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Midland High School's 2010 Catoico Court was crowned April 16 in a ceremony at the school auditorium. This year's queen and king were Cora Patricia Drozd and Jason Glenn Carter.

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Businesses, foundations give MISD $6.25M

Superintendent Ryder Warren excited for collaboration's future phases

By Tessa Duvall
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The $6.25 million in donations for Midland ISD teacher signing and re-signing bonuses is just the beginning of the district's partnership with eight area companies and foundations, Superintendent Ryder Warren said Tuesday.

The district announced Tuesday morning the Midland ISD Education Foundation received donations from Concho Resources, Pioneer Natural Resources, Apache Corp., Warren Equipment Co., Chevron and the Abell-Hanger, Henry and Scharbauer foundations.

The donations will allow MISD to offer 325 signing bonuses worth $10,000 each to any new, qualified teacher who commits to working in MISD for at least three years, and 1,200 re-signing bonuses worth $2,500 for all current qualified teachers who sign on for the 2014-15 school year.

"We've been able to establish a very good relationship with most of these organizations, if not all of them," Warren said. "We talk often. We talk about community needs. We talk about the Chamber of Commerce. We talk about their needs versus my needs. There's been kind of a constant dialogue just from that relationship point of view for the last couple of years."

But the most exciting and innovative parts of the partnership are yet to come, Warren said.

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HAIR-RAISING SCIENCE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A Trinity student demonstrates the effect of static electricity during science night Tuesday at Trinity School's Beal Gym.

City to mull parking price increase at airport

■ Higher rates to compensate for new covered parking lot

By Joseph Basco
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The city of Midland is considering an increase to Midland International Airport parking rates as more space becomes available in the crowded lot.

The proposed rate increases, between $1.75 to $4, would make parking as low as $6 per day and as high as $12 per day. And the new covered parking lot, set to open in July, may have a $9-per day rate.

The new rates are expected to go before the council in June.

The rate increases are meant to help the city recoup the costs of the new parking lot, which is currently at $1.9 million but could be $2.2 million if more improvements are made. Justine Ruff, the deputy director of airports presenting the proposed rates to City Council on Tuesday, said the new lot could be paid off in four years or less with the new rates.

"The parking lot is a moneymaker for the airport," said J. Ross Lacy, District 4 councilman and airport board member. "That's the reason the airport shows the highest profits it has shown the last couple of years."

"It's the biggest revenue source of the airport," Ruff said.

The covered parking lot, in construction since summer 2013, will add 200 more covered parking spots. But the new lot is farther from the terminal than the economy lot — about a four-minute walk to the entrance.

The $1.9 million covered construction of the new parking spots, but the city has $300,000 from leftover grant funds that may be used for a walkway across La Force Boulevard to the economy parking lot.

Without the crosswalk, people would have to walk on the sidewalk on La Force Boulevard, around the current lots, to the airport terminal entrance. Ruff said it takes four minutes to walk from the lot to the entrance.

Airport staff has been looking to build additional parking since 2012, when they noticed that the current 300-space covered lot was constantly full. Staff discovered that parking would always be 85 percent full, even exceeding capacity during the holiday season.

While demand has increased, the rates have stayed the same since 2001. The increases would put the Midland airport more in line with other Texas airports. The proposed $6-per day rate for economy parking would be less than the $7-per day rate at Lubbock's Preston Smith International Airport but more than the $5-per day rate at El Paso International Airport.

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Midland dubbed 'stormiest county' in Texas

By Cale Ottens
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Midland County homes are more frequently damaged by wind and hail than any other Texas county, according to recent statistics from Allstate.

The publicly traded insurance company tallied the number of both hail and wind homeowner property claims between 2009 and 2013 within every Texas county with at least 3,500 Allstate customers, according to Kristen Freis, a company spokeswoman.

Freis said the rankings were weighted by population. So even though El Paso, Dallas and Lubbock counties rank below Midland, there could have been more claims filed within those counties, she said.

Regardless of the rankings, however, Freis said counties with the highest frequency of claims are located all over the state.

"Texas has more different kinds of natural disasters than any other state," she said. "It's not a question of if we'll get severe weather, it's when."

Top 10 in Texas

Top 10 Texas counties with highest frequency of wind and hail claims between 2009 and 2013

1. Midland
2. El Paso
3. Dallas
4. Lubbock
5. Johnson
6. Williamson
7. Hidalgo
8. Randall
9. Parker
10. Denton

Source: Allstate insurance company

Inclement weather is just one of many factors that help determine the cost of an insurance policy, Freis said, meaning it wouldn't be fair to say Midlanders pay more on average just because there are more claims from local homeowners.

Water damage caused by incidents that happen inside a home and theft, for example, also factor into the price of an insurance policy, Freis said.

"It's not just rates," she said. "Every customer has different policies that they're under. It's always important to meet with your insurance provider so you know what's covered in your policy and to make sure you get all of the discounts you qualify for."

Freis did not know specifically where Midland ranks compared to other Texas counties as far as the average cost of a policy.

The Allstate data also ranked the Texas counties with the highest frequency of lightning claims. Midland didn't make the Top 25 list. Smith County in east Texas was ranked No. 1 in that category.

Ector County was not included on either list, despite its close proximity to Midland County.

Freis said it could be possible that Odessa has fewer than 3,500 Allstate customers, or homeowners in Ector County could have avoided extensive damage caused by wind and hail storms.

To avoid significant damage, Allstate suggests residents park vehicles in their garage to avoid damage from hail or tree limbs that fly around during wind storms.

The company also suggests that residents create a safety plan to be prepared for a tornado and keep a video or photographic record of personal property.

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The big number
Monday night week is fatality
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In this December 2013 image taken from a video by KDFW-FOX 4, Ethan Couch is seen during his court hearing in Fort Worth. The family of Couch, who killed four people in a drunken wreck, have reached a settlement of more than $2 million with the family of a teenage boy left disabled. Tarrant County court documents filed Friday show that the liability insurer of Ethan Couch's parents agreed to pay $1.64 million in cash to a trust established for Sergio E. Molina.

'Affluenza' teen's family to pay victim $2M

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The family of a Texas teenager who killed four people in a drunken-driving wreck has agreed to pay more than $2 million to the family of a boy who was paralyzed in the accident, according to court documents detailing the first approved settlement in the case.

The liability insurer of Ethan Couch's parents agreed to pay more than $1 million in cash and the rest in annuities to a trust established for Sergio E. Molina, who was among 12 people injured in the wreck last year near Fort Worth.

Couch's case drew national attention after his attorneys argued that his wealthy parents coddled the then-16-year-old into a sense of irresponsibility, which one witness termed "affluenza." He was sentenced to 10 years of probation and ordered to a rehab facility.

Molina, who was riding in the back of Couch's pickup when it flipped, can now only smile and blink, according to his parents. He has been in the hospital since the June accident.

His older brother, Alexander Lemus, said his family was disappointed in the settlement.

"We're not happy about it, but we just have to take what we got and strive for better days," he said Tuesday.

Along with the cash payment, the Couches' insurer will buy two annuities to make monthly payments of $1,515 and $1,837 to the trust starting in July, and another annuity to cover attorneys' fees, according to Tarrant County court documents.

Molina was in the bed of Couch's Ford F-350 truck on June 15, 2013, when Couch swerved and hit a stranded motorist and three people who had stopped to help her. All four were killed.

The pickup also rammed a parked car, sending it into another car traveling in the opposite lane, before the truck rolled over and smashed into a tree. Molina was tossed out and landed on his head.

Molina's parents sued Couch and his parents three months later, saying in a petition to the court that Molina's medical expenses had exceeded $600,000 and that lifetime care could cost them more than $10 million.

Five other families of the injured or killed also have settled with the Couches, pending court approval. Details of those settlements haven't been released. One family is seeking a jury trial.

Randy Nelson, the attorney representing Couch's parents, Fred and Tonya Couch, declined comment to The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Lawsuit: Controversy should delay execution

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas prison officials must reveal the source of their lethal injection drugs to avoid an incident "as horrific" as last week's bungled execution in Oklahoma, attorneys for a Texas death row inmate argued Tuesday in an attempt to delay his upcoming execution.

Lawyers for Robert Campbell filed a federal civil rights lawsuit citing the Oklahoma execution that went awry when an intravenous line of lethal drugs became dislodged, a failure that went unnoticed for 21 minutes. The inmate, Clayton Lockett, later died of an apparent heart attack.

Oklahoma prison authorities have blamed a collapsed vein, not the drugs, for the injection problem, though an investigation is ongoing.

Campbell's lawyers argued that the problem is the secrecy surrounding the drugs, and that the drug supplier's name is necessary to obtain and test the efficiency of the drugs — arguments that have been rejected by federal courts in Texas and other states in recent months .

"The possible cause of Mr. Lockett's botched execution are all issues that have been, are, or could be problematic in Texas," according to the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Houston. "There is a substantial risk that Mr. Campbell's execution could be as horrific as Mr. Lockett's."

Texas' Department of Criminal Justice, which is among the named defendants in the lawsuit, "does not comment on pending litigation," agency spokesman Jason Clark said Tuesday.

Like several other states, Texas has refused to identify the source of its execution drug by citing possible threats of violence to the supplier if it's disclosed. Texas uses a single drug, pentobarbital, while Oklahoma used a three-drug combination.

Campbell's attorneys said it doesn't matter that different drugs were used in Oklahoma, because all of the potent drugs have potentially serious side effects. The risk to inmates like Campbell, who was convicted of abducting, raping and killing a woman in 1991, "derives primarily from the secrecy of the entire process — not the individual drug that might be used in one execution vs. the next," the lawsuit argues.

Questions about execution procedures have drawn renewed attention from defense attorneys and death penalty opponents in recent months as states have been forced to scramble to find new sources of execution drugs.

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"We're going to get together and talk about next steps," Warren said. "What do we really need? What kind of research do we need to do? Do we need to go to another town, do we need to go across the state, across the county? Do we need to go to another country to research what kind of educational system serves kids the best?"

Future plans for MISD's partnership with these donors are not yet finalized, but Warren said he is excited about the potential for innovation and improvement. He said he hopes to continue conversations and brainstorming as soon as possible.

"We could dream even bigger than we have been," he said. "People say, 'You're going to ask for more money for facilities.' No, that's not what I mean. I'm just talking so far out of the box that we haven't even (yet) thought to improve this place."

The initial $6.25 million allows the district to enhance its efforts to recruit and retain quality teachers, he said. A district analysis showed that MISD has four groups of new teachers it needs to recruit: to replace losses from normal attrition, such as retiring or moving teachers; to replace teachers who were not asked to stay with the district; teachers to handle growth within the district; and teachers to account for new course offerings as the result of House Bill 5.

The specifics on the agreement for the signing bonus have not yet been finalized, but the $10,000 sum will be paid out over three years, Warren said.

The district also wanted to make sure that current MISD teachers were incentivized to remain here, he said.

"We just rehired 1,200 teachers," Warren said. "The morale issue is huge for me. I have a staff of 3,000 members, and their morale, their feelings are very important in running a school district. I did not want to do something for brand new people in the community and do nothing for those who have stuck with us as long as they have."

Normal attrition across the state is about 10 to 15 percent, Warren said, whereas MISD's rate is closer to 18 to 20 percent.

Money for signing and re-signing bonuses applies to teachers signing contracts for the 2014-15 school year. To consider granting similar bonuses in the future would require asking the donors for additional money, Warren said, adding that right now, he wants to focus on the research phase of the plan.

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"We are currently low, compared to other airports around the region," Lacy said. "I don't think (the rate increases are) uncalled for. It puts us back up to market."

One of the airport's direct competitors for parking, Premier Parking, currently has rates set at $7.50 per day for uncovered parking and $8.90 per day for covered parking. The owner of Premier Parking was out of town and unavailable for a comment regarding future rates.

When asked about the potential rate increases, Mayor Jerry Morales said they are reasonable and that the demand for parking is up. He also said that keeping rates the same for years sets the city further back.

"In this type of day people assume — because growth is happening and sales tax receipts are strong — revenue is coming in and we can afford everything," Morales said. "So we do have to keep up with the times."

Also on Tuesday, the council:

■ Deferred the first of two votes on an ordinance that would regulate payday loan businesses in Midland. District 2 Councilman John Love asked for a deferral because of the potential for litigation in the matter.

Other Texas cities are being sued by payday loan businesses because there are existing state and federal regulations.

■ Approved advertising for bids for Hogan Park Golf Course renovations. The scope of the project is to reduce the irrigated turf while improving the playing surfaces.

Other improvements include enlarged tees, reduced mounding, leveled and re-grassed roughs and fairways, and a new pump station and pump house. Construction may begin in June.

■ Congratulated City Attorney Keith Stretcher on his pending retirement, effective Feb. 28, 2015. Each council member took a moment to thank Stretcher for his years of service to the city before giving him a standing round of applause.

Perry says he didn't seek deal over vetoed funding

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry says he never tried making a deal with an Austin district attorney about vetoed state funding that's now the focus of a grand jury investigation.

Perry said Tuesday he would let the case "play out its course" as a grand jury in Austin considers whether the possible 2016 Republican presidential candidate abused his power last summer.

It was the first time Perry has said anything public about the investigation since a grand jury was seated last month.

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FILL THE BOOT KICKS OFF

The Midland Fire Department and Professional Firefighters Association of Midland will be collecting donations today through Friday for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The firefighters will be out from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Midland Drive and Loop 250, Midland Drive and Andrews Highway and Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue.

MPD: Police look for robbery suspects

From staff reports

The Midland Police Department is looking for two suspects wanted in connection with an aggravated robbery that occurred last week.

Two males entered the West Texas Inn and Suites, 1000 W. Interstate 20, at about 11 p.m. Friday, forced their way behind the counter with knives and threatened the clerks, said Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

After taking money from the register, the two men fled the scene southbound on Rankin Highway in a white, older model sedan.

Midland Crime Stoppers is offering up to $1,000 in cash for anyone who calls in with information that leads to the suspects' arrest. Anyone with information can call Midland Crime Stoppers at 432-694-TIPS or 1-800-7LOCKUP or text TIP 247 then your message to 274637. No caller is ever used and callers will remain anonymous.

DPS: Man dies after Monday night crash

From staff reports

A North Carolina man died at Midland Memorial Hospital on Monday night after a two-vehicle crash on South Highway 158, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Sean Ritterpusch, 44, of Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, died at about 11 p.m. Monday following the collision that injured a Brownfield man.

Ritterpusch's pickup was traveling east on the wrong side of Highway 158 at about 10 p.m. Monday when his vehicle collided with a westbound SUV, causing the SUV to overturn. Ritterpusch was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash, according to DPS.

The SUV driver, a 47-year-old Brownfield man, was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries.

Ritterpusch is the 16th person to die this year on roads in Midland County, according to Reporter-Telegram reports.

By the numbers

Fatalities on Midland County roads by month:

January	5
February	3
March	4
April	3
May	1

This is the first fatal accident on Highway 158 this year. There have been three fatalities on Interstate 20 and one fatality on an I-20 service road. Three fatalities have occurred on or near Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

The last fatality occurred April 17 when a 58-year-old Crosbyton man died after a tire on his vehicle blew out and he was ejected from the vehicle on Interstate 20.

Then, a 70-year-old Midland man died April 14, the day after he was hit by a vehicle while he was operating an electric scooter in the 2300 block of South Rankin Highway.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jaime Y. Aviles-Chavez, 35, of Midland was charged Monday with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Kirsten L. Cook, 24, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Doyle W. Dennis, 60, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Shawn D. Dozier, 29, of Midland was charged Monday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

Leonardo Gallegos Jr., 35, of Midland was charged Monday with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Lisa M. Gilland, 27, of Midland was charged Monday with theft.

Jose A. Juarez, 32, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Michael R. Lamberti, 41, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation, theft and writ of habeas corpus.

Kenyatta D. Leary, 37, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Israel Martinez, 17, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Margarita M. Navarrette, 35, of Midland was charged Monday with criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000.

Maria J. Stephens, 33, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Shaneka C. Williams, 18, of Midland was charged Monday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

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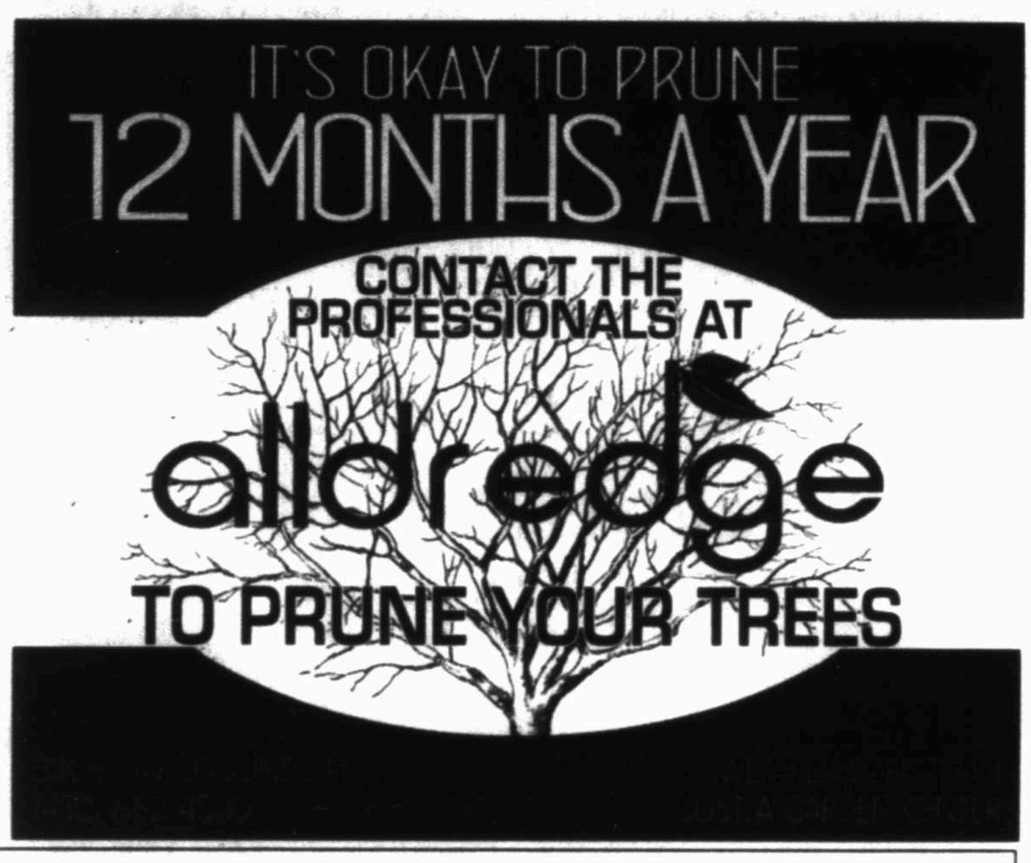

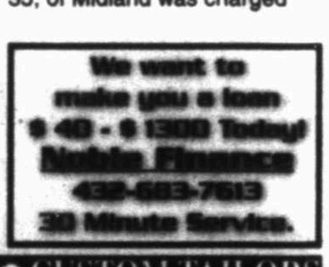

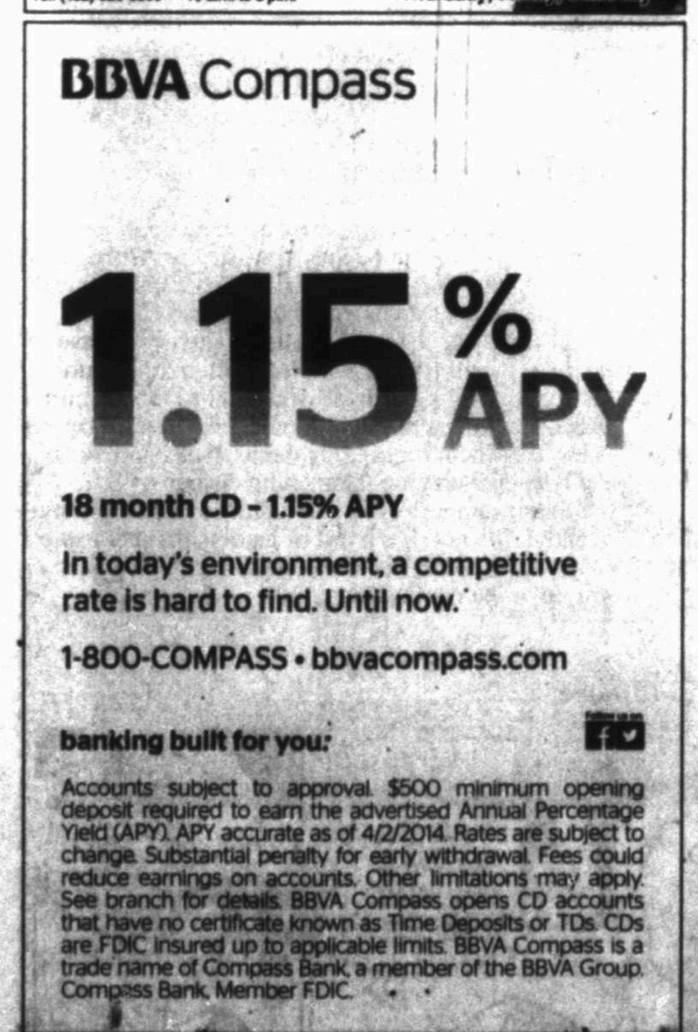

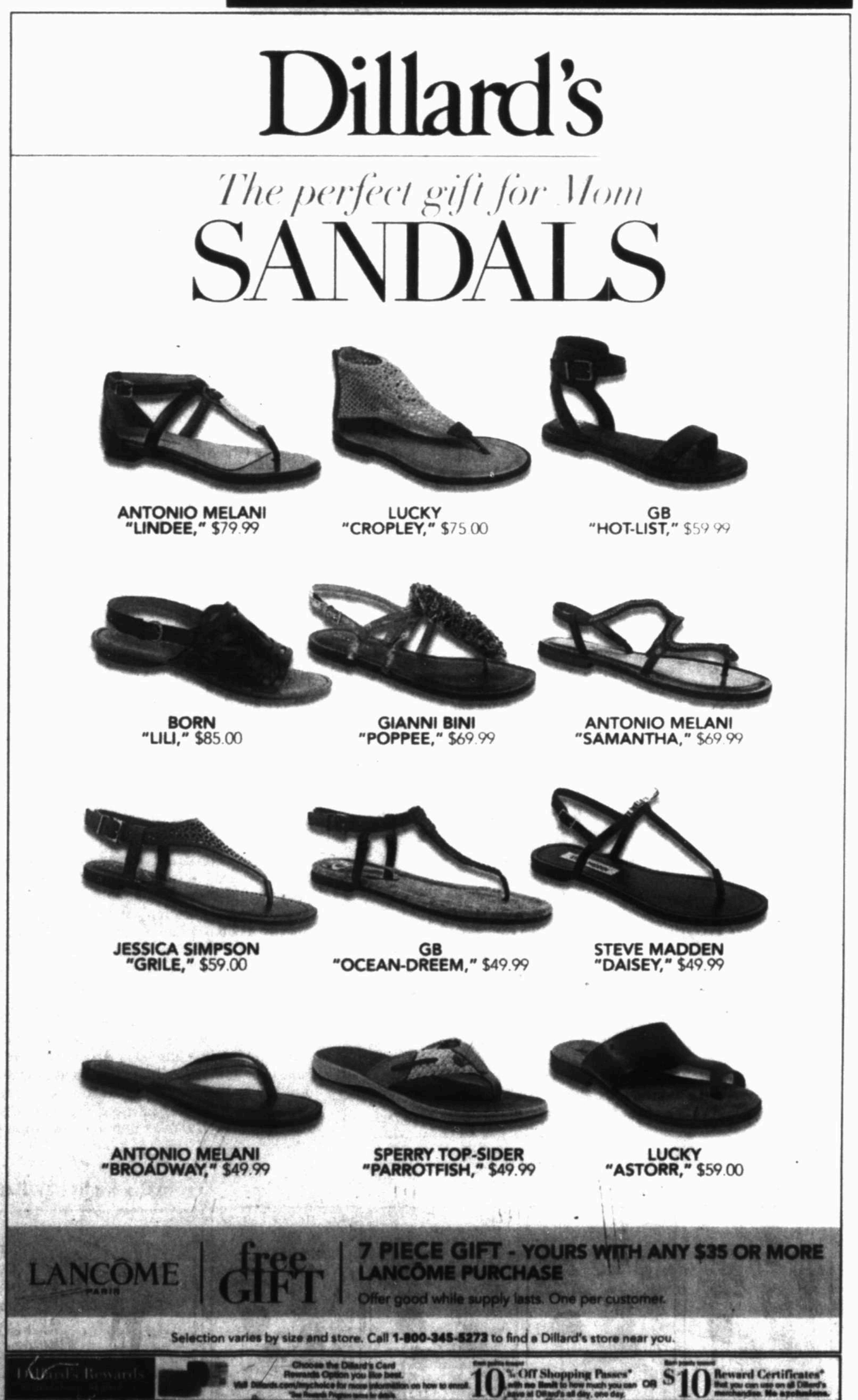

Lack of transparency worsens Benghazi problem

■ Turning over more information sooner would have helped the White House put the story to bed earlier

DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

If Republicans succeed in turning the Benghazi "scandal" from a nothingburger into a Double Big Mac, the Obama White House can blame its own secrecy and obsessive control over information.

On Monday afternoon, a White House press briefing was dominated for a third time by questions about Benghazi since an email was released last week showing that the White House was more involved than previously acknowledged in shaping the way Susan Rice, then ambassador to the United Nations, spoke on TV about the 2012 attack on U.S. personnel in Libya.

"Does the White House plan to cooperate with the House Select Committee on Benghazi?" The Associated Press' Julie Pace asked.

"Don't you feel like you need to get that message out more strongly, that it wasn't a politicization on the White House's part after the fact?" inquired Michelle Kosinski of CNN.

On it went for the better part of an hour, fueled by House Speaker John Boehner's announcement of a Benghazi select committee to be led by the showboating second-term Rep. Trey Gowdy, a tea party Republican from South Carolina. Press Secretary Jay Carney shrugged, grinned and parried, but recognized that he would not be able to make the story go away. "We can talk about this as much as you want in this room, but it's not going to change the facts," he said.

As I've argued before, Benghazi doesn't qualify as a scandal because the Republican allegations, even if true, don't amount to much. It is indeed scandalous that weak security allowed the killings to occur, and that the perpetrators still haven't been brought to justice. But instead, Republicans are focusing on Rice's TV talking points, under the theory that she emphasized the role of a provocative video and street protests so the violence wouldn't disprove President Obama's contention before the 2012 election that terrorists were being defeated.

Even if that were so — and even if you ignore CIA testimony saying Rice's statements were based on the intelligence community's assessment — within days of the ambassador's appearance all kinds of administration officials were identifying Benghazi as a terrorist attack. There was nothing gained politically by Rice suggesting otherwise.

But the White House unwittingly gave the matter new life by disobeying the first rule of crisis management: Get all information out there, quickly. A State Department email, made public last week in response to a conservative group's Freedom of Information Act request, made it look as if the White House had something to hide. The email, which hadn't been provided to congressional investigators, was from deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes from Sept. 14, 2012, and titled "PREP CALL with Susan." Rhodes wanted her "to underscore that these protests are rooted in an Internet video, and not a broader failure of policy."

Carney says that email was about Middle East protests generally, not Benghazi specifically. Regardless, he and his colleagues are paying a heavy price for not putting it out sooner.

On top of that, the whole flap over Rice and the "talking points" was caused largely by the White House's attempt to control tightly the dissemination of information. Rice's appearance on all five major Sunday news shows on Sept. 16, 2012, was a by-product of the administration's reluctance to subject senior officials to scrutiny. The networks had asked for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for that Sunday, but as Politico's Glenn Thrush reported last year, Clinton wasn't offered, and neither was national security adviser Tom Donilon nor CIA Director David Petraeus.

Any of those three more senior officials, closer to the situation, might have offered a more nuanced assessment and avoided the conflagration Rice's scripted response caused.

On Monday, when reporters asked about the new Benghazi committee, Carney noted that seven committees had already held 13 hearings and 50 briefings on the subject and gone through 25,000 pages of documents. He spoke, accurately, of the "highly partisan" nature of the probes. But it didn't help him.

"That doesn't answer the question of whether you're going to cooperate with the committee or not," said AP's Pace.

Alexis Simendinger of RealClearPolitics: "The administration is not going to cooperate?"

The Wall Street Journal's Carol Lee: "Do you see it as a legitimate investigation?"

Following up to a question about the kidnapped schoolgirls in Nigeria, CBS' Bill Plante asked: "Would it be impolite to point out that that doesn't answer [the] question?"

"It would be," Carney replied.

Regarding Benghazi, it is also impolite — but necessary — to point out that Carney and his colleagues' opacity made their Benghazi problem worse.

OUR VIEW

Midland's businesses, foundations step up for school district

The community one again has stepped up for our school district, and again, we are blown away by the results. Midland ISD announced on Tuesday that five businesses and three foundations are contributing $6.25 million to the Midland ISD Education Foundation to support current and future teachers. These generous entities are Concho Resources, Pioneer Natural Resources, Apache Corp., Warren Equipment Co., Chevron and the Abell-Hanger, Henry and Scharbauer foundations.

The money donated will be used for an initiative designed to recruit and retain the best teachers. The initiative includes:

■ Offering 325 signing bonuses of $10,000 for new qualified teaching applicants who will commit to teaching in MISD for at least three years;

■ Offering 1,200 "re-signing bonuses" of $2,500 for all current qualified teachers who sign on for the 2014-15 school year.

In our view, there is no doubt the community has stepped up to support its school district during challenging times. Other communities have used Midland's housing issues and the higher cost of living as tools to recruit our teachers. Well, it appears Midland is well-armed to win that fight. MISD officials now can recruit the best college graduates and other teachers with salaries, bonuses and housing stipends that we believe can rival, if not surpass, that offered by comparable school districts. We are excited about the prospects.

Of course with this most generous donation comes a certain reality. Midland ISD must deliver. There are no excuses for not being able to attract top talent to West Texas. There are no reasons for settling for teachers who really shouldn't have been in the classroom in the first place. We must see results at all levels. It really doesn't matter what the state has thrown our way in terms of legislation or education funding plans. That is the reality, and there are no excuses — not when our community has bought in like we have seen.

And it is that buy-in that amazes us. Thank you to Concho Resources, Pioneer Natural Resources, Apache Corp., Warren Equipment Co., Chevron, The Abell-Hanger Foundation, The Henry Foundation and The Scharbauer Foundation for stepping up and leading. Over and over, you have come through for this community, and Midland is better because you are here.

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Beltway last place truth will emerge

■ Benghazi inquiry will test our leaders' ability to hold people accountable

RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Washington Post Writers Group

Now that Americans are restarting the argument over the terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, the picture of what happened on Sept. 11, 2012, and how the administration responded is becoming clearer — just as the politics surrounding the attack are becoming cloudier.

Since it is now known the administration didn't release all the information it should have, House Speaker John Boehner was right to convene a special committee to investigate the incident, and Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C. — a highly capable former federal prosecutor — is an excellent choice to lead that inquiry.

Still, after several days of partisan spin from both sides, I'm becoming convinced that the last place we're going to find the truth is within the Washington Beltway. All we seem to find are competing agendas and a lot of bobbing and weaving.

David Plouffe is now a contributor for ABC News where, on a recent installment of "This Week," the former White House senior adviser insisted that Republicans were "delusional" and that Boehner was bullied by extremists in his own party to push the line that there was a "conspiracy" to cover up the facts.

Emmy-winning former CBS News investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson — during an appearance on Fox News — accused Plouffe and other spinners of engaging in a "well-orchestrated strategy to controversialize a story they really don't want to hear about." Attkisson called Benghazi "a legitimate news story and a legitimate area of journalistic inquiry."

This discussion could lead nowhere fast. There ought to be ground rules. Here are three:

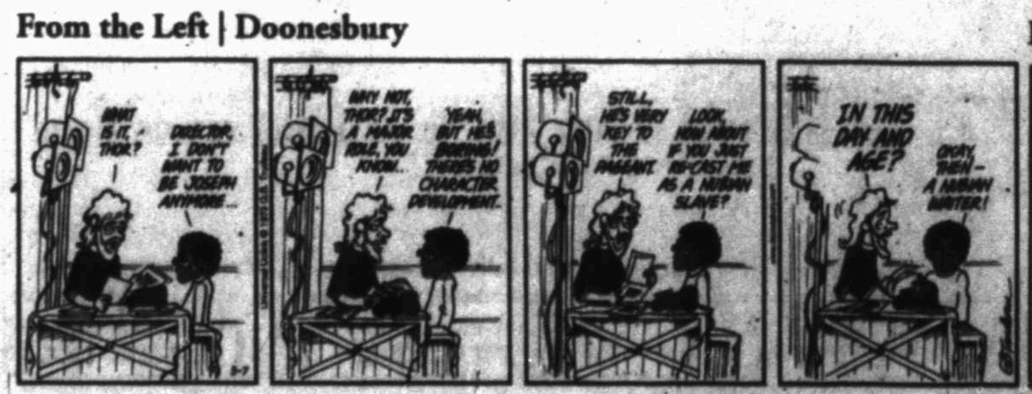
■ If you insist on framing this issue in terms of Hillary Clinton's future, you need to keep quiet. As much as conservatives want to hold Clinton accountable for an attack on a consulate during her watch as secretary of state, and liberals want to protect her from Republican attempts to derail her possible bid for the White House, Americans must not lose sight what this story is really about. It's not about Clinton. It's about honoring the memory of four murdered Americans who served our country, both in the military and the diplomatic corps, by finding out the truth about why they died and whether there was a serious dereliction of duty in Washington. The most important question isn't what keeps Republicans preoccupied — why the administration initially advanced the false narrative about a video being to blame for the attack. It's why help was never dispatched. Everything else is a distraction.

■ No more wasting time on the sort of hackneyed stunts that press secretaries and spokespeople in both parties use to keep information from being released to the media, even when it is specifically asked for. If it's not "Sorry, we can't comment because there is an ongoing investigation (that never ends)," then it's releasing the information one bite at a time so that the public loses interest, memories fade and passions cool. We either value and take seriously the role of the media to act as a watchdog over the excesses of government, or we just should accept the fact that there is no accountability on the part of our elected officials. During a recent radio interview, Attkisson took note of this strategy as she lamented the fact that Judicial Watch, the conservative legal advocacy group, was able to get emails that she and other journalists had requested for two years with no success.

■ Let's also try to take the politics out of the story. Republicans are saying that Democrats could pay a price for the administration's actions in November because this issue could energize the conservative base. Meanwhile, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid criticized the convening of the investigative committee as an election-year gimmick. "For Republicans to waste the American people's time and money staging a partisan political circus instead of focusing on the middle class is simply a bad decision," Reid said. There you have it. If the hyperpartisan Reid really thought Republicans were making a "bad" decision that would hurt them with voters at election time, he wouldn't be criticizing them for digging themselves into a hole. He'd be encouraging them to dig deeper.

Obama supporters like to call Benghazi a phony scandal. It's not. It's a test of leadership and a stab at accountability. Let's hope our elected officials are up to the challenge.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

FOR ADULTS WITH **DUPUYTREN'S CONTRACTURE** WHEN A "CORD" CAN BE FELT

YOU MAY HAVE MORE OPTIONS THAN YOU THINK, AND THAT'S **NO SMALL THING**

Does this contracture sound familiar? If you have been wondering if there is more than one option for treating your Dupuytren's contracture, there is. XIAFLEX is the only FDA-approved therapy that is administered during an office-based procedure to treat Dupuytren's contracture when a "cord" can be felt. A hand specialist trained to inject XIAFLEX performs the procedure, and no general anesthesia is required for administration.

Studies show that treatment with XIAFLEX may help straighten the affected finger and improve range of motion. These results have been proven in clinical studies ranging from less severe to more severe. And that's no small thing.

In two clinical studies, 64% and 44% of people treated with XIAFLEX were able to straighten their affected fingers to within 5 degrees of normal, and 5% of patients receiving placebo had a straight or nearly straight finger after up to 3 XIAFLEX injection procedures. Most people required 1 or 2 XIAFLEX injections with XIAFLEX to help "break" the cord.

Since February 2010, approximately 20,000 people have had their Dupuytren's contracture treated with XIAFLEX.

Talk to your doctor to see if XIAFLEX may be right for you.

Do not receive XIAFLEX if you have had an allergic reaction to collagenase clostridium histolyticum or any of the ingredients in XIAFLEX or to any other collagenase product.

XIAFLEX can cause serious side effects including tendon rupture (tissue), ligament damage, nerve injury or other serious injury of the hand, or allergic reaction. Surgery could be required to fix the damaged tendon or ligament.

Call your doctor right away if you have trouble bending your injected finger after the swelling goes down, pain, tingling, numbness, or problems using your treated hand or arm, swollen face, breathing trouble, or chest pain.

Bruising or bleeding at the injection site can happen in people who receive XIAFLEX. It is important to tell your doctor about a prior allergic reaction to XIAFLEX, or if you have a bleeding problem or use a blood thinner.

Commonly affected areas: hand swelling, bruising, injection site reaction or bleeding, and pain.

XIAFLEX should be administered only by a healthcare provider who is experienced in injection procedures of the hand and treating people with Dupuytren's contracture.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see Important Product Information on the following page.

Find a XIAFLEX-experienced hand specialist near you. Use the Physician Locator tool at XIAFLEX.com.

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Important Product Information
XIAFLEX® (Zi a flex)
(collagenase clostridium histolyticum)
For injection, for intralesional use

Read this Important Product Information before you receive XIAFLEX for the treatment of Dupuytren's contracture and each time you get an injection. There may be new information. This Important Product Information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment.

What is the most important information I should know about XIAFLEX for the treatment of Dupuytren's contracture?

XIAFLEX can cause serious side effects, including:

1. **Tendon rupture or ligament damage.** Receiving an injection of XIAFLEX may cause damage to a tendon or ligament in your hand and cause it to break or weaken. This could require surgery to fix the damaged tendon or ligament. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have trouble bending your injected finger (towards the wrist) after the swelling goes down or you have problems using your treated hand after your follow-up visit.
2. **Nerve injury or other serious injury of the hand. Call your healthcare provider right away** if you get numbness, tingling, or increased pain in your treated finger or hand after your injection or after your follow-up visit.
3. **Allergic reactions.** Severe allergic reactions can happen in people who receive XIAFLEX, because it contains foreign proteins.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms of an allergic reaction after an injection of XIAFLEX:

- Hives, swollen face, breathing trouble, chest pain

What is XIAFLEX?

XIAFLEX is a prescription medicine used to treat adults with Dupuytren's contracture when a "cord" can be felt. It is not known if XIAFLEX is safe and effective in children under the age of 18.

Who should not receive XIAFLEX?

Do not receive XIAFLEX if you:

- have had an allergic reaction to collagenase clostridium histolyticum, or any of the ingredients in XIAFLEX, or to any other collagenase product. See the end of this Important Product Information for a complete list of ingredients in XIAFLEX.

Talk to your healthcare provider before receiving this medicine if you have any of these conditions.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before receiving XIAFLEX?

Before receiving XIAFLEX, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have had an allergic reaction to a XIAFLEX injection in the past, have a bleeding problem, have received XIAFLEX to treat another condition, have any other medical conditions, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if XIAFLEX will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if XIAFLEX passes into your breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you receive XIAFLEX.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Using XIAFLEX with certain other medicines can cause serious side effects.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- medicines to thin your blood (anticoagulants). If you are told to stop taking a blood thinner before your XIAFLEX injection, your healthcare provider should tell you when to restart the blood thinner.

Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of these medicines, if you are not sure. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How will I receive XIAFLEX?

- XIAFLEX should be injected into a cord by a healthcare provider who is experienced in injection procedures of the hand and treating people with Dupuytren's contracture.
- Your healthcare provider will inject XIAFLEX into the cord that is causing your finger to bend.
- After an injection of XIAFLEX, your affected hand will be wrapped with a bandage. You should limit moving and using the treated finger after the injection.
  - **Do not** bend or straighten the fingers of the injected hand until your healthcare provider says it is okay. This will help to keep the medicine from leaking out of the cord.
  - **Do not** try to straighten the treated finger yourself.
- Keep the injected hand elevated until bedtime.
- **Call your healthcare provider right away if you have:**
  - signs of infection after your injection, such as fever, chills, increased redness, or swelling, numbness or tingling in the treated finger, trouble bending the injected finger after the swelling goes down
- Return to your healthcare provider's office as directed on the day after your injection. During this first follow-up visit, if you still have the cord, your healthcare provider may try to extend the treated finger to "break" the cord and try to straighten your finger.
- Your healthcare provider will provide you with a splint to wear on the treated finger. Wear the splint as instructed by your healthcare provider at bedtime to keep your finger straight.
- Do finger exercises each day, as instructed by your healthcare provider.
- Follow your healthcare provider's instructions about when you can start doing your normal activities with the injected hand.

What are the possible side effects of XIAFLEX?

XIAFLEX may cause serious side effects, including:

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about XIAFLEX?"**
- **increased chance of bleeding.** Bleeding or bruising at the injection site can happen in people who receive XIAFLEX. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have a problem with your blood clotting. XIAFLEX may not be right for you.

The most common side effects with XIAFLEX for the treatment of Dupuytren's contracture include:

- swelling of the injection site or the hand, bruising or bleeding at the injection site, pain or tenderness of the injection site or the hand, swelling of the lymph nodes (glands) in the elbow or armpit (axilla), itching, breaks in the skin, redness or warmth of the skin, pain in the armpit

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or does not go away. These are not all of the possible side effects with XIAFLEX. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of XIAFLEX.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in the Important Product Information.

This Important Product Information summarizes the most important information about XIAFLEX. If you would like more information, talk to your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about XIAFLEX that is written for health professionals.

For more information, go to www.XIAFLEX.com or call 1-877-663-0412.

What are the ingredients in XIAFLEX?

Active ingredient: collagenase clostridium histolyticum

Inactive ingredients: hydrochloric acid, sucrose, and tromethamine. The diluent contains: calcium chloride dihydrate in 0.9% sodium chloride

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Mapping climate change

Observed and projected effects of climate change across U.S. regions, according to the latest U.S. National Climate Assessment:

1 Northeast
Heat waves, extreme precipitation and coastal flooding due to sea level rise, storm surge

2 Southeast and Caribbean*
More competition for water due to reduced availability, population growth and land use change; more risks related to hurricanes, other extreme events

3 Midwest
Higher crop yields due to longer growing seasons and rise in carbon dioxide levels; offset by heat waves, droughts, floods and other extremes

4 Great Plains
Higher demand for water and energy due to rising temperatures, which also affect farming

5 Southwest
More competition for scarce water supply, wildfires as a result of drought, increased warming

6 Northwest
Lower water supply in summer due to earlier snowmelt

7 Alaska
Receding summer ice, shrinking glaciers and thawing permafrost damage infrastructure, impact Alaska Natives

8 Hawaii and Pacific Islands*
Decreased food and water supplies due to constrained fresh water supplies, higher temperatures

Other areas
• **Coasts** Lifelines, such as water pipes, evacuation routes, are more vulnerable to higher sea levels, storm surges, inland flooding
• **Oceans** Damage to marine ecosystems and acidification due to absorbing carbon dioxide emissions and heat associated with global warming

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Source: U.S. National Climate Assessment
Graphic: Pat Carr

Federal report: Warming disrupts Americans' lives

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans are already feeling man-made global warming, from heat waves to wild storms to longer allergy seasons. And it is likely to get worse and more expensive, says a new federal report that is heating up political debate along with the temperature.

Shortly after the report came out Tuesday, President Barack Obama used several television weathermen to make his point about the bad weather news and a need for action to curb carbon pollution before it is too late.

"We want to emphasize to the public, this is not some distant problem of the future. This is a problem that is affecting Americans right now," Obama told "Today" show weathercaster Al Roker. "Whether it means increased flooding, greater vulnerability to drought, more severe wildfires — all these things are having an impact on Americans as we speak."

Climate change's assorted harms "are expected to become increasingly disruptive across the nation throughout this century and beyond," the National Climate Assessment concluded, emphasizing the impact of too-wild weather, as well as simple warming.

Still, it's not too late to prevent the worst of climate change, said the 840-page report, which the Obama administration is highlighting as it tries to jump-start often-stalled efforts to curb heat-trapping gases. Said White House science adviser John Holdren: "It's a good-news story about the many opportunities to take cost-effective actions to reduce the damage."

Release of the report, the third edition of a congressionally mandated study, gives Obama an opportunity to ground his campaign against climate change in science and numbers, endeavoring to blunt the arguments of those who question the idea and human contributions to such changes. Later this summer, the administration plans to propose new regulations restricting gases that come from existing coal-fired power plants.

Not everyone is persuaded.

Some fossil energy groups, conservative think tanks and Republican senators immediately assailed the report as "alarmist." Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said Obama was likely to "use the platform to renew his call for a national energy tax. And I'm sure he'll get loud cheers from liberal elites — from the kind of people who leave a giant carbon footprint and then lecture everybody else about low-flow toilets."

Since taking office, Obama has not proposed a specific tax on fossil fuel emissions. He has proposed a system that caps emissions and allows companies to trade carbon pollution credits, but it has failed in Congress.

Climate change to make Great Plains hotter, drier

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Climate change will bring more drought, fierce storms and searing heat to the Great Plains, causing hardships that will test the region's legendry capacity to cope with severe weather, says a report by the National Climate Assessment.

Despite its sharply contrasting landscapes, the eight-state region extending from Texas to Montana by way of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas and Wyoming will share one transcendent challenge: water.

Triple digits: The southern Plains region averages seven days a year with triple-digit temperatures. That number should quadruple by mid-century, while the northern Plains should get twice as many 100-degree days as they do now. The hotter conditions will bring greater evaporation of surface waters, inflict heat stresses on people and animals and raise demand for air conditioning. As young people head to cities, rural areas will have increasing numbers of elderly who are vulnerable to heat.

Other extreme weather will include heavy rainfall and more intense tropical storms and hurricanes along Texas' Gulf coast, where rising sea levels could worsen damage from storm surges.

Water woes: Water scarcity will hamper the region's energy production. Competition for water to cool electric plants and to drill for oil and natural gas using hydraulic fracturing will intensify. Marginal lands will become deserts, while the rain that does fall will often come during storms that will increase flooding, degrade stream quality and erode topsoil. Dwindling municipal supplies will cause problems in fast-growing cities, primarily in Texas.

Agriculture: In the northern Plains, expected increases in winter snowfall and spring rain may help crops during the early growing season, although some fields may be too wet to plant. Longer growing seasons may allow cultivation of second annual crops. But pest insects that previously died off in winter will increasingly survive, and winter crops that leave dormancy too soon will be vulnerable to spring freezes.

Flora and fauna: Birds, fish and mammals will be affected by changes in seasonal lakes and wildfires. Changing temperatures will affect mating behavior and predator-prey relationships, while increasing carbon dioxide levels could make the grasses and leaves that animals eat less nutritious.

Adaptation a necessity: Communities and states are inadequately prepared for a hotter, drier and stormier Great Plains, largely because many government officials have yet to take the threat seriously. Opportunities abound for conservation and climate-sensitive development, such as protecting native grasslands and restoring wetlands.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Menu Madness

The Great 8
Tuesday's results
Cannon region final
KD's Barbecue def.Manny's Italian Village
Buck region final
Rosa's def. Michael's
Today's matchups
Semifinals
Luigi's vs. Wall Street Bar
KD's Barbecue vs. Rosa's

Go to mrt.com and vote and vote for your favorites

Things to do

■ Concho/Sibley Brown Bag Series featuring William Wren, special assistant to the superintendent of McDonald Observatory in Texas' Davis Mountains, at the Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Storytime for birth through 2 years old, 9:30 a.m., 2 to 6 years old at 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ "Arthur's World" children's exhibit, through June 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Community calendar

■ Permian Basin Mensa will meet 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Andrew Nelsch, chief operating officer and vice president of business development of XCOR Aerospace, will give a presentation on the company's plans for the local spaceport.

The public is invited to attend.

■ "Flower your Mom with Love" is planned for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the I-20 Wildlife Preserve. Festivities include flower pot painting, face-painting and the grand opening of the Salehi-Olguin Butterfly Garden.

The event is free. Food vendors will be on site from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call 853-9453.

■ The National Association of Letter Carriers and West Texas Food Bank are partnering for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, set for Saturday. Residents may put bags of non-perishable food items near the mailboxes. Carriers will pick up the donations.

This year's drive is co-sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital.

■ Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford Road, is hosting harpist Ricky Rasura for a performance 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Lunch will be served beginning 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 682-5772.

Support group today

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

Tribune and Conaway

The Texas Tribune is hosting lunch and a conversation with U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway at noon Tuesday 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

How sick are you?

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

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-3-0
Pick 3 day: 9-8-5
Pick 3 evening: 3-0-9
Pick 3 night: 7-8-8
Daily 4 morning: 5-2-7-4
Daily 4 day: 6-9-6-7
Daily 4 evening: 7-6-0-3
Daily 4 night: 2-7-9-0
Cash Five: 9-13-16-31-35
Mega Millions: 18-20-27-48-51 MB: 5 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-5-6-7-11-15-16-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-5-6-7-8-10-12-15-16-17-19-20
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-5-10-11-13-17-19-20-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-9-11-12-13-15-18-20-23-24

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, May 7, the 127th day of 2014. There are 238 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1942, U.S. Army Gen. Jonathan Wainwright went on a Manila radio station to announce the Allied surrender of the Philippines to Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man smuggles cocaine in to jail

Midland County jailers found 12 grams of cocaine in a Midland man's rectum early Tuesday following a public intoxication arrest, according to court documents.

Robert Charles Royals III, 37, is being held on a $30,500 bond for a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams, a third-degree felony charge of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility, a class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and a class C misdemeanor charge of public intoxication.

Royals

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday at an apartment complex at the 1200 East Wadley Avenue.

The officers found Royals was intoxicated and transported him to Midland County Detention Center.

While at CDC, jailers found a small bag of marijuana in Royals' left sock. Royals refused to cooperate with jailers during the search, but jailers found the cocaine in his rectum, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Royals faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony and up to 10 years for the third-degree felony.

MPD: Couple found with nearly 285 grams of meth

A Goldsmith couple were arrested Saturday after police officers found them in possession of nearly 285 grams of methamphetamine, according to court documents.

H. Hixon

T. Hixon

Homer L. Hixon, 59, and Teresa Hixon, 51, are being held for possession of a controlled substance, with federal charges pending through the U.S. Marshal's Service. Homer Hixon's bond is currently set at $250,000 bond; Teresa Hixon's is set at $30,000.

Midland police officers found the meth after performing a walkthrough at about 1 a.m. Saturday at a motel in the 1000 block of South Midkiff Road.

An officer saw a woman sitting in a vehicle. She was making "furtive movements," according to the affidavit. She told police she was waiting on Teresa Hixon. The woman directed the officers to a motel room where the officers found Teresa and Homer Hixon. When the officers entered the room, they saw a bag of meth on the floor next to Teresa Hixon's feet. They detained the Hixons and found additional meth, plastic bags and cash under the mattress, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officers also found a firearm, with its serial numbers removed, inside Homer Hixon's vehicle.

The meth weighed 284.8 grams and was valued at about $5,232, according to the report.

Because of the pending federal charges, it is currently unknown what punishment the suspects face if convicted.

MPD: Couple used frying pan, knives, during altercation

A couple got into a scuffle Sunday that started with frying pan-, knife- and rock-throwing and ended with both of them behind bars, according to court documents.

Dozier

Williams

Shawn Darnell Dozier, 29, and Shaneka Charell Williams, 18, are each being held on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Stokes Avenue.

Dozier told officers that Williams was looking through his cellphone and saw that he was talking to other girls. They got into an argument that led to Williams biting his left ear and chasing him out of the house with a kitchen knife, according to the arrest affidavit. Dozier said Williams then grabbed a frying pan and broke out the kitchen window with it. She then went outside and threw the frying pan at Dozier and then grabbed another knife. Dozier said he grabbed a metal pole to defend himself and Williams threw a knife at him.

Williams said that before those events, Dozier punched her in the left eye and threw her to the bed before putting his knee across her neck. She said a friend pushed him off her and she then grabbed the knife.

She also said that Dozier threw a rock at her, hitting her in the shoulder and hand while outside the home.

Williams and Dozier have been in a dating relationship for three months and have been living together for 2 1/2 months, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Dozier and Williams each face five to 99 years in prison.

Former mortician freed from prison early

Associated Press

CARTHAGE — A former mortician whose killing of a rich widow shook an East Texas town and later inspired a movie was released on bond Tuesday after the district attorney who prosecuted him agreed to let him out of a life sentence.

Bernie Tiede was set free after a judge who recommended his prison term be reduced set a $10,000 bond. A state criminal appeals court must sign off on the sentence reduction while Tiede is out on bond.

The now-55-year-old Tiede, who was well-liked in the close-knit community of Carthage, was convicted in the death of his longtime companion, Marjorie Nugent. The 81-year-old widow had a reputation among townspeople as a crotchety cheapskate. The case inspired the 2012 dark comedy "Bernie" starring Jack Black in the title role and Shirley MacLaine as Nugent.

Special Judge Diane DeVasto also agreed to let Tiede live with filmmaker Richard Linklater, who co-wrote and directed the 2012 dark comedy and volunteered to take Tiede in. Tiede will be under strict bond conditions.

Panola County District Attorney Danny Buck Davidson agreed with Tiede's appeals attorney, Jodi Cole, who said he deserved a lighter sentence because he was sexually assaulted as a child and also had an abusive relationship with Nugent before her death.

Psychiatrist Edward Gripon, who examined Tiede in January, testified Tuesday that Tiede and Nugent had a complex and abusive relationship. He said that combined with Tiede having been abused when he was younger pushed him to kill Nugent in a "brief dissociative episode."

"He doesn't come across in examination at all as a person probe to violence," he said. "That set of circumstances ... is not going to recreate itself."

Nugent's granddaughter, Dallas-area lawyer Shanna Nugent, said her family "is pretty much in shock" over the development.

"I really wanted justice for Nanny," she said, using a pet name for her grandmother. "This doesn't really feel like justice."

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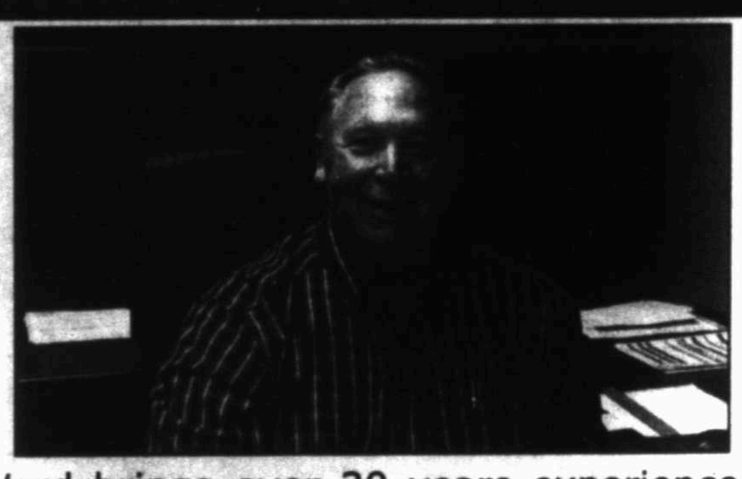

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House GOP unveils bill slashing highway grants

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans controlling the House unveiled legislation on Tuesday that proposes a huge cut to a transportation grant program championed by President Barack Obama that funds road and bridge projects, light rail networks, port construction and bike paths.

The so-called TIGER grant program dates to Obama's 2009 economic stimulus bill and was funded at $600 million this year. Obama wants to nearly double the program's budget, but the newly released spending bill covering federal transportation and housing programs offers the administration just $100 million, an 83 percent cut from current levels.

The $52 billion measure maintains funding for community development block grants popular with local governments and fully funds an upgrade to the Federal Aviation Administration's NextGen air traffic control system. But it proposes cuts to Amtrak capital construction and slices $1.2 billion from Obama's request for housing subsidies for the poor.

The transportation and housing measure is the fourth of 12 spending bills revealed by House Republicans for the 2015 budget year that begins Oct. 1. Lawmakers are trying to get the annual appropriations process back on track after it ran aground last year before a December budget deal eased automatic cuts known as sequestration.

The legislation is free of earmarked spending, consistent with the GOP ban on such pet projects.

It's hardly free of parochialism however. For instance, it contains language by Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas, blocking construction of a light rail line on Houston's Richmond Avenue; lifts weight limits for trucks traveling on interstate highways in Idaho, Wisconsin and Mississippi; and continues a $150 million subsidy for the Metro rail system in Washington, District of Columbia and its suburbs. California Republicans won tighter restrictions designed to block a high-speed rail project in the state, a project they believe would be a boondoggle.

It maintains a $149 million appropriation for a program that subsidizes air fares to rural airports. Amtrak capital grants would be cut by $200 million and employees of the passenger railroad would generally be limited to $35,000 a year in overtime.

The measure is part of the approximately $1 trillion portion of the federal budget that passes through Congress each year. The 2015 round of spending bills are essentially capped at current levels. But there's actually less than that because of a $4 billion difference of opinion between the Congressional Budget Office and the White House's Office of Management and Budget over how much revenue the government will reap next year from Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance premiums.

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AUSTIN

Dewhurst, Patrick face off in Texas webcast debate

After 12 years in one of the most powerful jobs in Texas state government, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst needs a rally to keep it. And with just three weeks left until his May 27 Republican primary runoff election against state Sen. Dan Patrick, time is running short.

Patrick and Dewhurst face off today in a roundtable discussion and debate hosted by Dallas television station WFAA that will be streamed live. It is likely to be the last face-to-face sparring match between the candidates in a bitter and blustery campaign.

For Dewhurst, it could be his last chance to make a direct appeal to Republican voters statewide who gave Patrick 41 percent of the vote back in March. Dewhurst was a distant second at 28 percent.

Because neither candidate secured at least 50 percent in the four-way contest, they advanced to a runoff. The winner will face Democrat Leticia Van de Putte in the general election in November.

AUSTIN

Davis questions Abbott's role during CPRIT turmoil

Democrat Wendy Davis shifted the focus of her underdog run in the Texas governor's race Tuesday to the oversight role that Republican rival Greg Abbott held while the state's $3 billion cancer-fighting agency came unraveled by turmoil in 2012.

Davis said Abbott was derelict not only as attorney general but as a member of the governing board of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. The agency is only now emerging from a criminal investigation and national embarrassment over questionable spending.

The attacks by the state senator marked a new target for her campaign, which has proven adept at raising money but has trailed Abbott in the polls. It also comes with a sharper edge than trading barbs over school policy proposals, which have dominated the race in recent weeks.

Prosecutors last year criminally indicted one top state executive on charges related to $11 million in taxpayer funds that the cancer agency, known as CPRIT, awarded to a private company without review.

Abbott didn't attend board meetings that finalized lucrative awards to researchers and private companies.

"Rather than appearing and being that watchdog, he purposely removed himself from that table and looked the other way," Davis said.

Abbott's political donors include backers of companies that received lucrative awards from the agency. Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch said Abbott was simply removing himself from potential conflicts of interests during this time on the board. As the problems at CPRIT mounted, Abbott's office opened its own investigation into the agency.

"Greg Abbott upheld the ethical standards that all elected officials should use, and he retained the independence that allowed him to investigate and help prosecute wrongdoing at CPRIT," Hirsch said.

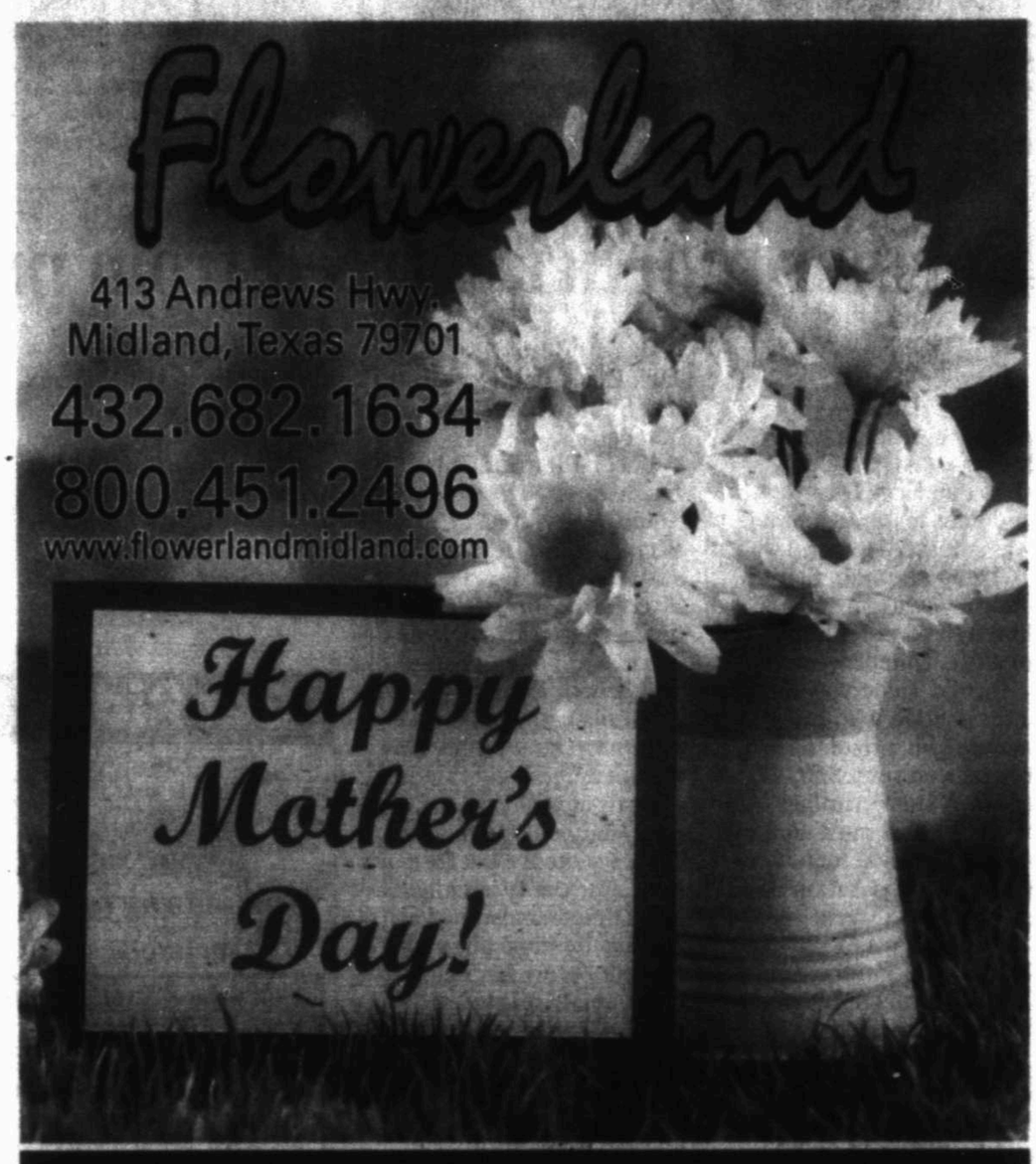
The attorney general's office no longer has a seat on the CPRIT governing board, which lawmakers entirely replaced last year as part of sweeping reforms.

AUSTIN

Travis County looks to revamp defense of indigent

Court officials in Central Texas are requesting more than $660,000 in state money to dramatically revamp the way the indigent are defended in court.

County commissioners were scheduled Tuesday to review plans to establish the Travis County Private Defender office. County leaders say a growing caseload is proving overwhelming for state and county judges who assign lawyers to cases, determine payment for legal counsel and conduct other related work.



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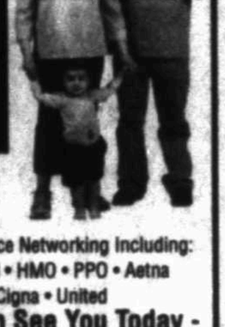
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Michelle Hepfer is the school nurse at Washington Math and Science Institute.

SCHOOL NURSE

"Every child deserves a school nurse all day, every day."

Keeping kids safe and healthy is rewarding job

■ Governor declares today "School Nurse Day"

By Tessa Duvall
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Michele Hepfer has worked in a hospital setting and cared for people living in the remote Alaskan wilderness, but in her 25 years as a nurse, she said she has not had a job more rewarding than the one she has now.

Hepfer, or "Nurse Michele" as she's known to her students, is the school nurse at Washington Math and Science Institute.

"In the hospital, you take care of people for a few hours to a few days," she said. "I get to see these kids grow up. I know which ones I need to monitor closely and educate the staff on things to watch for to keep these kids safe and healthy."

Hepfer is one of 36 nurses who works at Midland ISD campuses to help keep kids healthy and safe.

Hepfer, a Midland native, said she has always been interested in health care. She volunteered at Midland Memorial Hospital throughout high school and went to nursing school at Texas Tech University. After graduation, she worked at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas for six years, and spent the next six years moving across the country as a traveling nurse. Her job took her from California to Idaho, from New Mexico to Alaska, where she lived for four years.

"Every place needs nurses," she said.

Hepfer said being a school nurse is different from being a nurse in a hospital setting, but it still requires all the same observation skills.

"It's not so much IVs and shots and scheduled and planned things," she said. "Besides from my routine meds, I'm not on a schedule. The things here are emergencies. We hit our heads. We break our arms."

Tracey Dees, MISD health services coordinator, said school nurses do far more than tend to student "boo boos."

"That perception is long gone," she said. "We are the gatekeepers for kids with serious illnesses."

School nurses provide students with their medications, coordinate with staff and parents, handle student accidents and more on their respective campuses, Dees said. On some busy days, nurses see more than 100 kids.

Gov. Rick Perry has declared today "School Nurse Day" in Texas in order to recognize these health care professionals for their hard work and commitment to their communities.

Dees said being a school nurse is the most challenging and exciting job in the nursing field.

"You're one of one on a campus," Dees

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Service important to top Midland Classical grads

By Tessa Duvall
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It takes more than the top grade point average to be named the "Most Outstanding Student" at Midland Classical Academy.

The school also considers extracurricular activities, service awards, character trait awards and honors classes.

For both Kayla Beattie and John Stallings — the 2014 Co-Outstanding Students — it was never about being the top student.

Instead, it was service to others that they said is the accomplishment they are most proud of — not their grades.

"I don't think I ever thought much about the Outstanding Student thing," Beattie said.

Beattie said she considers her volunteer work and leadership roles with her church's youth and MCA's Round Table Leaders mentor program among her most important achievements.

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT
Kayla Beattie

OUTSTANDING STUDENT
John Stallings

DARRELL BENTON
San Jacinto Junior High School

Teachers long for affirmation, encouragement

"You go to work. You get criticized, but you keep plugging away because you are trying to make a difference."

I came across that quote recently and it's a simple saying that eloquently summarizes the treadmill life of a teacher.

I was a senior project manager who handled corporate accounts for AT&T for 20 years. I spent about 80 percent of my time interfacing with mid- and upper-level management on customer sites and had the authority to fly and drive all over Texas at a whim to serve my clients. I received excellent training from AT&T training centers in Denver, Atlanta and New Jersey and was fortunate enough to attend four seminars by contract trainers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. It was a demanding yet challenging career. When I met new people, I was given instant respect.

I was on the board of directors for Centers for Children and Families for six years and when I met people at their annual fundraiser or other formal events for other organizations, I observed a different reaction when I introduced myself as a teacher.

The response was cool and aloof. I could see it in their eyes and hear it in their tone of voice. The facial responses were as if I illicitly had made it to the grand ballroom from lower level deck three of the Titanic. Yet, I was still the same. I had two master's degrees and had a nice, white-collar corporate pedigree. Yet, for some reason, I had been demoted in the American caste system.

This week is both state and national teacher appreciation week. How will people respond? As I have mentioned in earlier columns, psychologist Frederick Herzburg did groundbreaking research in job enrichment. His publication, "One More Time, How Do You Motivate Employees?" sold more then 1 million reprints and was the most-requested article over a 20-year period from the Harvard Business Review. Herzburg theorized that there are certain factors in the workplace that cause job satisfaction, while a separate set of factors cause dissatisfaction.

Motivators include recognition, respect, achievement, growth, challenging work and responsibility, and these lead to job satisfaction. Demotivating factors include such things as job security, salary, fringe benefits and work conditions. If these items are negative or lacking, job dissatisfaction is the result.

In the Reporter-Telegram's exhaustive March 23 Business Insider magazine that focused on creating the right work environment, a study by Express Employment, Gallup, Career Builder and Ernst and Young found that "lack of recognition and growth opportunities, too much stress and work-life imbalance are to blame for a drop in job satisfaction." Bill Kent hit the nail on the head when he stated that "you have to give back to your people, as they are the ones who are busting their tails while having to deal with all the challenges." These quotes were made about staffing businesses. I humbly suggest that they apply to education as well.

I have seen teachers buy clothes for the needy, slip a banana or crackers to the student who forgot his lunch, and buy cases of tissues for the allergy-ridden. Disrespect and discipline are continual issues, and teachers get cursed at or threatened, yet they put on their big boy/big girl pants and give it their best every day. Yes, there are slackers in education just as in any profession, and it seems on any campus there is always one teacher who is consistently late or out the door at 4:15 p.m. But, in my 10 years, I have seen the majority of teachers sacrifice, shed tears and lift prayers for the kids. Many teachers quietly work nights and Saturdays without any acknowledgment

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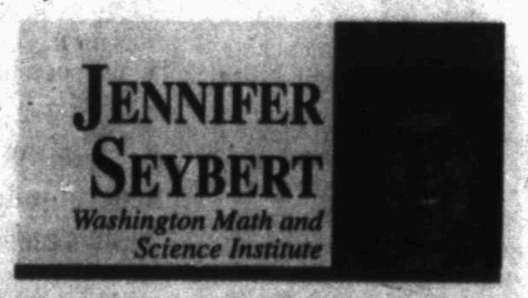
Support moms, teachers to help them keep their smiles



JENNIFER SEYBERT
Washington Math and Science Institute

Being a mom is hard. A friend of mine shared a blog with me a couple of weeks ago. The title of the blog was "The day I lost my smile." I read it and reread it. It sounded all too familiar. The author of the blog described her hectic morning shuffling children to school, spilling coffee, forgetting to sign the homework folders, being upset about how the morning was going, and then thinking that the other moms in the carpool line must be much better at the morning routine than she was.

But, in reality, we all have those kinds of mornings or days that we really do lose our smile. I remember the day that I lost my smile. I was attending an art event last month with my littlest one. All I needed her to do was stand in front of her artwork and smile so I could take a picture. Sounds easy; it wasn't. Of course, she refused. And she cried. And she wanted to be held. It was a nightmare. I admit it, I lost my smile. But then, as I was leaving the art show without the perfect picture that I wanted, a text came across my phone. Another mom sent me a message reminding me that my littlest one is only 5 and that sometimes life isn't the perfect picture that we all want. She was right. Being a mom is oh, so hard. I drove away from the art show smiling. I didn't have a picture, but I did have a memory. She won't always want me to hold her; I hung on to that.

Being a teacher is just as hard. Every single day I see amazing teachers upset or distraught and even disappointed. I see teachers who work hours upon hours to create amazing lessons that don't work out the way they planned. I see teachers tutor and intervene and provide enrichment just to see the student they worked the hardest with wasn't successful.

I still remember breaking the news to one of my eighth-grade students that he did not pass the state-mandated math test. He cried, I cried, his parents cried. I lost my smile. But time passed, we continued to work hard and last week I received a college graduation announcement from him. The hard work did pay off. It hurt in the beginning but looking back, it only made us work harder to help him succeed.

It hurts my heart to see teachers lose their smiles. But it happens every day. Together, we need to be the support system that teachers need to keep their smile. We need to show them the success stories that surround us. We need to remind teachers

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Obituaries

Evangeline Sturm

Evangeline Sturm, 91, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 4, 2014 in a local nursing home. She passed from this life to her eternal reward surrounded by a loving family and caregivers. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 25, 1923 in Olfen, Texas to Helena and Ferdinand Rohmfeld. She married Louis Sturm December 24, 1944 in Bryan, Texas. He preceded her in death January 25, 2000.

After Louis finished military service, they moved to a farm in Norton, Texas, where they started their family of five children. In 1955, the family moved to Luther, Texas, where they raised their children and Evangeline remained until moving to Big Spring in 2004.

Evangeline had a strong and faithful belief in the Lord, and was a longtime member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. She was a hard-working farm wife who helped with all phases of the farm. She never gave up raising a large vegetable garden for the family. Family gatherings became a big event as grandchildren began to arrive. She never tired of feeding the whole family and teaching her grandchildren to play dominos.

She is survived by three daughters, Anna Eubank and husband, Joe of Jewett; Rose Smith and husband, Greg of Lubbock; and Carol Phillips and husband, John of Garden City; two sons, Gary Sturm and wife, Lesia of Big Spring and Wayne Sturm and wife, Charlotte of Weatherford; thirteen grandchildren, John Barkley and wife, Cindy, Mark Barkley and wife, Tatiana, Michael Barkley and wife, Mandy, Brad Smith and wife, Shannon, Chris Smith and wife, Ashley, Nathan Smith, Jenny Carr and husband, Clay, Jason Phillips and wife, Laci, Angela O'Brien and husband, Jake, Crystal Sturm, Paul Sturm and wife, Jamie, Eric Sturm and wife, April and Bryan Sturm; 22 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Wilbert Rohmfeld, Raymond Rohmfeld, Dennis Rohmfeld and Ferdinand Rohmfeld; and two sisters, Anna Marie Schwartz and Jeanette Schwartz.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Lucille Buxkemper, Viola Wilde and Ora Mae Latzel; and one brother, Sylvester Rohmfeld.

Evangeline and the family were blessed with wonderful caregivers in the last months of her life. The family wishes to thank her personal caregivers, Jackie, Mona, Debbie, Beverly and Missy as well as the staff at Parkview Nursing and Rehab and Home Hospice.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.

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

Nancy Fulgham

Nancy Fulgham, 73, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 04, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with The Rev. Tom Finnie of All Saints Anglican Church of Midland.

Nancy was born to Louise and Luther M. Cunningham on March 15, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas. Nancy graduated from Big Spring High School in 1959, and then she married Roe Fulgham on January 20, 1959. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Angelo State University and a Masters Degree from Sul Ross State University. Nancy taught school in Drew, Mississippi, Greenwood/Midland, Texas and in Big Spring, Texas. She was also a Librarian at Goliad and Runnels in Big Spring for three years.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 55 years: Roe Fulgham; three children: Angela and her husband Kris Watts of Grapevine, Kenny Fulgham and his wife Jarry of Big Spring, and Natalie Rice of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and one sister: Linda Cunningham Beckwith of Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association Book Fund, c/o Bill Schaffner, 2501 Central, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at *www.myersandsmith.com*.

Sylvia Quesada Garcia

Funeral services for Sylvia Quesada Garcia, age 58 of Midland, Texas will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014 at Brownfield Church of Christ, at 502 Lubbock Road in Brownfield, Texas with Pastor Marcelino Banda officiating. Burial will follow to Brownfield Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Gonzales Funeral Home of Lamesa, Texas.

During Wednesday and Thursday, May 7th and May 8th, the body will lie in state at The Christian Life Church, at 1200 Tahoka Road in Brownfiled, Texas with Inspirational Services held at 7:00 p.m on both evenings.

Sylvia passed away on Friday, May 2, 2014 in Dawson County, Texas from the result of a motor vehicle accident.

Sylvia was born on October 27, 1955 in Ballinger, Texas. She married Eleijo Joe Garcia on December 27, 1971 in Brownfield, Texas.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Patricio and Esperanza Quesada and one sister.

Sylvia was a loving caring wife, mother and grandmother. She and her husband enjoyed riding their Harley motor-cycle.

Survivors include her husband, Eleijo Joe Garcia of Midland, Texas; her three sons, Carlos Garcia and wife, Savas of Midland, Texas, Michael Garcia and wife, Misty of Midland, Texas and Nicholas Garcia and wife, Joni of Midland, Texas; one daughter, Stephanie Gunter and husband, Larmie of Abilene, Texas;her brothers, Moises Quesada of Lubbock, Texas, Samuel Quesada of Kerville, Texas; her sisters, Delia Garza of Brownfield, Texas, Linda Fonseca of Brownfield, Texas, Gloria Martinez of Brownfield, Texas, Ninfa Valdez of Lubbock, Texas, Mary Garcia of Brownfield, Texas, Eva Orozco of Brighton, CO, Elizabeth I. Guerra of Lubbock, Texas and Isabelle Queseda of Lubbock, Texas; thirteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; numerous brothers-in-laws, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

To send condolences online please visit: www.gonzalesfuneralhome.net.

Thurman Falls Cox

On Friday evening, May 2, 2014, Thurman Falls Cox found himself in the arms of Jesus. Thurman was 91 years old. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 5:00-7:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Services will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 1:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Steve Baker officiating.

Thurman was born on August 2, 1922 in Rising Star, Texas to Willie and Ella Cox. He served in the Air Force during WWII and then returned to Rising Star where he married Beulah and worked for several years before going to work for El Paso Natural Gas for the remainder of his working life. During that time, he and his family lived in Jal, New Mexico, Denver City, Texas, Gallup, New Mexico, and finally Kermit, Texas where he retired and lived several years before moving to Midland. During these years they accumulated many cherished friends for which he and his family will be forever grateful.

He leaves behind Beulah Cox, his wife of 66 years, his daughter, Karen Newman, son-in-law, Brent Newman, granddaughter, Lindsey Newman all from Cedar Park, Texas, grandson, Jeff Newman and his wife, Emily Newman of Nashville, Tennessee. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews scattered around the states of Texas and New Mexico.

Thurman was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Ella Cox. Thurman was the youngest of 9 children and is preceded in death by all; Ida Sherill, Charles Cox, Manon Cox, Reta Richardson, Georgie Smith, Beck Cox, Maggie Christian, and Jo Ella McLaughlin.

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

Connie Harvick

Connie Harvick, 89, of Andrews passed away Monday April 28, 2014 at Permian Residential Care Center in Andrews.

Connie was born March 6, 1925 in Tahoka, Texas to Claude and Rosemary Conway. She is survived by her daughter, C.J. Haggard.

The family will receive friends Friday May 9, 2014 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at McNett Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 2:00 Friday May 9, 2014 at Andrews Old Cemetery.

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

Donaciano Enrique Gutierrez

Donaciano "Chano" Enrique Gutierrez, 79 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at his residence. He is survived by his loving wife, Maria G. Gutierrez; two sons, Eddie Cordova and Onesimo (Chapo) Gallegos; four daughters, Ruby Gilmore, Cora Gallegos and Teresa Luera, and Virginia Collazo. Chano is also survived by three sisters, Arminda G. Orosco and Zoila G. Arsiaga and Teresa G. Rangel.

Funeral mass will be held today at 2:00 pm at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Luis Mendoza Torres

Luis Mendoza Torres, 80, of Odessa died Sunday, May 4, 2014 at his residence. Luis was born January 25, 1934 in San Juan de Sabina, Coahuila, Mexico.

Survivors are his wife: Andrea Reyes Torres, sisters: Enedina Torres and Irene Torres.

A Rosary will be recited on Wednesday May 7, 2014 at Acres West Funeral Chapel at 7:00 pm. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Interment will follow at Peaceful Gardens Section of Ector County Cemetery.

Rene Subia

Rene Subia, 53, of Andrews passed away Monday, May 5, 2014. In a Lubbock hospital. Rene was born April 12, 1961 in Kermit, Texas to Anastacio and Elida Subia.

Funeral services will be 10:00 Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Amy Subia; children Anthony Rene Subia; Coby Ryan Subia; Tyson Cody Subia; Taylor Morgan Subia and MacKenzie Victoria Subia; his mother, Elida Subia; brother Andy Subia and sister Sylvia Rampone.

Valente Resa Lozoya

Funeral service for Valente Resa Lozoya 31, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home and Cremations.

Valente Resa Lozoya died May 5, 2014, at a local hospital.

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Questions about death notices or online Guest Books?

Email: obits@mrt.com

Texas Tech invites Rice as commencement speaker

Associated Press

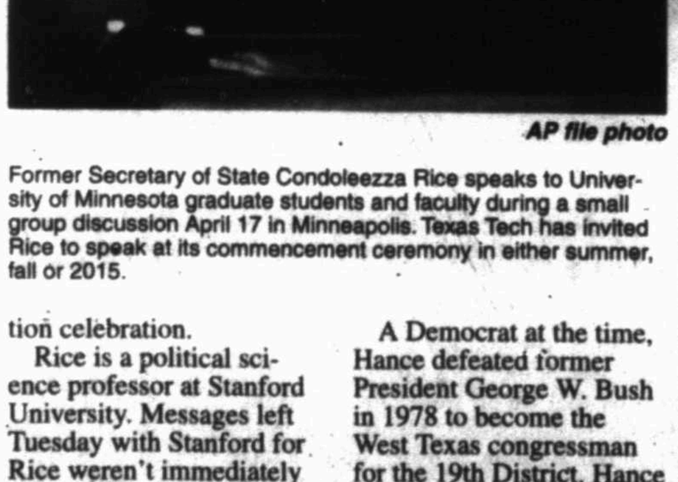
LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University remained hopeful Tuesday that ex-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will accept one of three speaking offers for future graduation ceremonies.

In a letter sent Monday, Chancellor Kent Hance told Rice she could take her pick and speak at summer, fall or 2015 graduation ceremonies after protests against her planned appearance at Rutgers University.

Hance spokesman Randy Sanders said Tuesday that the school had not heard from Rice.

Hance, the only man to ever beat Rice's former boss in an election, invited her to be the commencement speaker for ceremonies Aug. 9, Dec. 12-13 or May 15-16, 2015, in Lubbock. Hance calls Rice a "distinguished diplomat and great leader."

Rice planned to deliver the May 18 commencement address at Rutgers but later declined following protests by some faculty and students over her role in the Iraq War. Rice said her appearance would distract from the graduation celebration.



AP file photo

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice speaks to University of Minnesota graduate students and faculty during a small group discussion April 17 in Minneapolis. Texas Tech has invited Rice to speak at its commencement ceremony in either summer, fall or 2015.

Rice is a political science professor at Stanford University. Messages left Tuesday with Stanford for Rice weren't immediately returned.

Rutgers had to scramble to find a new speaker for its May 18 ceremony after Rice withdrew on Saturday. Some students and faculty had protested her selection. Former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean will speak at the commencement.

A Democrat at the time, Hance defeated former President George W. Bush in 1978 to become the West Texas congressman for the 19th District. Hance changed parties in 1985.

Rice is the second Bush Cabinet member Hance has reached out to since becoming chancellor in 2006. Alberto Gonzales, who resigned as U.S. attorney general in 2007, taught political science at the university for two years as a visiting professor.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Audit: Some West Texas students skipped grades

An internal audit of a West Texas school district has found more than 200 students ended up skipping grades amid confusion about their transcripts.

Trustees of the Ysleta Independent School District on Monday night reviewed results that indicated no deliberate attempts to cheat on federal accountability rules.

Superintendent Xavier de la Torre said the district will create a uniform credit recovery procedure, instead of all 11 high schools using their own guidelines.

Trustees last spring had no cheating complaints but ordered the review for public accountability. Auditors studied six years of data on student placement and those with limited English proficiency or recent transfers, such as from Mexico.

Records show 177 students were skipped from ninth grade to 11th grade, while 41 students were moved from ninth to 12th grade.

CALIFORNIA

School principal halts 'prom draft'

NEWPORT BEACH — A principal at a Southern California high school is cracking down on a student tradition called "prom draft" that involves male students ranking female students and then selecting a date from the favored pool.

The Orange County Register reported Tuesday that Corona del Mar High principal Kathy Scott sent parents an email about the NFL-style draft over the weekend.

The long-standing tradition is not affiliated with the school and has operated mostly in secrecy.

Male students draw draft picks in a lottery but can pay to improve their draft number so they can pick the date of their choice.

Scott said it's not acceptable to objectify students.

Students had been posting on Twitter about the draft for the June 7 prom, but the posts have been removed.

FLORIDA

Federal judge upholds state's merit pay law

TALLAHASSEE — A federal judge is upholding a contentious teacher evaluation law and dismissing a lawsuit filed by seven teachers.

U.S. District Judge Mark Walker ruled Tuesday that Florida's new teacher evaluation system is unfair, but he said there was no legal reason to overturn the law.

Legislators in 2011 passed the law that tied teacher evaluations and merit pay to the state's standardized tests. There have been legal challenges mounted in both the state and federal courts.

Seven teachers from Alachua, Escambia and Hernando counties along with several teacher unions filed this lawsuit last year in a Gainesville federal court.

ARIZONA

Student arrested for alleged threat against school

CHANDLER — Authorities say two suspicious packages found at a Chandler school didn't contain any explosives and a device discovered at an apartment complex also was harmless.

Police said a 16-year-old boy has been arrested for allegedly making threats against the Chief Hill Learning Academy on Tuesday. His name hasn't been released yet.

Another student notified school officials the teen allegedly planned to carry out the threat at 11:25 a.m.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Midland Rock-Hounds has presented $1,000 scholarships to four area seniors. This is the first year that the team has given scholarships, according to Greg Bergman, assistant general manager for media relations and advertising.

The recipients are:

■ **Jordan Williams** of Midland High School. He is involved in St. Ann's Catholic Church's Teen ACTS, is basketball captain and a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in petroleum engineering.

■ **Blake Loyd** of Lee High School. He is a golf letterman and is involved in Young Life, 4-H and Meals on Wheels. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in mechanical engineering.

■ **Austen Wade** of Midland High School. He is a member of the baseball team and is involved in Special Olympics and Midland Teen Court. He plans to attend Texas Christian University and major in finance or accounting.

■ **Audrey Adkins** of Permian High School. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.

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Midland High School senior **Kyle Logan** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Keith and Barbara Logan.

Logan

He is a member of the golf, academic decathlon, UIL math and science and Model Organization of American States teams and newspaper staff. He is an academic and athletic letterman and received the Rensselaer Medal for Excellence in Math and Science.

He is involved with Young Life and First United Methodist Church's youth ministry and volunteers with Special Olympics and Midland Soup Kitchen.

Logan plans to attend the University of Texas and major in accounting.

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TEMPE, Ariz. — Midlander **Melissa Flores** is among the nominees for Arizona State University's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Outstanding Graduate awards.

She will be recognized during New College's convocation ceremony Tuesday.

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ABILENE — Midlander **Pearl Pierce** won three awards in the recent student art competition at Hardin-Simmons University.

Pierce won second and third place in graphic design and an honorable mention in for the overall competition.

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Lee High School senior **Brian Kitchens** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Bill and Lisa Kitchens.

He is a member of the robotics team.

Kitchens plans to study computer and mechanical engineering.

MCA

From 1B

"I think one of the criteria for being the outstanding student is modeling the idea of servant leadership," Beattie said. "Servant leadership is a noble quality to strive for and it's something I've always tried to portray. It's always been really important to me."

Beattie said she plans to attend Texas Woman's University, where she will play basketball, to study accounting and eventually become a certified public accountant.

Stallings said his senior project, which allowed him to teach a seventh-grade physical science class all year, was his proudest accomplishment.

"I love it," he said. "It really made me want to be a teacher, that experience. It's kind of difficult for me not to go major in math education because it was a lot of fun."

Stallings, who plans to attend Texas A&M University for nuclear engineering, said he cherished getting to know his students.

"I thought I would just be totally disconnected from a bunch of junior high kids, and really, I wasn't," he said. "I really got to know them, got to know their personalities, got to watch them improve. It was a really gratifying experience."

MCA top students fast facts

KAYLA BEATTIE, 18, CO-OUTSTANDING STUDENT
Daughter of Ken and Kelly Beattie
Plans to attend Texas Woman's University to study accounting
Involved in basketball, volleyball, recipient of the school service award, RT Leaders
Has volunteered with Awana and the youth group at Midland Bible Church, Keep Midland Beautiful clean-ups
Attends Midland Bible Church

JOHN STALLINGS, 18, CO-OUTSTANDING STUDENT
Son of Todd and Connie Stallings
Plans to attend Texas A&M University to study nuclear engineering
Involved in the chess team, Philosophy Club, basketball, tennis, cross country, robotics, RT Leaders and academic team
Has volunteered with a special education class, Keep Midland Beautiful clean-ups
Attends Midland Bible Church

SEYBERT

From 1B

how important they are to our community and how they make the difference for so many. As a team, we can be the support. And, when we see a teacher lose their smile, we have to find a way to bring back that smile.

I am a mom, and I still consider myself a teacher. And, I know that both jobs can take your smile away. So, in honor of Mother's Day, let's remind each other that we have the hardest job there is. And, then support each other and help each other keep our smiles. Remind our mommy friends that we are doing the best job we can with the most demanding work schedule there is. No one has the schedule that a mom has.

It's also Teacher Appreciation Week. So, in honor of our teachers, let's remind our teachers how important they are to us. Let's show them how their hard work does make a difference with our children. Let's remind them that they are building the future, changing the shape of the community, being the role model that our students need. Let's celebrate the successes with them and raise them up when they are down. They need our support. And then, we can all keep our smiles.

So, for our moms and our teachers out there, we are celebrating you, appreciating you, loving you.

Jennifer Seybert is principal of Washington Math and Science Institute in Midland ISD.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MC programs provide scholarship opportunities

Midland College's Student Ambassador program and Students in Philanthropy organization provide students with the opportunity to join a campus organization and earn scholarships.

Student ambassadors promote the college by volunteering for campus events and participating in advertising campaigns.

Students in Philanthropy is an in-depth leadership training program that provides students with the opportunity to improve the quality of life in their community. Members learn about the importance of philanthropy and the role of nonprofits in the community. Up to 20 students are selected each year for SIP.

Students in both programs will receive a $500-per semester scholarship toward tuition, fees, books and/or housing. These scholarships may be combined with other MC scholarships, such as the Legacy Scholarship, to provide students additional funds.

To obtain application forms, visit www.midland.edu/ambassadors or www.midland.edu/sip.

MC to offer Summer Science Academy

Midland College Science Department is hosting Summer Science Academy for students who have completed 10th, 11th and 12 grades. The academy will give participants hands-on experience in chemistry, biology and geology experiments.

Summer Science Academy is 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 16-19. It is free, and a box lunch will be provided each day for all participants.

Experiments that are planned for the academy include:

Chemistry

■ Theory of light absorption and the Beer-Lambert Law

■ Spectrophotometric analysis of fluoride ion in water using the Beer-Lambert Law

■ Technique of flame atomic absorption

■ Analysis of copper ion in water via flame atomic absorption using the Beer-Lambert Law

Biology

■ Dissection of crayfish and grasshoppers

■ Extraction, examination and identification of contaminating bacterium

■ Taking DNA fingerprints to predict whether the students carry the gene to taste PTC

Geology

■ Introduction to volcanoes and exposure to the products of volcanic eruptions.

For more information, contact biology professor Paul Mangum at 697-3483 or pmangum@midland.edu.

Casa to offer GED, citizenship classes

Registration continues today for GED and citizenship classes that are being offered at Casa de Amigos. Hours to register are 1:30-3 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. A photo ID is required to register.

Both GED and citizenship classes meet June 2 through Aug. 8. Morning and night classes are available.

GED classes meet 8:30-11 a.m. Monday through Friday or 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Citizenship classes meet 9-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday or 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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AUSTIN TRIP

Midland ISD junior high students and sponsors visited the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum on Friday. To be able to make the trip to Austin, students had to write an essay about why they wanted to visit the museum and state Capitol. That opportunity was afforded to 127 students from Abell, Alamo, Goddard and San Jacinto. The annual trip, including T-shirts for the students, is funded through a grant, according to Eileen Corley, the district's director of social studies.

Courtesy photo

MC staff, teachers receive awards

From staff reports

Midland College staff and teacher awards were presented in ceremonies on Thursday.

Years of service awards were given beginning for five years through 40. The 40-year award was presented to **Kay Floyd**, executive secretary for the health sciences department. Recognized for 35 years was **Dale Westfall**, business administration faculty.

Awards for longtime service were presented to:

■ 30 years: **Lula Lee**, fine arts and communications secretary; **Mary Lopez**, communications and special events coordinator; **Ema Rivera**, instruction administrative assistant; **Dennis Sever**, vice president of information technology and facilities; and **Bob Weidmann**, chair of respiratory care program.

■ 25 years: **Billy Feeler**, dean of fine arts and communications; **Tommy Ramos**, Lady Chaps softball coach; and **Stacy Schroeder**, student accounts coordinator.

Awards of excellence were presented to: **Daisy Lucas**, accountant; **Roydell Niblett**, groundskeeper; **Micah Jones**, database programmer; **Deborah Hamilton**, academic advisor; **Julia Vickery**, student development coordinator; **Jimmy Ray**, Chap Center lead custodian; **Jeri Sue Jackson**, coordinator of education and workforce at Williams Regional Training Center in Fort Stockton; **Elizabeth Lara**, secretary at Williams Regional Training Center; **Lula Lee**, fine arts and communications; **Mary Lopez**, communications and special events; **Glenn Blankenship**, maintenance technician; and **Liz Zenteno**, associate director of Cogdell Learning Center.

Students voted for Teacher of the Year. Recipients of this award were: **Mindy Flowers**, Student Success program chair; **Michael Fields**, cosmetology program chair; **Brendan Egan**, English instructor; **Laurie Fitzgerald**, clinical director sonography; **Michael Dixon**, math program chair; and **Todd Houck**, history professor.

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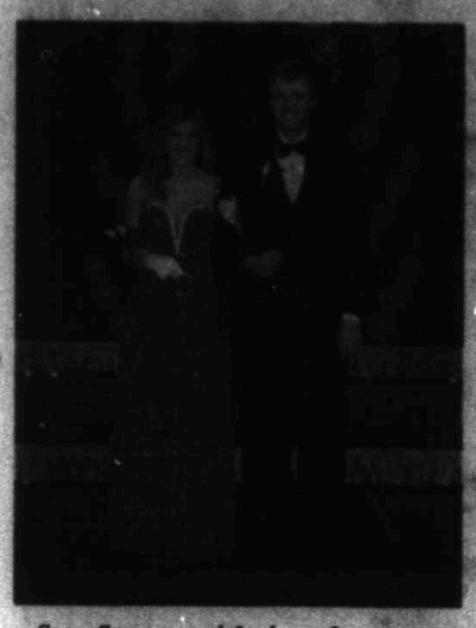
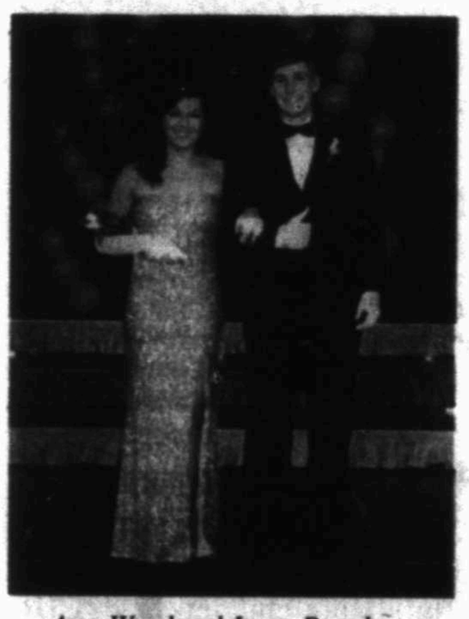


Sara Spears and Jackson Lancaster

Kristen Hanson and Samuel Grimes

Allyson Gordon and Wesley Don Juan

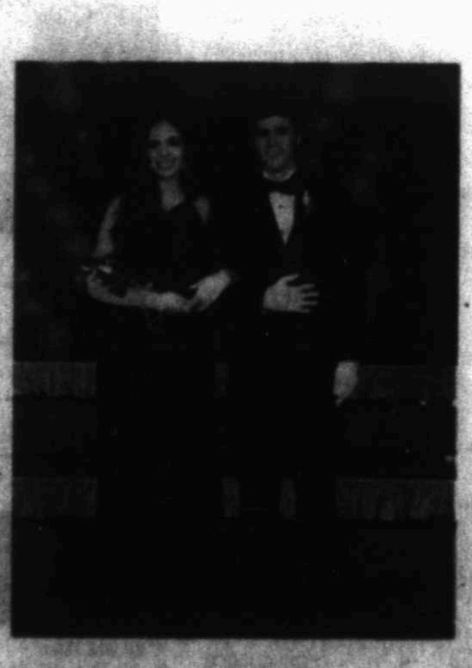


Amy Wood and Jason Raughton

Hannah Bertelson and Thomas Jones

Adrienne Coats and Thomas Clark

Kennedy Coffman and Brady Watson



Victoria Gerald and James Behrmann

KING AND QUEEN
Cora Drozd and Jason Carter

Photos courtesy of quickschoolpix.com

CATOICO COURT

From staff reports

Midland High School's Catoico — cattle, oil and cotton — was Thursday at the school auditorium.

King and queen

JASON GLENN CARTER is the son of Theresa and Glenn Carter. He is a member of Student Council, National Honor Society and football and soccer teams. He is an academic, football and soccer letterman and received the Colorado School of Mines Math and Science Medal. Carter plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in petroleum engineering.

CORA PATRICIA DROZD is the daughter of Jeri and John Drozd. She is valedictorian, an AP Scholar and a member of Model Organization of American States team. Drozd plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in philosophy.

Members of the court

JACKSON SCOTT LANCASTER is the son of Kimberly and Scott Lancaster. He is president of Student Council and a member of National Honor Society and Model Organization of American States team. He is a Texas Scholar and baseball letterman. Lancaster plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in petroleum engineering.

SARA ELIZABETH SPEARS is the daughter of Susan and Robert Spears. She is a member of the National Honor Society, yearbook staff and volleyball team and is an academic letterman. She is a Symphony Belle. Spears plans to attend the University of Texas and major in engineering.

SAMUEL TRUMAN GRIMES is the son of Ashley and Ben Grimes. He is a football team captain, member of National Honor Society and Model Organization of American States team, is a football letterman and a Texas Scholar. He is involved in Young Life and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Grimes plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in engineering.

KRISTEN ELIZABETH HANSON is the daughter of Janet Hanson and the late Eric Hanson. She is a member of Student Council, Model Organization of American States team and National Honor Society. She is an academic and tennis letterman and a Texas Scholar. Hanson plans to major in psychology.

WESLEY MATTIAS REY DON JUAN is the son of Lee Don Juan. He is class president, is an academic and basketball letterman and is involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the XY Zone. Don Juan plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and major in nuclear engineering.

ALLYSON MARIE GORDON is the daughter of Sue and Rick Gordon. She is yearbook editor, a member of the Latin Club and National Honor Society and is a volleyball letterman. She is a Symphony Belle. Gordon plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biomedical engineering.

JASON MICHAEL RAUGHTON is the son of Christen and Craig Raughton. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a football and baseball letterman. He is active in Young Life. Raughton plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.

AMY BAILEY WOOD is the daughter of Leslie and Lee Wood. She is a member of National Honor Society and Dawg Pack, is an academic and golf letterman and a Texas Scholar. She is a Symphony Belle. Wood plans to attend the University of Texas and major in nursing.

THOMAS EDWAL JONES is the son of Sally and Thomas Jones. He is a member of Model Organization of American States team and National Honor Society, and is a Texas Scholar and academic letterman. He volunteers at Christmas in Action and the Museum of the Southwest. Jones plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in chemical engineering.

HANNAH MCHARVEY BERTELSON is the daughter of Karen and Daniel Bertelson. She is a member of the National Honor Society and track team. She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and is involved in Peer Ministry and Teen ACTS. Bertelson plans to attend the University of Wyoming and major in chemical engineering.

THOMAS DUNCAN CLARK is the son of Molly and Reb Clark. He is a member of Student Council and the football team. He is a Texas Scholar and an academic letterman. He is a member of Young Life. Clark plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in civil engineering.

ADRIENNE ELIZABETH COATS is the daughter of Sigrid and Richard Coats. She is a member of Students in Philanthropy, is National Honor Society secretary and is an academic and golf letterman. Coats plans to attend the University of Texas and major in communications.

BRADY THOMAS WATSON is the son of D'Andra and Bo Watson. He is a member of National Honor Society, is a football captain and football letterman. Watson plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biology.

KENNEDY ALLENE COFFMAN is the daughter of Melinda and John Coffman. She is a member of Model Organization of American States team, DECA and National Honor Society and a is a cheerleading letterman. She is a Symphony Belle and is active in Young Life. Coffman plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in sports marketing.

JAMES ROBERT BEHRMANN is the son of Cheryl and Jim Behrmann. He is a member of National Honor Society, is a football and soccer letterman and a Texas Scholar. He is active in Young Life. Behrmann plans to attend Auburn University and major in business.

VICTORIA ELLEN GERALD is the daughter of Michelle Gerald and the late Patrick Gerald. She is salutatorian, National Honor Society vice president, Student Council treasurer and class treasurer. She is a volleyball letterman, a National Merit Commended Scholar and has received the Bausch and Lomb Science Medal. Gerald plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.

TODAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 92 Low: 62	High: 86 Low: 58	High: 87 Low: 62	High: 94 Low: 69	High: 96 Low: 69	High: 91 Low: 63

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 92 and southwest winds between 10 and 15 mph, increasing to between 15 and 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 62 and southwest winds between 20 and 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph and there is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m.

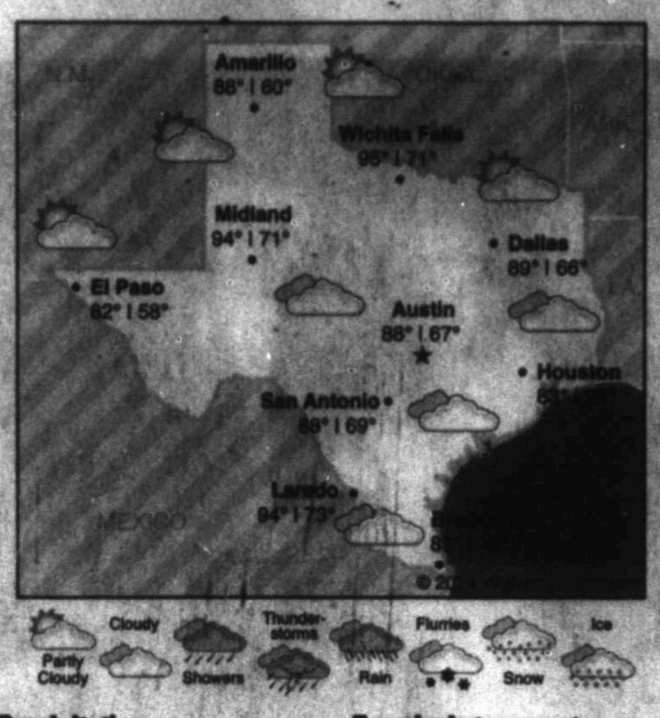
Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 86 and west winds between 10 and 20 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 58 and west winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 87 and a low around 62.

The high on Tuesday reached 95, while the low dropped to 69. The record high for May 6 is 103 set in 1947. The record low is 37 set in 1935.

National forecast

Near-record heat will continue from parts of Texas to the southern and central Plains today.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.71 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	95
Low	69
Normal high	85
Normal low	56
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	8:33 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, May 7

'Twerking' isn't dangerous, just the latest dance fad

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'm the happily married mother of two teenage boys. The other day I overheard my older son (age 17) talking with a friend about "twerking." I have never heard of it and now I'm worried. Is twerking a drug term? Is it similar to "tripping," "getting high" or "catfishing"?

My 17-year-old is supposed to go to Princeton next year on a sports scholarship, and I'm afraid "twerking" will derail him from his charted path. Thank you for any advice you may have. — TROUBLED MOM IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR MOM: Don't panic. "Tripping" and "getting high," as you already know, refer to altered states of consciousness as the result of using drugs. "Catfishing" is something else. It's pretending to be someone you aren't, creating a false identity on social media, usually to pursue a deceptive online romance.

The "twerking" your son was referring to is a dance move recently made famous by Miley Cyrus — in which the dancer (usually female) gyrates in a provocative, semi-squatting position that involves thrusting hip movements.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are not big fans of his best friend's wife. "Aracely" is extremely ill-mannered. She never says thank you, didn't even write thank-you notes for their wedding and baby showers, and when we're at a restaurant will loudly announce that the food was "disgusting."

Aracely claims our baby "cries too much." She arrived at my son's second birthday party with a hangover and so much more. She claims she doesn't observe our "Southern ways" because she comes from South America and has been in the United States for only eight years.

We keep our interactions with her limited, but do not cut her off completely because my husband values his friendship with her husband. I told my husband I'm considering giving her an etiquette book, but he said it would be rude. I disagree. I think it would nullify Aracely's argument that she doesn't understand our "Southern" manners. Do you agree that it would be rude? — MANNERED SOUTHERN GAL

DEAR SOUTHERN GAL: Sorry, but I do agree, because the gift would be given with malicious intent, and I'm pretty sure that while Aracely lacks polish, she isn't stupid.

Her problem isn't that she doesn't understand good manners because she's from South America. I have met individuals from South America who are educated, cultured and whose manners are refined. Obviously, Aracely does not come from this kind of background.

ONLY if you could pull it off without sounding catty, the next time she hauls out the excuse for her deplorable manners, you might "offer" to buy her an etiquette book "so she can learn the ways of her adopted country" — but don't expect her to take you up on it.

DEAR ABBY: Would it be appropriate to send my future mother-in-law a Mother's Day card? I feel it would be a nice gesture to help start the relationship between us. — NICK IN OMAHA

DEAR NICK: I concur. In fact, I suspect it will melt her heart to know you feel that way about her, even before you marry her daughter.

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Good bidding

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 7 2
♡ K J 7 6 3 2
♢ K 10 7
♣ Void

WEST
♠ K J 9 6 5 4
♡ 4
♢ J 6 4 2
♣ 10 5

EAST
♠ 10 3
♡ 8
♢ Q 9 8 5
♣ A K J 9 8 4

SOUTH
♠ A
♡ A Q 10 9 8
♢ A 3
♣ Q 7 6 3 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♣	Pass	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♢*
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♣*	Dbl	5♣*
Pass	6♣*	Dbl	7♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

*Cue bids

Opening lead: 10 of ♣

Cue-bids can have several meanings, depending on the context. They are especially useful in slam bidding on hands where Blackwood isn't helpful, as when one partner has a void suit.

Today's hand features a bevy of them.

North's first cue-bid of three spades merely showed a heart fit in a hand that was too good for a simple four-heart raise. All of the other cue-bids were control-showing bids in an effort to reach six hearts. The auction took a surprising turn when North was able to cue-bid clubs twice. East's doubles suggested great strength in clubs, so South reasoned that North held either a void in clubs or a singleton ace. South took a bit of a gamble when he leaped to the grand slam, but his gamble was rewarded when the dummy came down. North's extra trump length made up for any high cards that were missing.

The play was simple. South ruffed the opening club lead in dummy and led a trump to his ace. Another club was ruffed on the table, followed by the ace and king of diamonds. South claimed the balance on a cross-ruff. Well bid!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 7, 2014:

This year you test your boundaries with people who are solemn or stubborn. You seek to understand where they are coming from, but often you will have the door slammed in your face. Accept others rather than challenging them. If you are single, you meet people with ease in your daily life. Look to the person you feel at ease with, and curb a tendency to push a relationship too quickly to the next stage. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy unusual closeness after July. You will opt for much more one-on-one time. LEO likes to spend quality time with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your creativity will emerge as you interact with others. An associate might insist on having a one-on-one conversation with you. Listen to this person's logic. The discussion that ensues could be very enlightening. Tonight: Visit with a child or a potential sweetie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Allow greater give-and-take between you and someone else. Defer to a family member, and understand what is important. You will be more anchored and contained than you originally might have thought possible. Discuss a money matter. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll be more forthright than you have been in a while. Discussions you start could draw a lot of feedback. Keep a situation active through a brainstorming session. Listen to an offer from someone in charge. You might feel as if you have no choice. Tonight: Pace yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be sensitive to someone else's financial situation. Your compassion is likely to bring this person closer. Your understanding means more to others than you might think. Do not make more of a situation than what it really is. Tonight: Speak your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Be more forthright and direct. Someone involved with your personal life will be disapproving, no matter what you say or do. You might as well be realistic about what is motivating you. Communication will excel in a meeting. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your image of what needs to happen will be very different from reality. Do not push someone so hard, and try to avoid going to extremes. You might see a personal matter one way today, but your vision could change tomorrow. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be taken aback by a personal situation that causes you anxiety. You will discover how much you are influenced by difficult people. Pick and choose your company with care; your productivity and happiness could change as a result. Tonight: Join a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You might be more touchy and difficult than you realize. Be willing to turn a situation around through having an important discussion. You could be out of touch when it comes to addressing a personal matter. Try to loosen up a little. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might see a situation in a different light. Be more direct in your dealings, and understand what is about to happen. Remain upbeat and direct in your interactions, even though you could have some lingering misgivings. Tonight: Think "mini-vacation."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ A meeting could be very uncomfortable, especially if you encounter a lot of negativity. Understand why others might be threatened by a change of direction. Most people find any variation in the status quo unnerving. Tonight: Have an important discussion with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others continue to seek you out. You might need to establish your boundaries and direction once more. You could feel as if you want to make an instrumental change in how you live your life. Do you really want to? Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You'll have the ability to get through a lot of work right now. Understand that you must say "no" to certain invitations and head in your chosen direction. You will see a situation change, and you might feel as if you need to change with it. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

BORN TODAY

Journalist Tim Russert (1950), former first lady of Argentina Eva Peron (1919), poet Robert Browning (1812)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Takes out in an arcade, as bad guys
5 Longtime AFL president Gompers
11 Rank above cpl.
14 Spread unit
15 Really enjoys
16 Quattro meno uno
17 Chinese noodle dish
20 Clothes line
21 Antiquing agent
22 "A Farewell to __"
23 1995 Shania Twain album
27 Lincoln Town Cars, e.g.
30 Highest point
31 "Jeopardy!" name
32 Hanging around
37 Org. for Hawks but not Eagles
38 Whiskas alternative ... or, literally, what's hidden in 17-, 23-, 47- and 57-Across
40 Pivotal
41 Commonly yellow blooms
43 Clothes line
44 Not quite closed
45 WWII fleet
47 Greeter of new homeowners
52 Missouri River tribe
53 "Dies __"
54 Deluge refuge
57 Will Schuester portrayer on "Glee"
62 Was tricked by a worm?
63 Pull into, as a motel
64 Late-night rival of Jimmy and Jimmy
65 Pavement warning
66 "__ here": "Poltergeist"
67 Expel with force

DOWN

1 "The Hangover" actor Galifianakis
2 Workout consequence
3 Schoolmarmish
4 "Hold on a __!"
5 Extended attacks
6 Good __: fully restored
7 Start to manage?
8 The Wildcats of the America East Conf.
9 1940s mil. zone
10 Cattle call
11 Back at sea
12 Fairy tale brother
13 High-strung
18 Lyricist Gus
19 Champion skier known as the "Herminator"
23 Strain
24 Seriously injures
25 Overture follower
26 "Breaking Bad" setting: Abbr.
27 Beach pailful
28 Where Napoleon was exiled
29 Like The Who's Tommy
32 River through Tours
33 Head-rotating bird
34 Source of much dorm furniture
35 "Groovy!"
36 Fitness centers
38 Magic amulet
39 Mild cheese
42 Gem surface
43 George W., to George
45 Lorre's "Casablanca" role
46 Certain Afrikaner
47 Areas for development
48 Cybercommerce
49 Numbers game
50 Not macho at all
51 Like a loud crowd
54 "By yesterday!" letters
55 Gad about
56 Had down cold
58 FDR successor
59 Biblical verb suffix
60 Misfortune
61 They may be checked at the door

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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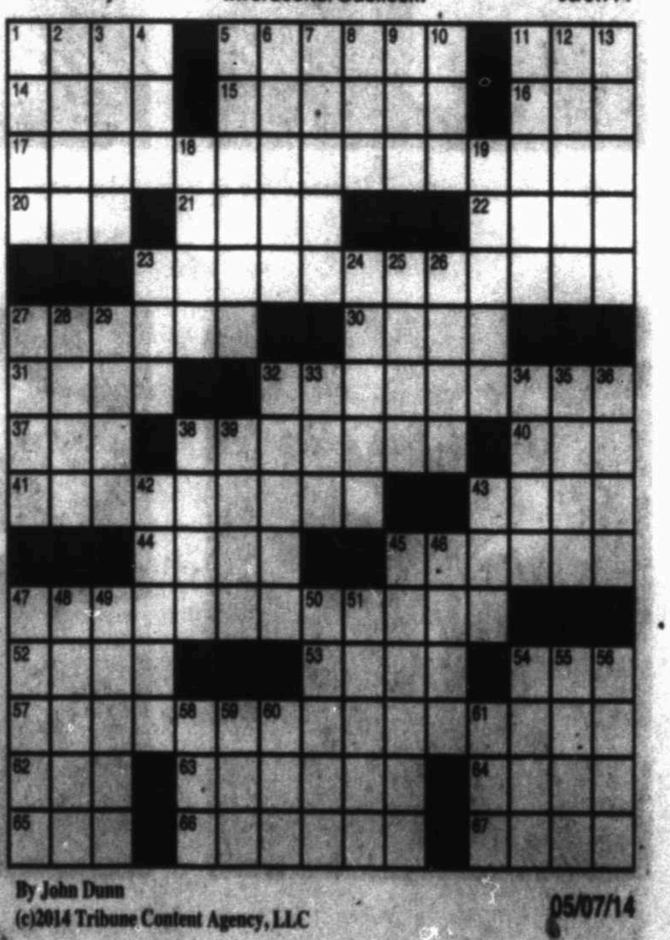

By John Dunn
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MHS PROM

Students gathered for the time of their lives Saturday during Midland High School's senior prom held at the Midland Center.

Photos by Tyler White

Editor's note: Lee High School will not open its prom to Reporter-Telegram photographers.

BENTON

From 1B

of their dedication because they want to create the best educational experience for their students.

So, during Teacher Appreciation Week, what do we want? I love Starbucks and Chick-fil-A gift cards as much as the next teacher, but I contend that another ingredient is more important and that Herzburg had it right — recognition, affirmation, encouragement.

Students, put your iPhone up for one moment and think about the investment that teachers make toward your success and grunt a "thanks." I think back to Jerry Helmer, John Wells and G.T. Gilligan and I wish that I had just taken a moment to let them know how much I appreciated how they shaped and molded me with their wisdom, enthusiasm and compassion. Parents, jot a note or send an e-mail to a teacher who your child excitedly talks about at the supper table. Administrators, understand that recruiting top teachers is only half the battle; recognizing and retaining your top performers adds stability to your campus and reduces staff turnover.

I had a 10-minute conversation with a former supervisor the other day that was adrenaline for my soul. The kind words and soft compliments she shared inspired and energized me, and she probably did not even realize how much she blessed me.

Ten minutes. Recognition, affirmation, encouragement. It is not that hard.

Darrell Benton teaches English at San Jacinto Junior High in Midland ISD.

NURSE

From 1B

said. "You have to be a multitasker, and you have to figure out if it's something, or it's nothing, and if it's nothing, could it be something?"

Hepfer said she believes deeply in the National Association of School Nurses idea that "Every child deserves a school nurse all day, every day."

Washington Principal Jennifer Seybert said Hepfer is truly invested in the school, calling her a "valuable part" of the campus.

"She's just amazing in all aspects," Seybert said. "She really is invested in our school. She has a really strong relationship with our parents... I love that they have that trust in her."

Hepfer also makes students feel cared for and special, Seybert said.

"It's almost like their second mom when their mom can't stay there," she said.

Hepfer said she tells students that her office is a safe place for them to visit and just talk.

"I have a student here, and he came by one morning, and he said, 'Nurse Michele, I was just checking to make sure you were here. I just don't like to be at school if you're not,'" she said. "And that just kind of makes your day, when you know you're here with the students."

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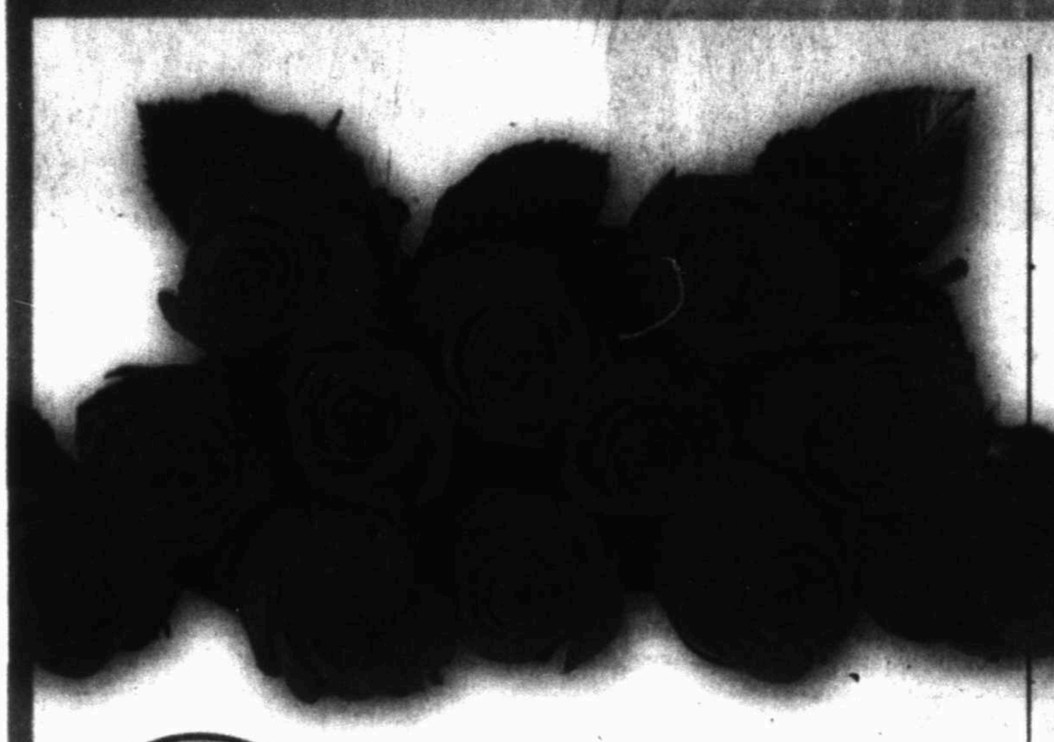

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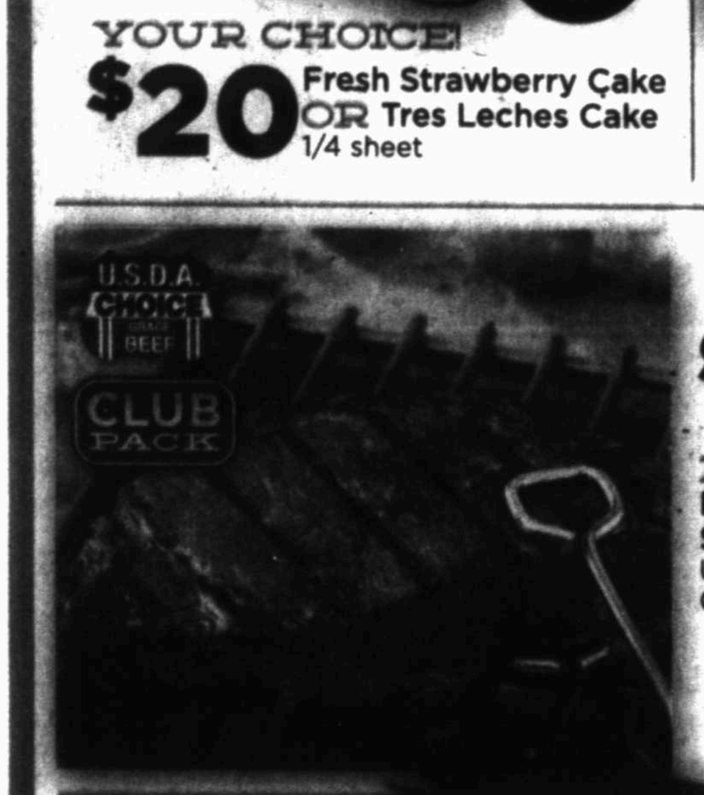

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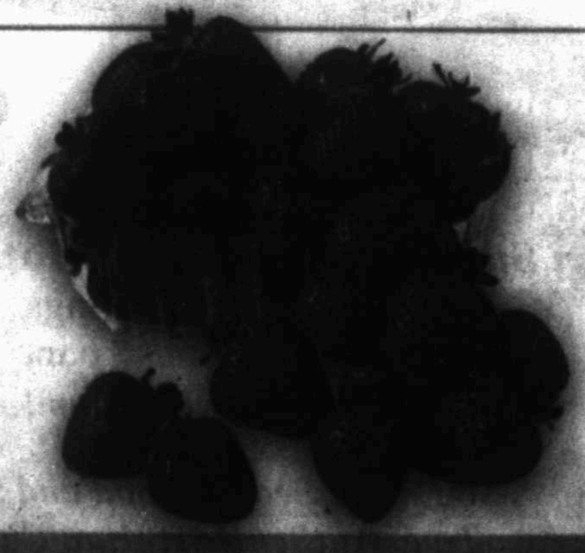

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Greenwood hires new boys hoops, volleyball coaches

By Len Hayward
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Greenwood athletic director Shad Hanna has had a busy few weeks hiring coaches as he filled two major positions over the last month.

Hanna

Hanna said that Coahoma girls basketball coach Paul Hartman will take over as the new boys basketball coach on Tuesday.

Also volleyball coach Tricia Redwine has resigned, and Pamela Chesnut will take over as the new coach.

Hanna said Hartman spent last year in Coahoma, but has also coached for a number of years in the Panhandle and was among five applicants interviewed for the position. Hanna also said that Hartman has a son in Odessa, and the desire to move a little closer helped him land Hartman.

"I heard so many good things about him, and I just called him up, and asked, 'Hey, are you interested?,' Hanna said. "This is right when I first found out it was coming open. I asked him if he'd be interested and he said absolutely. He was by far the best applicant we had."

Hartman will take over a Greenwood program that will have its third coach in the last three seasons. Cliff Thompson resigned after last season's 7-21 campaign as the area's housing issues forced him and his wife to move away from the area. Thompson has since been hired at San Angelo TLCA as boys basketball coach.

Hanna was looking for someone that could stabilize the position for a few years. He said all the coaches that have had the job have been "great" coaches, but just haven't been able to stay.

"That was the big deal," Hanna said. "We wanted to find somebody that wanted to be in the area and was going to stay for a while. They've had some really good coaches but we just didn't have very good stability, and they were moving on to better jobs, and bigger and better places for their families. You can't blame people for wanting to do that."

Chesnut comes to Greenwood after serving as an assistant volleyball coach and head softball coach at Bullard High School.

Redwine resigned within the last month, and was able to hire Chesnut fairly quickly. Hanna said Chesnut had initially applied for a teaching position at Greenwood before this job came open.

Redwine spent three seasons at Greenwood compiling a 51-68 record, and helping the Rangerettes make their deepest playoff run in a number of years in 2011, advancing to the Class 3A regional quarterfinals. Greenwood finished 10-28 in 2013.

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The draft approaches

MRT file photo

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones speaks to the media in 2013 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Jerry Jones not thinking QB heading into draft

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones isn't looking to draft a quarterback — Johnny Manziel or otherwise.

Jones found several ways to shoot down the notion of grabbing Manziel if the former Heisman Trophy winner from Texas A&M unexpectedly falls to the Cowboys at No. 16 in the first round Thursday night.

His answers in the team's annual pre-draft news conference Tuesday always came back to the same thing: "Our best shot is a healthy Tony Romo."

The Dallas quarterback just turned 34 and is coming off two back surgeries, the last for a herniated disk sustained against Washington that knocked him out of a playoffs-or-bust loss to Philadelphia in the season finale.

Jones doesn't like the odds of winning with a rookie quarterback, and sees the development of one as an expensive proposition in terms of money and practice time. Besides, the Cowboys are trying to break a three-season streak of 8-8 finishes and a four-year playoff drought in the final season of coach Jason Garrett's contract.

"This isn't rebuilding time," Jones said. "As a look down the future, yes. But for coming in here and helping us win games right now, those odds are too far for me to get excited about."

The Cowboys figure to have a defense-first draft after releasing franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in a salary-cap move. Regardless of what happens in the draft, Dallas' defensive line won't look anything like what was projected a

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Texans need a QB but could pick Clowney first

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The first two times the Houston Texans had the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, they chose quarterback David Carr and defensive end Mario Williams.

Clowney

Odds are that they'll use this year's top choice on one of those two positions again.

South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney is widely considered the best player available in this year's draft. Pairing him with 2012 Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt could give the Texans the best 1-2 pass-rushing punch in the NFL.

The problem is that while Houston could use another game-changing defensive player, the need at quarterback is more dire. The Texans traded Matt Schaub in the offseason after a terrible year in which he was benched after six games. The Texans signed veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick in the offseason, but he probably isn't the long-term solution to their quarterback woes.

Several talented quarterbacks in this draft have questions attached to them concerning whether they are can't-miss prospects worthy of the No. 1 pick. Considered the best of the crop are Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel, Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater and Blake Bortles of Central Florida.

Some worry that Manziel's size will be a detriment in the NFL. Bridgewater had a bad pro day. Bortles has taken criticism because of his limited mobility.

Manziel is somewhat of a folk hero in Texas after winning the Heisman Trophy in 2012. Billboards imploring the Texans to "Keep Johnny Football in Texas" dot the freeways around Houston, and

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MCS scores 8 in the 5th in win over Tyler Grace Community

Lady Mustangs	**10**
Lady Cougars	8

From staff reports

CISCO — The Midland Christian softball team used an eight-run fifth inning to rally for a 10-8 victory against Tyler Grace Community in a TAPPS 4A regional round game on Tuesday at Cisco Junior College.

The victory gave the Lady Mustangs (32-13) their second straight trip to the TAPPS 4A state tournament. Midland Christian will take on Waco Reicher at 4 p.m. Friday at the Waco ISD Sports Complex in a state semifinal.

Tuesday was the second straight playoff game the Lady Mustangs had to rally for a victory, but this time they faced a larger margin. Tyler Grace jumped out to a 6-1 lead after two innings and increased that lead to 7-1 after three innings.

But Caity Beeson's single to start the fifth began an inning where Midland Christian sent 13 hitters to the plate and eight of the nine hitters in the lineup scored a run. Lauren Grizzard had a two-run triple early in the rally, and then coach Judy Hardy said they were able to

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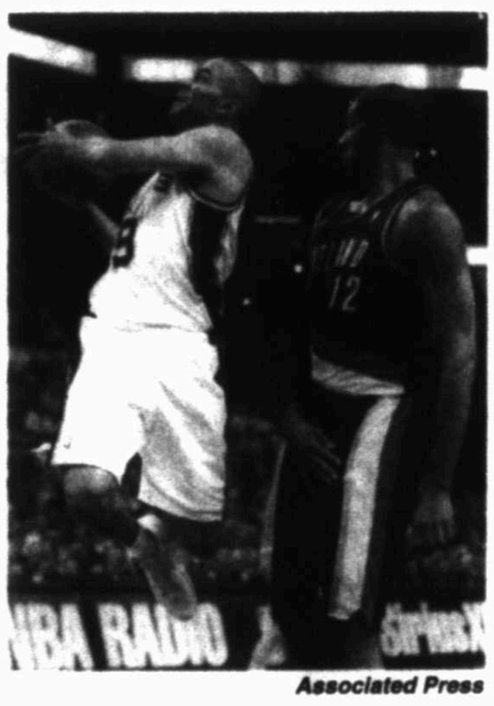
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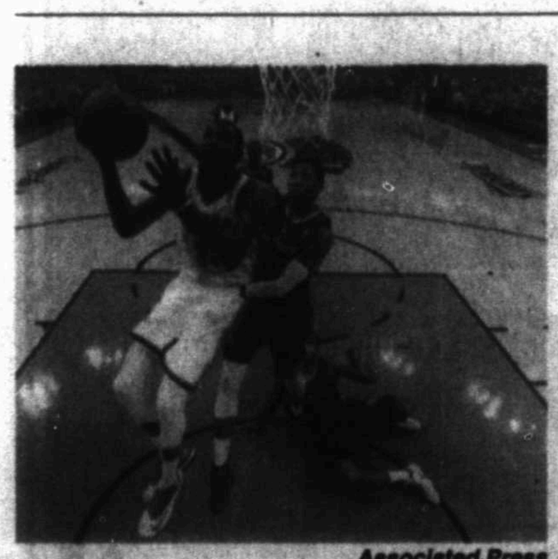
Semifinals

The San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9) drives around the Portland Trail Blazers' LaMarcus Aldridge (12) to score during the first half of Game 1 of a Western Conference semifinal NBA playoff series, Tuesday in San Antonio. The Spurs won 116-92 and lead the series 1-0.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The Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant (35) goes up for a shot in front of the Los Angeles Clippers forward Danny Granger (33) and forward Jared Dudley (9) in the second quarter of Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal playoff series in Oklahoma City on Monday.

Thunder star Kevin Durant wins first MVP award

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant has plenty of scoring titles. Now, he finally has an MVP trophy to go with them.

The Oklahoma City Thunder star won the NBA's top individual honor Tuesday, grabbing 119 first-place votes. Miami's LeBron James, who had won the last two MVP awards and four of the previous five, finished second with six first-place votes and Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers was third.

Durant, a 6-foot-9 forward, won his fourth scoring crown in five years this season by averaging 32 points per game. He helped the Thunder finish the regular season with a 59-23 record, second-best in the league, despite playing much of the season without three-time All-Star Russell Westbrook by his side because of a nagging knee injury.

"He's been the most consistent guy all season long," Westbrook said at the end of the regular season. "He's done a great job of leading us to where we are now. He's basically put himself in front of everybody else in the league and shown that he's the best player in the world."

James agreed, saying Monday: "Much respect to him and he deserves it. He had a big-time MVP season."

Durant's run of 41 consecutive games this season with at least 25 points was the third-longest streak in NBA history. In all, he scored at least 40 points 14 times. He also averaged 7.4 rebounds and a career-high 5.5 assists while shooting 50 percent from the field.

"He does everything," New Orleans coach Monty Williams said. "You just can't recall a guy that long who can do what he does every single night. Shooting from 30 feet on the floor with confidence and driving to the basket and dunking on guys, and then go post up, and on top of it, a great teammate and good kid."

Durant moved to the front of the pack while Westbrook was out following his most recent knee surgery. Durant averaged 35 points and 6.3 assists during that stretch as the Thunder went 20-7 and remained among the league's elite.

Westbrook's injury gave Durant an opportunity to use

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

'HOUNDS WATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 12, Midland 7

THURSDAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.
Security Bank Ballpark

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

RECORDS
Midland 19-12, San Antonio 13-18

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Frisco 7, Midland 6	Frisco 12, Midland 7	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
SEC tournament, Mississippi State vs. Kentucky at Columbia, S.C., 3 p.m., ESPNU
SEC tournament, Auburn at South Carolina, 5:30 p.m., ESPNU

MLB
Regional coverage, L.A. Dodgers at Washington or Arizona at Milwaukee, noon, MLB
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., ESPN

NBA
Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 2, Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m. TNT
Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 2, L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL
Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 4, Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

SOCCER
Premier League, Aston Villa at Manchester City, 1:40 p.m., FS1

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Class 2A State Tournament, Roy Kizer GC, Austin
Class A State Tournament, Lions Municipal, Austin

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Brad Brach to Norfolk (IL). Recalled LHP T.J. McFarland from Norfolk.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Designated C George Kottaras for assignment. Recalled RHP Josh Tomlin from Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Jose Ortega to Toledo (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Robbie Ray from Toledo.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated OF Lorenzo Cain from the 15-day DL.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned RHP Chris Leroux outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reinstated RHP Michael Pineda from the suspended list and placed him on the 15-day DL. Reinstated INF Brendan Ryan from the 15-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Sent LHP Joe Saunders to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent RHP Jose Veras to Tennessee (SL) for a rehab assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Placed OF Jay Bruce on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of OF Roger Bernadina from Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Pedro Baez to Chattanooga (SL). Reinstated LHP Clayton Kershaw from the 15-day DL.
MIAMI MARLINS — Released INF Greg Dobbs.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned LHP Jeff Locke to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled RHP Phil Irwin from Indianapolis.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent 3B Chase Headley to Lake Elsinore (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Blake Treinen from Syracuse (IL). Optioned RHP Ryan Mattheus to Syracuse.
American Association
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Released 1B Chris Garcia. Signed RHPs Kyle Wahl, Jakob Cunningham and Brandon Wilkerson and 1B Andres Rodriguez.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released INFs Robbie Rea and Miles Walding. Signed OFs JP Ramirez and Nick Van Stratten and C Victor Monteagudo.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Keith Bilodeau.
Frontier League
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Joe Rosan.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Released 1B Corey Davis.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Fired coach Mark Jackson.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Announced president Andy Roeser is taking an indefinite leave of absence.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Entered into a single-affiliation partnership with Iowa (NBADL) for the 2014-15 season.
TORONTO RAPTORS — Signed coach Dwane Casey to a three-year contract extension.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Reinstated S Tanard Jackson from suspension.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed LB Brado James to a one-day contract and announced his retirement.
ST. LOUIS RAMS — Signed WR T.J. Moe.
Canadian Football League
B.C. LIONS — Re-signed DT Khalil Mitchell. Released DB Lin-J Shell.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released LBs Cyhi Quarles and Gerald McRath.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Named Peter Laviolette coach.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed G Andrei Vasilevskii to a three-year, entry-level contract.

ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Alaska LW Tommy Meier one game. Fined Idaho F Mitch Wahl.

MOTORSPORTS
NASCAR — Fined crew chief Kenny Francis $25,000 for rules violations during qualifying for the Sprint Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway on Saturday.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Fined L.A. Galaxy F Rob Friend for embellishment during Saturday's game.

WRESTLING
USA WRESTLING — Named Bruce Burnett national freestyle coach.

COLLEGE
ASSUMPTION — Named Chelsea Pitvorec coordinator of athletic communications.
GEORGE WASHINGTON — Signed women's basketball coach Jonathan Tapps to a contract extension through the 2020-21 season.
KENTUCKY — Signed football coach Mark Stoops to a contract extension through the 2018 season.
MIDDLE TENNESSEE — Named Ronnie Hamilton men's assistant basketball coach.
RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE — Named Sherri Heard women's assistant volleyball coach.

PGA TOUR LEADERS

1.	Jimmy Walker	2,046	$4,225,071	51. Jonas Blixt	521	$1,203,180
2.	Bubba Watson	1,840	$4,533,007	52. Robert Garrigus	519	$873,501
3.	Matt Kuchar	1,436	$3,121,107	53. Jeff Overton	515	$974,470
4.	Patrick Reed	1,364	$3,036,426	54. Hideki Matsuyama	511	$918,268
5.	Dustin Johnson	1,334	$3,348,150	55. Hunter Mahan	503	$961,791
6.	Harris English	1,290	$2,569,772	56. Vijay Singh	501	$798,560
7.	Chris Kirk	1,189	$2,221,393	57. Adam Scott	497	$1,058,650
8.	Jordan Spieth	1,173	$2,731,423	58. Jerry Kelly	486	$919,860
9.	Zach Johnson	1,095	$2,221,087	59. Ian Poulter	484	$1,148,844
10.	Matt Every	1,051	$2,102,826	60. Rory Sabbatini	481	$924,907
11.	Webb Simpson	1,001	$2,118,756	61. George McNeill	475	$889,750
12.	Ryan Moore	953	$2,176,480	62. Ben Martin	463	$843,023
13.	Kevin Stadler	936	$1,931,352	63. K.J. Choi	459	$811,112
14.	Kevin Na	885	$1,896,628	64. Kevin Streelman	456	$825,439
15.	John Senden	884	$1,730,664	65. Martin Flores	449	$892,177
16.	Will MacKenzie	880	$1,782,250	66. Freddie Jacobson	448	$806,835
17.	Seung-Yul Noh	853	$1,883,773	67. Brendan Steele	446	$723,973
18.	J.B. Holmes	845	$1,885,322	68. Stuart Appleby	437	$709,567
19.	Graham DeLaet	817	$1,780,934	69. Robert Streb	429	$866,763
20.	Brian Stuard	801	$1,518,585	70. Justin Hicks	428	$822,951
21.	Keegan Bradley	799	$1,840,915	71. Andrew Svoboda	419	$803,001
22.	Matt Jones	798	$1,805,598	72. Erik Compton	418	$810,483
23.	Gary Woodland	771	$1,581,386	73. Justin Leonard	407	$892,943
24.	Jim Furyk	769	$1,759,637	74. Billy Horschel	402	$743,913
25.	Jason Day	768	$2,010,365	75. Kevin Chappell	399	$543,833
26.	Ryan Palmer	747	$1,466,356	76. Scott Langley	390	$645,854
27.	Charles Howell III	741	$1,324,265	77. Jason Dufner	389	$785,249
28.	Russell Henley	733	$1,499,994	78. David Hearn	385	$573,989
29.	Charley Hoffman	723	$1,349,657	79. Marc Leishman	378	$724,969
30.	Russell Knox	712	$1,136,724	80. Briny Baird	365	$804,028
31.	Ryo Ishikawa	687	$1,239,264	81. Brendon de Jonge	364	$803,339
32.	Steven Bowditch	655	$1,331,996	82. William McGirt	363	$594,329
33.	Bill Haas	651	$1,160,414	83. Phil Mickelson	361	$649,562
34.	Chesson Hadley	649	$1,237,706	84. Boo Weekley	361	$504,501
35.	Jason Bohn	643	$1,280,214	85. Michael Thompson	350	$804,350
36.	Pat Perez	642	$1,241,077	86. Luke Guthrie	348	$507,364
37.	Luke Donald	640	$1,272,651	87. Brian Gay	347	$583,155
38.	Rory McIlroy	637	$1,474,840	88. Tim Clark	346	$803,428
39.	Daniel Summerhays	636	$1,093,191	89. Chart Schwartzel	340	$706,018
40.	Jason Kokrak	632	$1,071,033	90. Camilo Villegas	338	$337,260
41.	Chris Stroud	615	$1,203,782	91. Ernie Els	336	$781,894
42.	Rickie Fowler	614	$1,498,210	92. Danny Lee	330	$532,117
43.	Graeme McDowell	597	$1,337,030	93. John Huh	327	$519,995
44.	Sergio Garcia	592	$1,367,867	94. Bryce Molder	327	$637,009
45.	Brian Harman	582	$1,078,249	95. Lee Westwood	316	$675,375
46.	Cameron Tringale	578	$998,254	96. Henrik Stenson	311	$647,123
47.	Scott Stallings	575	$1,195,200	97. Seng-Moon Bae	309	$456,735
48.	Scott Brown	574	$988,407	98. Retief Goosen	305	$506,479
49.	Brendon Todd	569	$850,863	99. James Driscoll	304	$343,780
50.	Justin Rose	540	$1,256,179	100. Stewart Cink	301	$535,138

FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water clear; 72-76 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait, frozen shrimp, liver, and bloodbait. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water clear; 70-74 degrees; 10.00 feet low. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Boats, livewells, and bait buckets must be drained of all water before leaving the area. Details at: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/general-rules-regulations/possession-and-transport-of-exotic-aquatic-species.
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 11.16 feet low. Black bass to 5 pounds are very good on black/blue and chartreuse/white chatterbaits, and craw or shad colored crankbaits in 2-6 feet. White bass are good on minnows and pink tube jigs off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on minnows and LRI Fishes. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 62-67 degrees; 15.7 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on flukes, Senkos, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs around shallow cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 63-67 degrees; 17.63 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 21.19 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 62-67 degrees; 13.70 feet low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 63-68 degrees; 24.69 feet low. Black bass are good on jigs, Texas rigs and weightless soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 62-67 degrees; 23.14 feet low. Black bass are fair Texas rigged lizards or worms, jigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 63-68 degrees; 47.47 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, jigs and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 63-69 degrees; 14.28 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on Hundingers. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 71.91 feet low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 15.84 feet low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 63-68 degrees; 34.78 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 62-67 degrees; 34.75 feet low. No report available.

Fiftyshadesofgold wins at Churchill Downs

From staff reports

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Texas-bred horse Fiftyshadesofgold won the Grade 3 Eight Belles Stakes on Friday at Churchill Downs on Ketucky Derby weekend.

Fiftyshadesofgold, a 3-year old filly who was bred at Valor Farms and is owned by the family of the late Clarence Scharbauer Jr., held off Milam at the finish for a time of 1 minute, 22.50 seconds in seven furlongs.

It was the fourth win for the filly to go along with one second and a third in six starts during her career. Jockey Mike Smith rode Fiftyshadesofgold to victory.

"I knew when I locked into that other filly (Milam) at the 16th pole, that I had her measured," Smith said. "We could have gone around again, and she wasn't going to get beat."

It was Fiftyshadesofgold's second victory at Churchill Downs as she won the Debutante Stakes last June.

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Fiftyshadesofgold is seen here winning the Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs in 2013. The 2-year old philly also won a recent stakes race at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. The horse is owned by Clarence Scharbauer Jr.

STATETRACKPROFILE

BY LEN HAYWARD

KAMIE HALFMANN

Halfmann has been a regular at the UIL State Track & Field Meet for the last three years, and heads back to Austin this week with an eye on winning two more gold medals. Halfmann won both the Class A Division II 3,200 and the 1,600 meters last year in Austin and is the favorite to win again this season. Halfmann also plays basketball and helped the Lady Bearkats to a successful playoff run this past season, and also finished fourth in state cross country in the fall. After this season, Halfmann will head to Angelo State to run track and major in kinesiology and excercise science, with the goal of becoming a personal trainer.

School: Garden City
Class: Senior
Events: Class A Division II girls 3,200 meters and 1,600 meters

WHAT'S YOUR TOP HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MOMENT?
Probably winning two state gold medals last year. That was my first time to win state in anything.

ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS TO WIN AT STATE AGAIN THIS YEAR?
Yes, probably to win both events again.

WHY DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN DO THAT?
I've been undefeated so far this year, and judging by the competition from last year it will be about the same.

WHAT CAN YOU ATTRIBUTE YOUR SUCCESS TO?
I know I couldn't have gotten anywhere without my coaches coaching me, and my parents.

ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR TO THIS YEAR?
Not really. I have been running faster this year, and I was able to break one of our school records this year. I broke the school record in the mile, it was 5:26, and I ran a 5:20 at Robert Lee.

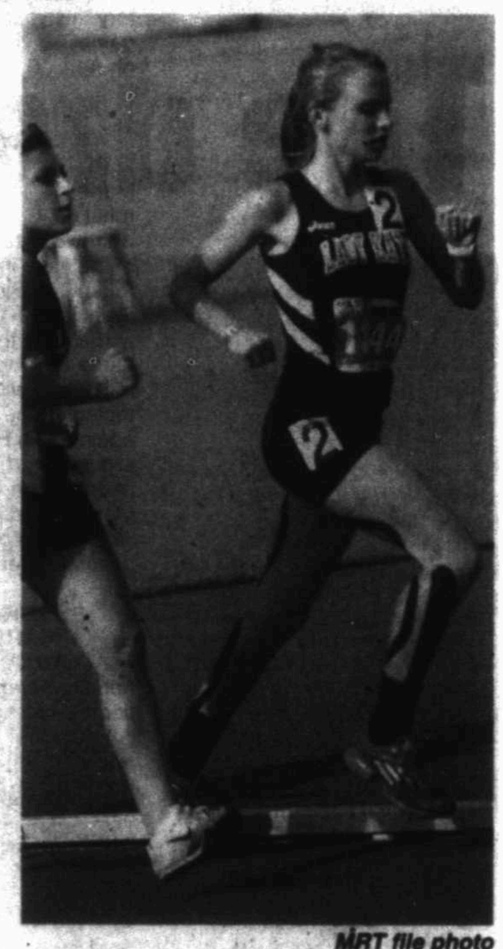
IS THERE MUCH TRANSLATION FROM CROSS COUNTRYTO TRACK?
The events I run are long distance, and it's a cross country mindset.

TAKE ME THROUGH A TWO MILE?
You want to have a good first two laps and then try to start off with a good mile. Then you want to finish with a good mile, and always finish strong at the end.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO COMPETE AT THE STATE TRACK MEET IN AUSTIN?
It's a little more nervewracking and it's different. I was pretty nervous my first year.

WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU GAINED COMPETING DOWN THERE THE LAST THREE YEARS?
That it's just another track meet. You just have to do your best and that's all you can do.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT COMPETING AND WINNING AT STATE?
You know that's as far as you can go, and that's the best you can do, so you may as well give it your all.



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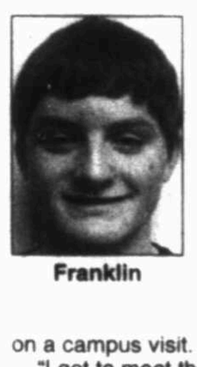
Garden City's Kamie Halfmann (2) competes in the Class A Girls 3,200 meter run at the UIL Track and Field State Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin in 2012.

GREENWOODSIGNINGCAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GRANT FRANKLIN
College: Howard Payne University
High School: Greenwood High School
Sport: Boys Basketball
Franklin on why he chose Howard Payne: "I played in the Texas Roundup All-Star game and the coach from Howard Payne was down there and saw me playing, and he came up to me and was real nice. We were just talking, and later I looked into it and went on a campus visit.



Franklin

"I got to meet the players and immediately they were super nice and talked about how they hoped I ended up choosing to come there. They were real welcoming because sometimes you are scared that they are not really wanting you because they are thinking you could come in and take their job. It was the exact opposite."

Franklin on what he feels his chances are to play his first year: "The coach said he's got a point guard, who is pretty good, but he also said he's their main scorer. He thinks they can move him out to the wing, and I think I could come in and handle the ball and run the offense."

Former Greenwood boys basketball coach Cliff Thompson on Franklin: "I can't say enough good things, the kid was unbelievable. I coached against him his sophomore and junior year, and he's always been a nightmare. He's unbelieveable on the court, and he goes 100 mph. He never takes time off. I don't know much about their program as far as specific players and what they have, but I know with his ability, and just with his work ethic and attitude he will find a spot."

Notes: Franklin is one of the most decorated players at Greenwood over the last few years. He was the Newcomer of the Year in the district as a sophomore, a first team all-district selection as a junior and was the Offensive MVP of District 4-3A this past season. ... Franklin also played in the Texas Roundup All-Star game in Maypearl. ... Franklin said he also had interest in attending Oklahoma Baptist and possibly going to Midland College.

GRACE SUNDERLAND
College: Hardin-Simmons University
High School: Greenwood High School
Sport: Girls Basketball
Sunderland on why she chose Hardin-Simmons: "I'm going to be a nurse and went to see their nursing school there, and it not only teaches me to be a nurse but to know my faith. Plus, I really like the coaches there, and I got to meet some of the girls that I will be playing with and they were all very accepting."

Greenwood girls basketball coach Quint Anthony on Sunderland: "She's everything you are wanting in a player, a high school player especially. She is very, very strong, and she is going to bring an athleticism to them that they can use in a lot of different ways. Not only is she tall but she's also very fast, and that's the kind of thing colleges are looking for."

Sunderland

Notes: Sunderland was a second team 4-3A All-District selection after the 2013-14 season. ... Anthony said that Sunderland is one of the Rangerettes' better rebounders, and could contribute to Hardin-Simmons that way. ... Sunderland also played volleyball. ... Sunderland said she also considered Oklahoma Baptist because her grandmother was in the first nursing class the school had, but said it was ultimately too far away from home.

BRANDON ELLIOTT
College: Dallas Baptist University
High School: Greenwood High School
Sport: Tennis
Elliott on his decision to go to Dallas Baptist: "I want to get my degree in biblical studies, and I wanted to go there in the first place. I just happened to meet the tennis coach and was able to get to play there. We've been talking about tennis for about a year and a half, and I've been considering it for about three years."

Elliott

Elliott on his chances to play as a freshman: "I do believe that I will be in the top six but I know I'm going to have to get better. Obviously they are a young team, and they have some kids graduating, and I think I have a chance."

Notes: Elliott, who is also the son of Greenwood superintendent Ariel Elliott, was also a varsity basketball player for the Rangers this past season. ... Elliott's best finish at the district tennis tournament was fourth place.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 11 ASTROS 4

DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera homered for his first of four hits and four RBIs, Robbie Ray gave up one run in his debut and the Detroit Tigers routed the Houston Astros 11-4 Tuesday night for their season-high seventh straight win.

Houston, which has the worst record in the majors, lost its fourth in a row and sixth in seven games.

INDIANS 4 TWINS 2

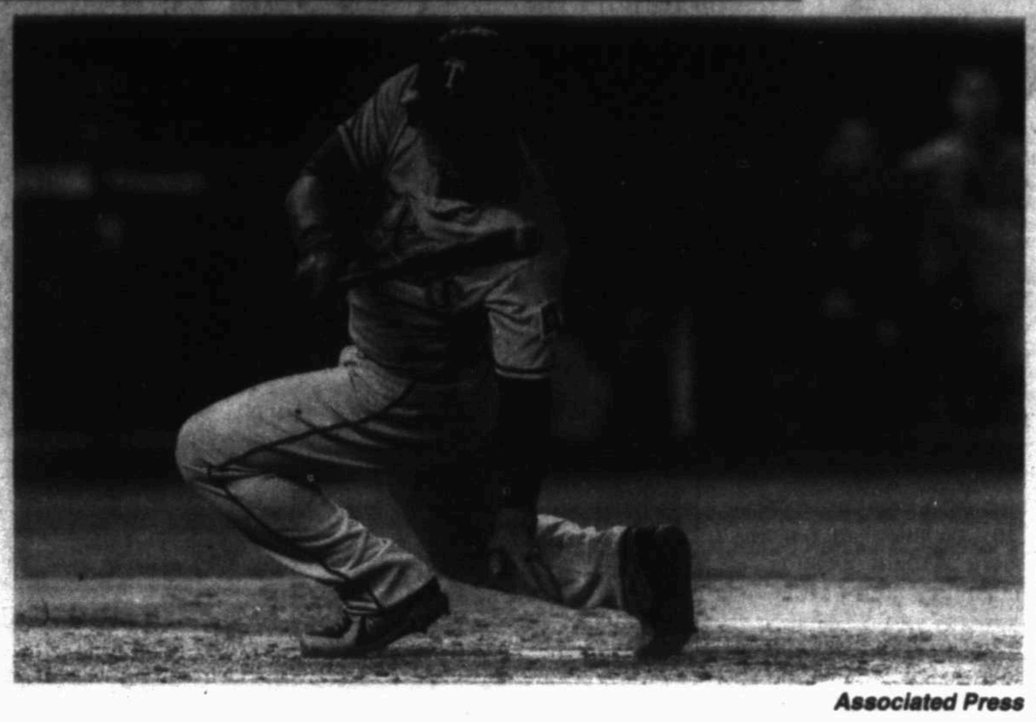
CLEVELAND — Josh Tomlin earned his first major league win since 2012, pitching into the seventh inning and leading the Cleveland Indians past the Minnesota Twins 4-2 Tuesday night.

Tomlin (1-0) allowed one run and four hits in 6 2-3 innings. He was called up from Triple-A Columbus before the game after missing most of last year while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

ORIOLES 5 RAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ryan Flaherty and Nick Markakis both drove in a run after a power outage delay in the eighth inning and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-3 on Tuesday night.

The 19-minute delay came after a series of lights went out at Tropicana Field. The outage was soon after Steve Clevenger's one-out double off Joel Peralta (1-2) put runners on second third.



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The Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo is turned around in the batter's box to avoid an inside pitch against the Colorado Rockies in the fifth inning in Denver on Tuesday. The game ended after press time. The Rangers lost 12-1.

National League

MARLINS 3 METS 0

MIAMI — Henderson Alvarez pitched a six-hitter for his second shutout this season, and the Miami Marlins won again at home, beating the New York Mets 3-0 Tuesday night.

Miami improved to a major league-best 16-5 at Marlins Park, and is 7-1 on its current homestand with one game left. The Marlins clinched the series and have won seven of their eight home series — they are 2-10 on the road.

Alvarez (2-2) struck out seven, walked none and threw 111 pitches. His only other victory this year was a complete-game 7-0 victory over Seattle on April 19.

PIRATES 2 GIANTS 1

PITTSBURGH — Starling Marte was called out, then ruled safe on a replay review with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Pittsburgh Pirates over San Francisco 2-1 Tuesday night and ending the Giants' six-game winning streak.

It was 1-all when Marte tripled off the right-field wall against Tim Hudson. Marte slid into third, got up and bolted home when the relay from second baseman Ehire Adrianza skipped by third baseman Pablo Sandoval.

BRAVES 2 CARDINALS 1

ATLANTA — Justin Upton homered and scored the tiebreaking run on Chris Johnson's eighth-inning single, and the Atlanta Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1 on Tuesday night to end their seven-game skid.

Braves right-hander Gavin Floyd was impressive in his season debut, allowing one run on six hits in seven innings.

DODGERS 8 NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON — Clayton Kershaw pitched seven shutout innings in his first outing since opening day, and Hanley Ramirez and Drew Butera homered as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Washington Nationals 8-3 Tuesday night.

DIAMONDBACKS 7 BREWERS 5

MILWAUKEE — Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning after Miguel Montero had a tying single, rallying the Arizona Diamondbacks past the Milwaukee Brewers 7-5 Tuesday night.

Interleague

BLUE JAYS 6 PHILLIES 5

PHILADELPHIA — Juan Francisco's sacrifice fly in the 10th inning lifted the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-5 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Cody Asche hit a game-tying grand slam in the sixth to help the Phillies rally from a 5-0 deficit, but they were swept in a two-game portion of a four-game, home-and-home interleague series. The teams meet Wednesday night in Toronto.

RED SOX 4 REDS 3

BOSTON — Grady Sizemore lined one off the Green Monster to score the game-winning run in the 12th inning and the Boston Red Sox beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-3 on Tuesday night.

WHITE SOX 5 CUBS 1

CHICAGO — Gordon Beckham's tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning helped the Chicago White Sox beat the rival Cubs 5-1 on Tuesday night.

Beckham was 1 for 6 in the White Sox's 3-1, 12-inning win Monday over the Cubs, but he matched a career high with four hits Tuesday.

'Hounds lose slugfest to RoughRiders

RoughRiders 12
RockHounds 7

From staff reports

FRISCO — The Midland RockHounds and Frisco RoughRiders combined for eight home runs on Tuesday afternoon, but the RoughRiders won the slugfest 12-7 at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

The RoughRiders (20-12) used the victory to take over sole possession of first place in the Texas League South Division standings by a half-game over the RockHounds.

Frisco jumped out to a 6-1 lead after one inning as the RoughRiders roughed up Midland starter Shawn Haviland for six runs in 2/3 of an inning. Frisco batted around in the inning as Haviland was tagged with the loss and fell to 1-2 this season.

Frisco scored three in the second, including back-to-back home runs to Rougned Odor and Jack Smolinksi, to open up the lead to 9-1, but Midland relievers Blake Hassebrock and Ryan Dull combined to give up three runs over the final five innings.

Josh Whitaker hit two solo home runs, one in the fourth and one in the eighth, and was 2-for-4 on the day with two RBI. Chad Oberacker, Miles Head and Anthony Aliotti also hit home runs for the RockHounds on Tuesday.

Ryan Rodebaugh earned the victory for the RoughRiders and is now 1-0 this season. Odor was 3-for-5 at the plate with four RBI.

The RockHounds will have today off and return to action at 7 p.m. Thursday against San Antonio at Security Bank Ballpark.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	18	16	.500	—
Springfield	18	16	.500	—
Tulsa	18	17	.499	1
Northwest Arkansas	11	21	.344	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	20	12	.625	—
Midland	19	12	.613	½
Corpus Christi	18	15	.516	3½
San Antonio	13	18	.419	6½

Tuesday's Scores
Arkansas 5, Northwest Arkansas 4
Frisco 12, Midland 7
Springfield 2, Tulsa 1
Corpus Christi 6, San Antonio 0

Today's Games
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROUGHRIDERS 12, ROCKHOUNDS 7

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	5	1	0	0	Grayson	5	1	2	1
Crumbliss 2b	4	1	1	0	Garcia ss	5	1	1	0
Aliotti 1b	3	1	2	2	Odor 2b	5	2	3	4
Marte 3b	4	0	0	0	Smolinsk rf	5	2	2	1
Coleman ss	4	0	1	1	Teis dh	5	2	2	3
Whitaker rf	4	2	2	2	Rua 3b	4	0	1	0
Oberacker rf	4	1	1	1	Robinson rf	4	2	4	1
Head dh	3	1	1	1	Adams 1b	2	1	0	1
Forsythe c	4	0	1	0	Cantwell c	3	1	2	1
Totals	**35**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**38**	**12**	**17**	**12**

Midland ..... 100 210 120 —7
Frisco ..... 630 010 02x —12

E—Garcia. DP—Frisco 2. LOB—Midland 3, Frisco 5. 2B—Garcia 1; Rua (7), Odor (2). 3B—Odor (1). HR—Whitaker 2 (5), Oberacker (2), Head (3), Aliotti (2), Teis (1), Odor (6), Smolinski (4). SB—Burns (13). SF—Adams.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Haviland L,1-2	0 2	5	6	6	1	1
Urbaub	2 1	4	3	3	0	2
Hassebrock	3 0	1	1	1	0	3
Dull	2 0	4	2	2	0	4
Frisco						
Saunders	4 0	4	3	2	1	4
Rodebaugh W, 1-0	5 0	2	1	1	0	1
Jackson S, 1	4 0	3	3	3	0	4

HBP—by Saunders (Aliotti). Dy Hassebrock (Cantwell).

T—2:51. A—10,132.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	16	14	.533	—
New York	16	15	.516	½
Boston	16	17	.485	1½
Toronto	16	17	.485	1½
Tampa Bay	15	18	.455	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	19	9	.679	—
Chicago	17	17	.500	5
Minnesota	15	16	.484	5½
Kansas City	14	17	.452	6½
Cleveland	14	19	.424	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	19	13	.594	—
Texas	17	15	.531	2
Los Angeles	16	15	.516	2½
Seattle	15	15	.500	3
Houston	10	23	.303	9½

Tuesday's Scores
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 2
Toronto 6, Philadelphia 5. 10 innings
Detroit 11, Houston 4
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 3
Boston 4, Cincinnati 3, 12 innings
Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Texas at Colorado, late
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, late
Seattle at Oakland, late
Kansas City at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Seattle (F.Hernandez 3-1) at Oakland (Straily 1-2), 2:35 p.m., 1st game
Kansas City (Shields 3-3) at San Diego (Cashner 2-4), 2:40 p.m.
Minnesota (Nolasco 2-3) at Cleveland (Salazar 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-3) at Oakland (Leon 0-0), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 3-2) at Toronto (Buehrle 5-1), 6:07 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 0-2) at Detroit (Porcello 4-1), 6:08 p.m.
Baltimore (B.Norris 2-2) at Tampa Bay (C.Ramos 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 2-3) at Boston (Peavy 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 3-3) at Texas (Lewis 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 0-0) at L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 0-5), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	18	14	.563	—
Miami	18	15	.545	½
Washington	18	15	.545	½
New York	16	16	.500	2
Philadelphia	15	16	.484	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	22	12	.647	—
St. Louis	17	17	.500	5
Cincinnati	15	17	.469	6
Pittsburgh	13	20	.394	8½
Chicago	11	20	.355	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	21	12	.636	—
Colorado	20	14	.588	1½
Los Angeles	19	15	.559	2½
San Diego	15	18	.455	6
Arizona	12	24	.333	10½

Tuesday's Scores
L.A. Dodgers 8, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 2, San Francisco 1
Toronto 6, Philadelphia 5. 10 innings
Boston 4, Cincinnati 3, 12 innings
Miami 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Arizona 7, Milwaukee 5
Texas at Colorado, late
Kansas City at San Diego, late

Today's Games
San Francisco (Lincecum 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Cole 2-2), 11:35 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (Z.Wheeler 1-3) at Miami (Koehler 3-2), 11:40 a.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 4-0) at Washington (Strasburg 2-2), 12:05 p.m.
Arizona (Arroyo 2-2) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 4-1), 12:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 3-3) at San Diego (Cashner 2-4), 2:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 3-2) at Toronto (Buehrle 5-1), 6:07 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 2-3) at Boston (Peavy 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 5-2) at Atlanta (Minor 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 3-3) at Texas (Lewis 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 2-2), 7:10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S AL WEST BOX
TIGERS 11, ASTROS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	Kinsler 2b	5	2	3	0
Fowler cf	4	1	2	0	Trhnitr rf	4	1	2	1
J.Castro c	4	0	1	0	D.Kelly rf	0	0	0	0
Carter dh	4	1	1	1	MiCarr 1b	5	2	4	4
Guzmn 1b	4	1	0	0	AnRmn ss	0	0	0	0
Springr rf	4	1	3	1	VMrtnz dh	4	0	1	1
MDmn 3b	4	0	1	1	JMrtnz rf	4	0	1	2
Hoes lf	3	0	0	1	Aljckson cf	5	1	1	0
Villar ss	3	0	0	0	Castins 3b	4	1	2	0
MGnzlz ph	1	0	0	0	Avila c	4	2	2	0
Worth ss-1b	3	2	2	3					
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**38**	**11**	**18**	**11**

Houston ..... 000 001 003—4
Detroit ..... 102 100 25x—11

E—Worth (1). DP—Detroit 2. LOB—Houston 5, Detroit 7. 2B—Altuve (9), Springer (3), Tor Hunter (8), Mi.Cabrera (11), Avila (5). HR—Mi.Cabrera (3). SB—A.Jackson (4). CS—Tor Hunter (1). SF—Tor.Hunter, J.Martinez. Worth.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Oberholtzer L,0-6	6	9	4	4	1	4
Cisnero	1	3	2	2	0	0
Fields	2-3	6	5	5	0	2
D.Downs	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit						
Ray W,1-0	5 1-3	5	1	1	1	5
E.Reed H,2	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Alburquerque	1	0	0	0	0	2
J.Miller	1	3	3	3	1	0

T—3:27. A—27,939 (41,681).

TUESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 4, TWINS 2

Minnesota ..... 000 000 101 —2 5 1
Cleveland ..... 220 000 00x —4 6 2

Deduno, Darnell (6) and K.Suzuki; Tomlin, Rzepczynski (7), Atchison (8), Shaw (9) and Y.Gomes. W—Tomlin 1-0. L—Deduno 0-2. Sv—Shaw (1). HRs—Minnesota, Colabello (4).

ORIOLES 5, RAYS 3

Baltimore ..... 001 110 020 —5 11 1
Tampa Bay ..... 200 000 100 —3 6 1

Hunter (9) and Clevenger; Archer, Boxberger (6), B.Gomes (7), Jo.Peralta (8), Oviedo (8) and Hanigan. W—O'Day 1-0. L—Jo.Peralta 1-2. Sv—Tom.Hunter (9). HRs, Baltimore, Pearce (1). Tampa Bay, Longoria (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 3, METS 0

New York ..... 000 000 000 —0 6 1
Miami ..... 200 010 00x —3 7 0

Colon, Valverde (8) and d'Arnaud; H.Alvarez and Saltalamacchia. W—H.Alvarez 2-2. L—Colon 2-5.

PIRATES 2, GIANTS 1

San Francisco ..... 010 000 000 —1 5 1
Pittsburgh ..... 010 000 001 —2 5 1

T.Hudson and Posey; Morton, Watson (9) and T.Sanchez. W—Watson 3-0. L—T.Hudson 4-2.

BRAVES 2, CARDINALS 1

St. Louis ..... 000 001 000 —1 6 0
Atlanta ..... 000 100 01x —2 8 0

Lyons, Maness (7), Choate (8), Neshek (8) and Y.Molina; Floyd, D.Carpenter (8), Kimbrel (9) and Laird. W—D.Carpenter 2-0. L—Choate 0-1. Sv—Kimbrel (9). HRs—Atlanta, J.Upton (9).

DIAMONDBACKS 7, BREWERS 5

Arizona ..... 200 011 030 —7 10 1
Milwaukee ..... 500 000 000 —5 8 0

Collmenter, E.Marshall (6), Zeiger (8), A.Reed (9) and Montero; Estrada, Thornburg (7), Kintzler (8), Wang (9) and Lucroy. W—E.Marshall 1-0. L—Kintzler 1-1. Sv—A.Reed (9). HRs—Arizona, Goldschmidt (6), Owings (1), Hill (3).

DODGERS 8, NATIONALS 3

Los Angeles ..... 000 003 140 —8 14 1
Washington ..... 000 000 030 —3 12 2

Kershaw, C.Perez (8), J.Wright (8), Jansen (9) and Butera; Treinen, Stammen (6), Detwiler (8), Barrett (9) and Lobaton. W—Kershaw 2-0. L—Treinen 0-1. HRs—Los Angeles, H.Ramirez (4), Butera (2).

INTERLEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 5, PHILLIES 5

Toronto ..... 010 301 000 1 —6 12 0
Philadelphia ..... 000 005 000 0 —5 10 0

Hutchison, Stroman (9), Loup (10) and Kratz; Hamels, Marshall (7), Diekman (8), Papelbon (9), Bastardo (10) and Ruiz. W—Stroman 1-0. L—Bastardo 3-2. Sv—Loup (2). HRs—Toronto, Encarnacion (3), Col.Rasmus (8). Philadelphia, Asche (3).

RED SOX 4, REDS 3

Cincinnati ..... 010 000 020 000 —3 10 0
Boston ..... 102 000 000 001 —4 11 1

Bailey, Hoover (7), M.Parra (8), LeCure (9), Ondrusek (11) and Barnhart; Doubront, Badenhop (6), Tazawa (8), Uehara (9), A.Miller (10), Breslow (12) and Pierzynski. W—Breslow 1-0. L—Ondrusek 0-2.

WHITE SOX 5, CUBS 1

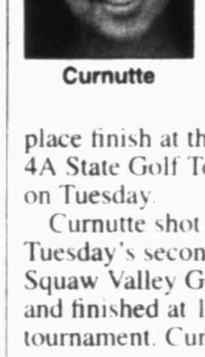
Chicago (A) ..... 000 100 013 —5 11 0
Chicago (N) ..... 010 000 000 —1 4 0

Noesi, Putnam (8), S.Downs (8), D.Webb (9) and Flowers; E.Jackson, Russell (8), N.Ramirez (8), Strop (9), Villanueva (9) and Castillo. W—Putnam 1-0. L—N.Ramirez 0-1. HRs—Chicago (A), G.Beckham (1).

MCS' Curnutte finishes second at tournament

From staff reports

GLEN ROSE — Midland Christian junior girls golfer Christian Curnutte finished second, and Mustang boys golf Reagan Brown rallied for a fifth place finish at the TAPPS 4A State Golf Tournament on Tuesday.



Curnutte

Curnutte shot a 71 in Tuesday's second round at Squaw Valley Golf Course, and finished at 144 for the tournament. Curnutte finished four strokes behind Victoria St. Joseph's Chloe Velasco, who finished with a 68-72—140 for the two days.

Houston Lutheran South Academy on the team with a two-day total of 639.

Brown, meanwhile, shot a 69, which tied for the low round of the day and moved from 17th spot on Monday into fifth on Tuesday. Brown shot a 73 on Monday and combined with his second-round 69 shot a 142 and tied with two other players for fifth to earn All-State honors.

Katy Pope John XXIII won the team total shooting a 574 over the two days.

MCS

From 1C

execute a squeeze play for another run.

"When you are starting the fifth inning looking at being down by six, they may have hung it up but they pulled together and decided they weren't ready for this to end," Hardy said. "We made some adjustments at the late because their pitching was a little slower than what they are used to seeing."

Grizzard finished the day 3-for-4 with three RBI, and Beeson was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Adriana Berzoza was also 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Bayle Weaver was 2-for-4 and also drove in a run.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 10, TYLER GRACE COMMUNITY 8

MCS ..... 010 080 1—10 13 2
Tyler Grace ..... 061 001 0—8 9 1

Maddy Garcia and Chenlea Cross; Kayla Kingsley and Hannah Wright. W—Garcia. L—Kingsley. 2B—MCS, Bianca Ambrosio, Courtney Monk, Tyler Grace, H. Evans. 3B—MCS, Lauren Grizzard.

Record: Midland Christian 32-13.

Next: Midland Christian vs. Waco Recher, 4 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Sports Complex.

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALLPAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BASEBALL
CLASS 5A
*** If necessary**
Area

Southlake Carroll (W4, 26-4) vs. El Paso El Dorado (R1, 23-6), Zachery Field
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Arlington Martin (W3, 24-7) 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, 27-5) vs. Coppell (T5 21-10), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Midland High (W2, 22-8) 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, 10-17), Colt Stadium, San Angelo
Game 1: 8 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Snyder (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 Game 2
Liberty Hill (W8, 24-5) vs. Graham (R5, 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, 20-6)
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
Shallowater (R2, 22-4) vs. Presidio (R3, 17-7), Monahans HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Perryton (W1, 19-6) vs. Fort Stockton (T3, 18-12), O'Barion Field, Lubbock
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Vernon (R5, 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) vs. 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 p.m. 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
Abernathy (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), Moeller 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, Burnet HS
Bangs (F6, 14-11) vs. Henrietta (R8, 20-9), 7 p.m. Friday, Weatherford College

SOFTBALL
CLASS 5A
*** If necessary**
Area

Richland (W4, 29-7) 4, Lake 1
Southlake Carroll (F4, 19-12) vs. Midland High (R2, 22-7), Brownwood HS
Game 1: Carroll 8, MHS 7, 9 innings; Game 2: Midland High 12, Southlake Carroll 11; Game 3: Midland High 17, Southlake Carroll 11, Midland High wins series 2-1.
Belton (W8) vs. Lewisville (R5, 27-7), Glen Rose HS
Game 1: Lewisville 4, Belton 0; Game 2: Lewisville 11, Belton 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, 26-7) vs. Keller (R4, 23-7), Game Smith Field
Game 1: EP Montwood 5, Keller 4; Game 2: Keller 10, EP Montwood 9; *Game 3: Keller 9, EP Montwood 4. Keller 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 3A
*** If necessary**
Area

Snyder (W4) vs. Shallowater (T2)
Game 1: Snyder 6, 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 0; 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 Ezell Softball Complex
Game 1: Lubbock Cooper 6, Abilene Wylie 2; Game 2: Lubbock Cooper 15, Abilene Wylie 2. Lubbock Cooper wins series 2-0.
Perryton (W1, 27-6) vs. Greenwood (R4, 16-13), Posnainer Field, Lubbock
Game 1: Pampa 19, Greenwood 0, 5 innings; Game 2: Pampa 20, Greenwood 8. Pampa wins series 2-0
Kennedale (W5, 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 2A
*** If necessary**
Area

Colorado City (W4) 11, Floydada 0
Brownfield (F4) vs. Abernathy (R2), Wolfforth Frenship HS
Game 1: Brownfield 16, Abernathy 14; Game 2: Abernathy 14, Brownfield 3; *Game 3: Brownfield 13, Abernathy 12. Brownfield wins series 2-1
Bowie (W8) vs. Ballinger (T6, 17-10), Cisco College
Game 1: Bowie 4, Ballinger 2; Game 2: Ballinger 4, Bowie 1; Game 3: Ballinger 7, Bowie 1, Ballinger wins series 2-1.
Hawley (W7, 27-0) vs. Early (R6)
Game 1: Hawley 16, Early 1; Game 2: Hawley 4, Early 3, Hawley wins series 2-0.
Coahoma (T4) 4, Muleshoe 3
Bushland (W1) 4, Lamesa 3
Bangs (W6) 4, Comanche 3
Alpine (W5, 23-11) 4, Holiday 1

Regional Quarterfinals
Colorado City (W4) vs. Abernathy (R2), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Big Spring HS
Ballinger (T6, 19-11) vs. Hawley (W7, 29-0)
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 Ezell Softball Complex
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

SPORTSBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SALT LAKE CITY

U of Utah president backs review of fight song

After more than a century of singing "I'm a Utah Man," some say it's time to update the University of Utah's 1904 fight song.

Proposals to adjust such lyrics as "I'm a Utah man" and "our coeds are the fairest" have spiked emotions on campus in recent weeks.

Critics say the lyrics are sexist. Others contend that the current refrain honors tradition and has sentimental value for classes of alumni. Similar debates have popped up at schools across the country.

At the University of Utah, President David Pershing is asking the Office of Student Affairs to put together a committee that will weigh changes to the song, "Utah Man" after student government leaders and a faculty body passed resolutions urging the changes.

The university seeks a new refrain "that respects the variety of views across our university community," Pershing said in a Monday statement.

Hundreds of emails regarding the fight song have flowed into Pershing's inbox in recent weeks, he said.

Players Championship symbolic of a fickle season

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Imagine the odds that could have been offered on this at the start of the year. Going into the second weekend in May, Michelle Wie has made more money on her tour than Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson combined have made on theirs.

"You probably could have gotten some action there," Pat Perez, no stranger to the Las Vegas casinos, said Tuesday once he digested the absurdity of it all.

Some of that speaks to Wie finding her form, having some fun and playing to her potential.

A large part, obviously, is due to Woods hardly playing at all because of a back injury that led to surgery. In just three PGA Tour starts, Woods missed a 54-hole cut in San Diego, withdrew in the middle of the final round at Honda and tied for 25th at Doral.

And then there's Mickelson. The PGA Tour record book shows that he has never gone this deep into the season as a pro without a single top 10. Of course, that would be overlooking that runner-up finish in Abu Dhabi against a strong field. Mickelson has coped with a pair of injuries that forced him to withdraw from two tournaments. He also has been more unpredictable than usual.

Skewed statistics aside, it provides a snapshot on what kind of fickle season this has been on the PGA Tour.

Through 25 tournaments in the wraparound season, seven winners were not among the top 100 in the world while only two winners were in the top 10. The average ranking of PGA Tour winners this year is 83.4.

What better place to celebrate — or bemoan — parity than at The Players Championship, the tournament that is said to be the most difficult to predict.

"There's no favorite. There's no style of golf here that has to win," Kevin Chappell said. "It's the ultimate test of making it yours. You create your game plan, and whoever establishes that game plan and sticks to it the best is going to win."

Woods last year became only fifth two-time winner of The Players since it moved to the former swamp known as the TPC Sawgrass in 1982. He also has had more finishes out of the top 20 than at any other tournament, including the majors.

Mickelson won in 2007. He hasn't finished in the top 10 at Sawgrass since. The list of winners is almost as impressive as the list of those who have never won — Vijay Singh, Jim Furyk, Steve Stricker, Ernie Els, Padraig Harrington.

"This golf course does not love anybody," NBC Sports analyst Johnny Miller said. "You go to Firestone, you go to Torrey Pines, you go to Doral, you go to those courses ... Phil and Tiger, it loves those guys. But this course will chew you up and spit you out form year to year. You never know. You've got to hit it good, you've got to be lucky and you've got to miss it in the right spots. I just think it's a course that no one ever gets feeling really comfy out there."

Add that to a year of parity and this year could be more mysterious than ever.

Martin Flores might have summed up the season last week at Quail Hollow. He has never won on the PGA Tour. He has never spent an entire Sunday in contention. He was one shot out of the lead after 54 holes when he said on the eve of the final round, "Why not me?"

"There are so many guys who are so good," he said after his news conference. "Just because you haven't heard of them doesn't mean they aren't great players."

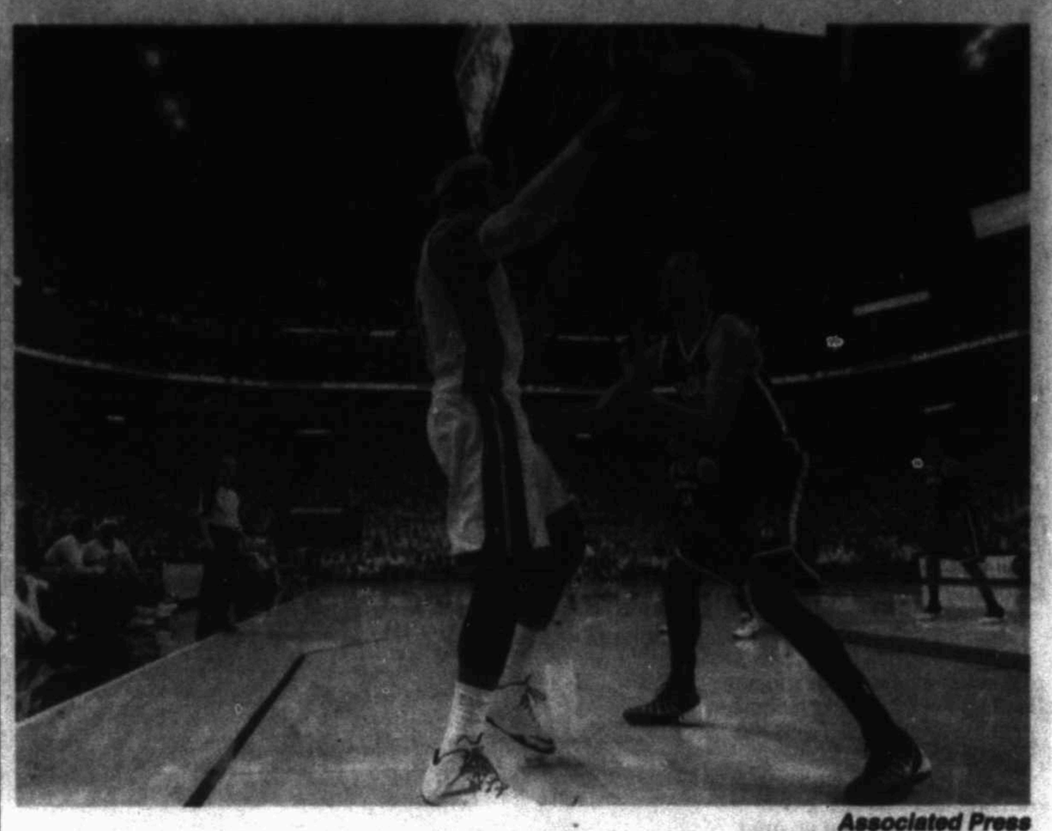
The next day, he held his own for four hours and still had a chance until a bogey on the final hole to finish two shots behind.

Like most players, Chappell was surprised and amused to hear that Wie trumps the Tiger-Phil duo in tour earnings for the year. Wie won in Hawaii, was second in a major and is No. 2 on the LPGA Tour money list at $738,693. Woods, who has completed only one tournament this year, is No. 188 on the money list with $86,919, barely ahead of Tim Petrovic. Mickelson, who squandered a chance to win last week, is at No. 80 with $649,562.

"One tour is growing, and our tour is treading water at the moment," Chappell said. "We're setting ourselves up down the road. The back of our field is moving to the front, and that's going to push the guys in front." And then he chuckled and added, "Or move them to retirement."

That day is coming when Woods and Mickelson no longer dominate golf's landscape. They won't be easy to replace, and it could be any number of players.

The Players Championship isn't likely to provide any clues.



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The Miami Heat's LeBron James, left, passes the ball as the Brooklyn Nets' Shaun Livingstone, right, defends in the first half of Game 1 in an NBA semifinal game, Tuesday in Miami.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HEAT 107
NETS 86

MIAMI — Turns out, the Miami Heat can beat the Brooklyn Nets.

And rest hardly led to rust for the two-time defending NBA champions.

LeBron James scored 22 points, Ray Allen added 19 and the Heat stayed perfect in this postseason by beating the Nets 107-86 on Tuesday night in Game 1 of an Eastern Conference semifinal series. It was the first win for Miami in five meetings with Brooklyn this season.

Chris Bosh scored 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, Dwyane Wade finished with 14 points and Mario Chalmers had 12 for Miami, which recorded at least one regular-season win against every team except Brooklyn, losing four times by a total of 12 points.

This one was a different story.

Deron Williams and Joe Johnson scored 17 points each for the Nets, who got only eight from Paul Pierce and no points from Kevin Garnett in 16 minutes.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Thursday night.

A 24-9 run in the third quarter blew things open for the Heat, who hadn't played in eight days after sweeping Charlotte in the opening round. James finished 10 for 15 from the field and Allen — who had never faced his former Boston "Big 3" compatriots Pierce and Garnett in the playoffs — was 4 of 7 from 3-point land.

Miami's lead was 55-52 early in the third quarter after a 3-pointer by Williams, and every indication was that the Heat and Nets — who played three one-point games and a double-overtime affair in the regular season — were heading down to the wire again.

Not quite.

The Heat took off on the 24-9 run over a 7-minute span, with Bosh scoring the first seven points of that burst to get Miami going. Allen's 3-pointer pushed the lead to 14, James and Chris Andersen (who left in the fourth with a right knee contusion) added two free throws apiece and just like that Miami's lead was up to 79-61.

DURANT

From 1C

his improving skills as a playmaker.

"I've always been a player that was excited for my teammates' success," Durant said. "Not just mine, but my teammates' as well. Wanting to see them do well translates to my game, which is wanting to pass the ball and seeing my teammates reap the benefits."

Teammates and opponents say Durant became a more complete player this season. They praised him for improving his court vision, consistently making the extra pass and moving more efficiently without the ball.

"What he does is tough to do," teammate Nick Collison said. "I think we take it for granted. To be able to stay on for long periods of time — have to cut hard, catch the ball in the right spot and defend on the other end — is tough to do. To be able to show that shows that he has an edge to him. He doesn't take a night off."

Durant's slight build could be considered one of his few weaknesses, but he has especially improved in dealing with opponents who try to push him around.

"People have been trying to do that since he's been in the league, and obviously, he's just gotten better every season, so I don't really think that matters with him," Westbrook said. "He just takes on the challenge. When people try to be physical, he takes on the challenge and becomes more aggressive."

Though Durant's consistency stood out this season, he had several exceptional games. He scored 48 points on Jan. 4 at Minnesota, then scored 48 again two games later at Utah. He scored a career-high 54 points in a home win against Golden State on Jan. 17 and two games later scored 46 at home in a win against Portland. Two games after that, he had a triple-double — 32 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists — in a win at Philadelphia, and he followed that with 41 points in a win over Atlanta. He scored 51 points at Toronto on March 21 in a staggering 53 minutes and hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds left in double overtime.

He capped it off in the season finale by scoring 21 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter against Detroit and winning the game with a dunk with 16.5 seconds left. The Thunder overcame a 10-point deficit in the quarter to clinch the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

NHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CANADIENS 4
BRUINS 2

MONTREAL — P.K. Subban is having a series to remember for the Montreal Canadiens.

Subban, Dale Weise and Lars Eller each had a goal and an assist, Carey Price made 26 saves, and Montreal beat the Boston Bruins 4-2 on Tuesday night to take the lead in their NHL Eastern Conference semifinal.

The Canadiens are up 2-1 with Game 4 set for Thursday in Montreal.

Subban, the 2013 Norris trophy winner as the NHL's top defenseman, has two points in each of the three games of the series and 11 points in seven playoff games so far.

"I'm just the beneficiary of the guys playing well around me, supporting me," Subban said. "It starts in goal. Well, it actually starts with our coaching staff and making sure everybody is feeling confident. We're doing it together. ... When we had adversity, we're sticking together doing the right things.

"It's fun to play on teams where you know guys are going to support you."

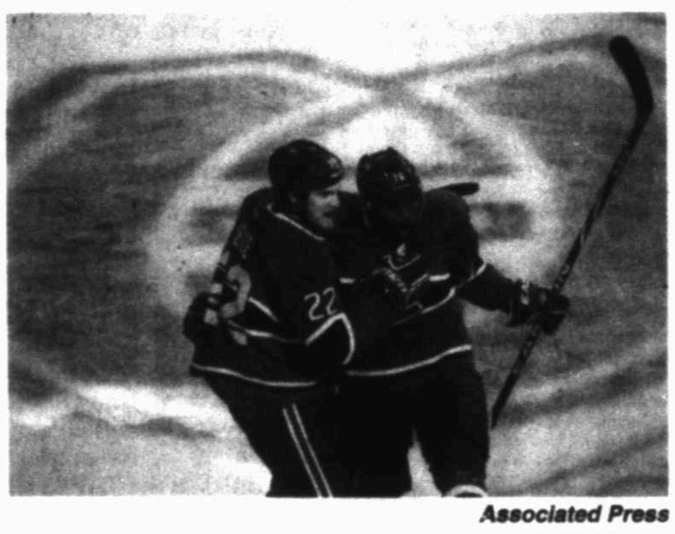
Tomas Plekanec also scored for the Canadiens, who were outplayed for long stretches but made the most of quick-strike attacks.

Patrice Bergeron and Andrej Meszaros scored for the Bruins, who outshot Montreal 28-26.

For the third straight game, the Canadiens held a 3-1 lead in the third period. This time, they didn't let it completely slip away.

Tuukka Rask was pulled with 2:20 left to play, and only four seconds later, Meszaros beat Price with a high shot through traffic off a feed from Milan Lucic. But the Bruins failed to get the equalizer in the frantic final minute. Then Eller got loose to score into an empty net with three seconds to go.

"We weren't as good as them in the first period and that cost us," said Bruins forward Jarome Iginla. "After that, we were playing catch-up."



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The Montreal Canadiens' P.K. Subban celebrates with teammate Dale Weise after scoring past the Boston Bruins' goalie Tuukka Rask during the first period of Game 3 of an NHL Stanley Cup playoff series, Tuesday in Montreal. The Canadiens defeated the Bruins 4-2 to take a 2-1 lead in the series.

WILD 4
BLACKHAWKS 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Erik Haula and Mikael Granlund scored goals less than 3 minutes apart early in the third period, and the Minnesota Wild recovered from a sluggish start for a 4-0 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday in Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinal series.

Ilya Bryzgalov made 19 saves for his first shutout in the playoffs in eight years, and the Blackhawks had their lead whittled to 2-1 with their first loss in 2½ weeks.

Zach Parise put the exclamation point on the win with a power-play goal, the first in 25 chances for the Wild over their last two playoff series against the Blackhawks. Then Granlund tacked on an empty-netter with 1:17 left.

Game 4 is Friday in Minnesota.

Corey Crawford stopped only 14 shots for the Blackhawks, who dropped their first two games to St. Louis in the last round before winning four in a row. Since losing to the Blues on April 19, they took the lead in all six games and outscored their opponents 23-9.

The announced attendance of 19,416 was the most in franchise history, but the atmosphere didn't match that until shortly after the second intermission. Pucks were whizzing way wide of the net, and clogged shooting lanes led to plenty of thwarted opportunities for both sides. Then Haula finally brought the fans to their feet.

The rookie center from Finland, who was a standout for the University of Minnesota, started the play from the neutral zone and finished in front of the rush for a tap-in of Justin Fontaine's slick pass through the defense.

PLAYOFF GLANCE

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

May 1
Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT
May 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Chicago 5, Minnesota 2
May 3
Boston 5, Montreal 3
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Sunday
Chicago 4, Minnesota 1
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Monday
Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1, Los Angeles leads series 2-0
Tuesday
Montreal 4, Boston 2, Montreal leads series 2-1
Minnesota 4, Chicago 0, Chicago leads series 2-1
Today
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday
Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Friday
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday
Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.
May 11
x-Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
Minnesota at Chicago, TBA
May 12
x-Boston at Montreal, TBA
x-Los Angeles at Anaheim, TBA
May 13
x-N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Chicago at Minnesota, TBA
May 14
x-Montreal at Boston, TBA
x-Anaheim at Los Angeles, TBA
May 15
x-Minnesota at Chicago, TBA
May 16
x-Los Angeles at Anaheim, TBA

PLAYOFF GLANCE AND BOX SCORE

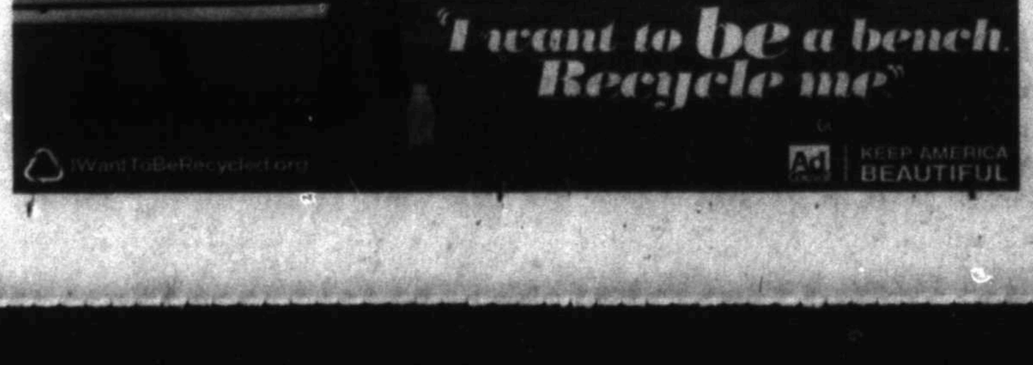
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Monday
Washington 102, Indiana 96. Washington leads series 1-0
L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105. L.A. Clippers leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Miami 107, Brooklyn 86. Miami leads series 1-0
San Antonio 116, Portland 92. San Antonio leads series 1-0
Wednesday
Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday
Brooklyn at Miami, 6 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Friday
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday
Miami at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
May 11
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
May 12
Miami at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
May 13
x-Washington at Indiana, TBA
x-L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, TBA
May 14
x-Brooklyn at Miami, TBA
x-Portland at San Antonio, TBA
May 15
x-Indiana at Washington, TBA
x-Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, TBA
May 16
x-Miami at Brooklyn, TBA
x-San Antonio at Portland, TBA
May 18
x-Brooklyn at Miami, TBA
x-Washington at Indiana, TBA
x-L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, TBA

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORE
HEAT 107, NETS 86
BROOKLYN (86): Johnson 7-11 0-0 17, Pierce 3-8 0-0 8, Garnett 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 7-10 0-0 17, Livingston 4-9 1-2 9, Blatche 1-4 2-2 4, Anderson 2-7 2-3 6, Kirilenko 1-2 3-4 5, Plumlee 1-3 0-0 2, Thornton 5-9 0-0 11, Teletovic 2-5 0-2 5, Gutierrez 0-0 2-4 2. Totals 35-70 10-17 86.
MIAMI (107): James 10-15 2-2 22, Battier 3-5 0-0 8, Bosh 5-11 4-5 15, Chalmers 5-9 2-2 12, Wade 7-13 0-0 14, Andersen 2-3 3-4 7, Allen 6-10 3-3 19, Cole 2-3 0-0 6, Lewis 0-2 0-0 0, Haslem 1-1 0-0 2, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Beasley 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-74 14-16 107.

Brooklyn	20	23	23	20	— 86
Miami	22	24	33	28	— 107

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-24 (Williams 3-5, Johnson 3-6, Pierce 2-4, Teletovic 1-3, Thornton 1-3, Anderson 0-3), Miami 9-23 (Allen 4-7, Cole 2-3, Battier 2-4, Bosh 1-4, Jones 0-1, Chalmers 0-2, Lewis 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 36 (Pierce 6), Miami 42 (Bosh 11). Assists—Brooklyn 11 (Livingston, Williams 3), Miami 22 (Wade 5). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 18, Miami 17. Technicals—Brooklyn defensive three second. A—19,470 (19,600).



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DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Austin	Boy MW	Boy MW	Jessie	Mickey	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	Jessie	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SprtC	Baseball T.	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsC.	SportsC.	SportsCenter Special		Draft Academy		Draft Academy (N)		Olbermann (L)		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Daddy (N)	★★ John Tucker Must Die Jesse Metcalf.				The 700 Club		Daddy	Daddy
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Save My Bakery (N)		Rest. "Bummed Out"		Restaurant (N)		Diners...	Diners...	Rest. "Bummed Out"	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Preview	WPT Poker	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Just Go Wit...		★★★ The Vow Rachel McAdams.				The Americans (N)		Americans "Stealth"		Fargo	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Burnout"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		HouseH	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Down E. Dicker. (N)		Vikings		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Preachers' Daughters "Caught in the Act"		Preacher "Hallowed Be My Name"		Preacher "Good Girl, Bad Girl" (N)		Bring It! "Miss D Breaks It Down" (N)		Bring It! "Miss D Breaks It Down"		Preacher "Hallowed Be My Name"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				NHLLive	NHL Hockey	Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				Overtime	Beat the Streets (N)	Barclay's Show		Rugby	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) ★ The Rundown		★★★ Walking Tall				★★★ The Rundown ('03, Adv) Dwayne Johnson.					Movie
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★★ Paul ('11, Com) Simon Pegg, Nick Frost.				★★★ Mars Attacks! ('96, Com) Jack Nicholson.						★★★ Sin City Mickey Rourke.	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Kiss Hello"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Deal With It	Conan (N)		Holmes (N)	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) ★ The Pride of...		★★★★ The Glenn Miller Story				(:15) ★★★ The Stratton Story				(:15) ★ The Secret...	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La Impostora		En otra piel		Camelia la texana		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	L.I. Medium "The Show Must Go On"		Secretly Pregnant "Charity/ Natasha"		Secretly Pregnant "Ashley/Amatualia"		Secretly Pregnant "Kanchana/Susannah"		Secretly Pregnant "Amy/Destiny"		Secretly Pregnant "Jen/ Chanda"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					Inside the NBA	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In (N)	SoulMan	(:05) Hot In	SoulMan	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Mother's Day"		★★★ Bridesmaids Kristen Wig. A broke woman tries to bluff her way through her best friend's bridesmaid rituals.			Playing House	★★★ Bridesmaids (2011, Comedy) Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Kristen Wig.					
WGN		19	18				Home Videos		★★★ Bram Stoker's Dracula A vampire wreaks havoc when he travels to England to seduce a visitor's fiancé.				Salem		Salem		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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JONES

From 1C

year ago.

The overhaul doesn't guarantee Jones will take a defensive lineman. It could be a safety or linebacker. Maybe even a wide receiver.

"We've had a lot of attrition in our defensive front this year," Jones said. "What is obvious is if you want to start at the need you can start right there. We shouldn't go overboard and be influenced to the point where we pass up a great opportunity to have a great draft otherwise."

But Jones didn't sound like the best-player-available theory applied at quarterback. The Cowboys expect backup Kyle Orton to return despite indications that he might not, and Jones said the team made its developmental move by adding free agent Brandon Weeden, a first-round pick by Cleveland 2012.

The owner was joined by Garrett and executive vice president Stephen Jones for a news conference not long after Romo had some of his first football activity since the surgery in December. Garrett said Romo's 45 minutes of work on the field included dropping back and throwing, adding that his rehabilitation was on schedule.

They remained steadfast in their belief that Romo's age and growing history of back trouble aren't enough to change the approach for a franchise that has drafted just one quarterback in the past 12 years. Romo was an undrafted free agent in 2003 and didn't take over as the starter until midseason in 2006.

TEXANS

From 1C

Manziel, of course, has said he'd love to play here. Though the team is under different management than in 2006, Houston is unlikely to let public sentiment about not letting the homegrown player get away sway its decision.

The Texans passed on former Texans quarterback Vince Young, who grew up in Houston and led the Longhorns to a national title, in favor of Williams the last time they had the first pick.

Houston general manager Rick Smith did say this week his team would consider trading out of the top spot.

"If we take the first pick, we know who we want," Smith said. "(But) we are obviously open to moving out of the first pick, if in fact there is an opportunity for us to do so and if we think that is in the best interest of the organization."

Five things to know about the Texans heading into the draft:

LATE-ROUND QBs: If the Texans do use their first pick on Clowney, recent history has shown they could still pick up a solid (or better) starting quarterback later in the draft. San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick was chosen in the second round in 2011, and Seattle's Russell Wilson was taken in the third round a year later. "I think there's an idea of a traditional quarterback that is successful in the NFL and I think those two examples are guys that don't necessarily fit the ideal mode. And I think they've also given people some confidence that you don't necessarily need to have a traditional type of quarterback to be successful in our league," Smith said.

CAN'T GET ENOUGH: Though Smith shied away from discussing specific needs of his team on draft day, he did acknowledge one thing. "There are two positions that I never think you can have too many of: corners and tackles," he said.

NEW PROCESS: Smith is adjusting to new coach Bill O'Brien after working on the draft with Gary Kubiak, who was fired in December, for the last seven seasons. "The opportunity to step outside of that comfort zone, and learn something, gives me a chance to grow personally and professionally," Smith said. "That was a fun part of it."

NO LOVE FOR DEFENSE: Williams was the last defensive player selected with the first overall pick when Houston chose him in 2006. Before that, the last player on that side of the ball to go first was Penn State defensive end Courtney Brown to the Browns in 2000. The Texans have overwhelmingly gone with defense in the early rounds, choosing defenders with 14 of their 17 first- and second-round picks since 2004.

FINE WITH THE MOVE: This year's draft was pushed back from its usual time in April to May because Radio City Music Hall was unavailable. Smith was perfectly happy with the change for at least this year. "To have the first pick, the extra time has been good," Smith said. "I think that I enjoyed the schedule and the rhythm of the draft in April and would probably want to see it moved back, but I'm enjoying it the fact that it's in May this year for our selfish purposes."

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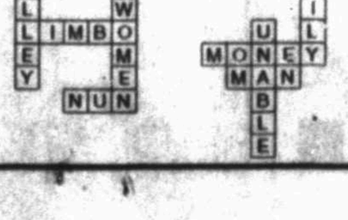

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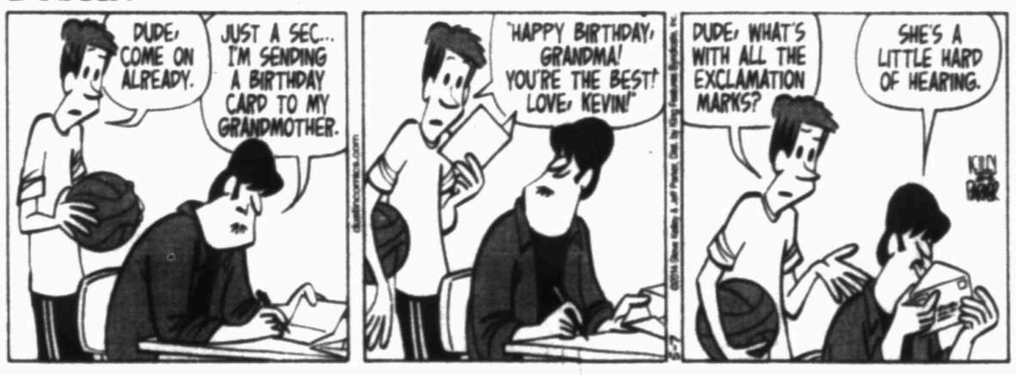

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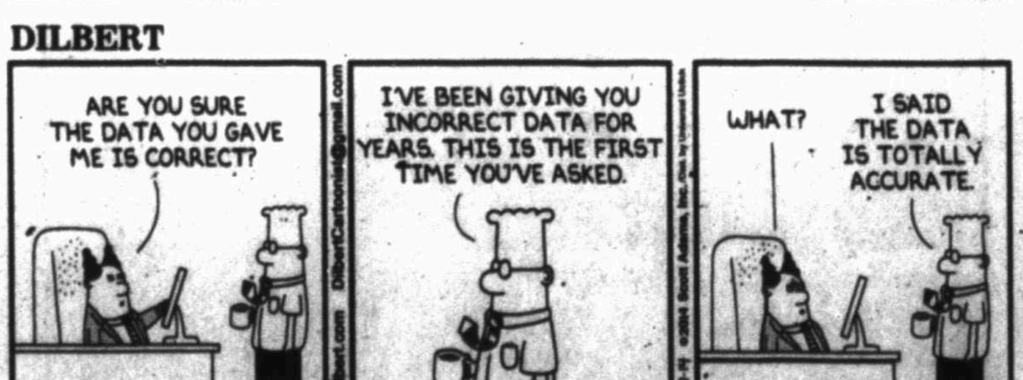

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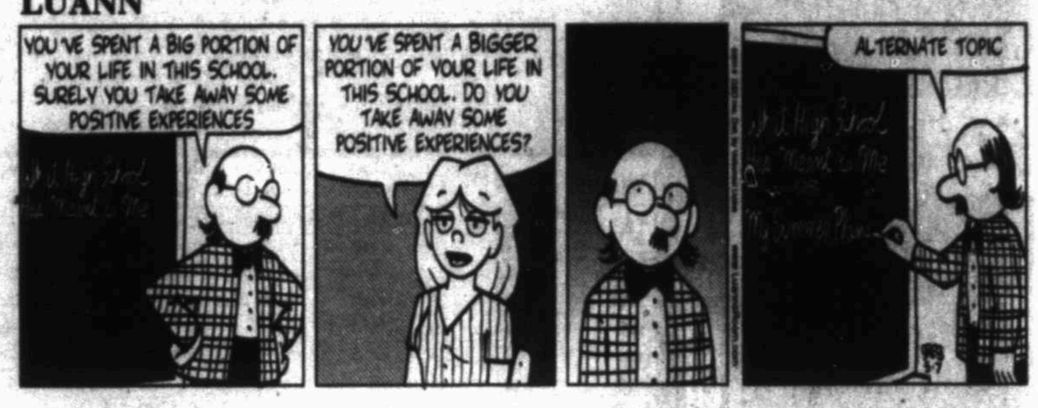

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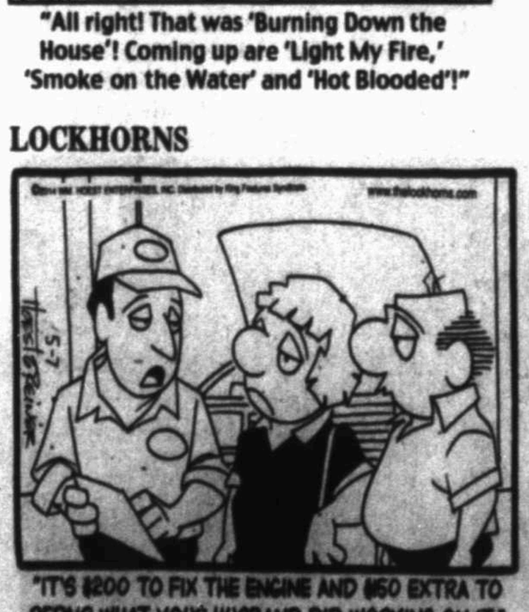
CLOSE TO HOME

"All right! That was 'Burning Down the House'! Coming up are 'Light My Fire,' 'Smoke on the Water' and 'Hot Blooded'!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HOW'S YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR TODAY, DAD?"

LOCKHORNS

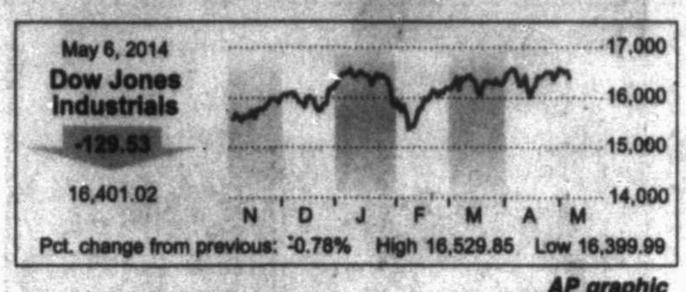


"IT'S $200 TO FIX THE ENGINE AND $50 EXTRA TO REPAIR WHAT YOUR HUSBAND DID WORKING ON IT."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"We should never have taught PJ about sharing."

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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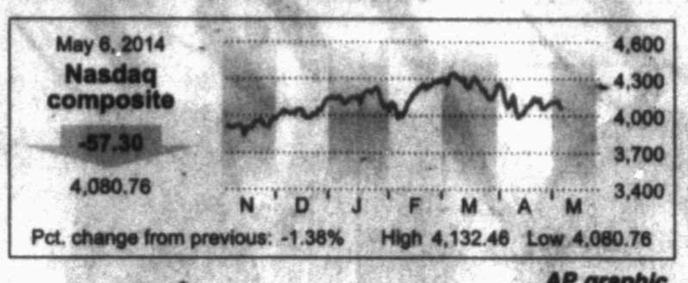

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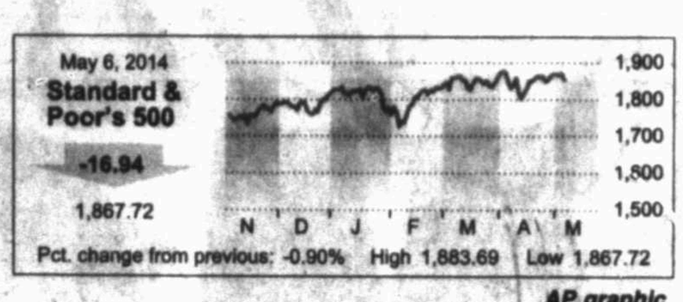

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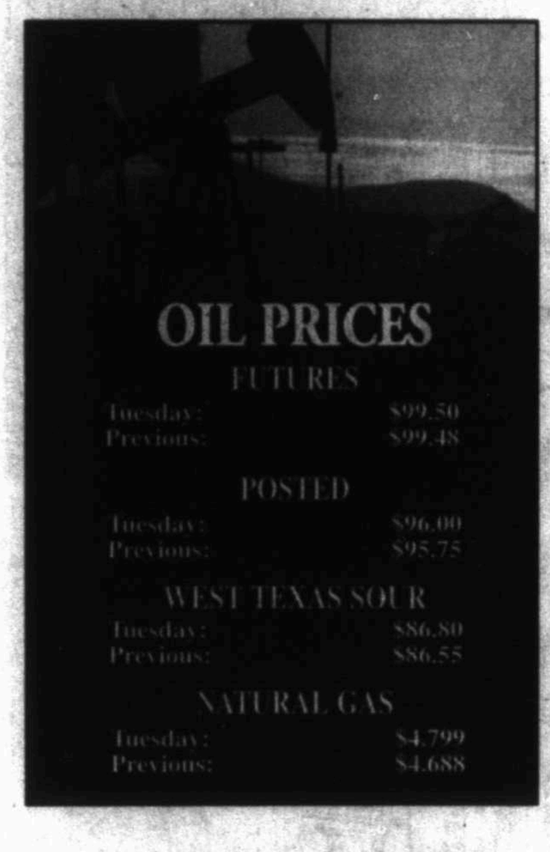

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Twitter n	1245765	31.85	-6.90
BkofAm	928601	14.73	-.35
S&P500ETF	651912	186.78	-1.64
SPDR Fncl	597236	21.59	-.31
OfficeDpt	545796	4.83	+.66

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Dynegy wt	3.25	+.46	+16.5
OfficeDpt	4.83	+.66	+15.8
ForestOil	2.03	+.24	+13.4
Nauflus	9.79	+.93	+10.5
BarSelMLP	32.33	+2.71	+9.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DoralFn rs	2.76	-.60	-17.9
Twitter n	31.85	-6.90	-17.8
Hyperdy rs	3.69	-.77	-17.3
StdRegis rs	6.22	-1.03	-14.2
Fabrinet	18.99	-3.07	-13.9

Diary

Advanced	976
Declined	2,136
Unchanged	102
Total issues	3,214
New Highs	93
New Lows	38
Volume	3,187,056,799

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
IsoRay	103024	2.53	+.19
InovioPhm	41024	2.26	-.14
AltdNevG	40249	3.28	-.19
Globalstar	38450	2.94	+.09
EmeraldO	22940	6.98	+.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SagaComm	43.03	+4.42	+11.4
RELM	3.36	+.26	+9.1
NanoVric	3.41	+.26	+8.3
IsoRay	2.53	+.19	+8.1
PacBkrM g	4.79	+.35	+7.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ever-Glory	5.67	-.72	-11.3
AmDGEn	2.12	-.25	-10.5
BioTime	2.35	-.24	-9.3
DGSE	2.38	-.23	-8.8
AtlasrAst	885.75	-84.84	-8.7

Diary

Advanced	198
Declined	209
Unchanged	30
Total issues	437
New Highs	9
New Lows	5
Volume	86,160,345

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	549190	58.53	-2.69
PwShs QQQ	306792	86.81	-1.14
SiriusXM	265859	3.19	-.04
CpstnTurb	262207	1.45	-.25
Groupon	253626	6.72	-.17

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SP Bncp	26.51	+8.01	+39.1
AppRecyc	3.70	+.82	+28.4
DexMedia	9.40	+1.75	+22.9
Sypris	3.45	+.50	+16.9
PingtanM	3.35	+.33	+10.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
QuantFu rs	3.04	-3.28	-51.9
AdvEnId	16.87	-4.52	-21.1
Intactint	50.16	-11.94	-19.2
Fluidigm	32.78	-6.27	-16.1
EducMgmt	2.38	-.40	-14.4

Diary

Advanced	553
Declined	2,030
Unchanged	127
Total issues	2,710
New Highs	38
New Lows	91
Volume	1,771,783,764

Virgin America, Southwest spar over Dallas airport

Associated Press

DALLAS — Virgin America has enlisted its brightest star, British billionaire Richard Branson, to help wage its campaign for space at a Dallas airport.

Branson interrupted a spell of rest and recreation in the British Virgin Islands to fly to Dallas and try to help Virgin America overcome opposition to its plans from Southwest Airlines.

Virgin America, an upstart that sells itself as cool, wants two gates that American Airlines must surrender at Love Field near downtown Dallas. To get them, it's nipping at the heels of Southwest, which started as a scrappy little airline at Love Field more than 40 years ago and built its brand on the idea that an airline could have a fun personality. It now carries more U.S. passengers than any airline.

Branson headlined a huge Cinco de Mayo rally and party Monday night at a downtown restaurant-bar. He praised Southwest's underdog legacy but added, "They're no longer the David; they are the Goliath, and sometimes the Goliath needs a little bit of competition."

Then the 63-year-old tycoon downed a shot of tequila and fell from the stage to surf above the crowd of revelers, who held him aloft for a few seconds before setting him on the ground.

The Love Field fight goes back to last year, when American Airlines agreed to surrender two gates there as part of a settlement of a government antitrust lawsuit. Virgin America, of which Branson's Virgin Group is a minority owner, has the support of the U.S. Justice Department in its quest for those gates.

Southwest Airlines Co. and Delta Air Lines Inc. want the gates, too. While Delta is a long shot, Southwest is making a hard push with officials of the city, which owns Love Field. Southwest, which already controls most of the gates at Love Field, is based in Dallas and is one of the city's biggest taxpayers. The City Council is scheduled to consider the issue today.

The main arguments:

■ Virgin America and the Justice Department said only Virgin can provide new competition at Love Field.

■ Southwest said it needs to expand at Love Field to compete with American Airlines, the dominant carrier at nearby and much bigger Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Both airports are part of the same local market, Southwest said.

Each side trots out studies and statistics showing that if it wins, Dallas travelers will enjoy lower fares. Both plan to add new destinations when federal restrictions on long flights from Love Field expire in October.

The two differ greatly, however, in their tactics. While Branson partied and did media rounds, Southwest took a low-key approach and declined to make an executive available for an interview.

Quizzed by reporters last week, Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said the city — not the Justice Department — should decide the fate of the gates. If Southwest wins, he said, "that is what's best for the city; we think that is what's best for the traveling public."

Virgin America flies from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Dallas-Fort Worth airport a few times a day, but it wants to move those flights to Love Field. If it wins, it would add flights to New York and Washington in October and Chicago next year. CEO David Cush said Virgin's proposed new flights could compete with Southwest at Love Field but not with bigger American at Dallas-Fort Worth. Branson's crowd-surfing was the kind of publicity stunt that might have been done a generation ago by Herb Kelleher, Southwest's colorful co-founder. Kelleher once settled a legal dispute by arm-wrestling another airline's leader for the rights to an advertising slogan that both were using.

If the fight between Virgin America and Southwest ends up in lawsuits, Branson said in an interview, "maybe arm-wrestling will have to come back."

China's Alibaba Group aiming to raise $1B in IPO

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — China's Alibaba Group is aiming to raise $1 billion in a long-awaited IPO likely to have ripple effects across the Internet.

Tuesday's filing sets the stage for the technology industry's biggest initial public offering since short messaging service Twitter and its early investors collected $1.8 billion in its stock market debut last fall. Alibaba could still try to raise more money and even surpass the $16 billion that Facebook did two years ago, depending on investor demand for its stock.

For now, Alibaba isn't specifying how much stock will be sold in the IPO or setting a price range. Those details will emerge as the IPO progresses, a process is likely to take three to four months to complete before Alibaba's shares begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Although it's not nearly as well-known as Facebook, Alibaba has emerged as an e-commerce powerhouse that has been making more money than Amazon.com Inc. and eBay Inc. combined. What's more, the company is still growing at a rapid clip as its network of online services, including Taobao, Tmall and Alipay, mine a Chinese Internet market that already has twice as many Web surfers as the U.S.

Oil rises slighty

The price of oil was nearly unchanged Tuesday as traders waited for the latest data on U.S. supplies.

Benchmark U.S. crude for June delivery rose 2 cents to close at $99.50 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Brent crude, a benchmark for international varieties of oil, fell 66 cents to $107.06 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Data for the week ending May 2 is expected to show an increase of 1.3 million barrels in crude oil stocks and a draw of 900,000 barrels in gasoline stocks, according to a survey of analysts by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

The projected increase would bring the nation's oil supplies above 400 million barrels. Last week's data showed crude oil supplies at 399.36 million barrels, the highest on record.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

■ Wholesale gasoline dropped 2 cents to $2.89 a gallon.

■ Heating oil also fell 2 cents to $2.89 a gallon

■ Natural gas rose 11 cents to $4.80 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Most metals rise

Silver for July climbed 7.4 cents, or 0.4 percent, to $19.65 an ounce. Copper for July rose 0.3 cents, or 0.1 percent, to $3.06 a pound. Platinum for July delivery rose $9.70, or 0.7 percent, to $1,458.10 an ounce. Palladium for June gained $1.90, or 0.2 percent, to $818.40 an ounce.

Gold fell 70 cents, or 0.1 percent, to $1,308.60 an ounce.

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Closing Price $28.63 Down 0.03

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Closing Price $73.25 Down 0.38

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.17 Up 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.15 Down 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $30.30 Down 0.18

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $18.06 Down 0.19

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.49	-.27	+.9
Abraxas	...	60	5.38	-.04	+65.0
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.12	-.09	+.4
AMD	...	80	4.01	-.08	+3.6
Alcoa	.12	43	13.31	-.22	+25.2
AlonUSA	.24	...	16.41	-.42	-.8
Ambev n	.22e	...	7.41	+.09	+.8
AmIntlGrp	.50	9	50.54	-2.18	-1.0
Amgen	2.44	18	112.26	-.90	-1.6
Anadarko	.72	...	102.73	+3.24	+29.5
Apache	1.00f	16	86.42	-.54	+.6
Apple Inc	13.18f	14	594.41	-6.55	+6.0
ApldMatl	.40	48	18.86	-.11	+6.7
AriadP	...	...	7.09	-.54	+4.0
ATMOS	1.48	19	51.16	+.11	+12.6
AutoData	1.92	26	77.06	-.81	-4.6
AvagoTch	1.08f	30	67.34	+3.09	+27.3
BP PLC	2.28	12	51.12	+.31	+5.2
BabcCClrv	1.20	...	15.30	+.15	+2.5
BakrHu	.60	26	70.30	+.22	+27.2
BlotAm	.04	19	14.73	-.35	-5.4
B IPVlx rs	...	...	39.83	+.28	-8.4
BasicEnSv	...	...	25.83	-.44	+62.4
BerkHa A	...	...	181873	76.00-2415.00	+5.3
BlkHillsCp	1.56	24	57.84	-.71	+10.2
BostonSci	...	22	12.95	-.12	+7.7
BrMySq	1.44	29	50.93	+.90	-4.2
BrownFA	1.16	33	89.06	-1.01	+20.8
BrownFB	1.16	30	89.78	-1.42	+19.8
CVS Care	1.10	19	74.44	-.54	+4.0
Cameron	...	22	64.50	-.85	+8.3
CpstnTurb	...	...	1.45	-.25	+12.4
Caterpllar	2.40	16	105.67	-.65	+14.4
Celestic g	...	17	11.44	-.16	+10.0
Cemex	.52t	...	12.81	-.07	+12.6
CntryLink	2.18	...	34.46	-.38	+6.2
ChesEng	.35	42	28.35	+.04	+4.5
Chevron	4.28f	12	124.97	-.39	...
Chicos	.30	19	15.50	-.47	-17.7
Cimarex	.64f	25	120.00	-.15	+14.4
Cisco	.76f	15	22.72	-.24	+2.1
Citigroup	.04	10	48.36	-.92	-11.0
ClayEng	...	62	143.00	-.76	+74.5
CocaCola	1.22f	22	40.40	-.27	-2.0
ColgPalm s	1.44f	29	66.71	-.19	+2.3
Comcast	.90f	19	51.81	-.65	-.3
ConAgra	1.00	16	30.19	-.16	-10.4
ConchoRes	...	55	131.22	-.40	+21.5
ConocoPhil	2.76	12	77.08	+.19	+9.1
Corning	.40	16	20.66	-.29	+15.9
CrackerB	4.00f	19	96.05	-1.70	-12.7
CrosTim	2.64e	14	32.29	+.17	+8.8
DCP Mid	2.98f	40	54.08	-.06	+7.4
DTE	2.62	18	77.79	-.14	+17.2
Dataram h	...	...	2.62	-.03	+.8
Dawson	.32	23	28.63	-.03	-15.3
DeltaAir	.36f	3	37.69	+.14	+37.2
DevonE	.96f	...	70.19	-.16	+13.4
DrxSCBear	...	...	18.00	+.80	+6.1
Disney	.96f	22	81.03	-.19	+6.1
DowChm	1.48f	13	49.11	-.25	+10.8
eBay	...	...	50.95	-1.05	-7.1
EMC Cp	.46f	20	25.57	-.21	+1.7
EOG Res s	.50	26	103.63	+4.38	+23.5
EmpDist	1.02	14	23.67	-.24	+4.3
Energen	.60	34	80.95	-.72	+14.4
EngyTrlr	3.74t	...	56.75	...	-.9
EnPro	...	62	67.74	-1.75	+17.5
EntPrPt	2.84f	26	73.87	-.58	+11.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.08	+.05	-1.3
ExtenrnR	.60	24	44.16	+2.20	+29.1
ExxonMbl	2.76f	11	102.67	-.24	+1.5
Facebook	...	77	58.53	-2.69	+7.1
FordM	.50	10	15.56	-.18	+.8
ForestOil	...	12	2.03	+.24	-43.8
FrontierCm	.40	50	5.96	-.04	+28.2
GAATX	1.32	16	63.84	-.42	+22.4
GabMultT	.88	...	10.15	-.03	-18.2
GAInv	2.10e	...	35.33	-.23	+.4
GenElec	.88	20	26.19	-.39	-6.6
GileadSci	...	29	76.32	-1.51	+4.3
GtPlainEn	.92	17	26.74	-.09	+10.3
Groupon	...	...	6.72	-.17	-42.9
HalconRes	...	...	5.42	-.10	+40.4
Hallibrtn	.80	21	53.92	-.35	+25.2
Hertz	...	36	28.30	-1.10	-1.1
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	49.69	+.57	+9.0
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.14	-.03	-8.2
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	34.76	+.06	-9.4
iShEMkts	.86e	...	41.57	+.19	-.5
iShR2K	1.45e	...	110.07	-1.82	-4.6
IntegrysE	2.72	18	58.19	-.37	+6.9
Intel	.90	14	26.20	+.03	+.9
InterDig	.40	30	34.77	+.51	+17.9
JPMorgCh	1.60f	13	53.34	-.88	-8.2
JohnJn	2.80f	19	99.51	-.49	+8.6
KimbClk	3.36	20	109.86	-.37	+6.2
KindME	5.52f	27	74.93	-.49	-7.1
KindMM	5.52f	46	71.92	-.46	-4.9
LegacyRes	2.38f	...	25.17	+.03	-10.6
Lubys	...	...	5.06	-.03	-34.6
McDnld s	3.24	18	100.95	-.19	+4.0
Merck	1.76	38	57.11	-1.52	+14.1
MerMMed	...	29	12.82	-.39	-18.6
MexcoEn	...	72	7.15	-.10	+3.6
MicronT	...	11	26.68	-.06	+22.7
Microsft	1.12	15	39.06	-.37	+4.4
MorgStan	.40f	17	29.48	-.61	-6.1
Nabors	.16	55	25.63	+.03	+50.9
NatGrid	3.17e	...	71.28	+.29	+9.1
NOilVarco	1.04	14	80.07	+.19	+.7
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NSTFB	.63a	...	13.92	+.02	+8.1
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OcciPet	2.60	13	95.63	+1.13	+.8
OfficeDpt	...	...	4.83	+.66	-8.7
Oi SA	.14e	...	.98	-.05	-38.2
Oracle	.48	17	41.01	-.20	+7.2
Pandora	...	...	22.52	-2.21	-15.3
ParTech	...	...	4.53	-.22	-16.9
ParkDrl	...	25	5.49	-.12	-20.2
PattUTI	.40	29	33.01	+.14	+30.4
Penney	...	...	8.09	-.41	-11.6
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PetroMat	.55e	...	16.35	+.72	+11.3
Petrobras	.40e	...	15.30	+.74	+11.0
Pfizer	1.04	16	29.43	-.53	-3.9
PioNtrl	.06	...	198.12	-.13	+7.8
PlainsAAP	2.52f	19	67.75	-.07	+11.6
PlugPowr h	...	...	3.80	-.26	+145.2
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	86.81	-1.14	-1.3
Praxair	2.60	22	130.43	-.22	+.3
PrmEgy	...	14	55.00	...	+8.9
ProctGam	2.57f	22	81.13	-.57	-.3
QuantFu rs	...	...	3.04	-3.28	-61.0
RF MicD	...	52	8.77	+.08	+70.0
RangeRs	.16	66	90.30	-.31	+7.1
RiteAid	...	35	7.77	-.09	+53.6
Rowan	.40	15	31.10	-.10	-12.0
RoyDShllA	3.78f	10	79.47	...	+11.5
SLM Cp	...	3	8.90	+.11	-5.3
SpdrDJIA	3.57e	...	163.73	-1.20	-1.1
S&P500ETF	3.48e	...	186.78	-1.64	+1.1
SpdrHome	.11e	...	30.73	-.63	-7.7
SabnR	3.93e	13	54.10	+.11	+7.0
SanderFm	.80	11	82.99	+.36	+14.7
SandRidge	...	...	6.70	-.11	+10.4
Sapient	...	29	16.39	+.11	-6.6
Schlmbrg	1.60	19	101.00	-.10	+12.1
SigmaAld	.92f	24	96.28	-.06	+2.4
SiriusXM	...	53	3.19	-.04	-8.6
Smucker	2.32	18	96.45	-.75	-6.9
SPDR Fncl	.34e	...	21.59	-.31	-1.2
SP Util	1.47e	...	42.67	-.21	+12.4
Staples	.48	13	12.62	+.07	-20.6
SunocoLog	2.78f	29	93.80	-.62	+24.3
Target	1.72	19	57.64	-2.23	-8.9
TelefEsp	.47e	...	16.54	+.06	+1.2
Tesoro	1.00	17	55.02	-.03	-5.9
3M Co	3.42f	20	139.29	-1.32	-.7
Torchmark	.76f	14	79.15	-.89	+1.3
TrtContl	.55e	...	20.20	-.14	+1.1
Twitter n	...	...	31.85	-6.90	-50.0
TylerTech	...	65	78.49	-2.73	-23.1
UBWV	1.28	16	28.49	-.32	-9.4
Vale SA	.84e	...	13.38	+.01	-12.3
ValeroE	1.00	11	58.51	+.25	+16.1
VerizonCm	2.12	11	47.47	+.08	-3.4
Vivus	...	...	5.57	+.38	-38.7
VulcanM	.20f	...	63.32	-1.69	+6.6
Walgrn	1.26	24	68.78	-1.07	+19.7
WellsFargo	1.40f	12	49.09	-.47	+8.1
WstnRefin	1.04	16	42.59	-.94	+.4
WhitingPet	...	15	71.40	-.67	+15.4
WmsCos	1.61f	52	43.48	-.04	+12.7
XcelEngy	1.20f	16	31.18	-.06	+11.6
Xerox	.25f	12	11.72	-.26	-3.7
Yahoo	...	30	36.49	-.42	-9.8
Yelp	...	...	52.13	-8.06	-24.4
Zynga	...	...	3.71	-.13	-2.4

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16,631.63	14,551.27	Dow Jones Industrials	16,401.02	-129.53	-.78	-1.06	+8.93
7,774.56	5,952.18	Dow Jones Transportation	7,656.51	-17.39	-.25	+3.46	+19.68
558.29	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	544.86	-3.06	-.56	+11.07	+3.49
11,334.65	6,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,988.88	-61.46	-.58	+1.82	+12.33
2,845.76	2,180.97	Amex Index	2,611.25	-9.58	-.21	+7.63	+7.81
4,371.71	3,294.95	Nasdaq Composite	4,080.76	-57.30	-1.38	-2.29	+20.14
1,897.28	1,560.33	S&P 500	1,867.72	-16.94	-.90	+1.05	+14.87
20,257.19	16,442.14	Wilshire 5000	19,796.97	-199.69	-1.00	+.46	+15.36
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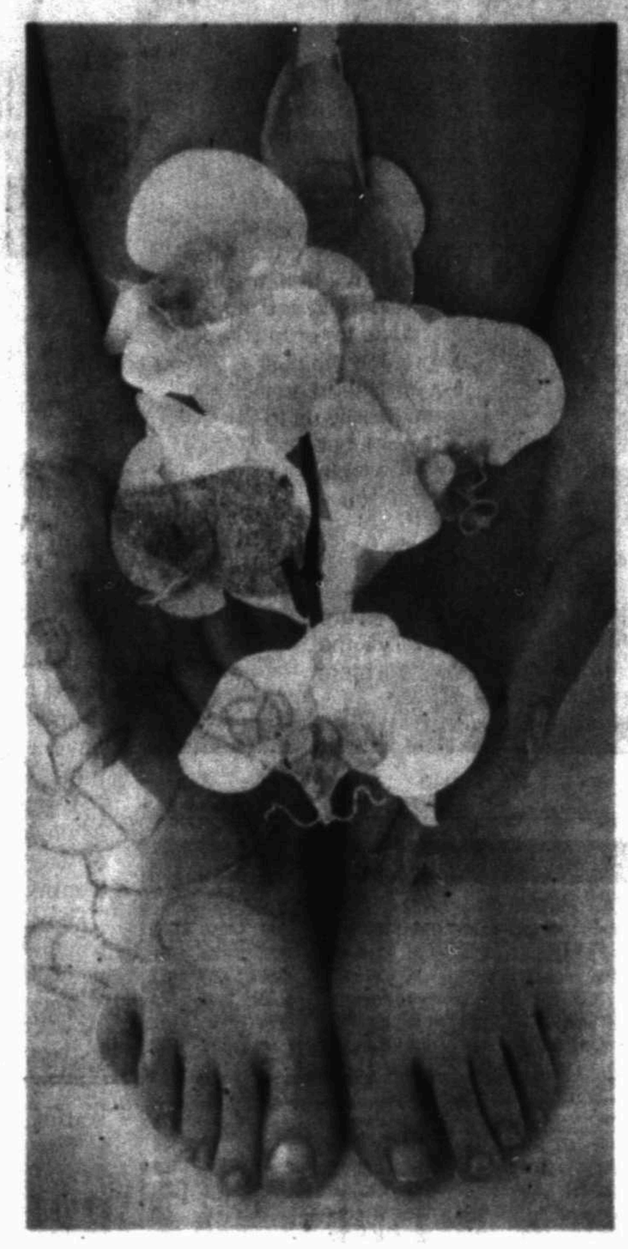

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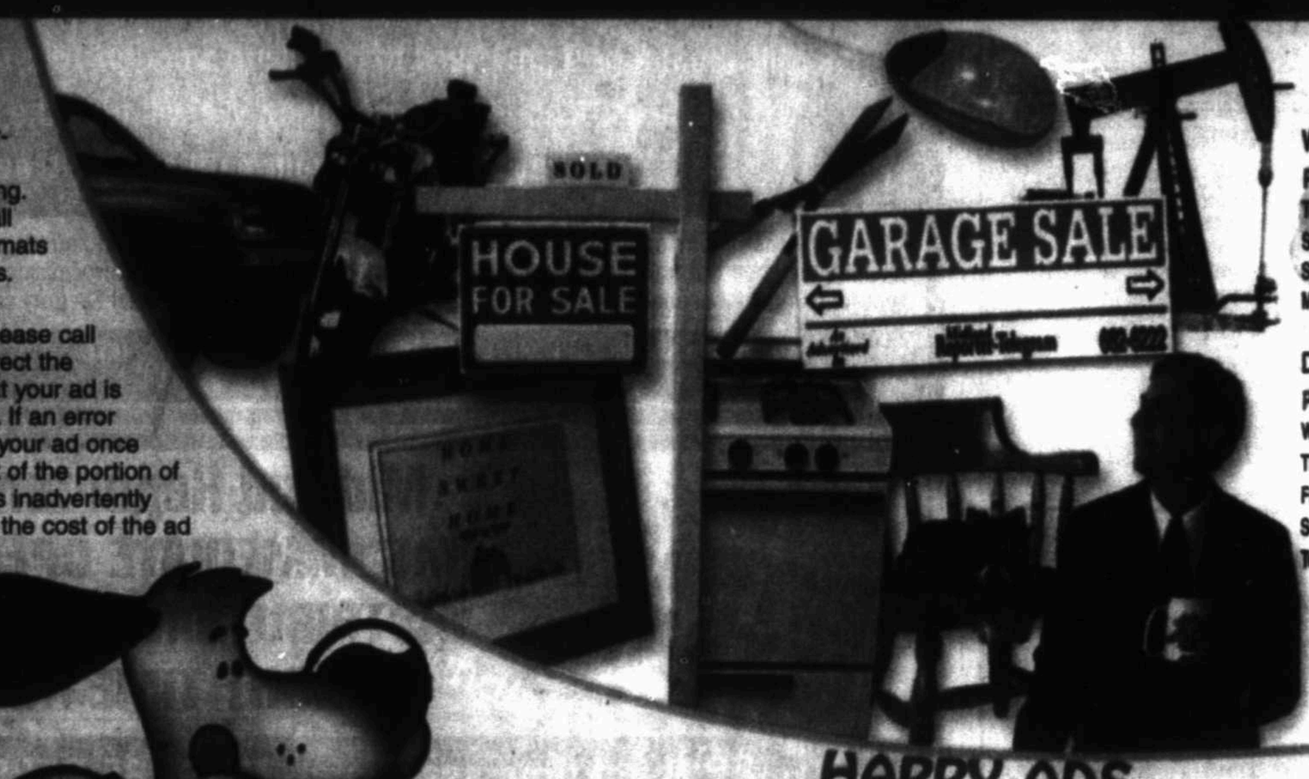

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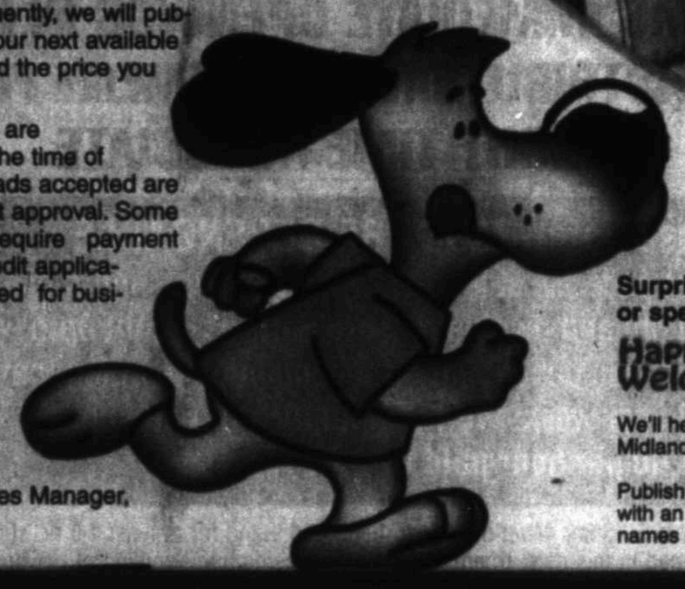

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Legal & Public Notices

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Proposal #2014-022

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for custodial services. The term of this contract will be September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016. A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the Pevehouse Administrative Conference Room #106. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 29, 2014** in the Purchasing Office at which time they will be opened and the vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING! EXTRA! EXTRA!

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@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

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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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Affinity Steel hiring for **Deliverly Driver**. Apply in person **1809 W. County Rd 114.** For directions, call **432-617-4477.**

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A criminal background check, results of which are not necessarily a bar to employment and a drug screen are required.

Please contact: Michael Montoya
Phone 281.726.3210

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Housekeeper wanted. 5 days per week for busy household. Duties include but not limited to, vacuuming, mopping, dusting, patio cleaning, window cleaning, picking up, making beds, dishes, laundry, ironing, taking/picking up dry cleaner clothes, grocery shopping, light cooking, and other errands that may need to be completed. Must be able to read and understand English. Have valid DL, Social Security ID, and be legal to work in the USA. $600/wk plus benefits. Call 432-934-3997

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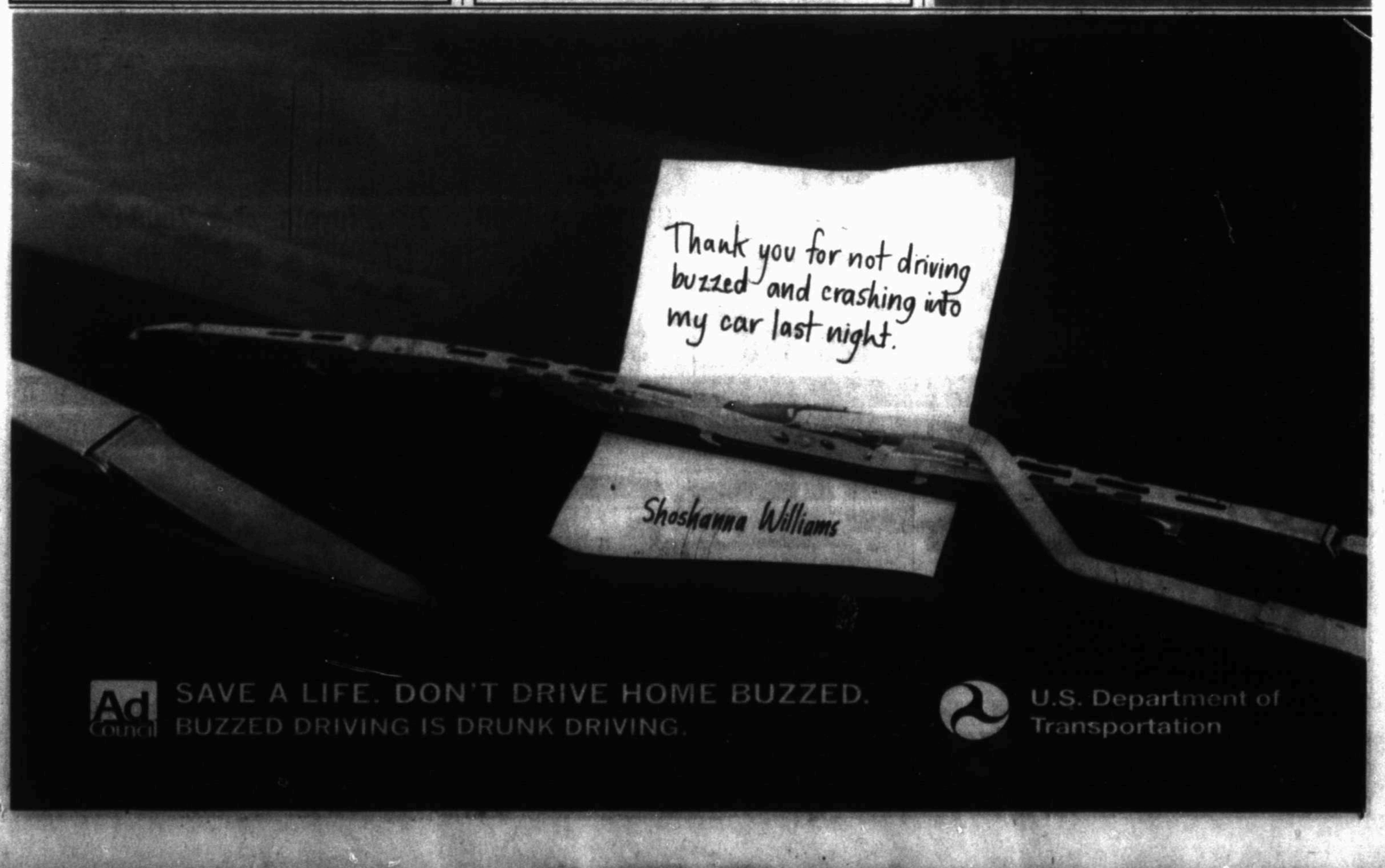

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