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MDC forum: Vision needed for downtown

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

If downtown is ever going to become a thriving place known as the hub for living, eating out and shopping, a clear vision is needed, leaders said Tuesday.

How exactly the area that was described as boring, decaying and vacant becomes such a place in five years that's an attractive spot to live, eat and relax still is up for debate.

But, in coming together as several interested parties did Tuesday for a downtown forum, at least it's clear there's an interest and willingness to make something happen, said Laura Roman, MDC board treasurer.

"I truly have a passion for downtown, and from looking around the room, it's pretty evident a lot of others do, as well," Roman said, speaking to the roughly 65 people who gathered for an afternoon discussion at the Blakemore Planetarium classroom. "This is about vision. Creating that shared vision."

For discussions to translate into action plans, Nancy Hormann, executive director of downtown Tempe who facilitated the forum, said entities need to work together.

Whether the MDC, the Downtown Midland Management District (DMMD), the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board (TIRZ), the city or a combination of the four takes on any one project isn't as important as agreeing together on an end goal, she said. Someone does need to assume the lead in facilitating the process of crafting the community's vision into a plan, she said, but it can't be up to any one group to carry it out or provide funds.

"If you're not all in this together, it won't work," she said. "It needs to be a shared vision … Not what do we want to be, but how do we get there?"

She described the multi-year process involved in changing the landscape of downtown Dallas, where she worked previously, and reminded Midlanders that the Tall City won't shift overnight.

While Midland still has much to do, she said it has already made progress. But it has, in some instances, failed to make the community aware of those successes and created the perception that downtown is still the same ghost

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TALKING TALL CITY Nancy Hormann leads a discussion Tuesday on plans that she previously worked on to redevelop downtown Dallas and how parts of the project could be used in Midland.

DAYOFHIRING



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McDonald's restaurant manager Ruby Cabrera, seated, interviews Bryson Brown, in orange, outside her store on Andrews Highway on Tuesday morning during McDonald's National Hiring Day. Personnel manager Dina Lopez watches the interview. Other residents looking for a job can attend the Spring 2011 Monster Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Midland County Horsehoe Arena. More than 70 booths of employers in all fields are looking for qualified applicants. For more information, visit www.mywesttexas.com/careerfair.

SPRING 2011 monster CAREER FAIR

SO probes attempted attack

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Midland County Sheriff's Office continued an investigation Tuesday after a man allegedly attempted to attack a prosecutor last week in court.



Hogue

Jimmie Dean Hogue, 60, was found guilty Thursday of two first-degree felonies of aggravated robbery and one second-degree felony of robbery.

The case was being tried in the 441st District Court with visiting Judge Robert Moore of Big Spring presiding.

After jurors found Hogue guilty and sentenced him to the maximum punishment of 99 years for each charge, Hogue asked to read a letter to the jury telling them he has been fighting the Texas

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Cuts, reconfigurations for schools are planned, Warren says

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

In closing Bunche and West early childhood centers, Superintendent Ryder Warren said they will not only save money but also start a grade reconfiguration that's needed to best serve students.

"We are so all over the place in configuration patterns," Warren said, speaking to the school board and community members Tuesday evening. "My philosophy has been in the past that the least amount of transitions a child has to go through, the better for them."

With early childhood and Head Start students on separate campuses, Warren said teachers there are not able to communicate daily with kindergarten through fifth grade teachers. Curriculum is set up for pre-K through fifth grade to be cohesive, which means those students and teachers should have the ability to interact.

Additionally, Warren said closing West and Bunche would bring kids closer to home and prevent most students from having to move locations between early childhood and kindergarten.

He also said the shift would save money. And when looking at state budget cuts that could be as much as $18 million for MISD

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Pilot, vet tech students voice their concerns

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The possibility of closing two programs at Midland College because of state budget cuts has brought many former and current students, along with faculty members and concerned residents, out to voice their concerns to the board of directors.

On Tuesday at the monthly meeting, more than 20 people crowded around the packed room to address the board on the pilot program.

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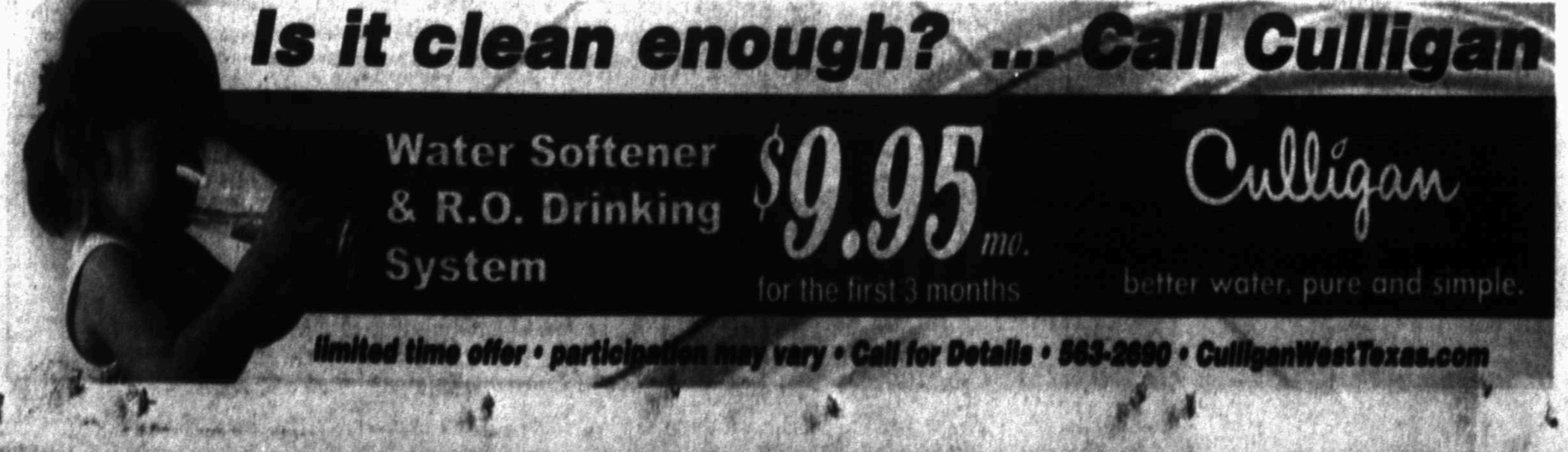
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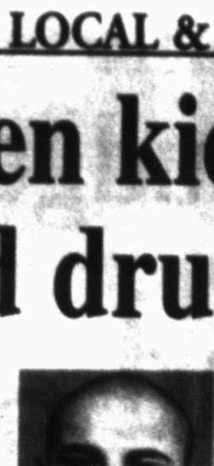
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Police: Teen kidnaps a suspected drug thief

By James Cannon
Staff Writer



Juan R. Porras: The teenager was charged with kidnapping a suspected drug thief Sunday. Read the arrest affidavit at www.mywesttexas.com.

A Midland teen remained in jail Tuesday night after being arrested for what police said was a drug kidnapping.

Juan R. Porras, 18, allegedly kidnapped a man at gunpoint because he believed the man stole drugs and money from him Sunday.

Police responded to a 911 hang-up call a little before 11 p.m. Sunday from the 1300 block of Colorado Street. When police made contact, the neighbor who called said someone fired shots in the house next door, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

When officers interviewed a man next door, he said he and a friend were watching television when Porras, his nephew, burst through the front door with a pistol and placed it against the friend's head, the report read.

The uncle said Porras told him the man had been stealing from him. Porras then forced the friend out of the front door by gunpoint and into a two-door Cadillac. The pair drove away. Porras came back a short time later and left the pistol in the back of the toilet tank and fled the residence again, the report stated.

Officers said they eventually were able to locate the kidnapped man several blocks away. He corroborated the story about being suspected of stealing and being kidnapped. The man said he didn't know Porras but said he had a tattoo of an "S" on his upper arm.

Police detained three males at the house Porras allegedly took the kidnapped man to the 1200 block of South Colorado Street. Porras was found hiding in the residence, police said.

Porras was extremely belligerent and refused to cooperate with officers, according to the report. He eventually was arrested and double handcuffed. He refused to identify himself, but police matched the description of the tattoo, the report read.

He then was arrested for kidnapping, but began to actively resist officers. When a second officer helped place him in the car, Porras began banging his head against the cage and begged police to kill him, officers said.

Police said Porras continued his "tirade" when he arrived at the jail and spit on a corrections officer. He was then shocked by a Taser and placed in a restraint chair, the report stated.

He is being held on a $75,000 bond for the first-degree felony of aggravated kidnapping and a third-degree felony of harassment of a public servant. If convicted of the kidnapping charge, he could serve between five and 99 years in prison. He could also serve up to 10 years in prison for spitting on a corrections officer.

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Odessa March of Dimes walk exceeds goal

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Odessa March for Babies on April 9 brought in $170,000, which exceeded the event's goal, according to the March of Dimes Texas chapter.

The Midland March for Babies is planned for April 30.

The Odessa march's success largely was because of increased support through Odessa Regional Medical Center, which was the presenting sponsor.

"ORMC certainly recognizes the importance of the outreach and education efforts of the March of Dimes since ORMC treats almost 500 babies in their NICU each year," said said Stacey Gerig, ORMC's chief executive officer and walk chairwoman. "The March of Dimes is so important in spreading awareness towards healthy pregnancies and babies."

Co-presenting sponsors of the Midland march are Citibank and Midland Memorial Hospital.

To get involved with the Midland March for Babies, call Tracy Renton, division director, at 570-0172.

Scam may target Texans after personal data leak

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Telephone scammers may be targeting the nearly 3.5 million Texans who had their Social Security numbers and other vital personal information inadvertently exposed to the public, the state attorney general's office warned Tuesday.

Investigators say at least one state employee got a call at home seeking to confirm a Social Security number. Attorney General Greg Abbott said in a statement the caller claimed to represent one of the three state agencies whose employees and retirees had their information exposed but that none of the affected agencies are actually making such calls.

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Two factors make budget tougher to solve

■ An increasing number of Texans are living in poverty, and state's child population is growning rapidly.



JASON EMBRY
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AUSTIN —

The root causes of Texas' budget shortfall are pretty clear by now.

The national recession caused Texans to spend billions less than anticipated on sales taxes over the past couple of years, for one. And five years ago, the Legislature made a giant cut in school property taxes and increased spending at the same time, leaving a hole in the budget that must be filled every year.

Some lesser-known but important factors are making the state's budget problems more difficult to solve: An increasing number of Texans are living in poverty, and the state's population of children is growing rapidly.

Anybody who turned on a television during the 2010 gubernatorial campaign heard talk from Gov. Rick Perry about job growth in Texas, and with good reason. Texas has been well ahead of other states in job creation during Perry's tenure.

But there is much more to the story of how Texas has fared economically in recent years. According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 15 percent of Texans lived below the federal poverty level in 2000. That number rose to 18 percent in 2005, and it was 17 percent in 2009.

Throughout the decade, the portion of Texans living in poverty was at least 3 percentage points higher than the total for the United States each year. The growing population of people in poverty means the state is paying more for programs such as Medicaid.

The number of children living in poverty also increased. In fact, when compared with other states, Texas' child population overall, living in poverty or not, is growing rapidly.

According to a report released this month by the Brookings Institution, the population of U.S. children younger than 18 grew by 1.89 million between 2000 and 2010. Slightly more than half of that growth — 979,000 — was in Texas, and about 95 percent of the growth in Texas was among Hispanics.

State Rep. Mark Strama, D-Austin, cited similar numbers during a debate on the House budget proposal April 1. Strama was trying to discourage colleagues from taking millions of dollars away from family planning programs, such as those that provide access to birth control, test for sexually transmitted diseases and educate Texans about family planning and abstinence.

"You want to know why this budget is so hard to balance?" Strama asked. "Part of it is our tax policy. Part of it is, we have explosive growth in the most expensive segments of our society. It is not just going to cost us money in Medicaid pregnancies. It's going to cost us money for the next 20 years."

Then his side lost the family planning vote.

The cost of enrollment growth alone in Texas schools is expected to exceed $2 billion over the next two years. And the student population is getting poorer, which means it is getting more expensive to educate. In 2010, 59 percent of Texas students were deemed economically disadvantaged, compared with 49 percent in 2009.

Some will say that illegal immigrants and their families are driving the growth and the cost. But the Dallas Morning News, after an extensive review last year, reported that illegal immigrants make up somewhere between 3 and 8 percent of the population of Texas public schools.

So, yes, Texas is adding jobs, and that's one reason why our state has added more people than other states have over the past 10 years. But there's much more to our growth than a bunch of software entrepreneurs packing up their Escalades and leaving San Francisco for San Antonio.

With the bragging rights of adding more residents than other states comes the responsibility of realizing that more of our residents are in poverty and our children are becoming increasingly expensive to educate.

It's a responsibility that isn't going away

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

Woman, boyfriend indicted in her son's death

An Odessa woman and her boyfriend have been indicted over the death of her 5-year-old son who allegedly was put into hot water.

Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland said a grand jury indicted Kimberly Ann Moore and Ralph Martinez Jr., also of Odessa. They're charged with capital murder and multiple counts of injury to a child.

Zachary Dominguez died Feb. 20.

Moore and Martinez on Tuesday were jailed on $200,000 bond each. Bland has not decided whether to seek the death penalty against the pair indicted Monday.

The Odessa American reports the injury to a child counts involve burning and putting the boy in hot water, plus not providing proper medical care.

Moore attorney David Greenhaw declined comment Tuesday. A lawyer for Martinez could not immediately be reached.

ANDREWS

2 drivers charged after street racing death in Andrews

Two drivers have been charged in the death of an Andrews woman whose vehicle was hit when she turned in front of two cars racing along a busy street.

Andrews Police Chief Bud Jones says witnesses reported that two vehicles were traveling side by side — at an excessive rate of speed — on Main Street when the collision occurred with the vehicle driven by Irma Macias, 48.

Sheriff's authorities say two men from Andrews have been charged with criminally negligent homicide. Neither man was injured in the accident that happened Sunday.

DALLAS

Bush to ride with wounded military members in Big Bend

Former President George W. Bush will join 14 people wounded while serving in the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan on a three-day mountain bike ride next week in the Big Bend region.

Bush is hosting the Warrior 100 — a 100 kilometer, or about 62-mile, ride — as part of an initiative of his presidential center to highlight the work of those helping others. Several organizations that support wounded military members and their families will be represented on the ride, which begins Monday and will take riders through mountains and desert.

The George W. Bush Presidential Center, which will include his library and an institute, is being built on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas and is expected to be completed in 2013.

SAN ANGELO

Plane crash kills 2 sightseeing area fires

Two people making a curiosity flight over a West Texas wildfire were killed when their small airplane crashed.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford said the wreckage of the single-engine experimental aircraft was found Monday afternoon 12 miles east of San Angelo.

Lunsford said witnesses told investigators that the pair, believed to be Air Force lieutenants, had taken off from Mathis Field/San Angelo Municipal Airport in their two-seat Christen Eagle biplane Sunday afternoon. There were no injuries or damage on the ground. Lunsford said no flight plan was filed, but none was required.

Lunsford said the National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA will investigate

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Survey: Nearby areas contribute to enplanements

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

More than 35 percent of people using Midland International Airport come from outside of Midland-Odessa, according to a recent survey conducted.

Director of Airports Marvin Esterly said they conducted a study of those using the parking lots and found 36 percent of people were from other towns or states. Midlanders made up 38 percent of those surveyed and Odessans 26 percent.

He said the totals are slightly off because those traveling from Midland-Odessa may get dropped off and were therefore missed through the parking lot survey. But, he said the data shows airport staff how they might invest marketing dollars in the future knowing travelers from New Mexico and other states use Midland flights.

"It gives us an idea as we program our marketing techniques," Esterly said, speaking to the Regional Airport Planning and Development board on Tuesday. "We probably need to now, spread out a little bit more."

Of those flying from Midland who aren't Midland-Odessa residents, 23 percent are from surrounding Texas communities, according to the survey, while 8 percent are from New Mexico, 4 percent from distant Texas towns and 1 percent from other states, Esterly said.

In targeting marketing dollars — whether it be through radio advertising, billboards, event sponsorships or some other method — Esterly said the survey showed they could benefit from putting more focus on areas farther away.

Esterly said in recent years they started targeting places such as Abilene and Fort Davis, where residents typically are choosing between Midland International Airport and another facility. If they have Midland in mind, he said they might be more likely to drive to the Tall City than to El Paso or some other area.

Board members said residents in places such as Artesia, N.M., may drive to Lubbock for a flight because they don't realize Midland offers a variety of flights.

It's changing that perception that Esterly said they work to do when marketing outside of the immediate area.

For example, he said they've started sponsoring the San Angelo Colts baseball team to get their name into that town, which helps not only raise awareness but also makes the airport a participant in the community.

In general, he said enplanements for the year continue to be up from the previous fiscal year.

For March, enplanements were up by 12.5 percent from March of 2010. For the fiscal year that started in October, enplanements are up 16.3 percent compared with the previous fiscal year, Esterly said.

"That's huge," Esterly said. "You just don't see that."

Nationwide, he said double digit increases aren't occurring often, which speaks to the height of activity they're seeing. At the same time enplanements have increased, the number of seats available has dropped, meaning most of the flights leaving Midland are close to full, he said.

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Schools

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funding in the coming biennium is a necessity.

"We've got to have money for next year," he said. "That's the bottom line."

Closing the early childhood centers would save about $970,000, said David Garcia, assistant superintendent for financial services.

About $375,000 could be saved by not transporting 4-year-olds to the two campuses, about $335,000 would be saved through campus administration and support staff reassignments, $110,000 would be saved through custodial staff reduction and $150,000 through utility savings.

Warren said staff at West and Bunche will be reassigned to another campus or open position elsewhere. He said they hope to give teachers a choice about which campus they'll go to, but it might not be possible to give everyone their first choice.

Students would be sent to a home campus unless their future elementary campus doesn't have enough students enrolled in early childhood classes to make a full class. At the few schools where that's anticipated, students would be sent to the next closest school, Warren said.

Some parents were unsure the change will be best for their children.

"I don't think it's a good idea to mix the little kids with the big schools," said Elizabeth Hinostroza, who said she had planned to enroll her son at Bunche in the fall. "I don't understand why you all are taking away something from the little bitty children."

Warren has said other parents are supportive of the issue, especially because many have expressed concerns about the age and safety of the West and Bunche facilities.

Warren said that in 2009 the community strategic facility committee recommended renovating Bunche at a cost of $16 million and converting two other elementary campuses into early childhood centers at a cost of $7 million.

Instead of making that investment, he said he thinks it would be better to send the kids to their home campus and eliminate that transition.

Board President Jay Isaacs agreed.

"What I want the city of Midland to see is that one page, that we would be saving them $23 million in a bond issue," Isaacs said. "That is huge for this community."

Warren said the board asked him to look at school configurations, and he's focused on it because of the way it affects children. Ideally, he said sixth graders would be on the same campus as seventh and eight graders, and ninth graders would be on the same campus as senior high schools because it would allow teachers and students to interact better. For now, starting with early childhood education is a way to save money, he said.

The board did not vote on the item, but Warren said eliminating the campuses is what he will recommend. He also will recommend reconfiguring Carver Center into a full-time campus for students identified in the top 5 percent of their class. The campus would serve second through sixth graders and would not be a magnet campus but would be a campus students qualify to attend.

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Vision

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town it was years ago.

"You all need to be speaking for downtown," Hormann said. "You don't have advocacy."

Among the goals sugested by attendees Wednesday were creating a downtown that's pedestrian friendly, offers free Wi-Fi, has restaurants, stores, events and people who do more than just come to work between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Steve Thorpe, building official with the city of Midland, said even during the lunch hour people leave downtown. After the city changed ordinances to allow vendors to sell food at Centennial Plaza, most stopped coming because they couldn't even sell 100 hotdogs in a lunch hour.

Pam Welch, business retention and expansion director at the MDC, said more than 13,000 work downtown, so it will take getting people engaged.

Hormann said moving toward those goals could start with simple shifts such as updating the facade of abandoned buildings or adding greenery. "Don't make it look like an abandoned downtown, which it does right now," she said.

Other initiatives on a short-term to-do list included having a grant program to draw and create events downtown, looking at the fee structure associated with events downtown so things like Mex-Tex Fiesta don't move elsewhere, and marketing what's already going on.

The DMMD was identified as the entity that can lead the charge in marketing and moving forward with a vision for downtown. Roman said the MDC also will continue to be an engaged contributor in the process. TIRZ Board Chairman Mark Wellen said it also will be involved and will be up to the board on how it participates in incentiving development, investing in downtown or supporting other initiative.

"We can't lose sight of the fact that we want to increase property values downtown," Wellen said, clarifying the board's purpose.

DMMD Chairman Scooter Brown said it will take a partnership with the other entities, particularly when it comes to funding, but that they're ready to take a more active role.

"We're going to come up with a vision for what we want to do," Brown said.. "We're going to get some events going and some projects going."

Some said while they support downtown development, they still don't feel like a clear vision was decided.

"I'm struggling because I think we have one person who's very passionate. I don't see anybody who's really excited about what is the next step," said Cary Love, MDC board member. "We should have walked out of here excited. I want to get excited about it."

John James, councilman for District 3, said the vision and excitement for downtown needs to come from the community.

"The council feels like there's no shared vision for downtown," he said. "I think it's critical the public come to some consensus."

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Students

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Clint Hurt, who said he was for a while one of the oldest student pilots, said he was appreciative and supported the program. Learning that board members are considering closing it because of its historical low enrollment numbers, he said that to run at full capacity it would need 40 students, and currently there are 34 enrolled in the program.

He also said he feels the program is satisfying a national need with the pilot shortage and he hopes members can find a way to keep it going.

"This is an important program and I hope you come up with a way to keep it," he said.

Former instructors and members of the airport board also advised the board that they would like to see it stay, and one said that the Boeing Company, an aviation leader, announced recently that globally it will need 500,000 pilots and mechanics in the next 20 years.

Midland County Precinct 2 Commissioner Robin Donnelly said he believes to diversify the Midland economy, aviation is necessary.

"Aviation is the crown jewel for this area," he said. "No one knows we're out here, and the aviation community is the market for us."

Others also told the board that the pilot program is one of which they are proud.

"We've worked real hard. We can't afford to lose it," a former airport board member said.

Several current students told board members that they traveled from as far as Ghana, West Africa, and Louisville, Ky., to be a part of the program.

Students and alumni with the veterinary technology program also addressed the board with their concerns of the program's possible closure.

Student Tammy Reyes printed handouts and packets, which were passed out to board members, that contained statistics on the field of veterinary technology.

According to the website Careerbuilder.com, Reyes said the vet tech field is the fifth fastest growing career choice and Bureau of Labor Statistics estimate a 35.3 percent growth from 2004-14 in the area.

She asked board members to consider the revenue the school makes from those students who travel from out of state and district who pay additional fees to be a part of the program and economic difference they make within the Midland community.

As far as the criteria, Reyes said that the vet tech program does provide for local work force needs, adds value to those enrolled by having them receive hands-on experience, fits with the economic development plans of the community and provides students with the necessary components they need to pursue a four-year degree.

"We all stand by this program and invite board members to stand with us and not against us," she said.

Since it began, two students have gone on to complete their studies to become veterinarians and several current students have expressed interest in pursuing that, Reyes added.

Surveys also were issued to 16 veterinarian clinics in the area, and 12 said they have at least one MC graduate employed. More than 50 percent of the clinics said they have between two and four graduates currently on staff, reports given to board members showed.

Paul O'Neill, city of Midland Animal Services director, said his goal is to reduce the number of adoptable animals that are euthanized. He said he believes the vet tech program helps accomplish the goal. By offering the students a shelter where they can receive hands-on training and experience, he said he also hopes to be able to have the program involved with the Midland Humane Coalition, which is looking to build an adoption center at PetSmart.

When the center is built, it will be one of 12 in the nation, and O'Neill said national media will cover the event. He said he would love to have the MC vet tech program a part of it.

Dr. Jessica Todia, owner of A to Z Veterinary Clinic, told the board that she has hired and paid for several of her technicians to attend the program. By cutting the program, she said she believes it will be a great loss.

By hiring a certified technician who has graduated the program, it also gives one's practice "a little more oomph," she said.

"I think that this program can do wonders," Todia added.

The board will not make any decisions on the two programs until mid-summer, said MC president Steve Thomas in his monthly president's report. Budget numbers are should be decided by the state then, and any recommendations for program closures is premature.

But, as of Tuesday, he said the state Senate's version of the bill appropriation for funding is looking better for the college, and the conference committee should announce Thursday from where the extra funding will come.

"We hope to be able to protect some of these programs we heard about, but it's too soon to talk about," Thomas said.

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Attack

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criminal justice system and would continue to do so to the day that he dies, First Assistant District Attorney Steve Stallings said.

Hogue then allegedly turned and charged toward prosecutor Cannon Jones. It was still under investigation Tuesday if Jones or a court bailiff had intercepted the attempted assault.

The Midland County District Attorney's Office then notified the sheriff's office, which launched an investigation into the incident. Hogue could face criminal charges of assault and/or retaliation of a public servant.

Stallings said if any charges are filed against Hogue, the district attorney's office will decide whether it will handle and prosecute the case or have a visiting prosecutor take the case because, ethically, the victim is one of the office's employees.

He added that in his nine years of working in Midland County, he's never seen a prosecutor attacked in court.

"Thankfully, yes, it is rare," he said.

Stallings also said court staff asked investigators to look into the matter to show others that the district attorney's office takes the safety of its attorneys seriously and does what it can to protect them.

"If they (the defendants) have lost a case and think, 'I'll take a shot at the prosecutor. There's nothing to lose.' We want them to understand there is a lot to lose," Stallings said.

On Nov. 23, 2009, Hogue turned himself into authorities after deputies said he pulled a knife on a store clerk and took about $338 in cash from the register at Uncle's convenience store at 6001 Farm-to-Market Road 307 on Nov. 19.

Midland police also questioned Hogue in connection with a second armed robbery that occurred Nov. 20, 2009, at the 7-Eleven store on West Wadley Avenue.

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ONLINE Read the arrest affidavit. www.mywesttexas.com

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Reporter-Telegram's Career Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Horseshoe.

■ Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Ambassadors of Laughter, 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library. Admission: Free. Info: Special 30-minute circus story time.

■ Lenten Lunch Concert Series, noon-12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Admission: Free. Lunch served before and after for $6.

Meetings schedule

Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board
Noon today

Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) boardroom
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Nonprofit events

■ The Newcomers Club will host a fashion show, luncheon and silent auction for the benefit of Midland Fair Havens on Thursday at the Hilton Midland Plaza.

Auction bidding wil start at 10:30 a.m.; lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by the fashion show.

For more information contact Allison Frey at 520-3680.

■ "Showcase Your Talent" is is planned for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Midland County Public Library.

Entries can be talent ranging from music to dance to art.

For more information, call Jennifer Harris at 688-4323.

■ The Midland A&M Club's Aggie Muster is 6 p.m. Thursday at the Midland Horseshoe.

For more information, contact midlandaggiemuster@gmail.com.

■ Family Caregiver Support Workshop Series is planned for 6 p.m. Thursday at Hospice Midland Inspiration Center.

The fourth workshop offered in the series is "How to Select an In-Home Care Provider"

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 689-4663 or emailing caitlin.chapman@homeinstead.com

■ Christian Church of Midland is hosting Journey to the Cross 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. The service is a self-guided visual and scriptural journey of the final week of Christ's life.

For more information, call 684-7681.

Whataburger will donate to Red Cross

Whataburger will present a $10,000 check to the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas during a ceremony 2 p.m. today at the restaurant at 800 Andrews Highway.

The donation will assist with wildfire disaster relief efforts in the Midland and Odessa communities.

Lake levels

Lake Levels report
Representing totals from early April 2010-11

	2010	2011
O.H. Ivie	43.08	29.22
Lake Thomas	7.90	4.60
Lake Spence	4.32	1.93

Delivery (in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 21.5 million
Odessa: daily average this week 20.8 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 8-9-8
Pick 3 night: 5-0-2
Daily 4 day: 2-8-4-8
Daily 4 night: 8-7-1-3
Cash Five: 2-3-4-5-8
Mega Millions: 20-24-32-45-51 MB: 43 Megaplier: 4

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, April 20, the 110th day of 2011. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 20, 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, leased by BP, killed 11 workers and began spewing (by government estimates) about 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico for nearly three months.

On this date:

In 1861, Col. Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the U.S. Army. (Lee went on to command the Army of Northern Virginia, and eventually became general-in-chief of the Confederate forces.)

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

In 1971, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools. National Public Radio made its on-air debut with live coverage of a U.S. Senate hearing on the Vietnam War.

In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush welcomed Chinese President Hu Jintao to the White House; the ceremony was interrupted by a protester who shouted to Bush to stop the Chinese leader from "persecuting the Falun Gong."

Today's birthdays: Retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 91. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 70. Actress Jessica Lange is 62. Actress Carmen Electra is 39. Actor Joey Lawrence is 36.

— *Source: Associated Press*

ACROSSTHENATION

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OKLAHOMA CITY

Victims' families observe bombing anniversary

Antonio Cooper Sr. walked across a field of empty chairs that represent the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, occasionally stopping to read names inscribed in glass panes as he searched for the one dedicated to his 6-month-old son, Antonio Cooper Jr.

"I feel it's a necessity to be here," Cooper said Tuesday as he strapped a colorful bouquet of spring flowers to the chair bearing his son's name on the 16th anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the worst domestic terror attack in U.S. history and the deadliest on U.S. soil before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The boy's grandmother, Wanda McNeely, wept softly as she placed a beige stuffed bear on the metal chair that stands on the federal building's former site. McNeely said the death of her grandson still evokes strong emotions and observing the anniversary of the April 19, 1995, attack doesn't get easier with the passing years.

"It weighed heavily on my heart," she said as tears streamed down her cheeks. "But I couldn't tear myself not to come."

Cooper and more than 300 other people attended ceremonies at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum on the anniversary of the bombing that killed 168 people, including his son and 17 other children who were being cared for at a day care center on the building's second floor.

MIAMI

US aims at its deadliest drug problem: painkillers

The White House drug czar wants doctors, states and law enforcement working harder to stop America's deadliest drug-abuse problem: highly addictive prescription painkillers. They are killing more people than heroin and cocaine combined as they foster a slew of illegal "pill mill" clinics centered in Florida.

The federal government on Tuesday announced its first-ever comprehensive strategy to combat the abuse of oxycodone and other opioids, aiming to cut misuse by 15 percent in five years. That goal may sound modest, but it would represent a dramatic turnaround: Emergency room visits from prescription drug overdoses doubled from 2004 to 2009, when they topped 1.2 million, according to federal health officials.

The new approach will depend on education, stepped-up law enforcement and pill-tracking databases, with particular emphasis on Florida, where 85 percent of all oxycodone pills in the nation are prescribed.

BOSTON

Feds OK ocean wind farm

A federal agency approved a construction and operations plan for the Cape Wind project off the Massachusetts coast, clearing the way for work to begin on America's first offshore wind farm as early as this fall, Interior Secretary Kenneth Salazar announced Tuesday.

Approval by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement was required before construction of the proposed 130-turbine wind farm in Nantucket Sound could get under way.

The secretary said the Cape Wind project, which already has received other state and federal permits, could create 600 to 1,000 jobs and that nationwide the wind power industry had the potential for tens of thousands of jobs.

IDAHO

Rescuers alter search operation for miner

BOISE — Rescuers trying to reach a trapped Idaho silver miner on Tuesday were forced by unstable conditions to alter their operation and are now attempting to reach him from a new direction that more than quadruples the distance they must dig to reach him.

The changes were necessary due to dangerous conditions inside the Lucky Friday Mine, said Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration spokeswoman Amy Louviere. Before, workers needed to clear through about 50 feet of the collapsed area; from the new, safer set-off point more than a mile underground, there are 225 feet left.

Larry "Pete" Marek, a 53-year-old employee of Hecla Mining Co., was trapped last Friday by the collapse and hasn't been heard from since the collapse.

CHICAGO

Second Blagojevich trial won't be a rerun of first

The same defendant. The same judge. The same courthouse. Even the same carefully coiffed hair.

Rod Blagojevich's second corruption trial begins Wednesday, starring many of the same figures as the first. But this retrial won't be just a rerun.

Prosecutors have streamlined their case against the disgraced former Illinois governor, dropping some of the most complex charges to address complaints by the previous jury that that the evidence was too hard to follow.

Blagojevich, now 54, returns with a scaled-down, more bookish defense team that no longer includes lead lawyer Sam Adam Jr., whose courtroom theatrics in round one often drew the judge's ire. And this time, Blagojevich will be the lone defendant after authorities dropped all charges against his brother.

Like a second-night Broadway performance, the actors presumably come in with many missteps and miscues corrected.

"Everyone improves," said Blagojevich attorney Aaron Goldstein.

Surprises are possible.

For prosecutors, it could be seeking testimony from Chicago Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel. For the defense, it could be putting their client on the stand. In the last trial, Blagojevich repeatedly promised to testify, then didn't.

PHOENIX

Ariz. sheriff seeks votes on 'Mugshot of the Day'

The Arizona sheriff known for dressing inmates in pink underwear and feeding them green balogna is inviting people to choose the most popular jail booking photos posted on his website.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio allows online users to browse through the photos and then vote on their favorites that will be highlighted on a "Mugshot of the Day" section.

The top picks so far aren't unexpected: They're the most disheveled, unusual looking people among those booked into the downtown Phoenix jail.

Arpaio said he hopes the increased Web traffic will highlight the work of his employees.

He also said more crimes may be uncovered if the public can view the photos.

The website is www.mcso.org

NEW YORK

Porn company is amassing 1-800 numbers

For years, teenagers across the U.S. could call a toll-free hotline if they had embarrassing questions about AIDS and safe sex. Dial the same number now and you get a recording of giggling women offering to talk dirty to you.

"We both have big appetites for sex," they purr. "Pinch us and poke us. Spank us and tease us. We love it all. ... Enter your credit card number now."

Those naughty misdials, and countless others like them, appear to be no accident.

Records obtained by the Associated Press show that over the past 13 years, a little-known Philadelphia company called PrimeTel Communications has quietly gained control over nearly a quarter of all the 1-800 numbers in the U.S. and Canada, often by grabbing them the moment they are relinquished by previous users. As of March, it administered more 800 numbers than any other company, including Verizon and AT&T.

And many, if not most, of those 1.7 million numbers appear to be used for one thing: redirecting callers to a phone-sex service.

Dial 1-800-Chicago and instead of reaching a tourism hotline for the Windy City, you will hear a woman offering "one-on-one talk with a nasty girl" for $2.99 per minute. A similar thing happens if you punch in the initial digits of 1-800-Metallica, 1-800-Cadillac, 1-800-Minolta, 1-800-Cameras, 1-800-Worship or 1-800-Whirlpool.


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Obama's great solution for Medicare spending: panel of experts

■ The president is mistaken if he believes the advisory board will "make the notoriously inefficient program any more efficient."



RICH LOWRY
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What President Barack Obama's budget speech last week lacked in details it made up for in an obnoxious faith in the surpassing wisdom of unelected experts.

Why does Obama need specifics when he has the Independent Payment Advisory Board, or IPAB? If spending on health care is the biggest driver of government spending, then IPAB is Obama's most important deficit-reduction initiative. It is a panel of 15 presidentially appointed experts. They will have more power over Medicare than the average member of Congress, whose only credential — embarrassingly enough — is being a duly-elected representative of the people under the Constitution of the United States.

Obama has elevated Medicare, along with other New Deal and Great Society programs, to part of America's holy writ. Yet he implicitly acknowledges it is broken and bankrupting us. Otherwise, he wouldn't be proposing a cap on Medicare's growth that is at least as stringent as anything Newt Gingrich proposed in the 1990s, when he was by general acclamation declared an enemy of the sick and elderly.

We already have an arbitrary check on Medicare's spending, and we already have a panel of experts to recommend changes to the program. The arbitrary check is the "sustainable growth rate," and the panel is the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. Congress repeatedly has deferred cuts under the former and ignored the recommendations of the latter. To this, Obama has an elegant solution: Bypass Congress.

Under ObamaCare, IPAB is to hit a target for Medicare's growth that significantly squeezes the program beginning in 2014 (in his budget speech, Obama said he wants to ratchet down the cap even further). Congress has limited options: It can pass the IPAB recommendations, substitute its own version of them, or by a three-fifths majority in the Senate vote to waive these requirements. If it does none of these things, the secretary of Health and Human Services automatically implements the IPAB plan.

If this makes IPAB sound like a powerful body, it's still too weak for the president. In the fact sheet released in conjunction with his budget speech, the White House says he wants to give IPAB "additional tools" and "additional enforcement mechanisms such as an automatic sequester." All that's missing is the power to launch kinetic military operations.

No one doubts Congress is frustratingly fractious and fiscally incontinent. Surely, our public affairs would be conducted more efficiently if every key function of Congress were handed off to a board of experts. But at the cost of an incalculable diminution in democratic accountability.

Friedrich Hayek warned of this temptation in his classic book "The Road to Serfdom": "Parliaments come to be regarded as ineffective 'talking shops,' unable or incompetent to carry out the tasks for which they have been chosen. The conviction grows that if efficient planning is to be done, the direction must be taken 'out of politics' and placed in the hands of experts — permanent officials or independent autonomous bodies."

Only Obama could give a speech touting such a body and think he's made a ringing defense of what's great about America. He is an IPAB kind of guy. William F. Buckley Jr. famously said he'd rather be governed by the first 2,000 names in the Boston phone book than the faculty of Harvard. Obama would take the Harvard faculty in a heartbeat. He'd dress it up with a clunky acronym, grant it vast bureaucratic power and set it loose on the problems of the world.

The fact of the matter is that IPAB won't make the notoriously inefficient Medicare program any more efficient. Through arbitrary reductions on payments to providers, it will simply reduce the supply of care. Even before the advent of a new, more powerful IPAB and a new, tougher limit on spending, Medicare's chief actuary warned that ObamaCare will drive providers out of the program. If you love Medicaid, you'll adore the new IPAB version of Medicare.

It will be the experts' gift to America's seniors.

OUR VIEW

Decision not to hear oil in-transit case was the right one

The Midland Central Appraisal District lost its bid to tax crude oil at the Midland Tank Farm when the U.S. Supreme Court announced this week it will not hear the case. Thus ended this epic struggle that could have had a far-reaching impact on the way oil companies transport products across the state and the nation.

In essence, the decision reverts to a lower court ruling that the appraisal district won't have the ability to levy taxes on oil being stored at the tank farm while it's in-transit to another destination.

While this outcome obviously takes some potential tax revenues out of the pockets of the Midland taxing entities, we think this was the proper decision in the long run. If the appraisal district had been allowed to tax oil storage, it would have opened up a whole can of worms that would have a long-term negative impact on the oil industry and the consumer. This is not an area where the taxing process made any sense.

In our view, there was really no reason to carry this matter further because the decisions in the lower courts were solid against the appraisal district's arguments. The Supreme Court obviously felt the same way and now it's time to drop this matter and move on.

It never hurts to show our youth what giving can do

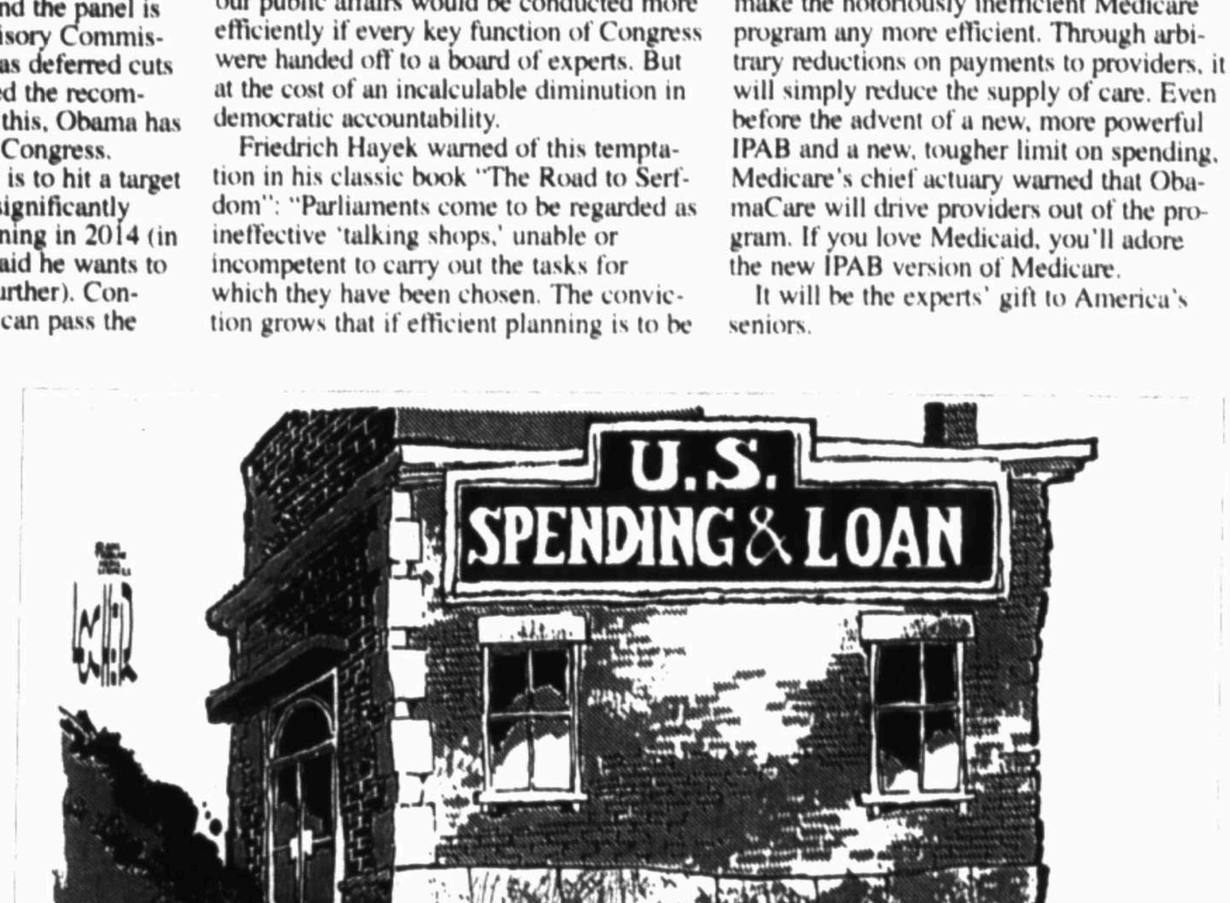
Recently, several Midland teens were given a first-hand glimpse at the funding process the United Way faces year in and year out. This is an experience in which we wish all Midland teens could participate.

This exercise came as part of the United Way of Midland's Youth Campaign Allocation Day as a handful of students from Midland and Lee high schools toured different nonprofits. They learned about which health, education and self-sufficiency programs are offered and then worked to divide $14,870 among the three impact areas.

We wish all our youth could take part in this process. First, it would open the eyes of our young people to the needs our community faces. Also, it would give them instant recognition to what it takes to fund these vital nonprofits.

Most importantly, it could lay some great groundwork for the future as these participants learn the importance of taking part in the United Way effort. These are roots that are planted and nurtured early, and that's the best way to ensure the tradition continues to be strong.

While every kid can't take part in exercises such as this, it is our hope that parents make it a priority to teach their children to be a part of the community in which they live. If our children leave home with a firm sense of what it means to be a member of the community, it will bear great fruits for our cities and towns of the future.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
weekdays

RockHound mascot story makes impact on fan

Thanks to Sara Higgins, for her wonderful article, regarding the Midland RockHounds mascot, Rocky, that recently was printed in this newspaper. As I write this, I admit, it brought me to tears.

Deuce, the little boy Rocky mentioned in the article, is my grandson, and reading it sparked many memories from the trying days our family went through.

In July of 2009, Deuce sang during the seventh-inning stretch at a RockHounds ballgame. At 4 1/2 years of age, he sang loud and clear, before 5,000 fans, with his friend Rocky by his side. The Christmas card we received from Rocky and Juice, asked if Deuce wanted to sing at another game. Deuce was ready to deliver an encore performance and very proud Rocky asked him to sing again.

In early spring, the date was set for June 12.

In May 2010, when the RockHounds were notified of our loss, they immediately found ways to show compassion and loving support to our family. There was no hesitation when Rocky was asked to honor this little All-Star, by being a pall-bearer. Special gifts from Rocky rest with Deuce. The display of affection for this young fan was extended on the night he would have performed his encore. The Hounds arranged it so both teams stepped out of their dugouts, removed their caps, and watched the video of Deuce singing that was up on the big screen. Our family then was presented a framed sketch of Deuce with Rocky from that performance. The RockHounds asked if the family would allow Rocky and Juice to wear initialed, memorial sleeve patches, for the remainder of the 2010 season. In the world of baseball, that is a huge honor. Our little red-headed dynamo would have loved all the attention.

The Lovell family recognizes the presence of angels among us — in the form of the RockHounds organization. We hope the Midland and Odessa communities appreciate the gifts of time and talent that are exhibited through the owners, management, staff and players in this baseball family. They are definitely a presence to be treasured.

Kitty Lovell
Odessa

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The left shows it's choosey about choice

■ Addressing abortion and the school choice program in Washington, D.C., are about survival, and liberals are getting it wrong on both accounts.



CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

The Democratic mayor of Washington, D.C., Vincent Gray, distinguished himself last week by getting arrested in an act of "civil disobedience" reminiscent of the '60s. The mayor, six council members and more than 40 other protesters were detained by Capitol police for blocking the street to oppose the congressional budget deal that deprived D.C. of federal funds for abortions.

They also were protesting a mandate under the same agreement that revives a popular school choice program, the "Opportunity Scholarship Program," which allows poor children in failing schools an opportunity to attend schools they and their parents believe will give them the best possible education. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan had pulled the plug on the Bush-era program after pressure from the teacher's union which, in a reversal of Bush's "No Child Left Behind," behaves as if no child in a failing school should be let out.

It's peculiar how the left embraces choice when it comes to aborting children, but opposes it for children languishing in failing public schools. These substandard schools virtually guarantee their students a life of poverty, teen pregnancy, near illiteracy and welfare dependence.

Washington, D.C., a city that is 52.7 percent African-American, has one of the highest abortion rates in the country. There are 265 abortions for every 100 live births, according to Guttmacher Institute statistics published by The Movement for a Better America, a pro-life website (www.movementforabetteramerica.org/abortionindex.html). Since aborting blacks, immigrants and the poor was a goal of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger (she compared them all to "human weeds"), one might think black lawmakers would do more to preserve the lives of a new generation of black children.

Some blacks refuse to accept abortion on demand as either a right, or a fait accompli. Responding to Mayor Gray's street theater, a coalition of 10 African-American pastors from D.C., and the suburbs, composed an open letter to the mayor. It says in part, "Who could have imagined during the height of the Civil Rights Movement a day when the mayor of Washington, D.C., would be arrested for protesting the right to use tax dollars to abort babies, a disproportionate number of them black? As pastors and community leaders, we feel bewildered and betrayed."

Noting that, "Abortion is the leading cause of death in the black community," the letter continues, "While African-American women represent 13 percent of the female population, they undergo 37 percent of all abortions. As a leader charged with our protection and government, we are shocked at your passion to continue this trend with tax dollars."

The letter also promises a cooperative effort by the pastors to open a new pregnancy center in Washington, using private funds, "so that women have life-affirming and healthy alternatives to abortion."

These Guttmacher statistics ought to shock: The number of black babies in the U.S. killed by abortion between 1973 and 2010 was 17,237,000. That's a rate of 574,000 per year. Compare this to the number of blacks killed by lynching in America between 1864 and 1968 (4,946, or 47.7 per year). The public became rightly outraged about lynching — it was usually done in the open — and worked to put an end to it. Abortions are performed in private — both result in the death of a black person.

By what moral standard do people embrace "choice" when it comes to destroying a life, but oppose choice when it comes to saving one by way of a quality education?

Liberal Democrats who favor "choice" on abortion and oppose it on education are wrong on both counts. As for the pastors who feel "bewildered and betrayed," they have a choice of their own to make. They can stick with a party that has dedicated itself to exterminating the bodies and wasting the minds of their community, or they can take their votes elsewhere to a party that will help their children survive to get a real education.

DOONESBURY
By Garry Trudeau



Poll: Students grade high school down, college up

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Young adults said high schools are failing to give students a solid footing for the working world or strong guidance toward college, at a time when many fear graduation means tumbling into an economic black hole. Students who make it to college are happy with the education they get there, an Associated Press-Viacom poll says.

Most of the 18- to 24-year-olds surveyed gave high schools low grades for things that would ease the way to college: A majority said their school wasn't good at helping them choose a field of study, aiding them in finding the right college or vocational school or assisting them in coming up with ways to pay for more schooling.

If schools did these things better, it could make a significant difference, because young people already are enthusiastic about higher education. Two-thirds said students should aim for college, even if they aren't sure yet what career they want to pursue. Almost as many say they want to get at least a four-year degree themselves.

The majority of high school students probably won't end up with a college degree, however. Among those a few years ahead of them — today's 25- to 34-year-olds — only about a third hold a bachelor's or higher degree, according to the Census Bureau. Less than 10 percent get an associate's degree.

So getting students ready for work remains central to high schools' mission. And most young people said their school didn't do a good job of preparing them for work or helping them choose a future career. They also gave high schools low marks on exposing them to the latest technology in their field and helping them get work experience, according to the poll conducted in partnership with Stanford University.

Learning real-life job skills is important to students such as Mary Margaret Rice, 18, who likes her regional vocational high school in Wakefield, Mass. "I'm getting training to weld," she said.

Rice is interested in joining the military, but not in more schooling after graduation. "Money is a reason," she said, "but the main reason is I can't really focus on classwork and homework."

Overall, only 4 in 10 young people voice strong satisfaction with their high school education. About as many are "somewhat satisfied." Almost a fifth are unsatisfied — twice as many as expressed unhappiness with college.

Lovina Dill said she wishes the two high schools she attended in California had taught her how to deal with the ups and downs of the real world. She could have used a class in "what happens if you can't get a job, and the unemployment rate rises and nobody can find a job." Dill said she was briefly homeless when she was laid off and unable to find a job using her certification in massage therapy.

Dill, now 21, self-employed and living with her father in Arcadia, La., thinks high schools should offer juniors and seniors workshops on how to get a job, how to build a career and the many educational options besides a four-year degree.

The one category where young people rated high schools best was preparing them for further education: 56 percent said their school did a good or excellent job at that. Those who went on to college or trade school gave their high schools better marks than those who didn't.

The bulk of college students — 6 in 10 — declare themselves either "very" or "extremely" pleased with their higher education.

Most said a career-focused college education is a high priority, and students feel their schools are providing it. A strong majority of students and recent grads give their college high marks for preparing them for the work force, helping them choose a field of study, exposing them to the latest technology and helping them get internships.

Six in 10 even said their college was "excellent" or "good" at helping them find money to pay for their education.

Young adults' opinions are mixed on whether the nation's education system understands their goals and values. Almost half of college attendees feel that the schools "get" them. That's significantly more than among those whose education stopped at high school; just 3 in 10 say the school system could identify with them.

Young people credit their own ambition and abilities most for their progress in life, followed by parents, family and friends. But beyond that tight-knit circle, teachers are the heroes, with 4 in 10 saying high school teachers helped a lot. College teachers earn similar praise.

High school and college counselors are a step behind. Most students give them some credit, but less than one-fourth say their counselors were a lot of help, and about 3 in 10 think they didn't help at all.

Nonwhite students were more likely than whites to say their high school counselors helped them, and also gave their high schools better ratings for helping find money for college.

Young adults overall see brighter days ahead for education. About half think kids entering elementary school today will get a better education than they did, more than double the number who predict schools will get worse.

The AP-Viacom telephone survey of 1,104 adults ages 18-24 was conducted Feb. 18-March 6 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Stanford University's participation in this project was made possible by a grant from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Poll: Students use social media to aid careers

WASHINGTON — Sure, social media like Facebook and Twitter are distractions for young people, but college and high school students also use them to make important education and career connections, according to an Associated Press-Viacom poll.

Four out of 5 high school and college students say websites are an excellent or good way to interact with fellow students, and a bit fewer — about 7 in 10 — say they're equally good for getting information on class assignments or school events, or to form study groups and collaborate with peers. Just over half say the Internet is useful to look up ratings on teachers.

Among students who are employed, 62 percent say social networking is helpful in interactions with co-workers.

Even more, about 9 in 10, say they see social networking as a tool to keep in touch with friends and family. And 74 percent say it's a good way to distract themselves.

How the poll was conducted

The Associated Press-Viacom Survey of Youth on Education by Stanford University was conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications from Feb. 18 to March 6. It is based on landline and cellphone interviews with a nationally representative random sample of 1,104 adults between 18 and 24 years old. Interviews were conducted with 603 respondents on landline telephones and 501 on cellular phones.

The sample included 253 African-Americans, 100 of whom were an oversample to have a sufficient number to analyze their responses as a group. Results were then weighted so that African-Americans reflected their correct proportion within the total sample.

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Digits in the phone numbers dialed were generated randomly to reach households with unlisted and listed landline and cellphone numbers.

Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

As is done routinely in surveys, results were weighted, or adjusted, to ensure that responses accurately reflect the population's makeup by factors such as age, sex, education and race. In addition, the weighting took into account patterns of phone use — landline only, cell only and both types — by region.

For the African-American sample, the portion from the core survey and the oversample were weighted to reflect the African American 18-24 year old population on Hispanic ethnicity, educational attainment, region and age within sex.

No more than 1 time in 20 should chance variations in the sample cause the results to vary by more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points from the answers that would be obtained if all 18-24 year olds in the U.S. were polled.

There are other sources of potential error in polls, including the wording and order of questions.

The questions and results are available at http://surveys.ap.org .

Associated Press

Read Shanna Sisson Reporter-Telegram

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HAVANA

Raul Castro named 1st secretary of Communist Party

Cuba's Communist Party stuck Tuesday with a slate of silver-haired icons of the revolution to spearhead a last-ditch effort to save the island's sputtering economy — surprising those who took to heart declarations by Raul and Fidel Castro that it was time to give way to a new generation of leaders.

Delegates to a key Party Congress picked 79-year-old Raul Castro to replace his ailing brother at the helm, while weathered veterans moved up to the No. 2 and 3 positions. Three somewhat younger politicians were named to lesser roles in the leadership council, but it remained dominated by men who came of age before television, let alone the Internet.

LIBYA

Britain to send military advisers to rebels

TRIPOLI — Britain is sending up to 20 military advisers to help Libya's ragtag rebel force break a military stalemate with Moammar Gadhafi's army, even as NATO acknowledges that airstrikes alone cannot stop the daily shelling of the besieged opposition-held city of Misrata.

Gadhafi's troops have been pounding Misrata indiscriminately with mortars and rockets, a NATO general said Tuesday, and residents reported more explosions and firefights in Libya's third-largest city. Hospitals are overflowing and 120 patients need to be evacuated from the city that has been under siege for nearly two months, the World Health Organization said.

The plight of Misrata's civilians and the battlefield deadlock are raising new questions about the international community's strategy in Libya. The leaders of the U.S., Britain and France have said Gadhafi must go, but seem unwilling to commit to a more forceful military campaign. NATO's mandate is restricted to protecting civilians.

BEIJING

China dogs' rescue shows growing animal activism

After spotting a truck packed with hundreds of whimpering dogs on a Beijing highway, a man put out a call on a microblogging site, begging fellow animal lovers to help him force the driver to release the animals.

About 200 people responded, blockading the truck at a toll booth for 15 hours until they finally negotiated the dogs' release for $17,000, saving them from being slaughtered and served as food. Many of the animals were dehydrated, injured and suffering from a potentially deadly virus; at least 68 have been hospitalized.

Video footage taken at the site and provided to the Associated Press on Tuesday showed the animals hunched over or lying down in cramped metal crates in the back of the truck.

Syria lifts emergency laws but warns protesters

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria's government approved lifting the country's nearly 50-year-old state of emergency Tuesday to meet a key demand of anti-government protesters, but opposition leaders dismissed it as an attempt by President Bashar Assad to claim reforms but maintain his hard-line rule.

The blunt response suggested the month-old uprising could be entering a more volatile stage: protesters now aiming higher to seek Assad's ouster and his regime warning that the demonstrations must now end.

"We want freedom!" chanted thousands of people in the southern city of Daraa and coastal town of Banias, according to witnesses.

A prominent Syrian writer Yassin Haj Saleh, who spent 16 years in jail for his links to a pro-democracy group, claimed Assad was looking for a "maneuver to gain time" by removing emergency rule, which gives authorities almost boundless powers of surveillance and arrest.

"They are basically telling the people, 'We have fulfilled your demands, so go home and if you don't we will break your head,'" he told the Associated Press by telephone from Beirut. "But in reality nothing will change."

The announcement signaling the end of the much-reviled emergency rule came just hours after a show of strength by authorities. Security forced stormed an occupied square in Syria's third-largest city. Then officials issued a stern warning on national TV for the protesters to back down.

The ultimatum-style message appeared to show that ending emergency laws will not ease the increasingly harsh blows against opponents. Assad's regime has labeled the protest movement as an "armed insurrection" and a power grab by Islamic extremist — descriptions that could give authorities the cover to continue the crackdown.

Assad last week had told his cabinet to remove the state of emergency — in place since his Baath Party took power in March 1963 — but added that such a move would give protesters no more reason to take to the streets. This could give Assad further pretext to move against any further marches or rallies.

Syria's official news agency SANA said the cabinet also approved abolishing the state security court, which handled the trials of political prisoners, and approved a new law allowing the right to stage peaceful protests with the permission of the Interior Ministry. The changes need parliament approval, but no objections are expected at its next session planned for May 2.

"Repealing the emergency law would do little to restrict the power of various security agencies because Syria has other laws that guarantee members of the secret police immunity for virtually any crime committed in the line of duty," said Mohamad Bazzi, a regional expert at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

Most of Syria's 23 million people were born or grew up under the state of emergency that, among other things, puts strict control on the media, allows eavesdropping on telecommunications and permits arrests without warrants.

The regime had claimed the reason for the emergency rule is because of the technical state of war with archenemy Israel, but rights groups and others say it was mostly used as the backbone of the authoritarian system.

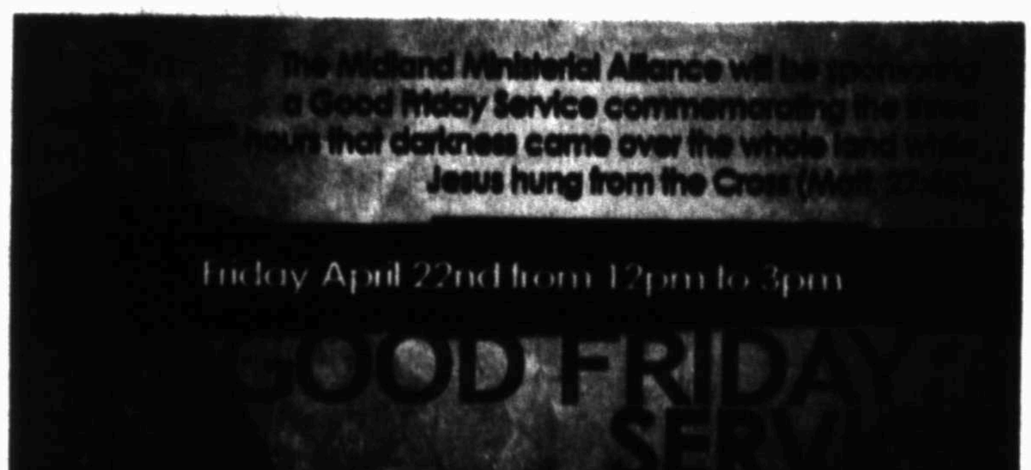
Tuesday's overtures came shortly after the Interior Ministry issued an ominous warning to the nation to stop taking part in any protests or sit-ins. In a statement broadcast on Syrian Television, the ministry said all laws will be implemented to safeguard the people's security and the country's stability.

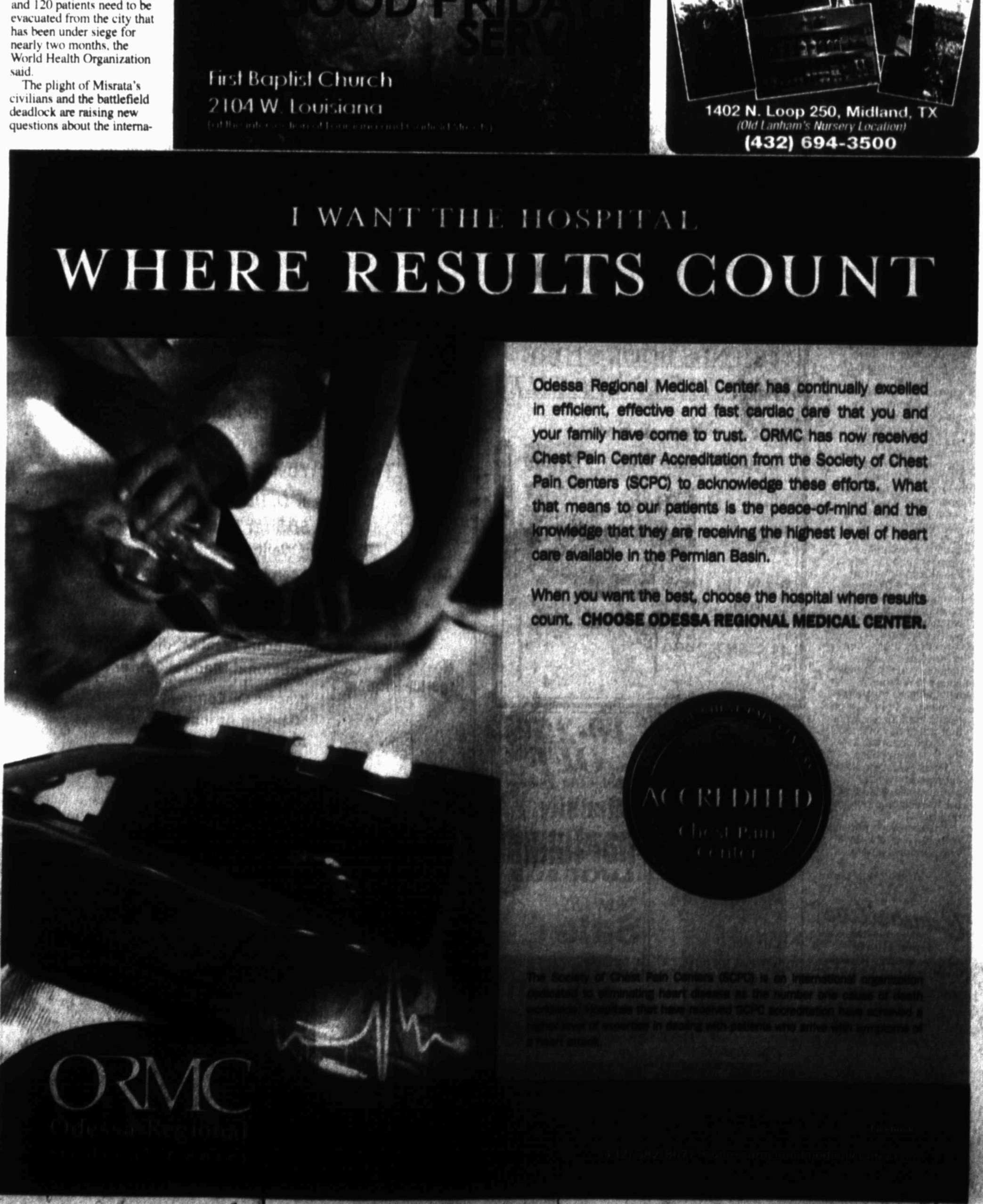
Hours earlier, security forces fired on anti-government protesters staging a sit-in in a square in the central city of Homs, chasing them through the streets for hours.

Witnesses said at least one person was killed and many others wounded.









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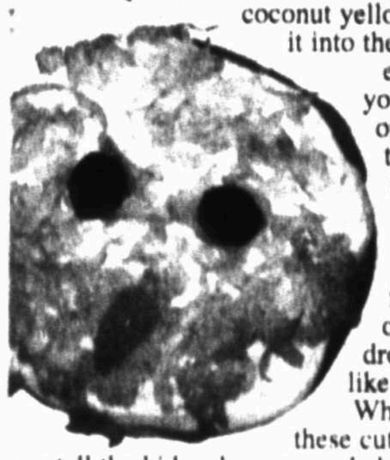


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Bring kids into kitchen for fun Easter desserts

I hear the pitter-patter of little feet as bunnies and chicks are making their appearance for Easter. This is the perfect time to bring your kids into the kitchen and let them help make some cute desserts to serve at Easter dinner.

The first recipe from Kellogg's uses plastic eggs to make the egg-shaped Rice Krispies treats. The eggs are hollowed out and filled with M&Ms to make a delicious egg treat.



Turn cupcakes into little chicks by tinting coconut yellow and pressing it into the top of a frosted cupcake. If you are not fond of coconut, just tint your white frosting yellow and continue decorating with chocolate chips for the eyes and orange gumdrops cut to look like a beak.

While making these cute treats, you can tell the kids why eggs and chicks have deeper meanings at this time of year. Whatever you decide to make, your kids will have fun with any of these holiday-themed desserts.

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Volunteers build relationships with teachers, kids through program

■ Volunteers with Foster Grandparent Program receive awards at banquet.

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Mable Smith, or "Grandmother" as she's known at Bunche Early Childhood Center, receives more than 20 hugs from 4- and 5-year-olds every weekday morning. She sits with the children during breakfast, reminding them to drink milk so their bones and teeth will be strong. A few lucky kids get to hold her hand on the way to the cafeteria for lunch, where Smith must rotate from chair to chair to ensure everyone gets attention. When she puts the kids down for a nap and leaves, everybody says, "'Bye Grandmother, have a good afternoon."



Mable Smith
Foster Grandparent Program volunteer of the year

Smith received the Humana Market Point Service Award for volunteer of the year at Tuesday evening's Midland Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Recognition Banquet. The organization's 10th annual celebration also recognized three other volunteers — Paula Enriquez, Sarah Jacques and Lupe Ramirez — for giving at least 4,000 hours to the program. The three women received Lifetime Presidential Volunteer Service Awards, which included a letter from President Barack Obama with a plaque and pin.

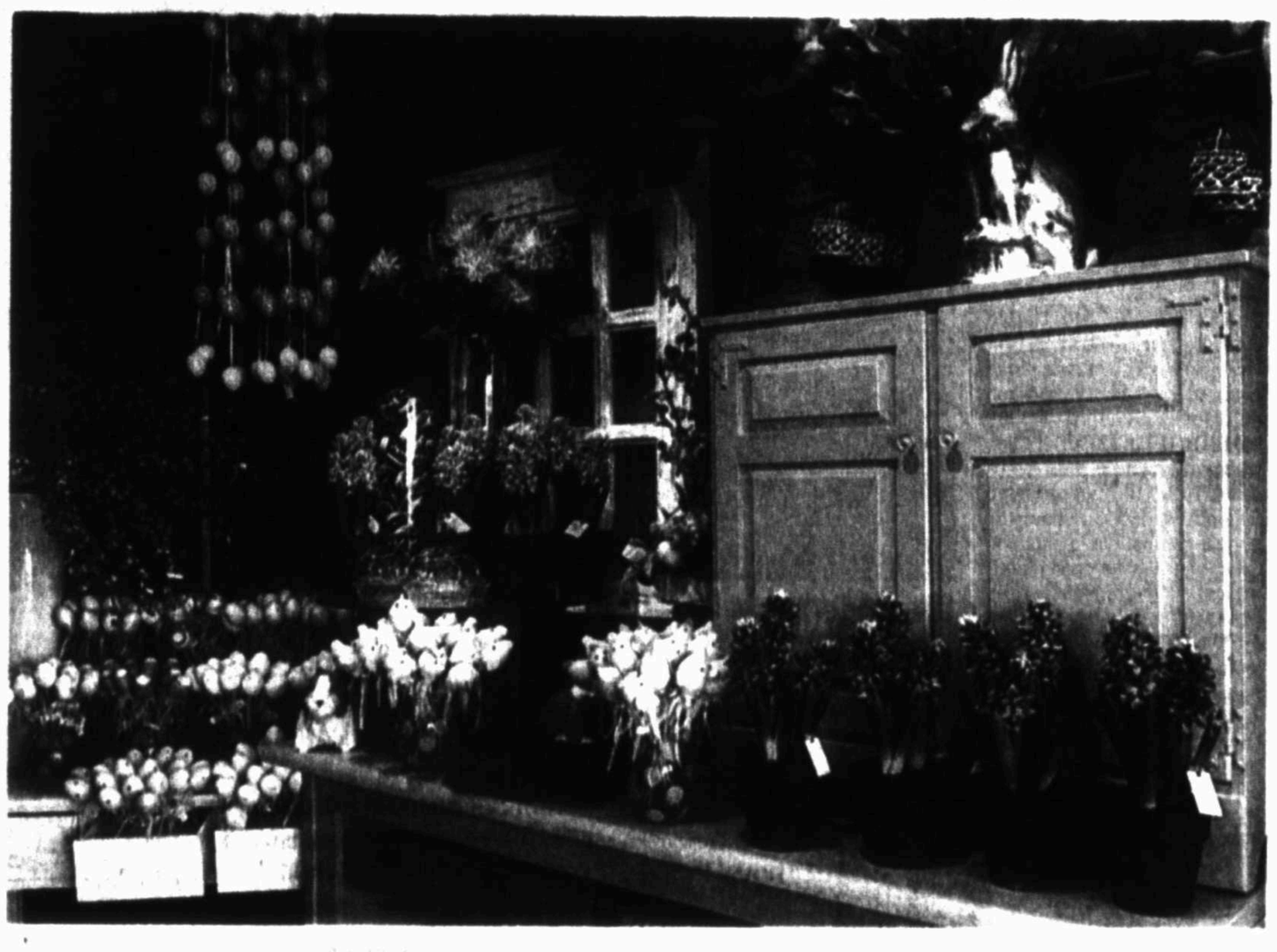
Smith was nominated by Jena Prince, who teaches the class Smith visits during the week. Prince said she "couldn't make it through the day" without Smith's extra set of eyes and ears in her classroom.

"She is just a wonderful person that really cares about children and cares about people," she said. "This is just a very mutually beneficial program."

The Foster Grandparent Program in Midland is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, according to director Hal Combs. About 80 percent of its funding comes from the federal government, and the rest from resources like United Way and state grants. Seventeen other programs

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Photos by Tim Fischer



Floral designer realizes dream at Midland store

Chris Collum's art is displayed at some of the happiest and saddest moments of a person's life. The Flowerland manager designs floral arrangements not only for Valentine's or Mother's Day but for milestones like births, weddings and funerals. He works with people of all walks of life — from stereotypical bridezillas to grieving widows.



"A lot of people think if you work in a flower shop that it's a lot of fun," he said. "It's probably one of the most stressful jobs."

Collum's business card shows three acronyms following his name: "TMF," "CFD," and "AIFD." They might seem like nonsensical groupings of letters, but in his business, they carry a similar weight as "MD" or "CPA."

Collum, 37, is a Texas Master Florist and recently became a Certified Floral Designer accredited through the American Institute of Floral Designers. To qualify as a candidate for a CFD, he had to take courses and receive qualifying scores on written and hands-on evaluations. The bar is set higher for those aiming for an AIFD accreditation.

"I worked really hard for those," he said.

Collum's love for everything floral was evident from an early age.

"When I was younger, I used to get in trouble for cutting flowers out of people's yards," he said. "I'd take my mom's silk arrangements apart and re-do them."

Collum took his first job in a floral shop at the age of 16, happily sweeping and doing odd jobs. His dreams were crushed when his boss asked him to leave because he was "getting in her way" too much. A fellow employee gave Collum her card.

"She said, 'I see something in you — don't give up,'" he said.

He eventually made his way back into the business, and at the age of 19 was a delivery boy for a floral shop. Though he never attended college, he said that education and experience have been essential for him to keep up with trends in the business.



Before coming to Midland four years ago, Collum freelanced and traveled around the U.S., helping with showcases and weddings. He was based out of Lubbock, where he met Flowerland's previous manager.

Today Collum has four other staff designers who work with him in the back of the storefront. The walls of the design room are filled with vases, candy for gifts and a rainbow of ribbons. Collum's Christmas present, a 9-month-old chocolate Labrador named Bella, roams the room looking to greet employees and customers when it's not sleeping in the office. Collum stops to chat with an employee — his talkative habit.

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FLOWERLAND Easter decorations, top, are displayed in the storefront at Flowerland. TOP LEFT: Manager Chris Collum works on a flower arrangement Friday in the back room of the store. CENTER LEFT: Debbie Pool works on corsages Friday at Flowerland. LEFT: Collum's chocolate labrador, Bella, relaxes inside the store.

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Obituaries



John "Jack" Franklin Herbig

John "Jack" Franklin Herbig, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2011, at his home, of natural causes.

Services will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at Christ Church Midland.

He was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on December 12, 1932, to Harold Daniel and Ruth Wilson Herbig. When Jack was three years old, his father died and his mother returned to her home in El Campo, Texas, when he was nine. Jack graduated from El Campo High School in 1951, where he played football as a quarterback, and was an outstanding student. He graduated from Texas A & M University in 1955 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. At graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He spent sixteen months in Korea and was honorably discharged after two years. He then went to work for Texaco in East Texas. In 1959, he married Kathryn Anne Setzler, and they moved to a Texaco Company Camp in South Texas, just 20 miles from Zapata, Texas. They moved to Liberty, Texas, for five years with Texaco, then Jack went to work for United Energy in San Antonio in 1968. By this time, three sons had joined the family, and they kept Jack busy coaching Little League and YMCA football. After 10 years in San Antonio, Jack moved his family to Midland in 1978, where he worked as an independent oil operator.

Jack was a member of The Society of Petroleum Engineers for over 50 years. He was a long time member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where he served on the vestry and as Junior Warden. He enjoyed his membership in the Holy Trinity Men's Club, which he served as president for several years. He was a member of Christ Church Midland, and had been a member of the Exchange Club.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and by his grandson, John Franklin Herbig III.

He is survived by his wife, Anne and his sons, John and his wife, Lisa and their sons, Grady and Luke of Midland, David and his wife, Carla and their daughter, Alex and son, Tait of Fredericksburg, Andy and his wife, Anabella and their daughters, Audrey and Anna of Laredo. He is also survived by his brother, Harold of Broken Arrow, OK and by many beloved cousins.

The service celebrating Jack's life, a loyal Aggie, will be held on Aggie Muster day.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Midland, P O Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702, or Christ Church Midland, 5501 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79705.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800



Sherri Dawn Tindol

Sherri Dawn Tindol, 40, of Odessa, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2011, in Andrews, Texas.

She was born August 19, 1970, in Amarillo, Texas, to Ron Hays and Jackie Cross Hays. She grew up in Lubbock, Texas, and was a graduate of Coronado High School. She spent many years working in the restaurant business, but her skills and knowledge so far exceeded the norm, and so she became a Sales Associate for Sysco Foods.

She was happily married to her loving husband, Gordon Tindol of Odessa, Texas, for eighteen years.

She is survived by her husband; her three children, April Tindol of Sour Lake, Texas, Brant Tindol of 29 Palms, California and Teysha Tindol of Odessa, Texas; her parents, Ron and Jackie Hays of Lubbock, Texas; her siblings, Ron Turner of Ft. Worth, Texas, Cara Marek of Whiteface, Texas and Blake Turner of Lubbock, Texas; her mother-in-law, Betty Tindol of Odessa, Texas; and her brothers-in-law, Thomas Tindol and James Tindol of Odessa, Texas.

She was a proud and loving mother and grandmother to four grandchildren-Sonny, Harlow, Korbin and Sebastian. She was a woman of true strength and courage, full of beauty and laughter. She was pure gold, a rare gem that only her husband could find. Her character was her most defining quality. It is the reason she was loved by anyone she encountered. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends that she held so dearly to her heart, and a piece of her will be in their hearts forever.

Visitation with the family will be 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Tommy Parker officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Death Notices

Billie Jo Wright

Billie Jo Wright passed away, Sunday, April 17, 2011.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Henry B. Bickers, Jr.

Henry B. Bickers, Jr., of Moab, UT passed away April 18, 2011, in Midland.

Services will be held at a later date in Moab, UT.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Irma Macias

Irma Macias, 48, of Andrews, passed away, on Sunday, April 17, 2011.

Survived by husband, Antonio Mujica; son, Jesus Antonio Mujica; daughter, Mirna Sulema Morgan; mother, Elva Macias; four brothers; and one granddaughter.

A prayer service will be held 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Acres West Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Iglesia de Cristo, 6101 Ector Avenue. Interment will follow at the Rose Hill Garden of Ector County Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Mary Alice Vickrey-Emery

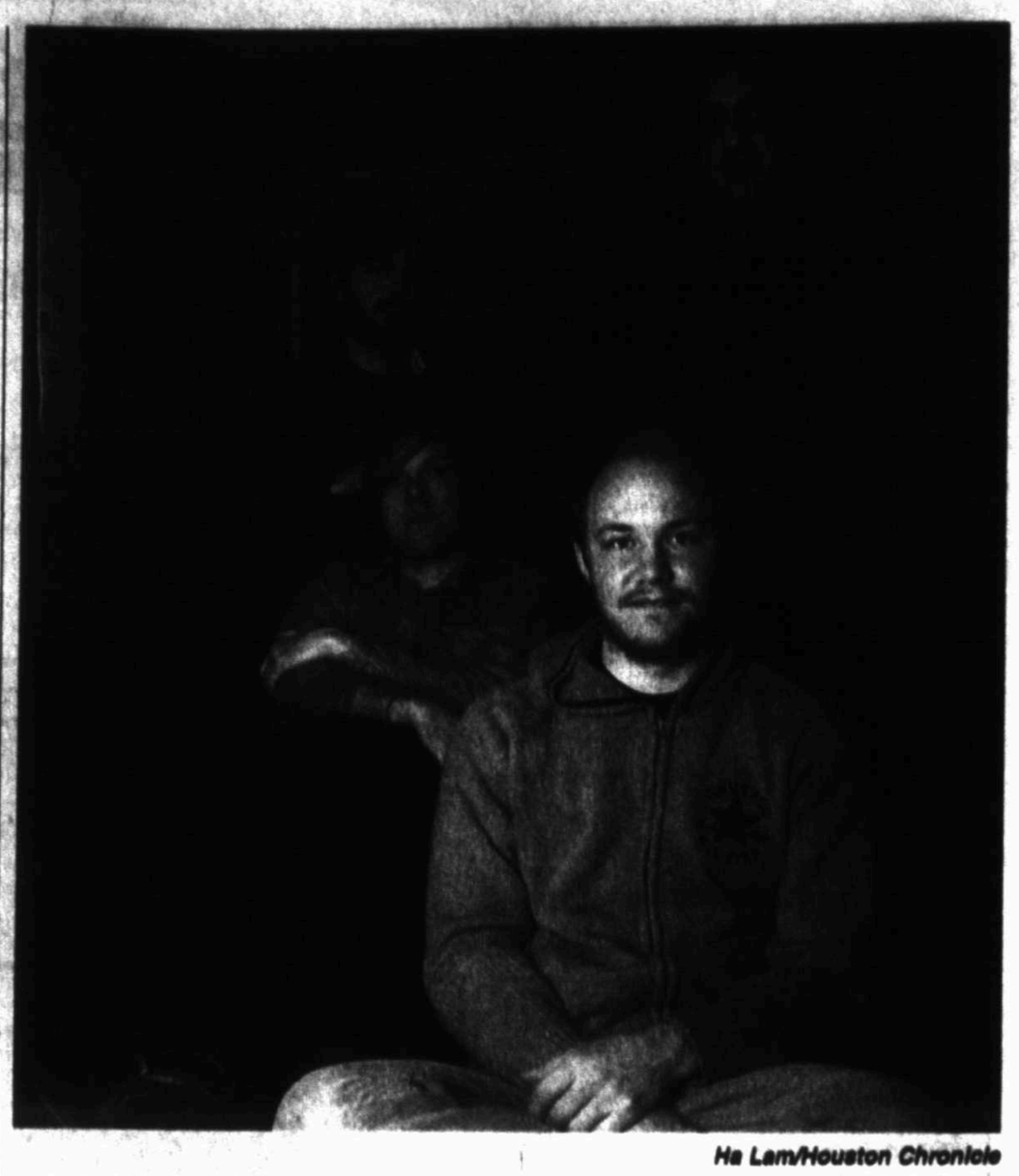
Mary Alice Vickrey-Emery passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2011 in San Antonio.

She is survived by her children, Melinda Lee, Alan Vickrey, Gregg Vickrey, and Michelle Vickrey; two sisters; two brothers; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Thursday, April 21, 2011, between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2011, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.



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MIDLAND CONTRIBUTION TO TEXAS MUSIC SCENE Explosions in the Sky, clockwise from front, Michael James, Christopher Hrasky, Mark Smith, and Munaf Rayani, photographed in Austin on Jan. 13, 2007. Drummer Hrasky is from Rockford, Ill. The rest of the band is from Midland.

Swing vote: What's the official music of Texas?

By Karen Brooks
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — An effort to make Western swing the official music of Texas could see miles and miles of opposition, as one Hill Country music lover finds herself in the opening stanzas of a debate over what defines "Texas music."

"When we're talking about a symbol, we're talking about culture and heritage and history, and something that has been long lasting," said Paula Jungmann, a Boerne housewife who is pushing for the legislative declaration. "When I look at Western swing, that is what I see."

But while she counts no time in politics, Jungmann is discovering that elected officials and creative artist types are pages torn from the same songbook in two big ways:

You never know what they're going to do, and you'll never get them all to agree on anything.

Some musicians — and the "Beer-drinkers and Hell-raisers" who love them (thank you, ZZ Top) — are wondering whether lawmakers should be trying to define and symbolize Texas music in terms of one genre.

Particularly if it leaves out Hank Williams' pain songs, Newbury's train songs and "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain."

"The official sound of Texas should be Texas music in all its glorious facets," said Texas writer Joe Nick Patoski. "No official proclamation is necessary when everybody knows we make music better than anybody else."

Do Bob Wills and Asleep at the Wheel get the nod over Janis and Willie and Stevie Ray and Freddie King? Is swing more of a Texas icon than country or Tejano? Does Tommy Duncan trump Selena, Freddy Fender and Flaco Jimenez, and Buddy Holly? What about the modern sounds of Erykah Badu, Arcade Fire and Explosions in the Sky?

The lilting poetry of George Strait and the raucous protests of Steve Earle and the made-for-the-road tunes of Pat Green and the Dixie Chicks? Let's not forget about jazz great Ornette Coleman, and the hippie favorite Edie Brickell and the Cajun rhythms of Marcia Ball, and the Texas rock of Doug Sahm and Roky Erickson.

And where do the Germans fit into all this?

And how many people will respond to this article listing all the people who haven't been mentioned here?

(For the record, more than 130 Grammy winners alone hail from Texas. So, "I quit. I give up. Nothing's good enough ..." Thank you, Edie.)

Jungmann said there is no better icon of the Lone Star State's dance hall heritage than the jazzy, progressive genre first made popular by the likes of Bob Wills and Milton Brown in the 1930s.

It's what drove her to spend the last three years of her life writing to congressmen and state lawmakers to persuade them to add swing to the long list of Texas symbols, which also include the bluebonnet, the mockingbird, the Dutch oven, salsa and the cowboy boot.

A GOP senator from San Antonio rose to the occasion and filed a lyrical resolution singing the praises of the music.

"Born and bred in Texas, Western swing is a musical melting pot that represents the diverse groups that have contributed to the growth and prosperity of our state and the distinctive way of life that has flourished here," reads the resolution by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, "and it is indeed a fitting symbol for the rich cultural heritage that is shared by all Texans."

Of all people, you'd think Ray Benson, founder of the legendary swing band Asleep at the Wheel, would be on the bandwagon.

The front man is as complex and surprising as Western swing itself, and he turned down a request to support the resolution, saying he'd rather see them honor all kinds of Texas music.

"I would hate to have to stand next to my fellow musicians who play blues, rock and roll, jazz, opera, and say, 'Your music is not our official Texas music,'" Benson said.

Eddie Wilson, founder of the Armadillo World Headquarters in Austin in the 1970s, now owns Threadgill's, a cradle of Texas music. And he also has a problem with politicians relegating myriad artists to the B-side.

"The one huge thing Texas music has over all the rest of the world is diversity," Wilson said. "We have more types of good music than any other geographical designation on the globe. Making Texas swing 'official' just cuts it down."

But Jungmann is not alone in her desire to see Western swing and the dance hall tradition, in all its glorious promenade, stay vibrant.

"It's a symbolic way of honoring Texas' musical past and to create an awareness of its history, especially for generations who haven't been fortunate enough to experience that part of Texas culture," said Tom Buckley, editor of Texas Music magazine, who supports the measure.

A few other versions of the idea have been floated: state Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, said he may try to change "western swing" to "Texas music." And Benson suggested creating a second official state song, like "San Antonio Rose" or "Miles and Miles of Texas." The Wentworth resolution is awaiting a vote in a Senate committee, and Jungmann is determined to boogie back to Boerne with a victory.

She knows Western swing has made Texans dance all night for generations. She just wants it to stay a little longer.

Veterans gather to honor their own

By Ronald Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — It was pretty lively for 2:30 in the morning, considering the average age in the room was 80.

More than 200 World War II veterans smiled, drank coffee and chatted with one another as they waited for the call to load up the buses and head to Abilene Regional Airport.

Cool temperatures at home and the near-certain threat of rain at their destination didn't dampen the veterans' enthusiasm for the West Texas Honor Flight.

The one-day trip to Washington, D.C., to view the World War II Memorial, was going to be long but the veterans were undeterred.

Benton Miller, of San Saba, served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific from 1943 to 1946. He said he was looking forward to seeing the memorials and expressed his gratitude for the trip.

"I never thought we would be honored this way," he said. "I never thought we would be appreciated this way, years later."

Abilene's Hershel Dailey flew as an engineer and gunner in B-24 bombers over Europe.

"I couldn't swim, I didn't want to walk, so I flew," he said.

Dailey and his wife, Rosalie, went to the West Texas Honor Flight dinner April 11 out of curiosity. He had seen the advertisement for it in the newspaper over the weekend but had missed the earlier story about the flight and its purpose.

"We sat down at the dinner to watch and the next thing I knew, I was talked into this and here I am," he said.

Jack Heard of Sweetwater said there were two things he wanted to see — the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery and the grave of Medal of Honor awardee Audie Murphy.

Heard was a gunner's mate first class on the battleship USS Mississippi and was accompanied on the trip by his granddaughter Michelle Shrontz.

"Having been in the Pacific the entire war, I'm looking forward to the memorial dedicated to the veterans very much," he said.

Heard said he was particularly impressed with the attentiveness of the paramedics and physicians who volunteered for the trip. Several are from the Abilene Fire Department and Heard admired their attentiveness for picking up on any kind of problem.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "I just can't believe the trouble they have gone to in taking on the responsibility of taking care of us. I don't think any of my generation was expecting anything like this."

Gail Foxhoven is one of the volunteers who came from Iowa to organize the trip. He said it was his eighth one and hopes to do more.

During Monday's motorcade to the Abilene Civic Center, Foxhoven noticed families with young children all holding flags, waving them as the procession rolled by.

"The important thing to me was the 4-, 5-, or 6-year-old child out there with their parents learning patriotism," he said. "If we don't teach them that, then slowly the values of being an American will erode. It's important to teach those things, because someday my grandchildren will be sitting here."

Information from: Abilene Reporter-News, http://www.reporternews.com

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BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

- Midlanders mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with re-enactments, activities for students.

INSIDE SUNDAY

- Jim May applauds and advises woman who is helping raise teenage granddaughter.
- MRT Real Estate Account Executive Robin Kingham documents her progress training for a half marathon to benefit Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.
- Burr Williams gives readers a preview to his talk about the Llano Estacado planned for next week's brown bag luncheon.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Better With (N)	Modern Family (N)	Cougar Town (N)	Happy End. (N)	Modern Family	KMID News	(:35) News	Nightline	Kimmel Shailene Woodley, Lenka, Robert Pattinson
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Redemption Island		Criminal Minds "Into the Woods"		Criminal Minds "Two of a Kind"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David	Letterman	(:35) LateLate
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Pen"	America's Next Top Model "Lana Marks"		TopModel "Highlights and Catfights" (N)		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	SouthPk "Towelie"	South Park
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two/Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol "7 Finalists Compete" (N)			Breaking In (N)	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Mother "Jenkins"	Raymond	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Nocturne"	
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	Dr. Diana Dye	Update News	Bill Cloud	Light of the Southwest				NewBeginning	NewBeginning	Rico Cortes	Y.Salamanca
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	Minute to Win It "Law and Order" (N)		Minute to Win It "Million Dollar BFF's"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Merchandise"		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show	With Jay Leno	(:35) Late Night
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	News		Secrets of Dead "Lost in the Amazon" (N)		Nova "Power Surge" (N)		Saving the Bay (N)		Charlie Rose		News	Tavis Smiley
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HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(3:15) Just Wright		Lazarus	Nhem En	★★★ Whip It ('09, Com/Dra) Ellen Page.		Treme				Treme		
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MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:35) Half Baked		★★★ Up in the Air George Clooney.				★★★ Clash of the Titans		(:45) Life Top		(:15) Confidential		
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★★ Repo Men ('10, Sci-Fi) Jude Law.				★★ Land of the Dead			The Best Sex Ever	(:45) ★★ A Perfect Getaway				
PLEX				96			(6:00) Wagon	(:45) Have Gun	(:05) Gunsmoke		★★★ How the West Was Won James Stewart.				(:40) ★ The Man From Laramie				
SHOW		340	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ The Road		United St	Nurse J.	...Nascar	Penn &..	The Borgias		...Nascar	Gigolos	The Borgias		
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:05) ★★★ Sling Blade		★ The Times of Harvey Milk				★★★ Bowling for Columbine				★★ Harvard Man		
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Road Hazard/ Cold"		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Bounty Hunter "Dead of Night"		Dog the Bounty Hunter		
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Magnum P...		★★★ The Enforcer Clint Eastwood.				★★★ The Enforcer Clint Eastwood.				Br. Bad "Gray Matter"		
BET		58	26		40		(3:00) 106 & Park		★★★ A Man Apart ('03, Act) Vin Diesel.				Game	Game	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams (N)		
BRAVO		65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Real Housewives				
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		Sprawling-Grace (N)		Mad Money		American Greed		
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan		
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Myth "Thermite vs. Ice"		MythBust. "Blue Ice"		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBust. "Blue Ice"		MythBusters		
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Suite Life	Suite Life	★ Hannah Montana: The Mov...			(:55) Videos	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Tonight	NFL Live	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Football	NFL Live	On The Clock (L)		Year Quarterback		Football All-Star Challenge				SportsNation		
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	★★★ My Fake Fiancé		Melissa Joan Hart.		★★★ The Wedding Date Debra Messing.				The 700 Club		Line?	Line?	
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		B. Flay	B. Flay	Last Cake Standing		Rest. "Flood Tide"		Diners	Diners	Last Cake Standing		
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark - Arlington, Tex. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	The Final Score	WPT Poker World Finals	Foxwoods	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2½ Men	2 1/2 Men	★★★ Role Models Seann William Scott.				Justified (N)		Justified		Justified		
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Income	Property	HouseH	Holmes Inspection		Income	Income	Property	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "The Butcher"		Ancient Aliens		Jesus: The Lost Forty Days (N)				Secrets Christianity		Ancient Aliens		
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	The First 48 "The Witness/ The Trunk"		The First 48		Glamour Belles (N)	Glamour Belles (N)	Army Wives "Strategic Alliances		Old Christine	Met Your Mother	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Brainsq.	Sponge	WifeKids	WifeKids	Chris	Chris	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	WifeKids	WifeKids	WifeKids	WifeKids	
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed (N)		Ultimate Fighter (N)		Coal (N)		Ultimate Fighter 13		UFC Prime	Coal	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost "Titanic Terror"		Ghost Hunters (N)		Fact or Faked (N)		Ghost Hunters		Fact or Faked		
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	We There Yet?	We There Yet?	House of Payne	House of Payne	Conan (N)		Lopez Dwayne The Rock Johnson, Kimberly Clark		
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Song of the		★★★ Alvarez Kelly William Holden.				★★★ Virginia City ('40, Act) Errol Flynn.				(:15) ★ Siege at R		
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Aurora		Herederos del monte		La Reina Del Sur		Noticiero	El Cartel		Decision	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding "It's Out of Control"		Hoarding "Like a Dog in a Cage"		Extreme Coupon	Coupo ning (N)	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)		Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Hoarding "It's a Freaking War Zone"		
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Critic in the Cabernet"		NBA Basketball Playoffs Conference Quarter final (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs Conference Quarter final (L)					
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Unruly passengers turn airplane ride into negative experience

TALKIN' TEXAS



Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

It started out nicely. We got on the plane at Midland International Airport and flew all the way to Las Vegas without a bobble. We sat in the very front of the plane, which was roomy because the two seats facing us were unoccupied. The flight attendants were most accommodating and kept cracking jokes all the way to Las Vegas.

There everything changed.

The flight attendants told us the plane would be full all the way to Los Angeles. Every seat was sold. We knew we would have people sitting in the seats facing us.

The flight attendants seemed to shift from their friendly, West Texas attitude to a more business-like frame of mind. No more jokes.

The new passengers streamed by us on their way to the rear of the plane. The two seats across from us remained vacant for a long time.

We thought just maybe there had been a mistake, the plane would not be full and the two seats would remain unoccupied.

No such luck.

The last two people to board took those two seats. One was a friendly man who took the aisle seat. The other was a woman holding a barf bag and using it when we first saw her getting onto the plane.

She maneuvered herself into the window seat and immediately started asking for ice chips. The flight attendants had seated themselves for take-off and couldn't accommodate the woman right then. She got angry and asked me to get her a pencil and paper from one of the five or six small heavy bags she had with her. As she was writing she told us she wrote down all the times people treated her badly.

As the plane took off, she screamed loud enough to drown out the plane engines. She asked me to get her an aspirin from another one of her bags. I opened the package and handed her two aspirin. She took one and dropped the other. We looked all around the area for that aspirin, but could not find it. I suggested she take another from her aspirin box. It was nowhere to be found. That little tin box just seemed to disappear. We spent several minutes looking everywhere without success. She discovered the aspirin box in her left hand where it had been all the time.

She used three more barf bags enroute to LA. When she wasn't throwing up, she was talking in a very loud voice. She talked and threw up all the way to Los Angeles, sitting right across from me.

Soon after the plane reached cruising altitude, we heard a ruckus about mid-plane. A passenger had put his seat all the way back and this bothered the person sitting behind him. A fight ensued. The flight attendant told the men to settle down, that she was calling the air marshall to be waiting for them when the plane landed.

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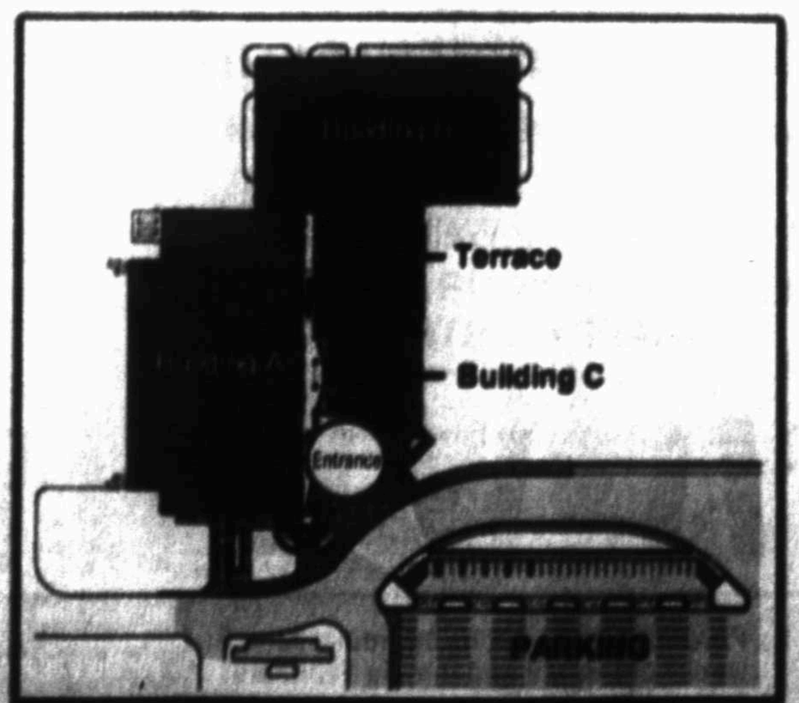
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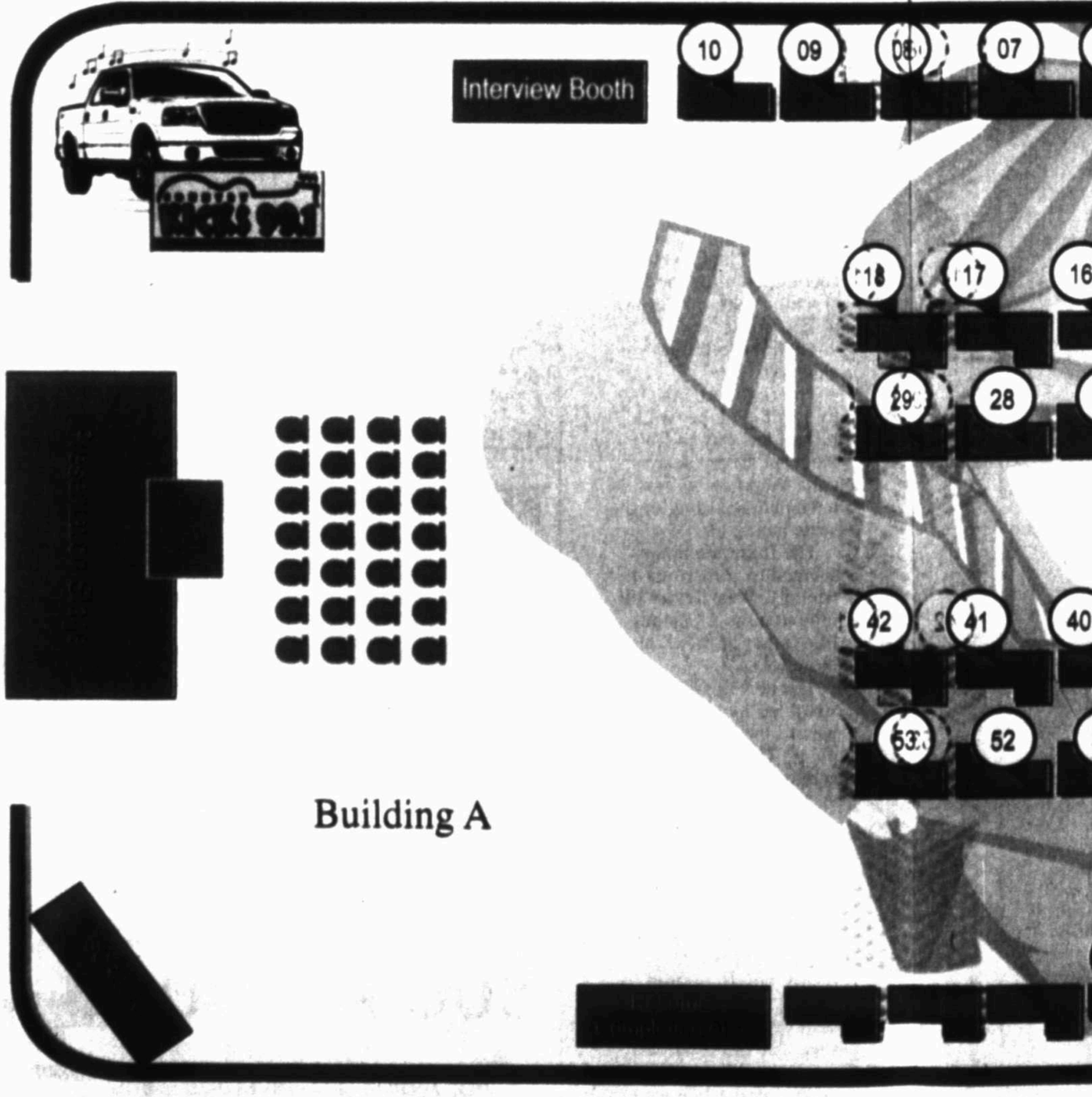
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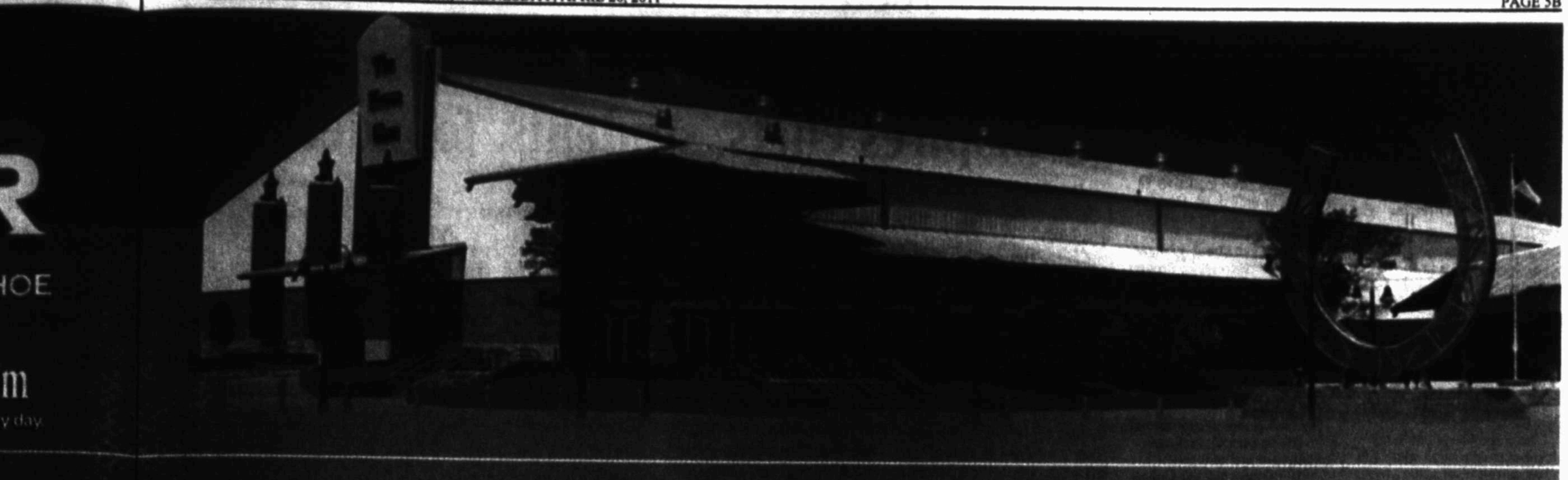
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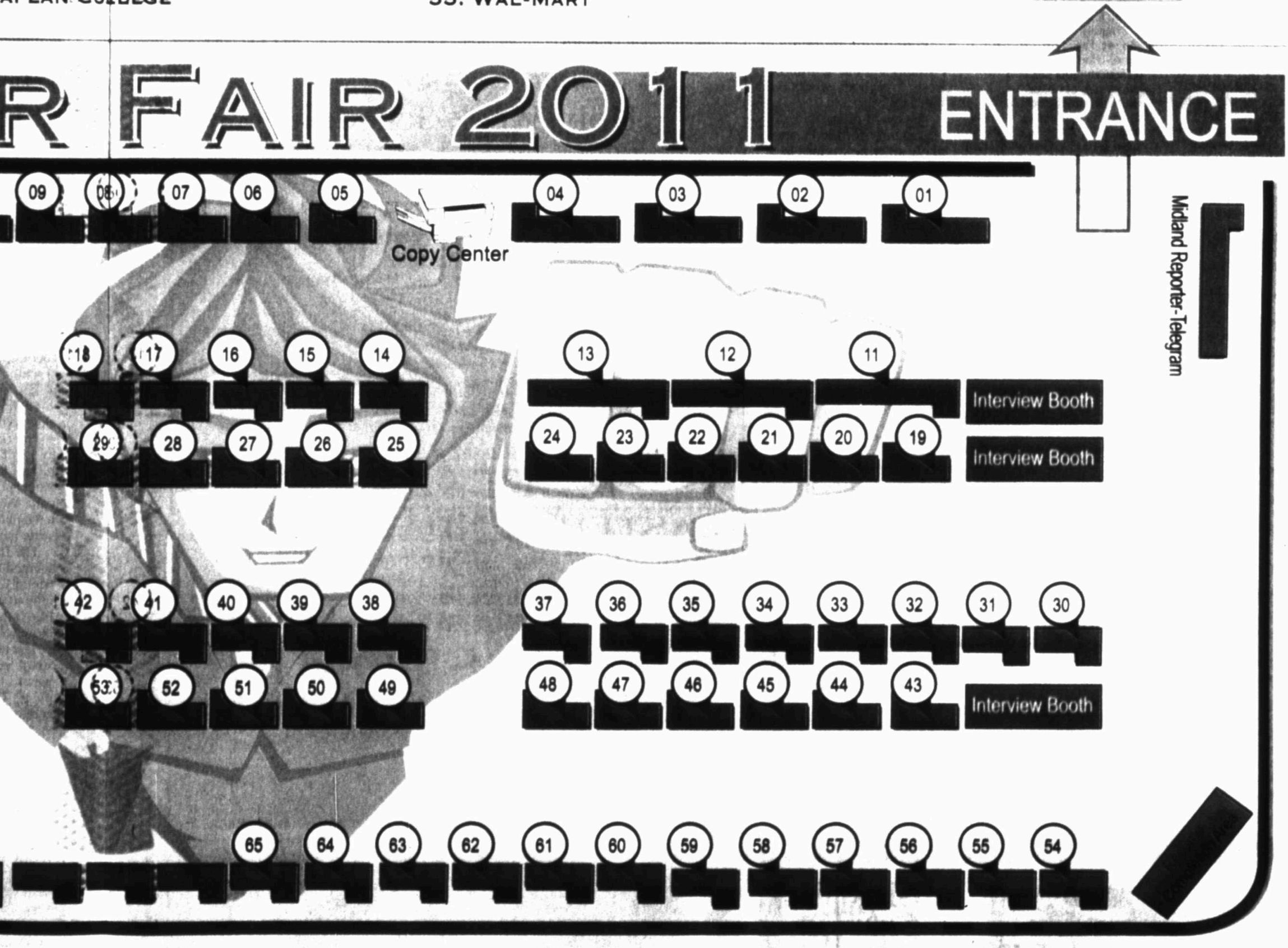
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3 tablespoons butter
1 10-ounce package regular marshmallows or 4 cups miniature marshmallows
6 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies cereal
1/2 cup M&Ms colored chocolate candies
Canned frosting or decorating gel (optional)
12 plastic snap-apart 3x2-inch Easter eggs

Clean and then coat the inside of plastic eggs with cooking spray. Set aside. In large saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat. Add cereal and stir until well coated. Using greased hands, firmly press 1/2-cup of mixture into both halves of each plastic egg. Use fingers to make hollow center in each half. Remove from molds. Place on wax paper. Cool slightly.

Place about 6 M&M chocolate candies in one half of each egg. Gently press two halves of each egg together until they stick. Cool completely. Decorate with frosting and additional chocolate candies if desired. Best if served the same day.

Easter Chicks Cupcakes
From Pillsbury

1 box yellow or devil's food cake mix with pudding
Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box
Decorations:
2 1/2 cups shredded coconut
Yellow liquid food coloring
1 container vanilla frosting
48 chocolate chips
24 small orange gumdrops

Heat oven to 350. Place paper baking cup in each of 24 regular size muffin cups. Make cake mix as directed on box, using water, oil and eggs. Divide batter among muffin cups. Bake 17 to 22 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes; remove from pans to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

Place coconut in resealable plastic storage bag and add about 8 drops of yellow food coloring. Seal bag and shake to mix. Frost cupcakes with white frosting. Top with yellow coconut. For eyes, add brown baking bits. Cut orange gumdrops to resemble beaks; place on cupcakes.

Carrot Cake
From Food Network Magazine, April 2011

1 (16-ounce) pound cake, frozen
1 (16-ounce) tub vanilla frosting
24 drops of yellow food coloring
6 drops red food coloring
4 cups orange jelly beans
1 (5-ounce) bag green apple sour straws

Cut the pound cake into a carrot shape (narrow at one end and wide at the other). Mix food coloring into frosting and stir to combine. Spread over cake. Arrange jelly beans on cake in tight rows to cover. Trim the sour straws to various lengths, then gently stick into the top of the cake to look like the greens of the carrot.

Yummy Bunny Cookie
From www.cooksrecipes.com

1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerator sugar cookie dough
2/3 cup canned strawberry or cherry frosting
2/3 cup sweetened flaked coconut
Assorted candies

Cut the cookie roll crosswise into thirds. On the bottom half of a large baking sheet, pat 1 portion into a 6-inch circle to form the bunny's head. Position the remaining 2 portions of dough on top of the head and pat into 8-inch long bunny ears. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 13-15 minutes or until done. Cool for 2 minutes on baking sheet. Transfer to a serving plate or wire rack. Cool about 30 minutes before decorating. Spread frosting over bunny to about 1 inch from the edges. Sprinkle with coconut. Use candies to decorate as desired.

Pebbles Cupcakes
From Good Housekeeping, April 2003

1/2 stick butter or margarine
1 (10 1/2-ounce) package miniature marshmallows
1 13-ounce package Cocoa or Fruity Pebbles cereal
1 16-ounce can ready to spread frosting

Microwave butter in a 4-quart microwavable bowl on high 45 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows; mix to coat. Microwave 1 1/2 minutes or until marshmallows are melted and smooth, stirring after 45 seconds. Add cereal; mix to coat well. Press cereal mixture firmly into lightly greased muffin pans to form "cupcakes," using about 1/3 cup for each. Cool; remove from pans. Spread with frosting before serving. Decorate as desired. Store unfrosted cupcakes wrapped in a cool, dry place. Makes about 2 dozen.

Chocolate Easter Eggs
From Country Woman, March/April 2002

2 (3.4-ounce) packages cook and serve pudding mix
1/2 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup milk
5 to 6 cups confectioners' sugar
2 cups peanut butter
4 cups (24-ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 teaspoons shortening
Assorted decorating icings and cake decorator candy flowers

In a large saucepan, combine the pudding mixes, butter and milk. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Cook and stir 1-2 minutes longer or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in sugar and peanut butter. Cool slightly.

Shape 1/2 cupfuls into egg shapes. Place on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet; refrigerate until set. In a microwave or heavy saucepan, melt chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip eggs in chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Return eggs to waxed paper to set. Decorate with icings and candies as desired. Store in an airtight container. Yield: 10 eggs

Buffalo Gap Wine & Food Summit inspires chefs, students, founders

By Hannah Boen
Abilene Reporter-News

The seventh annual Buffalo Gap Wine & Food Summit wrapped up Sunday morning, but, according to the event's founders, the effects of the summit are lasting.

The event was founded by winemakers Richard Becker, the late Fess Parker and steakhouse owners Tom and Lisa Perini as an effort to share their love of wine, food and Buffalo Gap with others.

Lisa Perini said the three-day celebration of wine and food is a good experience for all involved — from winemakers and chefs to volunteers and guests.

It was the effort of at least 100 individuals, she said, that made the weekend a success.

Rachel Phillips-Buck was one such individual.

She said she's volunteered at the summit for six of the seven years.

This year, she served for the blind tasting on Saturday morning and estimated she had opened and poured more than 100 bottles over the course of the day.

She said she'd rather be volunteering her time to work the event than be a guest.

"I think I get a more personal experience with the winemakers," she said, "and I've really learned to love Texas wine through it."

The experience is good for the Perini Ranch staff, as well. Although schedules suddenly become much more hectic during the weekend of the summit, Lisa Perini said it seems to refresh everyone involved.

"It's such an influx of attitudes," she said. "It's challenging, but it's fun, fresh, everybody works together."

The event offers an opportunity for the Perinis to consider new wines to add to the steakhouse's wine list, she said, and seems to pour a fresh energy into everyone's interest in wine.

Although a bid-adieu brunch was hosted Sunday morning for individuals with patron passes, it was Saturday evening that the weekend hit its highest note.

More than a dozen chefs from acclaimed eateries throughout Texas served some of their favorite dishes to those is attendance.

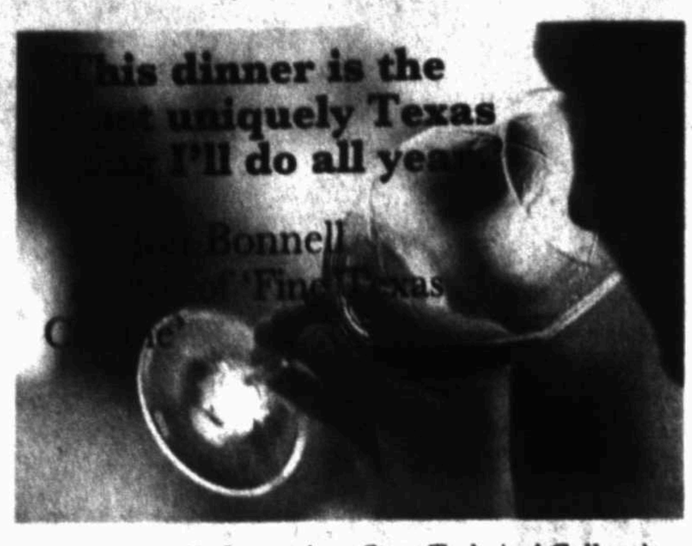
Among those was Jon Bonnell, the author of the cookbook "Fine Texas Cuisine." Guests had the opportunity to not only eat the wild game gumbo he was serving, but have the chef sign their cookbooks.

"I've known Tom for years," he said of the steakhouse owner who served tenderloin at the evening get-together. "This dinner is the most uniquely Texas thing I'll do all year. It's got an outdoor feel, the greatest chefs and none of the commercial hype."

Katherine Clapner had been to the event as Stephan Pyles' pastry chef on three occasions. This year, however, she was there independently. Representing her own artisan chocolate shop — Dude, Sweet Chocolate — Clapner served Summit guests a 65 percent dark Ecuadorean chocolate and sumac mixture wrapped in cedar smoked cotton candy.

The atmosphere and the people who organize and attend the event make it feel like anything but work, she said.

"Can't you tell, this is complete and utter silliness," she said, rolling and handing out the cotton candy treats.



The weekend's featured guest was chef Jacques Pepin, who was honored at the event with French wines and cuisines. He and his daughter, Claudine, presented cooking demonstrations Saturday that offered guests a unique opportunity to see the internationally acclaimed chef in action.

In addition, it provided the chance of a lifetime for 15 local culinary students.

Denise Shavandy, chef and instructor from Texas State Technical College's Culinary Institute, said the event gave each of their current students a glimpse into a new aspect of the restaurant world.

"We've all been inspired, and I think we're all thrilled to be here with him," she said of Jacques, who allowed students to help with his cooking demonstration. "I've known of him since I was a kid, watched him on TV. Not everyone gets to say they've done this."



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ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE Styrofoam peeps, right, are available in the Easter section of Flowerland. ABOVE: Teresa Bustamante works on assembling corsages at Flowerland Friday morning.



The florist's picks

Though he said it's too hard to choose a favorite flower, one of Chris Collum's favored picks is a simple carnation.

"They get a bad rap; most people think they're a funeral flower," he said. "But I love the colors that are available now. They have a great smell, are inexpensive and last a long time."

Collum said he also loves orchids, which recently have been a trendy flower for weddings. Other trends include the color orange for spring, and additions of nature elements like butterflies and nests to arrangements. Collum predicted that "acid green," which is similar to chartreuse or lime green, will continue to be popular for a long time. Thanks to improving technology, Collum said clients are able to buy tulips year-round, and he has heard news about the possible development of a blue-colored rose.

"The floral industry is always evolving as far as new product development," he said.

GRANDMOTHER

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exist in the state of Texas, and there are about 300 nationwide.

The program offers the chance for seniors 55 years of age and older who are on a limited income to mentor and tutor at-risk children in schools or programs like Casa de Amigos and His Kids. The volunteers receive a small, tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement and a few other benefits — none as important as the feeling of self-sufficiency and empowerment they experience in helping others.

"After my mother and my husband died, I was just at ends," said Smith, who began volunteering in 2003, "and really did need something to pick me up. Being with the kids really did pick me up and made me feel like facing another day."

The Foster Grandparent Program helps out at 13 elementary campuses in Midland, with a focus on children from pre-kindergarten to first grade, Combs said. In the past, volunteers have worked with young mothers at Coleman High School and with older elementary students. Volunteers work an average of 20-30 hours per week for a combined total of 60,000 hours each year. Combs called the program a "win-win" situation.

"It's a win for foster grandparent volunteers and win for the kids, and it's also a win for the teachers, schools and education community," he said. "As class sizes increase, it's all the more reason you'd want a better ratio of adults to children."

Prince has had Smith's help for eight years, and said they have formed a friendship during the time they've spent together.

"She keeps me on track," Prince said. "I'm so busy with the kids sometimes she'll tell me it's almost time for lunch or ask me if I've put in attendance. She helps me remember things."

Combs said Smith was chosen to receive the award for her diligence as a volunteer.

"Her longevity in the program speaks volumes," he said. "She's selfless, she's giving and very charitable. She really is a model for the foster grandparents."

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FLORIST

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he said, sometimes gets him in trouble.

As he talks, Collum's hands move gracefully and quickly, cutting leaves off flowers and placing them in a piece of foam. With a second nature, he transforms flowers from piles on his work desk into elaborate centerpieces for a weekend party. He finishes one. Sixty-nine more to go.

"I've been doing it for 17 years, so I don't really have to think about it," he said.

Though he works fast, almost chef-like with a hooked blade in his hand, Collum leaves no room for mistakes. He takes a look at an arrangement and readjusts a few stems.

"I'm a perfectionist — yeah, a little obsessive compulsive, a control freak," he said, adding those traits help him as a manager in an industry of perishable items. "The key in floral industry is organization; the more organized you are with anything, the more efficiently things run."

Spring is a hectic time of year for Collum; now that he has made it through prom season, he looks forward to Easter, Administrative Professionals Day and Mother's Day.

"It's usually never all that close," he said. "It's long hours, but that's part of the business. I work lots of weekends."

Collum said his business is beginning to see a resurgence this year thanks to the improving economy, though he sees an increase in do-it-yourself brides who purchase flowers to arrange themselves.

Though he does not receive the same amount of business for Easter as he has in years past, Collum said he still enjoys the holiday and various churches request Easter lilies.

"That's my favorite time of year," he said. "I love Easter — I love everything about Easter — the spring, it's fresh, all the Easter bunnies and colors. A lot of churches do big floral pieces in bright spring colors."

Floral design plus management of a shop can be a very mentally and physically draining job, Collum said, but the rewards are great in the flower business.

"When you put a wedding together, I enjoy the final outcome of it, the reaction of the bride," he said. "Or when someone who is grieving ordered flowers, there's some comfort for them in the flowers."

Even through the burnout he can experience physically and mentally from his job, Collum said he never tires of his passion.

"Growing up there are so many things you want to be," he said, "but now that I do this, and knew I wanted to do it at such a young age, I can't imagine doing anything else."

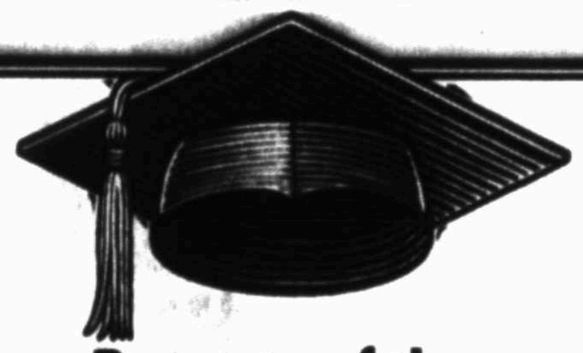
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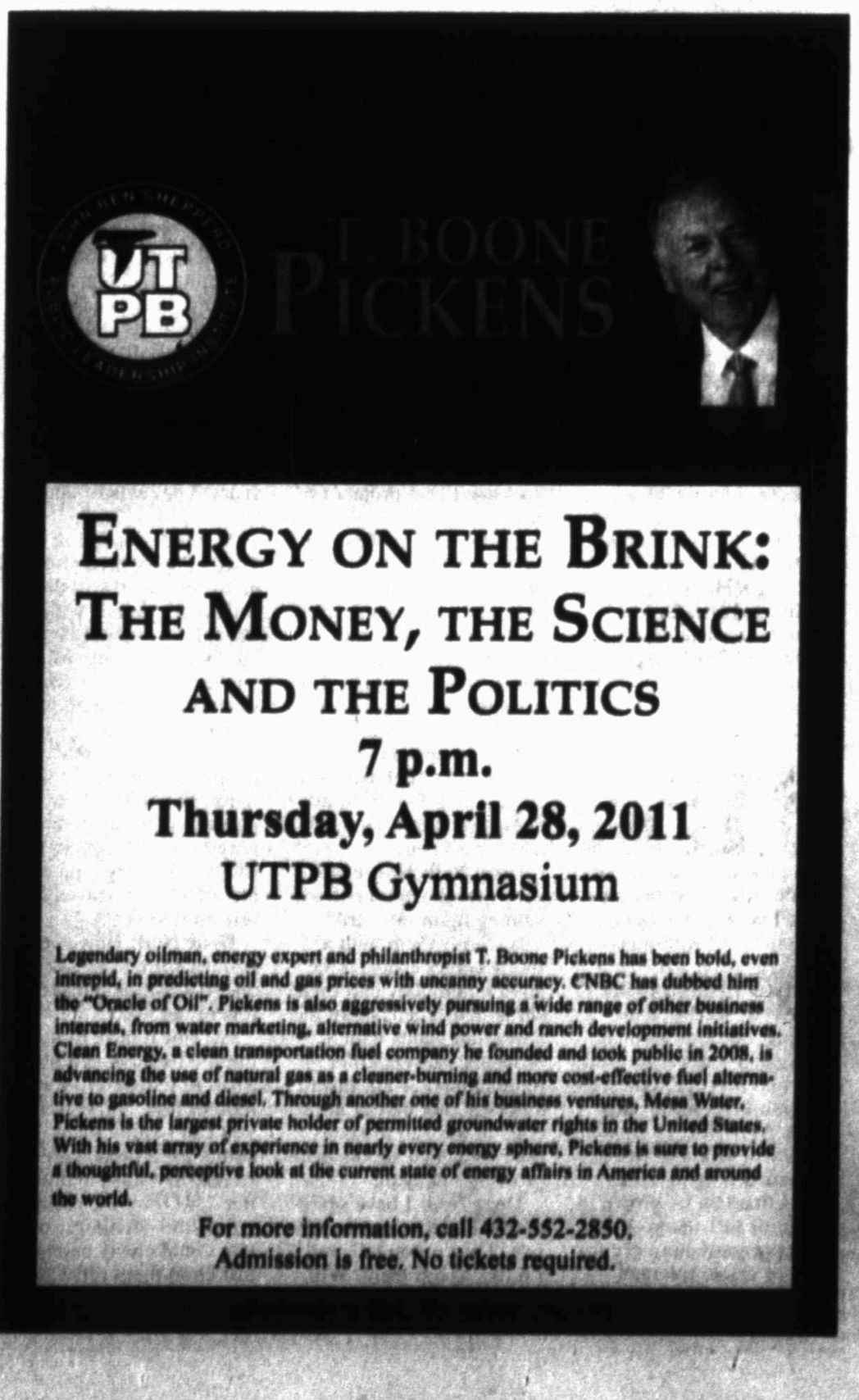
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Sometimes there are no right answers, only painful ones

■ Airport pat-down of 6-year-old raises serious questions



MARIA ANGLIN
San Antonio Express News

Should a 6-year-old be patted down at the airport? What about a 2-year-old? Or a 10-year old?

In case you haven't heard, it's the latest clash of Horribly Inappropriate and Better Safe than Sorry at the airport, tossing even more oversized baggage on the shoulders of the Transportation Security Administration, the agency charged with keeping air travel safe.

Last month, Selena and Dr. Todd Drexel from Bowling Green, Ky., recorded the frisking of their 6-year-old daughter at New Orleans Armstrong International Airport. The girl was singled out by TSA agents for a pat-down. In the video, the little girl respectfully stands still as a very professional agent pats down her torso and legs, runs the backs of her hands over the girl's backside and runs her fingers inside the waistline of the girl's pants. As she moves from the child's back toward the front, the agent narrates what she is doing and even directs the mother to stand in front of the child so mom can see what's going on. Todd Drexel would later say his daughter was confused during the screening, but then burst into tears saying she didn't know what she had done wrong.

They posted the video on YouTube, and it went viral.

The images sparked outcry from parents, legislators and other Americans who themselves have felt humiliated by airport screening policies; the father of a young boy who went through a similar frisking at another airport and left the security checkpoint in tears, a flight attendant and cancer survivor who was told to show screeners her prosthetic breast, a man whose hip implant set off metal detectors and who ended up with his pants down in front of other travelers. If adults walk away feeling violated, wouldn't a little kid?

The Drexels acknowledge the TSA agent followed protocol, but want the policy for screening small children changed. As Selena Drexel said on "Good Morning America," parents tell their children it isn't OK to be touched in certain places, but that message is null at the airport. The TSA acknowledges the concern. A statement released after the Drexel screening indicates the agency is tweaking kids' screenings.

But in today's world, even kids must be carefully screened.

Terrorist acts are horrible, unpredictable and beyond the comprehension of most mommies and daddies who just want to take their kids on vacation with as little kid drama as possible. We also know there are ruthless people who will turn a child into a weapon without remorse. Could parental explanation of security measures ease a child's anxiety? Is it unreasonable to expect an appropriate and professional pat-down with a parent less than 2 feet away?

Or is there no such thing as an appropriate pat down?

Every time Americans lose a kernel of freedom for the sake of national security, we're reminded certain measures are necessary because the world changed on Sept. 11, 2001. Or we're reminded that if we give up our rights or any expectation of privacy, the terrorists win.

Tell that to the 6-year-old being frisked by a stranger, tears welling up in her eyes as anxiety wells up in her heart. Sometimes there are no right answers, only uncomfortable ones.

Score one for the terrorists.

gardening



Chidoka Healy/Reporter-Telegram

IN BLOOM Kerri Chapman stages her white iris before placing it on the judging table Saturday during the 33rd Annual West Texas Iris Society show at First Baptist Church. Chapman's iris was among the 60 single plant and arrangement entries judged on form, color and cultural perfection.

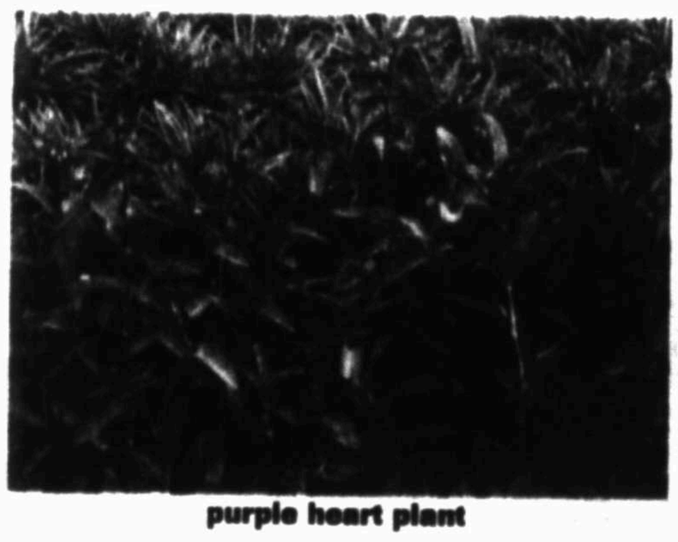
Odessa iris show scheduled Saturday

ODESSA — The Permian Basin Iris Society's 23rd annual show, "Our Bloomers Are Showing," is Sunday at Music City Mall.

Entries will be accepted for single irises, arrangements, educational entries, English boxes or iris photography. Submissions will be taken between 7 a.m. and 10:30 am. Entries will be on exhibit 1-4:30 p.m..

Ribbons and coupons will be awarded in adult and youth categories.

For more information, call 697-6340 or email dkstraus@swbell.net.



purple heart plant



cast iron plant

Use shade-tolerant plants around trees

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT



Deborah Benge Frost is a former extension horticulture agent for Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Midland and Ector counties.

Shade from trees is a valuable commodity but when the shade becomes dense, it becomes difficult to grow some plants, get the flowering color we desire and manage the landscape. Trees compete with other plants not only for sunlight but also for water, nutrients and root space. Evergreen trees are more difficult to work around because they block sun all year.

While nothing replaces adequate light, you can give your plants the best possible growing conditions by adding compost or other forms of organic matter to the soil, maintaining a generous layer of mulch, providing adequate irrigation and choosing plants that will tolerate shade.

Adequate irrigation is important as large trees can keep the soil dry. You can select plants that will grow in dry shade or you can mulch the majority of the area growing in the shade. An attractive mulch could be the best way to treat the area, or consider these shade-tolerant plants.

■ Nandina (*Nandina domestica*) is a semi-evergreen shrub with an upright growth habit, finely textured leaves that develop lots of red, yellow and orange colors especially if growing in sun. Grows 2 to 6 feet tall, depending on cultivar.

■ Pittosporum (*Pittosporum tobira*) is an evergreen with tight growth and a neat, mounding growth habit. It can grow 2 to 12 feet tall, depending on cultivar. Foliage can be solid, shiny green or have a creamy white variegation. Plant these Zone 8 species in a cold-protected location.

■ Fatsia (*Fatsia japonica*) is a tropical looking evergreen with big, bold leaves. It does best with compost-enriched soils and regular water. It needs shade and protection from cold because it too is hardy to Zone 8.

■ Indian hawthorn (*Raphiolepsis indica*) is an evergreen shrub that grows 3 to 12 feet tall, depending on cultivar in sun or shade. Blooms in spring with pink or white blooms.

■ Cast iron plant (*Aspidistra elatior*) is a foliage plant that grows with large, upright leaf blades and will take total shade but burns in sun. Grows about 2 to 3 feet tall and spreads by slow growing rhizome roots.

■ English ivy (*Hedra helix*) is an evergreen ground cover or vine that is very shade tolerant. It is slow to establish, but has good drought resistance once established. It can damage structures it climbs on.

■ Liriope (*Liriope muscari or spicata*) is a ground cover that is evergreen and blooms with a purple spike bloom in summer. It grows about 6 to 24 inches tall, depending on cultivar. Some variegated cultivars are especially useful in deep shade to liven up the scene.

■ Turk's cap (*Malvaviscus arboreus var. Drummondii*) is a warm season flowering perennial that will do well in partial shade. It grows 3 to 4 feet tall and wide. It blooms with bright red, white or pink blooms. The red blooming selection is the hardiest.

■ Japanese yew (*Taxus x media*) is an evergreen, fine textured shrub that will tolerate sun to part shade. This plant is easily pruned to maintain size.

■ Holly (*Ilex species*) tolerate shade and there are many species and cultivars that do well in our area. Dwarf Burford, Dwarf Yaupon, Foster's Holly and Nellie R. Stevens holly to name a few. These are evergreen and some are females and they produce red berries. Hollies can't tolerate over watering and they respond well to mulch.

For foliage and flower color consider coleus, Magilla Perilla, Margarita sweet potato, Caladiums, Painted Arum, Blue Plumbago, Holly fern, Daylilies, Texas Gold Columbine, Pink Oxalis, Ajuga, and flowering tobacco.

Plan to attend the May Landscape Design & Skills Tours at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings at a designated home landscape in Midland and Odessa. This teaching tour will give you examples of shade and sun gardens, design principles, West Texas appropriate horticultural techniques and skills. You will see a variety of plants for specific areas as well as hardscaping, outdoor architecture, water features, raised beds and more. Phone registration is required; call Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service at 432-498-4071.

There are many other plants that can be grown in partial or full shade. Visit westtexasgardening.org for a list of shade-tolerant landscape plants.

NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS



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

Look for heirloom petunia plants in old neighborhoods; purchase seeds online

Dear Neil: Do you know where I can get some old-fashioned perennial petunia seeds or plants?

Answer: The old inbred petunias are usually in older neighborhoods. Watch for them to be blooming now, and ask permission to gather some seeds later in the spring. The owner even may be willing to save some for you. They're available online from many different sources. I merely searched for "heirloom petunia seeds" and saw several dozen vendors.

Dear Neil: Do red maple seeds need to be scarified like the Texas mountain laurel seeds you described here a few weeks ago?

A: No. Like most plants, their seed coats are not hard. Just plant them. Hopefully they're not from a hybrid selection that doesn't "come true" from seed.

Dear Neil: I have a triple amaryllis that I didn't plant. Can I propagate it?

A: There are some really fantastic tropical or subtropical amaryllis varieties in the specialty bulb market. Finer nurseries sometimes will offer them during the Christmas holiday season, or you can find them online. They are propagated by small offsetting bulbs. It's a slow process that requires patience.

Dear Neil: I am considering a room addition to my house. I have a live oak that could be impacted seriously by the beams they're talking about pouring 2 to 3 feet below the ground. Its trunk is almost 3 feet in diameter, and it's only 10 feet away from where the beam will be. How can I best protect my tree?

A: It would be best for the tree if the cutting of any roots could be done in the fall, not going into the hottest part of the year. At that point, I'm going to recommend very strongly you hire a certified professional arborist to hold your hand through this process. The tree has great value. Don't do anything that might jeopardize its survival.

Dear Neil: How can I keep nandina sprouts from coming up in my yard?

A: Sever them with a sharpshooter spade at the point where they exit their shrub bed. Then, spray the unwanted plants with a broadleafed weedkiller (containing 2,4-D). Install a deeper root barrier at the edge of the bed to keep their roots and shoots from growing out again.

Dear Neil: I have several Texas mountain laurels. They're too tall, and I'd like to top them. Will that encourage them to grow shorter?

A: Not at all. It only would buy you a little time before they regrew to their former heights. They need to be allowed to grow to 10 to 15 feet tall. You probably could maintain them within that range, but if you're talking shorter than that, the long-term result probably won't be what you want.

Dear Neil: Our backyard, especially our vegetable garden, has been bombarded by caterpillars. I tried diatomaceous earth, and it didn't work. I tried Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.), and it didn't work. What will control caterpillars?

A: The B.t. should have done the job for you. If it did not, then either it was out-of-date, it wasn't applied properly or there was a reinfestation from a later generation of the pests.

Dear Neil: We planted two pyracanthas, only to read they're subject to fire blight, cotton root rot, lace bugs and leaf rollers. What can we spray, and when?

A: Agricultural streptomycin while they're in full bloom for fire blight. Trim out any blackened fire blight that shows up, disinfect your pruning tools in a 10-percent solution of chlorine bleach and water and do so between cuts. Fire blight will not be common. There is no preventive or curative treatment for cotton root rot, and it is not common with pyracanthas, either. Use a systemic insecticide for both lace bugs and leafrollers. Both will be common, and both will show up beginning in May.

Dear Neil: I've been unable to grow periwinkles in my yard for the past two years. They wither and die. What can I do?

A: Plant something else. That's Phytophora water mold fungus. It's in the soil, and it comes with transplants. It splashes onto the stems and foliage when it rains and when you water, and there is no way to control it. It's the reason so few commercial people use periwinkles any more. Stay away from pansies, petunias, snapdragons and mums in that same soil. They typically are affected by closely related diseases.

Dear Neil: How can we control sprouts of live oaks and Texas mountain laurels in our yard?

A: You'll have to hand-dig the live oak sprouts. They're tethered to the mother tree, and therefore, you can't spray them. You could use a broadleafed weedkiller spray (containing 2,4-D) on the mountain laurel seedlings, or you could easily enough just chop them off with a hoe or sharpshooter.

CHL Playoffs

Jackalopes' series lead cut in half as Allen tops Odessa at the Ector County Coliseum. See story on Page 2C.

Lady Rebels beat Abilene High, finish tied for third

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Lee coach Wes Overton was seeing his team struggle again at the plate Tuesday afternoon against Abilene High, and in the seventh inning he knew he had to take a chance in a scoreless game.

And he also knew his team needed a break.

Lee caught that break in the seventh inning when Adrianna Berzoza scored the game-winning run on a play at the plate when Abilene High catcher Lauren Williams dropped the ball as Berzoza slid under her for a 1-0 Lady Rebels victory at Gene Smith Field.

"We found a way to win this game today," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "That shows a lot of character, and that was a gusty move right there, and it was make it or break it. We ended up getting a break."

Lee finishes the regular season at 21-11 and 7-5 in District 3-5A, and thanks to Odessa High's 8-1 victory against San Angelo Central, the two teams are tied for third in the standings with identical 7-5 records. A decision on how the seeding will be determined will happen later this week. Abilene High finished at 12-16, 2-10.

Meanwhile on Tuesday, it looked like the Lady Rebels might suffer their second straight loss to a team in the lower half of the District 3-5A standings.

Lady Rebels	1
Lady Eagles	0

Lee was held hitless for five innings by Abilene High pitcher Kristine Melchor, as she used an array of off-speed and outside pitches to keep the Lady Rebel hitters chasing pitches. Lee had runners in scoring position in the first, third and sixth innings but never converted.

Abilene High, meanwhile, loaded the bases in the sixth with no outs, but thanks to some nifty defense from the Lady Rebels and a key

Please see **LADY REBELS**/2C



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

LITTLE OFFENSE Lee's Jamey Lane awaits the ball as Abilene High's Alex Perez slides into second base Tuesday at Gene Smith Field.

Lady Dawgs win share of district title

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Midland High softball team wrapped up a share of the District 3-5A title with a 5-0 victory against Abilene Cooper on Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs (20-12, 10-2 in District 3-5A) broke open a scoreless game with three runs in the fifth inning and then added two more in the seventh to complete the victory. Midland High will share the 3-5A title with Odessa Permian, the second time in three years the Lady Bulldogs will share a league title.

Lady Bulldogs	5
Lady Cougars	0



Hoppel

Senior pitcher Kelsey Hoppel finished the district season with a 10-1 record after allowing three hits in the shutout victory.



Sisneros

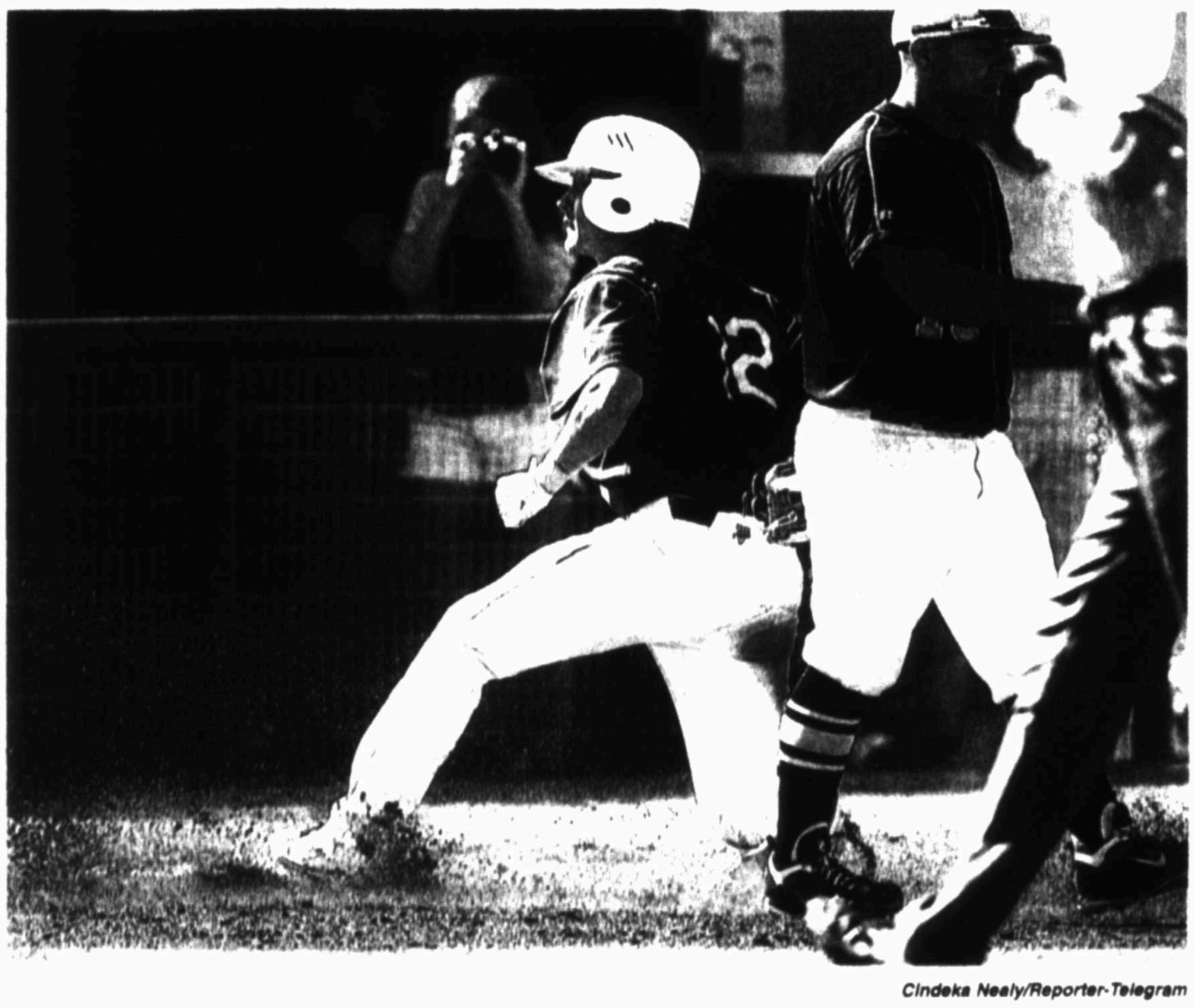
Meanwhile at the plate, Valari Sisneros was 2 for 3 with two singles and two RBI, as she drove in runs in both the fifth and seventh inning. Naomi Posada, Taylor Vines and Hoppel also had RBI in the victory.

No decision has been made on how Midland High and Permian will break their tie to determine the top two seeds in the district. That will likely come later this week.

Because of next week's TAKS testing, the softball playoffs will not start until

Please see **DISTRICT**/2C

HITS KEEP COMING



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Shane Sawyer (12) runs safely into third after hitting an RBI triple as Abilene High third baseman Anthony Carriola, right, walks away Tuesday during their game at Zachery Field.

Bulldogs pound out 13 runs to keep first place

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

The Midland High bats were only working for two innings Tuesday. Turns out, that's all the Bulldogs needed.

Midland High scored five runs in the first and eight more in the sixth, leading to a 13-3 run-rule rout of Abilene High in a District 3-5A baseball game at Zachery Field.

The victory keeps the Bulldogs (22-9, 9-2 in 3-5A) atop the district standings with a half-game lead on Lee. They get a bye this weekend before playing their final district game a week from Friday against Abilene Cooper.

Bulldogs	13
Eagles	3

"That means a lot to this team," MHS senior third baseman Shane Sawyer said. "It would be great to finish with a bang and head into the playoffs as district champions."

After Abilene High put up two unearned runs in the top of the first inning courtesy of a two-RBI single by shortstop Phillip Mendez, the Bulldogs answered with five runs in the bottom of the opening frame.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

HIT HARD Midland High's Keith Fritschen watches his ball head into the outfield for a one-run triple Tuesday during the first inning of the Bulldogs' game against Abilene High at Zachery Field.

MHS had four hits in the first with each going for extra bases, including three triples. With one out and Matt Reyes on third after reaching via an error, Sawyer got the extra base hit parade started with a triple off a towering fly ball that landed just in front of the wall in right-center.

Following a Blair Beck walk, Michael Cristiani tripled down the first base line, scoring Sawyer and Beck and giving MHS a 3-2 lead. Right fielder Keith Fritschen followed with a triple of his own, driving the ball to the wall in right center and scoring Cristiani.

Catcher Travis Sims couldn't keep the streak of triples going, but settled for a RBI double that brought Fritschen across, capping the Bulldogs' five-run rally.

After Sims' double, Abilene High made a pitching change with left-hander Paul Simmons replacing starting righty Brandon Bollinger. For the next four innings, Bollinger managed to silence the MHS sticks, holding the Bulldogs to one hit.

"For whatever reason, our intensity level wasn't there the entire game," MHS coach Barry Russell said. "We had it right off the bat, but we lost it. It took them to score another run for us to decide it was too close."

Mendez picked up his third RBI for Abilene High in the top of the sixth, driving in senior third baseman Anthony Carriola with a two-out double. The run cut Midland High's lead to 5-3, but also seemed to awaken a sleeping giant.

"Coach Russell lit a little fire under our butts," Sawyer said. "This was our

Please see **BULLDOGS**/2C

Thomas falls out of top 10; Jones finishes round strong

By Evan Jansa
MRT Correspondent

LUBBOCK —After day one of the Region I-5A tournament, Lee sophomore Libby Thomas appeared to have a chance to qualify for the state tournament. Thomas was 2-over par and only 5 shots behind Colleyville Heritage's Maggie Neece.



Thomas

Then what she referred to as a "mild" disaster struck at the Rawls Course.

Thomas began the day in ninth but finished outside of the top 10 after shooting an 83. The sophomore said nerves did not play a factor like they did the first day but her big numbers on the back nine lead to her struggles.



Jones

Thomas made the turn and triple-bogeyed No. 10, double-bogeyed No. 14 and triple-bogeyed the final hole.

"I learned that one little mistake, no matter how big or small, could cause some issues," Thomas said. "It's like the domino effect."

Thomas said on No. 10 her tee shot landed in a deep bunker, and she put a little too much on her second shot and it almost went into the water. She was able to "pop" it up on the green and tapped in for a triple bogey.

"I just went on with it and couldn't

Please see **JONES**/4C

Greenwood mixed doubles team eyes Austin



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

MIXED DOUBLES Greenwood mixed doubles partners Jace Dorner, left, and Patricia Kingston are representing the Rangers in the Region I-3A Tennis Tournament in Lubbock.

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Jace Dorner and Patricia Kingston enter the first day of the Region I-3A Tennis Tournament today determined to finish their high school careers with a trip to Austin.

For the pair, who are making their second straight appearance at the regional tournament, it's been somewhat of a frustrating senior year where the two didn't win a district title and likely won't be seeded in this week's tournament.

So the plan is simple, play like they are capable of playing and see what happens.

REGION 1-3A TENNIS TOURNEY
When: Today-Thursday
Where: McLeod Tennis Center at Lubbock

"It's about being confident, but not overconfident," said Dorner. "It's just going out there and getting it done, and leaving it all on the court."

In 2010, which was the first year the two had been paired, they won a district title and qualified for the regional tournament.

Please see **GREENWOOD**/4C

Rebels stay in district title chase with win

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee baseball team kept pace with crosstown rival Midland High in the District 3-5A race by outslugging Abilene Cooper 13-8 on Tuesday.

The Rebels managed to overcome a rough start by starting pitcher Michael Brosig with consistency at the plate and a strong showing by reliever Garhett Avery.

"Michael struggled a little bit," Lee coach Hector Limon said. "He had a hard time with his breaking stuff and was a little flat. Garhett did a heck of a job coming in, having all four pitches and getting after folks."


Copeland

The Rebels scored four runs in the top of the first courtesy of a two-run triple by Kyle Copeland, who then scored on a sacrifice fly by Randy Kidwell. Brosig capped the rally with a triple of his own.

Cooper scored one in the bottom of the first, but Kidwell's RBI single in the top of the second extended Lee's lead to 5-1. The Cougars put up three in the second and two in the third, though, pulling out to a 6-5 advantage after three innings.

But the Rebels took the lead for good after loading the bases with no outs in the fourth. Back-to-back sacrifice flies by Copeland and Kidwell put the Rebels back up 7-6, but the Rebels failed to generate anything more. However, they never trailed again.

The Rebels added two in the fifth, one in the sixth and three in seventh. Abilene High could only muster two more runs in the sixth as Avery picked up the win after pitching five innings and allowing two earned runs on six hits and a walk with six strikeouts.

Copeland led the Rebels at the plate, going 2 for 3 with a triple and five RBI.

Lee continues its drive for a district title at Noon Saturday, hosting San Angelo Central at Ernie Johnson Field.

Rebels	13
Cougars	8

LEE 13, ABILENE COOPER 8

Lee	410	321	3	13	17	3
Cooper	132	002	0	8	11	1

Michael Brosig, Garrett Avery (3) and Justin Garnett; Bo Thompson, Cody Hanna (4), Clayton Nicholas (5), Jaycee Cobb (7) and Zach Verden. W — Avery (3-1). L — Thompson (2-2). 2B — Lee: Daniel Vargas, Cooper Thompson. 3B — Lee: Kyle Copeland, Brosig. Avery.

Records — Lee 21-10, 8-2 in District 3-5A; Cooper 11-16, 4-6.

Next: San Angelo Central at Lee, Noon Saturday. Ernie Johnson Field; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, Noon Saturday.

Americans beat Jacks, cut series deficit in half

By Lee Scheide
Special to the MRT

ODESSA — Now it's a series.

In a game that provided end-to-end rushes, brilliant saves by both goaltenders and a combined 80 shots on goal, the Allen Americans did exactly what they needed to extend their season.

They won.

Dave Bonk, Jarret Lukin and Nino Musitelli all found the back of the net and goaltender Chris Whitley stopped 39 of the 40 shots he faced as the Americans skated away with a 3-1 victory Tuesday night over the Odessa Jackalopes in front of 3,222 at the Ector County Coliseum.

The Jackalopes now lead the best-of-five Berry Conference semifinal series 2-1, with Game 4 scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Thursday at the Coliseum.

"They have a plan and we have a plan and it's two really good teams," Allen coach Dwight Mullins said. "They did a good job in Allen and we need to keep taking every inch that we can.

"I just think we were a little more patient tonight, we didn't try to force too much. It will be a great test again come Thursday."

Philippe Plante scored for Odessa, which cut the Americans' lead to 2-1 just 8:24 into the second period, but never could find the equalizer.

Jackalopes goaltender Joel Martin, who stopped 37 shots, suffered his first loss in six playoff starts this season.

"I thought it was a good hockey game, but I don't think we played quite good enough," Odessa coach Paul Gillis said. "We didn't have the energy we should have had, especially early in the game.

"But in saying that, I thought it was a well-played game on both sides. Obviously we had to open it up in the third period and they ended up getting that third goal on us; we were throwing everything at them that we could and I thought their goalie played extremely well and our goalie played extremely well."

The Americans took their first lead of the series at the 6:59 mark of the first period when Bonk found the back of the net, pushing the puck inside past Martin.

After a scoreless second period, Allen increased the lead to two goals when Lukin, standing at the right hash marks, was able to get his stick on a shot by Justin DaCosta from the right point and redirect the puck under the crossbar 6:35 into the final period.

Plante's goal came less than two minutes later, at the 8:24 mark, and brought the crowd to its feet as he was able to redirect a pass from Sebastien Thinel through the pads of Whitley.

Americans	3
Jackalopes	1

Odessa leads series 2-1

ALLEN 3, ODESSA 1

Allen	1	0	2	—3
Odessa	0	0	1	—1

First Period—1, Allen, Dave Bonk (Mike Berube), 6:59. Penalties—Jonathan Zion, Allen (holding stick), 4:05; Judd Blackwelder, Allen (hooking), 10:14; Philippe Plante, Jackalopes (hooking), 12:37; Justin DaCosta, Allen (roughing), 20:00; Justin DeCosta, Allen (unsportsmanlike conduct), 20:00; Scott Langdon, Allen (high sticking), 20:00; Philippe Plante, Jackalopes (unsportsmanlike conduct), 20:00.

Second Period—None. Penalties—Mike Berube, Allen (cross checking), 9:35; Alex Dunn, Jackalopes (roughing), 11:38; Patrick Mosiega, Jackalopes (slashing), 12:31.

Third Period—2, Allen, Jarret Lukin (Justin DaCosta, Scott Langdon), 6:35. 3, Odessa, Philippe Plante (Sebastien Thinel, Mike Ramsay), 8:24. 4, Allen, Nino Musitelli (Bruce Graham, Jared Lukin), 15:56. Penalties—Judd Blackwelder, Allen (roughing), 58; Jonathan Zion, Allen (holding), 8:43; Kevin Seibel, Jackalopes (cross checking), 19:08; Justin DaCosta, Allen (unsportsmanlike conduct during), 19:08; Jarret Lukin, Allen (roughing), 19:54; Alex Dunn, Jackalopes (roughing), 19:54.

Shots on Goal—Allen 11-16-13—40; Odessa 17-15-8—40.

Power-play opportunities—Allen: 0 of 4; Odessa 0 of 7.

Goaltenders—Allen: Chris Whitley; Odessa: Joel Martin.

A—3,222. T—2:35.

Referee—Jon Mclsaac. Linesman—Bill McGoldrick, Jean Menard.

Central Hockey League
Playoff Glance
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-5)
Turner Conference
Rapid City 2, Fort Wayne 0
Friday, April 15: Rapid City 5, Fort Wayne 2
Saturday, April 16: Rapid City 4, Fort Wayne 3
Wednesday: Rapid City at Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: Rapid City at Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 24: Fort Wayne at Rapid City, 7:05 p.m.

Colorado 3, Missouri 1
Friday, April 15: Colorado 5, Missouri 2
Saturday, April 16: Colorado 5, Missouri 1
Tuesday, April 19: Missouri 4, Colorado 3
x-Thursday, April 21: Colorado at Missouri, 7:05 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 23: Missouri at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.

Berry Conference
Odessa 3, Allen 1
Thursday, April 14: Odessa 3, Allen 2
Sunday, April 17: Odessa 5, Allen 2
Tuesday, April 19: Allen 3, Odessa 1
x-Thursday, April 21: Allen at Odessa, 7:05 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: Odessa at Allen, 7:30 p.m.

Tulsa 2, Bossier-Shreveport 1
Friday, April 15: Tulsa 5, Bossier-Shreveport 4, OT
Saturday, April 16: Bossier-Shreveport 6, Tulsa 2
Tuesday, April 19: Tulsa 3, Bossier-Shreveport 2
x-Friday, April 22: Bossier-Shreveport at Tulsa, 7:35 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 23: Tulsa at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.

BULLDOGS

From 1C

last home game as seniors. A bunch of us got together and got our mind set back into the game."

Midland High batted around and then some in the sixth inning, scoring eight runs and ending the game via the 10-run mercy rule. Center fielder Jake Holifield and Reyes jumpstarted the inning with back-to-back singles followed by a walk by Erick Callier to load the bases.

Sawyer brought in Holifield and Reyes with a bloop single to center, putting MHS up 7-3. A sacrifice bunt by Beck moved Callier and Sawyer up to second and third, respectively, and Cristiani was intentionally walked to reload the bases.

The result was the same with Fritschen knocking in Callier and Sawyer with a solid single to left for a 9-3 MHS advantage. Abilene High brought in Chris Cope to relieve Simmons but immediately allowed Sims to hit his second double of the game, scoring Cristiani from second. Pinch hitter Evan Brunson then blooped one into center for a RBI, scoring Fritschen and giving MHS an 11-3 lead.

Two batters later, Reyes mercifully put an end to the game with a two-out bloop single to right that landed between three Abilene High fielders and scored courtesy runner Adrian Vasquez and Brunson to reach the run-rule.

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MIDLAND HIGH 13, ABILENE HIGH 3, 6 INNINGS

Abilene High	200	001	—3	4	3
Midland High	500	008	—13	12	3

Brandon Bollinger, Paul Simmons (1), Chris Cope (6) and Gibson Aguirre; Cody Tomlin and Travis Sims. W — Tomlin (6-2). L — Bollinger. 2B — AHS: Alex Wilkinson, Phillip Mendez; MHS: Sims 2. 3B — MHS: Shane Sawyer, Michael Cristiani, Kevin Fritschen. RBI — AHS: Mendez 3, MHS: Sawyer 3, Fritschen 3, Sims 2, Matt Reyes 2, Evan Brunson. E — AHS: Michael Gonzales, Aguirre, Mitchell Gossen; MHS: Sawyer, Erick Callier, Reyes. SB — AHS: Mendez.

Record: Abilene High 9-17, 4-7 in District 3-5A. Midland High 22-9, 9-2.

Next: Odessa Permian at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.

3-5A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Midland High	9	2	22	9
x-Lee	8	3	21	10
Abilene Cooper	4	6	11	16
San Angelo Central	4	6	15	14
Odessa Permian	4	6	9	13
Abilene High	4	7	11	18
Abilene High	3	7	8	17

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 13, Abilene High 3; Lee 13, Abilene Cooper 8; Odessa Permian 13, San Angelo Central 10. Odessa High is open.

Thursday's Game
Odessa Permian at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
San Angelo Central at Lee; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High; Midland High is open. All games a noon.

Thursday: Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. April 29

LADY REBELS

From 1C

Emily Hardaway strikeout the threat ended.

"We have struggled all season in producing when we had the opportunity," Abilene High coach Shay Cox said. "That could've taken some pressure off and that could've won it right then."

Lee, though, found some offensive life in the seventh when Kristen Schlemeyer was hit by a pitch, and Berzoza followed with a beautifully placed push bunt for a base hit, which put runners on first and second. Stephanie Molinar, who was pinch running for Schlemeyer, was thrown out at third when Hardaway hit into a fielder's choice.

Lee, though, caught their first break of the inning when Berzoza and courtesy runner Kylie Herring moved to third and second, respectively after a Melchor wild pitch.

From that point on, Overton said he told Berzoza to go if there is contact or a wild pitch.

"We were going all the way," Overton said. "We had already wasted too many chances, and we had to take a chance."

Destiny Gaona hit a soft ground ball to Melchor in the circle, who threw her out at first. Like Overton wanted, Berzoza went on contact and slid into home as the throw from first baseman Lucy Gutierrez came home. But as Williams was laying down the tag the ball came out, allowing Berzoza to score the game-winning run.

"I was pretty nervous, and I was trying to zone in and control myself," Gaona said. "I knew that it's not about me, it's about the team. I needed to do what I can do.

"Our team knows how much we are capable of, but we haven't been showing it right now. Once we get it together we know what we can accomplish."

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3-5A Softball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-Odessa Permian	10	2	22	7
xy-Midland High	10	2	20	12
z-Lee	7	6	21	11
x-Odessa High	7	6	17	12
Abilene Cooper	4	8	12	17
San Angelo Central	2	10	14	20
Abilene High	2	10	12	16

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched share of district title
z-clinched outright title

Tuesday's Scores
Lee 1, Abilene High 0; Midland High 5, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa High 6, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa Permian is open.
END OF REGULAR SEASON

LEE 1, ABILENE HIGH 0

Abilene High	000	000	0	—0	3	2
Lee	000	000	1	—1	2	1

Two outs when winning run scored
Kristine Melchor and Lauren Williams. Emily Hardaway and Kaytlyn Neff. W — Hardaway (7-4). L — Melchor. RBI — Destiny Gaona. LOB — Abilene High 7, Lee 5. SH — AHS: Shelby McMahon. Lee: Jamey Lane. SB — AHS: Alex Perez.

Records: Lee 21-11, 7-5 in District 3-5A. Abilene High 12-16, 2-10.

Next: Lee vs. TBA in Class 5A playoffs. Abilene High season is complete.

DISTRICT

From 1C

the weekend of April 29-30 as teams can complete the bi-district round until May 3.

MIDLAND HIGH 5, ABILENE COOPER 0

MHS	000	030	2	—5	7	0
Cooper	000	000	0	—0	3	0

Kelsey Hopper and Courtney Warren; Selena Cardona and Sierra Sulberry. W — Hopper (10-1). L — Cardona. 2B — MHS: Hopper.

Records: Midland High 20-12, 10-2 in District 3-5A. Abilene Cooper 12-17, 4-8.

Next: MHS vs. TBA in Class 5A playoffs. Abilene Cooper season is complete.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Baseball

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, LUBBOCK TRINITY 0, 6 INNINGS

LUBBOCK — David Gates pitched six shutout innings on the mound and did strong work in the batter's box as well, leading the Midland Christian baseball team to an 11-0 victory against Lubbock Trinity on Tuesday.

Gates struck out six batters and allowed four hits and one walk over six innings. When he wasn't on the mound, he was busy hitting two doubles and a home run for three RBI.

Three other Mustangs also went deep with Steve and Matt Withrow and Hunter Redman each hitting solo home runs. MCS scored at least one run in each inning minus the fourth.

The Mustangs (27-5, 10-1 TAPPS 4A) wrap up the regular season at 5 p.m. Thursday against Lubbock Trinity at Christensen Stadium.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, LUBBOCK TRINITY 0, 6 INNINGS

MCS	201	002	—11	11	0
Lub. Trinity	000	000	—0	4	2

David Gates and Hunter Redman; Will Stevens and Kyle Willeford. W — Gates (6-1). L — Stevens. 2B — MCS: Gates 2, Hill — MCS: Steve Withrow, Redman, Gates, Matt Withrow.

Record: MCS 27-5, 10-1 TAPPS 4A. Lubbock Trinity 1-10 in TAPPS 4A.

Next game: Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 5 p.m. Thursday, Christensen Stadium.

Softball

GREENWOOD 10, SEMINOLE 1

Greenwood took advantage of four Seminole errors and got a stellar performance from Kendall Maddox in the pitcher's circle to beat the Maidens and clinch a spot in the postseason out of District 4-3A.

The Rangerettes (11-18, 4-4) only have to wait and see whether they'll be the second or third seed out of the district with Seminole and Monahans playing for the final spot on Saturday.

Greenwood managed as many hits (4) as Seminole on Tuesday, but played a clean defensive game. Seminole, meanwhile, committed four errors and most of the Rangerettes' runs were unearned.

Maddox finished with 11 strikeouts, allowing one earned run on four hits and a walk.

GREENWOOD 10, SEMINOLE 1

Seminole	001	000	0	—1	4	4
Greenwood	301	301	x	—10	4	0

Judy Lopez, Maryjelle Mendoza (4) and Blanca Sanchez; Kendall Maddox and Mason Thompson. W — Maddox (10-12). L — Lopez. 2B — GW: Kandice Hills. 3B — SHS: Kristi Morales.

Records: Greenwood 11-18, 4-4 in District 4-3A. Seminole 3-4 in 4-3A.

Compiled from staff reports

'Hounds offense comes alive to beat Springfield

From staff reports

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — The Midland RockHounds got out of a recent funk at the plate with 11 hits in a 14-7 victory over Springfield at Hammons Field on Tuesday afternoon.

With the victory, the RockHounds (8-4) won the series with the Cardinals 2-1 and finished the six-game road trip with a 3-3 record.

Midland jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and then added four more runs in the second thanks to Grant Green. After Cardinals starter Kevin Thomas (0-1) intentionally walked Jermaine Mitchell to load the bases and get to the slumping Green, the shortstop connected on the first pitch he saw for a grand slam over the left-center field wall.

Springfield crawled to within 7-4 in the fifth thanks in part to a two-run home run by Alex Castellanos, who later connected for another two-run shot in the seventh.

However, the RockHounds added three more runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh to put the game away.

Shane Peterson, Jeremy Barfield and Jason Christian each had two hits for the RockHounds. Green finished with five RBI, Michael Spina and Barfield each had three RBI and Peterson drove in two runs.

Carlos Hernandez (3-0) got the win despite allowing four runs on nine hits.

The RockHounds return to Citibank Ballpark at 7 p.m. Thursday to host San Antonio and begin a four-game series with the Missions.

ROCKHOUNDS 14, CARDINALS 7

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Springfield	ab	r	h	bi
Mitchell cf	4	3	1	1	Pham cf	4	0	1	0
Green ss	4	4	1	5	Jackson ss	4	1	1	0
Peterson dh	4	1	0	2	Vasquez 3b	4	1	1	0
Spina 1b	3	1	1	3	Adams 1b	3	0	3	0
Parker lb	0	0	0	0	Castellanos rf	5	2	3	4
Sullenbr f	4	2	1	0	Curtis dh	4	1	1	0
Barfield rf	5	0	2	3	Cutler c	5	0	2	0
Lodendorf 2b	4	1	0	0	Garcia 2b	3	0	0	0
Christian 3b	5	2	2	0	Duncan ph-2b	2	0	0	0
Personnc c	3	1	1	0	Beaupre lf	4	0	2	1
Totals	39	14	11	13	Totals	38	7	14	5

Midland 300 400 007—14
Springfield 011 000 004—7

E — Thomas 2 (2), Garcia (1), Adams (1), DP — Midland 3, Springfield 2. LOB — Midland (7), Springfield (7). SB — Mitchell (2), Green (1), Spina (1), Christian (1), Sullenbr (3), Peterson (2), Beaupre (1), Curtis (1). CS — Green (2), Castellanos 2 (2). SF — Sullenbr (3), Pham (1). CB — Barfield (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Hernandez W, 3-0	6.0	9	4	4	3	4
Ortiz	1.0	2	2	2	0	1
Bahlgn	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Lansford	1.0	3	1	1	0	1
Springfield						
Thomas L, 0-1	2.0	6	7	4	2	0
Castillo	3.0	2	0	0	0	2
Kuhl	2.0	1	0	0	0	1
Rinard	1.0	2	0	0	0	0
Greenwood	0.0	0	0	0	1	0

WP — Lansford.
T — 3:06. A — 3,162.

TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	4	2	.667	—
Arkansas	4	2	.667	—
Frisco	3	3	.500	1
Springfield	1	4	.200	2½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	4	2	.667	—
San Antonio	3	2	.600	½
Tulsa	3	3	.500	1
Corpus Christi	2	4	.333	2½

Tuesday's Scores
Midland 14, Springfield 7
Corpus Christi 7, San Antonio 3
Arkansas 5, Frisco 4
Frisco 1, Arkansas 0, 5 innings
Tulsa at Springfield, ppd., rain
Springfield at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

Hawks run-rule Chaps in non-conference game

From staff reports

Brendan McCurry was 4 for 4 and was a double away from hitting for the cycle as he led Howard College to an 11-1 run-rule, non-conference victory over Midland College on Tuesday afternoon at Christensen Stadium.

McCurry had a triple, a home run, five RBI and scored three runs for the Hawks (33-11).

Howard had a pair of four-run innings in a game that went just seven frames before the run-rule was invoked.

Justin Lee led Midland College (24-24) by going 3 for 3 with an RBI.

Also for the Hawks, Tyler Collins had two hits, while Jordan Allen and Connor Brockenbush each had three hits.

Midland College returns to conference play at 3 p.m. Friday when it hosts El Paso Community College in a doubleheader.

HOWARD COLLEGE 11, MIDLAND COLLEGE 1, 7 INNINGS

Howard College	004	100	5	—11	16	1
Midland College	000	010	0	—1	3	1

Damon Hamilton, Connor Sadosuk (6), Stephen Smith (6), Clint Cooper (7) and CJ Manning; Chris Pass, Will Bowen (6), Chris Fischer (6), Rafael Pena (6) and Ryan Sneed. W — Hamilton. L — Pass. 2B — HC: Max Schreiber, HC: Jordan Allen, Chase Durham. 3B — HC: Cameron Mavricuks. HC: Brendan McCurry (4). HC: Nathan Burns, McCurry.

Records: Midland College 24-24, Howard College 33-11.

Next: El Paso CC at Midland College (DH), 5 p.m. today.

LOCAL SPORTS

Former MC assistant takes over at WTC

SNYDER — One-time Midland College assistant men's basketball coach Larren Silver has been named as head coach of the Western Texas College men's basketball program.

Silver, 34, served as an assistant coach in Grant McCasland's first year as head coach of the Chaparrals during the 2004-05 season.

The Waco native had been an assistant men's basketball coach at McLennan Community College since leaving MC and the Highlanders posted a record of 122-36 record during his time there.

Silver has a bachelor's degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor and a master's degree in Spanish from UTPB.

Silver replaces Jason Sautter who resigned the position after three years at WTC.

Error lifts ACU past UTPB

ABILENE — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin baseball team committed four errors, but none bigger than an infield miscue in the bottom of the ninth which enabled Abilene Christian to take a 5-4 non-conference victory.

With the game tied at four in the Wildcats' final at-bat, leadoff hitter Duncan Blades was hit by a pitch before he was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Bryce Gerhardt. A walk to Will Calhoun put runners on first and second before Sky Valenzuela's ball slipped past a UTPB fielder, allowing Blades to score from second.

Despite outhitting ACU 10-8, the four Falcon errors led to two unearned runs, the first and the last or the Wildcats.

UTPB fell to 16-23 on the year while the Wildcats moved to 23-18. The Falcons will return home this weekend to host Newman for an important three-game Heartland Conference series. The Falcons are currently a game ahead of the Jets for the fourth and final spot of the league standings.

Correction

Midland High freshman softball player Stefani Beeza was misidentified in a story in Monday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

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MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	4	0	0	12	8	1
Los Angeles	3	1	3	12	7	7
Colorado	3	2	0	9	8	6
Portland	2	2	1	7	9	10
Vancouver	1	2	3	6	8	7
Seattle	1	2	3	6	8	7
San Jose	1	2	2	5	5	7
FC Dallas	1	3	1	4	6	8
Chivas USA	0	2	1	3	3	5

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Thursday's Games
New York at D.C. United, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games
Seattle FC at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

WPS

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

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Saturday, April 23
Boston at magicJack, 6 p.m.

AFL

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	5	0	0	1.000	297	199
San Jose	4	2	0	.667	363	323
Utah	3	2	0	.600	318	281
Spokane	1	4	0	.200	268	283

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	263	214
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	254	231
Iowa	2	3	0	.400	244	281
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	248	285
Tulsa	1	4	0	.200	185	250

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	1	0	.800	306	215
Orlando	4	1	0	.800	263	224
Georgia	3	2	0	.600	268	249
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	189	280
New Orleans	1	4	0	.200	176	251

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	215	163
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.400	221	243
Milwaukee	2	1	0	.400	214	191
Philadelphia	1	4	0	.200	229	269

Thursday's Game
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

NBA D-League

Playoffs
Semifinals
Iowa 2, Tulsa 0
Friday, April 15: Iowa 103, Tulsa 96
Monday, April 18: Iowa 107, Tulsa 94

Rio Grande Valley 1, Reno 0
Sunday, April 17: Rio Grande Valley 98, Reno 88, OT
Today: Rio Grande Valley at Reno, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 21: Rio Grande Valley at Reno, 9 p.m.

Champions hip
Iowa vs. Rio Grande Valley-Reno winner

College Baseball

Tuesday's Scores
SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 5, Texas-Permian Basin 4
Incarnate Word 14, Houston Victoria 4
New Mexico St. 6, New Mexico 0
Texas 4, Texas-Pan American 2
Texas Southern 8, Sam Houston St. 6

EAST

Fordham 9, Iona 5
Rhode Island 4, Sacred Heart 3, 10 innings

SOUTH

Armstrong Atlantic 3, Augusta St. 1
Asbury 7, Alice Lloyd 2
Campbellsville 4-7, Mid-Continent 1-2
Covenant 7, Bryan 2
Cumberland, Tenn. 7, Lee 4
E. Carolina 17, UNC Wilmington 13
Florida St. 13, Fla. Gulf Coast 2
High Point 3, Elon 0
Indiana S. Louisville 1
James Madison 6, Maryland 1
Kentucky Wesleyan 3-11, S. Indiana 2-12
Marshall 4, E. Kentucky 2
Memphis 9, Middle Tennessee 6
Mercer 8, George Tech 3
North Alabama 14, Freed-Hardeman 4
North Carolina 8, Coastal Carolina 3
N.C. State 3, Campbell 2
North Greenville 8, King Tenn. 1
Tennessee Tech 9, Belmont 8
Trevecca Nazarene 18, Shorter 12
Union, Ky. 15, St. Catharine 13
Virginia 12, Radford 0
Virginia Tech 13, ETSU 8
Wake Forest 9, Winthrop 8, 11 innings
W. Kentucky 11, Kentucky 8

NFL

2011 Schedule
Dallas Cowboys
Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets, 7:20 p.m.
Sept. 18 at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Sept. 26 Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2 Detroit, noon
Oct. 9 BYE
Oct. 16 at New England, 3:15 p.m.
Oct. 23 St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.
Oct. 30 at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.
Nov. 6 Seattle, noon
Nov. 13 Buffalo, noon
Nov. 20 at Washington, noon
Nov. 24 Miami, 3:15 p.m.
Dec. 4 at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Dec. 11 N.Y. Giants, 7:20 p.m. x
Dec. 17 at Tampa Bay, 7:20 p.m.
Dec. 24 Philadelphia, 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 1 at N.Y. Giants, noon

Houston Texans
Sept. 11 Indianapolis, noon
Sept. 18 at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
Sept. 25 at New Orleans, noon
Oct. 2 Pittsburgh, noon
Oct. 9 Oakland, noon
Oct. 16 at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.
Oct. 23 at Tennessee, noon
Oct. 30 Jacksonville, noon
Nov. 6 Cleveland, noon
Nov. 13 at Tampa Bay, noon
Nov. 20 BYE
Nov. 27 at Jacksonville, noon
Dec. 4 Atlanta, noon
Dec. 11 at Cincinnati, noon
Dec. 18 Carolina, noon
Dec. 22 at Indianapolis, 7:20 p.m.
Jan. 1 Tennessee, noon

Ski Report

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Mon 8:34 am 6 new powder machine groomed 90-90 base 94 of 105 trails, 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p Jun 5 at 2p.
Aspen Highlands — Mon 9:27 am spring snow machine groomed 66-101 base 112 2 124 trails 91% open, 997 acres, 4 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p Apr 24 Last day.
Beaver Creek — Closed for Snow Bowl, Centennial Express — Mon 7:11 am 8 new powder machine groomed 99-99 base 126 of 155 trails, 81% open, 1916 acres, 27 of 30 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

ANGELS 18, RANGERS 4

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Mizturs ss	3	1	1	1	Kinsler 2b	5	0	2	1
BrWood ss	1	0	0	0	Andrus ss	5	0	1	1
HKndrc 2b	6	3	4	0	MYhlng dh	4	0	1	0
Abreu dh	4	1	0	0	ABeltre 3b	3	0	0	0
Trnmn rf	4	1	1	0	ABlanc 3b	1	0	0	0
Wlkis rf	1	0	0	0	N.Cruz rf	4	0	0	0
V.Wells lf	5	1	2	1	DvMrp lf	3	1	1	0
Calasp 3b	3	4	2	1	Torrec c	4	1	2	1
Trumo 1b	5	2	3	4	Morlnd 1b	3	2	1	0
Congr c	3	2	2	2	Borbon cf	3	0	0	1
BoWarr c	1	0	0	0					
Bourgs cf	5	3	4	3					
Totals	**41**	**18**	**19**	**12**	**Totals**	**38**	**4**	**9**	**4**

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	001	000	100	—	4

E—Torrealba (1), C.Lewis (1), A.Blanco (1). Dav.Murphy (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Los Angeles 5, Texas 8. 2B—V.Wells (3), Trumbo (5), Bourgos (4), Andrus (3), Moreland (6). HR—M.Izturis (2), Trumbo (3), Bourgos (2), Torrealba (2). CS—Bourgos (1). SF—Borbon.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Palmer W,1-0	6	3	1	1	1	3
Takahashi	2	4	1	1	0	1
Kohlmeier	1	2	2	2	1	1

HBP—by Palmer (Mi.Young). WP—C.Lewis, Kirkman.
T—3:14. A—22,450 (49,170).

RAYS 2, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Pierre rf	4	0	1	0	Fuld rf	4	0	0	0
Bckhm 2b	3	0	1	0	Zobrist 2b	4	0	1	0
A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0	SRdrgz 3b	3	0	2	1
Konerk 1b	3	0	0	0	FLopez dh	4	0	0	1
Quentin rf	3	1	1	0	BUpton cf	4	0	0	0
Rios cf	3	0	0	0	Ktchm 1b	3	0	2	0
Przyns c	3	0	1	1	Shppch c	2	0	0	0
AlRmrz ss	2	0	0	0	Joyce rf	3	0	1	0
Teahen 3b	3	0	0	0	Brignc ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**7**	**2**

Chicago	000	010	000	—	1
Tampa Bay	100	010	00x	—	2

DP—Chicago 1, Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Chicago 3, Tampa Bay 6. 2B—Quentin (10), S.Rodriguez (2). 3B—Zobrist (1). S.Rodriguez (3). CS—Al.Ramirez (1). S—Beckham.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Danks L,0-2	7	7	2	2	0	5
Thornton	2	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Danks (S.Rodriguez, Shoppach), by Shields (Konerko).
T—2:12. A—13,731 (34,078).

ROYALS 8, INDIANS 4

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Brantly cf	4	0	3	0	Getz 2b	4	0	1	0
ACarer ss	4	0	0	0	MeCarr cf	4	1	1	1
Choo rf	4	1	1	1	Gordon lf	4	1	2	0
C.Sarm 1b	4	0	1	1	Butler dh	4	0	0	0
Duncan dh	3	0	1	0	Franc rf	4	0	1	1
Hafner ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Betemit 3b	3	1	1	0
DCarer 2b	4	0	1	0	Kaaihu 1b	3	0	1	0
Kearns rf	4	2	1	0	B.Pena c	4	0	0	0
Marson c	4	0	1	2	AEscor ss	4	1	2	1
Everett lf	4	1	0	0					
Sizemr ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**5**	**9**	**5**

Cleveland	000	000	211	—	4
Kansas City	002	120	00x	—	5

E—Betemit (2). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Cleveland 9, Kansas City 7. 2B—Marson (1), Mc.Cabrera (5), Gordon (9). 3B—Getz (1), SB—Choo (4), Gordon 2 (2), Butler (1), Betemit (3). A—Escobar (4), Kaaihue (1). S—Kaaihue.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J.Gomez L,0-1	4	1	1	1	5	2
Pestano	2	2	1	0	0	2
Germano	2	1	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
Chen W,1-1	7	6	2	2	1	5
Bl.Wood	1	2	1	1	0	1
Soria S,5-6	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Soria (A.Cabrera).
T—2:45. A—10,506 (37,903).

ORIOLES 11, TWINS 0

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	3	0	1	0	ROrtiz 2b	5	1	2	0
Tolbert 2b	3	0	1	0	Clfrn ss	5	0	0	0
Kubel lf	4	0	1	0	Markks rf	4	1	1	0
Thome dh	4	0	0	0	DLee 1b	5	1	1	2
Repko ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Guerrr dh	5	2	2	2
Cuddyr rf	3	0	2	0	Scott lf	4	0	0	0
Valenz 3b	3	0	0	0	Wieters c	3	3	3	4
Hardy ss	3	0	1	0	Adjons cf	4	1	1	0
Butera c	3	0	0	0	MrRynl 3b	3	1	0	0
ACasill ss	3	0	1	0	Wieters c	3	3	3	4
Lindors ss-2b	1	0	1	0					
Totals	**31**	**0**	**8**	**0**	**Totals**	**36**	**11**	**13**	**10**

Minnesota	000	000	000	—	0	8	1
Baltimore	030	140	53x	—	11	13	0

E—A.Casilla (2). DP—Minnesota 1, Baltimore 1. LOB—Minnesota 9, Baltimore 6. 2B—Kubel (5), Hughes (1), R.Roberts 3), Wieters (3). HR—Guerrero (2), S—Tolbert.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pavano L,1-2	4	2	3	3	1	2
D.Hughes	1	3	1	0	0	0
Hacker	1	2	2	2	0	0
Nathan	1	2	3	3	1	1
Baltimore						
Arrieta W,2-1	6	4	0	0	0	4
Berken	2	2	0	0	0	2
Rupe	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Pavano (Wieters).
T—2:50. A—12,045 (45,438).

BLUE JAYS 6, YANKEES 5, 10 INNINGS

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	5	0	1	0	Escor ss	5	1	1	0
Grndrs cf	4	1	2	1	Snider lf	5	1	2	1
Teixeir 1b	3	1	1	2	Bautist rf	5	1	3	2
Cano 2b	5	0	1	0	Lind 1b	5	0	2	0
Swisher rf	4	1	1	0	Arencb 2b	4	1	1	0
Chavez 3b	3	1	1	0	McDnl pr 2b	2	1	1	1
Posada dh	4	0	1	1	JMolin c	4	0	1	0
Martin c	3	0	0	0	Rasms cf	4	0	0	0
Gardnr lf	4	0	0	0	Encrnc dh	5	1	3	1
					Nix 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**Totals**	**39**	**6**	**13**	**5**

New York	020	000	100	0	—	5
Toronto	101	001	002	1	—	6

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—J.Burnett (1). DP—New York 1, Toronto 3. LOB—New York 7, Toronto 12. 2B—Martin (3), Y.Escobar (2), Snider (3), C.Patterson (2). HR—Encarnacion (4), Bautista (5), Teixeira (6), Bautista (4). SB—A.Hill (6). CS—C.Patterson (3). CS—Gardner (3). SF—A.Hill.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
A.J.Burnett	5	1/3	6	3	2	5
Robertson	2/3	2	0	0	0	1
Chamberlain	1	0	0	0	0	1
R.Soriano	1	0	0	0	1	1
M.Rivera	1	4	2	2	0	1
Nova L,1-2	2/3	2	1	1	1	0
Toronto						
Drabek	5	1/3	6	4	4	2
Frasor	1	1/3	1	1	1	0
Rzepczynski	1	0	0	0	0	1
Villanueva	1	1	0	0	0	0
Camp	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rauch W,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Drabek (Teixeira). WP—A.J.Burnett, M.Rivera.
T—3:59. A—25,250 (49,260).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 6, METS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	2	2	0	JosBrg ss	4	0	0	0
Angelns ss	2	1	1	2	Thole c	3	0	0	0
Pence rf	4	0	1	0	DWrght lf	3	0	0	0
CA.Lee lf	4	0	2	1	Beltran rf	4	1	1	0
Wallac 1b	4	0	2	0	Davis 1b	3	0	1	0
Towles c	3	1	2	1	Turner 2b	4	0	1	0
Whitg p	2	0	0	0	Nieuw p	2	0	0	0
Ingram ph	1	0	0	0	Bastrd p	0	0	0	0
Abad p	0	0	0	0	Hu ph	1	0	0	0
Fulchin p	0	0	0	0	Ngsbgh p	0	0	0	0
					Byrdak p	0	0	0	0
					Parnell p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**26**	**6**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**26**	**1**	**4**	**1**

Houston	000	000	600	—	6
New York	000	000	100	—	1

DP—Houston 1, New York 1. LOB—Houston 7, New York 4. 2B—Towles (11), Davis (5), Pagan (1). HR—Beltran (3). SB—Bourn (8). S—Ang.Sanchez.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
W.Rodriguez W,1-0	5	1	1	1	1	4
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fulchino	1	0	0	0	0	1
New York						
Niese L,0-1	6	7	2	2	2	5
Bastrd	1	2	2	2	1	1
Igarash	2/3	2	2	0	0	0
Byrdak	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Parnell	1	0	0	0	0	1

Byrdak pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP—W.Rodriguez. Balk—Parnell.
T—2:59. A—27,012 (41,800).

MARLINS 6, PIRATES 0

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Florida	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCtc cf	3	0	0	0	DCrghtn rf	4	1	1	0
Tabata lf	3	0	0	0	Infante 2b	4	0	0	0
Overay 1b	3	0	0	0	HRmrz ss	4	2	0	1
Walker 2b	2	0	0	0	Bscrtz lf	4	1	1	1
Doumit c	3	0	0	0	Mornin rf	4	1	2	1
Harrsn 3b	3	0	0	0	Cousins lf	1	0	0	0
Ledesmc ss	3	0	0	0	Stanton rf	1	0	0	0
Maholm p	2	0	0	0	DMrph 3b	3	0	0	0
Cntrrs p	0	0	0	0	J.Buck c	4	2	2	1
Bowker ph	1	0	0	0	Rsntlsr 3b-ss	4	1	1	0
DMcDnl p	0	0	0	0	MDunn p	0	0	0	0
Berntsn p	0	0	0	0	Hsems ph	0	0	0	0
Lmrghs ph	1	0	0	0	Sale p	0	0	0	0
					Ohman p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**31**	**8**	**9**	**6**

Pittsburgh	000	000	000	—	0
Florida	020	400	00x	—	6

DP—Florida 2. LOB—Pittsburgh 7, Florida 6. 2B—Stanton (1), J.Buck 4). Rosbrlsn 2). HR—Ramirez (2), Mornin (2).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Maholm L,0-3	3	7	5	5	1	2
Crotta	1	1	1	0	0	2
D.McCutchen	2	0	0	0	0	2
Berken	1	1	0	0	0	1
Florida						
Jo.Johnson W,3-1	6	2	0	0	1	4
M.Dunn	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sanches	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Maholm (Stanton).
T—2:26. A—11,118 (38,560).

BREWERS 9, PHILLIES 0

Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Weeks 2b	5	1	2	0	Victorn cf	4	0	1	0
CGomz cf	5	0	0	0	Pnarlo 1b	3	0	0	0
Braun lf	3	2	1	1	Rolins lf	3	0	0	0
Briddck p	0	0	0	0	Mrtnz ss	3	0	0	0
McCnhn p	0	0	0	0	Howard 1b	2	0	0	0
Fielder 1b	4	1	1	3	Brnsly rf	3	0	0	0
McGeh 3b	5	1	1	3	Ibanez lf	3	0	0	0
Kottaris c	4	1	1	1	Mayrry rf-1b	3	0	0	0
Wolf p	2	0	0	0	Rupnik ph	1	0	0	0
Schndr ph	1	0	0	0	Schndr ph-c	2	0	0	0
Green p	0	0	0	0	Wldelz 2b	3	0	0	0
Counsll rf	1	0	0	0	Baez c	3	0	0	0
					Hellady p	2	0	0	0
					Herndn p	0	0	0	0
					Qn.pch p	0	0	0	0
					Orr ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**Totals**	**29**	**0**	**2**	**0**

Milwaukee	011	001	006	—	9	13	0
Philadelphia	000	000	000	—	0	2	0

E—Ruiz (1). LOB—Milwaukee 8, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Y.Betancourt (4), Victorino (5), Braun (5), McGehee (1), Ibanez (5). HR—Victorino (3), Polanco (1). CS—C.Gomez (1).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wolf W,2-2	6	2	0	0	3	5
Green	1	0	0	0	0	0
Braddock	1	0	0	0	0	0
McClendon	1	0	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia						
Worley L,2-1	6	2	3	1	0	6
Herndon	0	2	3	3	1	1
Zagurski	1	3	1	0	0	1
Baez	1	0	0	0	0	1

Herndon pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Wolf (Ruiz).
T—2:41. A—45,408 (43,651).

DIAMONDBACKS 5, REDS 4

Arizona	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Kuhnsn 2b	5	2	2	1	Stubbs cf
RRorts 3b	3	2	2	3	Phillips 2b
J.Upton cf	4	1	0	0	Votto 1b
S.Drew ss	4	0	1	0	Rolen 3b
Cthcrg cf	4	1	1	1	Bruce rf
Monter c	4	0	1	0	Gomes lf
GParra lf	4	0	2	0	Hanign c
Mrand 1b	4	0	2	0	Janish ss
Hrndez p	0	0	0	0	LaCoss p
Vasqez p	0	0	0	0	Bray p
DHrndz p	0	0	0	0	Herrmd ph
Bynum ph	1	0	0	0	Ondrsk p
Putz p	0	0	0	0	Heisey ph
Totals	**36**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**Totals**

Arizona	101	001	002	—	5
Cincinnati	010	200	010	—	4

E—Montero (5). DP—Arizona 1. LOB—Arizona 6, Cincinnati 5. 2B—Miranda (1), Phillips (8), Rolen (6), Gomes (3). 3B—J.Upton (1). HR—K.Johnson (2), R.Roberts 2 (4), C.Young (4), Stubbs (4). SB—R.Roberts (2), Stubbs (8). Games (3) S—Hanigan. SF—Janish.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J.Hdrez W,1-0	5	3	2	2	3	3
Vasqez H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
DHrndz H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Putz S,2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
LaCoss L,0-1	5	6	4	4	2	4
Bray	2	4	0	0	0	2
Ondrusek	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Cuasanaga (Hrdez), by Putz (Gomes).
T—3:15. A—14,894 (42,319).

GIANTS 6, ROCKIES 3

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Rowand cf	5	0	1	0	Fwlr lf	4	0	2	0
Fsrchc ss	5	0	2	0	Splbrghs 4b	4	0	0	0
Sandovl 3b	4	0	0	0	Gonzalez 1b	4	0	0	0
Posey c	4	1	1	1	Helton rf	4	0	1	0
PSndovl 1b	4	1	1	1	Lopez 2b	3	1	1	0
Burrell lf	4	1	1	1	Tlwtzk 3b	3	0	0	0
Jaksjcz p	0	0	0	0	Jmnez p	0	0	0	0
BWilsn p	0	0	0	0	Jiminez p	0	0	0	0
Schierhlz rf-lf	4	1	1	0	CRsprs p	0	0	0	0
Fontenot ss	2	0	0	0	R.Morales p	0	0	0	0
Sanchez p	1	0	0	0	Herrera ph	1	0	0	0
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0	R.Pagnzy p	0	0	0	0
Belt ph	1	0	0	0	Barmes ph	1	0	0	0
					Lindstrom pr	0	0	0	0
					Toerpe p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**Totals**	**29**	**3**	**3**	**3**

San Francisco	400	000	200	—	6
Colorado	000	010	200	—	3

DP—San Francisco 1, Colorado 2. LOB—San Francisco 6, Colorado 6. 2B—Fowler 2, Belt, Fontenot, Helton, Barmes. HR—PSandoval (1), Burrell (1), Fowler (5). SF—S.Smith.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sanchez W,4-0	6	1	1	1	4	4
R.Ramirez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Jo.Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bl.Wilsn S,5-6	1	1	2	2	0	1
Colorado						
Jmnez L,0-3	3	2	3	3	4	2
CRsprs	1	0	0	0	0	0
R.Morales	1	0	0	0	0	1
R.Pagnzy	2	3	3	3	0	1
Mat.Reynolds	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lindstrom	1	2	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Jmenez (Rowand).
T—2:51. A—30,321 (50,490).

Late Boxes

TIGERS 8, MARINERS 3

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Auckie lf	4	0	1	0	Suzuki rf	5	0	1	0
Raburn 2b	4	1	1	0	Figgins 3b	4	0	1	0
Ordonz rf

MCS girls finish 3rd, boys 5th

From staff reports

WACO — Neither Midland Christian golf team will come away with any championship hardware from the TAPPS 4A State Golf Tournament this year, but coach Kevin Wallum said he saw plenty of positives from his team from the past two days.

The Mustang boys team, which was making its first appearance at the state tournament since 2005, finished fifth after improving on Tuesday from its first round 345 with a 342 to finish at 687.

Meanwhile, the girls squad continued its steady improvement throughout the season by shooting a 382, which was 13 strokes better than its first round 395 to end up at 777 and take third.


Cheatham


Warpula

Loren Cheatham finished seventh after shooting 96-92—188 over the two rounds, and Lynley Lewis ended up at 99-96—195 to finish in a tie for 10th.

Madison Warpula was ninth at 96-95—191.

Lewis later won a one-hole playoff to earn the 10th spot. Cheatham, Warpula and Lewis earned all-state honors by finishing in the top 10.

"The girls played steady today," Wallum said. "Our four and five players got down in double digits, which is good for them. I definitely saw the scores steadily getting down."

Meanwhile, the boys squad had its share of struggles throughout the week as Steven Rice shot an 83 on Tuesday, which was the best round of the tournament for any of the five players. Coupled with Rice's 84 on Monday, Rice finished at 167.

Brandon Herricks ended up at 84-85—169, Klay Cunningham shot 87-89—176, Daegan Blackwood at 90-87—177 and Jacob Hibler 92-87—179.

"They battled hard the whole way, and I give them credit for keeping their emotions in check," Wallum said. "I can't say it was from a lack of effort. Golf is weird some days when you have your swing and then suddenly it's hard to find it at the same time."

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Class 3A

ANDREWS GIRLS WIN TITLE

LUBBOCK — The Andrews girls golf team rolled to a Region I-3A title on Tuesday as the Lady Mustangs shot a tournament-best 317 to win by 22 strokes over Burkburnett at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock.

The Lady Mustangs shot 328 on Monday and coupled with the second-round 317 finished at 645 for the tournament.

Four of Andrews' five players ended up in the top 10 in medalist standings as Sarah Black led the way finishing third shooting an 80-76—156.

McKenzie Long finished in a tie for seventh with Whitlee Woods and Danley Hyer taking the ninth spot.

Andrews will be making its first appearance at the Class 3A state tournament for the first time since 2009.

Class 2A

STANTON'S GRAHAM HEADED TO AUSTIN

ODESSA — Stanton girls golfer Kendra Graham earned a spot in the Class 2A State Tournament by finishing fourth overall at the Region I-2A Tournament on Tuesday.

Graham shot an 85 on Monday at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links and shot a 79 on Tuesday, and finished at 164, finishing one stroke ahead of three other players to earn the second, and final, individual qualifying spot.

Sonora's Elizabeth Chavarria won the tournament, firing 77-74—151 at Ratliff Ranch.

Jim Ned won the team title, and Kermit finished second.

On the boys side, Wall won the tournament and Jim Ned finished second, with Wall's Garret Smith winning a one-hole playoff for medalist honors.

Stanton's Eric Garza shot 78-84—162.

Compiled from staff reports

REGIONAL SCORES


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SWING OF THE CLUB Blanco's Braden Batey tees off from the tee box at No. 10, Monday during the Region I-2A Golf Tournament at Nueva Vista Golf Club.

REGION I-5A
Girls
Tuesday
The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Team standings: 1. x-Allen, 290-303—593; 2. x-El Paso Eastwood, 307-318—625; 3. Southlake Carroll, 303-326—629; 4. (tie) Mansfield High, 311-319—630 and Colleyville Heritage, 307-323—630; 6. El Paso Coronado, 305-327—632; 7. Plano West, 318-320—647; 8. Amarillo High, 323-341—664; 9. Coppell, 330-336—666; 10. San Angelo Central, 341-338—679; 11. Weatherford, 345-347—692; 12. Midlothian, 353-344—697; 13. Grapevine, 349-354—703; 14. Odessa Permian, 350-361—711; 15. Arlington High, 371-372—743; 16. Amarillo Tascosa, 386-411—797

Medalist standings: 1. Maddie Szeryk, Allen, 70-73—143; 2. Maggie Nasca, Colleyville Heritage, 69-75—144; +3 Shelby Wilson, Lewisville Hebron, 74-75—147 (won one-hole playoff); 4. Kathryn Jimerson, El Paso Coronado, 74-73—147; 5. (tie) Alex Ramirez, El Paso Eastwood, 74-75—149; Alexa Head, El Paso Eastwood, 71-78—149; Marissa Dodd, Allen, 72-77—149 and Johanna Scheen, Colleyville Heritage, 72-77—149; 9. Ariel Tidwell, Allen, 73-77—150; 10. (tie) Lauren Jackson, Allen, 73-79—152; Kelsey Glenn, Southlake Carroll, 75-77—152 and Margaret Musser, Amarillo High, 74-78—152

(x-qualified for UIL State Championships)

Individual scores

Allen (993): Maddie Szeryk, 70-73=143; Marissa Dodd, 72-77=149; Jessa LaBarbera, 75-78=153; Lauren Jackson, 73-79=152; Jordy LaBarbera, 82-75=157

El Paso Eastwood (825): Alexa Head, 71-78=149; Ariel Ramirez, 74-75=149; Amber Herrera, 83-85=168; Lauren Barron, 79-80=159; Dell Eller, 83-87=170

Southlake Carroll (829): Kelley Glenn, 75-77=152; Alex Cain, 75-86=161; Allison Bock, 76-80=156; Adriana Montiel, 79-83=161; Emily Grabarkiewicz, 77-86=163

Colleyville Heritage (830): Maggie Nasca, 69-75=144; Johanna Scheen, 72-77=149; Sue Son, 83-88=171; Maddy Stiles, 83-89=168; Monica Wicke, 86-86=174

Mansfield High (820): Ashley Bartholomew, 80-79=159; Jessie Wiley, 79-79=167; Krysta Bailey, 75-90=165; Dylan Dawson, 80-82=162; Tucker Coursey, 78-81=159

El Paso Coronado (833): Kathryn Jimerson, 74-73=147; Mary Morton, 75-87=162; Michelle Proehgh, 76-87=163; Samantha Peters, 84-80=164; Laurencia Duran, 81-87=178

Plano West (847): Michelle Chen, 78-80=158; Megan Thotsang, 76-78=154; Sara Kim, 94-83=177; Ally Jones, 84-85=172; Lauren Cozzi, 80-91=171

Amarillo High (864): Margaret Musser, 74-78=152; Lyndsay Barnes, 79-83=162; Chelsea Nordyke, 83-89=171; Hali Elsbrock, 87-80=170; Addi Damon, 89-83=182

Coppell (869): Aja Zarrenpanier, 82-83=165; Taylor Hamberger, 77-84=161; Tiffany Breitenwischer, 85-84=169; Jen Kelemay, 85-85=171; Hannah Jao, 87-85=172

San Angelo Central (879): Kamryn Cummings, 76-77=153; Jaclyn Granado, 86-83=169; Christen Garcia, 85-91=176; Kelcee Widdows, 94-87=181; Whitney Wardlaw, 100-99=199

Weatherford (892): Jake Strickland, 76-80=156; Keegan Moon, 79-85=164; Kelly Swan, 87-89=176; Tina Bates, 96-83=179; Hannah Ranieer, 93-94=187

Midlothian (897): Brooke Emery, 86-86=175; Lydia Traylor, 87-80=167; Emma Sears, 84-86=170; Taylor Chalmers, 96-89=185; Tara Traylor, 100-96=196

Grapevine (703): Katie Cameron, 81-75=156; Kristen Jones, 86-85=171; Ashali Vise, 98-105-203; Lauren Rinaldi, 94-100=194; Emily Noel, 86-94=180

Permian (711): Brittany Lee, 86-92=181; Randi Hartfield, 77-82=159; Macee Lane, 92-89=181; Ruth Nabarrette, 102-100-202; Bailey Cook, 92-98=190

Arlington High (743): Erica Jakubowski, 84-77=161; Claire Lautenbach, 87-110-207; Madison Smith, 95-90=185; Elizabeth Saenz, 95-85=180; Hannah Joecker, 124-121-245

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Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Par 72

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Spurs don't sweat series deficit

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — No one is being called a dog this time.

Nor are the top-seeded San Antonio Spurs, who couldn't stop the Memphis Grizzlies from winning their first playoff game in franchise history, shaking things up for Game 2 on today. The possible return of All-Star Manu Ginobili would be about the only significant difference.

"We did the things we wanted to do and still lost," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

This time last year, Pop didn't let his guys off so easy.

Back then, the Spurs were an underachieving, banged-up No. 7 seed who lost their playoff opener on the road by six to Dallas. Popovich didn't spare his players afterward, ripping them as "dogs" and saying more people needed to "step up and play worth a damn."

The Spurs got the message and ousted the Mavericks in six games. Yet when these 61-win Spurs lost Game 1 on Sunday to Memphis — a No. 8 seed of playoff novices, from coach Lionel Hollins on down — Popovich never appeared flustered.

Not when he thought the Spurs did almost everything right.

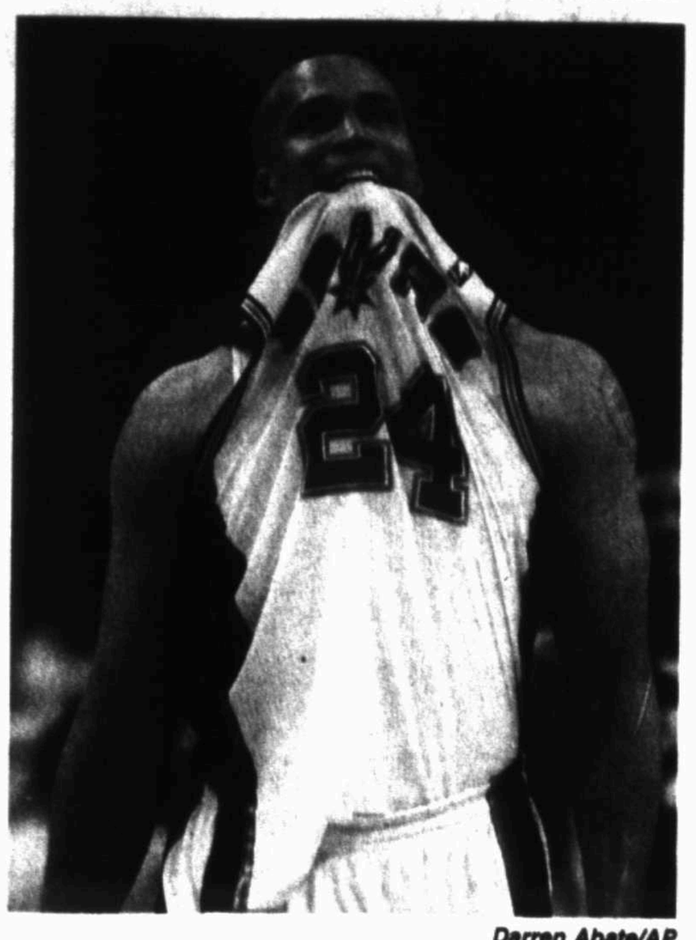
They had beaten the Grizzlies on the boards. They committed the fewest turnovers in five meetings with Memphis. Points off turnovers, points in the paint, fast-break points, second-chance points? All season-bests against the Grizzlies.

"If you had told me before the game that we would do all those things, I'd say it was a win," Popovich said.

Instead, the Spurs lost 101-98 as the 33-year-old Ginobili watched from the bench, still resting a sprained right elbow after unsuccessfully lobbying Popovich to let him play. Whether Ginobili, who injured the elbow in the regular-season finale last week, returns for Game 2 likely won't be known until just before tipoff.

The Grizzlies aren't taking any chances. Hollins said he's presuming the Argentine will be in the lineup and give San Antonio its second-leading scorer back.

"He lets Tony Parker be in the corner on the wing, and he handles the ball on the pick and roll, and now he throws it back out and there's Tony Parker — who's a jet — attacking the basket," Hollins said. "They just miss one of their primary playmakers."



Darren Abate/AP

HOPING FOR BETTER San Antonio's Richard Jefferson reacts Sunday after the Spurs lost Game 1 of an NBA playoff series to the Memphis Grizzlies in San Antonio.

Big 12 coaches mixed on title game loss

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The conference championship game is gone, but only some Big 12 coaches will miss it.

The league's grand finale for the past 15 years was played for the final time in December, done in by the departure of Nebraska to the Big Ten and Colorado to the expanded Pac-12.

For some coaches, it was a potential thorn in the side of a run to the national championship. For others, it was an important incentive to improve their program.

Oklahoma's Bob Stoops has seen it both ways.

"Those years when we were undefeated or looking at the national championship right in front of you, it was really difficult to play in that Big 12 championship game," Stoops said Monday on the Big 12 coaches' spring conference call. "But those other years where that wasn't the case, it was incredibly exciting to play in it."

Stoops won the title game seven times and lost only once, easily the best record of any coach. But he sounds mostly glad to have it out of the way.

The way he sees it, who needs an extra hurdle on the way to a national title?

"And then you look at some other teams in other conferences that weren't playing a championship game. They were sitting there already with their hand played waiting for the national championship," Stoops said. "Now we're in that situation."

Instead of playing for a conference title on the first Saturday in December, his Sooners this season will face rival Oklahoma State. The shrunken conference also moved Texas-Baylor to Dec. 3 to create a presence on the same day the SEC, Big Ten, Pac-12 and other conferences will crown a champion.

Still, some coaches did note the loss of an event that generated revenue and exposure for the Big 12.

"The championship game and the divisions, I think that's really good for college football," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. "I think it's rather obvious, too, because the Pac-10 went to it — the Pac-12 now, it you will, did the same thing.

"We're going to miss that. I don't think there's any question about that."



Sue Ogrocki/AP

BEEN THERE Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops talks with players on the first day of spring practice on March 21 in Norman, Okla. Stoops has been on both sides of the debate whether the Big 12 Championship game was good for the conference or not.

Cowboys, Texans announce 2011 schedules

COWBOYS TO OPEN IN 9-11 GAME AGAINST JETS

ARLINGTON — The Dallas Cowboys opens the upcoming season — lockout permitting — in New York against the Jets on the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy.

A trip to the West Coast to face the San Francisco 49ers would follow.

That's their only pair of consecutive 2011 road games — provided the lockout is settled and the season goes as scheduled.

Despite a 6-10 2010 season, the Cowboys are picked for six national telecasts across four networks.

The appearances include three Sunday nights on NBC (the Jets, at Philadelphia Oct. 30 and home against the Giants Dec. 11), the home opener Sept. 26 against Washington (a Monday night on ESPN), Thanksgiving at home against Miami on CBS and a Saturday night against Tampa Bay on the NFL Network (Dec. 17).

SEE FULL NFL SCHEDULE ON 3C

TEXANS OPEN WITH COLTS AGAIN

HOUSTON — If there's no lockout, the Houston Texans will open their 2011 season just as they started the 2010 campaign — by hosting Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts.

The Texans beat the Colts 34-24 in last season's opener, a springboard to a 4-2 start.

Houston would play four of its first seven on the road. After the opener, the Texans would visit Miami and New Orleans. They also play the Saints in the preseason.

The Texans would host defending AFC champion Pittsburgh Oct. 2 and Oakland the following week before visiting Baltimore and Tennessee. Houston would play 10 games before its bye week Nov. 20.

The NFL released its full 2011 schedule as it and its locked-out players met again in court-ordered mediation. The labor impasse threatens the upcoming season.

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Peja, Kidd lead Mavs past Blazers

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

DALLAS — The Portland Trail Blazers must feel like they are in an NBA time warp. First they got beaten by Jason Kidd, now Kidd and Peja Stojakovic.

Even the Dallas Mavericks are feeling the retro mood. They're up 2-0 in a playoff series for the first time since 2006.

Stojakovic tied his career playoff best with five 3-pointers and had 21 points, and Kidd continued his surprising scoring surge with 18 points, powering the Mavericks to a 101-89 victory on Tuesday night in Game 2 of their first-round series.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 33 points, but was practically a complementary player. He scored 14 points in the fourth quarter — including the team's final 11 — to help the Mavericks keep the Trail Blazers from ever making a serious push.

Portland had a lot of things go right, from LaMarcus Aldridge scoring 24 to Gerald Wallace and Wesley Matthews regaining their scoring touch after struggling in the opener. But the Trail Blazers got only 11 points from their bench, none in the second half. And while they were limiting Nowitzki to 5 of 15 shooting through three quarters, former All-Stars Kidd and Stojakovic were lighting them up.

Mavericks	**101**
Blazers	**89**

The third-seeded Mavs can snicker about doing something the higher-seeded Spurs and Lakers couldn't: win the first two games on their home court. Now the Western Conference's best road team this season will head to Portland for Game 3 on Thursday night, and Game 4 on Saturday.

TUESDAY'S NBA/NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

NBA

CELTICS 96, KNICKS 93: At Boston, Kevin Garnett sank the go-ahead basket with 14 seconds left, then stole the ball as the Boston Celtics overcame Carmelo Anthony's 42 points and beat the depleted New York Knicks 96-93 to take a 2-0 lead in their playoff series on Tuesday night.

The Knicks played the entire second half without Amare Stoudemire, who had back spasms. Chauncey Billups missed the game with a sore left knee.

Garnett hit the decisive jump hook after backing Jared Jeffries into the lane. The Knicks then got the ball to Anthony in the left corner, where he was double-teamed by Paul Pierce and Glen Davis. Anthony passed inside to Jeffries, but Garnett stole the ball and called timeout with 4 seconds remaining.

The Knicks then fouled Delonte West, who made two free throws with 0.6 seconds to go.

Rajon Rondo led the Celtics with a career playoff-high 30 points.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven Eastern Conference first-round series is scheduled for Friday night in New York.

MAGIC 88, HAWKS 82: At Orlando, Fla., Dwight Howard had 33 points and 19 rebounds, Jameer Nelson added 13 points and eight rebounds, and Orlando held off Atlanta.

The Magic evened the best-of-seven series, with Game 3 Friday night in Atlanta.

Orlando used a 10-1 run to close the third quarter to take an 11-point lead into the fourth and fought off a late Atlanta charge down the stretch.

After allowing the Hawks to become the first opponent in 16 straight playoff games to score 100 points against it in Game 1, Orlando's defense tightened around Atlanta's shooters in Game 2. The Hawks shot 39 percent.

NHL

BLACKHAWKS 7, CANUCKS 2: At Chicago, Dave Bolland returned to the Chicago lineup after missing 17 games with a concussion and had a goal and three assists Tuesday night as the defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks avoided being swept, routing the Vancouver Canucks 7-2.

Vancouver still leads 3-1 in the first-round series that heads back to the Rogers Arena for Game 5 on Thursday night.

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TUESDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

ANGELS 15, RANGERS 4: At Arlington, Angels rookie first baseman Mark Trumbo homered and drove in four runs to back a solid outing by fill-in starter Matt Palmer as Los Angeles broke out for a victory over the Rangers.

It was the first home loss for the defending American League champions.

Trumbo, playing his 24th career game since his call-up last September, had three hits. Maicer Izturis and Peter Bourjos also homered among his four hits for the Angels, who have won 10 of their last 13 games.

ORIOLES 11, TWINS 0: At Baltimore, Matt Wieters drove in four runs, Vladimir Guerrero hit a three-run homer, and the Baltimore Orioles snapped an eight-game losing streak by defeating Carl Pavano and the Minnesota Twins 11-0 Tuesday night.

Jake Arrieta (2-1) pitched six innings of four-hit ball for the Orioles, who built an 8-0 lead in the fifth inning and coasted to their first win in 10 days after a 6-1 start. The 11 runs were a season high, and all of them came with two outs.

RAYS 2, WHITE SOX 1: At St. Petersburg, Fla., James Shields struck out nine in a four-hitter and the surging Rays beat the White Sox for their seventh win in eight games.

Shields (1-1) outpitched John Danks and walked one in his sixth career complete game, and first since June 10, 2008, against the Los Angeles Angels.

ROYALS 5, INDIANS 4: At Kansas City, Mo., Alex Gordon had two hits and stretched his hitting streak to 13 games and left-hander Bruce Chen went seven strong innings, leading the Royals past the Indians on a cold and blustery night.

Chen (3-0) beat the Indians for the fourth straight time. He stretched his personal winning streak, dating to last season, to seven games over 11 starts.

BLUE JAYS 5, YANKEES 5, 10 INNINGS: At Toronto, Travis Snider doubled home the winning run in the 10th inning and the Blue Jays beat the Yankees.

Toronto scored twice off New York closer Mariano Rivera in the ninth to tie it before winning it against Ivan Nova (1-2).

National League

ASTROS 6, METS 1: At New York, Wandy Rodriguez found his form against the punchless Mets, pitching seven sharp innings to lead the Astros to a victory.

Michael Bourn and Carlos Lee sparked the offense as Houston won for the fifth time in nine games following a 1-7 start. The Astros have alternated wins and losses over those nine games.

BREWERS 9, PHILADELPHIA 0: At Philadelphia, Randy Wolf pitched six crisp innings, Ryan Braun and Casey McGehee homered and the Milwaukee Brewers beat Roy Halladay and the Philadelphia Phillies 9-0 Tuesday night.

The Brewers became the first team to win a series against the NL East-leading Phillies this season. They'll try to complete a three-game sweep on Wednesday afternoon when Cliff Lee takes the mound for Philadelphia.

MARLINS 6, PIRATES 0: At Miami, Josh Johnson allowed two hits in seven innings and drove in the first two runs to help the Marlins beat the Pirates.

Johnson (3-0) lowered his ERA to 1.00. He has allowed four hits or less in each of his four starts, and batters are hitting .112 against him.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, REDS 4: At Cincinnati, Ryan Roberts made the starting lineup because of an injury and hit two of Arizona's four homers off Sam LeCure on Tuesday night, leading the Diamondbacks to a victory over the slumping Reds.

Roberts filled in for third baseman Melvin Mora and had the second multihomer game of his career, a solo homer and two-run shot off LeCure (0-1). Kelly Johnson and Chris Young also connected.

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9th 8:30 am, Jr/Sr 10:30

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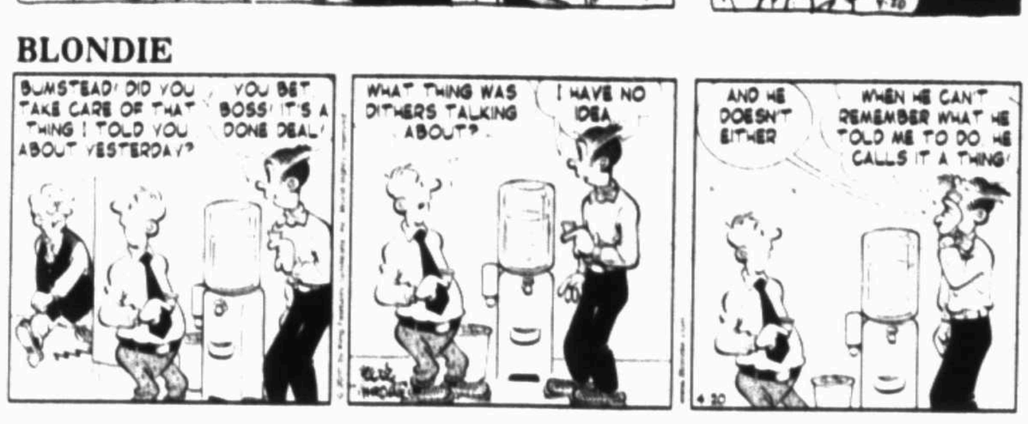
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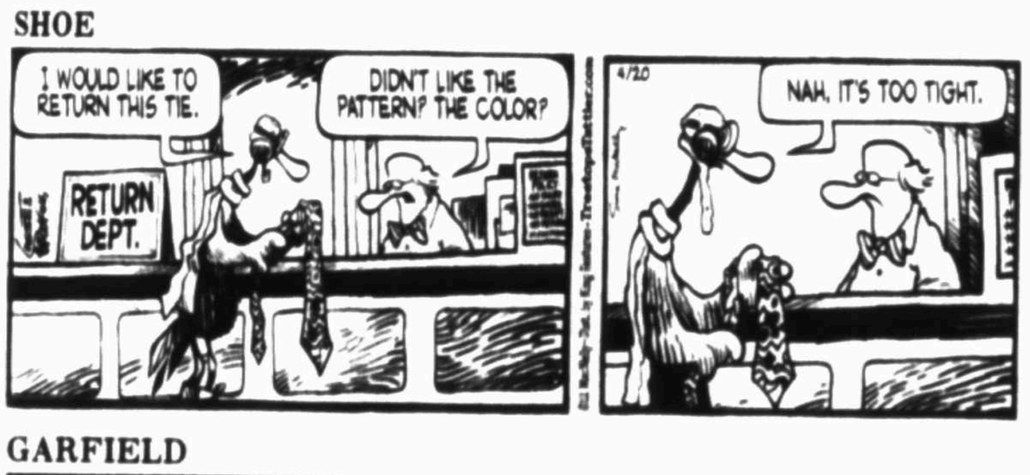
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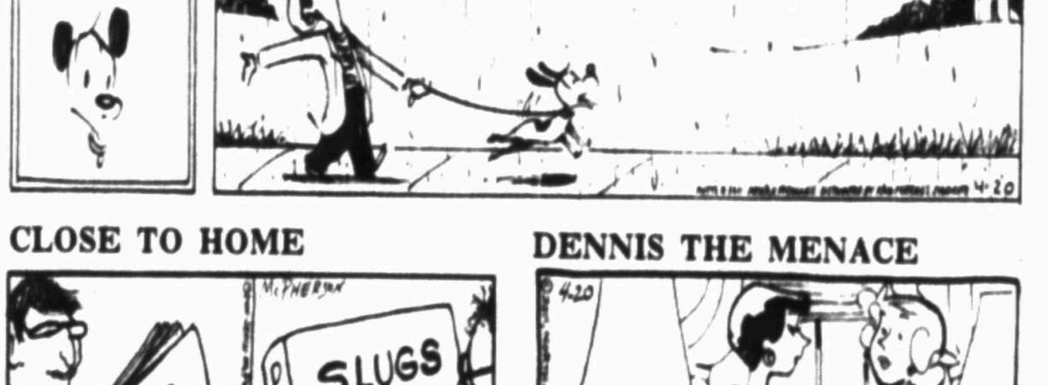
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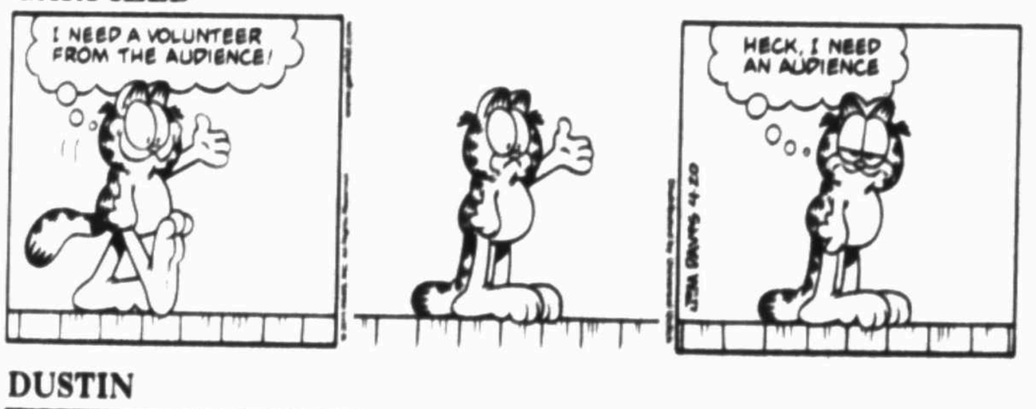
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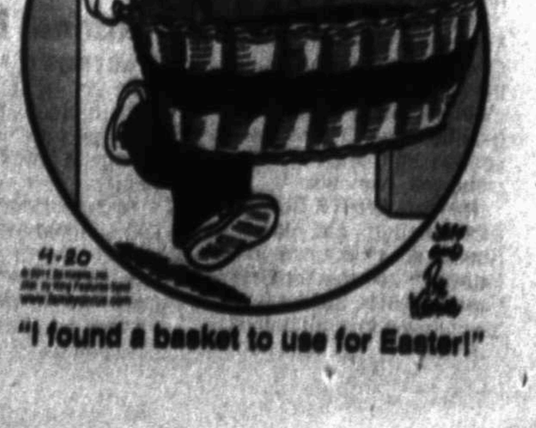
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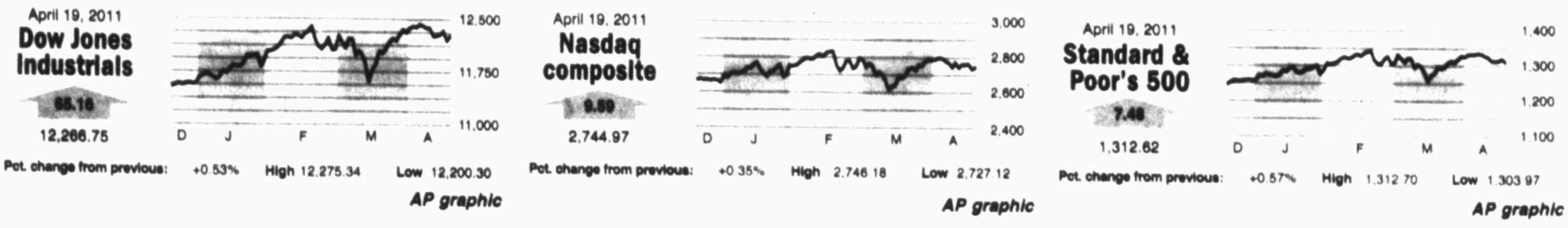
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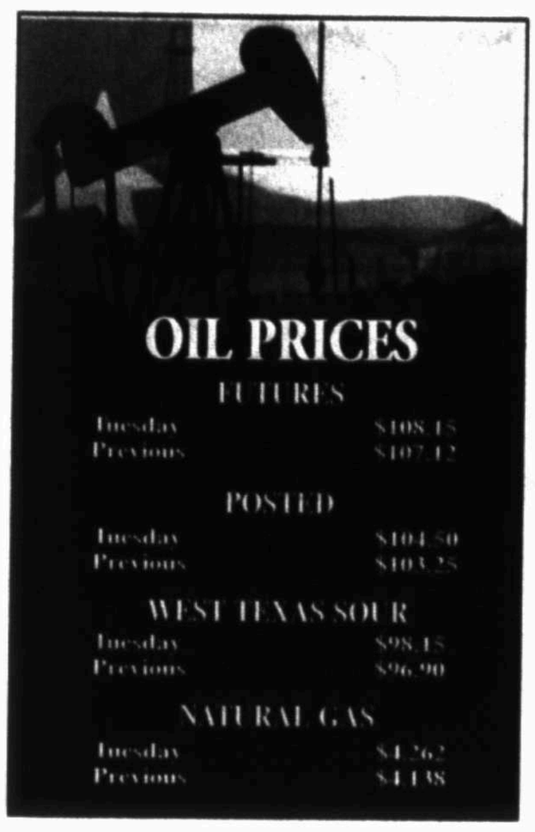
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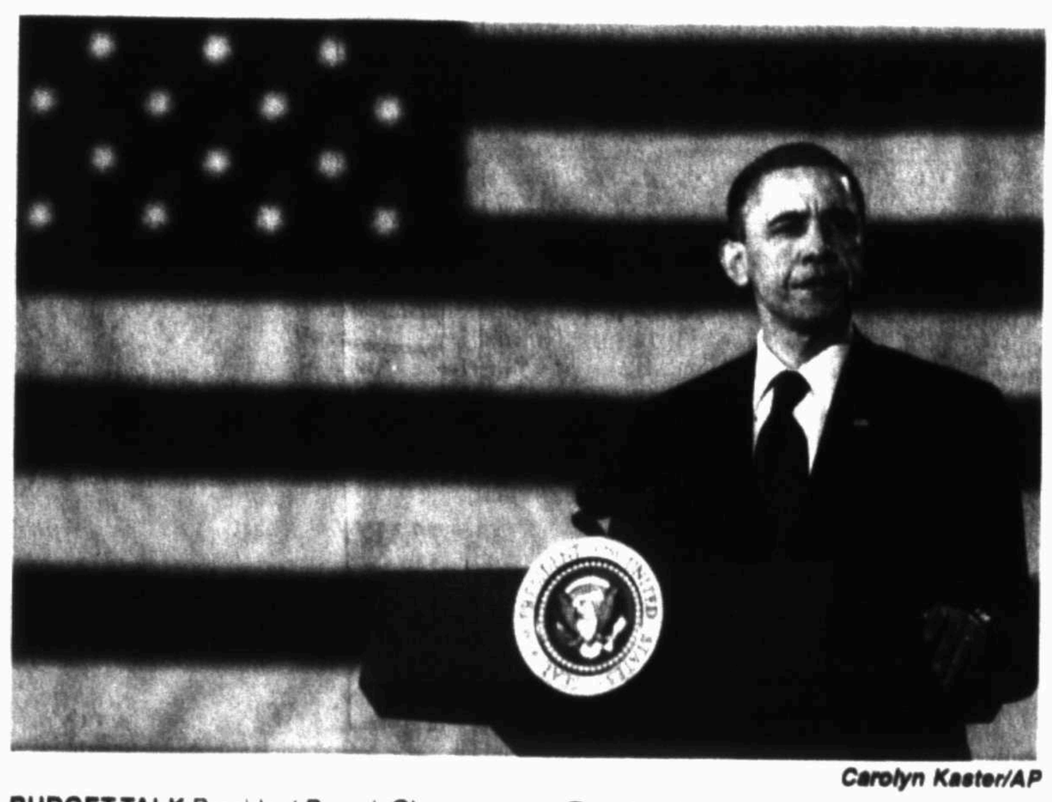


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Carolyn Kaster/AP

BUDGET TALK President Barack Obama pauses Tuesday during town hall meeting at North Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va.

Obama rips GOP plan, yet sees hope for debt deal

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With America's global credit standing suddenly in question, President Barack Obama insisted Tuesday that Washington has the political will to slash the massive U.S. debt despite fierce, fundamental differences with Republicans about how to do it.

Obama spoke hopefully of compromise with GOP lawmakers, yet still used a campaign-style town hall event to accuse the Republicans of offering a bleak future for the poor, young and elderly with their proposals.

The president seemed intent on assuring financial markets and the watching world that U.S. leaders will get their act together to address a suffocating debt — while at the same time trying to convince voters that only his plan would share the pain fairly.

Republicans didn't sound optimistic about compromise.

House Speaker John Boehner announced Tuesday that he had picked House Majority Leader Eric Cantor to work with a White House commission on cutting spending. But in doing so, Boehner said, "The American people understand we can't keep spending money we don't have. The only ones who don't are the Democrats running Washington."

More upbeat, Obama said, "Here's the good news: I believe that Democrats and Republicans can come together to get this done." Speaking at Northern Virginia Community College outside Washington, he said, "There will be those who say that we're too divided, that partisanship is too stark. But I'm optimistic."

Obama never mentioned the new context for his comments: A warning that the federal government must rein in its debt or risk losing its sterling credit rating, which could in turn erode the economic recovery. On Monday, Standard and Poor's, a key credit rating agency, lowered its outlook for the government's fiscal health to "negative" amid sliding confidence in Washington's ability to deal with its debt.

The president said that over the past five months — in other words, since Republicans altered the dynamic in Washington by winning control of the House in midterm elections — the two parties have come together to strike some unexpected deals.

However, both of the major agreements happened only under duress: first to prevent a middle-class tax hike, then to avoid a government shutdown.

The optimism Obama expressed about cooperation on the debt was hard to find even in the cases where both sides were cooperating.

Though the bipartisan debt negotiations, led by Vice President Joe Biden, are to begin on May 5, Republicans in the House and Senate are insisting they won't vote to raise the nation's fast-approaching borrowing limit unless Obama agrees to more spending cuts now.

Longer term, both Obama and the House Republicans have offered plans to trim trillions from yearly deficits over the next decade or so. Fueled in part by an angry populace, Obama and the GOP agree that cutting the nation's debt is essential for growth, stability and the well-being of the next generation. Said Obama on Tuesday: "If we keep on spending more than we take in, it's going to cause serious damage to our economy."

The annual government deficit is projected to be $1.6 trillion this year and only worsen as the baby boom generation retires and Medicare costs grow.

What's left is an enormous disagreement about how to deal with the imbalance. Obama is traveling across the country this week with his plan for reducing defense spending and health care costs, increasing taxes on the wealthy and protecting priorities he deems untouchable.

Crude settles higher

Oil rose above $108 per barrel Tuesday, as the dollar weakened against other major currencies.

Benchmark crude for May delivery gained $1.03 to settle at $108.15 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Tuesday is the last trading day for that contract. Oil for June delivery rose 59 cents to settle at $108.28 per barrel.

Oil moved higher in afternoon trading as the dollar declined. Crude, which is priced in dollars, tends to rise as the dollar falls and makes oil barrels cheaper for investors holding foreign currency.

Gas pump prices in the U.S. have increased for the past 28 days, adding an average of 29 cents per gallon since March 22, according to the Oil Price Information Service. That means Americans are now paying roughly $110 million more per day for the same amount of fuel.

The sharp rise could be pressuring Americans to drive less and buy less gas, though economists say it's too early to conclude that's happening. People usually curb their driving as a last resort, according to retail experts. So a drop in gasoline consumption is usually accompanied by a decline in other kinds of spending.

Gold reaches $1,500

Gold prices topped $1,500 an ounce Tuesday as investors looked for more stable assets because of worries about U.S. government debt, European financial problems and inflation.

Gold for June delivery settled at $1,495.10 an ounce Tuesday after hitting $1,500.50 an ounce earlier in the session.

The euro rebounded against the dollar Tuesday even as speculation persisted that Greece will need to restructure its debt.

The dollar was also lower against the British pound, Japanese yen and Canadian dollar. Tuesday's weakening of the dollar comes a day after Standard & Poor's Ratings Service downgraded its outlook on U.S. sovereign debt.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	5278784	4.83	+.11
BkofAm	1799458	12.34	-.08
S&P500ETF	1107875	131.31	+.75
GenElec	630792	20.27	+.29
SPDR Fncl	580012	15.97	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ECDang n	24.36	+3.42	+16.3
CaptlTr	3.73	+.48	+14.8
BarnesNob	9.96	+1.19	+13.6
CenPacF rt	6.85	+.66	+10.7
Jaguar g	5.46	+.48	+9.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CrudeCarr	12.05	-2.15	-15.1
CPI	18.40	-2.94	-13.8
Orbitz	2.81	-.43	-13.3
CSVS2xVxS	29.87	-3.27	-9.9
AVangrd	8.36	-.66	-7.3

DIARY

Advanced	2,019
Declined	1,007
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,131
New Highs	56
New Lows	25
Volume	3,899,251,992

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
KodiakO g	174266	6.96	+.58
ChinaShen	59419	4.60	-.29
RareEle g	52765	14.12	-1.16
AvalRare n	33318	8.79	-.31
VimetX	30009	24.73	+2.73

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Quepasa	6.24	+1.14	+22.4
ExtorreG g	9.05	+1.56	+20.8
Banro g	3.45	+.41	+13.5
VimetX	24.73	+2.73	+12.4
AmLorain	2.37	+.23	+10.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaShen	4.60	-1.29	-21.9
B&HO	3.25	-.70	-17.7
RareEle g	14.12	-1.16	-7.6
IncOpR	2.91	-.16	-5.2
SagaComm	36.89	-1.84	-4.8

DIARY

Advanced	271
Declined	198
Unchanged	45
Total issues	511
New Highs	15
New Lows	2
Volume	128,883,959

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	739174	16.61	-.12
Intel	648831	19.86	+.24
Microsoft	380225	25.15	+.07
PwShs QQQ	310019	56.80	+.35
SeagateT	306311	17.93	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SinoGlobal	2.87	+.94	+48.7
Bkboard	47.91	+10.75	+28.9
Oseeninno n	3.23	+.56	+21.0
KultMedia	5.67	+.94	+19.9
ChiCera un	6.25	+1.00	+19.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Radcom	6.70	-1.01	-13.1
Servidyne	2.38	-.35	-12.8
Identive	3.33	-.41	-11.0
HaupDig	2.15	-.22	-9.3
VtyNtBc wt	2.50	-.25	-9.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,309
Declined	1,274
Unchanged	138
Total issues	2,721
New Highs	66
New Lows	33
Volume	1,643,244,866

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $27.33 Up 0.96

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $92.17 Up 0.44

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.89 Up 1.58

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $39.68 Up 0.14

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $32.03 Up 0.26

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $12.05 Up 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.12 Up 0.02

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	30.81	...	+3.2
Abraxas	...	...	4.72	+.14	+3.3
AdamsEx	.51e	...	11.07	+.07	+3.1
AirLease n	...	...	27.95	...	...
AlcatelLuc	...	...	5.79	+.06	+94.6
Alcoa	.12	23	16.44	+.31	+6.8
AlonUSA	.16	...	14.05	+.11	+134.9
Altria	1.52	14	26.38	-.17	+7.1
Amarin	...	...	15.82	-1.28	+92.9
Amgen	...	11	56.18	-.04	+.5
Anadarko	.36	92	78.79	+1.40	+8.4
Apache	.60	14	121.89	+.96	+2.2
Apple Inc	...	19	337.86	+6.01	+4.7
ApldMatl	.32f	14	14.81	+.19	+4.0
ATMOS	1.36	17	33.97	+.02	+6.7
AutoDesk	1.44	22	51.87	+.15	+12.1
BP PLC	.42e	...	44.88	+.21	+1.2
BakrHu	.60	37	73.02	+2.31	+27.7
BlackAm	.04	22	12.34	-.08	-7.5
BNYYMel	.52f	14	28.35	-.05	-6.1
Ber rPrivs	...	...	26.77	-1.36	-26.8
BostonSc	...	...	27.33	+.06	+65.8
Bristols A	...	16	1150790	+234.00	+.5
BerryPet	.20	25	40.86	+.23	+13.4
BrkfldeCp	1.40f	19	32.84	+.06	+6.8
BostonSci	...	...	7.03	+.05	-7.1
Brklyfld	1.28	16	27.48	+.18	+6.7
BrownFA	1.28e	21	66.27	+.19	+1
BrownFB	1.28e	23	70.67	+.76	+1.4
CVS Caro	.50	14	35.80	+.23	+3.0
Cameron	...	23	54.02	+.91	+8.3
Caterpillar	1.76	28	108.10	+2.20	+12.3
Celestic g	...	19	10.80	+.25	+8.2
CntryLink	2.80	12	39.39	+.18	+4.6
ChesEng	.20	11	31.09	...	+23.4
Chevron	2.88	11	105.40	+.89	+15.5
Chicos	.20	23	14.92	+.22	+24.0
Cimarex	.40f	16	105.00	-.05	+16.6
Cisco	.24	13	16.61	-.12	+17.9
Citigrp	...	15	4.83	+.11	+4.2
Clayton	...	99	92.17	+.44	+6.8
CoastDis	1.20f	19	67.05	+.20	+6.8
CocaCol	2.12f	17	71.40	+.07	+1.0
CompPrdS	...	29	31.58	+1.11	+6.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.92	16	24.47	+.10	+8.4
ConchoRes	...	...	101.89	+1.58	+16.2
ConocoPhil	2.64f	12	76.18	+.84	+14.8
Crocker B	.56	13	50.54	+.63	-7.7
CrossTim	2.88e	16	44.71	-.12	+12.1
DCP Mid	2.47f	46	42.40	+.58	+13.4
DTE	2.24	19	48.70	-.10	+7.5
Dataram h	...	...	2.12	+.07	+36.0
Dawson	...	...	39.68	+.14	+84.4
Dell Inc	...	11	14.88	+.17	+9.8
DevonE	.68f	8	86.97	+.78	+10.8
DrxFBull s	...	...	28.34	+.21	+1.8
Disney	.40f	18	41.35	+.18	+10.2
DowChm	1.60f	21	37.70	+.86	+10.4
EMC Cp	...	30	26.72	+.17	+16.7
EOG Res	.64f	...	109.47	-.40	+19.8
EmpDist	1.28	19	21.46	-.07	-8.3
Energen	.54f	15	60.32	+.47	+25.0
EngyTsfr	3.58	44	52.92	+.38	+2.1
EnPro	...	19	36.28	+.10	-7.9
EntPrPt	2.39f	37	42.98	+.18	+3.3
EricsnTel	.35e	...	12.19	+.01	+8.7
ExternshH	...	...	22.49	+.16	-6.1
ExxonMbl	1.76	10	85.80	+.70	+14.6
FordM	...	7	14.66	+.04	-12.7
ForestOil	...	21	33.67	-.09	-10.8
FMCG s	1.00e	11	91.72	+1.11	-13.9
FrptMcM g	...	...	9.80	+.09	-19.3
GATX	1.16f	23	38.60	+.26	+10.3
GenMotors	.80	...	7.72	+.10	-8.9
GAInv	.56	20	27.62	+.14	+8.7
GenElec	.68	20	20.27	+.29	+10.8
GenMot n	...	10	29.66	+.39	-19.7
Gerdau	.35e	...	11.62	+.05	-15.5
Goldcrsh	...	...	4.75	+.10	+66.3
GoodrichCp	1.16	19	86.66	+1.73	-8.4
GtPlainEn	.60	12	19.70	+.60	+1.8
Halliburtn	.36	21	49.01	+1.67	+60.6
Helms	1.80	17	50.80	+.04	+1.8
Hewlett	...	...	27.20	+.85	-11.4
HumGen	.04	54	9.44	+.02	-8.3
IShJapn	.14e	...	10.03	+.03	-8.1
IShSilver	...	...	48.00	+.56	+62.5
IShEMkts	.84e	...	48.59	+.69	+2.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShR2K	.89e	...	82.15	+.02	+5.0
IntegrysE	2.72	22	49.68	-.35	+2.4
Intel	.72	10	19.86	+.24	-5.8
InterDig	.40	13	44.97	-.33	+8.0
IronMtn	.75	...	34.90	+1.00	+39.5
JPMorgCh	1.00f	10	44.85	+.69	+5.3
JohnJn	2.16	13	62.69	+2.23	+1.4
Keycorp	.04	11	8.39	.20	-5.2
KimbClk	2.80f	14	66.62	+.07	+4.4
KindME	4.52f	54	74.95	-.56	+6.7
KindMM	4.52f	79	66.13	-.29	-1.1
KodiakO g	...	...	6.96	+.58	+5.5
LVSands	...	90	45.20	-.55	-1.6
LegacyRes	2.10f	...	32.03	+.26	+11.5
Level3	...	...	1.62	-.01	+69.3
Lubys	...	...	5.90	-.10	-16.8
MGM Rsts	...	...	13.30	-.47	-10.4
MeesMCp s	1.68	...	16.38	+.02	+7.2
McDnlds	2.44	17	76.60	-.40	-.2
Merck	1.82	16	33.75	-.16	-8.4
MerrillMed	...	44	23.23	-.41	+40.4
MexcoEn	...	93	12.05	+.15	+57.5
MicronT	...	7	10.82	+.10	+31.2
Microsoft	.64	8	25.15	+.07	-9.9
Nabors	...	94	31.07	+.07	+32.4
NatGrid	7.04e	...	48.66	+.31	+8.4
NOilVarco	.44	20	77.51	+1.29	+15.3
NoblCp	.55e	...	8.32	-.06	-19.4
NvMAd	.90	...	15.96	-.02	-.9
NvPtR	.72	...	15.46	+.02	-8.9
NewPI	.82	...	13.47	+.09	-8.7
NSTPS	.64	...	15.17	+.05	+.8
NTXGI	.80	...	15.11	+.09	+1.8
Nvidia	...	...	18.02	-.07	+17.0
OcciPet	1.64f	16	98.71	+1.66	+.6
Oracle	.24f	22	33.67	+.04	+7.6
ParTech	...	21	6.65	-.01	-16.9
ParkDrl	...	...	7.19	+.19	+67.2
PattUTI	.20	40	36.16	+.66	+60.0
PeopUtd	.60	...	16.50	+.22	-1.6
Pmrlen	1.39e	16	21.83	+.35	-3.7
Pfizer	.80f	25	20.83	+.19	+17.2
PoshLnf	.28	17	69.86	+.32	+14.4
PrimeAg	1.68f	27	61.04	+.09	-6.1
PrdDs DOG	.28e	...	59.60	+.35	+3.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	2.00f	27	106.84	+2.84	+10.9
PrmEgy	...	97	27.84	+.24	+42.4
PrUShS&P	...	...	21.31	-.23	-10.3
ProctGam	2.10f	17	63.86	-.14	-.7
RAM Engy	...	...	1.85	...	+.5
RangeRs	.16	...	52.57	...	+16.9
RegionsFn	.04	...	7.17	+.19	+2.4
RschMotn	...	8	53.22	-1.61	-8.4
Rowan	...	17	41.21	+1.28	+18.0
RoyDShlA	3.36	22	71.59	+.37	+7.2
SpdrOJIA	3.00e	...	122.39	+.65	+5.8
S&P500ETF	2.34e	...	131.31	+.75	+4.4
SabnR	3.75e	18	57.60	+1.61	+13.5
SandRFn	.60f	7	45.09	-.13	+15.2
SandRidge	...	19	12.11	+.49	+66.4
Saipem	...	39	12.66	-.18	-.8
Schlmbrg	1.00f	25	86.13	+1.36	+3.1
SeagateT	.72	8	17.93	+.09	+19.3
SigmaAld	.72f	21	66.27	+.84	-1.8
Sina	...	...	142.40	+7.27	+108.9
SiriusXM	...	...	1.83	+.03	+12.2
Smucker	1.76f	17	73.25	+.45	+11.6
SprintNex	...	...	4.74	+.04	+12.1
SP Matls	1.23e	...	39.50	+.59	+2.8
SP Engy	1.06e	...	76.81	+.77	+12.8
SPDR Fncl	.16e	...	15.97	+.05	+.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SP Inds	.64e	...	36.92	+.32	+5.9
SunocoLg	4.72f	9	85.86	...	+2.7
Synovus	.04	...	2.61	-.07	-1.1
TaiwSemi	.47e	...	11.96	+.01	-4.6
TelefBsp s	1.79e	...	28.15	+.09	+10.3
Tenethlth	...	3	6.64	+.15	-.7
Tesoro	...	13	27.15	+1.07	+46.4
Texinst	.52	13	34.54	-.25	+6.3
3M Co	2.20f	16	91.86	+.41	+6.4
Thatwork	.64	11	66.66	+.46	+6.9
TriCentl	.28e	...	14.82	+.07	+5.5
TylerTech	...	30	25.29	+.16	+12.2
UBWV	1.20	16	25.06	-.46	-14.2
US Bancrp	.50f	15	25.25	-.31	-6.4
Vale SA	.90e	...	32.64	+.59	-5.6
ValeroE	.20	49	27.74	+.86	+20.0
Vulcanhl	1.00	...	42.32	-.23	-4.6
Walgrn	.70	18	42.37	+.72	+8.8
WellsFargo	.20a	14	30.07	+.55	-3.0
WstnRefin	...	...	18.11	+.84	+71.2
WhitingPt s	...	31	69.89	+.16	+19.3
WmsCos	.50	23	30.55	+.27	+23.6
XcelEngy	1.01	15	23.66	-.11	+1.5
Xerox	.17	25	10.66	-.12	-6.4
Yahoo	...	18	16.12	-.23	-3.1

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12,460.93	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,266.75	+65.16	+.53	+5.05	+10.84
5,404.33	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,258.75	+29.84	+.57	+2.59	+12.51
422.40	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	412.49	+.02	...	+1.85	+7.34
8,545.79	6,955.83	NYSE Composite	8,332.03	+54.02	+.65	+4.62	+8.64
2,469.89	1,899.19	Amex Index	2,403.71	+29.65	+1.21	+6.84	+22.39
2,940.51	2,091.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,744.97	+9.56	+.35	+4.47	+8.79
1,344.07	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,312.62	+7.40	+.57	+4.97	+8.74
14,276.84	10,630	Wilshire 5000	13,332.09	+89.65	+.68	+5.39	+9.88
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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly sunny high 92 low 62	Partly cloudy high 94 low 63	Sunny high 96 low 60

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 92 and east winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 62 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

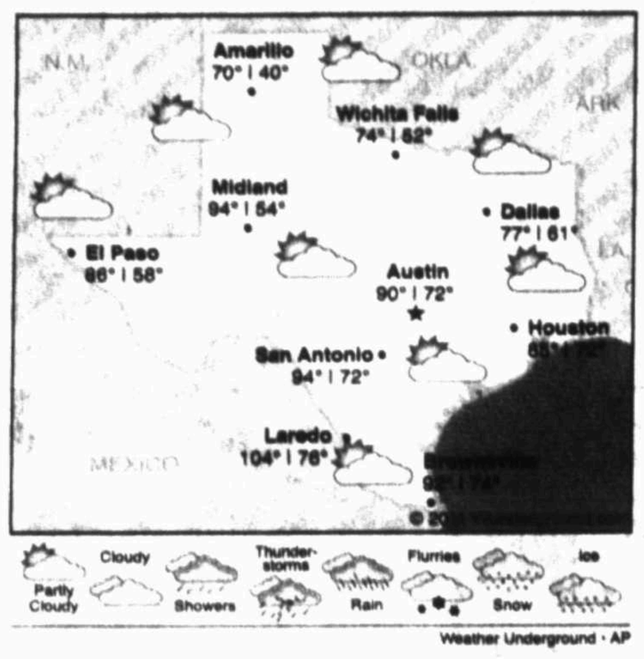
Thursday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 94, a low around 63 and south winds around between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 96 and a low around 60.

The high on Tuesday reached 93 while the low dropped to 64. The record high for April 19 is 94 set in 2000. The record low is 37 set in 1953.

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Mid-Atlantic thunderstorms could contain some damaging wind gusts and hail. The heaviest rains could top 1 inch in upstate New York. Clusters of thunderstorms will extend from the central parts of Oklahoma and Texas eastward into the Southeast. A few of these storms could turn severe with damaging wind gusts and hail and possibly an isolated tornado. Snow rapidly tapers off across the Upper Midwest and northern Great Lakes. Rain and mountain snow will extend from southern and eastern Oregon plus northern California to parts of Wyoming and Colorado.



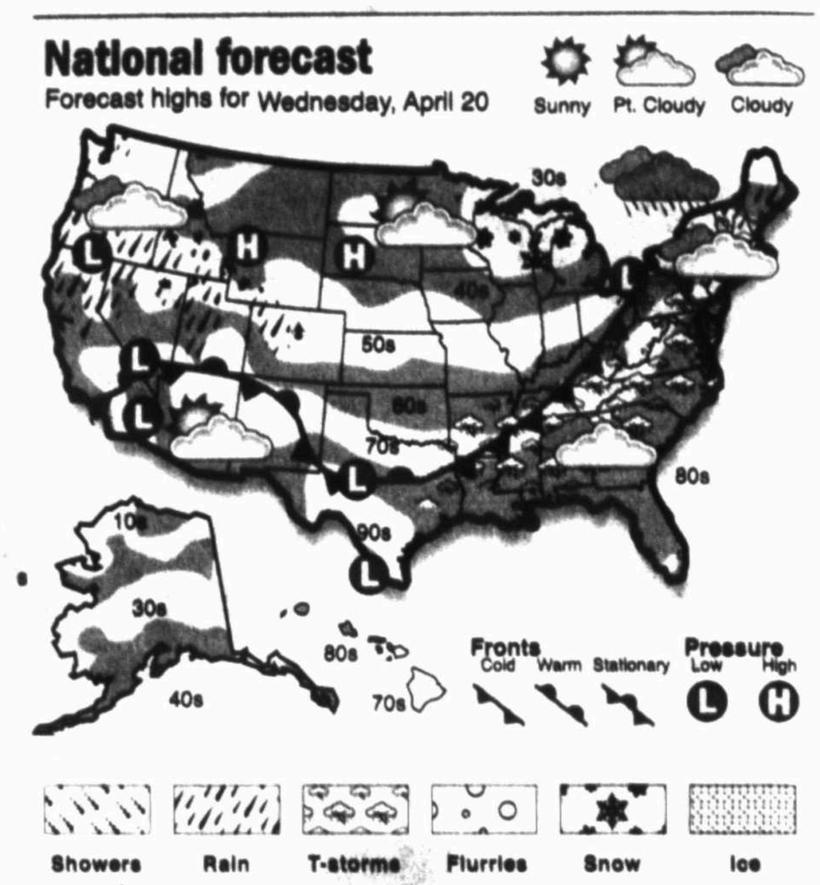
Precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.88 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	93
Low	64
Normal high	80
Normal low	49

Sunrise ... 7:15 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:21 p.m.



Wife should answer busy husband's phone calls

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: When my husband, "Mac," calls me on the phone, he expects me to look at the caller ID and immediately interrupt whatever conversation I'm having to take his call.

Unless I expect an important call (from a doctor or my children's school), I do not look at the caller ID. I give my full attention to the person I'm speaking to. If I hear someone "beep," I'll attempt to quickly bring the conversation to a polite and natural end before calling back the person who tried to reach me.

Mac believes anyone I'm talking to should understand that he takes priority. Today, he called seven times in two minutes to then berate me for not instantly taking his call about an unimportant matter.

Abby, in Mac's defense, he's a high-level executive with limited free time during the day. He is not otherwise demanding and usually calls me only once a day. I make every effort to quickly wrap up my phone calls and return his within minutes. Who is right? — ON A SHORT PHONE LEASH

DEAR ON A SHORT PHONE LEASH: As your husband is a high-level executive, his time may be tightly scheduled. Because he calls you only once a day, it's not too much to ask that you take the call. I can understand that he finds it frustrating that you refuse. If I were you, I'd start taking these calls — unless you would prefer getting your messages from your husband via his personal assistant.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Thelma," came to live with us two years ago because at 82, she was no longer financially able to support herself. Because she likes to cook, she has done most of the meal preparation. It has been a big help since my husband and I work full time.

Over the last year, Thelma's judgment has deteriorated and so have her cooking skills. She'll often prepare meals by 2 p.m. that won't be served until 6 or 7 p.m. The food sits on the stove or kitchen counter for hours. She also overcooks to the point of burning and meats are tough and difficult to eat. If she doesn't have something on hand that goes into a recipe — or she can't remember — she'll "substitute." Her choices generally do not work. Everything has become increasingly less appetizing, to put it mildly.

My mother-in-law is so kind, I don't want to offend her. My husband refuses to discuss it with her because he doesn't want to upset her. Please help. I'm worried about the length of time the food sits out after being prepared. Plus, I'd really like to have a good meal! — HUNGRY IN MISSOURI

DEAR HUNGRY: Food is the least of your problems. Your mother-in-law is showing signs of dementia. Does her doctor know about this change in her? If not, that should be the first thing on your agenda. If so, then you and your husband need to understand what's happening may be progressive. A point may come when, if a fire should start while she's cooking, she no longer would remember what to do.

You and your husband should consult his mother's physician and a geriatric specialist. You also should contact the Alzheimer's Association. And at the end of the day, you should "all" prepare your evening meals together.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Test Your Play

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 3
♡ K Q 7 2
♢ A Q 5 2
♣ K 6

WEST
♠ Q J 10 6 5 4
♡ 10 3
♢ 9 7
♣ 10 8 4

EAST
♠ Void
♡ J 9 8 6
♢ J 10 8 3
♣ J 9 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 2
♡ A 5 4
♢ K 6 4
♣ A Q 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

How skilled is your declarer play? You reach six no-trump after you open with two no-trump, showing a balanced 20-22 points and, after checking for a spade fit, North bounces into the small slam. All that remains is to bring home 12 tricks after West starts matters off with the queen of spades.

If you played low from dummy, it is already too late. East discards a club and you have to look for a 12th trick. You cash nine tricks in the other three suits, but nothing good happens. You exit with a low spade, West wins and is forced to return a spade away from his remaining honor. But you have either to win the trick in dummy and then surrender a red-suit trick to East, or else overtake the spade and give up a spade for the setting trick.

It does not require any spectacular coup to land your slam. All you have to do is spend a high spade from the board on the first trick. Now cash your side-suit winners and lead a low spade and jettison the remaining high spade under West's honor. West must lead away from his remaining honor and his tenace, so three spade tricks with your other winners brings your total to 12.

There are some hopes for a squeeze. However, the defense against a squeeze is to hold on to the same length in the suit(s) known to be to your right, so no competent defender should go wrong on what to let go on the spades.

Today's Crossword Puzzle brought to you by Quiroz Custom Home Builders.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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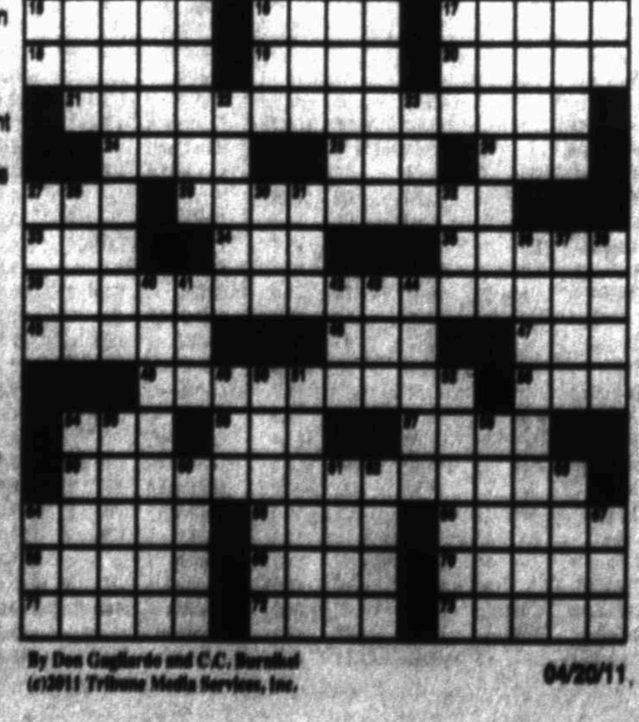
ACROSS
1 Berlin Olympics star
6 Test sites
10 Unexpected result
15 "The King's Speech" Oscar winner Firth
16 Touched down
17 Pheasant ragout
18 Far from fresh
19 Snack in a shell
20 Garden figure
21 *Ages
24 Spelling on screen
25 Old Olds creation
26 Minnesota twins?
27 Buff
29 *Surgery prep area
33 Glob suffix
34 Mack Sennett lawman
35 Hard-twisted cotton thread
39 "*Aha!"
45 *Really __...": "Tears of a Clown" lyric
46 __ tai
47 Form 1040 calc.
48 *Bout with very big contestants
53 Droid
54 Go on and on
56 Prefix with moron
57 He succeeded Boutros
59 Groundbreaking sitcom, and a hint to four different three-letter words concealed by starred answers
64 Arab big shot
65 Sleek, in car talk
66 Live
68 Like the Vikings
69 Fairway club
70 Religious __ practices
71 Led Zeppelin's "Whole __ Love"
72 At sea
73 Poem opener

DOWN
1 Fall mo.
2 Klingon officer in the "Star Trek" franchise
3 "The Untouchables" co-author, 1957
4 Powerful liquid, for short
5 Derisive looks
6 Incurring a fine, maybe
7 Banned apple spray
8 Antacid choice, briefly
9 He who is without sin?
10 Links gp.
11 Prevalent all over
12 Memorial __ Kettering: NYC hospital
13 Tube awards
14 Draw
22 VapoRub maker
23 Durante's "Inka Dinka __"
27 Japan's highest mountain
28 Grad
30 Reine's spouse
31 FedEx rival
32 Bullring shout
36 Balance
37 Kids' block
38 Do some cutting
40 It usually includes crossed-off items
41 Soccer star Freddy
42 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
43 Used a stool
44 "__ card, any card"
49 Many a Fed. holiday
50 Beefy stew ingredient
51 "You saved me!"
52 Big hits
54 Shout of delight
55 All ears
58 Handy "Mr."
60 Swedish furniture chain
61 Mythical archer
62 Type type
63 River of Flanders
64 NBC hit since '75
67 Chicken general?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	H	A	Q		S	O	D	O		S	T	E	R	N
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K	O	A	R	S		C	U	S	P		N	I	L	E
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 20, 2011:

This year, you have the ability to incorporate and understand much more. You can detach and not trigger yet still remain empathetic and walk in another person's shoes. You develop a very direct way of communicating but can be very sensitive about comments referring to you. If you are single, you flourish in a one-on-one relationship. The depth between you and someone you meet this year could be quite intoxicating. If you are attached, the two of you crave time away together. For the sake of the relationship, give in to this craving. SAGITTARIUS understands you well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Concerns shift radically in the next few days. Many of you decide to better represent your interests by taking a workshop. Certainly, more knowledge wouldn't hurt. Tonight: Follow the music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Help another person open up to new ideas through a quiet discussion. Sometimes you might want to hammer in your ideas. Right now, much is to be gained through an easy approach. Tonight: Go as a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Others keep coming forward with quite an assortment of ideas and requests. On some level you could be amused, but it is important to listen and decide which ones you want to be involved with. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Flow through a problem with the knowledge that there is an answer. Tap into your imagination. Find other sources. In the next few weeks, aim for more of what you want. You might feel as if you can make a difference. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You have a very flirtatious, childlike side. Choose the appropriate place to filter this energy. Someone at a distance could surprise you with plans, a visit or an offer. Stop hesitating. Take the risk. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You have been direct and forthright in your decisions. How you handle a domestic and/or personal matter soars as a higher priority. You know what is workable, but convincing someone could take your fair share of talent. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You can be extraordinarily convincing, if you want to be. Don't waver, and stay on point. You have universal appeal. Someone might jolt you with his or her reaction, so much so that you might need to go back to the drawing board. Tonight: Visit over munchies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be sensitive not only to your finances but also to others'. You might not always have the right answer or the correct path. Consider the options presented; there could be an unusual solution. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others often admire you for qualities that are important to them. You are so versatile that you often wonder if the compliments are authentic. Forget worry. Toss yourself into the moment. Tonight: Belle or beau of the ball.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Your knee-jerk reaction could be quite off at the moment. Whether you are tired or take someone too seriously, a comment cuts to the quick. There also might be some reality to the statement. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your sense of direction and inner knowledge help keep a project on course. You also understand those around you enough to help them understand the basis of their perspective. A meeting could evolve into a new friendship. Tonight: Where people are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Take your place in the limelight. You could be surprised and delighted by events that occur presently. If you feel lucky, stop and buy a lottery ticket. There is no telling what could happen next! Tonight: As late as need be.

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Andrea Hernandez, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Shirley Jean Vest, Deceased
Cause No. P16584 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith, C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 804W. It is located 1998' FSL & 660' FEL, Blk 44, Section 19, which is approximately 4 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith and is in the Goldsmith (Clear Fork) Field in Ector County, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969 to 7867 feet.

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Sharon Lee Floyd, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Jay E. Floyd, Deceased
Cause No. P16585 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GORDON LEE DAMAN, SR., DECEASED

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Glenda Smith Daman, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Gordon Lee Daman, Sr., Deceased
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- Have verifiable experience in performing Community MHMR Center audits within the past 3 years.
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- Be eligible to do business in the State of Texas.

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Passenger Cars

CADILLAC 1992 Sedan Deville. Only 111K miles. $1,500. 432-664-4690

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432 527 5900

2010 GMC YUKON DENALI
Diamond Wht/Blk. Nav. Heated Seats. Rear Entertainment. 5K miles

2008 BMW
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Assorted colors, all leather seats, all nicely equipped
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Passenger Cars

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FORD 1930 Model A 2door sedan, drive train, chrome, front axle, etc. Lots of extras. Nice driver. $12,500. 432-294-0922

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CHEVROLET 2001 Silverado 1500 Extended Cab LS, black, 99K mi. $7100. 288-2122

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CHEVROLET 2006 Avalanche LT, fully loaded, leather, Bose sound system, 6 Disc changer, DVD player, sunroof, heated seats. Very clean truck. $16,500. 638-0824

CHEVROLET 2006 Silverado 1500 crew cab, 107K miles, white, great condition. $10,750 obo. 557-0897

CHEVROLET 2009 Silverado pickup, LTZ package, white, diamond edition, all leather, loaded, 47k miles. $27,000. 686-1994

CHEVY 2001 Silverado Z71, 153,000 miles. $8,000. Contact Chris 432-557-1827.

CHEVY 2006 Z 71 1500, extended cab, cloth bucket seats, Bose, high miles. $9,000. 432-685-3520 ext. 200 or ext. 205. Text 432-557-3223 or 432-634-5414

DODGE 1997 5.9/359 diesel 2500, 5 speed, extended cab, high miles. $3,500. 432-685-3520 ext. 200 or ext. 205. Text 432-557-3223 / 432-634-5414

FORD 1996 Ranger, less than 85K miles, 5speed, cold air, bedliner, new black wheels & tires, new flat black paint. Great little truck. Asking $4500. 967-3383

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FORD 2005 F150, single cab, long bed, 58K miles, $9,000 obo. 432-212-2510

FORD 2008 F250 SD Lariat, 6.0 Turbo Diesel, 80K mi, 22" wheels, brand new tires less 2K mi, 4WD with 9" lift. $23,000. 432-517-2108.

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Bookkeeper
Bynum School PT
Part time bookkeeper for local non profit. Must be proficient in Quickbooks. Email resume to molly@bynumschool.org

Executive Assistant
Confidential PT
All around Executive Assistant needed for moderately paced office. Hours are M-F from 8-5. Position requires extensive experience in accounts payable /receivable and invoicing. Experience in payroll and peachtree software helpful but not required. Individual must be self-motivated, personable, reliable, and dedicated with a willingness to learn. Only serious candidates with required experience need apply. Salary & benefits discussed upon interview. Please send resume with employment references to: HR Manager - 804 East CR 140, Midland, TX 79706.

AUTOMOTIVE

Rig Mechanic
Smith Pipe of Abilene FT
RIG MECHANIC needed. Pay DOE. Apply in person at Smith Pipe of Abilene. 7435 Hwy 277 South, Abilene, Texas, call 325-691-1085 , or submit an application to P. O. Box 6291, Abilene, TX 79608 EOE

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Bobby Cox Companies, Inc. has an immediate opening for a full-time restaurant support staff member at the Midland terminal office. Job responsibilities will include multiple phone lines, heavy correspondence, uniform inventory, filling job orders with some lifting, and computer skills necessary including Power Point, Excel and Word. Excellent benefits including health, dental and life insurance, 401K, paid vacation, credit union and employee discounts. Send resume to:

Karen Hopkins, Bobby Cox Companies, Inc.
P.O. Box 60423 • Midland , Texas 76711
Fax 432/563-8094

BOBBY COX Companies, Inc.

Drug Screening Required EOE

MIDLAND CHS IS CURRENTLY HIRING:
• **CLINICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** - Performs a variety of administrative and staff support duties for MCHS Compliance Department which require a range of skills and knowledge of organizational policies and procedures, performance measures and clinical database management. Assists the Compliance Officer as well as management and clinical staff with data gathering and input and reporting; composes, edits, and proofreads correspondence, reports, and policies and procedures as well as prepares a range of administrative documents. Proficiency in Microsoft Office is REQUIRED and will be evaluated.
• **BILINGUAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT** - Assists Nurses, Physicians, and Mental Health Counselor with communicating with Spanish speaking patients , while delivering patient care.
Interested applicants can print an application at www.midlandchs.org and fax it to **432-699-3815**, or mail application to **600 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 1090, Midland, TX 79701**.

Office, Secretarial
Confidential FT
Seeking friendly, organized dependable & self motivated RECEPTIONIST needed to run office. Computer skills are required. Must answer phones, give customer estimates & schedule appointments. Please send resume to: M- 59 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Operations Clerk
Duncan Disposal FT
Duncan Disposal a company of Republic Services is hiring for an Operations Clerk which assists the Operations department by providing clerical and administrative support. Republic Service promotes a drug-free and alcohol-free workplace and conducts pre-employment drug testing. EOE M/F/D/V

Telephone Operator
Outpost Communications FT
Hiring for 3pm-11pm shift, weekends and holidays are required. Serious inquires only. Call 432-563-6826

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Representatives
Confidential
Customer Service Representatives needed. High school diploma or GED required. Must pass 7 year background check. Bilingual a plus. 11am-8pm. No weekends. $12 an hour. Interviewing this week! Call now! 432-520-1571

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Teachers
Responsive Education Solutions FT
Vista Academy of Midland is seeking highly qualified Teachers for kindergarten thru 5th grade for the 2011-2012 school year. complete an application on our website at www.responsiveed.com

EMA Electro Mechanics
16 Industrial Drive Sweetwater, TX 79556

EMA, one of the most important manufacturers of electrical equipments in Latin America, who sells products to more that 20 countries, is looking for experienced personnel with excellent skills and ambitions to grow and join our team

Opening Position:

Electrical or Electromechanical Engineer with experience in Medium Voltage Equipments, able to interpret and generate drawings, identify materials and perform electrical calculations. Autocad or similar experience desired.
Knowledge on ISO 9000 / ANSI / IEC.
Able to travel to train customers and troubleshoot equipments in the US territory and Canada.
Work with customers for product support and maintenance, and compose reports detailing work after visiting client's facility.

Send resumes to the attention of EMA Electromechanics - Human Resources to info@emaelectromechanics.com

Production Engineering Tech
Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation, has an immediate opening for a Production Engineering Tech in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Maintain Engineering software and databases
- Support the Engineering group
- Support the capital budget preparation
- Support the management of the production budget

The qualified applicant will have 1 – 3 years of experience, preferably in the oil and gas industry. Must be proficient in the use of Excel and will have a working knowledge of other database applications such as Access. Familiarity with ARIES, Production Access or OFM a plus. Strong written and verbal communication skills a must.

Energen offers a highly competitive salary, which includes a bonus plan and complete benefits package.

For immediate consideration, please go to: www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under employment to complete an online application.

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HEALTHCARE

Dental Assistant
Full time Dental Assistant needed. RDA II plus. Please send resume to: P-139 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare Position
Parks Methodist Retirement V FT
Currently accepting applications for the following positions:
MDS Coordinator – RN or LVN; MDS 3.0 experience preferred
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Background check and drug testing will be administered to all qualified applicants.
Apply at: 111 Parks Village Dr (at Faudree Rd)
Building 301, Odessa, TX 79765.
Or send resume:
Fax: (432) 563-0430
E-mail: sjunderwood@seare-methodist.com. EOE

Human Resource
HomeCare Plus
Homecare Plus is seeking a full time experienced Human Resource person. Fax resume 432-620-6675 attn: Jennifer or come by 501 Andrews Hwy.

Rehab Tech
Select Rehab PT
Rehab Tech
Select Rehab is seeking a F/T Rehab Dept. tech to assist our therapists in West, TX. Candidate MUST have prior exp. w/patient care in a nursing home or hospital. Comp. salary & bnfts pkg. Fax resumes (847) 441-4130, e-mail resumes@selectrehab.com

RN
MARC, Inc. FT/PT
MARC, Inc., a non-profit serving people with disabilities, is now accepting applications for a Registered Nurse. Applicant must be interested in supporting the needs of people with various disabilities, have graduated from an accredited school of nursing, and must be licensed to practice as an RN in the State of Texas. Knowledge of state medical regulations and procedures a must; experience preferred. If interested please apply @ 2701 N "A" St. Midland, TX 79705, or email Katie Maxwell at: kmaxwell@marcinc-tx.org

RN
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT
NURSES UNLIMITED, INC. IS SEEKING ENTHUSIASTIC, OUTGOING RN FOR OUR PRIVATE DUTY DIVISION. DUTIES WOULD INCLUDE CLIENT VISITS, NURSING ASSESSMENTS, ON CALL, TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT .42 CENT A MILE FOR MIDLAND, ODESSA AND SURROUNDINGS AREAS. 401K, PAID VACATION DAYS, HEALTH INS. OFFICE HRS: M-TH 7-5, 7:30-5:30, 8-6 FRI 8-12 E.O.E. CALL WENDIE @ 522-5080.

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Sitters/CNA's
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT
Nurses Unlimited, Inc seeking Experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. All shifts available. Call 522-5080 (Office Hours: M-Th. 8-5pm, Fri. 8-12). E.O.E.

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Part Time Sales & Part Time Engineer
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Experience PT sale and engineer needed. Apply in person at: 4706 N Garfield Midland, TX 79705

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Manager
Oreck Vacuums 10AM-4PM Weekdays
4706 Midkiff Send resume to:
Midland, TX 79706 neal10@clearwire.net
Looking for up-beat, energetic self-motivated individual to manage and operate successful retail operation in Midland, TX. Will train. Excellent pay + bonuses + paid vacation. Sales, Quickbooks, Excel, Mechanical, experience helpful. Apply in person or send resume to address above.

OTHER JOBS

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Alternate Foster Parent (direct care staff) Full & Part Time Employment for direct care staff working in two different foster homes. Work schedule would include rotating days off and being on duty for several consecutive days and nights. Caretaker would be responsible for the care of 5 to 6 children. Must be 25 years of age and have good driving record to be eligible for company's vehicle insurance coverage. Must have clear criminal history, high school diploma, drug screen is required. Applications available at HighSky.org For more information email SarahR@HighSky.org (No phone calls)

Assistant HVAC/ Make Ready
The Clusters Apartments PT Position/
4415 Northcrest Dr. With Benefits
Midland, TX 79707 Apply In Person

CARETAKER
Full time position for small assisted living facility. Care for elderly ladies. Please Call 432-687-2503.

Child Care Worker
Mrs. Irene's Child Care PT
Midland, TX 79703
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Schedule consists of both day and night shifts.
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C & W Transports PT
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Midland, TX Salary DOE
Experienced Diesel Mechanic needed must have own tools. Also need Shop Hand. Must be able to pass drug screen. 432-570-1911

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Flowerama PT
Flowerama seeking experienced Floral Designers. Apply in person at 907 Andrews Hwy, Midland.

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Se solicita persona que sepa hacer gabinetes para trabajar en taller (No aprendices). Sueldo empieza a $20.00 dolares la hora, o segun aptitudes. 432-556-7074.

Librarian for Exploration Department
Logging and cataloging of new library data. Requirements: experience with oil and gas industry, computer literacy with Microsoft Office background, good communication skills, ability to work on initiative and with a team, must be able to work on your feet and lift large items. Salary and benefits DOE. Email resume to: operations@blueridgeresources.com or fax: 432-685-8006.

OTHER JOBS

Maintenance Assistant/Make Ready
BH Management is now hiring a Full time Maintenance Assistant for The Dakota and a Make Ready for Brady Station. Apply online at www.bhmanagement.com or in person at 8101 North "A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705 EOE

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KPEJ-TV Fox 24 PT
KPEJ-TV Fox 24 has an opportunity for you to join the best master control team in the Permian Basin! Duties include: switching commercials for programming, catching programs for air at later date, checking programs for quality control. You need to be friendly, outgoing and experience a plus but not required. Overnight or morning hours only. Come by and fill out an application at KPEJ-TV, 1550 I-20 West, in Odessa. E.O.E

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Molly Maid PT
3404 W. Illinois, St. 6202 $8- $14 per hour
Need hard working team members who know customer service.

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$14 base per appt. Flex sched, cond apply, sales/service, no exp nec. All ages 17+ CALL ASAP 432-620-0294

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Santa Fe Apartments PT
Experienced on-site Property Manager & Maintenance needed. Apply at Santa Fe Apartments: 5010 West Loop 250 North, Midland, TX 79707. Call 432-520-3751

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Midland, TX 79705
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Midland, TX Apply In Person
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SALES & MARKETING

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McCOY'S BUILDING SUPPLY

WANTED: HIGH-PERFORMING EMPLOYEES

McCoy's Building Supply, a successful family-owned lumber and building supply retail chain with 83 retail stores located throughout Texas, Oklahoma New Mexico, Mississippi and Arkansas, is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions at our **Midland and Odessa** retail locations.

MIDLAND:

Class A CDL Delivery Driver (1 FULL-TIME & 1 Part-Time position)
Retail Cashier (1 Part-Time position available)
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ODESSA:

Retail Inside Sales (2 FULL-TIME positions available)
Retail Yard Crewmember (2 FULL-TIME positions available)

Qualified candidates should be able to work effectively with people and have prior retail work experience. Candidates for the cashier position at Midland should have prior experience operating a cash register. Candidates for the Inside Sales positions at Odessa should have prior lumber and/or building supply experience. **Please see** all of the respective job postings for more information on each position.

If you are interested in pursuing an opportunity in this fast-paced, hard-working, retail building supply environment, please apply online at:

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at your local McCoy's application kiosk

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SALES JOBS

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Seeking full-time person to oversee & manage residential construction.

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Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

Brandi Price, Advertising Director
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 2011 Bomar Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to bprice@mywesttexas.com

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Sales
Business Hygiene FT
Midland, TX 79701
Manager Trainee for Midland and surrounding area. Outside Sales. Salary plus commission and company vehicle after training. Call 432-684-8782 or fax 432-684-8791

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Sales Professional
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The Nation's #1 Home improvement company in need of a Sales Professional! Do you have what it takes to be a part or our team? We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated & energetic sales representative. Proven success in the Sales Field is a must. Generous commission & excellent earning potential. Must provide own transportation. M- 59 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

SKILLED LABOR

Assistant Valve Technician
Universal Valve FT
Duties include service & repair of pressure relief valves, thief hatches, vent valves, actuator and various other field vessels. Customer contact and service. Previous experience preferred, must have current drivers license, drug test mandatory. Company benefits include health/dental, paid holidays, vacation, salary DOE. Please fill out application at 3501 W Industrial Ave. No phone calls please.

Consultants Wanted
Midland based petroleum engineering firm seeks consultant for well site supervision, drilling, completion and work over operations. Retired personnel welcome. Send resume to: M- 52 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Field Service Representative
Quality conscious individual to supervise installation of specialty tubular product, communicate service issues to customer on location, reports to Field Service Coordinator, requires downhole tool or completion experience, and good driving record. Hourly plus bonus, full benefits. Please send resumes to: P-138, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or email resume to: humanresources@glassbore.com.

Fleet Mechanic !
Universal Valve FT
Fleet Mechanic. Minimum Ten years prior experience required. Must have the ability to accomplish and complete all basic repairs for a fleet of (20) plus vehicles. Salary DOE, benefits include: Health/Dental Insurance, Paid Holidays, Vacation and Sick leave. Drug test required. Please submit resume by fax (432) 689-6346, or apply in person @ 3501 W. Industrial Ave., no phone calls please.

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Experienced Heavy Equipment Technician. Must furnish own tools. Vacation, Insurance, 401K, Uniforms. Competitive pay. Apply in person. 432.367.8628.

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Installers/Fabricators
Accent Granite & Marble
Tile/Carpentry experience a plus. Apply within: 4309 SCR 1290, (Coors Rd.) Odessa, TX 79765. 432-563-8004

Journeyman, Apprentice & Electricians
Trace Management FT
Needed for commercial work. Please call 817-684-8022

Make Ready/Maintenance
Summerhill Apartments FT
Summerhill Apartments now hiring Make Ready/Maintenance. Apply at: 3001 North Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707 or call 432-697-8039.

Mechanic
Danny's Automotive FT
Must have experience and own tools. Paid vacation, retirement plan and insurance. Starting pay $32.50/hour. M-F, 7:30am - 5:30pm. Apply at: 1904 West Front, Midland, TX 79701.

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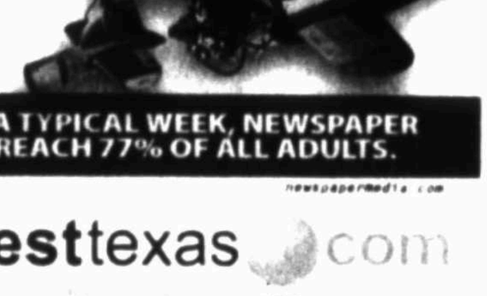
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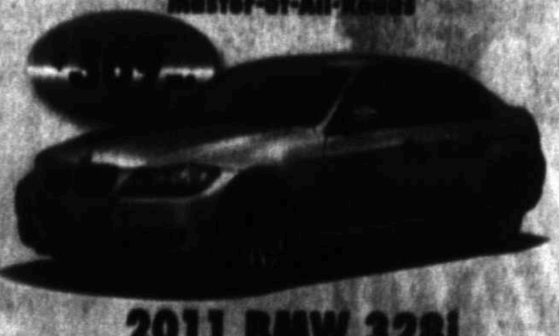
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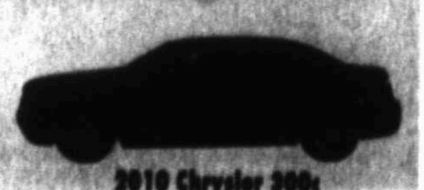

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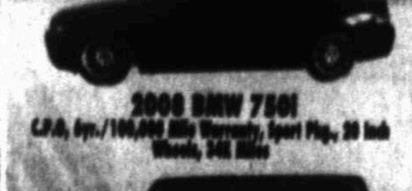

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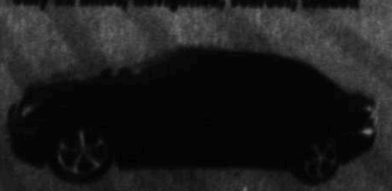

2010 Chrysler 300i
9k Miles, HEMI, Navigation


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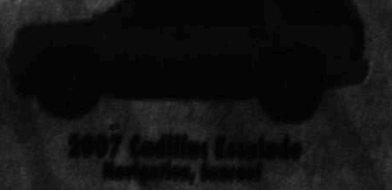

2004 Acura TSX
Leather, Sunroof, 57k Miles


2007 Hummer H3
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Sport Package, Navigation, Heated Seats


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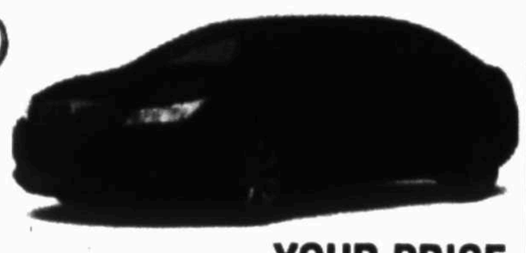
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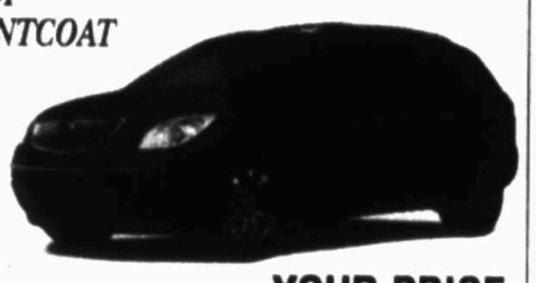
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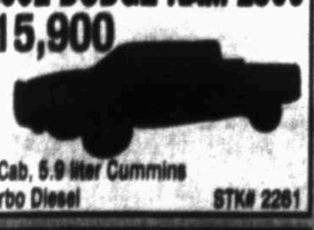
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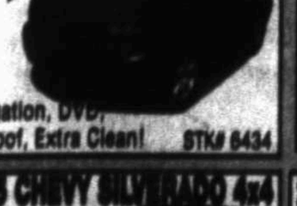
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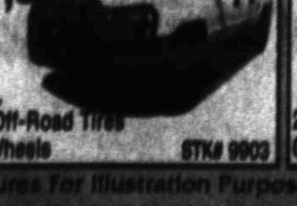
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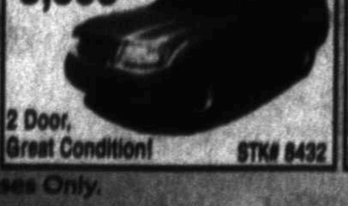
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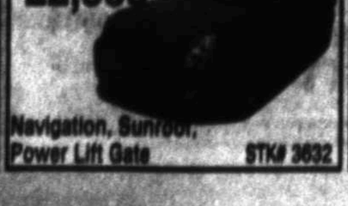
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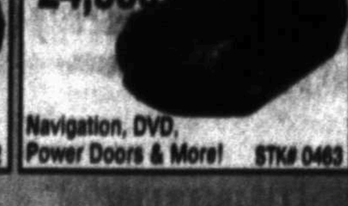
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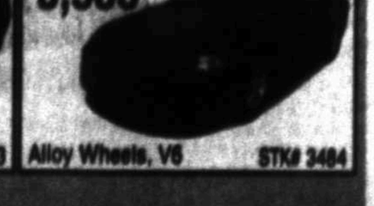
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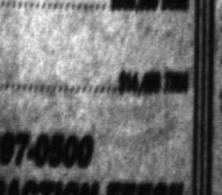
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HOW TO DELEGATE

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As soon as employees reach a position that allows them to delegate, they usually are urged to do so. Delegating ensures workers won't get overwhelmed and benefits the organization when managers aren't doing work that belongs in a lower pay grade. It takes practice to delegate well, however. When it's done badly, everyone suffers.

Understanding when and how to delegate is key, says Richard Weinberg, a partner with the Jerusalem-based virtual assistant services firm GlobeTask.

Ask three questions before delegating: who is available and able, what is the task and what steps must be taken to prepare and equip the person to perform the work. When all three blanks can be filled in, it's safe for a supervisor to delegate, Weinberg says.

Obviously, the person assigned to do a task needs to have the skills and abilities to do the job. The work should also befit the person's pay grade and job description.

The supervisor should evaluate the person's current workload and determine whether and how the new assignment fits in.

"The temptation is to overload good employees with more than their fair share of assignments while skipping over poor performers," says Rick Tate, senior managing partner of the Redmond, Wash.-based leadership development firm Impact Achievement Group. "That's not effective talent management."

A worker's level of competence and engagement helps determine how the supervisor should approach him or her. Workers with a lower degree of competency or commitment may need to be told in a "highly directive" manner to do the work, while highly competent employees would prefer to be sold on the assignment, says Karen Hayward, chief marketing officer of the San Jose, Calif.-based IT services provider CenterBeam.

The supervisor should be able to define the parameters of the task and its importance to the [illegible]. "Discuss why it's important, but not how," Tate says.

Whenever possible, the supervisor should refrain from telling the assignee how to go about completing the job, because that excludes innovation. The supervisor should check in periodically, though, to make sure the project stays on track.

When possible, the assignee should be provided with an entire project, not just pieces of it, so that the person develops a greater sense of ownership and responsibility, says Linda Henman, author of "Landing in the Executive Chair" (Career Press, 2011), due out in May.

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HEAD'S UP!

A FIRST IMPRESSION CAN SEAL THE DEAL – OR YOUR FATE. HERE'S HOW TO DRESS, ACT AND PRESENT YOURSELF IN A JOB INTERVIEW.

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First impressions are important but they don't always go well. Is it possible to recover when those important moments go awry?

"The first 30 seconds of interaction will impact an employer's perceptions about a job candidate in dozens or more ways," says Vu Pham, author of "Impressive First Impressions: A Guide to the Most Important 30 Seconds (And 30 Years) of Your Career," (Praeger, 2010). "Founded or not, the employer will put a price tag on a candidate's intelligence, social skills, emotional maturity, experience, education-level, wealth, as well as other aspects of the candidate, within a short period of time."

Most jobseekers are at least aware of the importance of a first impression and the basic concepts. According to Carol Roth, an independent business advisor in Chicago, that impression begins with the first point of contact, whether in person, by phone or online. She advises jobseekers to project confidence without arrogance, which includes arriving to the interview 5-10 minutes early; looking an interviewer in the eye; dressing appropriately; appearing clean and well groomed; and answering questions with real, authentic responses.

"Employers are like everyone else – stretched for time and overwhelmed by information. They rely on a gut reaction or first impression which could mean the difference between Yes and No for you," she says.

But when [illegible] moments [illegible] accomplishments, I have had interviewees botch my name and not know what the firm does. That makes the candidate a definite No."

According to Pham, common mistakes include arriving without a fresh résumé, neglecting to bring a pen or entering the interview under dressed. Even forgetting to wear a watch can pose issues if an interview is timed. Reaching for a mobile phone to check the amount of time left to pace one's answers can be perceived as checking texts or email, rather than paying attention to the employer.

A botched first impression doesn't have to mean a failed interview. The most important way to react to a mistake isn't to cover it up; instead, it is to acknowledge and even make light of the situation.

"Acknowledge that you're aware of it and even move on," Pham says. "This could even mean self-deprecating humor, which is different from beating yourself up over it. Crack a joke and just continue."

For jobseekers less inclined to humor, [illegible] responses to an inappropriate comment or awkward moments can still be simple, such as 'Excuse me, I [illegible] communi[illegible] – do [illegible]

[illegible] ...ily may con- ...e of hitting the ground running, you may require additional training.

Instead of saying you're a quick learner, talk about your skills and experience. For example, if you are asked about and don't know how to use a software program, "accentuate the positive and say, 'At my last employer I was able to learn software [illegible] no problem,'" Foley says.

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