonado. W—Garza 2-3. L—Bolsinger 1-2. HRs—Milwaukee, C.Gomez (6), Maldonado (1), Segura (2).

Nowitzki will return, other vets in limbo for Mavs

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — The last time Dirk Nowitzki was a free agent in the off-season, Dallas won the championship the next year.

Now the Mavericks and their star have to figure out how far they are from title contention after giving top-seeded San Antonio a tougher test than anyone expected in the first round only to get blown out in Game 7.

The big German says it's "tough to say" where the Mavericks stand following a return to the playoffs a year after their 12-season postseason streak ended. Part of his reasoning is whether fellow veterans Shawn Marion, Vince Carter and Devin Harris come back.

"After the '06 season when we lost the finals, I thought we were going to go to the finals the next three, four years straight," Nowitzki said. "And it took us basically five years we go back there again. You can analyze this, analyze that. You never know what's going to happen until you see the roster for next year and see how the other teams have stacked up."

So here's what the Mavericks do know: Nowitzki will re-sign. It's just a question of how much salary-cap space Dallas will have left when he does.

"I'm pretty sure I'm not going to sign Kobe's deal. Unfortunately," Nowitzki joked in reference to the two-year, $48.5 million extension in November, when Kobe Bryant was still coming back from knee surgery. "We'll find a good way where I feel respected for what I did and where we still have enough money left for us to get great players in here."

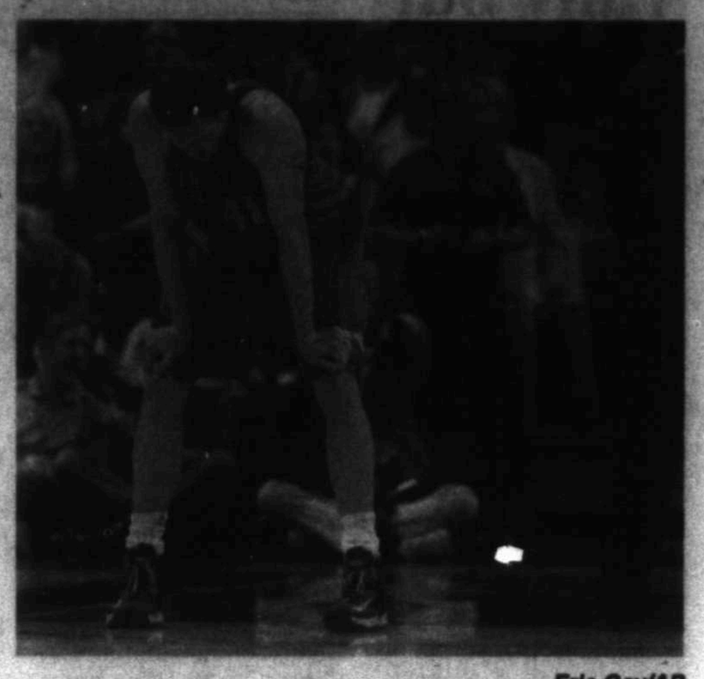
The best model for Nowitzki's new contract is probably longtime rival Tim Duncan, who has spent his entire career in San Antonio. He signed a three-year, $30 million deal in 2012 — not long after his 36th birthday — and has the option on the final season in 2014-15.

"The big 36," as Nowitzki called it, is coming next month. Marion will be 37 Wednesday, and Carter turns 38 midway through next season. Yet all three played at least 76 games this season, and each brings an important component.

Nowitzki is still the leading scorer, and has been for 14 straight seasons. Marion is the best defender on a team that doesn't have many. Carter brings energy and leadership off the bench, and had a strong series against the Spurs.

"That experience and that know-how and the fact that those guys are such good players, it's going to give a team like us a starting point every year," coach Rick Carlisle said. "We want to bring back the nucleus of guys."

The Mavericks actually have a nucleus after starting the past two seasons without one. Monta Ellis, who had two 29-point playoff games against the Spurs, and Jose Calderon are locked up as starting guards after coming in as two of nine new players on the roster.



Eric Gay/AP

Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki (41) catches his breath in the second half of Game 7 of the Mavericks' opening-round series against the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday in San Antonio.

Spurs face a Dirk clone in Portland's Aldridge

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

The San Antonio Spurs just finished going toe-to-toe with a transformational power forward whose mid-range game stretched their defense to the max, needing seven games to oust Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks.

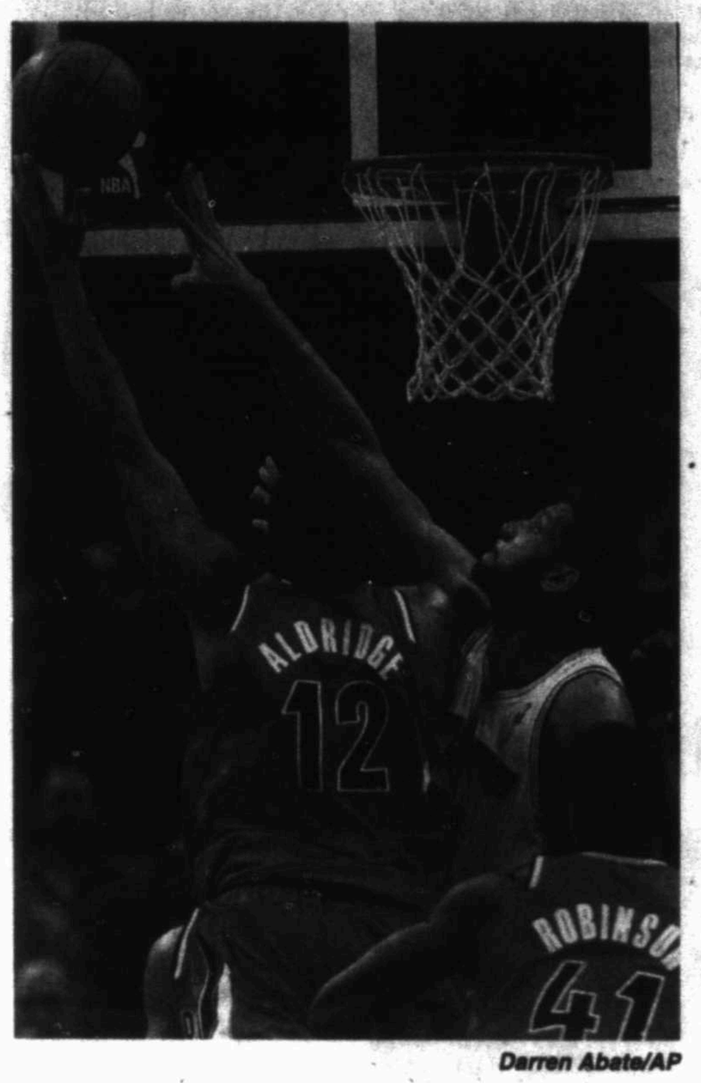
Tiago Splitter and the Spurs made life difficult for Nowitzki in the opening round, and now they get Nowitzki 2.0 in the Western Conference semifinals when Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge comes to town.

"I think LaMarcus is a younger Dirk who can shoot and drive, play in the post (and do) a lot of things, so it's not going to be easy," Splitter said Monday. "We know that. I think all the team is aware of that; everybody is going to help a little bit."

Like Nowitzki, Aldridge relies heavily on the mid-range game, using every inch of his 6-foot-11 frame to get his jumper off against smaller defenders. When faced with someone his size, Aldridge has the strength and nimble feet to get past them, as he did time and time again in the Trail Blazers' defeat of the Houston Rockets in six games.

The Rockets rarely had an answer for Aldridge, who beat up the smaller Terrence Jones on the block and took Omer Asik and Dwight Howard away from the basket to stretch the floor. He scored 89 points in the first two games of the series. He averaged 29.8 points, 11.7 rebounds and 2.7 blocks in the opening round.

"Guys are going to be confident, but still have to think about the way that we got here, working hard and grinding it out," Aldridge said. "I think guys are definitely going to be more confident but this is new territory for most of us."



Darren Abate/AP

In this March 12 photo, San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, right rear, defends Portland Trailblazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge, left, in San Antonio.

The Blazers haven't been out of the first round since 2000 while the Spurs are looking for a return trip to the NBA Finals.

Here are five things to watch when the series opens in San Antonio tonight:

POINT GUARD HEAVEN: In a new golden age of point guards, it would hard to find a more compelling matchup than this one. San Antonio's Tony Parker is the NBA's gold standard, a savvy veteran who changes speeds like an All-Star pitcher. He was at his best in Game 7, dismantling the Mavericks with 32 points. Portland's Damian Lillard is the new kid on the block, a supremely confident second-year player who had perhaps the moment of these young playoffs with a game-winning 3-pointer to eliminate Houston. "He can do everything," Parker said. "He can shoot from the outside, penetrate and so we're going to try to do some stuff to try to contain him. You're not going to stop him."

DEFENDING PARKER: As great and fearless as Lillard has been offensively, he still has a lot to learn on the other end of the court. He likely will see the speedy Parker for stretches of the game, but in the biggest moments, look for coach Terry Stotts to put Nic Batum or Wesley Matthews on Parker and try to hide Lillard on Danny Green, who is a standstill shooter and nothing more. That's what generally happened in the regular season series, which was split 2-2.

SPURS DEPTH: Even after the Trail Blazers added Dorell Wright and Thomas Robinson in an effort to beef up their beleaguered bench, they still relied heavily on their starting five for most of their production. That stands in stark contrast to the Spurs, who didn't have a player average 30 minutes per game this season. If the series goes deep, that could come into play.

POPULAR GUY: After beating the buzzer to hit his game-winner against the Rockets, Lillard said his phone got quite a workout. "My phone was on 60 percent right after the game," he said. "As soon as I picked it up it was just buzzing and I went on the podium and when I got off of the podium it was dead. I think I had like 350 texts or something like that."

BELINELLI'S STRUGGLES: In his first season in San Antonio, Marco Belinelli put together one of the best seasons of his career. He shot 43 percent from 3-point range and averaged 11.4 points per game in a valuable role off the bench while playing alongside his friend Manu Ginobili. But he was a non-factor in the first round against Dallas, scoring just 22 points total in the seven games. "Beli needs to come back and play better," Parker said. "I think the way they are going to play our wings are going to be more free than against Dallas."

Wizards take 1-0 lead with win at Indiana

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

Wizards	102
Pacers	96

Washington leads series, 1-0

INDIANAPOLIS — Bradley Beal scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and Trevor Ariza added 22 on Monday night, leading Washington past top-seeded Indiana 102-96 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Wizards won a second-round game for the first time since 1982 and are 4-0 on the road in this year's playoffs. They ended a 12-game losing streak at Indiana that dated to April 18, 2007, and they did it by nearly leading from wire-to-wire.

Paul George and George Hill had 18 points each for Indiana.

The Wizards trailed only once, 31-30, and took control with a 17-6 run to close the first half that made it 56-43. Indiana couldn't get closer than five points in the second half.

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Indiana.

The Pacers have lost both of their playoff series' openers and will face another uphill battle — just days after rallying from a 3-2 deficit to beat Atlanta in seven games in the first round.

Washington made a playoff franchise-record 10 3-pointers, going 10 of 16. Ariza was 6 for 6 with five coming in the first half when he scored a playoff-career best 17 points.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE AND BOX

GLANCE

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami vs. Brooklyn

Today: Brooklyn at Miami, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 8: Brooklyn at Miami, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 10: Miami at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 12: Miami at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 14: Brooklyn at Miami, TBA
x-Friday, May 16: Miami at Brooklyn, TBA
x-Sunday, May 18: Brooklyn at Miami, TBA

Washington 1, Indiana 0

Monday: Washington 102, Indiana 96
Wednesday, May 7: Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Friday, May 9: Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 11: Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 13: Washington at Indiana, TBA
x-Thursday, May 15: Indiana at Washington, TBA
x-Sunday, May 18: Washington at Indiana, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio vs. Portland

Today: Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 8: Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 10: San Antonio at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, May 12: at San Antonio at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 14: Portland at San Antonio, TBA
x-Friday, May 16: San Antonio at Portland, TBA
x-Monday, May 19: Portland at San Antonio, TBA

Oklahoma City vs. L.A. Clippers

Monday: L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, late
Wednesday, May 7: L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 9: Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 11: Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 13: L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Thursday, May 15: Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, TBA
x-Sunday, May 18: L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, TBA

MONDAY'S BOX

WIZARDS 102, PACERS 96

WASHINGTON (102): Ariza 7-10 2-4 22, Nene 6-16 3-4 15, Gortat 4-12 4-6 12, Wall 4-14 5-6 13, Beal 8-18 6-9 25, Booker 0-0 0-0 0, Webster 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 1-2 0-0 3, Gooden 5-11 2-2 12, Temple 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-84 22-31 102.

INDIANA (96): George 4-17 9-9 18, West 6-15 3-4 15, Hibbert 0-2 0-0 0, G.Hill 6-11 3-5 18, Stephenson 4-13 2-2 12, Mahinmi 1-2 0-0 2, Turner 2-4 3-3 7, Watson 3-5 1-2 8, Scola 6-11 0-2 12. Copeland 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 39-81 22-27 96.

Washington	28	28	13	33	— 102
Indiana	15	28	19	34	— 96

3-Point Goals—Washington 10-18 (Ariza 6-6, Beal 3-5, Miller 1-1, Gooden 0-1, Wall 0-3), Indiana 8-17 (G.Hill 3-6, Stephenson 2-4, Copeland 1-1, Watson 1-1, George 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 55 (Gortat 15), Indiana 46 (West 12). Assists—Washington 23 (Wall 9), Indiana 16 (George 5). Total Fouls—Washington 23, Indiana 26. Technicals—Gortat, West. A—18,165 (18,165).

Fleury, Crosby lift Penguins over Rangers again

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

Penguins	2
Rangers	0

Pittsburgh leads series, 2-1

NEW YORK — Sidney Crosby scored his first goal of these playoffs, and Marc-Andre Fleury earned his second shutout of the New York Rangers in two nights as the Pittsburgh Penguins regained home-ice advantage with a 2-0 victory in Game 3 on Monday night.

Crosby snapped a 13-game goal drought in the playoffs to give the Penguins the lead in the second period, and Jussi Jokinen added a break-away goal. Fleury stopped 35 shots to back up his 22-save effort Sunday in a 3-0 win in Pittsburgh. He has eight career postseason shutouts and 51 wins.

The Penguins, who lost the opener in overtime, lead the Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-1. Game 4 is Wednesday in New York.

Henrik Lundqvist made 13 saves for the weary Rangers, who played for the fifth time in seven days. They have consecutive losses in these playoffs for the first time.

The tide turned in Pittsburgh's favor in the second period for the third straight game. Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said earlier Monday that he "hated" the second period in Games 1 and 2, and he couldn't have liked this one, either.

New York had 2:15 remaining on a 4-minute power play that began in the first period, but couldn't cash in. To make matters worse for the Rangers, Crosby took a long stretch pass from defenseman Robert Bortuzzo, outraced Marc Staal, and beat Lundqvist between the pads from the left circle just 19 seconds after James Neal left the penalty box. It was Crosby's 41st career playoff goal.

Although Crosby didn't score in Game 2, he played a dominant game.

"Eventually you're going to see him get a goal," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said before Game 3. "Eventually you're going to see him break out. There's no question about that."

The Penguins struck for their second goal again right after killing a penalty. Jokinen jumped out of the box and got to a loose puck in the neutral zone after Rangers forward Mats Zuccarello failed to connect on a backward pass in the Pittsburgh end.

Jokinen came in alone on Lundqvist and scored his fifth of the playoffs with 4:40 left in the second — 8 seconds after his penalty ended.

The Rangers were suddenly down 2-0 and had the weight of their anemic power play enveloping them even more. They finished 0 for 5 and have failed on 34 straight advantages overall — including one in the final minutes.

During their last man-advantage in the second period, the Madison Square Garden crowd implored the Rangers to "Shoot the puck!" They did, but to no avail.

New York led 26-14 in shots through two periods, yet trailed by two goals.

Zuccarello thought earlier in the second that he had tied the game at 1, but his drive struck the crossbar behind Fleury, skittered across the goal line, and stayed out.

The Rangers received their first power play of the night 5:16 in when Marcel Goc was called for roughing Dominic Moore after an icing call.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Montreal 1, Boston 1

Thursday, May 1: Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT
Saturday, May 3: Boston 5, Montreal 3
Today: Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 8: Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 10: Montreal at Boston, TBA
x-Monday, May 12: Boston at Montreal, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 14: Montreal at Boston, TBA

Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

Friday, May 2: N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Sunday, May 4: Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Monday: Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Wednesday, May 7: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 9: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 11: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-Tuesday, May 13: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago 2, Minnesota 0

Friday, May 2: Chicago 5, Minnesota 2
Sunday, May 4: Chicago 4, Minnesota 1
Today: Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 9: Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 11: Minnesota at Chicago, TBA
x-Tuesday, May 13: Chicago at Minnesota, TBA
x-Thursday, May 15: Minnesota at Chicago, TBA

Los Angeles 1, Anaheim 0

Saturday, May 3: Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Monday: Los Angeles at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 8: Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 10: Anaheim at Los Angeles, TBA
x-Monday, May 12: Los Angeles at Anaheim, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 14: Anaheim at Los Angeles, TBA
x-Friday, May 16: Los Angeles at Anaheim, TBA

PETTY

From 1C

fans met the group at the Homewood Suites on the west side of Midland near the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

"It surprised me 20 years ago to see fans in the parking lot because racing wasn't that big a deal 20 years ago, but it doesn't surprise me anymore," Petty said. "Anywhere we go there are NASCAR fans, and it doesn't make any difference. We've stopped at places with a population of 400 and 200 people have Tony Steward shirts on."

Among this year's contingent is former Dallas Cowboys running back Herschel Walker, former NASCAR drivers Harry Gant and Geoff Bodine. Kyle's father, Richard, also joined the ride in Midland.

"That first year when we started, it was a small group and there were 25 or 30 of us," Kyle said. "We shared rooms, we ate where we wanted to eat. But the thing is we raised $35,000 and gave it away to different charities along the way. We thought it wouldn't get any better, and you can't improve on that. The next year some people said let's do it again, and we did again."

Now after 20 years, the ride has raised more than $14 million, and much of it has gone to the Victory Junction Gang Camp, which was started to honor Kyle's son Adam, who was killed in a practice crash at New Hampshire Speedway in 2000. The camp gives children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses a chance to have some fun.

"This is such a great event," said Bodine, who was also on the first charity ride. "But it's also sad because it's in the honor of Adam. But that's what you need to do is take a tough thing and make it a good thing, and that's what Kyle and his whole family have done with the Victory Junction Gang Camp."

Walker said he encourages other athletes like himself who don't come from NASCAR to get involved because they get the chance to ride motorcycles, but also raise some money.

"Some people are shocked we ride motorcycles, and we do all the crazy things people shouldn't do," Walker said Monday "But what's great about this ride here is that it's well done. Not only are you learning to ride, but you are in a safe environment, and most of all you are raising money and that's what's great about it."

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Gavitt Tipoff Games: Big Ten, Big East series

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thirty-five years ago, Dave Gavitt was the driving force behind an idea that would change college basketball forever.

On Monday, the Big East — the conference he led to such success in so short a period — and the Big Ten announced a series that they hope will get the season off to a big start while honoring Gavitt's legacy.

"This all started with friendship and it ends with competition," Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany said at a news conference at Madison Square Garden. "This shows Dave's spirit is with us today as much as when he was with us."

The eight-game series between the leagues will begin with the 2015-16 season and will be known as the Gavitt Tipoff Games. The four-day event will be held the first week of the regular season and will be played at home sites, four from each conference. The original deal is for eight years.

The matchups for the inaugural Gavitt Tipoff Games will be announced after next season.

Gavitt, who died in 2011 at 73, coached Providence to the NCAA tournament five times, including the Final Four in 1973. He was the key player in the formation of the Big East and was its first commissioner. He was selected to coach the U.S. Olympic team in 1980, but the United States boycotted the Moscow Games. Gavitt was president of USA Basketball and oversaw the introduction of NBA players onto the U.S. Olympic roster, including the Dream Team at the 1992 Games.

He served on the NCAA's Division I Basketball Committee from 1980-84 and was its chairman when the tournament expanded to 64 teams and the first of its contracts with CBS was negotiated.

When he left the Big East in 1990, Gavitt joined the Boston Celtics' front office, succeeding Red Auerbach in running the franchise. He was fired in 1994.

Gavitt served as chairman of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, to which he was inducted in 2006.

Those closest to Gavitt said he was always tinkering with the idea of getting the season off to a blockbuster start.

"Dave was about events and he was always talking about the start of the season," said Mike Tranghese, the Big East's first employee hired by Gavitt and his successor as commissioner. "He would be so happy about this, not only the great games but especially with the relationships between the conferences.

"Dave created the Big East-ACC Challenge, the first of all the early-season challenges. Even back then he talked about getting the season started with a bang. He wanted everybody in the country to have that one opening day. He would have a smile today about this, but if he were here he'd be thinking about getting everybody in the country involved."

The Big Ten will continue its series with the ACC.

"That has been a breakthrough and this will be as well," Delany said.

Each of the 10 Big East teams will participate a minimum of six times over the eight years, while the Big Ten schools will participate a minimum of four times with the conference expanding to 14 members next season.

This could also help develop rivalries between schools that haven't faced each other for various reasons such as Georgetown-Maryland and Xavier-Ohio State.

"No matchup is out; no matchup is in," Delany said.

Dan Gavitt, the NCAA vice president of the men's basketball championship, said his father would be proud to have the series named after him.

"He was a giant in our game," Dan Gavitt said. "The things that were important when he was doing them still are today — relationships, collaborations, getting things done for the common good. His spirit can still help college basketball in those things and that's something we need right now."

Woods

From 1C

out from there. Basically, you just follow a program. It's tedious because it's little rehab stuff, but you still have to do it.

"That's where I think the experiences of having gone through the surgeries in the past have really helped, because you have to lay the foundation down first before you can do the more arduous activities and then return to form," he said. "I'm walking and able to cycle now and started swimming last week."

Woods missed the Masters for the first time in his career and said it wasn't as difficult as some might think to watch on TV. He compared it to the British Open and PGA Championship in 2008, which he missed after reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

He started watching mainly when Fred Couples got into the mix, and he lost a little interest when Couples fell off the pace early in the final round. Woods congratulated Bubba Watson and said Augusta National is suited to left-handed players like Watson and Phil Mickelson who hit a fade, a shot that works well on key holes along the back nine.

BANANAGRAMS!

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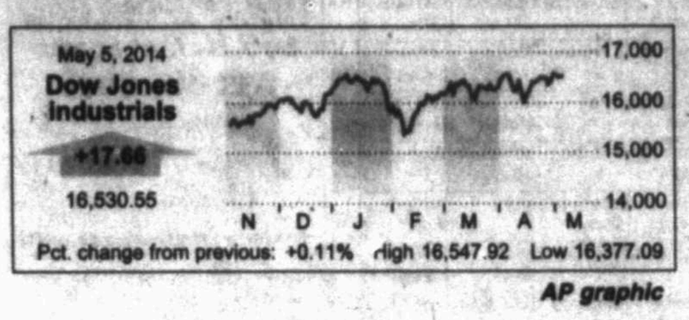
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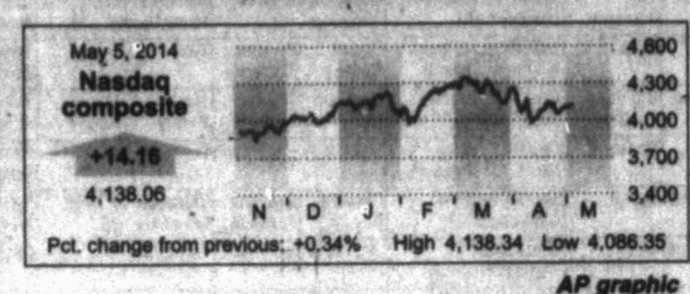
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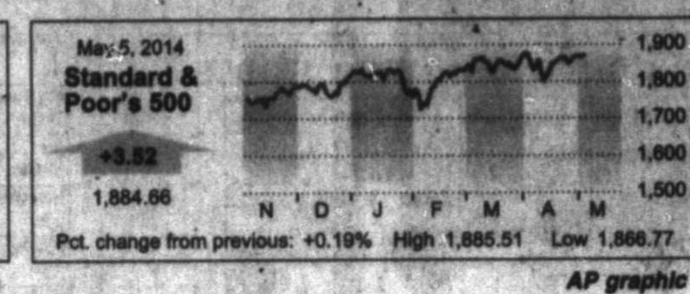
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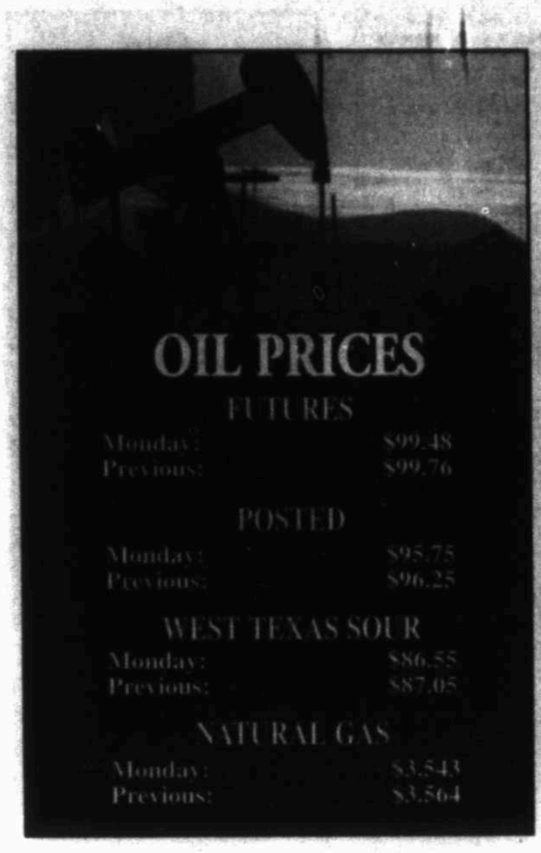
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This photo provided by Target Corp. shows Gregg Steinhafel, the company's chairman, president and CEO. Target said Monday that Steinhafel is out, nearly five months after the retailer disclosed a massive data breach that hurt its reputation. The nation's third-largest retailer said Steinhafel has agreed to step down as the company's chairman, president and CEO, effective immediately. He also has resigned from its board of directors.

Oil drops

The price of oil fell slightly Monday, after a report showed a fourth month of contraction in China's manufacturing sector.

Benchmark U.S. crude for June delivery fell 28 cents to close at $100.48 a barrel, after rising as high as $100.90 earlier in the day. Brent crude, a benchmark for international varieties of oil, dropped 87 cents to $107.72 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Meanwhile, it's getting cheaper to buy gasoline in the U.S., and one popular price-watching site says prices have hit their springtime peak.

Oil prices were kept in check by new data pointing to a continuing slowdown in China, the world's second-largest economy, and the possibility of lower energy demand.

China's factory activity contracted again last month, according to HSBC's purchasing manager index, and the pace of the decline was more severe than a preliminary version of the report indicated.

In the U.S., the average price for a gallon of gasoline is down about 2 cents in the past week to $3.67, according to AAA. GasBuddy.com, which tracks local gas prices, said Monday that prices have probably peaked for spring, and should fall by 3 cents to 10 cents a gallon between now and Memorial Day.

Metals futures rise

Gold for June delivery edged up $6.40 to $1,309.30 an ounce. July silver increased 2.5 cents to $19.57 an ounce, July platinum rose $7.70 to $1,448.40 an ounce and June palladium rose $4.10 to $816.50 an ounce.

Target's CEO is out in wake of security breach

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Target's CEO has become the first boss of a major corporation to lose his job over a breach of customer data, showing how responsibility for computer security now reaches right to the top.

Gregg Steinhafel, who was also president and chairman, stepped down nearly five months after Target disclosed a huge pre-Christmas breach in which hackers stole millions of customers' credit- and debit-card records. The theft badly damaged the store chain's reputation and profits.

Steinhafel, a 35-year veteran of the company and chief executive since 2008, also resigned from the board of directors, Target announced Monday.

"He was the public face of the breach. The company struggled to recover from it," said Cynthia Larose, chair of the privacy and security practice at the law firm Mintz Levin. "It's a new era for boards to take a proactive role in understanding what the risks are."

The departure of Steinhafel, 59, suggests the company wants a clean slate as it wrestles with the fallout. But the resignation leaves a leadership hole at a time when the 1,800-store chain is facing many other challenges.

The company, known for its trendy but affordable housewares and fashions, is struggling to maintain its cachet while competing with Wal-Mart and Amazon.com. Target is also grappling with a disappointing expansion into Canada, its first foray outside the U.S.

Experts said the breach, which highlighted the flaws in Target's security system, seemed to be the final straw.

The Target board said in a statement that after extensive discussions with Steinhafel, they both "have decided it is the right time for new leadership at Target." The board also said that he "held himself personally accountable."

"The last several months have tested Target in unprecedented ways," Steinhafel wrote in a letter to the board that was made available to The Associated Press. "From the beginning, I have been committed to ensuring Target emerges from the data breach a better company, more focused than ever on delivering for our guests."

The company's stock fell more than 3 percent, or $2.14, to close at $59.87.

Chief Financial Officer John Mulligan was named interim president and CEO.

Under Steinhafel's leadership, Target won praise for its expansion into fresh groceries and its 5 percent discount for customers who use its branded debit and credit cards. In 2009, he defended the company against a proxy fight waged by hedge fund manager William Ackman, who was pushing his own candidates for the board.

But Target, based in Minneapolis, has been criticized for reacting too slowly to the shift toward shopping on mobile devices. Target just started to let shoppers order items online and pick them up at the store, years later than some competitors.

Analysts also said Target botched its Canadian expansion by moving too aggressively. The company opened about 120 stores in the latest year and lost nearly $1 billion in the Canadian business.

On Dec. 19, Target disclosed a breach of 40 million credit and debit card accounts over a nearly three-week period before Christmas. Then on Jan. 10, the company said hackers also stole personal information — including names, phone numbers, and email and mailing addresses — from as many as 70 million customers.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $143.76 Up 2.30

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $131.62 Down 0.03

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.66 Up 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $73.63 Down 0.14

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.14 Down 0.13

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.25 Down 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $30.48 Down 0.30

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $18.25 Down 0.15

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	659050	188.42	+.36
Pfizer	534209	29.96	-.79
BkofAm	491823	15.08	-.17
iShEMkts	260436	41.38	-.23
Hyperdy rs	260372	4.46	+2.97

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Hyperdy rs	4.46	+2.97	+199.3
GeoPark n	9.00	+1.00	+12.5
Lydall	26.03	+2.37	+10.0
KingsDen n	19.05	+1.49	+8.5
RealD	11.89	+.79	+7.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tyson	38.44	-4.21	-9.9
DoralFn rs	3.36	-.37	-9.9
Trex	71.81	-7.80	-9.8
CrwfdA	8.50	-.88	-9.4
Realogy	39.04	-3.62	-8.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,519
Declined	1,563
Unchanged	133
Total issues	3,215
New Highs	89
New Lows	30
Volume	2,673,603,949

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VantageDrl	74002	1.71	+.05
InovioPhm	59023	2.40	-.16
NwGold g	30613	5.07	-.12
AldNevG	24770	3.47	+.10
Globalstar	20213	2.85	+.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Fibrocell	3.50	+.34	+10.8
eMagin	2.67	+.25	+10.3
Air Inds	10.55	+.90	+9.3
Enservco	2.23	+.15	+7.2
BioTime	2.59	+.16	+6.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBkrM g	4.44	-.66	-12.9
ActineumP	10.30	-.89	-8.0
VirnetX	14.65	-1.06	-6.7
InovioPhm	2.40	-.16	-6.3
Tofutti	4.05	-.26	-6.0

DIARY

Advanced	196
Declined	197
Unchanged	36
Total issues	429
New Highs	7
New Lows	5
Volume	77,976,823

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	450061	61.22	+.76
PwShs QQQ	263372	87.95	+.46
SiriusXM	240208	3.23	-.01
Microsoft	221293	39.43	-.26
Flextrn	208262	9.50	+.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cadiz h	8.00	+1.82	+29.4
ChiMobGrn	20.38	+2.86	+16.3
MitekSys	3.48	+.41	+13.4
MedicActn	7.07	+.75	+11.9
Arotech	3.73	+.36	+10.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tecumseh	6.06	-1.68	-21.7
BroadSoft	20.16	-4.84	-19.4
ChinaYida	3.08	-.39	-11.2
AmbassGp	3.63	-.45	-11.0
ChiCmCr n	4.50	-.55	-10.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,136
Declined	1,452
Unchanged	141
Total issues	2,729
New Highs	32
New Lows	71
Volume	1,531,652,036

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.76	+.13	+1.7
Abraxas	...	60	5.42	...	+66.2
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.21	+.02	+1.1
Alcoa	12	44	13.53	-.19	+27.3
AlonUSA	24	...	16.83	.10	+1.8
Ambev n	.22e	...	7.32	+.08	-.4
Amgen	2.44	18	113.18	+.76	-.8
Anadarko	.72	63	90.49	-.08	+25.4
Apache	1.00f	16	86.96	...	+1.2
Apple Inc	13.18f	14	600.96	+8.38	+7.1
ApldMatl	.40	49	18.97	+.01	+7.3
AriadP	...	...	7.63	+.40	+11.9
ATMOS	1.48	19	51.05	+.49	+12.4
AutoData	1.92	26	77.87	+.33	-3.6
BP PLC	2.28	12	50.81	-.06	+4.5
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.15	-.11	+1.5
BakrHu	.60	26	70.08	+.39	+26.8
BkofAm	.04	20	15.08	-.17	-3.1
B rPVix rs	...	...	39.56	.44	-7.0
BasicEnrSv	...	...	26.07	+.02	+65.2
BerkHa A	...	16189790	00-2465.00		+6.7
BlkHillsCp	1.56	25	58.55	+.72	+11.5
BlackBerry	...	...	7.93	-.22	+6.6
BdwlkPpl	.40	16	16.20	+.34	-36.5
BostonSci	...	22	13.07	+.26	+8.7
BrtlyBq	1.44	29	50.03	+.23	-5.9
BrodsCm	...	13	8.70	-.16	-1.9
BrownFA	1.16	33	90.09	+.59	+22.1
BrownFB	1.16	31	91.20	+.84	+20.7
CVS Care	1.10	19	74.98	+1.12	+4.8
Cameron	...	23	65.35	+.08	+9.8
CpstnTurb	...	...	1.70	+.01	+31.8
Caterpillar	2.40	18	104.52	-.49	+15.1
Celestic g	...	17	11.60	+.18	+11.5
CntryLink	2.16	...	34.84	+.01	+9.4
ChesEng	.35	42	28.31	+.03	+4.3
Chevron	4.28f	12	125.36	+.84	+.4
Chicos	.30	20	15.97	-.10	-15.2
Cimarex	.64f	25	120.15	+1.73	+14.5
Cisco	.76f	15	22.96	+.01	+3.1
Citigroup	.04	11	47.18	-.55	-9.5
ClayBlg		63	143.76	+2.30	+78.4
CocaCola	1.22f	22	40.75	+.19	-1.3
ColgPalm s	1.44f	29	66.90	-.20	+2.6
Comcast	.90f	19	52.46	+.43	+1.0
ConAgra	1.00	16	30.35	-.26	-9.9
ConchoRes	...	55	131.62	-.03	+21.9
ConocoPhil	2.76	12	76.89	+.37	+8.8
CrackerB	4.00f	19	97.75	+.83	-11.2
CresTim	2.64e	14	32.12	-.27	+9.2
DCP Mid	2.98f	41	54.89	+.78	+9.0
DTE	2.62	18	77.93	+.93	+17.4
Dataram h	...	...	2.65	-.06	+1.9
Dawson	.32	23	28.66	+.13	-15.3
DevonE	.96f	...	70.35	+.07	+13.7
DrxSCBear	...	...	17.20	+.10	+1.4
Disney	.86f	22	81.22	+.91	+6.3
DowChm	1.48f	13	49.36	+.67	+11.2
eBay	...	...	52.00	-.01	-5.2
EMC Cp	.46f	20	25.78	+.09	+2.5
EOG Res	.50	25	99.25	+2.19	+18.3
EmpDist	1.02	14	23.91	+.17	+5.4
Energen	.60	34	81.67	-.47	+15.4
EngyTsfr	3.74f	...	56.75	+.75	-.9
EnPro	...	64	69.49	-1.63	+20.5
EntPrPt	2.84f	26	74.55	+1.12	+12.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.03	+.01	-1.7
ExterranH	.60	23	41.96	-.63	+22.7
ExxonMbl	2.76f	11	102.91	+.90	+1.7
Facebook	...	81	61.22	+.76	+12.0
Flextrn	...	22	9.50	+.14	+22.3
FordM	.50	10	15.74	-.16	+2.0
ForestOil	...	11	1.79	+.02	-50.4
GATX	1.32	16	54.26	-.58	+23.2
GabMultT	.88	...	10.18	+.01	-18.0
GAInv	2.10e	...	35.56	-.06	+1.0
GenElec	.88	20	26.58	-.10	-5.2
GileadSci	...	29	79.83	+2.12	+6.3
GtPlainEn	.92	17	26.83	+.20	+10.7
Groupon	...	...	6.89	-.20	-41.4
HalconRes	...	...	5.52	+.01	+43.0
Halliburtn	.80	22	63.91	+.06	+25.9
Hyperdy rs	...	...	4.46	+2.97	+9.6
iSh Brazil	1.44e	...	48.12	-.36	+7.7
iSh ChinaLC	1.02e	...	34.70	-.30	-9.6
iSh EMkts	.86e	...	41.38	-.23	-1.0
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	68.35	-.05	+1.9
iShR2K	1.45e	...	111.89	-.14	-3.0
iShREst	2.56e	...	70.48	+.25	+11.7
IntegrysE	2.72	18	58.56	+.27	+7.6
Intel	.90	14	26.17	-.01	+.8
InterDig	.40	30	34.26	-.38	+16.2
ItauUnibH	.51r	...	16.82	+.01	+24.0
JPMorgCh	1.60f	14	54.22	-1.36	-6.7
JetBlue	...	18	8.36	+.16	-2.1
JohnJn	2.80f	19	100.00	+.89	+9.2
KimbClk	3.36	20	110.23	-.80	+5.5
KindME	5.52f	28	75.42	+.10	-6.5
KindMM	5.52f	46	72.38	+.33	-4.3
LegacyRes	2.38f	...	25.14	-.13	-10.7
Lubys	...	...	5.08	-.16	-34.2
MktVGold	.19e	...	24.41	+.09	+15.5
McDnlds	3.24	18	101.14	-.29	+4.2
Merck	1.76	39	58.63	+.41	+17.1
MerMMed	...	30	13.21	-.07	-16.1
MexcoEn	...	73	7.25	-.05	+5.1
MicronT	...	11	26.74	+.43	+22.9
Microsoft	1.12	15	39.43	-.26	+5.4
MorgStan	.40f	17	30.07	-.62	-4.1
Nabors	.16	54	25.60	-.26	+50.7
NatGrid	3.17e	...	70.99	+.27	+8.7
NOilVarco	1.04	14	79.88	+.48	+.4
NewLead rs	...	...	.06	-.02	-99.7
NokiaCp	.51e	...	7.27	-.08	-10.4
NvMed	.80e	...	13.33	-.01	+9.8
NvPMI	.86	...	13.61	+.06	+10.0
NuvPI	.86	...	13.48	+.02	+9.3
NSTFI3	.63e	...	13.90	+.01	+7.9
NTXQI	.70e	...	13.95	+.01	+8.6
OcciPet	2.88	13	94.70	+.26	-.4
OfficeDpt	...	...	4.17	-.08	-21.2
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PerkDrl	...	25	5.61	-.09	-16.7
PetMTI	.40	29	32.87	-.20	+29.8
Penney	...	...	8.50	-.08	-7.1
PennaRE	.80	...	16.98	+.02	-16.5
Prmian	1.01e	15	13.42	+.04	+4.4
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Pfizer	1.04	15	29.96	-.79	-2.2
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PlugPowr h	...	...	4.06	-.44	+161.9
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	87.95	+.46	...
Praxair	2.60	22	130.65	-.35	+.5
PrmEgy	...	14	55.00	-.04	+8.9
ProctGam	2.57f	22	81.70	-.22	+.4
RF MicD	...	51	8.69	+.04	+68.4
RangeRs	.16	66	90.61	+.64	+7.5
Realogy	...	11	39.04	-3.62	-21.1
RegionsFn	.20f	13	10.25	+.01	+3.6
RiteAid	...	36	7.86	-.01	+55.3
Rowan	.40	15	31.20	-.09	-11.8
RoyDShllA	3.76f	10	79.47	+.04	+11.5
SLM Cp	...	3	8.79	-.19	-6.4
SpdrDJIA	3.57e	...	164.93	+.16	-.3
S&P500ETF	3.48e	...	188.42	+.36	+2.0
SabreR	3.93e	13	53.99	+.51	+6.8
SanderFm	.80	11	82.83	-1.08	+14.2
SandRdge	...	...	6.81	...	+12.2
Saplent	...	29	16.29	-.11	-6.2
Schlmbrg	1.60	19	101.10	+.07	+12.2
SigmaAld	.92f	24	96.32	+.87	+2.5
SiriusXM	...	54	3.23	-.01	-7.4
Smucker	2.32	18	97.20	+.26	-6.2
SPDR Fncl	.34e	...	21.90	-.09	+.2
SP Util	1.47e	...	42.88	+.38	+12.9
SunocoLog	2.78f	.29	94.42	+1.87	+25.1
Synovus	.04	20	3.25	-.01	-9.7
Target	1.72	20	59.87	-2.14	-5.4
TelefEsp	.47e	...	16.48	+.13	+.9
Tesoro	1.00	17	55.05	-.81	-5.9
3M Co	3.42f	20	140.61	+.49	+.3
Torchmark	.76f	14	80.04	-.01	+2.4
TriContl	.65e	...	20.34	+.04	+1.8
Twitter n	...	...	38.75	-.27	-39.1
TylerTech	...	67	81.22	-.36	-20.5
Tyson	.30	16	38.44	-4.21	+14.9
UBWV	1.28	16	28.81	-.25	-8.4
Vale SA	.84e	...	13.37	-.20	-12.3
ValeroE	1.00	11	58.26	+.35	+15.6
VangEmg	1.20e	...	41.06	-.18	-.2
VerizonCm	2.12	11	47.39	+.27	-3.6
VulcanM	.20f	...	66.01	-.14	+8.4
Walgrn	1.26	25	69.86	+.90	+21.8
Wendys Co	.20	77	8.50	+.08	-2.5
WstnRefin	1.04	16	43.53	+.27	+2.6
WhitingPet	...	16	72.07	-.53	+16.5
WmsCos	1.61f	52	43.52	+.68	+12.8
XcelEngy	1.20f	16	31.24	+.05	+11.8
Xerox	.25f	13	11.98	-.05	-1.6
Yahoo	...	31	36.91	+.04	-8.7

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16,631.83	14,551.27	Dow Jones Industrials	16,530.55	+17.66	+.11	-.28	+10.43
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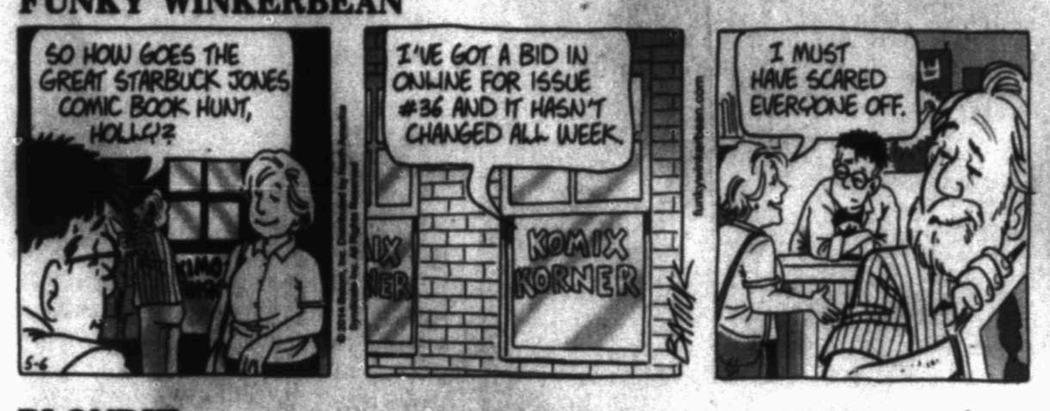
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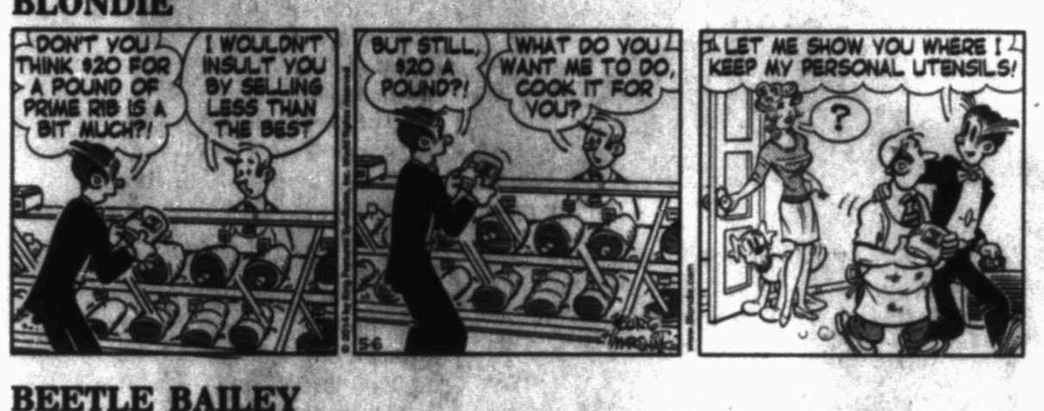
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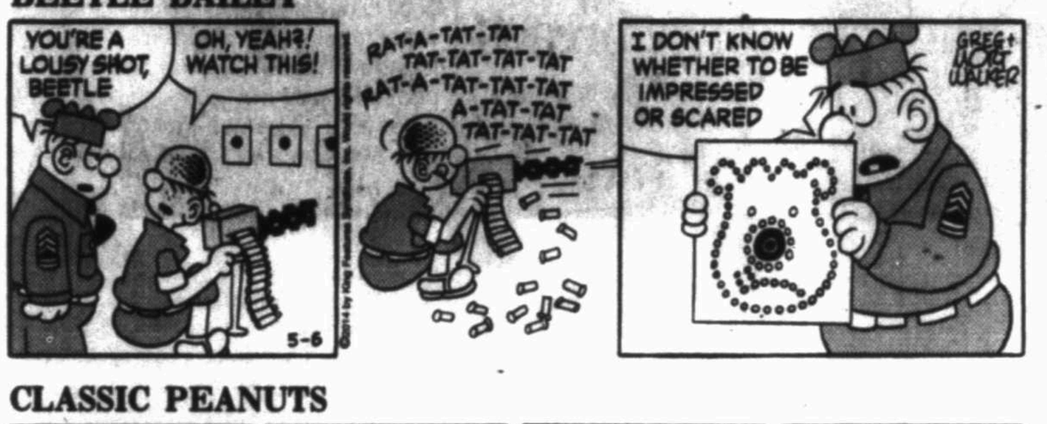
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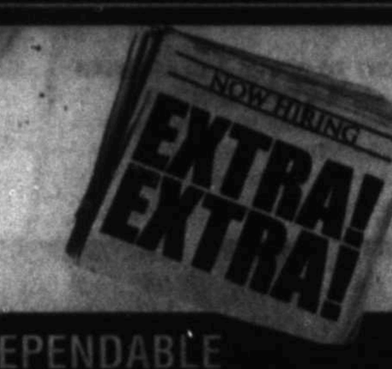
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Apartment complex seeking HVAC maintenance technician, call 432-687-4614.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstrop.com

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE



Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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Security Supervisor: $13.50 to $15.00 an hour

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Affinity Steel hiring for **Deliverly Driver**. Apply in person **1809 W. County Rd 114.** For directions, call **432-617-4477**.

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Preferred experience & working knowledge of lawn equipment. Pay DOE Call 432-661-9518.

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Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield 11-2 and 5:30-8:30

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Experienced Diesel Technician

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Class A CDL Drivers

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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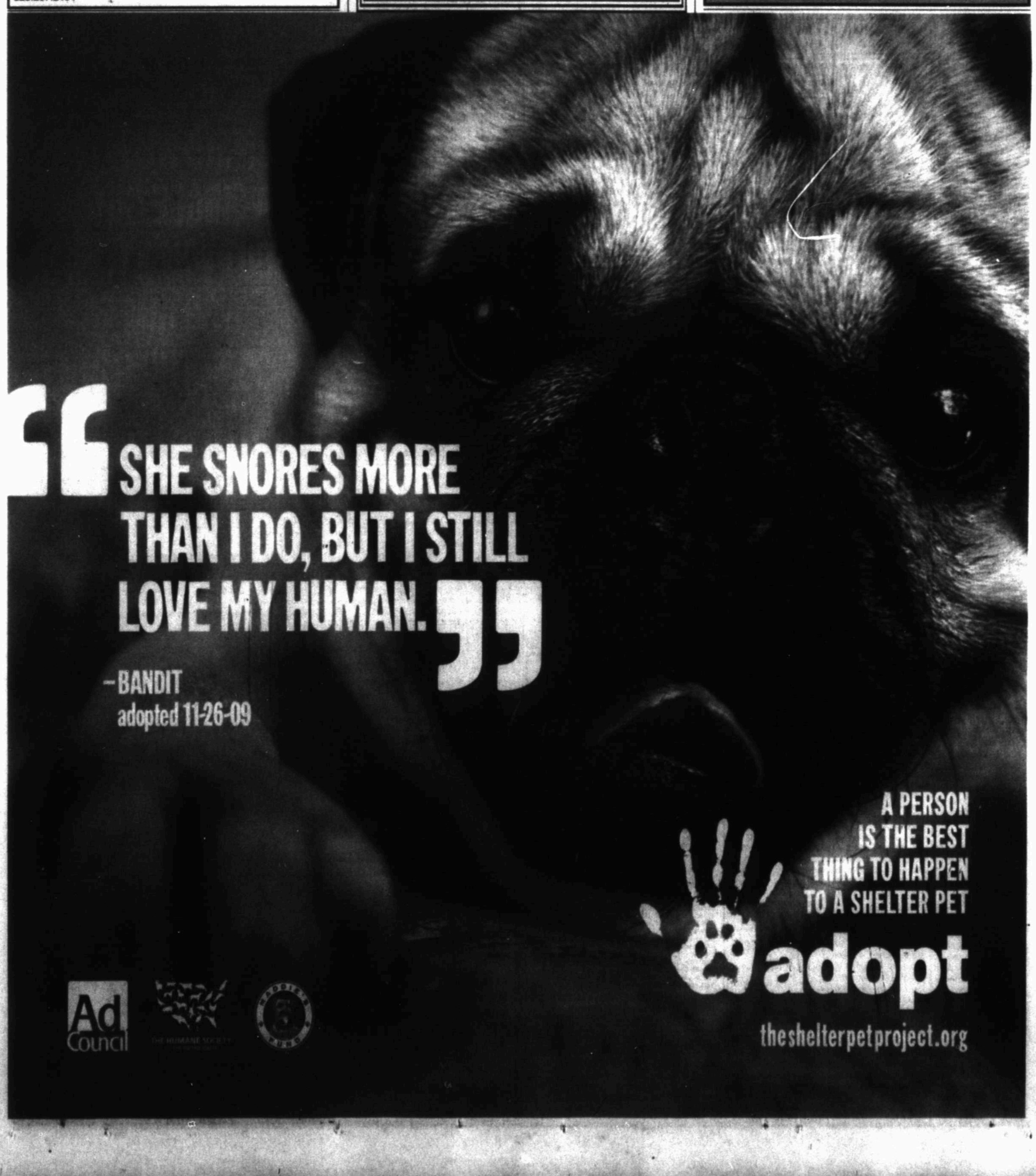
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Mobile Homes for Rent

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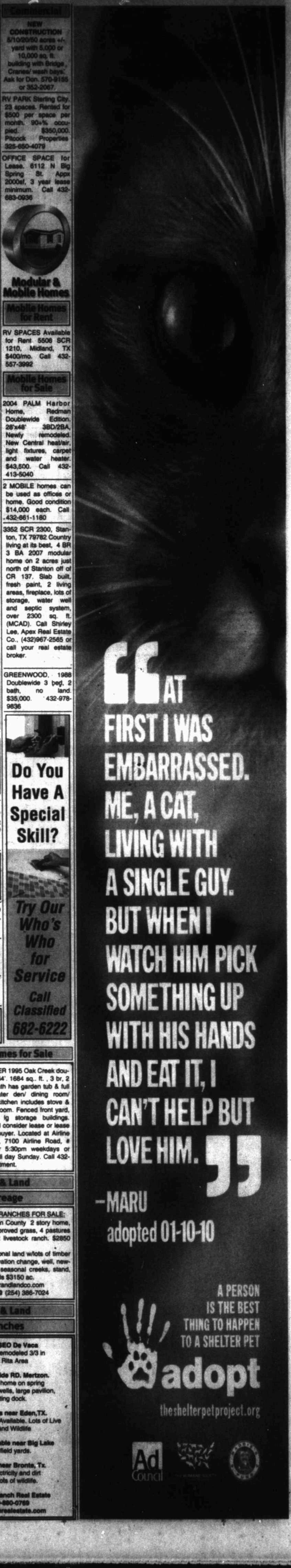
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Homes for Sale

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Restrictive feeding practices for children can backfire

By Tara Parker-Pope
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How hard will your child work for food?

In an experiment, researchers at Pennsylvania State University gave preschool children the opportunity to "work" for a food reward. All the child had to do was click a computer mouse four times to earn a cinnamon-flavored graham cracker.

But earning additional treats required progressively more effort. A second treat required eight clicks. Then 16. Then 32.

Some children were satisfied after one cracker, while others kept clicking for a few additional crackers. Most of the preschoolers were done after about 15 minutes, but some children stayed with it, accumulating as many as 2,000 clicks before the researchers ended the task after 30 minutes.

Children who are highly motivated by food — researchers have called them "reactive eaters" — are of particular interest to childhood health experts. Were they born this way? Or do parents create reactive eaters by imposing too many food rules and imposing restrictive eating practices at home?

The answer is probably a little bit of both. Genetics and biology play a role in the foods we like and the amounts we tend to eat. At the same time, studies show that children who grow up in homes with restrictive food rules, where a parent is constantly dieting or desirable foods are forbidden or placed out of reach, often develop stronger reactions to food and want more of it when the opportunity presents itself.

In the Penn State experiments, the same preschoolers who worked for food were later offered two types of graham crackers (Scooby-Doo or SpongeBob SquarePants) during their snack time. On five occasions, one type of graham cracker treat was freely available, while the other was placed in a glass bowl with a lid and put off limits. The restricted snacks were available for only five minutes of snack time.

Not surprisingly, the graham crackers that were off limits were enticing to all the preschoolers. But the children who had worked hardest in the clicking task — the "reactive" ones — also had the strongest response to the forbidden food.

They showed more interest in the off-limit snacks, and once they were available, took more and ate more than the children who had been less interested in clicking for food during the first experiment.

"The message is that restriction is counterproductive — it just doesn't work very well," said Brandi Rollins, a Penn State postdoctoral researcher and lead author of the study, which was published in February in the journal Appetite. "Restriction just increases a child's focus and intake of the food that the parent is trying to restrict."

Leann Birch, senior author of the Penn State studies and now food and nutrition professor at the University of Georgia, said additional research has shown that parents who impose highly restrictive food rules, such as putting desirable foods out of reach, tend to have children who are the most reactive to food in the laboratory.

"It's hard to talk cause-and-effect," said Birch. "The parents are responding to kids' reactivity, and the child is reacting to the parenting and to a general genetic predisposition. The only way to break the cycle is to try to get the parents to respond differently."

While restrictive feeding practices can backfire, that doesn't mean children should have unfettered access to all foods. Instead, parents should be aware that tight control over food can set off overeating in some children. The solution is to control the quality of the food in the home.

Don't buy soda, candy and chips and place them off limits on the top shelf of the pantry. Stock the house with healthful foods, and then allow children access and a reasonable amount of control over what they eat. At snack time, for instance, give them a choice between an apple or orange or vegetables with different dips.

The primary food rule should be "a high quality diet for all," said Dr. David Ludwig, director of the New Balance Foundation Obesity Prevention Center at Boston Children's Hospital.

Parents should not have different rules for themselves, or allow a thin child to eat junk food freely and restrict a sibling with a weight issue. Parents typically don't have to worry about an overweight child overeating when they are serving high-quality unprocessed foods. For instance, it's almost impossible to binge on apples. But process the apple into applesauce or juice, and it becomes easy to overeat.

Occasional treats outside the home are fine. "Take the kid out for ice cream once or twice a week, but don't keep it in the house," Birch said. Ludwig noted that with young children, parents needed to set more limits. But adolescents should be given more freedom to eat.

"I don't like the concept of telling a hungry child you can't eat," said Ludwig. "Ultimately, we want children to gain better connection to their inner satiety cues. So if their body is telling them they are hungry, don't ignore that — just pay close attention to the quality of the foods that are offered."

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When dealing with a customer, you always want things to go smoothly. So rather than fumbling through your wallet for change, or asking them to Yao-Ming it (youtu.be/2DH_3lt0R8o), step into the 21st century and start taking plastic.

Chances are you already have a smartphone, tablet or phablet, so no need to worry about taking card imprints and checking IDs. There are more and more companies entering the merchant account/mobile credit processing arena. We're partial to some established names since it's always better to be safe than sorry when dealing with money.

The first, and most prominent name to consider in taking mobile credit card payments is Square (squareup.com). Square lets you use a free phone attachment and their free app to take payments with ease. You can do so running multiple businesses and deposits are made the next business day, so your cash flow keeps running smoothly.

Their base per-swipe fee is higher than a normal merchant account would be at 2.75 percent (standard fees run around 2 percent), but as your business grows they allow you to set custom terms that lower your fees.

Another online payment mogul stepped into the on-the-go point-of-sale business in the past year or so. PayPal introduced their own mobile credit card processing attachment and app that they call PayPal Here (bit.ly/1lgcbk7). PayPal Here has the strong infrastructure already in place that made them the number one name in online person-to-person payments over the years, and on top of that has packed the most features into their app.

While very similar to Square in the service it provides, the PayPal Here app is known to be a little finicky with certain devices, so make sure you do a little research to see if it will work with your particular phone/tablet. If it is fully compatible, the lower per-swipe charge (2.7 percent), along with access to your cash in seconds, are very nice features.

Lastly, there's Intuit's GoPayment (intuit-gopayment.com). Intuit's product has the same pay-as-you-go rate as Square (2.75 percnet), or a monthly fee of $13 and a reduced per-swipe rate of 1.75 percent. It offers a more robust app than Square that has some nice personalization options for your business that PayPal Here does not, like adding custom logos on your automatic email receipts. It also allows you to add up to 50 users, a nice feature if your business has multiple people conducting sales.

So which one is right for you? If your business is just getting off the ground and you value ease of access and simplicity of use over in-depth reporting and robust support, then Square is probably the right choice for you.

If your business more established and you're looking for more in-depth reporting, but need to have instant access to funds to carry on day-to-day, then PayPal Here is more your style.

If you have an army of employees completing transactions out on the street, would like more functionality than Square, but want to save on your swipe fees, Intuit GoPayment is your best option.

Hopefully that helps simplify your payments and helps you get your wallet back down to a size that will fit into your pocket. However, if you still find yourself a little too flush with paper money, we're perfectly happy to accept tips at PropellerHeads HQ.

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